

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Advent 3

Date: December 17, 2023

✝ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✝

Hymns:

TLH 66: Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

WS 705: Come, O Long-Expected Jesus

WS 702: As Angels Joyed with One Accord

TLH 62: Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalms 72, TLH p. 138

Liturgy:

TLH, p. 5 (Projected)

Gloria: TLH 58 & 62

Scripture Readings:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sermon: Isaiah 61:1-3

¹ "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are bound*; ² To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, And the day of vengeance of our God; To comfort all who mourn, ³ To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified." (NKJVTM)

The Marvelous Messianic Messenger Makes His Mark

CLC Financial Report – November

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 5 Months	Balance 11/30/2023
General Fund	0	464,015	498,127	496,500	(34,112)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	704,433	673,648	682,500	30,785
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	50,415	68,066		115,698
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	172,524	65,536		1,386,804
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	78,661	79,609		94,673
Kinship	168,286	46,458	84,521		130,223
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	580,302	325,594		2,577,884
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	23,634	76,777		92,256
Reserve Fund	95,555	3,321	0		98,876
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$955,315	\$700,103		\$4,496,414

General Fund – November receipts: **\$108,634 VS** disbursements: **\$106,432**. The General Fund budget is funded by our “Cooperative Budget Plan” (CBP) offerings to subsidize the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.) These are sometimes also referred to as “CLC Mission offerings.”

ILC Operations – November receipts: **\$116,969 VS** disbursements: **\$115,995**.

IIF – November receipts: **\$2,674 VS** disbursements: **\$2,577**.

ILC Building Projects – November receipts: **\$89,139** (including an \$85,259 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **None**.

MDF – November receipts: **\$44,400** (which more than doubled our YTD contributions) **VS** disbursements: **\$16,914** (including \$5,000 for a vehicle).

Kinship – November receipts: **\$15,240 VS** disbursements: **\$27,937**.

CEF – November receipts: **\$160,835** (including a \$137,705 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **\$24,596**.

SAF – November receipts: **\$3,724 VS** disbursements: **\$10,780**.

Reserve Fund is invested in interest/dividend-bearing accounts until needed, typically each fiscal year-end. The YTD Revenue of \$3,321 reflects the increase in market value since July 1.

EduK8 Fund – November receipts: **\$355**. Balance **\$34,959**.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Christmas Season Worship Schedule

From the Paradise of Eden



To the Paradise of Heaven

Candlelight Service:

Wed., Dec. 20 – 7:00 pm

A service of readings & hymns along with the lighting of candles to celebrate the light of Christ's rule in our hearts.

Preceded by Congregational Christmas Meal @ 6:00 pm

Christmas Eve Service:

Sun., Dec. 24 – 6:00 pm

“Paradise: Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained.” A service in which the children present the timeless and treasured Christmas message.

Christmas Day Service:

Mon., Dec. 25 – 10:00 am

A service in which we ponder the fulfillment of Christ being born as True Man and True God in order to bring us salvation.

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Candlelight Worship:** This Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7 pm, will be our annual candlelight service with hymns and Bible readings. We are continuing our Midweek Advent theme: "From the Paradise of Eden to the Paradise of Heaven." Join us during this precious time of year to ponder our Savior's coming. The children will be singing.
- ➔ **Christmas Meal:** Please join us for a fellowship meal at 6 pm prior to the Candlelight service this Wed., Dec. 20. Those attending may bring something to share. Dorcas Guild committee #1 is hosting.
- ➔ **Christmas Eve Rehearsals:** This is the remaining rehearsal schedule:
 - Sun., Dec. 17: 11:30-1:00 pm (hospitality after worship)
 - Sun., Dec. 24: 8:45-9:45 am (please be here at 8:45 am so that we can start promptly)
- ➔ **Christmas Worship:** Our Christmas Eve service will be held next Sunday, Dec. 24, 6 pm with our children presenting the Christmas Gospel. The theme this year is: "Paradise: Paradise Lost and Paradise Regained." The children are asked to be here at 5:30 pm, ½ hour prior to the service, so that we can take a group picture and run through things. Christmas Day worship will be held Mon., Dec. 25, 10 am. May the love of this Child be the gift you open up your heart to on Christmas Day!
- ➔ **Christmas Eve Video:** A reminder that we are having a Christmas Eve service instead of a Christmas Eve program. Therefore, we ask that parents and friends avoid using their cell phones to take pictures and video during this service so that the focus remains on the joyous message of our Savior's birth. Our Christmas Eve service will be recorded via digital video and made available on our website which can be downloaded. If you are interested in a DVD, please speak with Pastor, Frank Radichel, or Rick Nelson.
- ➔ **Among Us:** Tom Graham had surgery this Thursday to increase circulation in his legs. He is now recovering at home. May Jesus continue to watch over him and grant him the healing he is seeking.
- ➔ **ILC Christmas Service:** A replay of the ILC Christmas Choral Service *The King in the Cradle* from December 15, 2023, is online. The strings, flute choir, and band play the first portion. The choral service begins at the 47 minute mark. The video is located at: bit.ly/23ccs.
- ➔ **Nativity Scene:** The nativity scene in the narthex is fragile. Parents are asked to supervise their children around it.



- ➔ **2023 Cleaning:** Any volunteers for the remaining weeks of 2023?
- ➔ **2024 Cleaning:** The 2024 cleaning sign-up list is now posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Please consider signing up.
- ➔ **From the Elders:** This time of year is when a collection is taken for our "Called Workers Gift." All such designated offerings and any loose offerings collected during December will be distributed equally among the congregation's called workers.
- ➔ **Walk with the Apostle Paul:** A group trip to Greece and Turkey is planned for May 27-June 5, 2024 with a possible three day extension to Rome for those who are interested. The trip will include visits to the traditional sites the Apostle Paul visited as recorded in the Book of Acts. The extension to Rome will include visits to the Sistine Chapel, Basilica of St. Peter, Catacombs, Colosseum, St. Paul's Church, and more. For more info., contact Nathanael Mayhew (nnmayhew@sleepyeyelutheran.com). Brochures are available upon request.
- ➔ **CLC Mission Helpers:** Applications are being accepted for the 2024 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa. Mission Helpers will be privileged to help spread the Gospel to children in either Kenya/Uganda, Tanzania, or Zambia for about three weeks. The application deadline is January 16. Find more info. at www.mht.lutheranmissions.org.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Pastor Michael Wilke of Gethsemane Lutheran in Saginaw, MI, has returned the calls from Calvary Lutheran in Marquette, MI, and St. Peter's Lutheran in Iron River, MI. † Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Lutheran in West Columbia, SC, has returned the call from Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. † Teacher Jennifer Wiese at Luther Memorial in Fond du Lac, WI, is resigning at the end of the 2023-24 school year.

➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** Christmas Eve Service

Last Week's Stats: Dec. 10, 2023 Sun.: 81 S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 39 Wed.: 42

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$2,560	CLC:	\$70			
Wed. Offering:	Grace:	\$840	CLC:	\$620			
<i>Weekly Need (est.):</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>4,800</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>1,080</i>			
<i>-Under / +Over:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>-1,400</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>-390</i>			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$238,172	CLC:	\$52,787			
<i>Year-to-Date Need (est.):</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>240,000</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>54,000</i>			
<i>Year-to-Date (+/-)</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>-1,828</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>-1,213</i>			
<i>Total Budget for Year:</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>249,000</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>56,000</i>			
<i>Difference from budget (+/-)</i>	<i>Grace:</i>	<i>-10,828</i>	<i>CLC:</i>	<i>-3,213</i>			
GLC Other:	979	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	210	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	40	Kinship:	161	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
<i>Current Balances:</i>		<i>Tuition Aid:</i>	<i>\$1,707</i>	<i>Sanctuary:</i>	<i>\$-4,030</i>		

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: Sue Nelson

Elder: Eli Wales

Ushers: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Dan Degnan;
David Hein; Ryan Oman; Uriah Wales; Bob Vandever

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

Hospitality Team 2: Theresa Aymond; Rachelle Kanneh;
Heidi Nelson; Bob & Suki Vandever

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School: Rinne

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Dan Degnan;
David Hein; Ryan Oman; Uriah Wales; Bob Vandever

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

Church Cleaners: Ochsner

School: Roche

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Dec. 17: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship Service (Advent 3)

11:00 am – Hospitality

11:30-1:00 pm – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Wed., Dec. 20: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

6:00 pm – Congregational Christmas Meal (Host: Committee #1)

7:00 pm – Candlelight Worship Service

Fri., Dec 22: Grace School Christmas Party & Christmas Break Begins

Sun., Dec. 24: ADVENT 4 / CHRISTMAS EVE

8:45 am – Christmas Eve Rehearsal

9:00 am – Bible Class

10:00 am – Worship (Advent 4)

5:30 pm – Children Arrive at Church

6:00 pm – Christmas Eve Worship Service

Mon., Dec. 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

10:00 am – Christmas Day Worship Service

Sun., Dec. 31: NEW YEARS EVE

10:00 am – Worship (Christmas 1) (No S.S. or Bible Class)

The following is the nomination slate for 2024:

- Treasurer: Brian Bergstrom, Dale Enns
- Elder: Frank Radichel, Dave Rust
- Education: Pat Paplow
- Trustee: Daniel Hein, Pat Paplow, Jeff Stifter
- Delegates: Tom Graham, Bill Rust, Dave Rust, Benno Sydow
- Key Executives: Rick Nelson, Bill Rust, New Treasurer