

# Grace Lutheran Church & School



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**Grades:** Kindergarten-8<sup>th</sup>

**Church Year:** Epiphany 6

**Date:** February 16, 2025

## ✝ **WORSHIP INFORMATION** ✝

### Hymns:

TLH 39: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
TLH 414: The Man Is Ever Blest  
TLH 430, st. 1-3,5-6,8: What Is the World to Me  
WS 769: Lift High the Cross

Listening assistance is available. Please ask an usher.

### Worship Prep:

Psalm 1, TLH p. 123

### Liturgy:

WS p. 1 (Projected)  
WS p. 38, Psalm 84

### Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 17:5-8  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20

### Sermon: Luke 6:17-26

<sup>17</sup> And He came down with them and stood on a level place with a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and from the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, <sup>18</sup> as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed. <sup>19</sup> And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed *them* all. <sup>20</sup> Then He lifted up His eyes toward His disciples, and said: "Blessed *are you poor*, For yours is the kingdom of God. <sup>21</sup> Blessed *are you who hunger now*, For you shall be filled. Blessed *are you who weep now*, For you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when men hate you, And when they exclude you, And revile *you*, and cast out your name as evil, For the Son of Man's sake. <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day and leap for joy! For indeed your reward *is* great in heaven, For in like manner their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> "But woe to you who are rich, For you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are full, For you shall hunger. Woe to you who laugh now, For you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> Woe to you when all men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the false prophets." (NKJV<sup>TM</sup>)

## **Our Christian Reputation**

- I. Unpopular before the world
- II. Blessed before God

## † **THE ANNOUNCEMENTS** †

➔ **Among Us:** This week Duane Enns began both radiation and chemotherapy for his throat cancer. Gloria Laffan (formerly Grams) will be having knee replacement surgery on Feb. 25. Hosea 6:1: Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up.



➔ **Midweek Lenten Services:** Our midweek Lenten services will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, 7 pm. The theme we will consider is: "Sounds of the Passion." These midweek services can deepen our appreciation of the redemptive work our Savior.



➔ **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.

➔ **Appreciation:** The called workers at Grace recently received a generous Christmas gift from the congregation. We each desire to share with you our appreciation for this gesture of Christian love and support. We are blessed in serving the LORD in the capacity each of has in our roles at Grace. In doing so, we thank the LORD for each of those we serve, constantly keeping you in our prayers: "We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, ..." (1 Thess. 1:2-3). In the coming year, we ask that you also keep each of us and our labors in the LORD in your prayers. In Christ's service, Pastor & Mrs. Hein, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Wales, Mrs. Bergstrom.



- ➔ **CLC Youth Camp at Pillager 2025:** Registration opens Saturday March 15, 10 am. CLC Youth Camp at Pillager is for campers entering grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Camp runs June 8-14, 2025. For more information please visit our website, [youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp](http://youthcampclc.wixsite.com/camp), or contact Amber Casto and Ethan Sydow ([youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com)).
- ➔ **Christ's Explorers Camp:** Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran of West Columbia, SC, will be hosting Christ's Explorers Camp June 19-22 in Bryson City, NC. Our theme for the retreat is "Discovering Your Purpose." Camp is geared toward high school and college-aged youth. Registration opens on Sat., March 1, 9 am (EST). The cost of the retreat is \$150, and this includes all expenses for the weekend (lodging, food, activities, etc.). Registration will be limited to the first 50 guests. You may find contact info. and may register online at [www.ChristsExplorers.com](http://www.ChristsExplorers.com).
- ➔ **Traveling VBS** is a program of the CLC Board of Missions which connects willing kingdom workers with CLC congregations across the USA in need of helping hands. Six congregations have already reached out for help so far. There are a variety of ways you can serve: teacher, recess or craft help, local canvassing, etc. Congregation members are delighted to host you for the week and show you local attractions in your downtime. The TVBS program covers your travel expenses. You could volunteer on your own, together with a friend, or accept the challenge as a family mission adventure. E-mail [pastor\\_daub@hotmail.com](mailto:pastor_daub@hotmail.com) for further information.
- ➔ **CLC News:** Rev. Sam Naumann, member of Messiah Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI, has received the call to Prince of Peace Lutheran in Loveland, CO. † Pastor David Pfeiffer of Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran in West Columbia, SC, has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran in Mountain View, CA (San Francisco area).
- ➔ **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!*

# Council Meeting Notes – February 9, 2025

Meeting was opened with prayer. January Council meeting minutes were read and approved. January treasurer’s report was presented and approved.

## Pastor’s Report

- Pastor had nothing to report.

## Board of Elders’ Report

- The Elders are reviewing Voters’ meeting attendance.
- Eli showed a copy of the new Messiah hymnbook.

## Board of Education Report

- Most schools in our area have tuition in the \$8000 range. The board has a 3-year plan to raise our tuition by \$900 per year for the first student from a family. The cost of tuition should never be the only reason that a family does not enroll a child in our school. Motion approved to recommend to the Voters the following tuition amounts:

Year	1st Child	2nd Child	3rd Child	4th Child	Kindergarten
2023-2024 (current)	2550	2350	2100	1950	1500
2024-2025 (proposed)	2800	2600	2350	2200	1750
2025-2026 (proposed)	3700	3400	3100	2900	2200
2026-2027 (proposed)	4600	4300	3800	3600	2800
2027-2028 (proposed)	5500	5100	4600	4300	3300

- The board has spoken with some non-member parents about the tuition amount that we have charged. Those parents have said that the tuition amount has not been an issue.

## Board of Trustees’ Report

- Trustees are talking to Brandon about selecting a new printer. Brandon will talk with Pastor about the printer requirements.
- Kevin is asking if there is a plan to get a new water fountain that includes a water bottle filler. Trustees will check on prices, but do not have a plan to replace the working water fountain.

## Other Business

- The Sanctuary committee has selected a fabric for the pews. Motion approved to have the committee make the fabric decision. Several Council members would like the Sanctuary committee to present a cost estimate before purchasing the material.
- A member has asked to borrow tables and chairs for a graduation party this coming spring. The Trustees should respond to these requests and copy Pastor so that he is aware. Jeff will talk to the member to respond to the request. Pastor suggested that we mark the tables and chairs with our name.

Adapted from minutes submitted by Secretary Frank Radichel

## CLC Financial Report - January 2025

Operating Funds	Balance 7/1/2024	YTD Revenue	YTD Disbursed	Budget 7 Months	Balance 1/31/2025
General Fund	0	701,801	705,155	765,905	(3,354)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	1,096,415	965,829	1,005,725	130,586
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	34,092	53,954		91,117
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	338,576	0		1,898,858
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	151,968	92,055		180,697
Kinship	169,884	89,202	96,771		162,315
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	345,894	230,573		2,799,529
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	57,073	148,521		25,869
EduK8 Fund	47,692	19,903	0		67,595
Reserve Fund	79,964	78,733	0		158,697
<b>Auxiliary Funds Totals</b>	<b>\$4,891,110</b>	<b>\$1,115,441</b>	<b>\$621,874</b>		<b>\$5,384,677</b>

**General Fund** – We thank the Lord for moving the hearts of His people to remember the General Fund in their recent offerings. We received about \$80,000 more than we spent in January, reducing the deficit to just over \$3,000.

**ILC Operations** – Revenue is up about \$27,000 over the same period as last year while disbursements are up about \$34,000.

**ILC Building Projects** – Year-to-date contributions have been about \$230,000. The remaining year-to-date revenue of around \$108,000 is from increases in the market value of the investments in this fund.

**Church Extension Fund** – Year to date revenue consists of payments received of just over \$172,000 from congregations on the loans they owe the CLC, just under \$173,000 of increases in the market value of the investments and just under \$1,000 of contributions to the fund.

**Other Auxiliary Funds** – The activity in the other funds in the table above is similar to the activity in the same period a year ago.

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

**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.



## ✠ TODAY AT GRACE ✠

Organist: **Janelle Hein**

Elder: **Frank Radichel**

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

Counting Team 2: **Kyle Aymond; Dan Degnan; Rick Nelson; Bill Rust; Bob Vandever; Clint Welker**

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

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**

School: **Snyder**

## ✠ NEXT WEEK AT GRACE ✠

Ushers: **Eli Wales; Alex Baker; Kevin Baker; Dan Kelley; Ryan Oman; Bob Vandever; Uriah Wales**

Counting Team 3: **Gary Gunther; Roger Ochsner; Al Rosendahl; Dave Rust; Benno Sydow**

Church Cleaners: **Hulke**


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## ✠ OUR SCHEDULE ✠

- Sun., Feb. 16:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 6)  
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 3)
- Mon., Feb 17:** Grace School – No School (Presidents' Day)
- Sun., Feb. 23:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service (Epiphany 7)
- Sun., Mar. 2:** 8:30 am – Choir Practice  
9:00 am – Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:00 am – Worship Service w/Lord's Supper (Transfiguration)  
11:00 am – Hospitality (Team 4)
- Wed., Mar. 5:** **ASH WEDNESDAY** (Lent Begins)  
6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Supper  
7:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Worship w/Lord's Supper
- March 14-16:** Youth Basketball Tournament (ILC Fieldhouse @ Eau Claire)
- March 14-23:** Grace School – Spring Break
- Sun., Mar. 23:** 10:00 am – Immanuel Lutheran Tour Choir Concert



**Last Week's Stats:** Feb. 2, 2025 Sun: 80 S.S.: 13 B.Cl.: 34

Week's Offering:	Grace:	\$3,208*	CLC:	\$720	<small>QR Code for Online Giving:</small> 		
Weekly Need (est.):	Grace:	5,100	CLC:	1,150			
-Under / +Over:	Grace:	-2,092	CLC:	-430			
Year-to-Date Offering:	Grace:	\$40,253	CLC:	\$9,575			
Year-to-Date Need (est.):	Grace:	30,600	CLC:	6,900			
Difference from Budget (+/-)	Grace:	+9,653	CLC:	+2,675			
GLC Other:	100	Living Faith:	0	Tuition Aid:	50	Sanctuary:	100
SAF Endowment:	0	MDF:	0	Kinship:	147	EduK8:	0
ILC Student Aid:	0	ILC Bldg.	0	IIF:	0	CEF:	0
Current Balances:	Tuition Aid:		\$4,462	Sanctuary:		\$10,350	

\* \$175 in non-member tuition