

COMING: Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:20 a.m. Church Council
1:00 p.m. Congregation Ice Skating
Monday 8:00 a.m. Peace Thru Christ School Resumes

NEW ENVELOPES: Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the New Year (2014) in your mailboxes.

IN YOUR MAILBOX: January Calendar and Newsletter

2014 BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL GUIDE: This “Bread of Life” is made available by the Lutheran Spokesman. Copies are available on the entry table, free for the taking. Please take one with you and we pray you use it during the year reading God’s Word. If we run out we will print more.

SALT & LIGHT III: Our third evangelism workshop will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 8th. Pizza supper from 6:00-6:30 with the workshop from 6:30-8:00. The four topics are:

- I. Explore the right times and places for religious discussions
- II. Give examples of ways to start religious discussions
- III. Using social media to witness about Jesus
- IV. Preparing your “elevator” speech

Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are coming and what you can bring for the supper.

CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL on January 5th @3pm. Carrying on the tradition of Luther Memorial and Faith, Messiah Lutheran Church invites you and your congregation’s members for a festival and time of fellowship around the blessings of Christian music. The Messiah activity committee is planning for a light supper afterwards. As has been done in the past, a dish or desert to pass would be welcome, but not necessary.

New Year's Eve

December 31, 2013
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 135: “’Tis Good, Lord to be Here”

Lent

HYMN 156: “Not All the Blood of Beasts”

Easter

HYMN 198 (1, 4-5): “He’s Risen, He’s Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord”

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO OUR LORD

OFFERING HYMN 344: “Come, Let Us Join our Cheerful Hearts”

Ascension/Pentecost

HYMN 477 (1 & 4): “Lord Jesus, Thou the Church’s Head”

40th Anniversary/Mission Festival/Reformation
HYMN 774 (1 & 4): “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

End of Church Year/Thanksgiving/Advent/Christmas
HYMN 87 (1-2): “Joy to the World”

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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