

COMING: Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion
11:20 a.m. Evangelism Meeting
Monday 8:00 a.m. Peace Thru Christ School Resumes

NEW ENVELOPES: Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the New Year (2015) in your mailboxes.

IN YOUR MAILBOX: January Calendar and Newsletter

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!

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!

CHRISTIAN RESOLUTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR: During the new year I will:

Like Enoch, walk in daily fellowship with my Heavenly Father.
Like Job, be patient and faithful in all circumstances.
Like Abraham, trust my God implicitly.
Like Moses, suffer rather than enjoy the pleasure of sin for a time.
Like Joseph, turn by back on all evil advances.
Like Gideon, go forward following the Lord even when my friends are few.
Like David, lift up my eyes to the hills from which my help comes.
Like Andrew, strive to lead my brother to Christ.
Like Paul, forget those things which are behind and press forward.
May the Holy Spirit through the Word lead me to do these things during 2015 and beyond.

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2014
Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School
3232 West Point Rd.
Middleton, Wisconsin

Member: Church of the Lutheran Confession
PASTOR: Mark H. Bernthal (233-2244)
TEACHER: Ms. Claire Abbas
ORGANIST: Mrs. Gail Schaefer

Pre-Service Preparation: Psalm 115

Counting Our Days...

All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are Your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand. When I awake, I am still with You. (Ps. 139:16-18)

P: Almighty God, we rejoice in the promise You provide us as we gather around Your Word tonight. Look with favor upon us for Jesus' sake. Be our Light in all times and places. May Your Holy Spirit enlighten us with His gifts that we may reflect Your glory in all that we say and do. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: (Sung): Amen.

P: O Lord, open Thou my lips.

C: (Sung): And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: (Sung): Make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: eternally. Amen.

Epiphany/Transfiguration

HYMN 381 (1 & 3): "I Know My Faith is Founded"

Lent

HYMN 154: "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

Easter

HYMN 196 (1 & 4): "I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still"

Ascension/Pentecost

HYMN 230: "Holy Spirit, God of Love"

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO OUR LORD

OFFERING HYMN 792: "Let All Things Now Living"

Mission Festival/Reformation

HYMN 774 (1 & 4): "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

End of Church Year/Thanksgiving

HYMN 44: “Ye Lands to the Lord Make a Jubilant Noise”

Advent/Christmas

HYMN 785: “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Summary

HYMN 110 (1-2, 4, 6--read): “Across the Sky the Shades of Night”

Confession of Faith:

I believe that the Word--that is, the Son of God--took on man's nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary. So there are two natures, divine and human, inseparably conjoined in the unity of His person, one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried, that He might reconcile the Father to us and be a sacrifice not only for original guilt but also for all actual sins of men. He also descended into hell, and on the third day truly rose again. Afterward He ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father, forever to reign and have dominion over all creatures, and sanctify those who believe in Him by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts to rule, comfort, and quicken them and defend them against the devil and the power of sin. The same Christ will openly come again to judge the living and the dead. Amen.

(Augsburg Confession: Article III)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION: P. 47-48

COMMUNION LITURGY: P. 27ff

COMMUNION HYMN 755--Insert: "What Is This Bread"

NEW YEAR'S EVE PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN 552 (1, 2, 7, 8): “Abide with Me!”

SILENT PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN SING----

May the blessings of our Lord that we have so wonderfully enjoyed in the past year rest upon us all during the coming New Year.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord’ Supper is being celebrated this evening. We encourage all of our members to attend this meal of forgiveness from our Savior. Since it is a confession of oneness in faith and doctrine, we ask that only members of Peace Thru Christ or of a sister congregation in the CLC come forward to partake of the Lord’s Supper. If you have any questions concerning this practice called “Close Communion, please see Pastor Bernthal. Thank you.

TODAY IS OURS: The book of yesterday is closed. Tomorrow’s page has not yet been opened. Over yesterday God has placed the cloak of His forgiving mercy. Over tomorrow He has written words of gracious promise. Yesterday’s mercy and tomorrow’s promise should inspire today’s trust and confidence. Write, then, the story of today. Dip your pen in the blue of God’s heavenly love, and write in the gold of His shining promises.

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