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BREWERS OUTING: There were not enough people signed up for the July 26th game. We have planned another one. The Brewers play Atlanta on Tuesday, August 9, 7:00. This would be during the State Fair so make it a day!!!! Same price, \$21.00. My contact at the Brewers will let us have 25 to get the good price. So -- check

your calendars -- talk to your friends, neighbors, and relatives (not in that order), and let's see if we can get enough to have our annual outing. Field level seating, first base -- foul ball alley. Deadline July 10. Ted Quade. There is a sheet for sign-up.



WE NEED YOU!

For Traveling VB S

JULY 6 (Wed @9am) Luther Memorial (Fond du Lac)
Flyer FDL—followed by pizza picnic & games!

JULY 13 (Wed @9am) Peace Thru Christ (Middleton)
Flyer Middleton—followed by cookout & fun!

*And Jesus said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation."
Mark 16:15*



Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School 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, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost • June 19, 2016

**Peace Thru Christ
Lutheran Church and School**

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*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
And to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
To declare Your lovingkindness in the morning,
And Your faithfulness every night – Psalm 92:1-2*

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 92

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

- Opening Hymn: 787**
- Before Sermon: 457**
- Offering Hymn: 568**
- After Prayers: 454**
- (1-4, 7-8 sung: 5-6 read)**
- After Benediction: 54**

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 19:1-17, 24-29

God's destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is a severe condemnation of man's depravity---leaving the natural, God-given use of sex and instead burning in their lust for members of their own sex. In Romans 1:27— God condemns the sin of homosexuality and lesbianism as He does all sin. None greater or less than another. This text stands out as clear condemnation of all those who pervert and corrupt God's moral laws. Yet in His justice God shows mercy by sparing Lot and his family, the only believers in both cities.

19 Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. 2 And he said, "Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." And they said, "No, but we will spend the night in the open square." 3 But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. 4 Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. 5 And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally." 6 So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, 7 and said, "Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly! 8 See now, I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof." 9 And they said, "Stand back!" Then they said, "This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them." So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. 10 But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. 11 And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find

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VBS:

Our VBS will be held August 1-5 from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark your calendars. If you would like to help out with teaching, arts & crafts or singing, please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Rick Grams, Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD has announced his retirement effective June 30th.
- Pastor Nathanael Mayhew has returned the call extended to him by Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan. They have now called Pastor Caleb Schaller, Assistant pastor at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL has called Missionary Matt Ude.
- Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called Pastor George Dummann, pastor of Salem Lutheran, Eagle Lake MN.

MEN'S RETREAT - Men, attend the "Man Up" men's retreat this summer, from Friday, August 26

to Sunday, August 28. It will be held at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin (one hour south of LaCrosse). The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is July 1, 2016. The retreat is being organized by CLC congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin to strengthen and encourage men 18 years and older in their God-given roles in the home, church and society. The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, including awesome outdoor activities. Sign up today at www.manup.clclutheran.org or email Nathanael Mayhew at ndmayhew@juno.com.

BASKETBALL CAMP: Teacher Sherm Carstensen will be conducting two co-ed basketball camps this July. One will be for grades 5-8. The other for grades 9-12. There is information about this on our bulletin board in the entry-way.

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This Week:

Tuesday 7:00 p.m. Madison Mallards Game

Thurs-Sun 32nd CLC Convention

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---Albrecht

Counters today: John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

LAST WEEK: Worship 54

OFFERINGS 6/12 for Unified
Budget: \$ 1,916

PASTOR'S CALL: Pastor Bernthal has been called as vacancy pastor of Faith Lutheran, Markesan. After consulting with the Church Council he has accepted this vacancy call. It involves at least one day a week in Markesan visiting shut-ins, hospital visits and any other ministry needs. He will oversee Faith's worship services by lining up speakers, providing material for lay-speakers or preaching himself. The vacancy call begins on June 20th.

TUESDAY: The congregation outing to the Madison Mallards game at 7 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY:

John Gerbitz will be conducting the worship service next Sunday since Pastor Bernthal will be attending the CLC Convention with delegates Caleb Meyer and Dan Schaefer. We will be watching and listening to a sermon given by Pastor Wayne Eichstadt to the convention.

PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY:

Our congregation will be celebrating Pastor Bernthal's 40th anniversary in the Gospel ministry with a thanksgiving service on Sunday, July 3, at 3 PM. A light lunch will be served after the service, followed by a brief program. Please join us in praising the Lord for the dedicated efforts of Pastor Bernthal. Dan Schaefer, President

VBS FLYER DISTRIBUTION:

We will be distributing our advertising VBS flyers together with Luther Memorial. We will distribute in Fond du Lac on Wednesday, July 6th and then here in Middleton the next Wednesday July 13th . On July 13th after distribution we will be going to Devil's Lake for supper and swimming. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you can help!

the door. 12 Then the men said to Lot, "Have you anyone else here? Son-in-law, your sons, your daughters, and whomever you have in the city—take them out of this place! 13 For we will destroy this place, because the outcry against them has grown great before the face of the Lord, and the Lord has sent us to destroy it." 14 So Lot went out and spoke to his sons-in-law, who had married his daughters, and said, "Get up, get out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city!" But to his sons-in-law he seemed to be joking. 15 When the morning dawned, the angels urged Lot to hurry, saying, "Arise, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the punishment of the city." 16 And while he lingered, the men took hold of his hand, his wife's hand, and the hands of his two daughters, the Lord being merciful to him, and they brought him out and set him outside the city. 17 So it came to pass, when they had brought them outside, that he said, "Escape for your life! Do not look behind you nor stay anywhere in the plain. Escape to the mountains, lest you be destroyed." 24 Then the Lord rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the Lord out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground. 26 But his wife looked back behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 And Abraham went early in the morning to the place where he had stood before the Lord. 28 Then he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain; and he saw, and behold, the smoke of the land which went up like the smoke of a furnace. 29 And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot had dwelt.

Luke 18:1-8

God desires of us to pray persistently. He never tires of listening to us, and even encourages us to come again and again with our requests, petitions, confessions, intercessions, praise and thanksgiving.

18 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart, 2 saying: "There was in a certain city a judge who did not fear God nor regard man. 3 Now there was a widow in that city; and she came to him, saying, 'Get justice for me from my adversary.' 4

And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, "Though I do not fear God nor regard man, 5 yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, lest by her continual coming she weary me." 6 Then the Lord said, "Hear what the unjust judge said. 7 And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? 8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

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

Sermon Text: **Genesis 18:16-33**

PERSISTENT PRAYER IS PLEASING PRAYER!

I: The Lord makes Himself accessible.

II: The Lord listens patiently.

III: The Lord responds graciously.

16 Then the men rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. 17 And the Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing, 18 since Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have known him, in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice, that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him." 20 And the Lord said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it that has come to Me; and if not, I will know." 22 Then the men turned away from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the Lord. 23 And Abraham came near and said, "Would You also destroy the righteous with the wicked? 24 Suppose there were fifty righteous within the city; would You also destroy the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous that were in it? 25 Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous

should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?" 26 So the Lord said, "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes." 27 Then Abraham answered and said, "Indeed now, I who am but dust and ashes have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: 28 Suppose there were five less than the fifty righteous; would You destroy all of the city for lack of five?" So He said, "If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it." 29 And he spoke to Him yet again and said, "Suppose there should be forty found there?" So He said, "I will not do it for the sake of forty." 30 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: Suppose thirty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." 31 And he said, "Indeed now, I have taken it upon myself to speak to the Lord: Suppose twenty should be found there?" So He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of twenty." 32 Then he said, "Let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak but once more: Suppose ten should be found there?" And He said, "I will not destroy it for the sake of ten." 33 So the Lord went His way as soon as He had finished speaking with Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We give thanks to the Lord for your being with us this morning to hear God's Word. May the Holy Spirit work through this Good News of our Savior Jesus, to lead you to follow Him as a believing child of God. Please come and worship your Savior again. Please also sign our guest register. If you are interested in learning more about your Savior-God or about our teaching concerning His Word, feel free to speak with Pastor Bernthal.

