

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Hospitality Team 2: Andrea Dahl; Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow

Church Cleaners: D. Rust

School: Oman

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: Brian Eichstadt; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Brandon Paplow; Pat Paplow

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

Hospitality Team 3: James & April Bomber; Rachelle Kanneh; Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Oman

School: Oman

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

- Sun., Dec. 8:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 2)
11:00 am – Luncheon
11:30-1:30 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
- Wed., Dec. 11:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Advent Worship Service
- Sun., Dec. 15:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)
11:00 am – Luncheon
11:30-1:30 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
3:00 pm – ILC Piano & Organ Recital
- Wed., Dec. 18:** 2:00 pm – Christian Day School Concert at Northtown Mall
4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Dinner
7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service
- Fri., Dec. 20:** 7:30 pm – ILC Christmas Concert @ Messiah in Eau Claire, WI
- Sun., Dec. 22:** 8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 4)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Mon., Dec. 23:** Grace School - Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins
- Tue., Dec. 24:** 6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Wed., Dec. 25:** 10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sun., Dec. 29:** 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class, Sunday School)
- Tue., Dec. 31:** 7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper

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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: December 8, 2019

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 160: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

TLH 461: Hark! The Church Proclaims Her Honor

TLH 265: Thine Honor Save, O Christ, Our Lord

WS 710: Once in Royal David's City

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 8, TLH p. 124

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 17:1-51

Matthew 21:7-11

Sermon: 1 Samuel 17:32-33,37

³² Then David said to Saul, "Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine." ³³ And Saul said to David, "You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for you *are* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth." ... ³⁷ Moreover David said, "The LORD, who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear, He will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you!" (NKJVTM)

See Christmas through a Child's Eyes

David: Courageously Defend the LORD's Honor





Professor Call



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last Sunday I was informed that the CLC's Call Committee for Educational Institutions, having prayed for the Holy Spirit's guidance, extended to me the divine call to serve as Professor at our church body's synodical institution of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. This means I now need to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider where the Lord would best have me serve Him ... either here with my call to serve at Grace, or there with my call to serve at Immanuel.



The particular areas of this teaching call are specified as the following:

The position would require the ability to teach in a variety of areas, which may include high school and college courses in religion, social sciences, and church history. To fill a current need on campus, this individual would need to be able to provide spiritual counsel and encouragement to students in the Word of God, understanding and addressing the particular challenges that students often face today, and someone who is seminary trained. The position would, God-willing, commence with the 2020-21 academic year.

In addition to the teaching load, there is an expectation to fill administrative duties needed on campus, many which are ministerial in nature.

Considering a call to be a Pastor or Professor isn't like considering a regular job. In fact, the title Professor isn't like the world often views it. The call defines this role as being part of the divine teaching ministry of conveying the LORD's holy and refreshing Word to souls in need of it. The ministry is divine in that the message and power is of the Gospel, not of the person. It's about emphasizing the comfort and joy found in the Good News of Jesus Christ and Him crucified. It's sobering to know that any divine call is from God Himself as I am to teach and preach His

divine Word. As such, the outcome of the ministry of the Word is eternal rather than temporal. Therefore, the decision cannot be made as to where the called individual might like it better. There are two basic questions to consider:

- 1) What are the different ministerial needs of the two calling entities?
- 2) Where can the called individual best utilize his God-given talents and abilities to faithfully serve the LORD in His kingdom work?

As I prayerfully consider this call, I certainly welcome the input of any who are impacted by the final decision. What is more helpful to the called worker than telling him to stay or go, is conveying the reasons for staying or going. If you have such thoughts, please share them with me.

This call comes at a busy time in that we are now beginning the Advent season and preparing for the Christmas season. Regardless, our theme is still fitting: “See Christmas through a Child’s Eyes.” May we all have child-like faith in God’s promises as we take God at His Word and humbly submit ourselves to His will in all things of life. Please keep this call in your prayers and thoughts as I seek to follow the Lord’s will concerning this particular matter.

Ephesians 4:11-16 And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-- Christ-- from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

In Christ, our Lord and Savior,

Pastor John Hein

A couple of additional notes

- 1) Should I accept the call to be a Professor, I would need to resign from the Board of Regents due to a conflict of interest.
- 2) The chairman of the Board of Missions has recently confirmed that the call to serve as Part-time Visiting Missionary to Liberia would still stand regardless of my decision.

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

Midweek Advent Services:

Wed., Dec. 4 – 7:00 pm

Wed., Dec. 11 – 7:00 pm

Special meditations to
prepare for the coming of the
Christ Child.

Candlelight Service:

Wed., Dec. 18 – 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

*The Word became flesh and
made his dwelling among us.*



John 1:14

Christmas Eve Service:

Tues., Dec. 24 – 6:00 pm

A service in which the
children present the
timeless and treasured
Christmas message.

Christmas Day Service:

Wed., 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.

**SEE CHRISTMAS THROUGH
A CHILD'S EYES**

✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Midweek Advent Services:** This coming Wednesday, 7 pm, continues our Midweek Advent worship services. Our last one on Dec. 18 will be our annual candlelight service preceded by the congregational Christmas meal at 6 pm. Our theme this year is "See Christmas through a Child's Eyes," considering how we are all to have child-like faith when it comes to the type of trust we are to have in our Savior. Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming.

- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service:** This is the remaining rehearsal schedule:

- Sun., Dec. 8: 11:30-1:30 pm (luncheon at church)
- Sun., Dec. 15: 11:30-1:30 pm (luncheon at church)
- Sun., Dec. 22: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly)

December is a busy month, but please remember the importance of these rehearsals for a successful Christmas Eve service. 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.

- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** This year the Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall on Wed., Dec. 18, 2 pm.

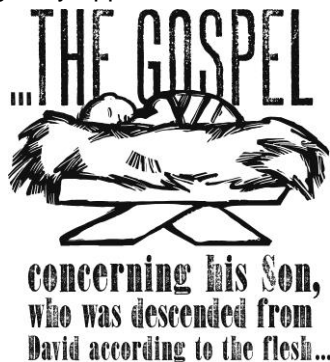
- ◆ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service on Dec. 18. Those attending may bring something to share. Dorcas Guild committee #1 is hosting.

- ◆ **Christmas Caroling:** A caroling outing is scheduled for Sunday, December 22, 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.

- ◆ **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: *See Christmas through a Child's Eyes*. The children 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.

- ◆ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

- ◆ **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.



- ◆ **Immanuel Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held Sun., Dec. 15, at 3:00 p.m. in the ILC Fieldhouse.
- ◆ **Immanuel Christmas Concert:** The concert is at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire on Fri., Dec. 20, at 7:30 pm. This is always a spiritually edifying concert to help a person focus, even in the midst of the busy holiday season, on the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. This concert ends the busy finals week for the students as they conclude their first semester of the academic year. We pray the students will safely arrive at their homes in order to enjoy Christmas break with their families.
- ◆ **From the Elders:** All loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ◆ **Liberia:** To make a contribution to the work in Liberia, write in "Liberia" on one of the Project lines of your offering envelope.
- ◆ **2020 Cleaning:** The 2020 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Books Available:** This is a reminder of a few books that are available. Rev. Daniel Fleischer's "Christ--No Other Foundation" is directly available from him at a cost of \$15. There are also still several copies available in pastor's office of Pastor Dale Redlin's Volume II of "God's Promise Kept." The cost of \$15 is to be mailed directly to Pastor Redlin with a slip of paper in the book that has payment directions. Also, Pastor Mark Weis, a CLC pastor serving in Lemmon, SD, has published devotional books available on Amazon: "One Thing Needful, Volume 2" (\$9.75), "One Thing Needful" (\$8.99), and "On Eagles Wings" (\$9). Just search Amazon for his name and any of the titles and you can purchase them online.
- ◆ **Trip to Israel:** A group trip to Israel is being planned in January of 2021. The dates are set for January 13-22, 2021, with a possible three day extension to Jordan for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to Caesarea, Mt. Carmel, Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and En Gedi and more. It will include visits to the traditional sites of many of the events in the ministry of Jesus as well as those of the prophets and apostles. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the places which we read and hear about in the Scriptures and where God brought His plan of salvation to completion through the life and the death of Jesus. More information can be found in a brochure on the table in the church entry. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastor Nathanael Mayhew (404-729-4602 or ndmayhew@att.net).

♦ **Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2020. He has requested that he not be considered for another term. We thank him for his faithful service in this key administrative function at our campus. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight February 15, 2020 (extended deadline, letters postmarked February 1, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

♦ **CLC News:** The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor John Hein of Grace Lutheran in Fridley, MN, to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. † Pastor Jim Albrecht of St. John's Ev. Lutheran in Okabena, MN, has received the call to Berea Lutheran in Sioux Falls, SD. † Pastor Andrew Schaller of Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI, has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Board of Missions to serve as the CLC's third foreign missionary. † Pastor Norman Greve of St. Peter's Lutheran in Iron River, MI, has returned the call extended to him by Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD.

♦ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Grade-Level Parts

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 1, 2019 Sun.: 91 S.S.: 21 B.Cl.: 37 Wed.: 59

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,441*	CLC:	\$695
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$570	CLC:	\$270
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-989	CLC:	-35
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$180,846**	CLC:	\$45,804
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	192,000	CLC:	48,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-11,154	CLC:	-2,196
GLC Other: 207	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	12
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	100	Kinship:	60
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$456

* Includes \$0 in school tuition ** Includes \$9,460 year-to-date school tuition

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 speak with you!

