

# ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Eli Wales**

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

Hospitality Team 3: **Jan Davis, Ryan & Mikey Oman; Laura Wales; Janelle Hein**

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

School: **A. Baker**

# ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Bob Maki; Bill Rust; Jeff Stifter; Bob Vandever**

Counting Team 4: **James Bomber; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust**

Church Cleaners: **Ochsner**

School: **K. Baker**

# ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

**Sun., Feb. 16:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6)  
 11:00 am – Hospitality

**Mon., Feb. 17:** No School – Presidents' Day

**Wed., Feb. 19:** 4:30 pm – Catechism for Public School Students  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class

**Sun., Feb. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Transfiguration)

**Wed., Feb. 26:** **ASH WEDNESDAY** – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins  
 6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper  
 7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship w/Lord's Supper

**Sun., Mar. 22:** 10:00 am – ILC Tour Choir Concert

**Last Week's Stats:** Feb. 9, 2020 Sun.: 75 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 28 Wed.: 22

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,305	CLC:	\$620
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,000	CLC:	950
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,695	CLC:	-330
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$19,874	CLC:	\$5,495
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	24,000	CLC:	5,700
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,126	CLC:	-205
GLC Other: 27	Living Faith: 102	Tuition Aid: 100		
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF: 0	Kinship: 10		
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg. 100	IIF: 0	CEF: 0	
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid: \$1,295			



# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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

Church Year: Epiphany 6

Date: February 16, 2020

## ✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

### Hymns:

TLH 231: We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost  
TLH 295: The Law of God Is Good and Wise  
TLH 370: My Hope is Built on Nothing Less  
TLH 47: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalms 119 I, TLH p. 149

### Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)  
WS, p. 42, Psalm 121

### Scripture Readings:

Deut. 30:15-20  
1 Corinthians 2:6-13

### Sermon: Matthew 5:20-22

<sup>20</sup> "For I say to you, that unless your righteousness exceeds *the righteousness* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. <sup>21</sup> "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.' <sup>22</sup> "But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, 'Raca!' shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, 'You fool!' shall be in danger of hell fire." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## **A Murder Mystery: Who Done It?**

1. You are the murderer in your own heart
2. You are the righteous in connection with Christ

## ✠ THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ✠

- ◆ **Among Us:** Due to skin cancer, Frank and Ann Radichel both had procedures to remove impacted areas, something they've had issues with. However, this week Ann had a significant amount removed, thus needing reconstructive surgery. She will be having a consult this coming Tuesday. For some years Pat Paplow has been attempting to have knee replacement, but insurance issues have delayed this. He was scheduled for surgery this coming Wednesday, but late this week there was another complication. Please keep these fellow Christians in your prayers.
- ◆ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services will begin Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7 pm. This Lent, we will use the metaphor of eyesight to examine how the various people in Mark's Gospel viewed Jesus during His Passion. In most cases, they misunderstood who He was and what He was doing; then again, sometimes by faith people did recognize Him correctly. We have these 40 days of Lent in which we may look within ourselves as people of faith in our day. How are we like or unlike the people who saw Jesus in the flesh? Most important, as we gather for worship, we will see what Jesus has done to save us from our sins by His holy, precious blood and innocent sufferings and death.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **ILC Tour Choir:** Grace is hosting the ILC Tour Choir during our Sunday morning worship service at 10 am, Sunday, March 22. This year's tour (March 14-22) will be going south to Texas. Dorcas Guild committee #2 will be hosting a meal for the choir (more details to follow). To support the choir, you may designate "Tour Choir" on your offering in the coming weeks.
- ◆ **CLC News:** Pastor David Schaller has returned the call to Berea Lutheran of Sioux Falls, SD. Berea has now called Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Ev. Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ. ✠ Pastor Terrel Kesterson of Ascension Lutheran in Batavia, IL (Chicago area), has been called by Redeemer Lutheran in Bowdle, SD, and Zion Lutheran in Ipswich, SD. ✠ Teacher Paul Teifel III of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has returned the Principal/upper grade Teacher call to Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC. They have since called Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. Teacher Roehl has also received the call to be Principal and upper grade Teacher to Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI. He has already returned this call.

- ◆ **After Banquet:** Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year's After Banquet Party to be held May 9, 2020. The ILHS Banquet is held at a local venue with the After-Banquet Party immediately afterwards in the gymnasium. This is held to provide a fun and safe place for the students to enjoy this special evening honoring the senior class. The gym is decorated in a prom-type setting with games, prizes, refreshments and entertainment provided at NO cost to the students. Nearly every student attends the After-Banquet party, even if they don't attend the Banquet. We rely on donations from the parents, families and local businesses. We are able to buy some prizes at local businesses, but if you would like to donate prizes, that would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding prizes and/or donations, please contact: Kristi Mueller, darren.mueller@juno.com. Monetary donations may be sent to: ILC After-Banquet Committee; c/o Immanuel Lutheran College; 501 Grover Road; Eau Claire, WI 54701. – From the Committee
- ◆ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #17 – Second Article, Part 2

## 2020 ILC Tour Choir Schedule

- Trinity – Millston, WI ----- Sunday, March 8; 10:00 A.M.
- St. Paul's, Austin, MN ----- Saturday, March 14; 1:00 P.M.
- Resurrection, Corpus Christi, TX -----Monday, March 16; 7:00 P.M.
- Location TBD, Conroe, TX -----Tuesday, March 17; 7:00 P.M.
- St. Matthew, Dallas, TX -----Wednesday, March 18; 7:00 P.M.
- Berea, Sioux Falls, SD -----Friday, March 20; 7:00 P.M.
- Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN ----- Saturday, March 21; 2:00 P.M.
- Immanuel, Mankato, MN ----- Saturday, March 21; 7:30 P.M.
- Grace, Fridley, MN ----- Sunday, March 22; 10:00 A.M.
- Our Redeemer's, Red Wing, MN ----- Sunday, March 22; 3:00 P.M.
- Messiah, Eau Claire, WI ----- Sunday, March 29, 6:30 P.M.

## **CLC Financial Report - January**

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2019	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 7 Months	Balance 1/31/2020
<b>General Fund (see below)</b>	0	670,004	625,751	620,025	<b>44,253</b>
ILC Operations (incl CLC subsidy)	0	916,596	803,545	842,380	113,051
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	138,303	58,550	9,085		187,768
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	17,072	174,670	156,000		35,742
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	45,020	137,012	119,799		62,233
Kinship	56,634	63,605	72,294		47,945
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,442,490	521,240	117,106		1,846,624
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	50,707	107,396	86,795		71,308
Reserve Fund	278,088	17,552	0		295,640
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,028,314</b>	<b>\$1,080,025</b>	<b>\$561,079</b>		<b>\$2,547,260</b>

<b>ILC Building Projects</b> (Academic Center Balance & North Hall)	
Beginning Balance November 1, 2017	\$1,460,931
Current Balance January 31, 2020	\$1,072,640
Principal paid to date	<b>\$388,291</b>

*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 **\$144,769** vs disbursements of \$103,987, a \$41,000 positive cash flow. GF special offerings of \$120,000 since October have helped significantly to recover from a -\$100,487 deficit to the current positive balance of \$44,253. Thanks be to God who has moved hearts to respond to the General Fund need! Our General Fund Monthly Budget is \$88,575 and provides major funding to the Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, & Ed-Pub.

**ILC Operations** – ILC January revenue was \$163,481 (including \$47,875 General Fund subsidy) vs disbursements of \$108,163.

**ILC Building Projects** – Offerings were \$16,087 vs a disbursement of \$8,000 for the AC/North Hall loan payment. The \$100,000 Nov special gift was transferred this month from the Bldg Projects account to the CEF account to pay down the AC/North Hall principal, resulting in the current Bldg Projects balance of \$35,742. The payoff saves \$90,000 LT interest & decreases the term 2 years.

**CEF – January** revenue was \$257,951 (from special Bldg & cong loan repayments and \$102,744 six-month investment income), vs disbursements of \$3,877 for CEF monthly administration expenses.

**MDF** – Offerings were \$13,596 vs disbursements of \$18,356, including \$8,215 foreign pastoral conferences, \$5,676 foreign exploratory, and \$2,500 church building assistance.

**SAF – PMP** There was a one-time transfer of \$39,000 from the SAF & PMP Endowment portfolio to our Retirement Plan portfolio to help correct a misplaced asset.

**Kinship** – Monthly offerings of \$15,878 vs disbursements of \$17,415

***This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes!*** (Psalm 118:23<sup>ESV</sup>)

# THE LOVE OF GOD IS FULL AND RICH

Written by Rev. Daniel Fleischer, 2/2020

The love of God is full and rich,  
Beyond all comprehension.  
How could He love us as He does,  
Since we so oft abuse Him?

The love of God is full and rich,  
Evident in many ways.  
Tho' we in busy-ness of life  
Just take it all for granted.

The love of God is full and rich,  
He guards both home and fam'ly.  
We work and play without regard  
For His steadfast, watchful care.

The love of God is full and rich.  
He's at hand to bear us through  
Every trial and affliction,  
Ere we seek Him in our need.

The love of God is full and rich  
Blessing us with food and drink.  
Often we enjoy His goodness  
Never saying, "Thank You, Lord."

The love of God is full and rich,  
Day by day, at home away.  
And still we have not plumbed the depth  
Of the fullness of God's love.

The love of God is full and rich,  
Bounteous grace lies at the root.  
He sent His own begotten Son  
To assume our sin and death.

The love of God is full and rich.  
Through the Spirit's work in us,  
He called us from our unbelief  
To believe in Christ, the Lord.

The love of God is full and rich.  
Faith in Christ makes one a child.  
In time our Father tends our life,  
'Til in heav'n we have no need.

The love of God is full and rich.  
Christ's atonement seals our hope.  
We'll enter our eternal rest  
Evermore with Christ to dwell.

So, faithful Christian, pause and pray,  
Gladly speaking from the heart:  
"Thank You, my Father, for Your grace,  
For Your love so full and rich."

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).





## The Third Article

It happened one evening in early Spring. I was on my way home from a Lenten service exchange and I was only a few blocks from my house. In a matter of seconds, I could tell something was wrong with my vehicle as I struggled to steer it over the side of the road. The problem? A flat tire. Somewhere along the prior curve, the front passenger side tire on my vehicle was impacted by a sharp object.

Many of you have probably encountered a similar situation and the ensuing frustration. For a moment I took stock of my options. Was there anyway I could get my vehicle home and work on it tomorrow? After all, I could almost see my driveway, it was late at night, and I was wearing a suit and tie. Could I call someone for help? Probably not at this hour. I knew all along that my only viable option was to unpack the spare tire and the jack and get my own hands dirty. It didn't matter how well the rest of the car worked. The engine, battery, ignition, alternator, and everything else was all in fine working condition. One tiny rip in one tire stalled my vehicle.

In a much greater sense, air is necessary for all living things, not just to the inside of our car tires. The Word of God offers a similar thought when it comes to our soul-care and it centers around the work of the Holy Spirit. The Small Catechism employs the term "Sanctification" in the Third Article of the Creed to describe this work. Broadly speaking, sanctification is the work that the Holy Spirit does to create faith. This is the vital mechanism behind all mission work. Without it, all our efforts would be in vain. In a more narrow sense, the Holy Spirit builds, sustains, and strengthens faith in believers' hearts. Both aspects of sanctification are motivated and empowered by the gospel in Word and Sacrament — what we call the "Means of Grace."

In these ways, the Holy Spirit breathes life into sinners. Without that "air," we would perish in the condemnation of our sins and the bondage of God's righteous law. Just like our vehicles, it doesn't matter what else appears to be working well in our spiritual lives. We might look good in our actions. We might be knowledgeable in our words. We might be lifelong Lutherans. If the Holy Spirit has not breathed life into our hearts we won't move an inch toward God.

Luther's explanation elaborates: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But, the Holy

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Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in true faith.”

If we know how important air is in our tires, how much more should we recognize the importance of the Holy Spirit for our souls! The sad reality is that many people, even Christians, are led to trust in other “vehicles” that offer a fast track to God in heaven, but without His Word. These diversions include relying on our own works or efforts, trusting in our feelings, letting our emotions dictate right and wrong, or following beliefs and teachings because they are modern and popular. In the world’s eyes, these philosophies appear to be a sports car or a luxury automobile, but from God’s perspective they have no air in the tires. You might look good where you’re at but you’re certainly not going anywhere fast.

As we provide a gospel-centered witness within our churches, communities, nation, and world abroad, let us remember to display the work of the Holy Spirit in the Means of Grace. This is where the believer’s life comes from and this is how it remains alive and well. God did not offer up His only-begotten Son to die upon the cross, just to let us take control of obtaining that salvation on our own terms and in our ways. As attractive as the many alternatives to sanctification may sound at times, at the end of the day all we need is something that works. God gives us that freely through the gospel, and wherever that gift is proclaimed, the Holy Spirit is there breathing life into sinners.

### **Read More About this Topic**

Ezekiel 36:22-33

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

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## **Catechism Evangelism**

The Ten Commandments

The Lord’s Prayer

The First Article

Baptism

The Second Article

The Lord’s Supper

**The Third Article**

The Office of the Keys and Confession

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