

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 2

Date: January 14, 2024

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 134: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

TLH 284: Father of Mercies, in Thy Word

TLH 296: Speak, O Lord, Thy Servant Heareth

TLH 45: Now, the Hour of Worship O'er

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

Worship Prep:

Psalm 67, TLH p. 137

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

WS p. 38, Psalm 84

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

John 1:43-51

Sermon: 1 Samuel 3:1-10

¹ Then the boy Samuel ministered to the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; *there was* no widespread revelation. ² And it came to pass at that time, while Eli *was* lying down in his place, and when his eyes had begun to grow so dim that he could not see, ³ and before the lamp of God went out in the tabernacle of the LORD where the ark of God was, and while Samuel was lying down, ⁴ that the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, "Here I am!" ⁵ So he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." And he said, "I did not call; lie down again." And he went and lay down. ⁶ Then the LORD called yet again, "Samuel!" So Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." He answered, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷ (Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, nor was the word of the LORD yet revealed to him.) ⁸ And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. Then he arose and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you did call me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, 'Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel answered, "Speak, for Your servant hears." (NKJVTM)

Learn the Rare Art of Listening to the LORD

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Among Us:** Barb Crandall has been doing well this past week.
- ➔ **Directory:** We are preparing for the publication of the yearly directory at Grace. Please check your contact information in the draft copy of the directory located in the narthex. Place a check mark by your entry if it is correct. If it is not, then please edit as necessary. If you wish to add email or cell numbers, please do so. Your cooperation is appreciated as we attempt to produce an accurate directory. Also, please ensure your birthday and/or anniversary information is correct.
- ➔ **2023 Offering Statements** have been completed and are in your mailbox. With the new church management software system that Grace now uses the statements have a different look. Please look them over. Any questions, contact Benno Sydow.
- ➔ **National Women's Retreat:** You're invited to join your Christian sisters near and far at the next virtual retreat held via Zoom on Sat., January 20 (Noon Eastern / 11 am Central / 10 am Mountain / 9:00 am Pacific). This year's theme is "Press Pause: God Made Me..." and will highlight the differing gifts that God gave each of us to use to His glory. Register at: <http://tinyurl.com/NatRetreat24> Questions? Contact teichstadt@gmail.com or 651-398-2386.
- ➔ **CLC News:** As constitutionally tasked on behalf of the CLC, the Call Committee for Educational Institutions met and extended a professor call to Dan Roehl, member at Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. This is to replace retiring Professor Mark Kranz. The Committee also extended the ILC President call (2 yr. term) to Prof. Dan Schierenbeck who has been led by the Holy Spirit to accept it. ✝ Pastor Aaron Ude of Good Shepherd Lutheran in Rapid City, SD, has returned the call to Immanuel Lutheran in Mankato, MN. ✝ Teacher Ann Sprengeler at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI, will be retiring from the teaching ministry as of the end of the current school year.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #12 – Conclusion

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!

CLC E-Devotion – February 2, 2015

1 Samuel 3:8-10 The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

THIS MEANS YOU!

"Heavy snow is falling over the whole viewing area. Visibility is poor and roads are slippery and snow covered. No travel is advised. Stay home." Thankfully, we haven't heard too many announcements like that this winter. But when they do come, what do you do? My first thought can be summed up like this: "That doesn't mean me." I assume that the warning is intended for senior citizens, those who don't have the winter driving experience I do, people who don't have a vehicle as sure-footed as my SUV or who are traveling on back roads out in the country. However, more than once as I have dug my car out of a snowbank, I've learned that yes, the warning did apply to me and I should have listened.

Do you ever treat God's Word like that and think it doesn't apply to "me"? Certain lifestyles may have been wrong for people in Bible times, but this is a different era. It might have been OK to be strict about the Sixth Commandment when my parents were growing up, but this is 2015. God can't expect me to live by the Commandments today. Our sinful nature would like to believe that we can opt out of God's requirements to obey Him and be holy in all our thoughts and actions, but we can't. No one can. "The soul who sins is the one who will die" (Ezekiel 18:20). "There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:22-23).

But just as surely as the warnings of God's law apply to all people, so also do the promises of God's grace. No one need ever fear that they have messed things up so badly that God can't possibly love them or save them. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). There is no more inclusive word than "world." It means that you can substitute your own name for "world" in the passage. Whoever you are, whatever you have done or not done, you can say, "For God so loved me that He gave me His Son." God says to everyone: "This means you!"

Samuel said, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." The child of God hears, believes, and applies God's Word to himself.

✠ 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: **Anderson**

School: **Snyder**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hein**

School: **Snyder**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Jan. 14: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Epiphany 2)
12:00 pm – Council Meeting

Mon., Jan. 15: No Grace School – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Wed., Jan. 17: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

Sun., Jan. 21: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School
10:00 am – Worship (Epiphany 3)
11:00 am – Hospitality
11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Sat., Jan. 27: 9:00 am – Grace Work Day

Wed., Feb 14: **ASH WEDNESDAY**



Last Week's Stats: Jan. 7, 2024 Sun.: 126 (USA 78/LIBR 48) S.S.: 11 B.Cl.: 32

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$4,103	CLC:	\$980			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080*			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-797	CLC:	-100			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$4,103	CLC:	\$980			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	4,800	CLC:	1,080			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-797	CLC:	-100			
GLC Other:	110	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	0	Sanctuary:	1,000
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	187	EduK8:	30
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$1,917	Sanctuary:		\$-600	

* Based on 2023 figure as 2024 will be determined by the Voters Tour Choir: \$115