

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### **MOWING HELP NEEDED FOR JULY-AUGUST:**

Thank you to all who have been helping with the mowing. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Remember to mow on Friday-Saturday if possible.

**CLC NEWS:** Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing, MN. has called Pastor Frank Gantt. Prince of Peace, Loveland, CO. has called Pastor Mike Eichstadt. Luther Memorial has called Pastor Wayne Eichstadt. Bethel Lutheran, Spring, TX. has called Pastor Roland H. Gurgel.

Word was recently received that, upon the passing of Pastor E.E. Essien, Pastor Patrick Udo has been elected as the new president of the NCLC. Your prayers are requested on behalf of Pastor Udo and the Nigeria-CLC.

Please remember Pastor Paul and Kathy Larsen in your prayers. Kathy had been home for a few weeks. However, her condition has declined. She is suffering from intense pain. She is no longer able to get out of bed. She also is confused from the pain and the medication. Kathy is back in the hospital undergoing more tests. Please also remember them in your prayers and with your cards and thoughts.

### **ALUMINUM CANS:**

It was decided by the Church Council that we will no longer be seeking aluminum cans to be taken in for money to be given to the Academic Center. The time and effort for taking in the cans and the little money

received has not made it worthwhile. Please do not drop them off at church any longer. Thank you.

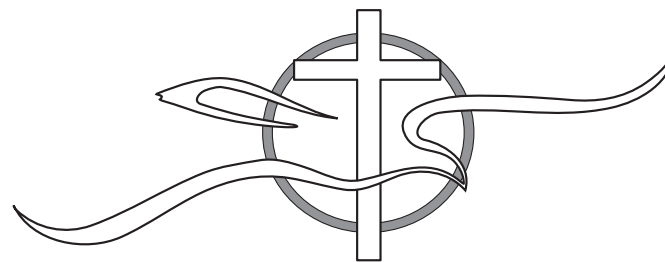
**INVITATION:** All communicant members of Peace Thru Christ are invited next Sunday to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Plan now to receive a rich spiritual blessing from this life-giving meal of forgiveness in Christ.

**SNACKS FOR VBS:** If you would like to donate snacks—cheese, crackers, chips, fruit, etc.—for our VBS, please bring them to the kitchen and mark them clearly. Thank you.

### **V.B.S. DATES: August 2-6**

Our sessions this year will again be held in the morning from 9:00-11:45 a.m. This year's series is entitled: "Children of the Heavenly Father." Please invite your friends and neighbors to come. The five part series consists of:

- 1) Jesus blesses little children/ Jesus includes children in His saving work—Mark 10:13-16
- 2) Jesus raises Jairus' daughter/Jesus gives life to His Father's children—Luke 8:40-42, 49-56
- 3) Slave girl and Naaman/ The Father's children talk about Jesus to others—II Kings 5:1-15a
- 4) Boy King Josiah/The Fathers' children serve Jesus in their daily lives—II Kings 22:1-10, 23:1-7, 10, 21-25
- 5) David and Goliath/Jesus protects His children from all evil—I Samuel 17:3-11, 32-33, 37-51



*I cried out to God with my voice —  
To God with my voice;  
And He gave ear to me. Psalm 77:1*

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*Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 77*

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## Scripture Readings:

### Jeremiah 23:1-8

This is another one of Jeremiah's beautiful prophesies concerning Christ. In the midst of His condemnation upon Judah because of their faithlessness stands this marvelous Gospel promise. Our righteousness before God is our Savior, Jesus Christ.

*1 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the LORD. 2 Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the LORD. 3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the LORD. 5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "that they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 8 but, 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land."*

### Matthew 5:1-16

Jesus is here speaking to believers. We are truly happy (blessed) when we live in His Word. The ability to live as meek, poor in spirit, and merciful Christians is only through the Holy Spirit using the Gospel upon our hearts.

*1 And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God."*

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are happy that you are with us this morning. What a blessing that God has made a new covenant with us based on His grace in Christ Jesus. The old covenant of the Law we have broken time and time again. There is no way we can enter heaven and have eternal life by what we have done or can do. But God in His grace and mercy made a new covenant with us. Christ did what we could not do—He kept the Law perfectly. Christ also suffered what we should have suffered—damnation. We have forgiveness and life only through Jesus. If you are interested in learning more about this new covenant, please see Pastor Bernthal. Please, do come again and we ask that you sign our guest register as you leave this morning.

#### THIS WEEK

##### Today

10:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

##### Tuesday

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

##### Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Family Worship/  
Communion

10:15 a.m. Welcome Brunch for  
Vicar Mark Tiefel

##### Next Mon-Fri.

Vacation Bible School

#### LAST SUNDAY Attendance:

Worship: 49

#### OFFERINGS 7/4

for Unified Budget: \$2,080

\$10 Parsonage Siding/Windows

#### IN YOUR MAILBOX:

August Calendar & Newsletter.

#### PERSONAL EVANGELISM SALT & LIGHT WORKSHOP:

Tuesday, August 10th 6:30-8:00

p.m. We will be presenting several scenarios where the Gospel can be

presented one on one. We hope that this will help all of us in our personal outreach of the Gospel to those around us. We encourage all of our members to plan to come to this most beneficial meeting. *"You are the salt of the earth... You are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* Mat. 5:13, 16

#### CONGRATULATIONS & LORD'S

**BLESSINGS:** to Derek & Jennifer Horejsh on the birth of their son Edward Neel on June 24th. The Lord willing, Edward's spiritual rebirth through Baptism of water and the Word will take place tomorrow evening at the Horejsh home.

#### WELCOME VICAR GATHERING:

Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you plan on bringing something for the welcome brunch for Vicar Mark Tiefel. The welcome brunch will be held after church next Sunday.

**MORE NOTES ON JEREMIAH:**

Jeremiah worked at a time when the people of Judah had rejected the LORD God. He knew the nation was headed for destruction, and his warnings were clear. But only a few would listen to what he had to say. Once when he had written some words on a scroll, the king cut the scroll into pieces and burned it in the fire.

The leaders accused him of rebelling against the government. They imprisoned him for awhile; they even tried to kill him! Because of his message Jeremiah has sometimes been called the “Weeping Prophet.”

If Judah is destroyed will God’s promises fail? Jeremiah declares, “God forbid!” Even though man is unfaithful, God remains always faithful to His promises and covenant. A remnant will be purified and return so that Abraham’s seed will indeed be a blessing to all nations—so that some day the angels will sing over Bethlehem’s fields: “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, Peace, Good Will toward men!”



*“ Therefore prepare yourself and arise,  
And speak to them all that I command you.  
Do not be dismayed before their faces,  
Lest I dismay you before them.  
For behold, I have made you this day  
A fortified city and an iron pillar,  
And bronze walls against the whole land—  
Against the kings of Judah,  
Against its princes,  
Against its priests,  
And against the people of the land.  
They will fight against you,  
But they shall not prevail against you.  
For I am with you,”  
says the LORD,  
“to deliver you.”*

*Jeremiah 1:17-19 (New King James Version)*

*10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

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

Sermon Text:

## Jeremiah 31:31-34

### SEE HOW GOD NEGOTIATED A NEW CONTRACT FOR US!

#### I: THE NEED FOR THIS NEW CONTRACT

— OUR SINS —

#### II: THE TERMS OF THIS NEW CONTRACT

— FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS —

#### III: THE NEGOTIATOR OF THIS NEW CONTRACT

— OUR SAVIOR, JESUS —

*31 “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.”*