

## Announcements

- **Next Sunday** — Grace-Sleepy Eye worship begins at 9 a.m. Worship here at Faith begins at 10:45 a.m. A Church Council meeting is scheduled to follow next Sunday’s worship service.
- **Carl Syverson Update:** Carl Syverson continues to endure complications from various health problems he has been dealing with for some time now. Carl was recently hospitalized for an infection in his foot, but has since been released and is recovering at home. Also, due to kidney issues, Carl is scheduled to begin dialysis treatments in the near future. Please remember Carl in your thoughts and prayers.
- **Church Christmas Decorating:** Church Christmas decorating will follow our worship service this morning.
- **Christmas Bags Sign-Up:** A sign-up sheet is posted here at church for those willing to help contribute to “Christmas Bags” for participants in this year’s December 22 Children’s Christmas service here at Faith. The Women of Faith will contribute the apples for this year’s bags. We are planning for approximately 35 bags.
- **“God’s Creation” Calendars:** New 2014 “God’s Creation” calendars are being made available for \$4 apiece through the Women’s group at Grace-Sleepy Eye. If you are interested in purchasing one of these calendars, please indicate this to Pastor Libby.
- **CLC News:** The Rev. Matthew Gurath, Gift of God Lutheran, Mapleton ND, has returned the call to Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. < The following comes from Prof. John Reim of ILC-Eau Claire: *The 2013 ILC Christmas Concert is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 20 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, WI. The students in the choir are currently preparing to sing the famous and familiar "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah" – but not to sing it alone! The present plan is to include in the singing of that triumphant piece those in the assembly who are interested in participating. If you are planning to attend the concert and would like to sing along from your place in the pews, you are asked to bring with you a copy of the score. A downloadable version (from the choral public domain library) is available at the following address: <http://www0.cpd.org/wiki/images/sheet/han-m42c.pdf>*

## Our Response of Faith — November 24 & 27 (Thanksgiving Eve), 2013

11/24 Attendance: 14; 11/27 Attendance: 31

Unified Budget.....	\$525.00
Total.....	\$525.00

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### DECEMBER 1, 2013 – 1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**Pre-service Meditation:** Ps. 18, pg. 125; **Organist:** Kristen Friedrichs

**Pastor:** Opening Prayer

**Hymn 58:1-5** (1st Tune) — *O Lord, How Shall I Meet Thee*

**Pastor:** The Invocation

**People:** *Amen.*

**Pastor:** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord!

**People:** *Who made heaven and earth.*

**Pastor:** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

**People:** *And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.*

**All:** O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended Thee, and justly deserved Thy temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy boundless mercy; and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**Pastor:** The Absolution

**People:** *Amen.*

### The Scripture Reading – Matthew 1:18-25

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. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly. 20 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. 21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: 23 "Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." 24 Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, 25 and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.

## The Nicene Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 22

**Hymn 55** — *Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come*

## The Sermon – Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

### ***“What’s in a Name - Immanuel”***

## The Offertory

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, And uphold me with Thy free spirit.*

**Hymn 62** — *Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel*

## The Offering and Prayer

**Communion Today** -- Confessional Lutherans teach and believe that participation in the Lord's Supper is not only a precious means of grace, but also a statement of agreement with your fellow-communicants concerning the Bible's teachings. If you are a guest here today, before thinking of communing with us you will want to have an opportunity to compare the teachings of our church with your own beliefs. If you have questions or would like to consider communing with us in the future, please speak to the pastor to set up an appointment.

## The Service of Communion

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.  
**People:** *And with thy spirit.*  
**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.  
**People:** *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
**Pastor:** Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.  
**People:** *It is meet and right so to do.*

### **Pastor: The Prefaces**

**People:** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth! Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory! Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest!*

### **Pastor: The Lord's Prayer**

**People:** *For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever, Amen.*

### **Pastor: The Words of Institution**

**All:** *Amen. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace, Amen.*

+ The Distribution +

### **The Nunc Dimittis**

*Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, according to Thy Word. For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people. A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost! As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.*

**Pastor:** Oh give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good!

**People:** *And His mercy endureth forever!*

### **The Benediction**

**People:** *Amen, amen, amen.*

**Hymn 56** — *Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring*

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