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proclaimed again that we do not walk this way alone!

CLC WOMEN'S RETREAT:

The Midwest Christian Women's Retreat, sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato, MN, will be held April 20-22, 2018, at the Riverport Inn & Suites, Winona, MN. This year's theme is: "That Your Joy may be Full!"

Our Joy is Full:

- When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with God
- When the Gospel is preached and we are in fellowship with each other
- Even in the midst of tribulation
- When we show joy in our service
- When we rejoice in Jesus
- With the certainty of eternity

Registration is open 2/1/18 – 3/23/18. The retreat fee is \$75. All the hotel costs and

reservation information, as well as retreat registration information can be found at www.ladiesretreat.clclutheran.net.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor will be on vacation from Thursday, Feb. 1 thru Tuesday, Feb. 6th. If pastoral help is needed, please call President Caleb Meyer at 507-450-9254

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC

PRESIDENT: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary: Paul Naumann and Steven Sippert. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2020. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by March 15, 2018 (postmarked by March 1), to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.

If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany • January 28, 2018

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 97

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal p. 5

Opening Hymn: 750

Before Sermon: 447

Offering: 438 (4-5)

After Prayers: 450

After Benediction: 293

Scripture Readings:

II Kings 5:1-14

Elisha, the man of God, heals Naaman the leper. Naaman is not one of God's chosen people. He is an Aramean, an enemy of Israel. However, through a young believing Israelite slave girl, the LORD leads Naaman to Elisha and through the Holy Spirit leads him to know Him as His Lord and Savior God. It is true! *"God our Savior desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."* I Tim. 2:4

Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord

had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." 5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me." 8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Mark 1:40-45

Jesus touches and heals a leper.

His love for the man led Jesus to do this. The cured man spreads the news about Jesus. Jesus' great love for him compelled him to do this.

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GOD'S PROMISE KEPT:

A new book written by **Pastor Emeritus Dale Redlin**. The reader will be taking a spiritual-scriptural journey with fellow Old Testament travelers making our way from Eden through the giving of God's Commandments at Mt. Sinai. It is devotional in nature with story-like-quality — it lets people be what we all are — sinful people who badly need the true God and His guidance as well as His forgiving love in our lives everyday.

Prof. emeritus Paul Koch—Editor;
Timothy Schaser -- Graphic Artist;
L. Dale Redlin -- Author. You may order them from Dale Redlin 507-625-2572 or hope-dale@juno.com. \$15.00 plus postage.

LENTEN SERIES:

Lent is the journey we make as we travel with Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to Jerusalem, where He will face the cross and the grave for our sake. This year's theme focuses upon the journey, though perhaps not in the way we usually walk it. Our overall theme is

"Return from Exile: A Lenten Journey."

The beginning of our journey is exile in the wilderness of sin

and death. From the first sin in the first garden, we have been exiled into the wilderness where we have wandered without any ability to find our way out. But every journey also has a destination. Our return from exile brings us into the promised land, the perfect place, the new garden, the courts of heaven—the ultimate destination which was established for us by Jesus' death and resurrection.



There is great joy in the journey as we see where our returning brings us; but there is also a somber attitude when we consider what Christ faced on account of our sin. Each leg of our Lenten journey begins in the Old Testament and continues into the New Testament, pointing us to the joy that is ours on account of Christ Jesus. The sermons in this series give the hearers opportunity to contemplate the reality of their earthly journey, but with eyes always fixed on its destination—the empty tomb and the open gates of everlasting life—and with an underlying reality of joy as we hear

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BAPTIZED TODAY: Levi Timothy Schaser, son of Tim & Christina Schaser born January 18th. Sponsors: Nathan and Abbie Noeldner Proxy: Caleb & Rachel Meyer



Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? 4

*Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **Romans 6:3-4***

*For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. **Galatians 3:27***

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School: The Plagues
Bible Class: "Lessons from the Lives of Powerful Politicians!"

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:05 a.m. Choir

11:20 a.m. Annual Voters' Meeting

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Next Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Meyer

School: Dreyer/Dumke.

Counters today: Randy Dreyer &

Joel Albrecht

LAST WEEK: Worship 35 S.S.1
Bible Class 12

OFFERINGS 1/21 for Unified
Budget: \$2,246

CLC NEWS

- Pastor Neal Radichel has accepted the call extended to him by Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN to be their co-pastor.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE

CLASS: We continue our study of the Minor Prophets with the prophet Habakkuk. Come, study and learn with us. 7:00 p.m.

VOTERS: Plan to stay for our Annual Voters' Meeting after church. Elections will be held and the 2018 budget discussed and accepted. Come, serve your Lord and Savior.

IN YOUR MAILBOX: February Calendar & Newsletter, 2017 Annual, 2018 Church Directory

40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. 43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.

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

Sermon Text: **I Corinthians 9:24-27**

ARE YOU READY FOR THE REAL OLYMPICS?

I: It is a contest for an eternal prize—The Crown of Life!

II: It is a contest which requires continual Spiritual Training.

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We pray that your training for your spiritual life is one based in Christ and His Word. Only with the power of the Spirit leading and guiding us can we grow, mature, and live in Jesus so that the crown of life He has earned for us will remain ours through eternity. We invite you to come and "run" with us again in your worship of your Savior. Please also sign our guest book.