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ARK ENCOUNTER / CREATION MUSEUM TRIP: has been scheduled for the last week of July 25-27 (Tues-Thurs). Come see what the Ark may have looked like first hand and tour the state of the art Creation Museum in Kentucky! Full details, discounted blocked hotel rooms, and combo tickets may all be found and reserved by going to <https://goo.gl/forms/m7LI28VJJXwPnQEh2> or emailing nealradichel@gmail.com

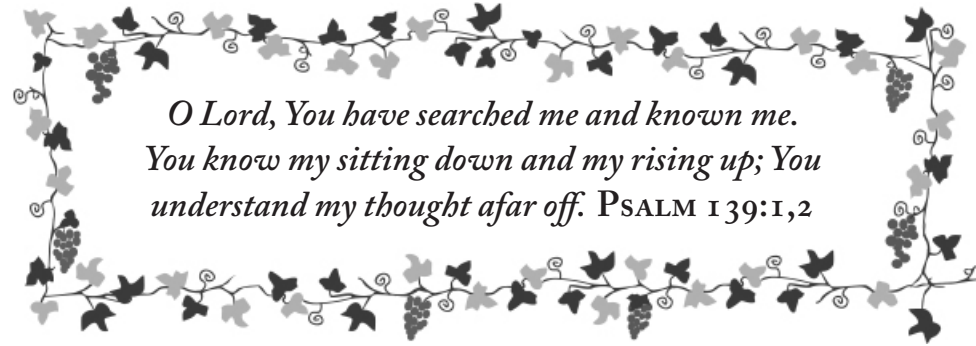
2017 MAN UP WEEKEND: The weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The theme for this weekend is: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building

and Worship, as well as several awesome outdoor activities. The retreat will be held September 22-24, 2017 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI about an hour south of LaCrosse. You can also find out more information, see pictures of the park and last year's events/activities, read comments from last year's participants, and register for the retreat online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is August 1, 2017. Men, don't miss out on this Christ-centered opportunity to be encouraged and built up in the faith which has been delivered to you! If you have any questions please speak to your pastor or contact Nathanael Mayhew at ndmayhew@juno.com or 404-729-4602.

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



*O Lord, You have searched me and known me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up; You
understand my thought afar off. PSALM 139:1,2*

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Third Sunday of Easter • April 30, 2017

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 139

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening Hymn: 197

Before Sermon: 194

Offering Hymn: 189

After Prayers: 552 (2-4, 6-8)

Closing Hymn: 53

Scripture Readings:

I Peter 1:3-9

Peter repeatedly uses the words “faith” and “hope.” Though we have neither seen Jesus, nor heaven, yet we have a “living hope” in the Savior and in the salvation which is even now our own through faith in Him. It is a hope which keeps our faith alive even though we may suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, 7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, 8 whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, 9 receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.

Acts 2:14a, 36-47

We see the blessed results of Peters’ Pentecost sermon. These early Christians lived in the joy of their risen Savior fulfilling Jesus’ words—“All will know that you are My disciples if you love one another.” Their daily worship, sincerity, and loving concern for each other has a profound effect on the people living in Jerusalem. Does our life reflect the joy of our assured resurrection? Does our love and concern for one another impact others around us who know us?

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

36 “Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.” 37 Now

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Supplies have been purchased. Discussion on summer worship schedule. Decided to poll the congregation. Audit Committee report was given. Next Quarterly Voters’ Meeting is set for July 23rd.

SUMMER WORSHIP POLL: The Church Council is taking a poll to see if we want to keep the summer worship time at 9:00 a.m. or go to a 10:00 a.m. service all year round. Please take the time to vote on the sheet on the registration table in the entry-way. Please vote only once!

500th ANNIVERSARY REFORMATION SHIRTS: *Looking for a unique gift!*

We have available polo shirts, non iron shirts, fleece jackets and T-shirts with the 500th Lutheran Reformation logo on them. Please see the advertisement sheet on the bulletin board in the entry-way. This was produced by the CLC 500th Reformation Anniversary Committee.



ARISE AND SHINE 20’S – 30’S RETREAT: Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Phoenix, AZ is once again sponsoring a four-day retreat in Pillager, MN, June 15-18 (Thurs. - Sun.). The retreat is designed for men and women in their 20s & 30s. Singles, couples, and families are welcome. The registration fee includes a t-shirt (if registered by June 1st, 2017), lodging, meals and snacks, and activities during the retreat. The cost is \$140.00 per adult (ages 12 and up), \$100 per child (ages 0-11). This year’s theme is “Jars of Clay”. Our theme is based on the 1 Corinthians 4:7 “But we have this treasure in earthen vessels that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us” If you are looking for a faith-strengthening weekend with young adult Christians that is focused on the Word of God, this retreat is for you! You can find more information and register on our web site: www.AriseAndShineRetreat.com. For more info, please contact Sam Rodebaugh (414) 534-7279 sam.rodebaugh@gmail.com or Josh Ohlmann (314) 874-9184 joshohlmann@swbell.net.

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UP-COMING: Evangelism Meeting, Sunday, May 14th. Ascension Worship, Thursday, May 25th

CLC NEWS:

- The CLC Call Committee for Graduates has extended the following calls to Seminary graduates Tom Naumann to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights (Detroit), MI, Sam Rodebaugh to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, Stefan Sonnenfeld to Faith Lutheran, Manchester (St Louis), MO.
- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN has called Pastor Matt Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas, TX.
- The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, to be the part-time missionary to Liberia.
- Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN has called Mr. Karl Olmanson, Kasota MN, as teacher and principal for its new school.
- Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has called Mrs. Heidi Nelson member of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, to be 3-4 grade teacher at its school.

- Miss Ann Sprengeler has returned the call extended to her by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY.
- St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA has called Mr. Paul Tiefel III, of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to be teacher and principal at its school.
- Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI has called Mr. Ross Kok, of St. John's, Okabena, MN to be teacher and principal.
- Trinity Lutheran, Watertown SD, has called member Mrs. Collette Krause to teach kindergarten for one year.

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING

REPORT: 14 Voters in attendance. Membership Matters: Eric & Amanda Dreyer were granted a release of membership at their request. They have joined a WELS congregation. Nathan & Rachel Greve and family were granted a release of membership at their request. Treasurer's Report: Offerings (Jan-Mar) \$ 27,193. Expenditures (Jan-Mar) \$ 29,866. Net difference: -\$ 2,673. Still awaiting word from the State concerning our Ore-school. Spring Work day is set for May 6th.

when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Men and brethren, what shall we do?" 38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call." 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation." 41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers. 43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles. 44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, 45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need. 46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

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

Sermon Text: **Luke 24:13-35**

The heart-warming story from Emmaus

I: Jesus brought hope to hearts that were disappointed.

II: Jesus brought understanding to hearts that were confused.

III: Jesus brought comfort and joy to hearts that Had been grieving.

13 Now behold, two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was seven miles from Jerusalem. 14 And they

talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 So it was, while they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. 16 But their eyes were restrained, so that they did not know Him. 17 And He said to them, "What kind of conversation is this that you have with one another as you walk and are sad?" 18 Then the one whose name was Cleopas answered and said to Him, "Are You the only stranger in Jerusalem, and have You not known the things which happened there in these days?" 19 And He said to them, "What things?" So they said to Him, "The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20 and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. 21 But we were hoping that it was He who was going to redeem Israel. Indeed, besides all this, today is the third day since these things happened. 22 Yes, and certain women of our company, who arrived at the tomb early, astonished us. 23 When they did not find His body, they came saying that they had also seen a vision of angels who said He was alive. 24 And certain of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but Him they did not see." 25 Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! 26 Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" 27 And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself. 28 Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther. 29 But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them. 30 Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31 Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight. 32 And they said to one another, "Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?" 33 So they rose up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, 34 saying, "The Lord is risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" 35 And they told about the things that had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of bread.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are happy to have you worshipping your resurrected Savior with us this morning. We pray the message of Hope and Joy in Jesus' resurrection lead you to a heartfelt understanding of Jesus as your Lord and Savior. Come, worship your risen Savior with us again and please also sign our guest book as you leave.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Paul's First Missionary Journey
Bible Class: Revelation 15-16
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. S.S. Teachers Meeting

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday Pastoral Study Club--- Appleton

Saturday Spring Work Day

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/ Communion
11:20 a.m. Church Council

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---?.
School---Dreyer/Dumke
Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

LAST WEEK:

Worship 35 S.S. 1
Bible Class 12

OFFERINGS 4/23 for Unified
Budget: \$942

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

May Calendar & Newsletter

TEACHER CALL:

Miss Abbas has accepted the call to be the second teacher at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA.

SPRING WORK DAY: Our annual Spring Work Day is this Saturday beginning around 9 a.m.

MOWING HELP NEEDED: A new mowing schedule has been put up. We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow during the spring, summer and fall months. Remember that we have two mowers to use. The riding one and the stand-up one. Any questions, please check with Chris Ude or Pastor Bernthal.