

THANKS: to all who have been mowing this summer. The grounds look great. We are still in need of mowers thru August and September. Please check which week you can help and sign up in service to your Lord.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT -

The Southeast congregations of the CLC are organizing the third annual Southeastern Women's Retreat for women of the CLC. It will be held November 11-13, 2016 in Savannah, Georgia. While hosted by the congregations of Southeastern CLC, all are invited to join us! Last year over 30 women from across the CLC attended. The estimated cost for the retreat is between \$152 - \$360 for the weekend (depending on how many you share your room with) and includes food and lodging. More details are available in the separate Registration Form (will be soon available through your pastor). If you have any questions please contact: Amy Osborne - (651-329-3662 - newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel (972-733-4535 hanel95@hotmail.com).

NEW ILC COURSE ONLINE: Are you interested in taking an Immanuel Lutheran College class online? A new entry in the online classes available with be Survey

of New Testament (Religion 203 /204) taught by Prof. John Reim. Religion 203 / 204: Studies in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, with focus on various topics pertaining to the work of Jesus Christ and the nature of His kingdom. Introduction to Acts and the Epistles with the focus on the study in the growth of the Word of the Lord as detailed in the book of Acts and also a survey of the doctrines presented in the New Testament epistles. For more information go to: <http://www.ilc.edu> and under announcements go to: College courses offered online. For a registration form go to: <http://www.ilc.edu/resources/>. Please note that there is a form specifically for online courses.

ILC NEWS: UW-Stout has agreed to a formal transfer of credits agreement with us, Immanuel Lutheran College, in line with the agreement we have with UW-Eau Claire. They will transfer up to 72 credits, which apply toward the program a student is pursuing. This can clearly benefit our students. We also pray the LORD would use it and us to further the teaching of His saving Word. Ps. 118:25 "Save now, I pray, O LORD; O LORD, I pray, send now prosperity."

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 119 XII

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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Scripture Reading:

Exodus 5:22-6:9; 6:28-7:5

Again and again the LORD tells Moses that he must speak to Pharaoh. But Moses again makes excuses. The LORD promises the people's deliverance but when the Israelites would not listen to him, Moses becomes even more reluctant to go. The LORD provides Aaron as Moses' spokesman and warns that He will harden Pharaoh's heart and again assures Moses that He will perform great and mighty signs and wonders that will ultimately save His people.

So Moses returned to the Lord and said, "Lord, why have You brought trouble on this people? Why is it You have sent me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done evil to this people; neither have You delivered Your people at all." 6 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh. For with a strong hand he will let them go, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land." 2 And God spoke to Moses and said to him: "I am the Lord. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name Lord I was not known to them. 4 I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. 5 And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel whom the Egyptians keep in bondage, and I have remembered My covenant. 6 Therefore say to the children of Israel: 'I am the Lord; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will rescue you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments. 7 I will take you as My people, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you into the land which I swore to give to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you as a heritage: I am the Lord.'" 9 So Moses spoke thus to the children of Israel; but they did not heed Moses, because of anguish of spirit and cruel bondage.

28 And it came to pass, on the day the Lord spoke to Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 that the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "I am the Lord. Speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you." 30 But Moses said before the Lord, "Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh heed me?" 7 So the Lord said to Moses: "See, I have made you as God to Pharaoh, and Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. 2 You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall tell Pharaoh to send the children of Israel out of his land. 3 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 But Pharaoh will not heed you, so that I may lay My hand on Egypt and bring My armies and My people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch out My hand on Egypt and bring out the children of Israel from among them."

IN YOUR MAILBOX: August Calendar & Newsletter

CHANGE: The Outdoor Worship Service has been changed to Sat. Sept 17th. This service will be at Mendota County Park at Pavilion 2 at 6:00 p.m. This is the pavilion right next to the Campsites.

ILC BEGINS: Immanuel High School, College and Seminary opens its doors for the 2016-2017 school year on Monday, August 22nd. Three Peace Thru Christ members will be attending this year—James Schaser, H.S. Senior; Kaitlyn Brandle & Joshua Gerbitz, H.S. Juniors. We pray the Lord's blessings and guidance upon these young people as they travel to Eau Claire for their Christ-centered education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/ CHURCH PICNIC: Date is Sept. 11th. Anyone interested in helping to co-ordinate activities for that day please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser if you are interested in teaching.

CLC NEWS:

- Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI has called Pastor Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace, Valentine, NE/Peace Lutheran, Mission, SD and St. Paul's, White River, SD.
- Pastor Delwyn Maas, pastor of Gift of God Lutheran, Mapleton ND, has returned the call to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI.
- Pastor Ed Starkey has returned the call extended to him by Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI
- Kirsten Gullerud has accepted the call to become principal at St. Stephen Lutheran school, Mountain View CA; whereas Rebecca McKenney has returned the call to become their third teacher.

IMMANUEL'S OPENING SERVICE: The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be next Sunday, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. This will also be the installation service for Professor Paul Naumann. Please continue to pray for the success of Immanuel's ministry as God's enduring Word of truth is passed down to the next generation

the Hittites and the Amorites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come to Me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now, therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring My people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” 12 So He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” 13 Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 And God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” 15 Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’

Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Commission applies to all members, as well as pastors and Christian teachers. Our Savior’s promise, “Lo, I am with you always” empowers us to “Go and make disciples by baptizing and teaching all things.” Mission work is not some incidental phase of the church’s work, but the very heart and center of her work. May we daily witness for Christ. 18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

The Sermon: read/listen to sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Exodus 3:1-15**

The “I AM” God Empowers His Servants!

I: He calls us. II: He is always with us.

III: We revere His Word.

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian. And he led the flock to the back of the desert, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush. So he looked, and behold, the bush was burning with fire, but the bush was not consumed. 3 Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.” 4 So when the Lord saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” 5 Then He said, “Do not draw near this place. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground.” 6 Moreover He said, “I am the God of your father—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God. 7 And the Lord said: “I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. 8 So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites and

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God for this blessed privilege to serve you this morning with the Good News of our salvation through the Messiah, our Savior, Jesus Christ. The great I AM is the Savior-God who not only set Israel free from slavery in Egypt, but has set us all free from the slavery of sin, death and hell through His perfect life, death and resurrection. Please, come worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Today 10:15 a.m. Church Council

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Classes at Artisan

Thursday 12:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church—Greve
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Schaser

LAST WEEK: Worship 35
Communion 29

OFFERINGS 8/7 for Unified
Budget: \$1,974