



Messiah
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL
Church of the Lutheran Confession

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Advent 4

Welcome to our visitors! We appreciate your joining our worship family this morning, and we invite you to sign our guest book. If you would like more information about our church, please contact the pastor at 414-427-9337.

Sunday family worship...8:00 and 10:45 A.M.

Choir...9:10. Sunday School...9:30. Adult Bible class...9:45 A.M.

Today's Worship

"For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form" (Col. 2:9).

Preparation: Read Ps. 24, p. 128. (red hymnal).

The Liturgy: Page 12ff. in the Worship Supplement.

Hymns: 99, 76, (364:1), 98, 114.

Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14...Jesus' virgin birth is a clear sign pointing to Him as Immanuel, God with us.

Psalm: Page 26 in the Worship Supplement.

Romans 1:1-7...Jesus is the God-Man, descended from David and at the same time the eternal Son of God.



Sermon: Matthew 1:18-25

JESUS, NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES!

- I. The name of the God-Man.
- II. The name that saves.
- III. The name to trust.



Today

The children will meet at 9:30 for Christmas Eve rehearsal. After second service, lunch will be provided for those involved in the service, followed by another practice session and the gift exchange.

Special services

Our celebration of the Savior's birth begins at 6 p.m. Saturday, Christmas Eve. Come early and enjoy the preservice music. The Christmas Day Song Service is at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Council notes:

Finances: Offerings for November were \$520 over budgeted needs, and the balance of available funds decreased by \$1,500. Year-to-date offerings are \$6,100 over budgeted needs.

Ongoing projects: Research is being done on how best to improve the church audio system and online streaming capabilities.

Committee reports: The Compensation Committee submitted its recommendations to the Council for review. The Back of the Church Committee also reported.

Upcoming installations

● *Professor Doug Libby* of Immanuel, Mankato, MN, will be installed as pastor of Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN, on Sunday, January 1. A reception will follow the service.

● *Pastor Todd Ohlmann* will be commissioned as CLC visiting missionary at Messiah, Eau Claire, at 7 p.m. on Monday, January 2.

● *Pastor Matthew Ude* will be installed as pastor of Faith, Markesan, WI, at 3 p.m. on Sunday, January 8. A dinner will follow the service.

Reminder...

Please save the last couple of pews on each side of the church for families with small children. Families are welcome to sit anywhere; however, some prefer to be close to the exit in case they need to leave with a child. Video of the service is available in the activity room.

Looking Ahead...

♣Tuesday:

11:00 A.M: Brenwood service.
7:00 P.M: Adult information.

♣Thursday:

11:00 A.M: Arbor View Bible class.

♣Saturday:

6:00 P.M: Christmas Eve service.

♣Next Sunday:

10:30 A.M: Christmas Day Song Service.

♣December 31st:

7:00 P.M: New Year's Eve service with Holy Communion.

♣January 1st:

Regular Sunday schedule.



FINANCES:	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>To Date</u>
Budgetary Offerings:	\$3,606.00	\$146,840.00
Sunday School:	\$1.00	
Budgetary Needs:	\$6,314.00	\$151,536.00
Over/(Under) Budget:	(\$2,708.00)	(\$4,696.00)
Missions:	\$75.00	\$1,931.00
ILC Building Fund:	\$10.00	\$1,570.00
ILCSAF:	\$10.00	
MSAF:	\$30.00	

Attendance last Sunday: 78/39.
12/7: 55. 12/14: 48.

Church Cleaning: Dec. 24-30:
Church: Ivalis, Griffin.
School: J. Mueller, Beske.
Dec. ushers: 1st: M. Weibye, S. Weibye.
2nd: A. Rentas, C. Blue.
Advent: A. Albrecht, D. Mueller.
Christmas Eve: T. Taylor, P. Saal.
Christmas Day: M. Gescheidle, M. Traub.
New Years Eve: B. Lillo, S. Lillo.

Daily Bible Readings: M: Amos 4-6; Rev. 7. Tu: Amos 7-9; Rev. 8.
W: Obad. -Jon. 2; Rev. 9. Th: Jon. 3-Mic. 3; Rev. 10. F: Mic. 4-5; Rev.
11. Sa/Su: Mic. 6-7; Rev. 12.

You shall



call His
name

JESUS

(Matt. 1:21)

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR TODAY

Isaiah 7:10-14 NKJV

Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, "Ask a sign for yourself from the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth or in the height above."

But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, nor will I test the LORD!"

Then he said, "Hear now, O house of David! Is it a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel."

Romans 1:1-7 NKJV

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-25 NKJV

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: "*Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,*" which is translated, "God with us."

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

CLC Financial Report - November

CLC Financial Report	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2016	Revenue	Disbursed	5 Months	11/30/2016
General Fund	0	361,585	381,608	\$375,000	-20,023
ILC Operations	0	562,570	493,562	\$310,000	69,008
Total	\$0	\$924,155	\$875,170	\$685,000	\$48,985
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	15,928	5935	10,492		11,371
ILC Building Projects (AC/Dorm)	12,682	112,633	70,608		54,707
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	46,243	82,250	119,070		9,423
Kinship	56,626	26,799	49,204		34,221
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	1,291,661	513,101	393,772		1,410,990
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	10,103	57,613	80,988		-13,272
Reserve Fund	119,697	0	0		146,111
Total	\$1,552,940	\$798,331	\$724,134		\$1,653,551

ILC Academic Center Mortgage (& North Hall Renovation)	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$1,751,804
Current Balance October 31, 2016	\$1,249,923
Principal paid to date	\$501,881
North Hall Reno Budget \$300,000. YTD Spent:	\$13,700

Notes:

- * **General Fund** offerings in November totaled \$79,508 vs disbursements of \$79,069. Offerings for the first 5 months of the fiscal year slipped behind another \$2,000 in November to a budget short-fall in the General Fund of -\$20,023. The General Fund is supported by congregational offerings to the CLC Budget, which provides the basic monthly subsidy needed for the work of our Boards of Trustees, Missions, ILC, & Education/Publication. The budgeted needs of the General Fund is \$75,000/month.
- * **ILC Building Projects** offerings in November totaled \$5,178 vs disbursements of \$21,672. Disbursements included the \$8,000 monthly payment on our CEF loan for the Academic Center (AC), as well as \$13,700 in initial expenses (roof repairs) for the \$300,000 renovation project of the **North Hall** boys' dorm. Accumulated North Hall renovation expenses will be added to our existing CEF loan for the Academic Center.
- * **MDF**: offerings in November totaled \$17,726 vs disbursements of \$27,662, which included \$8,000 for Myanmar's 4th & final installment for a construction project, and \$11,250 for a Rice Aid Christmas gift for 750 BELC pastors in 22 districts in southern India, approved by the 2016 CLC Convention last summer.
- * **SAF**: received \$13,000 in offerings & student loans repaid in November vs \$9,000 in loans & family discounts allocated to student accounts during the month. SAF needs \$13,000 in December to balance 1st semester.

James E. Sandeen, CLC Treasurer

Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

P: Beloved in the Lord, this wreath and its candles have been progressively lit each week reminding us that Jesus Christ came to conquer the darkness of sin and lead us into the light of His glorious kingdom. In this final week of Advent, we come to know the meaning and power of our Savior's name. The angel spoke to Joseph, "She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus,

C: for He will save His people from their sins."

P: All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

C: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

P: Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, Savior and King, the true light who comes into this world, bless us as we light this candle in our preparation for Your coming. Enter our hearts and minds with the light of Your love that we may welcome and receive You with joy as our true and eternal King; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: At the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

C: in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

P: Your word is a lamp to my feet

C: and a light to my path.

Verse sung during lighting of final Advent candle:

*Oh, come, Thou Key of David, come
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