

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS:

St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View CA, has called Pastor Caleb Schaller, Lynnwood WA. Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL, has called Pastor Matthew Hanel, Dallas TX.

From President Schierenbeck: Pastor Dan Fleischer has been in contact with what basically is a family in Australia over an extended period of time. The husband/father has been called by the family and extended family to serve as pastor. After extensive communication, they find themselves in agreement with the CLC's teaching and practice and have applied for affiliate membership rather than full-fledged organization membership. The name of their group is Steadfast Ev. Lutheran Church of Tanudna, Australia. This request will be presented to the Board of Doctrine at its Spring meeting. If the Board concurs with our assessment, it will recommend to the 2012 Convention that this congregation be recognized as confessionally affiliated with the CLC.

The Board of Education and Publications announces an upgrade and new look to the clclutheran.com website. The intensive

labor to accomplish this has been done by Nate Ude, Matt Ude, and Matt Schaser. You will notice the similarity to the new Lutheranspokesman.org website. The Lutheranmissions.org site will receive a similar upgrade. Please inform your members so that they might be encouraged to share the links via email and the various online social networks sites that they use (such as Facebook) with their friends and relatives that frequent the internet.

The 2011 "Bread of Life" devotional (usually printed in the Dec. copy of the Spokesman) will be available January 1st as a pdf download on the new Lutheranspokesman.org website. The LORD be with you all, Dave Naumann, BOEP Chairman

INVITATION: Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin invites you to attend the installation of Neal Radichel as her pastor on January 2nd at 3:00 p. m. There will be refreshments served after the service. Even if you cannot attend, please join us in prayer in giving thanks to God for providing a full-time pastor for the congregation.--- Vacancy Pastor Mike Schierenbeck

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2



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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 98

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal p. 5

Opening Hymn 63

Before Sermon 387 v.1,2,4-7

Offering Hymn 705

After Prayers: 709

After Benediction. 51

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 35

In the previous chapter Isaiah depicted the desolation of Edom, a country to the southeast of Israel. In contrast, chapter 35 illustrates the LORD'S mercy and blessings upon Israel. These gifts included many miraculous signs and healings, a prophecy of the coming Messiah. But the greatest blessing is the ability to trek the Highway of Holiness, God's path toward heaven. This right is given to the redeemed ones, those who are ransomed by Christ's blood and believe in this promise by faith. What a tremendous example of God's grace, not just for the Old Testament faithful, but for you and me as well.

1 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellence of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, The excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the

feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Philippians 4:1-9

This chapter records Paul's final thoughts to the congregation in Philippi. He encourages them to remember the things which they were taught. We have received the same blessings from our Lord. Let us continually remember to rejoice in what God has given us and meditate on those things which are pleasing in His sight. But as Paul highlights in verse 7, the peace of God given through Christ Jesus is of greatest importance. This is the very peace which we meditate upon during the Advent season.

1 Therefore, my beloved and longed-for brethren, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, beloved. 2 I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 And I urge you also, true companion, help these women who labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the Book of Life. 4 Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

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MID-WEEK ADVENT SERVICES:

This year's Advent mid-week Series is: **REACTIONS TO JESUS' BIRTH.** Pastor Mike Schierenbeck will be conducting the service this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. We pray your Advent worship prepares you for your Christmas celebration and worship of the Christ-Child.

3. Shepherds responded in faith -- Luke 2:8-20---Mike Schierenbeck

CHRISTMAS PARTS:

Parents, please help your children learn their parts so the practices can run smoothly and not be too time consuming. Next practice is this Tuesday, Dec. 14th at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU:

to former Vicar Mark Tiefel for bringing us the Word of God today. We pray for Mark's safe return home to Eau Claire and for the Lord's richest blessings as he continues his study in the Seminary at ILC. Pastor & Ruth, the Lord willing, should be returning home sometime this evening.

NEEDED:

Pastor is looking for a few more men to do some Scripture readings for the Sunday worship service on Sunday, December 26th. If you are interested, please see Pastor.

WELL UPDATE:

Bethke Plumbing will be out this Tuesday to dig up the area between the garage and the well. At that time they will turn the water off to the house and will pressure test the line to confirm the section of pipe that is leaking. It is possible (but unlikely) that the leak is close to the well and it could be repaired at that time. If that is the case, our cost will be quite a bit less. If the leak is not visible at that time, the hole will be covered until Intercon can come and bore the new line from the basement (Wednesday or Thursday). Once a new line is run, it will be connected to the well that day and the job should be finished. If all goes as planned right now, the job should be complete by next Thursday. There will be a brief interruption to the water supply to the parsonage Tuesday during the pressure test, and then again while connecting the new line to the well.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING:

We will go Christmas caroling to Oak Park Place and Walnut Grove and the Riggerts next Sunday. Please meet at the church around 5:20 p.m.

BEFORE CHURCH:

Today

Sunday School — Call of Abram;
Abram and Lot
Bible Class: The Genesis Creation
Account: Literal or Figurative

THIS WEEK

Today 11:15 a.m. Choir

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation—
Brandle

Tuesday

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

7:00 p.m. Christmas Program
Practice

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship III

Thursday

4:00 p.m. Confirmation—McDonald
7:00 p.m. B.O.C.E.

Friday

7:30 p.m. ILC Christmas Concert

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:25 a.m. Christmas Program
Practice/Budget Presentation

5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

LAST SUNDAY Attendance:

Worship: 58 SS. 14 Bible Class 25
Advent II: 38

OFFERINGS 12/5 & 12/8

for Unified Budget: \$4,527
School Book Fee \$125

HANNAH’S HELPING HANDS:

The ladies will be enjoying a
night out to celebrate a Christmas
Gathering. There is a sign-up sheet
in the entry-way. Tuesday, Dec.
21st at 6:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS BAGS: If you would
like to donate items for our annual
Christmas bags, please bring them
by next Sunday

THANKS: to all who helped
decorate the Christmas trees and
the church/fellowship hall last
Sunday.

2011 BUDGET PRESENTATION:

The presentation of our 2011
Budget will take place next Sunday
after Church and Choir around
11:25 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
This is for the whole congregation
to attend. We encourage all of our
members to stay and be informed.

Peace thru Christ Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary

	Month of Nov.			Year-To-Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	9,436	8,800	636	104,300	104,700	(400)
Other income	125	-	125	325	200	125
Total income	9,561	8,800	761	104,625	104,900	(275)
Expenses	8,718	9,126	(408)	106,598	106,928	(330)
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	843	(326)	1,169	(1,973)	(2,028)	55

Sermon Text:

Matthew 11:2-10

SEE THE SAVIOR FOR YOURSELF

I. Foretold by John the Baptist

II. Made known in the Bible

III. Providing many blessings

2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." 7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 10 For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.'

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We welcome you this morning to Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School. It is our hope that your heart has been filled with good tidings of great joy concerning the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. What a blessing to know that Jesus will return for us again, just as He came to earth as a child. As you prepare for many busy Christmas activities, remember the great gifts that God has given you strictly because He loves you! We thank you for joining us today and pray that you continue to meditate on the Christ-child. Please, come worship your Savior-God with us again and please, also sign our guest register.

