

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:**

The Ladies will be meeting this Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.

**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!" Questions come your way when people know you are a practicing Christian. Will you know what to say? Do you know how to use questions as an opportunity to share your faith in Christ? This workshop will leave you better equipped

to serve the Lord, who first served you, by being His witness. Our format will feature presentations, as well as break-out sessions for discussion and application. A soup and chili fellowship supper will follow. Come and learn! Come and share!

**BUDGET PRESENTATION:** The 2015 budget will be presented to the congregation for input today after church before the Voter's vote on it at the Annual Voters' meeting Sunday, Jan. 25th.

**PRO-LIFE EVANGELISM:**

Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves.

**PRAYER;** Dear Lord, on this anniversary week of the Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion through all 9 months of pregnancy, we pray—Change the hearts of those in our nation who do not respect life from conception to natural death. Truly, You are a pro-life God, for You are the Giver of all life, and the life and death of each human belongs in Your hands, not the hands of man. May none of us abuse the gift of life You have given us, but use our time of grace wisely, including witnessing to others about You as Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier of our blood-bought souls. Lead all mothers, dear Lord, to "choose life" rather than death for the child You have created in them. All this we pray in Your name, and for Your honor and glory, Amen.

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran**

**Church.** 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](mailto:mbern@juno.com) More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)



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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 14

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## Scripture Readings:

### Romans 8:1-11

When the Spirit lives in us through faith, we have life and freedom. Jesus has fulfilled the righteous requirements of the Law. By faith, we are set free from the law of sin and death and have been made alive to God in righteousness.

*8 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. 10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.*

### Matthew 4:12-17

John the Baptist's ministry decreased as he had prophesied, while Jesus went throughout Galilee proclaiming that the Kingdom of God was at hand. Thus fulfilling the words of Isaiah. Repent!

*12 Now when Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, He departed to Galilee. 13 And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying:*

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### WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE

**CLASS:** We continue our "Important Chapters of the Bible" study with the study of Psalm 73. We had 9 in attendance last week.

### TOYS AVAILABLE:

There are several boxes of toys in the fellowship hall. Take whatever you would like. In two weeks they will be given to charity.

**VOTERS:** Plan now to attend our Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 25th after church. Elections will be held and the 2015 budget discussed and accepted. Come, serve your Lord and Savior.

**Deborah Ude**, wife of ILC seminary professor John Ude, is currently working toward the publication of a Lutheran Christian Fiction novel. No final date has been set, but the goal is to release it in early March. Information about *Steeple in the Distance*, excerpts and background, are available. Visit website [www.deborahude.com](http://www.deborahude.com) E-mail [deborahu9@gmail.com](mailto:deborahu9@gmail.com)

### From CLC President Eichstadt:

Three new schools! How encouraging and how beneficial for the children of our body

that three congregations are planning to open schools this fall: St. John's, Clarkston, WA; Gethsemane, Spokane, WA; and Grace, Valentine, NE.

### Addition to clergy roster:

Upon the recommendation of the reentry committee and very positive input from a number of the brethren, I have added Pastor Mark Weis to the official clergy roster of the CLC.

**CLC/WELS/ELS talks:** The meeting of the three-man committees from the CLC, WELS, and ELS will be held on Friday, January 30, at the WELS headquarters in Waukesha, WI. Pastor Paul Nolting, Pastor Bruce Naumann, and I look forward to this opportunity to explain in person what we have seen throughout our history as the doctrinal difference between us and WELS/ELS, and also through the discussions to ascertain where matters stand today. While much has been written on this over the past 50 years, there are definite advantages and potential for better understanding on all sides through face-to-face dialogue. May the Spirit bless the meeting through the unchanging truth of His Word.

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### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Last Days of Moses

**Bible Class:** Spending Time in Luther's Catechism---8th Commandment

11:15 a.m. Budget Presentation

**Monday** No School

### Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Artisan Bible Class

7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

### Wednesday

Pastoral Study Club

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

### Thursday

10:45 a.m. Heritage Bible Class

### Next Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Annual Voters' Meeting

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Peterson

School---Abbas/Schaefer

Counters today: John Birkholz & Nathan Peterson

### LAST WEEK:

**Worship** 47 B.C. 26 S.S. 3

**OFFERINGS** 1/4 for Unified  
Budget: \$2,234

### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Frank Gantt has returned the call extended to him by Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI.
- Pastor Matthew Hanel has returned the call extended to him by Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood WA.
- Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX, has called Pastor Vance Fossum, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia SC.
- Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has called Teacher Sara Pfeiffer of St. Stephen, Mountain View CA, to be Principal and Teacher, as it reopens its school in the Fall.

### JANUARY LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN

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

### DIRECTORY CORRECTION:

Dan Schaefer's e-mail in our printed copy is incorrect. It should be schaeferd51@gmail.com. It is correct in the electronic copy that was sent out this past week.

15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: 16 The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text: **Genesis 15:1-7**

## Righteousness Is Credited, Not Earned!

15 After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward." 2 But Abram said, "Lord God, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!" 4 And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir." 5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be." 6 And he believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness. 7 Then He said to him, "I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

May the message of God's grace in Christ and the righteousness that is ours through Him, move us to give praise, honor, and glory to the God of our salvation. Please sign our guest register and come worship your Savior with us again.