

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

**GO GROUP:** - Luther Memorial is hosting an area CLC inter-congregational mission group. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS from your congregation to join us for our second workshop on Saturday @ Noon, April 18th @ Luther Memorial Church (FDL). Lunch will be provided. We need to continue to get the Word and our church's names out to our communities! Let's collectively use our talents and abilities in responding to Christ's command to "Go"! If interested in attending or being on the group email list, please contact Pastor Bernthal or email Pastor Neal at [pastor@FDLlutheran.com](mailto:pastor@FDLlutheran.com).

**BREWERS OUTING:** Tuesday, June 23, against the New York Mets. Seats are reserved for us on field level starting 5 rows from the field (third base side). These are the best seats we have ever had! The cost is \$21.00 per ticket. Seating is based on receiving the money for the tickets. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board! Contact Ted Quade with any other questions. [tedquade@gmail.com](mailto:tedquade@gmail.com) Payment must be made to: Ted Quade W224 S3099 Sunset Circle Waukesha, WI 53186. Deadline May 20.

**MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR:** May 3 at Ascension in Batavia What is depression? What role does psychotherapy or medication have in the life of a Christian? How does mental illness impact our walk as Christians? The topic of mental health is something that concerns us all on one level or another. On Sunday, May 3rd, Ascension Lutheran Church will be hosting a free seminar on a variety of topics in the field of mental health. The seminar will feature licensed clinician and social worker, Dean Marzofka of Eau Claire, WI. Dean has a Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy and 25 years of clinical practice in various roles ranging from individual and family work to clinic supervisor and private practice. Morning worship begins at 10:00 with lunch and refreshments to be served before the presentation which begins at 12:30 p.m. The public is welcome and the admission is free. The church is located at OS850 Wenmoth Road in Batavia. For more information contact Pastor David Pfeiffer at 630-879-9455.

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**Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 111**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5**

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	<b>603</b>
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<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<b>207 (1, 2, 4)</b>

### Scripture Readings:

#### John 20:19-31

Sorrow, bewilderment, fear, cautious hope and even unbelief had infiltrated into the hearts of these followers of Jesus. These two encounters with the risen Savior establish important truths for disciples then and now. Jesus lives! Jesus forgives! Jesus authorizes His followers

to forgive sin and to retain sin. May we also believe without seeing for God's Word is sufficient.

*19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24 Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." 26 And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" 27 Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." 28 And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; 31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.*

## Acts 2:22-32

This reading is a portion of Peter's Pentecost sermon. Peter and the disciples learned from Jesus words in our first reading. Peter and the others testified to their witness of Jesus' crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. This particular portion of Peter's sermon focuses on the heart of the message of the Gospel—the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and its effects on those who believe.

*22 "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested*

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**CHURCH COUNCIL:** the Church Council meeting has been changed to Monday at 7:00 p.m.

**SYNOD MEETINGS:** Pastor Bernthal will be attending the CLC Spring Coordinating Council Meetings this Wednesday at ILC.

**QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING:** Sunday, April 26th at 11:20 a.m. All Voters are encouraged to attend this meeting as we take up the Lord's work in bringing the Gospel to others.

**SERMON SERIES:** During the six Sundays of Easter our resurrected I AM Savior will be speaking to us on the following topics:

Apr. 12th: I AM the Resurrection and the Life; Apr. 19th: I AM the Bread of Life; Apr. 26th: I AM the Light of the World; May 3rd: I AM the Door; May 10th: I AM the Vine; May 17th: I AM the Way, the Truth and the Life.

THANK YOU to all those who helped with the Easter Breakfast last Sunday morning. Over 50 were served. The food was excellent (as usual), everyone had enough to eat and everything was cleaned up so

efficiently. Praise the Lord. The fellowship helped add to the joy of the Easter message of Jesus' resurrection! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** April Calendar & Newsletter

**ILC VISITORS DAY:** will be held on Friday, May 1 at the ILC campus in Eau Claire, beginning at 8:00 am. Young people in grades 7 and above are invited to attend. Accommodations in the dormitories are available for Thursday and/or Friday evening. Friday activities include a campus tour, classroom experience, sports and co-curricular experience, Q & A time, team competition, a band concert, and a musical theater performance of Oklahoma. Game activities are also planned for Thursday evening. For more information please see the ILC web site, [www.ilc.edu](http://www.ilc.edu), and look for the ILHS Visitors Day 2015 section on the home page. You may also contact Prof. Joel Gullerud at [joel.gullerud@ilc.edu](mailto:joel.gullerud@ilc.edu), 715-863-6630 (office), 715-544-8446 (cell).

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.** Pastor Bernthal at 608-233-2244 More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)

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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** A warm welcome in the name of the risen Christ. May the joy of the Resurrection shine in your hearts forevermore. It is a pleasure to share our Easter faith and joy with you. If you are a visitor and are perhaps looking for a church home, we invite you to inquire of Pastor Bernthal regarding our teachings based on God's verbally inspired Word. We stand ready, at every opportunity to share the Good News of the resurrection victory we have in Jesus. Please sign our guest register and we invite you to come worship your Savior with us again.

### **This Week:**

**Monday** 7:00 p.m. Church Council

**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

**Wednesday** CLC C.C. Meetings at ILC

**Thurs.** 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

**Friday** Tim Schaser/Christina Hein Wedding

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. SS/Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:** 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 21st

### **WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:**

Our Wednesday evening Bible Class resumes Wednesday, April 22nd at 7:00 p.m. Our series "Important Chapters of the Bible" continues with a study of John 17---Jesus' High Priestly Prayer. Come, learn with us!

### **LAST WEEK:**

Easter Worship 7:30 51 10:00 67

**OFFERINGS** 4/5 for Unified Budget: \$2,604

### **IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:**

Cleaners this week: Church--- Peterson

School: Dreyer/Dumke

Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Schaser

### **CLC NEWS:**

- Bethel Lutheran, Morris MN, has put in a call for a Seminary graduate.
- Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA has called Mr. Sherm Carstensen, teacher at Trinity Lutheran School, Watertown, SD.
- Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI has called Mr. Nathan Wales, principal/teacher at Holy Trinity Lutheran School, West Columbia, SC.

*by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know— 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: 'I foresaw the Lord always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken. 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' 29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus God has raised up, of which we are all witnesses.*

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text:

**John 11:25-27**

**Theme:**

**Jesus declares to all who are in the grave or in grief:  
I AM THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE!**

*25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."*