

✝ TODAY AT GRACE ✝

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Eli Wales**

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

Church Cleaners: **Wales**

School: **Rinne**

✝ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✝

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; Keith Radichel; David Stifter; Joel Stifter; Eli Wales**

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

Hospitality Team 1: **Andrea Dahl; Dan & Cindy Degnan; Larry Nelson; Barb Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Wales**

School: **Ude**

✝ OUR SCHEDULE ✝

- Sun., Jan. 12:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 1)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting
- Mon., Jan. 13:** 10:00 am – MN Pastoral Study Club @ Mankato, MN
- Wed., Jan. 15:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class Resumes
- Sun., Jan. 19:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
9:00 am – Bible Class
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 2)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings
- Mon., Jan. 20:** No School – Parent/Teacher Conferences
- Wed., Jan. 22:** Grace School Field Trip – “The Dot” @ Stages Theatre Co.
- Sat., Jan. 25:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Wed., Feb. 26:** Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 5 Sun.: 89 S.S.: 14 B.Cl.: 32

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$1,500	CLC:	\$415
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-3,500	CLC:	-585
GLC Other: 1	Living Faith: 0	Tuition Aid: 50		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 100	Kinship: 10		
ILC Student Aid: 20	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid: \$917		



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 1/Baptism of Our Lord

Date: January 12, 2020

✠ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✠

Hymns:

LSB 405: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB 404: Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered

WS 751: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

TLH 301: He that Believes and Is Baptized

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 45, TLH p. 133

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Psalm 8: WS p. 27

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 42:1-7

Acts 10:34-38

Sermon: Matthew 3:13-17

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ And John *tried to* prevent Him, saying, "I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered and said to him, "Permit *it to be so* now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he allowed Him. ¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. ¹⁷ And suddenly a voice *came* from heaven, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." (NKJVTM)

Through Baptism, Jesus Stands with You

✝ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✝

- ◆ **Voters and Dorcas Guild:** Will meet next Sunday, January 19.
- ◆ **Among Us:** Ellen Bergstrom has been gradually resuming her part-time teaching role as a volunteer in the school as she recovers from her recent biopsy and illness. Please keep her in your prayers.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Cell Phones/Smart Phones:** Please remember to turn off during church so as not to interfere with the projection system and with the worship of your fellow Christians.
- ◆ **2020 Cleaning:** The 2020 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor John Hein has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. ✝ Mr. Caleb Noeldner, who is graduating in the spring with a degree in education from the UW-EC, has been called as the upper grade teacher and principal at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. ✝ Pastor Mark Bernthal of Peace Thru Christ Lutheran in Middleton, WI (Madison area) has been called to Bethel Lutheran in Morris, MN.
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #12 – Conclusion.

Facebook Page: If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there. The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



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 the Pastor. He would be delighted to visit with you!

CLC Email Devotion – Thursday, January 2, 2020

Romans 1:16a (NIV84) I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes:

A New Year in the Word

Are you excited about the new year ahead, optimistic and expecting great things? Or do you more easily relate to Solomon's perspective in Ecclesiastes: "Everything is meaningless. ... Generations come and generations go. ... What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. ... everything is meaningless, a chasing after the wind" (Ecclesiastes 1:2, 4,9 ;2:11).

There has certainly been plenty in the past year to weary our hearts: geopolitical strife, violence and abuse of all sorts, along with growing disregard for God's truth. Sin's inroads have made things difficult for the Lord's flock. Even though he has been defeated, Satan is not about to give up his efforts to undermine the faith of God's people. Examining ourselves doesn't provide any encouragement either. With Paul we have to admit, "What I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do-this I keep on doing" (Romans 7:19). We end the old year painfully aware of our guilt and need for repentance. And as much as we might wish otherwise, the new year, too, will be marred by sin and its consequences. "What has been will be again."

Yet while there is nothing new about our sinful condition and the state of the world, there is something wonderfully brand new from the Lord for 2020 and beyond. At a time of national catastrophe and mourning, the prophet Jeremiah spoke of hope and optimism. "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23).

In this new year the Lord has given us a "new," exciting message, a word of uplifting hope to people battered down by despair, news of rescue for those who have no strength of their own, assurance of God's love in the Person of His Son for those who have been forgotten by everyone else. It is a word of ultimate victory, for the sufferings of this present time will give way to eternal glory.

In many ways 2020 will likely be the same as the year just completed. But it won't be a meaningless "chasing after the wind" when the living Word of God is part of our new year. For the message of Christ born, crucified, raised, and ruling is still the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2019
General Fund (see below)	0	525,234	521,763	531,450	3,471
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	753,114	695,381	722,040	57,733
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	50,458	7,809		180,952
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	158,583	48,000		127,655
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	123,416	101,443		66,993
Kinship	56,634	47,727	54,879		49,482
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	263,278	113,229		1,592,539
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	92,879	75,729		67,857
Reserve Fund	278,088	0	0		278,088
Total	\$2,028,314	\$736,341	\$401,089		\$2,363,566

ILC Building Projects (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance December 31, 2019	\$1,077,050
Principal paid to date	\$383,881

Dec Sp. Gifts: \$75,000; \$25,000, \$16,000; \$25,000; \$37,053, and many special congregation gifts. *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. 1 Chron. 29:14)

General Fund – Offerings this month were **\$149,378** (Cong offerings \$74,233; Specials \$75,145) vs disbursements of \$74,587, a \$75,000 positive cash flow, erasing November's - \$71,000 deficit & resulting in a \$3,471 positive balance. Praise our Lord! Our General Fund Monthly Budget is \$88,575. Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub receive their major support from the General Fund.

ILC Operations – ILC December revenue was \$132,427 (\$83,567 from student payments, plus \$47,875 General Fund subsidy) vs disbursements of \$115,975.

ILC Building Projects – Offerings were \$44,438 (\$25k bequest; \$16.3k special) vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall loan payment. Special offerings for Nov & Dec reduced the mortgage balance by \$104,395, compared to the November Bldg Projects balance. The \$100,000 Nov gift will be transferred in January from the Bldg Projects, leaving a Building Projects balance of 27,655. These special gifts save \$90,000 in interest & decreases the loan term by 2 years to a 2034 pay off.

CEF – December revenue was \$42,660 (from congregational loan repayments to the CEF), vs disbursements of \$4,193 for the usual CEF monthly administration expenses.

MDF – Offerings were \$48,995 (bequest of \$25,000) vs disbursements of \$7,588.

SAF – Revenue of \$6,023 vs disbursements of \$19,285 for student loans, grants, & administration.

PMP - Public Ministry Preparation Endowment: \$37,053 special gifts. PMP grants: \$11,700.

Kinship – Monthly offerings of \$10,674 vs disbursements of \$2,140

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes! (Psalm 118:23 ^{ESV})

Grace Funds

GENERAL FUND: Contributions to this fund are used for budgeted expenses that normally are incurred in operating our church and Christian Day School. This includes such things as the pastor's and teacher's compensations, utilities, church operations, school supplies, pastor's mileage, etc.

TUITION FUND: Offerings are used to assist Grace students at Immanuel Lutheran High School in Eau Claire, WI.

LIVING FAITH: This program offers opportunities for members to help those of the congregation who are in need of food, clothing, necessary medical supplies, etc. Your offerings to this fund serve the physical welfare of your brethren.

DORCAS GUILD FUND: This supports the projects of our women's group.

LIBERIA FUND: This is for projects Grace undertakes for Liberia.

PROJECT FUND: This is for any special projects the congregation decides to do.

CLC Funds

CLC GENERAL FUND (SOMETIMES CALLED "MISSIONS"): Contributions to this fund support the General Budget of the CLC. They are used to subsidize U.S. and foreign missions and to subsidize operating expenses at Immanuel Lutheran High School and College in Eau Claire, WI.

MISSION DEVELOPMENT FUND (MDF): This fund provides support for mission projects both at home and abroad. Funds are used for such things as missionary exploratory efforts, instruction materials, self-help projects in foreign mission fields, storm relief in India and Africa, etc.

PROJECT KINSHIP: Contributions are used for the support of orphanages in the foreign missions affiliated with the CLC. At times sponsorship is requested for specific orphans or seminary students in foreign mission fields.

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (CEF): This Fund is maintained for the purpose of providing loans to build or buy churches and/or parsonages within the CLC.

ILC BUILDING FUND: Contributions are used for the financing of any new building projects at ILC. At this time the Academic Center is being financed.

ILC IMPROVEMENT FUND (IIF): This fund has been used for various capital expenditures or special projects at ILC, including such items as remodeling, updating blacktop, professorage upgrades, larger HVAC projects, etc.

ILC STUDENT AID: This Fund provides scholarships, grants, and loans to students attending the high school, college, and seminary. Contributions may allow students to prepare for the preaching and teaching ministries who otherwise might be unable to attend ILC. Eventually this fund is expected to be self-supporting because of an endowment element and the repayment of student loans after graduation.

ILC STUDENT AID ENDOWMENT: This Fund accumulates in principle as donations are made with the annual investment gains funneled into the ILC Student Aid Fund.



The Ten Commandments

The Law's place in evangelism

Six Chief Parts

1. Ten Commandments
2. Apostles' Creed
3. Baptism
4. The Lord's Supper
5. The Office of the Keys and Confession
6. The Lord's Prayer

This series of articles is about using the Small Catechism for evangelism, for the catechism is nothing other than a manual of the basic teachings of the Christian Faith. There is nothing in the Bible that does not fall under the umbrella of one of the six chief parts. Furthermore, many of us have learned the catechism from youth. That wasn't just so we could put them down once we donned the white Confirmation gown and leave them to collect dust!

The catechism is a treasure for daily renewal in the faith and it serves very well as a manual for evangelism.

The word "evangelism" refers to preaching the gospel, which is the "good news" about Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man who humbled Himself and suffered on the cross, bearing the sins of every person. By Jesus' blood you have been atoned for, redeemed, and justified. By faith in Him forgiveness is yours and eternal life along with it! However, the term evangelism can also be used more broadly to refer to sharing all of God's truth, what we might also think of as outreach work. The law is necessary in this work, since the gospel is most effective when the law is understood.

When you confess Christ to unbelievers, the law is the place to start! The Ten Commandments are the clear expression of God's eternal, moral will. The laws of the Ten Commandments reveal our sin. They condemn and crush us so that we have no excuses, and they lead us to sorrow over our sins. The law's work provides an opportunity for the gospel to be shared and displayed with clarity so as to lead us to peace with God through forgiveness in Christ.

By nature, all human beings are dead in sin and don't know it. Try asking an unbeliever if they think they are a good person, or if they've done more

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good things than bad. Then use the law to condemn some particular sin. Pick one commandment. Commandments 4-10 are usually better for this since those sins are more obvious. This preaching of the law is necessary to make the gospel personal. You only need a Savior if you have sin.

Jesus did this often. When He came into contact with people who believed themselves to be good enough for God, He gave them the law. Read Matthew 19:16-22. Jesus never preached the gospel to the man in this text. The man still believed he could earn his own salvation. So, Jesus gave him a command He knew the man would not be able keep in order to make him sad. Jesus' goal was that this man might realize that he wasn't good enough to get to heaven so that he would turn to Jesus as Savior. When you speak to others, be willing to speak the law. It might seem harsh, and awkward, to point out sin. Do it anyway! Only do it with humility and respect. Do it knowing that you yourself are a great sinner with a greater Savior. Do it with a heart of love for the lost, created in you by Christ!

Catechism Evangelism Starts at Home

When is the last time that you read through your catechism's explanations of the Ten Commandments? During your family or personal devotion time tonight, take a few minutes to read through them.

Read More About this Topic

Romans 2:1-16

2 Timothy 4:1-5

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The **Committee of Domestic Fields** is a subcommittee of the CLC Mission Board. "The purpose of the Committee on Domestic Fields (CDF) is to make outreach ideas and material available to CLC congregations and to encourage them in carrying out the Great Commission of our Savior, Jesus Christ."