

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 2

Date: January 16, 2022

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 609: Wake, Awake, for Night if Flying
CDS - WS 717: Bright and Glorious is the Sky
WS 767: Church of God, Elect and Glorious
WS 764: God of Grace and God of Glory
TLH 473, st. 1-2,5: The Church's One Foundation

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 133 & 134

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Sermon: Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not hold My peace, And for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, Until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, And her salvation as a lamp *that* burns. ² The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name. ³ You shall also be a crown of glory In the hand of the LORD, And a royal diadem In the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no longer be termed Forsaken, Nor shall your land any more be termed Desolate; But you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; For the LORD delights in you, And your land shall be married. ⁵ For *as* a young man marries a virgin, So shall your sons marry you; And *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, So shall your God rejoice over you. (NKJVTM)

THE LORD'S LOVE & COMMITMENT FOR HIS BRIDE, THE CHURCH

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Voters & Dorcas Guild:** Will meet today shortly after worship.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Sue Anne Kirkham had two cardioversion procedures in the past week. She is recovering from these as she looks to an upcoming appointment to see if her heart is functioning better. Nyla Welker also has an upcoming appointment as she had the same procedure as well two weeks ago. Vic Schlegel was hospitalized a couple of weeks ago after a fall. He returned home but given he is not thriving he needed to return to the hospital for care. Please pray for the LORD's children as they look to Him for healing and care.
- ➔ **New Address:** Barb Crandall; Lakeridge Senior Health and Living; 310 Lake Blvd South; Buffalo MN 55313.
- ➔ **Directory:** A draft of the 2022 membership directory is in the narthex. Please check your contact information, placing a check mark by your entry if it is correct and if it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. There is also a Calling Tree page. Please include if you don't mind receiving a text or email for those who reach out in an emergency.
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Cleaning:** Please consider signing up on the fellowship hall bulletin board.
- ➔ **Report:** Recently a draft copy of a report from the CLC Board of Doctrine and Joint Committee Representatives to the WELS/ELS discussions was provided to the clergy of the CLC. This is for initial study in order to provide input before the report is published in the upcoming CLC Convention Prospectus for consideration this coming summer. Thus it is a work in progress, something the 2021 CLC Convention requested "to address additional questions on the role of admonition, the practice of the fellowship principle, and the dangers expressed by Romans 16:18" and to "clearly define what is necessary for a settlement of the doctrinal difference between the CLC and the WELS and ELS concerning the termination of fellowship." This Monday the Minnesota Pastoral Conference will be having an initial discussion of this document at Berea Lutheran in Inver Grove Hts. The prayers of the church are requested that this matter may be resolved wisely and Scripturally.

- ➔ **Invitation:** The members of Faith Lutheran in Manchester, MO (St. Louis area) would invite you to join them in the installation of their new pastor, Sam Rodebaugh, on January 23, 2022, at the regular service time 10 am. Pastor Neal Radichel will be the liturgist and perform the installation. A dinner will follow the service. If you plan on attending please inform Pastor Radichel so he has a head count for the congregation: neal.radichel@immanuelmankato.org.
- ➔ **Man Up! Retreat:** The 2022 ManUp! Men's Retreat is scheduled for Sept. 22-25 at Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI. The retreat offers strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. Register and send in your payment before Sept. 1 for the discounted rate of \$75. Registration increases to \$150 on Sept. 1. The registration includes lodging and meals. You can register by going to the Man Up! website here: www.manup.clclutheran.org. Sign up today!
- ➔ **Christ's Explorers:** Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church is excited to announce that we will be hosting our annual summer camp, Christ's Explorers Camp. This camp is open to students entering grades 3-9. This year, we will be holding our camp in Pigeon Forge, TN, from July 14-17. Transportation will be provided to/from our church campus in West Columbia, SC. Pastors Chad Seybt and Glenn Oster will lead our worship and Bible studies with the theme, "Christmas in July." The camp will cost approximately \$100, and this will include all lodging, meals, and activities. This camp will be limited to the first 50 campers, so be ready to register when registration opens on May 1 at www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com. At this time we have 6 (4 male, 2 female) junior counselor spots available for students entering grade 10 or higher. The applications will be due on Sun., March 20. They can be downloaded from www.ChristsExplorersCamp.com. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Sara Kloke (runsforfun@aol.com) or Karen Howell (kdhowell32@gmail.com).
- ➔ **CLC News:** Teacher Andrew Roehl of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to be Principal and Upper Grade Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Valentine, NE. † Mr. Nathan Wales of Columbia, SC, has accepted the call to be Principal and Upper Grade Teacher at Grace Lutheran in Sleepy Eye, MN.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #13 – Review of Commandments

CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2021	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Month	Balance 12/31/2021
General Fund	0	516,057	606,948	630,000	- 90,891
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	832,240	736,065	723,600	96,175
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	124,590	354,552	198,227		280,915
ILC Building Projects **	1,096,716	69,217	9,862		1,156,071
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	132,313	107,518	61,522		178,309
Kinship	182,119	75,536	82,467		175,188
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	3,527,885	-163,444	1,172,830		2,191,611
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	133,585	38,929	62,893		109,621
CLC Reserve Fund (YTD gains/losses)	300,222	-38,749	0		261,473
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$5,497,430	\$443,559	\$1,587,801		\$4,353,188

General Fund – December offerings were \$111,448 **VS** disbursements of \$84,451, a **positive** monthly cash flow of \$27,000, reducing the General Fund indebtedness to -\$90,891. YTD offerings are \$114,000 short of projected needs, while YTD disbursements are \$3,052 under projected expenses for the first half of the fiscal year. The General Fund provides the main subsidy (\$1,260,000) for the operation of our Boards of Missions, Regents, Trustees, and Ed & Publication.

ILC Operations – December revenue was \$144,265 (\$61,667 subsidy & \$81,007 2nd semester student revenue) **VS** disbursements of \$136,750 (wages/benefits \$75,367), a positive monthly cash flow of nearly \$8,000.

IIF – December revenue: \$94,358 (\$93,873 hail insurance receipts) **VS** \$0 disbursed. Realized earnings (dividends & interest) for FY22 YTD are \$2,392.

ILC Building Projects – December offerings: \$815 **VS** \$0 disbursements. December earnings (dividends-interest) were \$5,223, while changes in principal (capital) value were positive \$46,460 due to market movements. Realized earnings for FY22 YTD are \$23,850.

CEF – December revenue: \$42,027 loan repayments & \$520 offerings **VS** disbursements: \$159,878 (\$155,866 Cong final construction loan draw). Realized earnings for FY22 YTD are \$51,225.

MDF – December offerings \$20,344 (\$5,529 special) **VS** disbursements of \$9,623, including \$8,500 for Africa/Asia outreach and \$1,123 for admin expenses.

SAF – December receipts: \$4,800 (SAF loan repayments & gifts) **VS** \$19,239 disbursed (\$18,275 student grants & loans, & scholarships; \$964 admin expenses. SA Endowment realized earnings for FY22 YTD are: SAF: \$30,007; PMP: \$36,884; Scholarship Fund: \$2,436.

Kinship – December: Received: \$12,828 offerings & sponsors **VS** disbursed: \$10,595 (\$10,000, disaster relief, \$595 gifts/orphans/students/widows.

** Fluctuations up & down in the revenue column above for the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve Fund are partially due to gains & losses in their respective portfolio values due to market fluctuations from month to month. These are reported to help explain the changes in the fund balances, which of course also reflect disbursements from the funds. The earnings (interest & dividends) are real, constant, & cumulative each month, as are our other blessings from the Lord!

Council Meetings Notes – January 10, 2022

Meeting opened with devotion and prayer. December Council meeting minutes read and approved. December Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved:

- Offerings good for month.
- Little higher expenditures in church office fund for organist gifts.
- Substantial donations to the workers gift fund; need to be dispersed yet.
- Remainder of fire restore fund will go to cover the expenses of the door locks.
- Exceeded yearly budget by 3.24%. Board of Education was basically even, Board of Elders were ~10% over budget, and Board of Trustees were 5% over.
- Copies of the fourth quarter and year end statements given to council members. These will be presented to the voters at the quarterly meeting in January.

Pastor's Report

- Funeral for Norma Rust went well on Sun., Jan. 9. Several guests in attendance.
- Liberia Trip – Pastor had done all the planning to go to Liberia in January. Ultimately, he didn't finalize the arrangements because he wouldn't be able to meet all the travel requirements currently in place for Liberia.

Board of Elders Report

- CBP for 2021 was \$52,000. CBP proposal for 2022: \$53,000 – Will be presented to the Voters for approval at the January Voters meeting.
- Purchase agreement for a new organ was received from Barry Hay. Will need to be signed and returned to Barry with a down payment check. Some discussion on preparing for the arrival of the new organ. Would like to know the organ footprint so modifications can be made if needed. Some discussion on moving the organ to area in front of the parents' room.
- Decision to leave how the offering plates are passed as is for now.

Board of Trustees Report

- Several of the light fixtures have been updated to LED fixtures.

Board of Ed Report

- Things are going well in the school.
- Christmas bags were assembled and distributed after the Christmas Eve service.
- Some discussion on getting background checks for drivers for field trips.

Other Business

- Motion approved for called workers gifts for Grace's 4 called workers (Pastor, Janelle, Heidi, and Ellen). Each will receive a gift of \$1489.74.
- Pastor reported on information he received from Benno during the meeting. Benno has been in contact with the Eichstadt's. They indicated they "are looking for a church that is not so conservative" and requested to be removed from membership at Grace.
- Pastor currently has a lot on his plate so is asking to cancel this week's Wednesday bible class.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

Liberia Update – January 15, 2022

As reported earlier, Pastor Hein was invited to attend a district conference for the Evangelical Methodist Church (EMC) of Liberia this week, January 10-17. This was located in the village of Gbalorkpala, Kokoyah District of Bong County. EMC has five regional districts, each with a District Supervisor and then one overall Bishop. Rev. James Nufepolu is the District Supervisor of the conference I was invited to, a man who I met in November when we conducted a Bible training seminar in the village of Folobelai. His district is primarily of the Kpelle tribe, having roughly 2,300 members. While many of the people understand English, much of my teaching had to be translated into English.

During December, I was able to work with Pastor Joseph Kwiwalazu (the pastor I've been working with since 2016 and personal friend of James) to determine our activities, plan our transportation, budget, and figure out a timeline in order to see if I could visit the conference. The Grace Council and the Board of Missions also approved the trip. Once everything was in place, I purchased my plane ticket. A few minutes later I received an email which described the requirements to enter Liberia. Since I had been to Liberia just a few weeks prior, I thought they would be the same. However, there was a new requirement I was unable to satisfy. Even if I had attempted to meet all the requirements, I would not have been able to do so by the time I would have entered Liberia. Therefore, I cancelled the plane ticket. Over the days prior and after Christmas, an effort was made to see how I might be able to enter Liberia, perhaps even traveling through a different country. Given all the complications and the outbreak of omicron, the trip was cancelled.

Then last week Joseph and James began working with me to see if we could attempt to broadcast the Bible study to the people at the district conference. We interfaced using Facebook Messenger by using Joseph's laptop with a projector. While the village of Gbalorkpala is remote, there is a local cell tower so the signal was satisfactory, especially during their evenings. So I ended up doing three teaching sessions over three days (Wed.-Fri.), two of them an hour long and Friday's about an hour and a half. A translator was needed for the Kpelle language, even though many participants also understand English. I have asked how many attended the conference, but didn't get an exact number yet. But it is estimated that between 400 to 500 people attended the district conference.

The conference had asked me to present something on Joshua 24:15:

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that

were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

This passage gave me a fitting opportunity to address one of the main issues I figured I needed to address with them. After studying some of what Prof. David Lau provided me about Methodists, I figured I needed to address their false idea of “prevenient grace,” what they believe to be God’s active presence in people’s lives before they even sense the divine at work in their lives. Thus the passage led into a Law and Gospel study of salvation by grace and how the Lord draws sinners to believe and follow Him by His grace, His undeserved love for sinners. James later stated that the conference was greatly encouraged and appreciated the Word of God that was taught.

Pastors Joseph Kwiwalazu and Samuel Cheneken (another pastor we are in fellowship with) attended the conference as visitors in my place. Joseph provided a number of video recordings of the conference activities to me via Messenger. He and James also called me regularly by audio and video via Messenger, including a few informal interactions that they were able to have with various attendees. On Friday James connected with me on a video discussion for about half an hour with the EMC Bishop named Emmanuel. He informed me that he planned to contact me again in the near future with all five of his district supervisors to visit some more.

As the week progressed, both Joseph and myself sensed an appreciation by the group for further training in the Word of God. The group is entirely independent of any church body affiliation in the world. They do not seem deterred by this, but seem to be thrilled to know that there are those who are mindful of the importance of upholding God’s Word. They are excited to see how things develop as the LORD leads and unfolds His good will and pleasure.

Pastor John Hein, 1/15/2022



✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Dave Rust**

Ushers: **Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales**

Counting Team 3: **Duane Enns; Tom Graham; Kevin Hulke; Dan Degnan; Benno Sydow**

Hospitality Team 4: **Bonnie Baker; Nick & Miranda Duehlmeier; Jenny Kleifgen; Pat & Dawn Paplow**

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Jankowski**

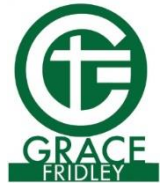
✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Degnan; Ryan Oman; Eli Wales**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Konway**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠



- Sun., Jan. 16:** 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. 17:** No School at Grace
 9:00 am - 5:00 pm: MN Pastoral Conference @ Berea
- Wed., Jan. 19:** 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students
 7:00 pm – Midweek Bible Class
- Sun., Jan. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice
 9:00 am – Bible Class
 10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)
- Sat., Jan. 29:** 9:00 am – Grace Work Day
- Wed., Mar. 2:** Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Begins

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 9, 2022 Sun.: 74 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 27 Funeral: 163

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,171	CLC:	\$270
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,250	CLC:	1,000
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,079	CLC:	-730
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$4,433	CLC:	\$705
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	8,500	CLC:	2,000
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,067	CLC:	-1,295
GLC Other: 2,315	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	20
SAF Endowment: 0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	150
ILC Student Aid: 0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF: 0	CEF: 0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$3,542 Organ: \$43,540 *

* \$2,040 to the organ fund from Norma Rust memorial funds received by the Rust family