

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Maureen Ochsner Elder: Al Rosendahl
Ushers: Larry Brandt; Nick Duehlmeier; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Ned Sandhoefner
Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker
Hospitality Team 4: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever
Church Cleaners: D. & N. Rust School: Pearson

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Larry Brandt; Nick Duehlmeier; Dale Enns; Duane Enns; Ned Sandhoefner
Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Phil Flesner; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow
Hospitality Team 5: Andrea Dahl; Pat & Dawn Paplow; Frank & Ann Radichel
Church Cleaners: Anderson School: Wales

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Feb. 12: 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6)
 11:15 am – Hospitality
 12:00 pm – Council Meeting
Wed., Feb. 15: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
Sun., Feb. 19: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Sunday School and Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 7)
 11:15 am – Hospitality
Sun., Feb. 26: 2:30 pm – Evangelism Seminar @ Eau Claire, WI
Wed., Mar. 1: Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins
March 10-12: Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth
Sun., Mar. 19: 7:00 pm – Immanuel Tour Choir Concert

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 5, 2017 Sun.: 100 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 41

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,299.25	CLC:	\$400.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,000.75	CLC:	-550.00	
Year-to-Date Offering::	Grace:	\$18,957.78	CLC:	\$4,410.00	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	19,800.00	CLC:	5,700.00	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-842.22	CLC:	-1,290.00	
GLC Other:	355.20	Living Faith:	1.00	Tuition Aid:	177.00
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	102.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	2.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	20,588.25	Tuition Aid:	2,789.12



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School Phone: 763-784-6340 **Grades:** Kindergarten-8th
Church Year: Epiphany 6 **Date:** February 12, 2017

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

<p>Hymns: TLH 394: My Faith Looks Up to Thee TLH 649: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me TLH 396: Oh, for a Faith That Will Not Shrink Almighty Father, Strong to Save (Projected, WS 780) Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.</p>	<p>Worship Prep: Psalm 119a, TLH p. 149 Liturgy: TLH, p. 5 (Projected) Gloria: TLH 19:1 Scripture Reading: Exodus 14:21-31 Romans 13:8-10</p>
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Sermon: Matthew 8:23-27
²³ Now when He got into a boat, His disciples followed Him.
²⁴ And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. ²⁵ Then His disciples came to *Him* and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" (NKJVTM)

Jesus: The Answer to Fear

1. He is the Lord of creation
2. He can be absolutely trusted

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Immanuel Tour Choir:** Grace has been asked to host the Immanuel Tour Choir for an evening concert at 7 pm, Sunday, March 19. This year's tour (March 10-19) will be going west to Washington. Dorcas Guild committee #2 will be hosting a meal for the choir beforehand.
- ◆ **Cell Phones:** Please turn off during church so as not to interfere with the projection system and with the worship of your fellow Christians.
- ◆ **Women's Retreat:** Save the date for the 2017 Women's Retreat on April 21-23! This will be held in Winona, MN. This year's theme is "Thy Will Be Done" and is based upon Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths." Registration is now open at: LadiesRetreat.CLClutheran.net. If you do not have Internet access and would like assistance registering, contact Heidi Nelson for assistance. The deadline for registration is March 21.
- ◆ **Men's Retreat:** Men 18 and older are invited to a retreat for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The theme for this weekend is: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). The retreat will be held Sept. 22-24, at Wyalusing State Park near Praire Du Chein, WI, an hour south of LaCrosse. Information may be found at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is \$75 which includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is August 1. If you have any questions please speak to your pastor or contact Nathanael Mayhew at ndmayhew@juno.com or 404-729-4602.
- ◆ **Evangelism Workshop:** Messiah Lutheran of Eau Claire is sponsoring an Evangelism Workshop for Sun., Feb. 26, 2:30 pm. We will be hearing and discussing how the truths which were brought to light once more in the Lutheran Reformation are the same truths that save today. We'll be focusing on practical ways to share the message of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, founded on Scripture alone. There will be three presenters, as well as small-group discussion time. The workshop will be followed by a chili supper at 5:30 pm. The sponsors would appreciate hearing from those who are coming, for planning purposes. Please contact Dave Schrader at dave41schr@yahoo.com or 715-797-6787.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor Edward Starkey of Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX, has returned the call to St. Luke's Lutheran in Lemmon, SD. ✠ Pastor David Baker is taking month's leave of absence at Our Redeemer's Lutheran in Red Wing, MN, due to an unknown illness and unexpected fatigue. Pastor Emeritus Paul Fleischer is serving in the interim.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #15 – First Article, Part 2.

MINISTRIES FOUND ONLINE

www.FridleyLutheran.org

Some website links:



- ➔ Grace Lutheran Church: www.FridleyLutheran.org
- ➔ Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC): www.clclutheran.org
- ➔ Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, & Seminary (ILC): www.ilc.edu
- ➔ CLC Missions: www.lutheranmissions.org
- ➔ The CLC Book House (CLC book store): www.clcbookhouse.org
- ➔ The Lutheran Spokesman (CLC publication): www.lutheranspokesman.org
- ➔ The Branches (women's publication): www.thebranchesonline.info

Check out the following online devotional materials:

- ➔ Weekly video of the Grace Lutheran Church sermon: www.clcgracelutheranchurch.org/category/sermons/
- ➔ Weekly CLC "Ministry by Mail" sermon: www.clclutheran.org/ministrybymail
- ➔ Daily email devotions from The Bread of Life (The Lutheran Spokesman): www.glcdailydevotion.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily email devotions from CLC pastors: www.redeemerclc.info/devotional.html
- ➔ Daily email for a CLC Three-Year Bible reading program: www.threeyearbiblereadingplan.wordpress.com
- ➔ Daily audio of the chapel address from our Immanuel campus: www.ilc.edu/chapel.htm

Also, check out the Grace Lutheran Church on Google Play for Android devices.

Welcome to our guests and visitors. We appreciate the opportunity to share God's Word with you today. Please come again! Those interested in learning more about the Scriptures and our doctrinal position, please speak with Pastor Hein. He would be delighted to visit with you!

CLC Financial Report - January

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2016	Revenue	Disbursed	7 Months	1/31/2017
General Fund	0	583,950	533,365	\$525,000	50,585
ILC Operations	0	815,084	697,518	434,000	117,566
Total	\$0	\$1,399,034	\$1,230,883	\$959,000	\$168,151
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	15,928	12,681	10,492		18,117
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	12,682	139,967	93,076		59,573
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	46,243	153,555	132,094		67,704
Kinship	56,626	43,689	72,498		27,817
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,291,661	630,794	422,702		1,499,753
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	10,103	93,901	107,834		-3,830
Reserve Fund	119,697	0	0	Correction on 9/1/16→	146,111
Total	\$1,552,940	\$1,074,587	\$838,696		\$1,815,245

ILC Academic Center Mortgage (& North Hall Renovation)	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance January 31, 2017	\$1,242,273
Principal paid to date	\$509,531
North Hall Reno Budget \$300,000. YTD Spent:	\$20,188

Notes:

- * **General Fund** offerings in January totaled \$128,891 vs disbursements of \$86,830. Offerings for January increased the balance by \$42,000. The General Fund is supported by congregational offerings to the CLC Budget, which provides the basic monthly subsidy needed for the work of our Boards of Trustees, Missions, ILC, & Education/Publication. The budgeted needs of the General Fund is \$75,000/month.
- * **ILC Building Projects** offerings in January totaled \$13,838 (special gifts of \$4,700) vs disbursements of \$14,484, which included \$7,984 for the monthly CEF loan payment on the Academic Center (AC) and \$6,500 for the North Hall renovation project. The \$59,000 balance in the Building Projects Fund will draw down rather quickly in the next several months as the \$300,000 renovation project of the **North Hall** boys' dorm progresses. The Trustees maintain a 3-month buffer of \$24,000 in the Building Projects Fund for loan payments on the AC. Balances above the buffer will be used for North Hall renovation expenses until we have to borrow from the CEF.
- * **MDF**: offerings in January totaled \$17,237 vs disbursements of \$6,458, which included \$5,000 for Exploratory/Outreach in India, Africa, and Mexico.
- * **SAF**: received \$12,460 in offerings & student loans repaid (\$7,000) in January vs \$18,000 in new student loans & family discounts allocated to student accounts during the month. SAF had a shortfall of -\$3,800 for the month and needs an estimated \$37,000 for budgeted new student loans for the 2nd Semester.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer
Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

DO NOT LOSE HEART

King Solomon said there is nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9). There is no new evil in the world; there is no time since the fall into sin that evil has not been present in the world. However, some may claim that the exercise of evil in our time is worse. That is hardly the case. Because of the evil in the world, the Lord sent the flood as judgment (Genesis 7). By His grace, He spared Noah and his family (eight people) for the sake of His promise. Nevertheless, as we live in a specific era, we may feel that it has never been more evil than the time in which we live. For example, upon the recent election and its aftermath, *in our life time* we are hard pressed to remember such widespread visceral hatred *in our country* as we are seeing now. Morally ours is a country with the stench of Sodom and Gomorrah. It is sliding into anarchy and mob rule.

There was a time in this country when we prided ourselves in engaging in discussion of ideas, and adjudicating disagreements in court. Today civil discourse is diminished by the behavior of petty politicians and foul-mouth agitators. The concept of ideas and laws debated in the halls of government is sorely tried by the exercise of intimidation, threat, and mayhem, perpetrated by unruly mobs in the street.

This ought not surprise us. "But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away" (2 Timothy 3:1-5). We are living in the last times, the truth of which is mocked by those who love evil and are inviting the very judgment at which they laugh. When the Lord comes as a thief in the night (2 Peter 3:10) they who mock Him within the church as well as in the world "will utterly perish in their own corruption" (2 Peter 2:12).

This is the world in which the Church lives and works. Luther said, "Paul calls this present world evil because everything in it is subject to the malice of the devil who rules over the whole world as his domain and fills the air with ignorance, contempt, hatred and disobedience of God. In this devil's kingdom we live The

people of the world are the slaves of the devil” (*) Except that the Father Who desires the salvation of all has through Christ Jesus rescued Christ-believers from eternal death, the whole mass of humanity would be lost. As believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, we are distressed first at our own sin. “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells, for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice” (Romans 7:18-19) ... O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God — through Jesus Christ our Lord ...” (Romans 7:24-25). Our hope lies in the Lord Jesus Christ Who in His mercy atoned for our sin, and Who by His Spirit called us to faith in Him and His atonement. This is the comfort and strength of the child of God in time and for eternity. Do not lose heart. Whoever believes in the Savior shall not perish but *has* everlasting life.

The confident hope of Christ-believers is one impenitent workers of iniquity will never have. Scripture paints a grim and ugly picture of those who love sin and live in rejection of Christ. They are like “A dog [who] returns to his own vomit, and a sow [which] having washed, [returns] to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Peter 2:21-22). The impenitent choke on their own vomit, and die in their filth. They shall receive the due reward of their evil in the judgment. Unless they repent they will be numbered among those of whom it is said, “Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish” (Psalm 2:5-6).

Of the evil world Scripture further says, “Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed [Christ], saying, “Let us break Their bonds in pieces and cast away Their cords from us” (Psalm 2:1-3). The nations of the world reject joyful service to the Lord of Life, and choose slavery to sin and the prince of death. Inasmuch as children of God through faith in Christ are members of the body of Christ, we too are rejected by the world for preaching repentance and proclaiming Christ. But, “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand. Behold, all those who were incensed against you, shall be ashamed and disgraced; they shall be as nothing, and those who strive with you shall perish ... For I

the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, Fear not, I will help you” (Isaiah 41:10-13). The eternal morning will be the end of all sorrow endured in this world.

As relates to our present country of citizenship, Christ-believers will pray for those in authority. We will ask the Lord for godly leaders who respect and search out His will. We will implore Him to stem the evil and restore the exercise of respect and civility in our land. In seeking His grace of forgiveness for our own sins, we will pray that other hearts will be turned in repentance to Him. We will pray for peace and order that the gospel may freely be preached to the joy and edifying of God’s people. But that prayer carries with it the responsibility to live our faith, and to faithfully witness to the world through faithful preaching of law and gospel. The reality is that without the Spirit Who works in hearts through the Word there will be no repentance. It serves no purpose, therefore, to lament the state of affairs unless we are also ready to declare the Word so the Spirit can work.

In the meantime, we wait with patience for the return of our Lord. In spite of what tribulations we must suffer in body, or what sorrow or apprehension we feel as we view the wickedness around us, we join with David in saying, “In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; deliver me in Your righteousness. Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me” (Psalm 31:1-2).

Whether it be for the time we have left here or for our hope of heaven, the blessed country of God’s elect, our Lord already has the answer to our prayer, “For the mountain shall depart and the hills be removed, but My kindness shall not depart from you, nor shall My covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord Who has mercy on you” (Isaiah 54:10). As you hope in the Heavenly Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ, do not lose heart. His will is done on earth and it is always good! Further, His will for our eternal welfare was clearly declared when He offered up Jesus upon the cross for us, as well as when He brought us to faith. Absolutely do not lose heart. There is nothing new under the sun. Of the Lord who said, “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love . . .” (Jeremiah 31:3), we are told “The Lord takes pleasure in those who fear Him, in those who hope in His mercy” (Psalm 147:11). In time, and for eternity!

*) Graebner, Theodore, *Commentary on the Epistle to the Galatians*, p.13