

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

(will be soon available through your pastor). If you have any questions please contact: Amy Osborne - (651-329-3662 - newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel (972-733-4535 hanel95@hotmail.com). Ladies, consider some time this fall to attend the retreat in beautiful Savannah, Georgia where you will be encouraged and strengthened in Christ.

**NEW ILC COURSE ONLINE:**

Are you interested in taking an Immanuel Lutheran College class online? A new entry in the online classes available will be Survey of New Testament (Religion 203 /204) taught by Prof. John Reim. Religion 203 / 204: Studies in the Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, with focus on various topics pertaining to the work of Jesus Christ and the nature of His kingdom. Introduction to Acts and the Epistles with the focus on the study in the growth of the Word of the Lord as detailed in the book of Acts and also a survey of the doctrines presented in the New Testament epistles. For more information go to: <http://www.ilc.edu/> and under announcements go to:

College courses offered online. For a registration form go to: <http://www.ilc.edu/resources/>. Please note that there is a form specifically for online courses

**IMMANUEL BEGINS:** This past Monday the academic year began at Immanuel Lutheran in Eau Claire, WI. During the opening service, President Sippert shared a fitting message about running our life-long faith journey with endurance. High school enrollment begins with 109 total students (30 freshmen, 26 sophomores, 24 juniors, and 29 seniors). We rejoice that this enrollment matches the number of full-time students we had last year and is an increase of five students from what was anticipated. In the college there are 20 total students, five of these are taking courses online. At this time nine students are pursuing the teaching ministry and six are preparing for seminary training. While seminary will begin later, five students are expected for the year. We thank the Lord for all those blood-bought souls that will be immersed in His Word during their Immanuel experience.

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**Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • August 28, 2016**

**Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 84**

## **THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Hymnal pg. 5**

<b>Opening Hymn:</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>Before Sermon:</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Offering Hymn:</b>	<b>438 (4-5)</b>
<b>After Prayers:</b>	<b>605</b>
<b>Closing Hymn:</b>	<b>48</b>

### **Scripture Reading:**

#### **Psalm 1**

*Blessed is the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night.*

*3 He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. 4 The ungodly are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind drives away. 5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment,*

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Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

## Hebrews 12:4-24

4 You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. 5 And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the Lord, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; 6 For whom the Lord loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." 7 If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? 8 But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed best to them, but He for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness. 11 Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. 12 Therefore strengthen the hands which hang down, and the feeble knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather be healed. 14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no place for repentance, though he sought it diligently with tears. 18 For you have not come to the mountain that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow.") 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and trembling.") 22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the

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### CLC NEWS:

- Faith Lutheran Church Markesan, called Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA.
- Pastor Terrel Kesterson has accepted the call to Ascension Lutheran, Batavia, IL. He will be installed Oct 2nd.
- Pastor Delwyn Maas has returned the call extended to him by Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI.
- The installation/ordination service for Pastor-elect Ben Libby (Ascension Lutheran in Tacoma, WA) has been set for Sunday, September 11 at 5:30 pm.
- Kirsten Gullerud has accepted the call to become principal at St. Stephen Lutheran school, Mountain View CA; whereas Rebecca McKenney has returned the call to become their third teacher.

### REFORMATION HYMN POETRY:

The CLC Worship Committee is currently inviting church members to submit original Reformation-themed hymn poetry for potential use in our congregations. This is pursuant to the convention's directive

that the committee should be soliciting worship material from the membership of the CLC." Authors should set their work to a known hymn tune and while they may copyright their submissions, hymns should be licensed in a way so as to allow free distribution and use. Interested writers may contact Pastor David Schaller (bach\_leipzig@hotmail.com) to request a submission form containing further information. The submission deadline is September 30, 2016.

### CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S RETREAT

- The Southeast congregations of the CLC are organizing the third annual Southeastern Women's Retreat for women of the CLC. It will be held November 11-13, 2016 in Savannah, Georgia. While hosted by the congregations of Southeastern CLC, all are invited to join us! Last year over 30 women from across the CLC attended. The estimated cost for the retreat is between \$152 - \$360 for the weekend (depending on how many you share your room with) and includes food and lodging. More details are available in the separate Registration Form

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**THANK YOU:** to members John Birkholz and Caleb Meyer for conducting the service this morning in Pastor Bernthal's absence. Caleb read a sermon by Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer of Trinity Lutheran, Spokane, WA. Pastor Bernthal is at the CLC Men's Retreat in Wyalusing State Park. He will be returning home, the Lord willing, this afternoon.

### This Week:

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

**Thursday** 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion  
10:15 a.m. Congregation Meeting

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church--- Albrecht. School---Dreyer/Dumke  
Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Joel Albrecht

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 41

**OFFERINGS** 8/21 for Unified Budget: \$ 1,319

**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.

**CONGREGATION MEETING:** will be held after church next Sunday. Please see your mailboxes for a letter from President Schaefer for more details.

**S.S. TEACHERS:** We will have a brief meeting after our Congregational Meeting after church next Sunday.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY & CHURCH PICNIC:** Our opening of Sunday School will be September 11th. After Church a rally will take place. Our Sunday School/Church picnic will follow with games and special activities. Make a point to be here for this special day. Please bring a meat to grill (hot dogs, brats, hamburgers) and a dish to pass. Please also sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are planning on coming.

**OUTDOOR SERVICE:** An outdoor church service will be held on Saturday, Sept .17th at Pavilion # 2 in Mendota Cty. Park. This is the pavilion right next to the campsites.

**AVAILABLE:** The Proceedings from the 32 CLC Convention this past summer.

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** September Calendar and Newsletter

*general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

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

Sermon Text: **Luke 13:22-30**

## THE "NARROW DOOR TO HEAVEN."

I: ENTRANCE ONLY THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS

II: FAMILIARITY WITH JESUS IS NOT ENOUGH

III: STRIVE TO ENTER IT!

*22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able. 25 When once the Master of the house has risen up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open for us,' and He will answer and say to you, 'I do not know you, where you are from,' 26 then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in Your presence, and You taught in our streets.' 27 But He will say, 'I tell you I do not know you, where you are from. Depart from Me, all you workers of iniquity.' 28 There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves thrust out. 29 They will come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and sit down in the kingdom of God. 30 And indeed there are last who will be first, and there are first who will be last."*

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior-God. Jesus is the only door to heaven. We enter that door only through repentant faith in Him as our Lord and Savior. Please, come worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.