

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Janelle Hein      Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 1: Dan Degnan; Dale Enns; Larry Nelson; Ryan Oman; Pat Paplow; Phil Radichel

Hospitality Team 2: Brian & Maureen Eichstadt; Janelle Hein; Jenny Kleifgen; Chris Lentz

Church Cleaners: Kitzman      School: Middleton

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Paul Lentz; Brad Kitzman; Rick Nelson; Keith Radichel; Bob Vandever

Counting Team 2: Gary Gunther; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker

Hospitality Team 3: Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Dan & Cindy Degnan

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## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Dec. 10:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am –Worship Service (Advent 2)  
11:00 am – Luncheon  
12:00-2:00 pm – Children’s Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 13:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Thu., Dec. 14:** 2:00 pm – Grace School Concert @ Northtown Mall
- Fri., Dec. 15:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert @ Messiah
- Sun., Dec. 17:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am –Worship Service (Advent 3)  
11:00 am – Luncheon  
12:00-2:00 pm – Children’s Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
3:00 pm – Christmas Caroling
- Wed., Dec. 20:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Meal  
7:00 pm – Candlelight Service
- Sun., Dec. 24:** 8:45 am – Children’s Christmas Eve Rehearsal  
9:00 am – Bible Class  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4) (No Hospitality)  
6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service
- Mon., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Service
- Sun., Dec. 31:** 10:00 am –Worship Service (No Bible Class or Sunday School)
- Sun., Jan. 7:** 11:30 am – Special Voters Meeting (Call Meeting for Teacher)

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**Church Year:** Advent 1

**Date:** December 10, 2017

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

WS 701: Prepare the Royal Highway

TLH 61: Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

God Rest You Merry Gentlemen (projected)

TLH 90, st. 1,5,8: Come, Your Hearts and Voices ...

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 85, TLH p. 140

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

### Scripture Reading:

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

### Sermon: Isaiah 40:1-11

<sup>1</sup> “Comfort, yes, comfort My people!” Says your God. <sup>2</sup> “Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, That her warfare is ended, That her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the LORD’S hand Double for all her sins.” <sup>3</sup> The voice of one crying in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the LORD; Make straight in the desert A highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be exalted And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough places smooth; <sup>5</sup> The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, And all flesh shall see it together; For the mouth of the LORD has spoken.” <sup>6</sup> The voice said, “Cry out!” And he said, “What shall I cry?” “All flesh is grass, And all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, Because the breath of the LORD blows upon it; Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, But the word of our God stands forever.” <sup>9</sup> O Zion, You who bring good tidings, Get up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, You who bring good tidings, Lift up your voice with strength, Lift it up, be not afraid; Say to the cities of Judah, “Behold your God!” <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand, And His arm shall rule for Him; Behold, His reward is with Him, And His work before Him. <sup>11</sup> He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry them in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young. (NKJV™)

Genuine and Lasting Comfort

## CLC E-Devotion – Saturday, December 9, 2017

1 John. 3:8 For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

### **A TERRIBLE TIME FOR SATAN?**

At first glance it would seem to be a terrible time of year for Satan, the Devil. For each time Satan hears the Christmas story or a carol proclaiming the Savior, he must cringe. When he considers how “big” Christmas has become, there seems little he can do except to go into hibernation until it all blows over. WRONG! If there is one thing Satan is master of, it is turning an apparently hopeless situation to his advantage.

Buoyed by polls indicating fewer Americans than ever even believe he exists, he is more than happy to remain out of the spotlight at Christmas -- so long as our Christmas celebrations miss the mark! He is happy to see the beautiful Christmas carols secularized. He delights in seeing Christmas commercialized, in seeing people kept busy with all the trimmings of Christmas. He doesn't even mind seeing people being kind to one another, or calling for world peace, or even going to church-- as long as people miss the real meaning of Christmas: why God sent His Son to this earth.

Christmas is a wonderful season, but also one of the Devil's busiest. Have a blessed and happy Christmas-- but don't forget that the “enemy” has not retreated or let down his guard. Rejoice in the coming of the Christ-child and the gift of salvation He brings to you and all mankind. Make this the focal point of all your Christmas activities. For while you will then bring joy to your Father in heaven, you will bring sorrow and remorse to the one and only person you wish to have a truly miserable Christmas. Have a wretched Christmas, Satan.

Remember Christ our Savior Was born on Christmas Day  
To save us all from Satan's pow'r When we were gone astray  
Oh tidings of comfort and joy!

-- Adapted from the “Lutheran Spokesman”

## Council Meeting Notes – November 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order with a reading by Elder Benno Sydow. The Oct. Council meeting minutes were approved. The Oct. 11-13 email minutes were approved as amended. The Oct. treasurer's report was approved.

### **Board of Elders Report – No Report**

#### **Board of Education Report**

- Grace is getting a student teacher from ILC starting in Jan. 2018 for 10 weeks.
- The Christmas Eve service is being worked on.
- A letter to families of non-member school students is being written to explain the increase in tuition rates for next year.

#### **Board of Trustees Report**

- Looking at possible snow removal contractors.
- The insurance policy is being reviewed.
- Pursuing the sexual abuse policy with the Bd of Ed. Yearly review and registration is required. Benno will gather an all-inclusive list of individuals.

#### **Other Business**

- Trustees developing security guidelines for protection of individuals within building.

## Voters Meeting Notes – October 15, 2017

Meeting was opened with prayer. The July voter meeting minutes were approved as amended. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter treasurer's report was approved.

### **Pastor's Report**

- VBS in July totaled 50 children, 29 being non-members.
- Catechism has 7 students in our Christian Day School and 4 public students.
- Grace hosted the Minnesota Pastoral Conference Oct. 3-4, and all went well.
- The pulpit rotation for Reformation is going well.
- Pastor Hein and Missionary Koenig will be visiting Liberia November 7-25.
- Motion passed to honor Lyle Trulin's request to be removed from membership.

### **Board of Elders Report**

- Mission Festival has been moved to November 26.
- Grace has offered to host the 2018 MN delegate conference, but that has not yet been finalized. The conference will be held on a Saturday in June, and there will not be any in September.

### **Board of Trustees Report**

- All repair work on the roof is completed. The total was just under \$109,000.
- The copier has been causing some problems lately and is being looked at.

### **Board of Education Report**

- There are currently 21 students attending Grace Lutheran School. Teaching staff and classroom structure are at a maximum as currently set up. Much discussion followed.
- Motion passed to change Ellen Radichel's call from ½ time to ¾ time for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Motion passed to have two full time teachers with individual classrooms starting in the 2018/2019 school year.
- Motion passed to include kindergarten starting the 2018/2019 school year.
- Motion passed to increase non-member tuition by \$500 for the 2018/2019 school year to \$1700 and to increase non-member tuition by \$500 for the 2019/2020 school year to \$2200.
- Motion passed to include multi-student discounts for non-members per an attached chart.

### **Other Business**

- The Elders proposed a 3% increase in Pastor's salary. The Board of Education proposed a 3% increase in teacher salaries and an increase in retirement. Motion passed to accept the following 2018 budget:

	<u>Current Budget</u>	<u>2018 Budget</u>
○ Elders	\$77,400	\$80,500
○ Education	\$59,000	\$75,000
○ Trustees	<u>\$36,000</u>	<u>\$37,000</u>
	\$172,400	\$192,500

Adapted from Minutes by Secretary Roger Ochsner

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Christmas Season Worship Schedule

### Midweek Advent Services:

Wed., Dec. 6 – 7:00 pm  
 Wed., Dec. 13 – 7:00 pm  
 Special meditations on  
 “*Mothers of Advent,*”  
 considering reactions of faith  
 from mothers of the Bible to  
 the coming of the Christ Child.

### Candlelight Service:

Wed., Dec. 20 – 7:00 pm  
 A service of readings & hymns  
 along with the lighting of  
 candles to celebrate the light  
 of Christ’s rule in our hearts.  
 Preceded by Congregational  
 Christmas Meal @ 6:00 pm

### Christmas Eve Service:

Sun., Dec. 24 – 6:00 pm  
 A service in which the  
 children present the  
 timeless and treasured  
 Christmas message with  
 the theme, “*Savior of the  
 Nations!*”



### Christmas Day Service:

Mon., Dec. 25 – 10:00 am  
 A service in which we  
 ponder the fulfillment of  
 Christ being born as  
 True Man and True God  
 in order to bring us  
 salvation.

# SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS!

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠



◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, continues our Midweek Advent worship service. Our last one on Dec. 20 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. Our theme this year is “*Mothers of Advent,*” considering the reactions of different mothers in the Bible to the coming Child. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior’s coming.

◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on December 20. Those attending may bring sandwiches, salads, or a dish to share. Dorcas Guild #1 is hosting.



◆ **Christmas Eve Rehearsals:**

- Sun., Dec. 10: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
- Sun., Dec. 17: 12-2 pm (luncheon at church and may start a bit early)
- Sun., Dec. 24: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly in order to get through everything)

The last rehearsal on December 24 is the most critical as it is the dress rehearsal. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ. The parents’ help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well, as is evident by how well things have gone the past few years.

◆ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 6:00 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: *Savior of the Nations!* The kids are asked to be here 1/2 hour prior to the service so that we can take a group picture and run through things. Christmas Day worship will be held at 10:00 am.

◆ **Northtown Concert:** The Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall this coming Thu., Dec. 14, 2 pm. They will be located at the inside-of-the-mall entrance to Best Buy. Everyone is encouraged to come attend as it is always an experience greatly appreciated. If you haven’t ever come to this, you may be pleasantly surprised at how well received it is. Come support the school!

◆ **Christmas Caroling:** A caroling outing is scheduled for Sunday, December 17, 3 pm. Please speak with Pastor Hein should you have interest in singing with us. It is always exciting to be able to make people smile by singing praises about our Savior in this special way.



◆ **Special Voters Meeting:** At the October Voters meeting, a motion was passed to have two full time teachers at Grace Lutheran School with individual classrooms starting in the 2018-19 school year. In order to start preparing for this, on January 7, after worship, there will be a special Voters meeting in order to call a second full-time teacher.

◆ **Student Teacher:** Grace Lutheran has been assigned a student teacher from Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI. The student teaching program is similar to the vicar program for the seminary. The program is to give practical teaching experience for those senior students preparing for the teaching ministry. Our student teacher will be Michaela Winters, married to Kenny Winters and daughter of Steve and Eve Naumann. Michaela will be here from January 2<sup>nd</sup> until mid-March. We pray that her experience here will be rewarding for her and for our students. If anyone would be willing to provide housing, please speak with Janelle Hein. It is believed that our last student teacher was Bethany Tiefel (now Gurgel), back in the mid-1990's. So we are grateful for this opportunity to serve our church body in our united goal to prepare pastors and teachers for the ministry.



- ◆ **Poinsettias:** A signup sheet for Christmas Poinsettias is by the guest book. Please signup if you are interested in purchasing a plant for our Advent/Christmas services. For questions, consult Jackie Radichel.
- ◆ **Sunday School Teachers:** Perhaps something to consider this Christmas is extending our Sunday School teachers an expression of gratitude for what they do for our children each week.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 27. Class will resume on Jan. 3.
- ◆ **2018 Cleaning:** The 2018 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **Parking Lot:** To make a contribution toward replacing this, write in "Parking Lot" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ◆ **Parking Reminder:** For those members who are able, please park further away to permit those with physical impairments to be able to park closer to the church.
- ◆ **Large Print Hymnals:** As a reminder, there are three copies of The Lutheran Hymnal in large print. These are by the guest book. Feel free to use these and return at the end of the worship service.
- ◆ **ILC Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held today at 3 pm in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **ILC Christmas Concert:** Immanuel's Christmas concert this year will be held this coming Fri., Dec. 15, 7:30 pm, at Eau Claire. There is a signup list by the guestbook should you like to ride the bus to the concert. The bus will only be used if there is enough interest.



- ◆ **God's Promise Kept:** A new book written primarily for laymen is in the process of being printed. It is entitled: GOD'S PROMISE KEPT. Volume I has approximately 430 pages. The reader will be taking a spiritual-scriptural journey with fellow O.T. travelers making our way from Eden through the giving of God's Commandments at Mt. Sinai. It is devotional in nature with story-like-quality --- it lets people be what we all are --- sinful people who badly need the true God and His guidance as well as His forgiving love in our lives everyday. Volume I will take us from Creation through the Commandments given by God on Mt. Sinai. Volume II will hopefully and God willing, be out next year and will take us from entering the Promised Land through the Crucifixion of our Lord. Staff: Prof. emeritus Paul Koch—Editor, Timothy Schaser -- Graphic Artist, L. Dale Redlin – Author. You may order them from Dale Redlin at hope-dale@juno.com. Postage is included with pre-publication orders. They are \$15.00 --- no tax.
- ◆ **Daily Devotions by CLC Pastors:** Now available on the home page of CLClutheran.org are daily devotions written and assembled by pastors of the CLC. You will find them under "Recommended Pages/Sites" on the right side of the site. Perhaps you would share the site on your personal social media outlets, or print a copy for a family member, friend, or neighbor who would benefit from these faith building encouragements based on God's Word.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Recitations

**The following is the nomination slate for 2018:**

- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom
- Elder: Frank Radichel; Eli Wales
- Education: Larry Nelson, Rick Nelson
- Trustee: Brad Kitzman, Bob Vandever
- Delegates: Rick Nelson, Ryan Oman, Bill Rust, Benno Sydow

<b>Last Week's Stats:</b> Dec. 3, 2017				Sun.:	113	S.S.:	18	B.Cl.:	49	Wed.:	47
Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,019.50	CLC:	\$855.00							
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	670.00	CLC:	50.00							
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,300.00	CLC:	950.00							
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+389.50	CLC:	-45.00							
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$157,580.69	CLC:	\$44,360.00							
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	161,700.00	CLC:	46,550.00							
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,119.31	CLC:	-2,190.00							
GLC Other:	875.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	605.00						
SAF Endowment:	0.00	MDF:	410.00	Kinship:	50.00						
ILC Student Aid:	0.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00						
Current Balances:		Parking Lot:	31,733.75	Tuition Aid:	3,560.12						

