

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

LAWN MOWERS: Now that we have received some much needed rain we will be in need of mowers for the rest of the summer. Please sign the sheet if you can help in this way.

EVANGELISM NEWS: We are again planning on building a float for the Middleton Good Neighbor Parade, Aug. 26th. The theme we have decided on is: "Jesus' Resurrection: More than Magic---The Greatest Moment in Time." We are looking for help to assemble our float on Saturdays Aug. 18 & 25th.

CLC NEWS: Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called Pastor Edward Starkey, Iron River MI.

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

THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN TODAY SEMINAR: will be held at

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mankato, Minnesota on Saturday, October 6, 2012. The seminar's theme this year will be "The Woman of Shunem—God's Plan, Not Ours" based on 2 Kings 4:8-37. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the closing scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The cost is \$15.00 and includes lunch. Seminar brochures containing registration blanks will be sent to CLC congregations by August 15, 2012 with a registration deadline of Sunday, September 30, 2012. We invite the women of the CLC and their friends to attend this one-day seminar.

NEEDED: Used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Don't throw them away. Our school can get money or products by sending in used printer cartridges and cell phones. Please drop them off in the box by the copier. Ink jet & laser cartridges and cell phones are needed!

Peace thru Christ Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary

	Month of July 2012			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	10,460	11,750	(1,290)	69,714	76,450	(6,736)
Other income	-	-	-	20	-	20
Total income	10,460	11,750	(1,290)	69,734	76,450	(6,716)
Expenses*	9,998	11,024	(1,026)	77,336	80,209	(2,873)
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	462	726	(264)	(7,602)	(3,759)	(3,843)

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 143

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening: 372
Before Sermon: 451
Offering Hymn: 441 v. 1-2
After Prayers: 447
Closing Hymn: 481

Scripture Readings:

2 Corinthians 12:6-10

Paul reminds us that our courage and strength as Christians is not built upon ourselves. In fact, it is quite the opposite. It is during the very times of oppression and weakness that Christ demonstrates His power in us. There is no better example of this than the forgiveness and absolution that God provides on a daily basis.

6 For though I might desire to boast, I will not be a fool; for I will speak the truth. But I refrain, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me to be or hears from me. 7 And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. 8 Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. 9 And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in

weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 10 Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

Matthew 14:22-33

Imagine the courage that Peter must have had to walk on water during a storm! But despite his apparent strength, Peter shows his limitations as he quickly becomes fearful of the wind and the waves. Peter had forgotten that Jesus was giving him courage through faith. While we may not walk on water today, do we tend to forget from time to time about the blessings and powers that Christ gives us by faith? Let us continually look to our Savior for strength and courage and not to ourselves.

22 Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go before Him to the other side, while He sent the multitudes away. 23 And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray. Now when evening came, He was alone there. 24 But the boat was now in the middle of the sea, tossed by the waves, for the wind was contrary. 25 Now in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went to them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. 27 But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Be of good cheer! It is I; do not be afraid." 28 And Peter answered Him and said, "Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water." 29 So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!" 31 And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" 32 And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. 33 Then those who were in the boat came and worshiped Him, saying, "Truly You are the Son of God."

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

Sermon Text: **Joshua 1:6-9**

Sermon Theme:

GOD GIVES YOU CHRISTIAN COURAGE

I: To Remember His Promises II: To Follow His Word.

6 Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as

an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. 8 This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. 9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU: We thank God for your presence with us this morning. The Lord through His powerful Word gives us Christian courage to remember His promises and to go forth proclaiming His Word and living for Him. Jesus' greatest gift to us is our salvation. He has taken our place and lived the perfect life the Father demanded of us and died the death we should have died. Come again to hear more about this rest we have in Christ. Please, also sign our guest register.

THANK YOU — to Mark Tiefel for bringing us God's Word this morning. Pastor Elect Tiefel, the Lord willing, will be installed as Pastor of Bethel Lutheran, Morris, MN on Sunday, September 2nd. We pray for the Lord's blessings upon Mark's installation and upon His ministry work in the Lord's kingdom. Pastor & Ruth should be returning home this evening.

This Week:

Tues. 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Oak Park Place

Saturday 9:30 a.m. Float Assembly

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Family Worship
10:15 a.m. Church Council

Next Monday ILC Begins

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church—Greve
Counters today: Pam Schulz & Deb
Schmidt

LAST WEEK:

Attendance 58
8/5 for Unified Budget: \$2,261
Project Kinship (Memory of Delilah
Riggert): \$25

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