

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany

**Welcome** to all of our visitors in the name of the Lord our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is the foundation of our life, our faith, and our salvation! He has redeemed us from sin and made us workers in His kingdom providing His powerful Word to accomplish the salvation of souls.



We are glad that you have joined us this morning and hope that you will return and join us again. If you are visiting us this morning, please sign the guest register in the entry of the church. If you have any questions about our church or service please let us know. We will be happy to answer any questions you have!

**Pre-service Devotion:** Psalm 118 (p.148 in the front of the red hymnal)

**Note:** We will be following the order of service found on the colored bulletin. The hymns and readings for the service can be found inside this bulletin.

## Servants of Grace Today:

**Organist:** Emily Romberg

**Ushers for January:** Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger, Ron Geiger, Charles Lendt, Ryan Maher, Tony Schauman

**Today's Hymns:** 134; 258; 467; 800

**Old Testament Reading:** 1 Kings 19:9-18 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> And there he went into a cave, and spent the night in that place; and behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>10</sup> So he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." <sup>11</sup> Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup> and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a still small voice. <sup>13</sup> So it was, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood in the entrance of the cave. Suddenly a voice came to him, and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" <sup>14</sup> And he said, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life." <sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to him: "Go, return on your way to the Wilderness of Damascus; and when you arrive, anoint Hazael as king over Syria. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nimshi as king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel Meholah you shall anoint as prophet in your place. <sup>17</sup> It shall be that whoever escapes the sword of Hazael, Jehu will kill; and whoever escapes the sword of Jehu, Elisha will kill. <sup>18</sup> Yet I have reserved seven thousand in

Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

**Gospel Reading:** John 4:15-26 (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. <sup>24</sup> God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

*Worship  
the  
Father  
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truth.*  
*John 4:23*

**Sermon Text:** 1 Corinthians 3:5-11 (NKJV)

<sup>5</sup> Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup> I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup> So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup> Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup> For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. <sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup> For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

**Theme: Building on Jesus for LIFE**

**Part 1 - Jesus is the Only Solid Foundation**

Jesus is the only foundation that lasts

Don't be deceived by the world's substitutions

Examples:

This is a very serious matter for us and our children!

**Part 2 - Take Care how you Build On Him**

We work together in building on Christ

We have different roles and responsibilities

God blesses our work through His Gospel

God's Word is our greatest treasure!

† *This Week at Grace* †

**Today - 1/24** - 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (*Prayer*)  
8:00 A.M. Sunday School (*God Calls Moses*)  
9:00 A.M. Family worship service at Grace  
10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8  
10:45 A.M. Family Worship at Faith, New Ulm

**Wednesday 1/27** - 3:15 P.M. After School Bible Study  
4:00 P.M. Confirmation Class (8<sup>th</sup> Graders)  
5:00 P.M. Confirmation Class (All)  
7:00 P.M. Sunday School Teachers' Meeting  
7:00 P.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8

**Friday 1/29** - 10:00 A.M. Ross Park Bible Study (*Gospel of Mark*)

**Sunday 1/31** - 8:00 A.M. Bible Class (*Prayer*)  
8:00 A.M. Sunday School (*Plagues and Passover*)  
9:00 A.M. Family worship service at Grace  
10:00 A.M. Grace worship on TV channel 8  
10:45 A.M. Family Worship at Faith, New Ulm

*Serving Us This Coming Week:*

**January Ushers:** Joel Schauman, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger,  
Ron Geiger, Charles Lentz, Ryan Maher, Tony Schauman  
**Organist:** Debra Mayhew **Church Cleaning:** Schlie  
**January Tellers:** Jon Riederer and Shaun Nason

## Announcements

**CLC Mission Visitation to Nepal** - Pastor Todd Ohlmann has arrived safely in Nepal and has begun the work of visiting villages where congregations of the Himalayan Church of the Lutheran Confession of Nepal (HCLCN) suffered from an earthquake last April. He will also attend the graduation of several HCLCN men as Lutheran pastors. Pastor Ohlmann has a nice summary of his trip plans on his blog at: <http://2016clcnepalvisitation.blogspot.com/>. You can find a printed copy of this article on the table in the entry. †

**Check your Church Mailbox** - If you didn't check your church mailbox last week, you will find a number of things there this morning. You will find a copy of the completed 2015 Annual Report and Membership Directory (extras can be found on the table in the entry and in the tract rack). You will also find your member contribution statements for 2015. Parents of Sunday School children will also find memory work sheets and take home activities. Please check your mailbox for these and other items. Next week you should find the February church calendar as well. †

**Ash Wednesday Soup Supper / Lent Service Refreshments** - Lent begins on Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> this year. We will again hold our annual Ash Wednesday Soup Supper prior to that service (5:45pm). We will also have refreshments following the rest of our Wednesday night Lenten services. This year we will be considering the theme: **"Searching Questions - Scriptural Answers"** as we review the Gospel accounts of our Savior's suffering and death. A Lenten pulpit exchange with Immanuel, Mankato and Pastors Paul Nolting and Wayne Eichstadt is planned. Please plan to join us! †

**Sunday School Memory Work** - Our children will be singing a hymn in church on Transfiguration Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. Sheets have been distributed to parents with the words for this hymn. Parents, please work with your children on memorizing this hymn in the coming weeks. Thank you! †

**New Webpage for Sunday School** - We have created a new page on our church website listing the children's Sunday School memory work for each week. You will find a link for the memory work for each week, as well as music for the hymns that the children will be singing. You will find this under the **Resources** tab on our website: [www.sleepyeyelutheran.com](http://www.sleepyeyelutheran.com). If you have any questions or need anything else, please let pastor know. †

**CLC Call News** - Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, co-pastor at Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato Minnesota, has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley Washington. †

# CLC FINANCIAL REPORT

December 2015

December offerings for the General Fund exceeded the monthly need therefore the deficit was significantly reduced, but there remains a shortage of offerings to the budget needs.

<i>CLC Financial Report</i>	Balance	Year to Date	Year to Date	FY 2016 Budget	Balance
<b>Operating Funds</b>	7/1/2015	Revenue	Disbursed	6 Months	12/31/2015
General Fund	0	431,231	462,468	\$462,000	(31,237)
ILC Operations	0	639,319	612,151	\$668,150	27,168
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$1,070,550</b>	<b>\$1,074,619</b>	<b>\$1,130,150</b>	<b>(\$4,069)</b>
<b>Auxiliary Funds</b>					
IIF - ILC Improvement	21,975	42,320	15,660		48,635
ILC Building	16,899	45,548	54,331		8,116
MDF - Mission Development	92,551	140,294	134,021		98,823
Kinship	54,418	28,131	37,211		45,338
CEF - Church Extension Fund	1,463,337	409,371	809,222		1,063,485
SAF - Student Aid	(6,833)	96,765	74,360		15,573
Reserve Account	127,092	0	0		127,092

<b>ILC Academic Center Mortgage</b>		
Beginning Balance:	January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance:	December 31, 2015	<u>\$1,345,836</u>
Principal Paid to Date:		\$405,968

Comments:

- The General Fund deficit is (\$31,237) at the end of December
- General Fund offerings are \$30,769 less than budget year-to-date
- General Fund spending was \$468 over budget year-to-date
- ILC balance is positive \$27,168 because of underspending to the budget
- MDF expenditures totaled \$15,096, major items included \$9,500 for disaster relief, and \$4,296 for part time missionary expenses
- There were no IIF expenditures in December

Dr. James A. Sydow, CLC Treasurer  
Philip E. Radichel, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

**Nominations for ILC Professor:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Pfeiffer at the end of the 2015-16 academic year: Dwight (Frank) Gantt, Paul Naumann, David Reim, Peter Reim, Stephen Sydow, Matthew Ude, and Mark Weis. The individual would teach at the high school (potentially), college, and seminary levels with an emphasis on courses in Hebrew (college) and Old Testament theology (seminary) and also in other theological disciplines. Other assignments will be determined upon mutual agreement in accordance with need and corresponding ability. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: [ryan@page1printers.com](mailto:ryan@page1printers.com). †

**Nominations for ILC President:** The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Jeffrey Schierenbeck, Steven Sippert, Paul Sullivan, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2018. Comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates should be submitted before February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail: [ryan@page1printers.com](mailto:ryan@page1printers.com). †

<i>Responding to God's Grace at Grace</i>	
<i>Sunday, January 10, 2016</i>	
<i>Worship: 65</i>	<i>Bible Class: 19</i>
<b>Local Purposes</b>	
Grace General Fund .....	\$ 1,335.00
Plate Offerings .....	\$ 40.50
<b>Total Local .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,375.50</b>
<b>Synodical Purposes</b>	
ILC Building Fund .....	\$ 75.00
<b>Total Synodical .....</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Overall Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 1,450.50</b>