

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

December Calendar & Newsletter,
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CHRISTMAS CAROLING: We will go caroling to Oak Park Place, Walnut Grove and to Duane Riggert next Sunday. Please meet at the church around 5:20 p.m.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:

The ladies will be enjoying a night out to celebrate a Christmas Gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 6:30 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the entry-way.

CLC NEWS: Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called Pastor Thomas Schuetze, Coloma MI. Pastor David Reim, Vernon BC, has returned the call from the Board of Missions to India and Africa. Miss Anita Meyer, Fond du Lac WI, has received the call to teach lower grades at Holy Trinity Lutheran, West Columbia, SC.

SNOWBLOWERS NEEDED: With the winter months approaching, we will be in need of members who would like to help with the snow blowing of the parking lot. If you would like to help on occasion, please speak with either Randy Dreyer or Pastor.

CHRISTMAS PARTS:

Parents, please meet briefly after church to determine our practice time for this Saturday. Thank you!

USHERS: Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2013, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

WANTED: Any new phone numbers or new e-mail addresses for our 2013 directory. Please give them to Pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

Peace thru Christ Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary

	Month of November 2012			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	11,466	10,200	1,266	113,144	117,200	(4,056)
Other income	-	-	-	260	525	(265)
Total income	11,466	10,200	1,266	113,404	117,725	(4,321)
Expenses	9,715	9,723	(8)	119,374	122,889	(3,515)
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	1,751	477	1,274	(5,970)	(5,164)	(806)

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; More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 91

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	60
Before Sermon:	68
Offering Hymn:	89 v. 1 & 5
After Prayers:	72
After Benediction:	613 v. 1 & 4
Advent Psalm, Ps. 24	P. 25 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 35:1-10

The parched wilderness is vividly pictured as bursting into bloom at the coming of the glory of the LORD. Isaiah draws for us this thrilling spiritual description of the dramatic changes that will happen when the Messiah comes. Jesus refers to these events in our Gospel reading.

35 The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, And the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose; 2 It shall blossom abundantly and rejoice, Even with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, The excellency of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, The excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen the weak hands, And make firm the feeble knees. 4 Say to those who are fearful-hearted, "Be strong, do not fear! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, With the recompense of God; He will come and save you." 5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, And the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped.

6 Then the lame shall leap like a deer, And the tongue of the dumb sing. For waters shall burst forth in the wilderness, And streams in the desert. 7 The parched ground shall become a pool, And the thirsty land springs of water; In the habitation of jackals, where each lay, There shall be grass with reeds and rushes. 8 A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Matthew 11:2-11

John tells his disciples to go and see for themselves if Jesus is indeed the Messiah, and to bring back their report. Jesus directs them to the 35th chapter of Isaiah and shows that His mission finds its fulfillment there. Jesus also testifies to John's person and purpose by quoting Malachi 3.

2 And when John had heard in prison about the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples 3 and said to Him, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?" 4 Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things which you hear and see: 5 The blind see and the lame walk; the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear; the dead are raised up and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he who is not offended because of Me." 7 As they departed, Jesus began to say to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? 8 But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses. 9 But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. 10 For this is he of whom it is written: 'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.' 11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

Sermon Text: **James 5:7-10**

Sermon Theme: **PRACTICE PROPHETIC PATIENCE**

AS WE WAIT FOR THE LORD.

I: Like farmers who depend on the weather the Lord sends.

II: Like prophets who face tribulation.

7 Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until

it receives the early and latter rain. 8 You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. 9 Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! 10 My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School Welcomes You:

We rejoice in your worshipping our Savior-God with us this morning. May the promise of our Savior's return fill our hearts with eager anticipation and longing, yet tempered with a joyful patience to endure the evils and sorrows of this life even as the prophets of old did. We invite you to come worship your Savior with us again and learn more about your loving God. Also, please sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Before Church

S.S.: Pool of Bethesda

Bible Class: A Reference Chart of Teaching Differences

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:25 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation—Brandle/Gerbitz

Tuesday 10:30 a. m. Bible Class at Oak Park Place

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Advent II-Pastor Krause

8:10 p.m. Choir

Saturday Christmas Program Practice TBD.

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:25 a.m. Church Council

5:20 p.m. Christmas Caroling

LAST WEEK:

Worship 46 S.S. 7 Bible Class 24

Advent I 36

OFFERINGS 12/2 & 12/5

for Unified Budget: \$2,677

\$40 ILC Building (Academic Center)

in loving memory of Ruth Sydow

\$20 ILC Building (Academic Center)

in loving memory of James Pelzl

\$35 MDF (Mission Development

Fund)

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church—Schmidt

School—Mike Brandle

Counters today & Wednesday:

Ruth Bernthal & Deb Schmidt

ADVENT:

Our next mid-week Advent service

will be Wednesday Dec. 12 at

7:00 p.m. Pastor Paul Krause

will be preaching.

Our Advent series is:

Advent Ambassadors Sent out with

a message of reconciliation

II Corinthians 5:20-21; Luke 19:14