

- **Church Calendar Errors:** On Wednesdays, Jan. 8 and Jan. 22, the church calendar should read that Wednesday Afternoon Bible School begins at 2:15 p.m. (rather than 3:15) to reflect Sleepy Eye Public early releases on those days.
- **Annual Voters' Meeting:** Our Grace Annual Voters' Meeting is scheduled for next Monday, January 13, at 7:30 p.m.
- **Christmas Greetings From the Naumann's:** A Christmas mailing from the Naumann family is set out on the table in the church entry area.
- **2nd Semester Sunday School Schedules:** New 2013-2014 2nd Semester Sunday School schedules (with SS memory work assignments) have been distributed to the church mailboxes of Sunday School parents and Sunday School teachers. Additional copies of these schedules can also be found on the table in the church entry area.
- **Serving Us This Coming Week:** January Ushers: Joel Schauman, Ron Geiger, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger, Tom Jensen, Charles Lendt, Tony Schauman. Organist: Laura Heinze. Church Cleaning: Theneman.

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... behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." - Matthew 2:1-2

Grace Responds to Grace — December 22, 24, 25, 29 & 31, 2013

12/29 Attendance: 56
12/31 Attendance: 38

Envelope Offerings	\$4279.00
Plate Offerings	\$ 245.00
Grace Memorial Fund	\$ 10.00
Reimbursement from Faith-New Ulm	\$ 357.88
CLC General Fund	\$ 230.00
CLC Mission Dev. Fund	\$ 380.00
ILC Improvement Fund	\$ 125.00
ILC Student Aid Fund	\$ 50.00
Total	\$5676.88

(Undesignated Commodity\$ 1919.15)

MEMORIAL(S)

A contribution for the Grace Memorial Fund was given by Edith Jensen in memory of Adam Jensen.

JANUARY 5, 2014 – 2ND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Pre-service Meditation: Ps. 72, pg. 138

Organist: Lane Fischer

Ushers for January: Joel Schauman, Ron Geiger, Howard Engholm, Andrew Geiger, Tom Jensen, Charles Lendt, Tony Schauman

Hymn 93 — *O Lord, We Welcome 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 – Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. 4 " Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the LORD.

Installation of Newly Elected Church Council Members and Church Officers

The Nicene Creed -- Hymnal, pg. 22

Hymn 95 — *Savior of the Nations, Come*

The Sermon – Matthew 2:1-12

Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in

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

People: *And His mercy endureth forever!*

The Benediction

People: *Amen, amen, amen.*

Hymn 127 — *As With Gladness Men of Old*

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This Week at Grace

- **Today** — Grace worship services are broadcast on public access cable channel 8, at 10:00 a.m.
- **Monday** — The Church Council is scheduled to meet at 7:30 p.m.
- **Wednesday** — Afternoon Bible School meets from 2:15-3:00 p.m. Confirmation Class meets.
- **Also Wednesday** — Grace worship services are broadcast on public access cable channel 8, at 7 p.m.
- **Friday** — Ross Park Bible Class meets from 10-11 a.m.
- **Next Sunday** — Adult Bible Class and Sunday School begin at 8 a.m. Grace worship services begin at 9 a.m. Worship at Faith, New Ulm, begins at 10:45 a.m.

News and Notes

- **Armin Wotschke:** Armin Wotschke was hospitalized this past week in Sleepy Eye and is now hospitalized in Mankato to be treated for blood clots. We pray for God's blessings on Armin's treatments and healing.
- **Robert Schwint:** Robert Schwint underwent surgery on his back this past week at St. Mary's hospital in Rochester, after sustaining a fall recently. The surgery went well, but a stay at a rehab center and a back brace will be needed in the coming weeks. Please continue to keep Robert and wife, Eunice, in your prayers.

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 +

Communion Hymn(s): 304, 312

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.

the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.

"The Wise Seek, Believe in and Treasure Jesus"

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.

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.