

**WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA**

**WORKSHOP** - Luther Memorial is hosting a newly created, area CLC inter-congregational group to enhance all of our congregation's web and social media presence. The dual purpose of these needed updates and promotions are for furthering the Gospel and the truths of God's Holy Word, as well as providing a platform for our membership to be able to use our professional medias for personal spiritual growth, a greater mission mindset, and areas to volunteer for our Lord's service in our midst to the glory and spreading of His Kingdom. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS from our congregation to join us for an in person workshop on Saturday @ Noon, December 13th @ Luther Memorial Church (FDL). Lunch will be provided. We know Christmas is a busy time for all, but we are ALL always busy and need to continue to do a better job of getting the Word and our church's names out to our communities! Let's collectively use our talents and abilities in responding to Christ's command to "Go"! If interested in attending, please speak with Pastor Bernthal, Evangelism Chairman Nathan Greve or Agenda Leader John Gerbitz. Thank you!

**GAME NIGHT:** If you are a 20-something (or a college student- even if you're not 20 yet) in the Middleton area, please join us for a game night! Bring your favorite game and a friend; the event will start at 7 PM on December 4th in the church fellowship hall. Snacks will be provided. If you're interested, please check out the event on the church Facebook page and let us know if you're coming by "joining" the event. Please use the event to also invite your friends. Thanks!

**Job Opportunities at Immanuel Lutheran College/High School, Eau Claire, Wisconsin**

**Immanuel Girls Dormitory Supervisor and Immanuel Food Services Manager/Head Cook:**

The Board of Regents has announced that applications are now being sought for two positions at Immanuel: Girls Dormitory Supervisor and Food Services Manager/Head Cook. For a job description and application, for either position please contact President Steven Sippert [steve.sippert@ilc.edu](mailto:steve.sippert@ilc.edu) 715.836.6620 Applications are due by January 11, 2015.



# Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 1

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Liturgy, Pg. 5 Lutheran Hymnal

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Before Sermon:</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Offering Hymn:</b>	<b>443 (1, 4, 6, 8)</b>
<b>After Prayers:</b>	<b>446 (1, 4, 6)</b>
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<b>705</b>

**Scripture Readings:**

**Isaiah 64:1-8**

Isaiah pleads to the LORD that He remember that He is the Father of His people Israel, the One who made His covenant of grace with them. In spite of Israel's straying, the prophet asks the LORD to hold back His anger and deal with His unworthy children in mercy. In these words we also see a fearful description of our sinful nature. These words also point us to the only place where help can be found—in the Fatherly mercy of our covenant God.

*Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— 2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. 6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. 7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.*

**I Corinthians 1:3-9**

Paul lays before us several strong reminders of the same mercy and grace of God with which the believers in Corinth have been so richly blessed. They (and we) are encouraged to remain steadfast in this grace as we “eagerly wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements**

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** December Calendar & Newsletter.

**CLC NEWS:**

- Pastor John Klatt has come out of retirement and accepted the call to be pastor of Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO.
- Grace Lutheran, Live Oak FL has called Pastor Doug Priestap, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Calgary AB Canada.
- Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI has called Pastor John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN.
- Redemption Lutheran, Lynnwood (Seattle area) WA. has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt, Asst. pastor of Immanuel, Mankato, MN.

**CHRISTMAS CHURCH**

**DECORATIONS:** We plan to put up the Christmas tree and do church decorations next week after church and choir. Please stay and help.

**HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:**

The ladies will be enjoying a night out to celebrate a Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 16th at 6:30 p.m.

**ILC CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

The 2014 ILC Christmas Concert is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 19th at 7:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire.

**MID-WEEK ADVENT:**

Advent services, Wednesdays, Dec. 3, 10, 17 at 7:00 p.m. Our Advent series is: Behold, Your God!

1. Behold and Tell -- Isaiah 40:9-11 (Pastor Paul Krause)
2. Behold and Marvel---Isaiah 9:6-7 (Pastor Bernthal)
3. Behold and Shine---Isaiah 60:1ff (Pastor David Ude)

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2015 church directory. Please give them to pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

**CHRISTMAS PARTS:**

Parents, your children have received their Christmas parts. Please meet after church today to decide on practice times. Please also help them learn their parts so the practices can run smoothly and not be too time consuming.



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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** We are glad you are here with us to worship as we begin our Advent season. May the Word of our Lord prepare our hearts for our Savior's return. If you'd like to learn more about Jesus and His kingdom work please speak with Pastor Bernthal. Please, come worship your Savior-God with us again and please also sign our guest register.

### This Week:

**Today** 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Israel Leaves Egypt

**Bible Class:** Spending Time in Luther's Catechism---4th Commandment

**Tuesday** 10:00-11:30 a.m. Bible Classes at Artisan

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Advent I

**Thursday** 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage • 7:00 p.m. game night for 20 somethings

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. S.S./ Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/ Communion  
11:15 a.m. Choir/Christmas Practice  
11: 30 a.m. Christmas Tree/ church decorating

### LAST WEEK:

Worship 43 B.C. 37 S.S. 2  
Thksgvng 39



**OFFERINGS** 11/23 & 26 for Unified Budget: \$2,940  
\$200 School Tuition  
\$50 Mission Development Fund (MDF)  
\$50 ILC Academic Center  
\$30 Benevolence

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:  
Church---Gerbitz  
School---Schaser  
Counters today:  
Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

**USHERS:** Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2015, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING:** Sunday, Dec. 21st at 5:30 p.m. We will go to Artisan, Heritage and Duane Riggert. Please meet around 5:20.

*3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

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

Sermon Text: **Mark 13:33-37**

## Sermon Theme:

## CHRIST'S ADVENT CALL TO US:

**I: Be an ALERT Christian, beware of indifference.**

**II: Be a RESPONSIBLE Christian.**

**II: Be an EXPECTANT Christian.**

*33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"*

