

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: January 22, 2023

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 328: O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art

CDS – TLH 391: Blessed are the Sons of God

TLH 165: Behold the Lamb of God!

TLH 388: Just as I Am, Without One Plea

Installation of Officers (following Benediction)

LSB 550: Lamb of God

Worship Prep:

Psalm 89, TLH p. 141f.

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-6

1 Corinthians 1:1-9


Sermon: John 1:29-41

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰ "This is He of whom I said, 'After me comes a Man who is preferred before me, for He was before me.'" ³¹ "I did not know Him; but that He should be revealed to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water." ³² And John bore witness, saying, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and He remained upon Him." ³³ "I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'Upon whom you see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'" ³⁴ "And I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God." ³⁵ Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. ³⁶ And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" ³⁷ The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?" They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" ³⁹ He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where He was staying, and remained with Him that day (now it was about the tenth hour). ⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated, the Christ). (NKJVTM)

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A LAMB MAKES!

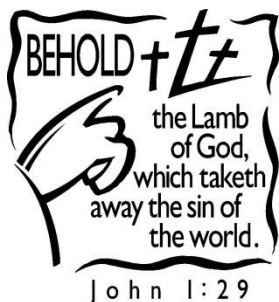
✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

John the Baptist declared in his day, "Behold! The Lamb of God!" Today we behold this Lamb in our worship and glorify Him for taking away our problem of sin.

- ➔ **Thanks:** to Grace's out-going officers and board members for their service in the past few years. There is a significant time commitment and yet their willingness to serve greatly benefits the congregation!
 - ➔ **Appreciation:** The recent called worker gift was greatly appreciated by each of us. It is a joy to serve the LORD and the congregation of believers He has united together through the truth of His Word. This bond is very precious indeed! Sincerely, Pastor, Janelle, Heidi, Ellen
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- ➔ **Bible Class:** Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah in Eau Claire, WI, shared an intriguing Bible Class recently regarding the topic of death, sharing it with Pastor Hein. The Elders thought this would be a timely topic to share at Grace's Bible Class and extended an invitation to him. Currently the plan is to do this three-part class on Feb. 5, 12, and 19. Please join us for some interesting study at 9 am on Sundays.
 - ➔ **Offering Statements:** In the mail boxes are family and individual offering statements for 2022. If you find any discrepancies with the amounts credited to various funds or questions with your QCD please check with Benno or Phil.
 - ➔ **Care Packages:** The Dorcas Guild will be preparing care packages for the ILC dorm students and supervisors, as well as military member Kari Davis. If you would like to contribute funds or items to this endeavor, contact Jackie Radichel or treasurer Heidi Nelson. The bags will be assembled in early February.
 - ➔ **2023 Cleaning:** The 2023 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
 - ➔ **National Women's Retreat (Virtual):** A women's event is planned for two hours on Sat., Jan. 28, 2023 from 11-1 pm. (CST), via Zoom. The event theme is: "Press Pause: Our God in All Seasons." The two hours will include speakers from CLC congregations in a panel session highlighting God's guiding hand across the seasons of life. Breakout groups will be included for discussion and sharing. Register at: tinyurl.com/PressPause01282023. This is a free event. You can participate from home via Zoom. Contact Tina Eichstadt (teichstadt@gmail.com, 651-398-2386) with questions.

- ➔ **Arts Camp 2023:** Camp will run March 24-26 at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. There will be a variety of sessions based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5-8. Watch for registration information very soon. Arts Camp is looking for volunteers; no arts talent required. How can you help? Plan and lead a class; lead a preplanned class; supervise (overnight/daytime or other); prepare, serve, clean up a meal/snack; donate towards supplies or sponsor a camper scholarship; many other opportunities! Contact Amber Casto (507-327-3059/artscomp@immanuelmankato.org).
- ➔ **Medical Expenses:** To help with medical expenses, donations to the Hein family can be marked "Hein Gift" and placed in the collection or received online at www.gofundme.com/john-and-janelle-hein-family.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Gurath of Holy Cross Lutheran in Phoenix, AZ, has been called to the dual parish of Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA and Redemption Lutheran in Lynwood, WA. † Pastor Wayne Eichstadt of Gethsemane Lutheran in Spokane Valley, WA, has been called to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Pastor David Ude of Living Hope Lutheran in Appleton, WI, has been called to serve the vacancy at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #11 – 9th & 10th Commandments

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 visit with you!

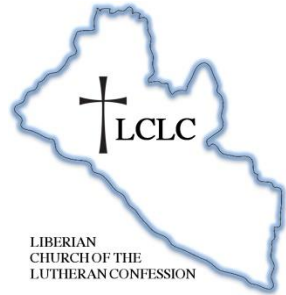


Martin Luther on John 1:29

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." The Law lays my sins on me, but God takes them from me and lays them on this Lamb. There they lie well, better than on me. And God means to say: I see that sin weighs heavily on you and that you would have to break down under the heavy burden; but I will relieve you of it, take the sin from your back ... and out of pure grace lay it on the shoulders of this Lamb ... Let this picture be precious to you. It makes Christ a Servant of sins, yea, a Bearer of sins, the lowliest, the most despised of men, who Himself destroys all sin and says: "I am come to serve others, not to let Myself be served" (Matt. 20:28).

Liberian Update – January 22, 2023

In 2021 Pastors Hein and Kwiwalazu conducted a Bible training seminar at Folobelai with an independent group called the Evangelical Methodist Church (EMC). This group was one of five districts and is led by Pastor Kwiwalazu's good friend, Rev. James Nufepolu. Rev. Nufepolu has been in regular communication with Pastor Hein since then. Funding was secured from the CLC Board of Missions to conduct Bible training with the pastors and leaders of this district since 2021. Last week the district held its conference in which



Missionary Peter Evensen and Pastor Kossi Blewu from Togo were present. At the end of the conference Bishop Emmanuel, whom Pastor Hein has had visits, stood up and invited the CLC to conduct Bible training in the other four districts of the EMC. They will be soon holding their Convention so Pastors Hein and Kwiwalazu are asking the group to extend a formal invitation of such training to the CLC Board of Missions. This development is exactly what Pastor Hein had been praying for, as had the one district agreed with what they learned from the training and the others had no interest, then there would have been a conundrum. The pastors and leadership of the original district in which training was done has obviously communicated the sincere interest they had in this. Please rejoice in the LORD with this development as this is very exciting news!

Furthermore, in the past few months Pastors Hein and Kwiwalazu have had contact with a formerly LC-MS-affiliated (Liberia's Missouri Lutheran church body) pastor who was interested in our teachings. A written colloquy has been conducted with him. His response has demonstrated that this pastor, Koule Cheanweay, has a good handle on confessional Lutheranism from the truths of Scripture. There are some areas we will be covering in further detail with him, but this is another wonderful development. He happened to learn about the CLC from its website and wrote an email query which Pastor Hein responded to. He was also able to meet in-person with Pastor Kwiwalazu since he was in Monrovia due to his wife needing her leg amputated due to diabetes. He does ask for prayers for his wife as we also request prayers that there continues to be progress in our study with him. Pastor Cheanweay serves two congregations, one in Monrovia with about 40-50 members and another congregation in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh County, a county we have not yet had any contact with.

Also, this past week Pastor Kwiwalazu, Missionary Evensen, and Pastor Kossi conducted a Bible training workshop in N'zerekore, Guinea, a location Pastors Hein and Kwiwalazu have been reaching out to the past few years. In fact, this dream began on Thanksgiving Day 2017 when the two of us were permitted to cross into Guinea temporarily to begin our investigation of the possibility. Since then Pastor Kwiwalazu has made three visits there, establishing contacts which include a layperson, Christian Sannah, who wishes to train to be a pastor. Pictures of this week's seminar showed Christian with a face brimming with genuine joy! At least 50 pastors and teachers attended this training. We thank the LORD for opening up this opportunity as well!

CLC President News (Email Sent 1/21/2023)

Dear brothers:

“In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps” (Prov. 16:9). While we make plans; thankfully, the Lord directs and sometimes redirects them according to His good will. I have been particularly aware of that over the past couple of months. I thank the Lord for His care for body and soul, and I thank you for your prayers in my behalf. By God’s grace, I’m feeling well and back to my normal routine.

However, after much prayer and thought, it is clear that, due to health considerations, it is time to step down from the CLC presidency. My heart condition will require ongoing monitoring and treatment, and it seems prudent to take things down a notch when it comes to workload and time commitment.

I praise God for His gift of calling me to serve as president over the past years. What a privilege it has been to work with our CLC boards and officers in directing the kingdom work among us! It has been a joy to see from the “front row” how the Spirit is working to bring in more of the Savior’s harvest from all corners of the world. The Word does not return empty. It truly is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.

Thank you for your kind words and encouragement over the years, and especially for your prayers that the Spirit would bless our partnership in the gospel. May He continue to do so until the Savior returns.

President Mike Wilke and I have spoken. We are making plans to meet soon in order to facilitate a smooth transition of duties.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Michael Eichstadt

Voters Meeting Notes – January 15, 2023

Meeting opened w/prayer. October 2022 Voters meeting minutes read & approved. 4th quarter & year-end treasurer’s reports were presented & approved.

Elections

- Board of Elders: Eli Wales
- Secretary: Frank Radichel
- Board of Education: Kevin Hulke
- Board of Trustees: Bob Vandever
- Delegates: Benno Sydow and Thomas Graham
- Alternate Delegates: Bill Rust and Frank Radichel
- Key Executives: Rick Nelson, Bill Rust

Pastor’s Report

- Motion approved to remove Lynn Sandhoefner as a voter per his request.
- The organ dedication service went well. Barry Hay and Ryan Mueller served as guest organists. The organ is serving the congregation well.
- Thank you to the congregation for the worker’s gift. Pastor mentioned that he and the teachers are very appreciative.

- Three months have passed since Pastor learned of his cancer. Pastoral duties are being covered per the Elders arrangements. Pastor is doing visits via phone as he currently isn't driving. He is very grateful for all the support he is receiving from Grace and others in the CLC and outside the CLC.
- Liberia: Missionary Evenson and Pastor Kossi from Togo are in Liberia now. The work there continues with Pastor helping where he can.
- Pastor reviewed his 2022 Ministrations at Grace report
- Some discussion about ensuring that the church service gets recorded.

Board of Elders Report

- Thanks to Pastor for his work despite his illness.
- Organ dedication and Christmas services went well.
- The copy machine will need to be replaced soon. The board of Trustees will be working on this.

Board of Education Report

- In that David Hein has moved, motion approved to elect James Bomber as Sunday School superintendent for the remainder of the year.
- Motion approved the following school tuition increases for non-member students for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - \$1500 for Kindergartner (+\$300 from 2022-2023)
 - Grades 1-8 (+\$250 from 2022-2023)
 - 1st Child - \$2550; 2nd Child - \$2350; 3rd Child - \$2100; 4th Child - \$1950
- Janelle's laptop is having issues and likely will need to be replaced. Other computer hardware will also be evaluated for needed additional upgrades.
- Church Handbook Updates
 - Person leave time (PTL) clarified to be for a school year. It previously was not defined as either a school or a calendar year.
 - Non-member tuition fees were updated and also include price breaks for families with multiple students.

Board of Trustees Report

- A workday is scheduled for Saturday, January 28. Plan is to pull wires for new security cameras and possibly wax the fellowship hall floor.
- The dishwasher in the parsonage was replaced.
- Business as usual.

Other Business:

- Motion approved to set a CBP of \$56,000 for 2023.
- Comments from the Chairman:
 - Reminder that there is a workday on January 28.
 - Thanks to the outgoing council members for their service.
 - Thanks to all who were willing to serve and to those who were elected to the council.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary William Rust

CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2022
General Fund	0	512,098	619,134	639,600	-107,036
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	848,631	763,840	775,800	84,791
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	44,523	18,551		249,315
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	96,028	28,703		1,232,056
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	131,021	116,579		183,175
Kinship	194,437	55,934	81,547		168,824
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	253,025	390,507		2,401,673
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	49,552	56,412		120,456
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	1,913	0		192,066
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,607,958	631,996	692,299		4,547,655

General Fund – December offerings were **\$88,969 VS** disbursements of **\$85,249** for a positive December cash flow of \$3,719, reducing the deficit to **–\$107,036**. Disbursements YTD are \$20,500 under budget, but offerings still trail expenses by 20% at mid-year. Our Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents depend on the General Fund “CBP” offerings for their major support.

CLC Reserve Fund is held in our Investment Pool account to grow until needed, which is typically at the end of the fiscal year June 30. The positive \$6,171 amount for December reflects the Fund’s recovery in value since July. September was negative –\$18,964. Div/Int income received since July: \$7,125.

ILC Operations – December revenue: **\$149,526** (incl. \$84,928, Tuition/R&B/Fees; \$787, misc.; \$63,810 General Fund subsidy) **VS** disbursements: **\$134,617** (incl. \$79,942 wages; \$13,500 Food Service; \$24,071, Bldgs/Ground/Utilities; \$6,525, Admin. Annual Budget: \$1,552,000.

IIF – December receipts: **\$21,451** (\$20,000 special gift for South Hall new water heater; \$2,453/mo bequest; \$815 offerings; –\$1,816 capital loss) **VS** \$0 disbursed. Div/Int income since July: \$3,039.

ILC Bldg – December receipts: **–\$11,627** (–\$17,866 capital loss; \$3,795 special offerings; \$2,453/mo bequest) **VS** disbursed: **\$571** (Publicity) Div/Int income received since July: \$29,271.

CEF – December receipts: **\$18,188** (–\$33,983 capital loss; \$51,820 loan repayments; \$350 gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$5,556** Member Notes repaid. Div/Int income received since July: \$56,868.

MDF – December receipts: **\$18,280** (Special gifts & offerings) **VS** disbursed **\$8,430** (\$3,200, Bicycles/Motorcycles; \$400 Church Bldg Assist; \$672 Outreach Africa; \$3,100 Bibles & Literature.

SAF – December receipts: **\$6,680** (\$3,714, SAF loan repayments; \$2,966 gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$17,988** (\$17,079 STU grants, loans, scholarships; \$908 admin). Div/Int income received since July: SAF: \$32,054; PMP Fund (Pastor/Teacher Prep): \$38,789; Scholarship Fund: \$2,561.

Kinship – December receipts: **\$12,452**: (\$7,052 offerings, \$5,380 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: **\$1,855** (\$1,585, Christmas/Graduation gifts; \$180, Seminary students; \$90; Nigeria Widows support.

****** Positive & negative values in the revenue columns reflect market fluctuations of long term invested funds of the ILC Building Projects, IIF, CEF, SAF, & Reserve funds in their respective portfolio's.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Dale Enns**

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

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

Church Cleaners: **Sandhoefner** School: **Craven**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Al Rosendahl; James Bomber; Kevin Hulke; Jack Maki; John Maki; Keith Radichel; Grant Wells**

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

Church Cleaners: **Volunteers?** School: **Volunteer?**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Jan. 22: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 3)

Wed., Jan. 25: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sat., Jan. 28: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Sun., Jan. 29: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 4)

Sun., Feb. 5: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Wed., Feb. 22: Ash Wednesday – Midweek Lenten Worship Starts

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 15, 2023 Sun.: 87 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 40

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,786	CLC:	\$770	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-714	CLC:	-310	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$8,817	CLC:	\$1,780	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	13,500	CLC:	3,240	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-4,683	CLC:	-1,460	
GLC Other:	437	Living Faith:	50	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	110
ILC Student Aid:	10	ILC Bldg.	110	IIF:	0
Current Balances:		Tuition Aid:	\$3,543	EduK8:	0
				CEF:	0



For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. - Ephesians 2:8-9