

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Dale Enns

Ushers: Michael Ude; James Bomber; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales

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

Hospitality Team 4: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: Rinne

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Michael Ude; James Bomber; David Hein; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales

Counting Team 4: James Bomber; Brad Kitzman; Paul Lentz; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust

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

Church Cleaners: Sandhoefner School: Wales

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Feb. 18: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 1)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:15 am – Voters Meeting to Call Second Teacher

Mon., Feb. 19: NO SCHOOL – President's Day

Wed., Feb. 21: 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Soup Supper
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship Service

Sat., Feb. 24: 9:00 am – Necklace Missions Project

Sun., Feb. 25: 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Lent 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality

March 9-11: CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament @ ILC

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 11, 2018 Sun.: 113 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 59

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| Sun. Offering: | Grace: | \$3,477.00 | CLC: | \$1,195.00 | |
| Wed. Offering: | Grace: | \$834.00 | CLC: | \$100.00 | |
| Weekly Need: | Grace: | 3,700.00 | CLC: | 1,000.00 | |
| -Under / +Over: | Grace: | +611.00 | CLC: | +295.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Offering:: | Grace: | \$15,225.00 | CLC: | \$4,138.00 | |
| Year-to-Date Need: | Grace: | 18,500.00 | CLC: | 5,000.00 | |
| Year-to-Date (+/-) | Grace: | -3,275.00 | CLC: | -862.00 | |
| GLC Other: | 840.00 | Living Faith: | 0.00 | Tuition Aid: | 160.00 |
| SAF Endowment: | 0.00 | MDF: | 150.00 | Kinship: | 150.00 |
| ILC Student Aid: | 0.00 | ILC Bldg. | 100.00 | IIF: 0.00 | CEF: 0.00 |

Current Balances: Parking Lot: \$41,180 Tuition Aid: \$193*

* \$5,087.50 was paid for Grace's 3 students attending Immanuel Lutheran H.S.

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Lent 1

Date: February 18, 2018

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 159: Go to Dark Gethsemane
TLH 140: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now
TLH 151, st. 1-3,6-7: Christ, the Life of All the Living
WS 724: Jesus, Remember Me

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 6, TLH p. 124

Liturgy:

WS, p. 12 (Projected)
Psalm 51, WS p. 28

Scripture Reading:

Numbers 20:1-13
Hebrews 2:1-10

Sermon: Matthew 26:36-46

³⁶ Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." ³⁷ And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. ³⁸ Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." ³⁹ He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." ⁴⁰ Then He came to the disciples and found them asleep, and said to Peter, "What? Could you not watch with Me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ⁴² Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." ⁴³ And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴ So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words. ⁴⁵ Then He came to His disciples and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and resting? Behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶ Rise, let us be going. See, My betrayer is at hand." (NKJVTM)

"Only Jesus Can"

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ♦ **Call Meeting Today:** After worship today the Voters will meet to call the second full time teacher. Please keep this in your prayers.
- ♦ **Student Teacher Collection:** A collection is being made for Michaela Winters to help provide support for her. Please mark "Student Teacher" on your offering envelope. This will be collected until the first Sunday in March, March 4, her final Sunday here at Grace.
- ♦ **Sunday School Singing:** Next Sunday the Sunday School children will be singing during the worship service, TLH 178, "We sing the Praise of Him Who Died."
- ♦ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services continue this Wednesday at 7 pm. The theme of our series is "Lord, Abide with Me," meditations based on the favorite evening hymn, TLH 552, "Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide." These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf.
- ♦ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These gatherings are a way for people to eat between work and our Midweek Lenten worship services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall for those who are willing to provide soup and do setup and cleanup. There are still openings!
- ♦ **Necklaces:** Missionary Ohlmann has suggested a project to reach out to our fellow Christians in Africa: beaded cross necklaces that he will then take with him on the Mission Helper Trip in July. The Dorcas Guild has decided to help make some of them. We will be meeting at 9 am on Sat., Feb 24, to assemble them. All (including children) are invited to come for fellowship and fun in this mission effort!
- ♦ **Altar Guild:** The Altar Guild is looking for one or two new members to assist in caring for our Lord's altar. Some of the duties include cleaning the communion ware, changing the altar cloths, setting up the Advent wreath, purchasing and caring for altar flowers/plants. Please see Jackie Radichel or Mikey Oman if interested.
- ♦ **CLC News:** Teacher Neil Bernthal of Immanuel Lutheran in Winter Haven, FL, has the call to teach middle grades and serve as principal at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. ✠ Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the call of teacher/principal from St. John's Lutheran in Clarkston, WA.
- ♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #17 – Second Article, Part 2.

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!

Council Meeting Notes – February 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order with prayer. The remaining councilmen were installed. Roll was taken. The January 14 Council meeting minutes were read and approved. The January treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Lent starts this Wednesday, February 14. A pulpit rotation is in place.
- Pastor submitted a report regarding Liberia to the Board of Missions.

Board of Elders' Report

- Easter breakfast is being planned for April 1.
- The MN Delegate Conference will be held at Grace on June 9.
- A couple of voter memberships are being reviewed.
- Discussion centered around the trophy case in the fellowship hall. A new cabinet might be built, which could incorporate the library.

Board of Education Report

- The funds from the Schuetzler memorial may be used for kindergarten, school, VBS, Bibles, or other mission options.
- The Trustees were given permission to install the safe donated by a member and to label all keys to maintain their identity.
- Janelle will be out of the classroom this week, and our student teacher, Michaela Winters, will be teaching on her own. Pastor will place a notice in the bulletin regarding a gift collection for Michaela.
- The children are preparing for Palm Sunday and Easter.
- The projector has been installed in Janelle's room, but is not wired yet.
- Preparations are being made for the parade.
- Motion passed to have background check expenses covered by the Board of Trustees. Total expenses could be \$300-\$500.
- A call meeting for the second full time teacher will be held next Sunday. Expenses may be \$1300 over what was projected due to health insurance.
- Meetings with non-member families are ongoing to determine commitment for next school year. Most are committed at this point.
- There was discussion regarding non-member tuition assistance.

Board of Trustees' Report

- A moisture issue with the roof is being addressed.
- The annual audit of the treasurer's books has been scheduled.
- A decorator is being pursued for enhancing our church.
- Permission was given to the Trustees to proceed with the parking lot repair.
- The work day went well. Thanks to all who assisted.

Other Business

- Shuffle board equipment has been donated. The Trustees will check into various options for incorporating this donation. Some options include:
 - About \$2000 to replace tiles in the fellowship hall.
 - Strip off wax, apply numbers, and wax over the top.
 - Get a sheet to roll out over the floor.

Adapted by minutes submitted by Secretary Roger Ochsner

2018 ILC Tour Choir Itinerary



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| Sunday, March 4 | Millston, WI Trinity Lutheran Church W6634 Railroad Street | 9:30 am |
| Saturday, March 10 | Iron River, MI St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church 402 Truman Ave. | 2:00 pm |
| Saturday, March 10 | Marquette, MI Calvary Lutheran Church 460 W. Ohio St. | 7:30 pm |
| Sunday, March 11 | Saginaw, MI Gethsemane Lutheran Church 3460 Crestmont Dr. | 7:30 pm |
| Monday, March 12 | Dowagiac, MI Redeemer Lutheran Church Hwy. M-152, 1 mile E. of Sister Lakes | 7:00 pm |
| Tuesday, March 13 | Batavia, IL Ascension Lutheran Church OS850 Wenmoth Rd. | 7:00 pm |
| Wednesday, March 14 | Manchester, MO Faith Lutheran Church 1183 Big Bend Rd. | 7:00 pm |
| Friday, March 16 | Hales Corners, WI Messiah Lutheran Church 12145 W. Edgerton Ave. | 7:00 pm |
| Saturday, March 17 | Middleton, WI Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Ch. 3232 West Point Rd. | 1:00 pm |
| Saturday, March 17 | Fond du Lac, WI Luther Memorial Lutheran Church 134 21 st St. | 7:00 pm |
| Sunday, March 18 | Markesan, WI Faith Lutheran Church N1529 State Rd. 73 | 9:00 am |
| Sunday, March 25 | Eau Claire, WI Messiah Lutheran Church 2015 N. Hastings Way | 6:30 pm |

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Exploratory Trip to Guinea

If you would, please include Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu in your prayers as he travels into Guinea.

On the last phase of my trip in November a team of four of us traveled to the northern most area of Liberia, Lofa County. Pastor Joseph brought me to the border of Guinea, at Yealla Town, where we had been granted permission to cross over. We visited with border agents and exchanged pleasantries. Since I was at a remote crossing, they were quite pleased that I would be interested in talking with them. I told them I was thankful that I could tell people in my home country that I had been able to visit their country on what was Thanksgiving Day here in the USA.

Pastor Joseph was excited that the crossing had gone so smoothly, so much so that he spoke relentlessly about how he prayed that we would be able to conduct mission work in Guinea. He had two reasons: 1) there are a number of Liberian refugees there, and 2) the country has an 85% Muslim population. He said we needed to pray that the Lord would lead us to a man who was both English and French speaking.

So what happens? On our way back to Monrovia on my last day in Liberia, our vehicle had a breakdown in a remote area a few hours from the nearest town with a taxi. After about an hour of attempting a repair, we had to try to figure out how to get at least me to Monrovia to make my flight. Just as we start figuring out plans, a villager cried out, "Another white man! Another white man!" An Australian in a small SUV drove up.

After my team made arrangements with this man I got into the vehicle and he introduced himself to me as Michael Fields. Joseph got in the back seat with the equivalent of what would be this man's assistant, Wilson Veh. The trip to the next town with a taxi was quite eventful as the vehicle was filled with conversation. These men were Lutherans who were working with refugees and were having corruption problems with the Liberian equivalent of the LC-MS and the ELCA. As a result they were quite interested in us and what we were doing. Wilson was fairly well educated on differences among USA Lutherans. They were surprised to learn that we were confessional Lutherans who were interested in teaching the truth of God's Word.

Wilson has been trying to put us in contact with various people ever since. One set of contacts that he has is in Nzerekore, Guinea, in particular a Liberian refugee named Christian T. Sannah who is both English and French speaking. After various correspondences, the Board of Missions is permitting Pastor Joseph to take a trip to Guinea to meet with these people. He plans to travel this week, from February 21st to the 26th.

Please keep Pastor Joseph in your prayers as the Lord leads him on this trip!

- Pastor Hein

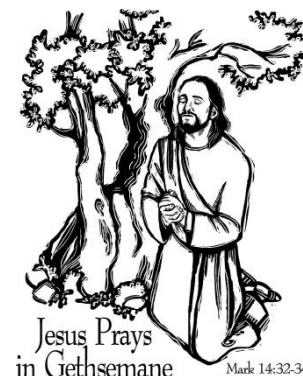
CLC E-Devotion - Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Luke 22:42 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death."

OVERWHELMED

Even when we consider the fact that the destruction meant for sinful flesh was bearing down on Jesus' sinless humanity we still might question why our Lord should be so overwhelmed at the prospect of dying. Haven't numerous martyrs faced excruciating torture and a shameful death without sigh or shudder-- through faith in Jesus' name? Was Christ less courageous than they?

Hardly. Jesus' death was far different than that of brave believers martyred for their faith. Christ's crucifixion took the sting out of the martyrs' deaths. With sin's curse gone they knew death had been transformed from a wall into a door-- a door opening into eternal joy at Jesus' side. But in Gethsemane Christ looks forward to dying under sin's full curse, its sting not diminished but multiplied countless times over. He was to taste the bitter dregs of sin's curse not once, but thousands upon thousands of times. He was going to the cross in the place of every sinner ever. The sin and the guilt, the punishment, due the whole world was bearing down on Him.



In the darkness of Gethsemane Jesus was not in agony for fear of mental or physical suffering to come but because of the spiritual suffering that awaited Him and the spiritual death. The horror of hell-- that was what caused Jesus' agony of soul in the Garden. It was not dread of dying but of Death itself. Death as separation from God. Death, the final penalty for all of the accumulated guilt of humanity from Adam to the last person yet to be born.

Christ, the Life of all the living, Christ, the Death of death, our foe,
Who, Thyself for me once giving To the darkest depths of woe,
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit:
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

(The Lutheran Hymnal, 151:1)