

VOTERS' MEETING REPORT:

15 voters attended. Edith Templeton, Tom Albrecht and Caleb Meyer were received as communicant members through transfer. Steve & Deb Schmidt were transferred to Church of the Lutheran Confession, North Port, FL. Treasurer reported offerings for 2014 were \$ 122,366 which is about \$ 7,600 less than was budgeted. Our \$ 16,000 surplus from 2014 now stands at \$ 7,600. The Audit Committee reported all financial records for 2014 were in good order. Adopted 2015 Budget for the first 7 months: \$ 72,300. Our commitment to the CLC CBP was decreased to \$ 6,000 with our overall support to the CLC/ILC now at \$ 9,520. Elections were held: Three

new councilmen were elected: Mike Brandle, John Gerbitz and Dan Schaefer. Tim Schaser was elected as BOCE member. Voters decided to call the Council/S.S./ Mother's room the "Peace Room." Voters decided to allow male confirmands to be eligible to serve as ushers. Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is set for April 12th

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS:

Dan Schaefer, President; Mike Brandle, Secretary; Eric Dreyer, Treasurer; John Gerbitz, Evangelism Chairman; Jarrod Lentz, BOCE Chairman; Randy Dreyer, Property Manager. Tim Schaser is the new BOCE Member.

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

February Newsletter & Calendar, CLC Financial Report

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church. We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could

be ours. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, read more about our Faith, or call Pastor Bernthal at 608-233-2244 or email him at mbern@juno.com More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 20

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, P. 5

Opening Hymn: 416

Before Sermon: 523 (1,4,5)

Offering Hymn: 568 (1)

After Prayers: 412

Closing Hymn: 604

Scripture Readings:

Psalm 91:1-16

Satan, the old evil foe of anyone who is a Christian, quoted this psalm in his attempt to try and tempt Jesus. So cunning is the serpent that he will even quote the Holy Scriptures themselves in an attempt to snare prey in a spiritual death trap. It is interesting that Satan uses this Psalm because it is packed with comfort and protection for those who trust in the Lord. From this Psalm we have the comfort of

a powerful God, and the reassurance that He will deliver us from every spiritual danger.

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust." 3 Surely He shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler And from the perilous pestilence. 4 He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler. 5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, Nor of the arrow that flies by day, 6 Nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, Nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday. 7 A thousand may fall at your side, And ten thousand at your right hand; But it shall not come near you. 8 Only with your eyes shall you look, And see the reward of the wicked. 9 Because you have made the Lord, who is my refuge, Even the Most High, your dwelling place, 10 No evil shall befall you, Nor shall any plague come near your dwelling; 11 For He shall give His angels charge over you, To keep you in all your ways. 12 In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the cobra, The young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot. 14 "Because he has set his love upon Me, therefore I will deliver him; I will set him on high, because he has known My name. 15 He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him and honor him. 16 With long life I will satisfy him, And show him My salvation."

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

The Apostle Paul warns the congregation at Corinth of some of the dangers facing them. He refreshes their memory of the Jewish background, of the pitfalls some of them fell into. He reassures the congregation that they will not be tempted beyond what they are able to bear, and that with every temptation comes a way of escape also. It is the same for us as well, and God is still faithful to allow only what we are able to bear.

10 Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, 2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, 3 all ate the same spiritual food, 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. 5 But

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LENTEN SERVICES:

We begin our Wednesday evening Lenten worship services for meditation and study on our Savior's passion Wednesday, February 18th. We properly prepare ourselves during Lent by meditating on what Christ has done for us! True preparation can only come about through the Word of God. That is why our mid-week services are so extremely important to all.

All services will be at 7:00 p.m.

Our Lenten theme this year is: "Psalms of the Penitent"

1. The Penitent Prays for a Purified Heart (Ps. 51)—Feb. 18th Pastor Bernthal
2. The Disposition of the Penitent (Ps. 38)—Feb. 25th Pastor Krause
3. What it is to be Penitent (Ps. 6)—Mar. 4th Pastor Radichel
4. The Afflicted Penitent Hopes in the Lord (Ps. 102)—Mar. 11th Pastor Pfeiffer
5. The Penitent Waits Patiently on the Lord (Ps. 130)—Mar. 18th Pastor Ude
6. Blessed are the Penitent (Ps. 32)—Mar. 25th Pastor Eichstadt

We pray that the Holy Spirit move you to commit yourself to take advantage of these special opportunities to hear God's Word.

Several suppers will be held before our Lenten services. The first is a Soup Supper for Feb. 18th from 5:30-6:40 p.m. There is a sheet for you to sign in the entry-way.

SUNDAY SERIES:

We will also have a Sunday morning Lenten series of sermons entitled "See the Cross: Words of Jesus in His Passion." The texts and themes are listed below.

1. "Put Your Sword Away"—John 18:4-11
2. "It's No Secret"—John 18:19-24
3. "It's God's Plan from Beginning to End"—Mark 14:61-62
4. "Shed No Tears for Jesus"—Luke 23:26-31
5. "Glory Be to Jesus"—John 17:1-5
6. "Our King is Crucified"—John 18:36-37

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MAKE A BLANKET DAY: On Saturday, Feb. 28th beginning @ 9 a.m. we will be making Neonatal Intensive Unit blankets again here at Peace Thru Christ. Bring 1 ½ yards child print flannel and 1 ½ yards of plain or near plain flannel.

CLC/WELS/ELS MEETING

REPORT: On Jan. 30, representatives from the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC), the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS), and WELS met for doctrinal discussions at the WELS Center for Mission and Ministry in Waukesha, Wis. This was the first meeting between representatives of these three synods since 1990. It was called by the synod presidents, with the encouragement of the appropriate synod committees, upon the request of a grassroots group of pastors from all three synods in the Mankato, Minn., area.

The meeting was cordial and productive. The participants shared perspectives on the history of the relationship between the three synods. The participants also discussed the "Joint Statement Regarding the Termination of Fellowship Between Church Bodies," a

document that was prepared in 1990 during the last round of doctrinal discussions. A reconciliation is not expected to come about easily or quickly between the CLC and ELS/WELS. But attendees found it was useful to hear first-hand how the situation looks from the perspective of others and to discuss what it would take to overcome the breach that has separated the synods. Representing the CLC were Pres. Michael Eichstadt, Rev. Paul Nolting, and Rev. Bruce Naumann; representing the ELS were Pres. John Moldstad, Prof. Gaylin Schmeling, and Prof. Erling Teigen; and representing WELS were Prof. John Brenner, Prof. Thomas Nass, and Pres. Mark Schroeder. Only one of these participants was involved in the 1990 meetings, so this meeting brought together a new generation of leaders who have not discussed the issues together before.

A second meeting is planned for April 17 in Eau Claire, Wis., to continue the discussions. The second meeting will focus more pointedly on the "Joint Statement" of 1990 and will begin the discussion of additional topics of concern.

with most of them God was not well pleased, for their bodies were scattered in the wilderness. 6 Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. 7 And do not become idolaters as were some of them. As it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." 8 Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; 9 nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; 10 nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. 11 Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

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

Sermon Text: Matthew 4:1-11

Theme:

"It is written" shows us...

I: Jesus has power over this world

II: Jesus is the Messiah

III: Jesus is worthy to be praised

4 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" 5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash

your foot against a stone.” 7 Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the Lord your God.’” 8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.” 10 Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.’” 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! May the message of our Savior’s great love for us fill your hearts with joy and peace. Please sign our guest register and come worship your Savior with us again.

THANK YOU: to Seminary student Ben Libby for bringing us the Word of God this morning. We pray for Ben’s safe travel home and for the Lord’s blessings on his school year.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Gideon Bible Class: “Prepared to Answer”---John Gerbitz

Sun-Wed. Pastor’s vacation

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Heritage Bible Class

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship

3:00 p.m. Mission Outreach, Messiah, Eau Claire

LAST WEEK:

Worship 31 B.C. 14 S.S. 2

OFFERINGS 2/1 for Unified Budget: \$1,742

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---Gbedey/Lentz
School---Schaser
Counters today: Pam Schulz & Rachel Schaser

PASTOR’S VACATION: Pastor and Ruth, the Lord willing, will be returning home this Wednesday evening. Please contact President Dan Schaefer if pastoral assistance is needed. 274-5052 Cell: 445-6852

HANNAH’S HELPING HANDS:

The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 7:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL: There will be no school February 20th

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LADIES RETREAT: Hello ladies, Save the date for the 2015 Women’s Retreat on April 10-12! Registration is now open on our new website:

1. Visit the website at <http://LadiesRetreat.CLClutheran.net> and click Register Now for Winona 2015 to register.
2. Download the Registration Fee PDF, and send in the completed form with your payment to the specified address.

We would love to see new faces, so please invite others in your congregation to the Retreat. If you know of someone that does not have Internet access, please help them with the registration process or have them call one of the individuals listed below, and we can register them. Beth Kranz 715-544-8289 Chris Gerbitz 608-314-5227 We hope to see you in April!

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor David Pfeiffer, pastor of Ascension Lutheran, Batavia IL. has returned the call to Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA.
- Pastor Vance Fossum, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran, West

Columbia SC. has returned the call to Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX,

- Desirae Naumann, a member of the congregation, has accepted the call to teach at St. John’s Lutheran, Clarkston WA “Valley Bible Academy”
- Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, has called Candice Ohlmann of Faith Lutheran, Markesan WI, to serve as principal and teacher of Grace Lutheran School which is set to reopen this fall.
- Sara Pfeiffer teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran school, Mountain View CA, has returned the call to Gethsemane Lutheran school, Spokane Valley WA.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP - All are invited to participate in this year’s Evangelism Workshop on Sunday, February 15, from 3:00 to 6:30 pm at Messiah, Eau Claire. The theme is “Prepared to Answer!” A soup and chili fellowship supper will follow. Come and learn! Come and share!

FEBRUARY LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN

is available in the entry-way on the registration table.