

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

JANUARY LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN is available in the entry-way on the registration table.

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

February Newsletter and Calendar,
2012 Annual Report,
2013 Peace Thru Christ Directory

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Please meet this Wednesday at 6:00 p.m.

VOTERS' MEETING REPORT:

Amanda Blaser has 5 lessons left in her Adult Instruction Class. The Audit Committee reported all financial records for 2012 were in good order. Treasurer reported offerings for 2012 were \$ 136,140 which is over \$ 3,000 more than was budgeted. With less expenses than budgeted we have almost a \$ 13,000 surplus entering 2013. Praise the Lord, the Giver of all good gifts! Adopted 2013 Budget: \$ 135,670. Pastor and Miss Ohlmann received a 4% raise. Our commitment to the CLC CBP increased by 12% from \$ 9,900 to \$ 11,100 with our overall support to the CLC/ILC increasing from \$ 15,660 to \$ 17,280. Glory be to God! Elections were held: Three new councilmen were elected: John Gerbitz, Nathan Greve, Dan Schaefer. Nathan Peterson was elected to be the BOCE non-council member. Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is set for April 21st.

USHERS: The new ushers' list for 2013 can be found on the bulletin board in the entry-way as well as in every usher's mailbox. Thank you for your willing service to the Lord in this area.

NEW CHURCH COUNCIL: Dan Schaefer, President of congregation; Eric Dreyer, Treasurer; John Gerbitz, Secretary; Jarrod Lentz, B.O.C.E. Chairman; Nathan Greve, Evangelism Committee Chairman; Randy Dreyer, Property Manager.

CLC NEWS:

The CLC Board of Missions has extended the call to Pastor Thomas Schuetze, Coloma MI, to serve as missionary in India and East Africa. Rock of Ages Lutheran Church, Grand Rapids, MI has called Pastor George Dumann to be their pastor.

CAMPBELL LABELS:

Don't forget to keep those Campbell labels for school supplies.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

Bible Studies on some very important chapters of the Bible. This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. we will study Luke 15: The "Lost" Chapter. On February 6 we will study Psalm 23: The "Good Shepherd" Psalm and Isaiah 53: Christ Our Substitute. This takes us up to Ash Wednesday and the Lenten season.

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; More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 33

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening Hymn: 4
Before Sermon: 245
Offering Hymn: 789
After Prayers: 297
Closing Hymn: 417 v. 1-2, 6-7

Scripture Readings:

Numbers 21:4-9

4 Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses: "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and our soul loathes this worthless bread." 6 So the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. 7 Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against

the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived.

Ephesians 2:4-10

4 But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

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

Sermon Text: **John 3:9-21**

Sermon Theme:

JESUS TEACHES US TO RECOGNIZE

I: Our Spiritual Condition

II: Our Need to Look to Him

9 Nicodemus answered and said to Him, "How can these things be?" 10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things? 11 Most assuredly, I say to you, We speak what We know and testify what We have seen, and you do not receive Our witness. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should

not perish but have everlasting life. 17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. 20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. 21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God."

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We thank the Lord that you are worshipping with us this morning. What an amazing message of Good News we are hearing today. God so loved this sinful world that He willingly sent His Son to take our place, be our Substitute and die our death. Jesus willingly obeyed His Father's will so that He would pay in full for the guilt and punishment of our sins and give us eternal salvation. Believe this and we have eternal life! Come, hear more Good News about your Saviors and worship with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

THANK YOU: to Seminary student Rob Sauers for bringing us the Word of God this morning. We pray for Rob's safe travel home and for the Lord's blessings on his school year. Pastor Bernthal, the Lord willing, should be returning home tomorrow afternoon.

This Week:

Before Church

S.S.: Jesus Walks on Water

Bible Class: Principles of Biblical Interpretation

11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Monday NO SCHOOL

7:00 p.m. Confirmation---Brandle

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

Wednesday 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Next Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/
Communion

LAST WEEK:

Worship 50 S.S. 7 B. C. 26

OFFERINGS 1/20

for Unified Budget: \$2,786
\$50 CLC Missions

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church—Schmidt
School---Bernthal/Tardola

Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Karl Gullerud