

## ✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

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

## ✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

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

Counting Team 3: Brian Eichstadt; Duane Enns; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow

Church Cleaners: Oman

School: Rinne

## ✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

- 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:** 12:00 pm – School Christmas Party (Gift Opening @ 2 pm)  
Grace School Dismissal for Christmas Break
- Tue., Dec. 24:** **CHRISTMAS EVE**  
5:30 pm – Children Arrive at Church  
6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship
- Wed., Dec. 25:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship
- Sun., Dec. 29:** 10:00 am – Worship Service (No Bible Class, Sunday School)
- Tue., Dec. 31:** **NEW YEARS EVE**  
7:00 pm – New Year's Eve Worship w/Lord's Supper
- Sun., Jan. 5:** 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper  
11:00 am – Hospitality

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

Church Year: Advent 3

Date: December 15, 2019

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 69: Arise, Sons of the Kingdom

TLH 410: Jesus, Lead Thou On

TLH 521: What God Ordains Is Always Good

TLH 649: Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 90, TLH p. 142

### Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

### Scripture Readings:

Exodus 2:1-15a;3:1-12

Hebrews 11:23-29

### Sermon: Exodus 2:1-5

<sup>1</sup> And a man of the house of Levi went and took *as wife* a daughter of Levi. <sup>2</sup> So the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw that he *was* a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months. <sup>3</sup> But when she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, daubed it with asphalt and pitch, put the child in it, and laid *it* in the reeds by the river's bank. <sup>4</sup> And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. <sup>5</sup> Then the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river. And her maidens walked along the riverside; and when she saw the ark among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it. (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## See Christmas through a Child's Eyes *Moses: Humbly Yield to the LORD's Good Pleasure*



# ✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

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

Attendance at today's and next Sunday's rehearsal will be essential in order to properly organize things. The parents' help is greatly appreciated to make everything go well. The children have a wonderful opportunity to express the Good News of our salvation through Jesus Christ.



CHRISTMAS

- ◆ **Northtown Concert:** The Grace School children will be singing at the Northtown Mall this coming Wednesday, Dec. 18, 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!
- ◆ **Candlelight Worship:** This Wednesday, December 18, 7 pm, will be our annual candlelight service with hymns and Bible readings. 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. The Sunday School and Christian Day School children will be singing.
- ◆ **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 for the meal. 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.
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Video:** A reminder that we are having a Christmas Eve service instead of a Christmas Eve program. Therefore, we ask that parents and friends avoid taking flash pictures and videotaping during this service so that the focus remains on the joyous message of our Savior's birth. Our Christmas Eve service will be discreetly videotaped and made available by request. If you are interested in a copy, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson.

- ◆ **Catechism Break:** We will be having a two-week break for midweek Catechism students on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.
- ◆ **Immanuel Recital:** The ILC Piano/Organ Recital will be held this afternoon 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.
- ◆ **Thank You:** Dear members of Grace, Thank you so much for your support of our tuition with your offerings. It is such a blessing to us. We appreciate you for thinking of us and for caring about the continuing of our Christian education. Daniel Hein and Natalie Story
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Nativity Scene:** Please remember that the nativity scene in the narthex is fragile. Parents are asked to supervise their children around it.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Saint Called Home:** On the afternoon of December 11, at the Care Partners facility in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the Lord in His mercy received Don Skinner to Himself in heaven. Don and Phyllis had been dorm parents at ILC for many years. Don's victory service will be held at Messiah, Eau Claire on Friday, December 20. Visitation will begin at 3 pm, and the service at 4 pm. A meal will follow. Correspondence may be addressed to: Phyllis Skinner, 4115 Jeffers Road #220, Eau Claire, WI 54703. *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die"* (John 11:25-26).
- ◆ **2020 CLC Mission Helper Trip:** The maximum number of applications have been accepted for the trip to Nepal this summer. If you would like to have your name placed on a waiting list, please contact Missionary Todd Ohlmann at [thohlmann@gmail.com](mailto:thohlmann@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Parts and Hymns

## **CLC Financial Report - November**

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 5 Months	Balance 11/30/2019
<b>General Fund (see below)</b>	0	375,856	447,176	442,875	- 71,320
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	620,687	579,405	601,700	41,282
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	1,675	6,740		133,238
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	114,144	40,000		91,216
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	74,420	93,853		25,587
Kinship	56,634	37,053	52,739		40,948
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	220,618	109,036		1,554,072
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	86,856	56,443		81,120
Reserve Fund	278,088	0	0		278,088
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,028,314</b>	<b>\$534,766</b>	<b>\$358,811</b>		<b>\$2,204,269</b>

<b>ILC Building Projects</b> (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance November 30, 2019	\$1,181,445
Principal paid to date	<b>\$279,486</b>

*Now therefore, our God, we thank You and praise Your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly as this? 1 Chron 29:13ff*

**Nov Specials:** \$100,000, \$30,000, \$22,000, \$20,000, \$4,000, and many special congregation gifts.

**General Fund** – Offerings this month were \$122,548 (twice the monthly ave, incl gifts of \$20k, \$12.5k) vs disbursements of \$93,381, reducing the GF deficit by \$39,000! Hallelujah! Our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub receive their major support from the General Fund.

**ILC Operations** – ILC November revenue was \$102,548 (\$54,290 from student payments, plus CLC General Fund subsidy of \$47,875) vs disbursements of \$114,860.

**ILC Building Projects** – Offerings were \$104,216 vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall loan payment. Offerings included a gift of \$100,000 to pay directly on the loan principal (in December), which saves \$90,000 in interest & decreases the loan term by 2 years, to 2034 paid off.

**CEF** – November revenue was \$39,062 (from CEF congregational loan repayments), vs disbursements of \$4,036 for CEF admin expenses.

**MDF** – Offerings were \$39,401 (sp gift of \$20,000) vs disbursements of \$31,158, including \$12,300 India-BELC Christmas gifts for rice aid; \$9,000 Etago school land purchase; \$2,500 India-BELC church building aid; \$2,400 US Outreach (Houston), \$1,750 Bibles & tracts; \$1,400 Africa outreach.

**SAF** – Revenue of \$5,373 vs disbursements of \$10,264 for student loans, grants, & scholarships.

**PMP** - Public Ministry Preparation Endowment: \$9,500 special gift.

**Kinship** – Monthly offerings of \$18,213 (sp gift \$10,000) vs disbursements of \$20,023, incl \$7,610 orphans' support, \$7,550 seminary students support, and \$3,700 widows support.

*For all things come from You, and of Your own we have given You. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy name is from Your hand, and is all Your own. (David's thanksgiving prayer over offerings for God's Temple. 1Chro 29:14)*

# CLC E-Devotion – December 19, 2012

## CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

God prepared for the Savior's coming through His word of prophecy. To Abraham God said, "I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you" (Genesis 12:3). Through Moses came this word: "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers" (Deuteronomy 18:15). Isaiah prophesied: "... the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel" (7:14).

As the 19<sup>th</sup> Century poet put it:

Deep in the prophets' sacred page, Grand in the poet's winged word,  
Slowly in type from age to age, Nations beheld their coming Lord (TLH 132:2).

Those words of prophecy, spoken by men, came from God – and so were full of power – power to prepare for the coming of the Christ by creating faith in human hearts. These divine promises made people confident that God would do what He said and that the Coming One would be their Redeemer. They created a faith that would treasure the promises of the Savior and pass them on to the next generation.

These Gospel words worked with power in believing hearts so that people were willing to leave home and family (like Abraham and Ruth), to suffer loss and deprivation (like Joseph and Moses), to undergo ridicule and affliction (like Elijah and Jeremiah), rather than give up their hope in God and His promised Deliverer.

Again and again God made preparation for the coming Christ by strengthening the faith of the Savior's forbears so that they might go forward in faith – out of Ur of the Chaldees ... down to Egypt ... up into the Land promised.

These Gospel promises were words of power because the LORD God Himself worked in and through them revealing His mercy, strengthening hearts, directing lives, all leading up to the day when His Son would be the Word revealing His Father to us and fulfilling the Father's will for us.

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**Last Week's Stats:** Dec. 8, 2019 Sun.: 89 S.S.: 19 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 49

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,566*	CLC:	\$468	
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$855	CLC:	\$20	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-579	CLC:	-512	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$184,267**	CLC:	\$46,292	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	196,000	CLC:	49,000	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-11,733	CLC:	-2,708	
GLC Other:	393	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	175
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	315	Kinship:	60
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	100	IIF: 10	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$631

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

### The following is the nomination slate for 2020:

- Secretary: Bill Rust, Benno Sydow
- Elder: Al Rosendahl, Dave Rust
- Education: Roger Ochsner (still waiting to hear back on one nominee)
- Trustee: Pat Paplow, Bill Rust, Bob Vandever
- Delegates: Bill Rust, Dave Rust, Benno Sydow