

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### CLC NEWS:

- Pastor David Fuerstenau has returned the call extended to him from Grace Lutheran, Live Oak FL.
- Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire WI has called Pastor Neal Radichel to be their third full time pastor.
- Pastor Delwyn Maas will be installed as pastor of Gift of God Lutheran Church in Mapleton, ND today at 4 pm. A celebratory pot luck dinner will follow. The officiant is Rev. John Hein and the preacher is Rev. Joel Fleischer.
- Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, pastor of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA.
- Calvary Lutheran, Marquette MI, has called Pastor Douglas Libby, instructor at ILHS, Mankato MN.

**CLC CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS:**  
are available by the mailboxes.

Please take a copy home and take some time to read through the work that is being done for our Savior's kingdom with our fellow congregations throughout the world!

### MISSION FESTIVAL:

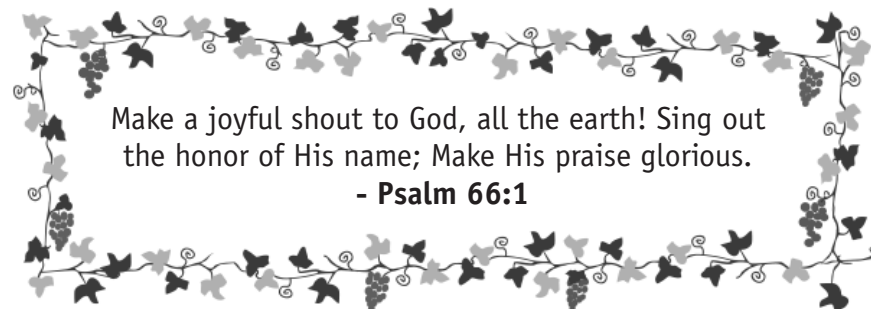
Our Mission Festival will be held next Sunday. Pastor Norm Greve, St. Peters', Iron River, MI will be preaching for this special service. There will be a pot-luck meal following. Please bring a dish to pass for the meal. Also since Pastor Greve will be talking about his recent trip to Germany, a German theme for the meal is suggested and optional.

### GREAT LAKES' PASTORAL CONFERENCE:

will be held Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at ILC, Eau Claire, WI.

### BIKE OUTING:

Our annual bike outing has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 11th. Exact time of departure and what bike trail we will be riding on is yet to be determined.



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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 66

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**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; 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 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)

### Genesis 50:15-21

After Jacob had died, the brothers of Joseph were afraid that he would take revenge on them for selling him into slavery all those years ago. The brothers were afraid because they thought all this time, Joseph was just waiting until Jacob's death to exact revenge. But Joseph had forgiven them a long time ago. The brothers had no reason to fear him. Just as they had no reason to fear Joseph, we also have no reason to fear God, because Jesus Christ has forgiven us our sins a long time ago.

*15 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." 16 So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 17 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you." ' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. 18 Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." 19 Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? 20 "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. 21 "Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.*

### Romans 14:1-13

It is not right for fellow believers to be at odds with each other. We shouldn't judge a brother or sister in Christ for his or her personal preferences which aren't settled in the Scriptures. If they should disobey God's word, then we should confront them, but if they aren't doing anything displeasing to God, then we shouldn't burden them. We should always encourage our brothers and sisters in Christ, and do everything we can to edify them.

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### This Week:

- **Today**  
9:00 a.m. S.S.: Joseph Sold into Slavery • Bible Class:  
Discussion of the book Haggai
- **Mon-Wed.** Bd. of Doctrine and CLC C.C. Meetings
- **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/  
Mission Festival  
11:45 a.m. Fellowship Meal

### CLEANERS THIS WEEK:

Church—Birkholz/Heberlein  
School—Schaser/Bank  
Counters today: John Birkholz & Nathan Peterson

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 36  
B.C. 25 S.S. 4

**OFFERINGS:** 9/14  
for Unified Budget: \$1,404

**NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:** Since Pastor will be gone for CLC Board meetings at ILC this week, there will be no

Wednesday night Bible Class.

**PLAQUE DISRIBUTION:** this morning, after church, President Dan Schaefer will be handing out welcome plaques to recent new members.

### WELCOME:

to Lauren Franson who has transferred her communicant membership from Messiah, Eau Claire. Lauren's address is 321 Prairie Ave. Lake Mills, WI 53551. We welcome her into our Peace Thru Christ family.

### LAWN MOWERS:

We are still in need of lawn mowers for October. Please sign the sheet if you can help. Thanks to all who have mowed throughout the summer months.

**WINDOW CLINGS:** We still have quite a few window clings advertising our church and school. If you have bought a new car recently and would like one, please see Evangelism Chairman Nathan Greve or Pastor Bernthal.

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven. 23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. 24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. 25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. 26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, 'Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. 28 "But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!' 29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.' 30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. 31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. 32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?' 34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. 35 "So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

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Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. 2 For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. 3 Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him. 4 Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. 5 One person esteems one day above another; another esteems every day alike. Let each be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 He who observes the day, observes it to the Lord; and he who does not observe the day, to the Lord he does not observe it. He who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives God thanks; and he who does not eat, to the Lord he does not eat, and gives God thanks. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. 9 For to this end Christ died and rose and lived again, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living. 10 But why do you judge your brother? Or why do you show contempt for your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. 11 For it is written: "As I live, says the LORD, Every knee shall bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God." 12 So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. 13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.



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

Sermon Text: **Matthew 18:21-35**

## **Forgiveness 101: What is Your Grade?**

### **I. We Fail as Forgiving Servants**

### **II. Our Great Teacher Always Forgives**

21 Then Peter came to Him and said, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** We thank the Lord for your presence with us this morning. We pray that you receive the message of peace and forgiveness through the one Holy God. If you have any questions about what we teach concerning the Bible, please speak with Pastor Bernthal. Also guests, please sign our guest register located in the front hallway.