

## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Jan Davis

Elder: Al Rosendahl

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Gary Gunther; Larry Nelson; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter

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

Hospitality Team 5: Andrea Dahl; Pat & Dawn Paplow; Frank & Ann Radichel

Church Cleaners: Oman School: Oman

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Benno Sydow; Gary Gunther; Larry Nelson; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; David Hein; Chad Hestekin; Benno Sydow

Hospitality Team 6: Jan Davis, Chad & Amanda Hestekin; Ryan & Mikey Oman; Eli & Laura Wales

Church Cleaners: Oman School: Oman

## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Jan. 14:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

**Tue., Jan. 16:** Grace School Field Trip to Minnesota History Center

**Wed., Jan. 17:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Sat., Jan. 20:** 2:00 pm – Nicole Best Baby Shower

**Sun., Jan. 21:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)  
11:00 am – Hospitality  
11:30 am – Voters and Dorcas Guild Meetings

**Sat., Jan. 27:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

**Wed., Feb. 14:** Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

**Last Week's Stats:** Jan. 7, 2018 Sun.: 104 S.S.: ? B.Cl.: 42 Wed.: 12

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,538.00	CLC:	\$904.00	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	3,700.00	CLC:	950.00*	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	+838.00	CLC:	-46.00	
GLC Other:	331.00	Living Faith:	0.00	Tuition Aid:	30.00
SAF Endowment:	100.00	MDF:	200.00	Kinship:	50.00
ILC Student Aid:	10.00	ILC Bldg.	100.00	IIF: 0.00	CEF: 0.00
Current Balances:	Parking Lot:	33,250.25	Tuition Aid:	4,095.12	

\*Based on 2017 Figure. Voters have yet to determine 2018 amount.

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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Epiphany 2

**Date:** January 14, 2018

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 136: Angels from the Realms of Glory  
TLH 129: Hail, Thou Source of Every Blessing  
TLH 276: Come unto Me, Ye Weary  
WS 769: Lift High the Cross

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 67, TLH p. 137

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)  
Gloria: TLH 131:5

### Scripture Reading:

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

### Sermon: John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup> The following day Jesus wanted to go to Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the law, and also the prophets, wrote-- Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> And Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered and said to Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered and said to him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And He said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## "Come and See"

1. How wrong preconceived ideas of Jesus are
2. How good the actual reality of Jesus is

## CLC E-Devotion – Monday, May 11, 2015

John 1:48-51 Nathanael said to Him, “How do You know me?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” Nathanael answered and said to Him, “Rabbi, You are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered and said to him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.” And He said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

NATHANAEL IS DUMBFOUNDED BY JESUS!

Over three years before His crucifixion on the cross and resurrection from the grave, Jesus was calling His twelve apostles to follow Him. Already then, He was beginning to show them who He was and what He had come to do.

Nathanael wasn't convinced when Philip told Him about Jesus, the Messiah. In fact, he was quite skeptical and replied, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see” (John 1:46).

Nathanael went. And he wasn't disappointed in hearing Jesus words. Not only had Jesus seen him under the fig tree, but Jesus clearly knows Nathanael (though they'd never physically met), He even knows Nathanael's heart! Jesus shows His gladness and almost surprise for Nathanael's faith, and I wonder if Jesus had a small smile when He told Nathanael, “You will see greater things than these.”

What an understatement! Nathanael would not only see multiple supernatural acts from Jesus which proved Jesus really was the Son of God, but Nathanael would also see Jesus, this Son of Man, be crucified and buried in the grave. He would see the greatest miracle of all: Jesus' resurrection from the dead! He would see Jesus ascend into heaven! It was a promise, not just by Jesus three years before it happened, but from the very beginning to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:15). Jesus came to give us the victory over Satan's power, over the guilt and penalty of all our sins, over death and the grave, and victory over our punishment of hell.

Like Nathanael, we believe simply by the Word of God our Lord and Savior. Like Nathanael, because of the promises of Jesus Christ's forgiveness and victory over death, we can rejoice in this short life knowing Jesus says to us also, “Most assuredly, I say to you, hereafter you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man!” Amen!

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Voters and Dorcas Guild:** Will meet next Sunday, January 21.
- ◆ **Best Baby Shower:** A baby shower will be held for Nicole Best on Saturday, January 20, at 2 pm here at church. See the invitation on the bulletin board for more details. Please RSVP to Heidi Nelson.
- ◆ **Directory:** We are preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct.
- ◆ **Cable TV:** As a reminder, our weekly worship services are shown on Fridley Municipal Television Channel 17 through cable. Our services play at midnight and 5 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.
- ◆ **Tournament:** The 33<sup>rd</sup> annual Grade School Basketball Tournament for CLC Youth will be held at Immanuel Lutheran College, March 9-11, 2018 (Friday-Sunday). Registration for teams ends on Feb. 1. Teams are co-ed, and fall into one of three categories: A (7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), B (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade), or C (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). Full guidelines are available on [www.clclutheran.net/tourney](http://www.clclutheran.net/tourney).
- ◆ **Lego Robotics Spring Challenge:** Interested in Legos and robots? 4-8<sup>th</sup> grade students of the CLC are invited to enter the 2018 CLC Lego Robotics Challenge. The Challenge will be held at ILC March 9-10, 2018, during the CLC Basketball Tournaments. High school or adult teams may be allowed to participate by special request. Get information from Lawrence Bade, Coordinator at [Lmsbade@gmail.com](mailto:Lmsbade@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary: Paul Naumann and Steven Sippert. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2020. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by March 15, 2018 (postmarked by March 1), to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: [danschierenbeck@gmail.com](mailto:danschierenbeck@gmail.com).

## CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2017	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2017
General Fund	0	458,245	476,950	465,000	- 8,705
ILC Operations	0	712,190	608,175	264,000	104,015
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,180,435</b>	<b>\$1,085,125</b>	<b>\$729,000</b>	<b>95,310</b>
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	27,274	170,316	6,444		191,146
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	- 49,213	338,300	185,117		103,970
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	61,237	102,771	95,702		68,306
Kinship	43,040	48,161	54,327		36,874
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,030,843	723,828	547,641		1,207,030
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	68,917	73,070	77,885		64,102
Reserve Fund	225,190	0	0		225,190
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,407,288</b>	<b>\$1,456,446</b>	<b>\$967,116</b>		<b>\$1,896,618</b>

ILC Bldg Projects Mortgage (Academic Center Bal & North Hall Reno)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance December 31, 2017	\$1,454,661
Principal paid to date	\$6,271

### Notes:

- \* **General Fund** offerings in December totaled \$82,893 vs disbursements of \$70,802, a positive cash flow reducing the General Fund deficit by \$12,091. Budgetary offerings needed per month are \$77,500.
- \* **ILC Building Projects** revenues in December totaled \$257,287 (\$3573 in offerings & \$253,714 reimbursement to the Projects Fund from the Convention-approved CEF loan for North Hall updates). The \$8,000 disbursement was for the 2nd monthly payment on the recently consolidated loan for the Academic Center balance and the North Hall dorm project. The resulting \$104,000 Projects balance is due to the CEF loan transfers restoring the Building Projects Fund to its pre-renovation balance of around \$24,000. Due to this large balance (mainly from special offerings of \$50,000, \$10,000, & \$5,000, plus congregational offerings to the Bldg Fund over the last 6 months), the Board of Trustees will pay down around \$80,000 directly on the loan principal in January, saving total interest of \$115,000 & decreasing the loan term by 2 years.
- \* **CEF:** revenues in December totaled \$275,758, from CEF loan repayments (\$112,000, including 1 congregation paying off its loan), & from accrued earnings from the CEF invested balance over the past year.
- \* **MDF:** offerings in December totaled \$40,512 (\$21,000 special) vs disbursements of \$18,225, which included \$2,600 for Telegu hymnals/books, about \$10,000 for several foreign field seminars, & our missionary visitations.
- \* **SAF:** received \$10,019 in December from offerings (\$1,125) and student loan re-payments (\$8,894) vs disbursements of \$10,405, for the monthly allocation for student loans & awards.
- \* **IIF** - The ILC Improvement Fund has received a \$132,000 bequest and a special gift of \$30,000. These will enable us to do all the approved projects in the IIF. Re-paving of Ingram Drive is the top priority.

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

# GRACE PARKING LOT FUND

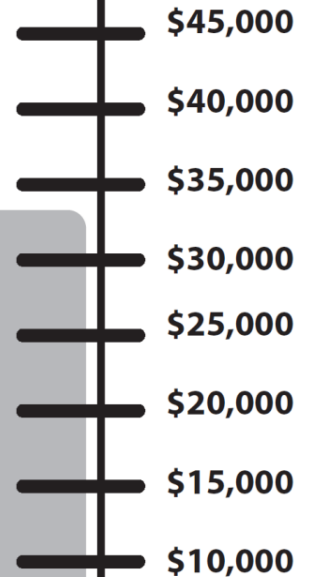
On October 19, 2014 the Grace Lutheran Church Voter's assembly passed a motion to set up a "parking lot fund." Since then over \$33,000 has been raised. In April of 2016 quotes were gathered and a goal of \$50,000 was established. If you wish to contribute directly to this fund please check the "project" line on your offerings envelope and write in "parking lot".

**\$33,024.25\***



The original parking lot was installed on Wednesday, June 27, 1984 by H.L. Johnson Companies at a cost of \$10,100.

**OUR GOAL  
\$50,000**



\* AS OF 1/1/2018

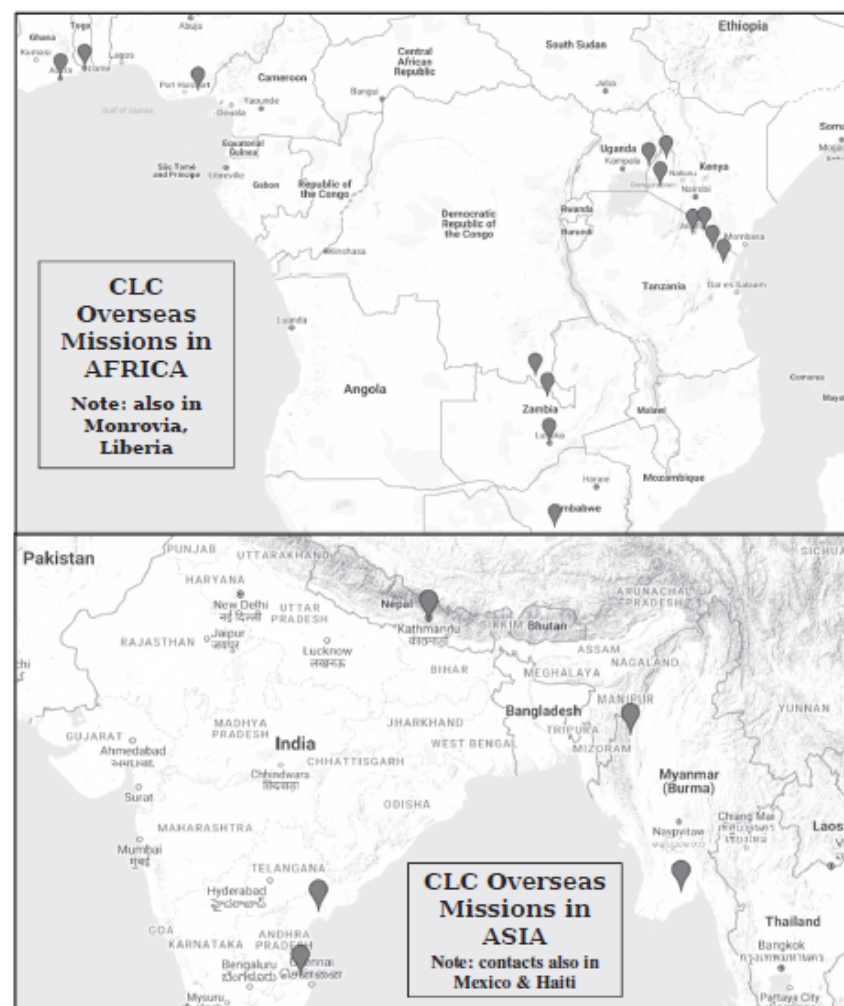
## Your Support for CLC Missions through Visiting Missionary Todd Ohlmann

We all have the commission from our Lord Jesus to *"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature,"* Mark 16:15. It isn't possible for any one of us to do this ourselves. We can, though, share the work by sending willing workers to proclaim Christ on our behalf, and to train others to do so. One of the ways we do this is through our full-time missionary in India, Peter Evensen. Another way is through our full-time visiting Missionary, Todd Ohlmann. Missionary Ohlmann spends half of each year traveling to the various church bodies with which we are in fellowship, to assist them in outreach and in the training of local men for the Gospel ministry. Much of the remaining 6 months is spent in mission endeavors here in the U.S. He recently shared his upcoming itinerary for the next 7 months:

- Tanzania – January 8-24
  - Traveling with Pastor Nathanael Mayhew
  - We'll visit three districts of the CLC-Tanzania
  - Pastoral Conference in Moshi, Tanzania
  - Discussion of options to start training pastors again
- Home – January 25-February 1
- India – February 2-18
  - Attend the Joint Asia Pastoral Conference
  - Meet with chairmen of the BELC (India)
  - Visit the CLCI (India) and teach in the seminary
- Myanmar – February 19-March 1
  - Traveling with David Koenig
  - Two (3-day) seminars in Yangon and Kalaymyo
  - Inspect the new multi-purpose building funded by the MDF
- Nepal – March 2-21
  - Teaching in the Himalayan Bible Institute
  - Teaching at the monthly pastoral training seminar
- April – June
  - CLC Mission Board Meetings, Eau Claire
  - Haiti Visitation
  - DR Congo Visitation
  - CLC Convention
  - CLC guest preaching and missions presentations
  - Family vacation, time at home in the St. Louis area
- July – Mission Helper Trip to East Africa

See Missionary Ohlmann's prayer list on his blog: [www.missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com](http://www.missionaryohlmann.blogspot.com)

These maps will give you an idea of the extent of our combined efforts to bring the light of God's forgiving grace in Christ to build up our fellow believers, and to shed this light on those who do not yet know Him:



Your stewardship of God's material blessings to you are being put to work for the Lord's kingdom, through your congregation's contributions to the CLC General Fund (CBP), the Mission Development Fund (MDF), and project KINSHIP. Please also remember to pray for the pastors and people of our foreign affiliates, and for the safety and success of our missionaries in the Lord's service!

*"You shall be witnesses to Me...  
to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)*

