

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

MOWING HELP NEEDED: A new mowing schedule has been put up. We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow during the spring, summer and fall months. Remember that this year we have two mowers to use. The riding one and the stand-up one. Any questions, please check with Randy Dreyer or Pastor Bernthal.

CLC NEWS:. The CLC Mission Board has called Pastor Mike Roehl, Bismarck, ND to be missionary to India. Mr. Jeff Karnitz has returned the call extended to him by Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC to be their lower grade school teacher.

NEEDED: Used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Don't throw them away. Our school can get money or products by sending in used printer cartridges and cell phones. Please drop them off in the box by the copier. Ink jet & laser cartridges and cell phones are needed!

FREEDOM: May we all take the time this week to thank the Lord for the blessing of freedom and peace that He has showered upon our country. We are indeed a privileged

people to live in such blessed circumstances. May we than use the opportunity of personal freedom to proclaim the REAL FREEDOM and SPIRITUAL, ETERNAL PEACE that we have in Christ---the freedom from sin, death, Satan and hell. We have eternal PEACE with God in Christ Jesus!

CHURCH CLEANING LIST: A church cleaning list for July-December is in every cleaner's mailbox. Please be sure to take it with you and look it over so you know when you have been scheduled to help clean the church/entrance area or the school/fellowship hall/kitchen area. Thank you for your volunteering your time to help clean!

On Sunday, July 8th fifteen CLC Mission Helpers will meet at O'Hare airport in Chicago where they will depart on an evening flight to Nairobi, Kenya. They will spend the next few weeks proclaiming the Good News of Christ alongside our brothers and sisters in Christ of the CLC-East Africa in Kenya and Tanzania. You can follow the trip at: <http://2012clcmhsteafrica.blogspot.com>

Peace thru Christ Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary

	Month of June 2012			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	8,288	9,400	(1,112)	59,254	64,700	(5,446)
Other income	20	-	20	20		20
Total income	8,308	9,400	(1,092)	59,274	64,700	(5,426)
Expenses*	11,763	10,570	1,193	67,337	69,185	(1,848)
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	(3,455)	(1,170)	(2,285)	(8,063)	(4,485)	(3,578)

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 66

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15

Hymns: Opening: 575

Before Sermon: 579

Offering Hymn: 789

During Distribution: 312/313

After Benediction: 261

Scripture Readings:

Romans 13:1-7

Paul powerfully proclaims the Christian's role as a citizen. A Christian will want to obey and support his government, for God Himself established that government in order to bless and protect His beloved children.

13 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. 4 For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. 5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

Matthew 22:15-22

We live under God, but we also live under the authority of the ruling government., No matter whether we approve or disapprove of the government or its leaders in our land we have to remember that "there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God." The Pharisees' trick did not work as Jesus rightly says that we should pay taxes to the government and obedience in secular things, but our worship and praise and ultimate obedience is to God.

15 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way.

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

Sermon Text: **John 8:31-36**

Sermon Theme:

THE GREATER FREEDOM

I: FREEDOM THROUGH THE WORD!

II: FREEDOM FROM SLAVERY TO SIN!

III: FREEDOM FOR SERVICE TO CHRIST!

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 33 They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants, and have never been in bondage to anyone. How can

You say, 'You will be made free'?" 34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU: We thank God you are with us this morning worshiping our Savior. This week we celebrate our freedom as Americans. This morning we celebrate our spiritual freedom from sin, death, Satan and hell. We are set free to serve Jesus and His Word of Truth keeps us free! Come again to hear more about your real "Greater Freedom." Also, please sign our guest register. If you are interested in learning more about your Savior-God or about our teaching concerning His Word, feel free to speak with Pastor Bernthal.

HOLY COMMUNION: The Lord's Supper is being celebrated this morning. 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.

This Week:

Today 10:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

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

Wednesday Independence Day

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Family Worship

10:15 a.m. Church Council

IN YOUR MAILBOX: July Calendar & Newsletter; Church Cleaning list for July-December; A summary of the 30th CLC Convention.

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: Church—Gerbitz
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Chris Gerbitz

LAST WEEK:

Attendance 53

6/24 for Unified Budget: \$ 1,790

VBS: Our VBS will be held July 30-August 3 from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark your calendars. If you would like to help out with teaching, arts & crafts or singing, please contact Pastor Bernthal. The VBS Flyer team will be coming July 15-17 to help distribute flyers.