

Grace Lutheran Church & School



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Grades: Kindergarten-8th

Church Year: Epiphany 3

Date: January 21, 2024

✠ WORSHIP INFORMATION ✠

Hymns:

TLH 489: Lord, of the Church, We Humbly Pray

CDS – TLH 360: Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

TLH 295: The Law Commands

& TLH 297: The Gospel Shows

TLH 485: Lord Jesus, Who art Come

TLH 283: God's Word is Our Great Heritage

Worship Prep:

Psalm 62, TLH p. 136

Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Mark 1:14-20

Sermon: Jonah 3:1-10

¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey *in extent*. ⁴ And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. ⁶ Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered *himself* with sackcloth and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. ⁸ But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who can tell *if* God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish? ¹⁰ Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it. (NKJVTM)

Listen to One Whale of a Sermon

1. The preaching of God's Law
2. The preaching of God's Gospel
3. The preaching of the Truth from God
4. The preaching which leaves the results to God

✝ **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** ✝

- ➔ **Barb Crandall:** This past Monday, Jesus called Barb Crandall to her eternal rest. We now pray for Ben and the rest of the family that the same Word of life in which Barb rejoiced may take root in order to comfort their hearts. Cindy (daughter) and Robert Bruckbauer are also members of Grace. A memorial service is now planned for March 2, 2 pm, at Grace with a visitation at 1 pm and a fellowship meal to follow. No Committal service. Dorcas Guild Committee #2 will host. Members are asked to bring salads and desserts. 120-135 are expected. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorials designated to the CLC Mission Fund, care of Grace Lutheran. The service will be livestreamed and archived on our website, FridleyLutheran.org. Correspondence and obituary:

Ben Crandall
1830 Hansack Ave NE
St. Michael, MN 55376

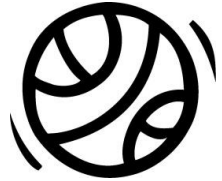
choicecremation.com/obituaries/barbara-crandall

1 Peter 5:10 But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

- ➔ **Among Us:** Brian Bergstrom was hospitalized recently due to a kidney stone. A blood test also revealed that he had a dangerously low hemoglobin level. Tests revealed ulcers caused by reflux which are being treated with new medications. He is now at home. "The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our refuge" (Psalm 46:11).
- ➔ **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.
- ➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 7 pm. These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior, Jesus Christ, accomplished in our behalf.



- ➔ **Lenten Soup Suppers:** These gatherings (at 6 pm) are a way for people to eat between work and our Midweek Lenten worship services. There is a sign-up sheet posted in the fellowship hall for those who are willing to provide soup and do setup and cleanup.
- ➔ **Basketball Tourney:** Preparation has begun for the grade school tournament for CLC youth which will be held March 8-10. Info. at: www.clclutheran.net/events-2/youth-young-adult-events/tourney/
- ➔ **Tourney Band:** Come and join the 20th CLC Tourney Band at the basketball tournament in Eau Claire, WI, on Sat., March 9. 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 around noon. Please send questions to Laurie Lau music@thelaus.com
- ➔ **Arts Camp 2024** will be held March 22-24 at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church in Mankato, MN. This is an opportunity for creative fun and learning with other young Christians. There will be a variety of sessions including things like music, theater, crafts, and more. This camp is open to students in 5th-8th grade. Registration opens February 5th. Please contact Amber Casto with any questions at artscamp@immanuelmankato.org.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Formerly retired pastor, David Baker, has received and accepted the call to Resurrection Lutheran in Corpus Christi, TX.
- ➔ **Sunday School Memory Work:** #13 – Review of 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!

Facebook Page: If you're on Facebook, be sure to like or share items that are on the Grace Lutheran Church page. This can help promote the page to others, along with events that we publicize there.



The more shares, etc., the more Facebook promotes our church page to others.



CLC Financial Report - December

CLC Financial Report Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2023	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 6 Months	Balance 12/31/2023
General Fund	0	559,727	578,390	595,800	(18,663)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	881,524	805,336	819,000	76,188
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	133,349	53,733	69,324		117,758
ILC Building Projects	1,279,816	231,842	65,536		1,446,122
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	95,621	97,863	96,040		97,444
Kinship	168,286	55,608	87,038		136,856
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,323,176	696,841	341,844		2,678,173
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	145,399	29,788	115,050		60,137
Reserve Fund	95,555	3,578	0		99,133
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,241,202	\$1,169,253	\$774,832		\$4,635,623

General Fund – December receipts: **\$95,712 VS** disbursements: **\$80,264**. The General Fund subsidizes the work of the Boards of Missions, Trustees, EdPub, & Regents (including ILC.)

ILC Operations – December receipts: **\$177,091 VS** disbursements: **\$131,688**.

IIF – December receipts: **\$3,318 VS** disbursements: **\$1,257**.

ILC Building Projects – December receipts: **\$59,317** (including an \$52,628 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **None**.

MDF – December receipts: **\$19,201 VS** disbursements: **\$16,431** (including \$5,000 for a vehicle).

Kinship – December receipts: **\$9,150 VS** disbursements: **\$2,517**.

CEF – December receipts: **\$116,538** (including a \$91,237 increase in market value of investments) **VS** disbursements: **\$16,250** (mostly payments on member loans to the CEF).

SAF – December receipts: **\$6,154 VS** disbursements: **\$38,273** (including student loans, grants, scholarships and tuition assistance).

Reserve Fund is currently invested in a money market account until needed, typically each fiscal year-end.

EduK8 Fund – December receipts: **\$288**. Balance **\$35,247**.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer / Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

“I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.” 2 Timothy 4:1-2

Council Meeting Notes – January 14, 2024

Meeting opened with prayer: December Council meeting minutes were read, edited, and approved. December Treasurer's Report was presented and approved.

Pastor's Report

- Letters were sent to Charles Davis, Vanessa Vandever, and Sarah Yannarely informing them that we will bring the topic of their membership to the voters.
- We had a joint service with Pastor Joseph's church in Liberia. The service went well. Pastor has shared the video of the service with others.
- Midweek Lent worship starts Feb. 14 with a pulpit exchange as in the past.
- Todd Ohlmann and Joel Krafft were not able to go to Liberia as planned because they didn't get their passports and visas back from the Liberian consulate in time.

Board of Elders' Report

- Motion approved to recommend \$59,020 as the Cooperative Budget Plan number for 2024 to the Voters.
- The secretary will send Voter attendance statistics to the Elders.
- Elders have decided not to change the counter and usher teams.
- There was a suggestion to submit an announcement to Lutheran Spokesman about the joint service we had with Joseph's congregation in Liberia.

Board of Education Report

- There will be parent/teacher conferences Jan. 15.
- The school year is progressing well. Teachers and parents are thankful for the staffing changes that have been made this year with the Kindergarten teacher.
- Non-member feedback on the school has been good.

Board of Trustees' Report

- A workday is scheduled on Jan. 27, 9 am.
- Grace is using same snow plowing service. FYI Landscaping is the name of the service.
- Trustees moved the water filter to the sink that is near the coffee machine.

Other Business

- Ballots for the voters' meeting elections have been prepared.
- The sanctuary altar area renderings are being displayed. Survey forms are available. Members are encouraged to fill out the survey forms so that the committee can get feedback from the members. The committee plans to have a congregational meeting to review the renderings and surveys.
- Kevin requests that the Google Drive include a place that files can be stored and shared so that boards can keep track of info. as board members change over time.
- Benno shared a report giving information about envelopes, offering statements, and some giving trends. Kevin reminded us to give "not grudgingly of necessity," it is our opportunity to be on God's team. Rick reminded us to remember that we can give of our time as well as our money.
- Phil reported that we have finished the first year on the new payroll system.
- Pastor talked about his cancer. He doesn't want it to be said that he battled with his cancer. He gave the reminder from Scripture that it is the LORD who does the battling. Pastor thanks Rick for the passage he shared on t-shirts in his Christmas gift. Exodus 14:14, "The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace."
- Pastor would like to get "Grace Lutheran" embroidered shirts for the church staff. Consensus from the counsel is that Pastor should have the staff shirts made.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Benno Sydow**

Ushers: **Gary Gunther; Daniel Hein; Aliou 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**

✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

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

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

Church Cleaners: **Hein**

School: **Vandever**

✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

Sun., Jan. 21: 9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship (Epiphany 3)

11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 3)

11:30 am – Voters & Dorcas Guild Meetings

Wed., Jan. 24: 4:30-6:15 pm – Catechism for Public School Students

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

Sun., Jan. 28: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship (Epiphany 4)

Sun., Feb. 4: 8:30 am – Choir Practice

9:00 am – Bible Class and Sunday School

10:00 am – Worship w/ Lord's Supper (Epiphany 5)

11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 1)

Wed., Feb 14: ASH WEDNESDAY

Last Week's Stats: Jan. 14, 2024 Sun.: 79 S.S.: 12 B.Cl.: 38

Sun. Offering:	Grace:	\$3,908	CLC:	\$800			
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	4,900	CLC:	1,080*			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-992	CLC:	-280			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$8,011	CLC:	\$1,789			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	9,800	CLC:	2,160			
Year-to-Date (+/-)	Grace:	-1,789	CLC:	-371			
GLC Other:	0	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	275	EduK8:	30
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0

Current Balances: Tuition Aid: \$1,967 Sanctuary: \$-500

* Based on 2023 figure as 2024 will be determined by the Voters Tour Choir: \$150

