

and Easter. The cost per 2-CD set is \$16 (or two sets for \$30). Please sign the sheet in the entry-way. We will be sending the remaining CD's back at the end of January. Please pay Pastor Bernthal.

SALT & LIGHT SEMINAR IV: The fourth in our Salt & Light Evangelism Seminars will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd from 6-8 p.m. A chili Supper will be held from 6:00-6:30 and then the seminar will be from 6:30-8:00. This is open to all, confirmation age on up. Our theme this year is: "Using everyday conversations to learn about your neighbor's faith." Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are planning on coming.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP AT MESSIAH, EAU CLAIRE - All are invited to participate in this year's Evangelism Workshop on Sunday, January 31, from 2:30 to 6:00 pm at Messiah, Eau Claire. The theme this year is "How You Ought to Answer Each One." This is based on Colossians 4:6, "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one." Questions come your way when people know you are a practicing

Christian. Will you know what to say? This workshop will leave you better equipped to serve the Lord, who first served you, by being His witness. Our format will feature presentations, as well as break-out sessions for discussion and application. A soup and chili fellowship supper will follow.

EVANGELISM EXCERPTS: We posted this last year. It bears repeating. It is a story about four people named...Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody? There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about it, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought that Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that, Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have! Are you Everybody? Or are you Somebody? Would you rather be known as Anybody? I'm sure that you don't want to be Nobody? Philippians 2:3 "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 33

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Opening Hymn: 541
Before Sermon: 428
Offering Hymn: 507 (1, 3)
After Prayers: 149
Closing Hymn: 360 (1-2, 4-6)

Scripture Readings:

II Kings 5:1-14

Elisha, the man of God, heals Naaman, the leper. Naaman is not one of God's chosen people. He is an Aramean, an enemy of Israel. In fact, Naaman is the commander of the Aramean army and the hero of his homeland. We would consider him a most unlikely person to receive help from the LORD. But through a young believing Israelite slave girl, the LORD leads Naaman to Elisha and through Elisha to Himself, the only true God! It is true! "God our Savior...desires all

men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

5 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman’s wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, “If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy.” 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, “Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel.” 5 Then the king of Syria said, “Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel.” So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me.” 8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, “Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel.” 9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha’s house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, “Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean.” 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’ 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?” So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, “My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, ‘Wash, and be clean?’” 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Wayne Eichstadt has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA.
- Timothy Daub, a member of Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has applied for colloquy. Formerly he was in the LC-MS and WELS.
- Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights MI, (Detroit Area) has called Pastor John M. Johannes, pastor of Mt. Olive Lutheran, Detroit Lakes MN, and St. Paul’s Lutheran, Ponsford MN.

Nominations for ILC Professor:

The Board of Regents announces the following nominations to fill the professorship vacated by the impending retirement of Professor John Pfeiffer at the end of the 2015-16 academic year: Dwight (Frank) Gantt, Paul Naumann, David Reim, Peter Reim, Stephen Sydow, Matthew Ude, and Mark Weis. The individual would teach at the high school (potentially), college, and seminary levels with an emphasis on courses in Hebrew (college) and Old Testament theology (seminary) and also in other theological disciplines. Other assignments will be determined upon mutual agreement in accordance

with need and corresponding ability. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail:ryan@page1printers.com.

Nominations for ILC President:

The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Jeffrey Schierenbeck, Steven Sippert, Paul Sullivan, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2018. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be submitted no later than February 12, 2016, to: Mr. Craig Ryan; 499 Country Lane; Fulda, MN 56131; E-Mail:ryan@page1printers.com.

ILC TOUR CHOIR CD’S: A newly produced recording of choral music, sung by Tour Choirs of Immanuel Lutheran College, is available. It is a 2-CD set, featuring pieces sung by various choirs from 1991 to 2015. The first CD primarily reflects the themes of Advent and Christmas, the second the themes of Lent

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are here with us this morning worshipping our Lord. By nature the leprosy of sin infects us all. The disease is terminal and leads to eternal death. Thank God He has sent His Son to cleanse us with His shed blood. As cleansed children of God let us praise Him with our hearts and voices in telling others the Good News. We pray you come again to hear more about your Savior-God. If you have any questions about what we here at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran teach, please see Pastor Bernthal. We invite you to please sign our guest book as you leave.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. S.S.: The Fist Miracle Bible Class:
Spending Time in Luther's Catechism: Lord's Supper
11:10 a.m. Choir

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./ Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:10 a.m. Annual Voters' Meeting

LAST WEEK:

Worship 47 S.S.4 B.C. 22

OFFERINGS 1/17 for Unified Budget: \$1,965 • \$55 MDF

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Birkholz

School---Bernthal

Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Joel Albrecht

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION: Don't forget to keep those Box tops labels for school supplies. We received a check for \$ 38.30 this past week. Thanks for saving!

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS:

We will continue our study of I John—entitled Living in the Light of God's Love. You are encouraged to come, study, learn and enhance your faith-walk with us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY LUTHERAN

SPOKESMAN is available in the entry-way on the registration table.

VOTERS: Plan now to attend our Annual Voters' Meeting next Sunday after church. Elections will be held, the 2016 budget voted on and delegates for the CLC Convention will be discussed. Come, serve your Lord and Savior.

I Corinthians 9:24-27

Paul spells out a clear, concise motto for his and every believer's life: "Run in such a way that you get the prize." Faith in Christ is active. The race is run with God's power. The prize is eternal life.

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

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

Sermon Text: **Mark 1:40-45**

Sermon Theme:

**"IF YOU ARE WILLING,
YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN."**

I: Jesus is willing.

II: Jesus has cleansed us.

III: Testify about it.

40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean." 41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed." 42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed. 43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." 45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.