

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

need for sponsors right now. You can sponsor Togo students at \$30 per month or Congo students at \$40 per month. In India sponsorships are needed for BELC students at \$35 per month and CLCI students at \$40 per month. Consider supporting a student with family members or other families. If you are interested in sponsoring a man who is preparing for the Lutheran ministry in India or Africa, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Pastor David Fuerstenau, 426 Buren Road, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; Phone: (907) 225-2842; E-mail: djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

THANKS: to all who have been mowing this summer. The grounds look great. We are still in need of mowers thru August and September. Please check which

week you can help and sign up in service to your Lord.

YOU'RE INVITED! Luther Memorial of Fond du Lac, WI is celebrating and praising the Lord's blessings and work in our fully remodeled church and school over this past year. On Saturday, September 16th, we will be serving lunch at 11:30 a.m. followed by our dedication service at 1p.m. and a cake reception/presentation following the service. There will also be tours given before and after the dedication worship service. We hope you will join us in praising Jesus for this historical event for our congregation. If you are able to come, please RSVP at FDLlutheran.com by September 9th! The Lord be with you and bless you all!

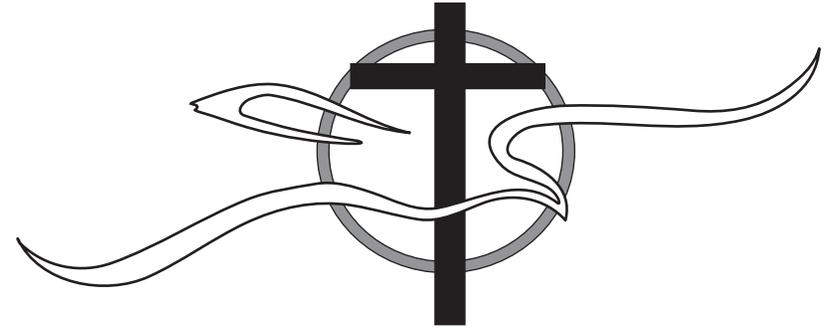
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If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



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Your hands have made me and fashioned me; Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments. Those who fear You will be glad when they see me, Because I have hoped in Your word. I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right, And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me. Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort, According to Your word to Your servant. Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live; For Your law is my delight.

PSALM 119:73-77



Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:X
THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:1-11

The Apostle Paul shows that those who have found their new life in Christ will set their hearts and minds on things above where Christ is, and not on earthly things. We are in a daily struggle with our sinful flesh. May the Spirit give us the strength to let our thoughts, words and actions reflect the new life God has given us in Christ.

3 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which

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Partners in Ministry Program:

The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who have been contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and who would need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by September 1 (extended deadline). Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/jimsandeen@gmail.com.

FLOAT NEWS: We will be putting our float together for the Good Neighbor Parade this Saturday beginning around 9:00 a.m.

CLC NEWS

- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato,

MN has called Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw, MI.

- Mrs. Valerie Hammett has accepted the call to teach mornings grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire WI.
- This past week, Missionary Ohlmann was in a bicycle accident and fractured the c3 vertebrae in his neck. A fracture to this vertebrae is very serious and could cause paralysis and even death. Thankfully, the Lord has preserved Todd from either of these. He will need to wear a neck brace and be under some strong movement restrictions for at least a month while they watch the fracture and make sure that it heals. He had a trip to Zambia planned this month, and that will need to be rescheduled.

KINSHIP Sponsors Needed - CLC Project KINSHIP provides for orphans and seminary students in India, Nepal and Africa through the kind sponsorship of stateside CLC members. Two new Bible Schools/Seminaries are opening in Togo and the Democratic Republic of Congo this year, and so there is a new



Prayers for Nepal: Heavy rainfall has led to massive flooding in hundreds of villages in Nepal. Approximately 100,000 people in 37 of Nepal's 75 districts have been affected, and at least 110 deaths have been reported. Among those affected are about 300 families from among our brothers and sisters in the HCLCN, many of whom have been displaced from their homes. The Board of Missions has authorized an initial \$5000 from the CLC Mission Development Fund (MDF) to assist our fellow Christians with recovery efforts. Please pray for the Lord's protection and provision for those who are suffering in Nepal, and pray that He provides wisdom and resources to those who are

working to assist the many who are in need.

ILC BEGINS:

Immanuel High School, College and Seminary opens its doors for the 2017-2018 school year tomorrow. Two Peace Thru Christ members will be attending this year— Kaitlyn Brandle & Joshua Gerbitz, H.S. Seniors. We pray the Lord's blessings and guidance upon these young people as they travel to Eau Claire for their Christ-centered education. The opening worship service for ILC will be this afternoon at 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. Please continue to pray for the success of Immanuel's ministry as God's enduring Word of truth is passed down to the next generation.

you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him, 11 where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.

Luke 12:13-21

This text contains one of Christ's strongest warnings against covetousness and greed. Many people of this world consider earthly treasures as their chief purpose of this life. Christ considers this desire for earthly riches as foolishness and empty of all true understanding. Both of these scripture readings and our sermon text urge us to set our hope on heavenly rather than on earthly things.

13 Then one from the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." 14 But He said to him, "Man, who made Me a judge or an arbitrator over you?" 15 And He said to them, "Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." 16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 And he thought within himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.'" 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' 21 "So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."



Sermon Text: **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:18-26**

All Depends on Our Possessing God's Abundant Grace and Blessing

I: You can't take earthly treasures with you.

II: Material goods can't even give you peace.

III: Only God gives you peace and meaning to life.

*"Vanity of vanities," says the Preacher; "
Vanity of vanities, all is vanity."*

18 Then I hated all my labor in which I had toiled under the sun, because I must leave it to the man who will come after me. 19 And who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will rule over all my labor in which I toiled and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 Therefore I turned my heart and despaired of all the labor in which I had toiled under the sun. 21 For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, knowledge, and skill; yet he must leave his heritage to a man who has not labored for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For what has man for all his labor, and for the striving of his heart with which he has toiled under the sun? 23 For all his days are sorrowful, and his work burdensome; even in the night his heart takes no rest. This also is vanity. 24 Nothing is better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor. This also, I saw, was from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than I? 26 For God gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight; but to the sinner He gives the work of gathering and collecting, that he may give to him who is good before God. This also is vanity and grasping for the wind.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank the Lord for your worshiping with us this morning. Once Jesus has entered the heart through faith we have a new life. The earthly treasures and goods no longer are most important but are used to God's glory. Only Jesus' life of perfect obedience, sacrificial death and resurrection to life can give real peace and meaning to our lives. We pray you have that peace and meaning in your life by faith in Jesus. If not, please speak with Pastor Bernthal and get into God's Word. Please come again and sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Today

10:15 a.m. Church Council

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Thursday

10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Saturday

9:00 a.m. Work on the Parade Float

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Family Worship
12:00 p.m. Good Neighbor Parade

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Gerbitz

Counters today: John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

LAST WEEK: Worship 26

OFFERINGS 8/13 for Unified Budget: \$870

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER CALL:

Monday evening the Voters called Miss Miriam Bernthal to be the pre-school teacher for our pre-school. Miriam is the daughter of Teacher Dave & Kim Bernthal and lives in Fond du Lac. Miriam graduated from ILHS and from Moraine Park Technical School in Fond du Lac. Lord willing, we are planning to open our pre-school in January.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY/ CHURCH PICNIC: Date is Sept.

10th. Anyone interested in helping to co-ordinate activities for that day please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the coming year. Please contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser if you are interested in teaching.