

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Date: February 12, 2023

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 123: Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

CDS: TLH 342: Chief of Sinners Though I Be

TLH 414: The Man Is Ever Blest

TLH 430, st. 1,4,6-8: What is the World to Me

TLH 616, st. 1, 6-8: Forever with the Lord

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 1, TLH p. 123

Liturgy:

WS, p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 33:17-23

Luke 10:17-20

Sermon: 1 John 2:12-17

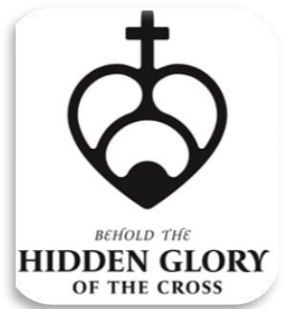
¹² I write to you, little children, Because your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake. ¹³ I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father. ¹⁴ I have written to you, fathers, Because you have known Him *who is* from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, Because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, And you have overcome the wicked one. ¹⁵ Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ For all that *is* in the world-- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-- is not of the Father but is of the world. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. (NKJVTM)

OUR YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER ARE NOT THE SAME THANKS TO JESUS

1. What our yesterday without Jesus looked like
2. How the past, present, and future now look because of Jesus

✝ ***THE ANNOUNCEMENTS*** ✝

- ➔ **Thanks** to Pastor Paul Tiefel of Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI, for bringing the message of the everlasting Savior to us today. He is also conducting a Bible Class on the timely topic of death, a three-part class started last week, continuing today, and concluding next Sunday at 9 am. Pastor's wife, Eileen serves as a teacher at Messiah's Christian Day School. May the Lord bless their ministries! Pastor Hein had some setbacks this week with fatigue and pain related to the chemo and cancer, but is now improving.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek services will begin Ash Wednesday, February 22, 7 pm. Our theme is "The Hidden Glory of the Cross." These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf.
- ➔ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These are at 6 pm each Wed. as a way for people to eat between work and our Lenten worship services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall for those who are willing to provide soup, do setup, and cleanup.
- ➔ **Easter Flowers:** A sign-up sheet is out by the guest book for anyone interested in purchasing Easter lilies or decorative flowers for Easter Sunday. Please see Mikey Oman for any questions.
- ➔ **CLC Tourney Band:** The CLC Tourney Band will again assemble and perform at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 11. Register band players (grades 5-8) at clctourneyband.weebly.com Music is available on the website. Basketball players and non-basketball players are welcome! Our one practice will be during that morning (time TBA) with a performance at noon. Please send questions to: music@thelaus.com.
- ➔ **Arts Camp 2023:** Camp will run at Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, on March 24-26 and is an opportunity for fun and learning with other young Christians. A variety of sessions will be based in music, drama, crafts and more for students in grades 5th-8th. Register at: www.immanuelmankato.org/school/arts-camp/. Registration ends Mar. 13. Email artscamp@immanuelmankato.org with any questions.



- ➔ **Have You Considered ILC?** Our Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, offers an academically excellent, Christ-centered college education. There are four-year degree programs in Education (BS) and Pre-Theology (BA), as well as a two-year Associate of Arts program. ILC offers a range of student aid to help you finance your education; apply by the May 1 deadline to receive priority consideration. If you are a high school junior or senior (or older) thinking about college, check out our academic and registration information at ILC.edu, or contact our Academic Dean, paul.naumann@ilc.edu, phone (715) 836-6636.
- ➔ **Traveling Vacation Bible School (TVBS):** The TVBS Committee is making plans for our summer TVBS program. The Committee is looking for congregations willing to support the TVBS effort by either sponsoring or adopting a program in a sister congregation. Several congregations have helped in these ways and have found that both congregations benefit from this fellowship. The TVBS committee deeply appreciates the help we receive from congregations, ladies' groups, and individuals of the CLC who support the TVBS program with their prayers and their donations. You can find out more about the TVBS program and find contact information at www.clctvbs.org or by contacting Ryan Hammett at hammettr@gmail.com.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Neal Radichel of Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN, has received the call to Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, as its third pastor. † Retired Pastor Mark Bernthal has accepted the call to serve in a part-time vacancy capacity at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. † Teacher Eileen Tiefel has announced her retirement from teaching kindergarten at Messiah Lutheran. † Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah Lutheran, has received the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah Lutheran. † After experiencing a recent fall on the ice, Pastor Ted Barthels of St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran in Austin, MN had extensive shoulder surgery this week. Recovery is expected to take about 9 months.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #15 – First Article, Part 2.

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 How to Look at Graves:

1 Corinthians 15:42 So also *is* the resurrection of the dead.

The body is sown in corruption, it is raised in incorruption.

Well, what does a pious farmer or tiller of the soil think when he strews his grain in every direction? It seems to be nothing but lost labor and waste, and he, it appears, must be a foolish man intentionally to lose his grain. But ask the man himself, and he will promptly answer: Why, my dear fellow, I do not throw it away in order to lose it and to let it spoil but that it may sprout again very beautifully and that this handful may bear and yield far more. To be sure, now it seems scattered into the wind to no purpose, for birds and worms to eat. But wait till summer comes. Then you will see how it will grow apace, so that one handful will turn into ten and one bushel into six. – These are his thoughts; not this, that the grain falls into the earth and must there decay, as if that were the end of the matter; but the man looks and waits for the coming summer, which will fully and richly bring his grain back to him; and he is as confident and sure of the grain that is to grow as if it were already standing there before him. He is, in fact, surer of that than he is of what he has on hand; otherwise he would certainly not be so mad as to throw it away futilely and to no purpose. See, thus we should also learn and accustom ourselves to think. Just so it is in the eyes of God when He casts a number of dead here and another there into the cemetery, or today lays His hand on me and tomorrow on another and thus casts one after the other into the earth as His grain or seed. To us this looks like the utter end and eternal destruction. But God sees and thinks otherwise. He has only one end in view: that His grain, after this miserable existence, come forth again most beautifully in the pleasant summer. And this is as certain to Him as if it had already occurred and been accomplished. But for us it is written and so attractively pictured that we should have the same thoughts when we lie on our deathbed, that we disregard the fact that we see and feel nothing but that they put us into the ground and that we hear nothing but wailing and weeping, as though we were utterly gone. Such human thoughts we should tear out of our heart and graft into it the heavenly and divine thoughts that our decrease shouldn't be called burial and corruption but a sowing or planting by God Himself as grain or seed. ... We must henceforth learn a new language and speech in talking of death and the grave when we die. It should not be called dying but being sown for the coming summer and that the churchyard or burial mound is not a mound of dead bodies but an acre full of grain, called God's grain, which is to sprout again and to grow more beautifully than any man can comprehend. This is not human and earthly language but divine and heavenly language; for such thoughts you will find in none of the books of all the learned and wise on earth. Read all the histories and the books and writings of philosophers and jurists: you will find neither word or letter of this picture; now will you hear any language to the effect that a different, new, and eternal life will come out of death and that when people die it should be called being sown. But one and all call it perishing forever and coming to nought, so that nothing further can be hoped for or expected. ... So, then, when I see my father, mother, brother, sister, child, or friend buried and lie under the ground, I, as a Christian, should not say: There lies a foul, decayed carcass or corpse, but: There lies my dear father, mother, child, friend, prince and lord; and today or tomorrow I too, shall lie there with them. What are they? Pure kernels of grain, which will grow immortal and imperishable, far more beautiful than the green crops in the field when summer is coming. This is speaking of the matter in right heavenly language, even as God and His angels speak. Therefore although the world cannot speak or understand such language, we must learn so to use our tongue and to clear our eyes that we look at it and speak of it according to God's Word.

CLC Financial Report - January

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2022	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 7 Months	Balance 1/31/2023
General Fund	0	593,673	739,761	746,200	-146,088
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,031,539	891,500	905,100	139,959
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF) **	223,343	67,206	19,295		271,254
ILC Building Projects **	1,164,731	160,830	28,793		1,296,768
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	168,733	136,496	152,953		152,276
Kinship	194,437	79,915	111,007		163,345
Church Extension Fund (CEF) **	2,539,155	212,973	411,392		2,340,736
Student Aid Fund (SAF) **	127,406	59,304	62,678		124,122
CLC Reserve Fund**(YTD gains/losses)	190,153	-7,318	0		182,835
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,607,958	709,496	786,118		4,531,336

General Fund – January offerings were **\$81,575 VS** disbursements of **\$120,627** for a negative cash flow of **-\$39,051**, increasing the deficit to **-\$146,088**. Disbursements YTD are \$6,500 under budget, but offerings still trail expenses by 20%. 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 negative **-\$7,318** in January is due to the market loss for the month. Div/Int income received since July: **\$7,882**.

ILC Operations – January revenue: **\$182,907** (incl. \$117,097, Tuition/R&B/Fees; \$2,000, misc.; \$63,810 General Fund subsidy) **VS** disbursements: **\$127,740** (incl \$80,000 wages; \$13,500 Food Service; \$9,332, Bldgs/Ground/Utilities; \$6,525, Admin. Annual Budget: \$1,552,000.

IIF – January receipts: **\$22,683** (\$20,000 special gift for South Hall new water heater; \$2,453/mo bequest; \$230 offerings **VS** \$744 disbursed. The IIF investment balance of \$132,800 in the Alerus Investment Pool Account was totally withdrawn to be used for a list of ILC improvements the Regents have scheduled to be completed over the next several months, (Cf 2022 CLC Proceedings, p 62)

ILC Bldg – January receipts: **\$64,801** \$58,868 capital gains; \$5.933 special offerings **VS** disbursed: **\$90** Div/Int income received since July: \$33,881.

CEF – January receipts: **\$31,394** (loan repayments & gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$20,884** (\$17,082, Member Notes repaid. Div/Int income received since July: \$62,722.

MDF – January receipts: **\$5,475** (Offerings) **VS** disbursed **\$36,374** (\$2,880, Board visits & admin); \$15,500, Church Bldg Assist; \$10,870, Outreach; \$6,624, 3rd Missionary; \$500 Bibles & Literature.

SAF – January receipts: **\$9,841** (\$6,176, SAF loan repayments; \$3,665 gifts) **VS** disbursed: **\$6,265** Div/Int income since July: SAF: \$35,971; PMP: (Pastor/Teacher Prep): \$43,529; Scholarship: \$2,874.

Kinship – January receipts: **\$23,981**: (\$9,527 offerings, \$14,225 sponsors) **VS** disbursed: **\$29,460** (\$11,000, Medical aid; \$8,920, Orphanages; \$9,450, Seminary students; \$90; Nigeria Widows.

**** Positive & negative values in the revenue columns reflect market fluctuations of long term invested funds of the ILC Building Projects, CEF, SAF, & Reserve. (IIF no longer invested in the Alerus Pool).**

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Sue Nelson**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki;
Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Kelley**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Alieu Kanneh; Bob Maki;
Bill Rust; David Stifter; Jeff Stifter; Joel Stifter**

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Konway**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Feb. 12: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Feb. 15: 4:00-5:45 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Fri., Feb. 17: Grace School Valentine's Day Party

Sun., Feb. 19: 9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 7)
11:00 am – Hospitality

Mon., Feb. 20: Grace School – No School

Wed., Feb. 22: **ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper

7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship w/Lord's Supper

March 10-12: CLC Grade School Basketball @ Eau Claire, WI

Last Week's Stats: Feb. 5, 2023 Sun.: 87 S.S.: 15 B.Cl.: 42

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,752*	CLC:	\$410	
Weekly Need:	Grace:	4,500	CLC:	1,080	
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-1,748	CLC:	-670	
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$19,885	CLC:	\$4,025	
Year-to-Date Need:	Grace:	27,000	CLC:	6,480	
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-7,115	CLC:	-2,455	
GLC Other:	308	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	50	Kinship:	120
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0
				CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$3,743

* Includes \$1,150 of non-member tuition payments