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them to do. Last year over 50 men attended the conference with ages from 18 to over 70. Attendees commented on how they appreciated many different aspects of last year's Man Up weekend, like:

- Time in the Word
- Fellowship with Like-minded Believers
- The in-depth discussion afforded to us by our roles as servants of the church and each other
- Getting to know others from other congregations
- The work shops
- The catapult contest because of the time working as a team.

Our churches and homes need dedicated, faithful, Biblically literate, zealous, and selfless men today, as much as ever before, as we contend for the faith. The challenges we face are great, but the Lord has promised to be with us with His Word and His forgiveness. Men, please join us in September for this valuable conference!

You can find out more information, see pictures of the park, read other comments regarding the retreat last year, and register for the retreat online at [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org). The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 1, 2017.

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School is a confessional Lutheran Church.**

We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; that Jesus Christ paid the full sacrificial price—His very life—so that gift of salvation could be ours. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or **e-mail** him at [mbern@juno.com](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)



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*My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word. I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes. PSALM 119:25 & 26*



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**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost • July 30, 2017**

**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:VII**

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

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## Scripture Readings:

### Colossians 1:1-14

The Apostle Paul commends his fellow believers in Colosse for giving evidence of their fruits of faith by showing deeds of love. Paul assures them of his continued prayer on their behalf, that they may share in that eternal inheritance in heaven which Christ has earned for them (and all people) by the shedding of His blood.

*1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

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### MAN UP WEEKEND:

Last year was the first year for this annual men's retreat. It was organized by CLC congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin to provide encouragement and strength for men from God's Word, and to equip and encourage them to fill their God-given roles as husband, fathers and leaders in church and society. This is needed today more than ever! While the world puts down men and trivializes the importance of their roles in the home, church and society, God clearly speaks of the importance

of the role of men in each of these areas.

"And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2Timothy 2:2).

This conference is intended to instruct and encourage men to do what the Lord has called

### CLC NEWS

- Pastor Mark Tiefel has returned the call extended to him by Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN.
- Faith, Markesan, WI has called Teacher Matthew Thurow, Berea Lutheran, Inver Grove Heights MN, to teach grades 3-5 and serve as principal.
- Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne WY, will be postponing the opening of its school, due to the inability to acquire a teacher.
- Mrs. Katie Naumann has returned the call to teach grades 3-4 at Messiah Lutheran School, Eau Claire WI.

**ILC NEWS:** North Hall Update and Cleaning: The boy's dormitory at the Immanuel campus, North Hall, is being updated this summer. Parts of the solar heating system had to be removed in order to install a more efficient natural gas boiler system. New windows are also being installed. The project is progressing as planned. Because of this project occurring over summer, there will be a small window of opportunity to clean it appropriately prior to the

opening of the school year. Those willing to help with cleaning during the first two weeks of August are encouraged to contact the Facilities Manager, Paul Heinze (715-456-7194/ [ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu](mailto:ilcmaintenance@ilc.edu)).

### Partners in Ministry Program:

The 2016 CLC Convention approved the Partners in Ministry Program which is designed to link active CLC called servants who have obligations to repay ILC Student Aid Fund loans with sponsors who agree to provide matching funds for payments on those loans. The donor and recipient would remain anonymous to each other. This program is now ready for implementation. There are about a dozen eligible account holders who will be contacted directly to see if they are interested in participating and would then need to fill out an application annually. While donors may get involved with this at any time, it would be helpful to have the initial slate of donors in place by August 15. Those interested in being donors or those who have questions may contact the ILC Business Manager, Jim Sandeen, 715-836-6622/[jimsandeen@gmail.com](mailto:jimsandeen@gmail.com).

## Luke 10:25-37

The "expert in the law" asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies by asking him to give an explanation of the law. The man summarizes the law according to the Word found in the Old Testament Scriptures. The man does not want a guilty conscience and in self-justification asks Jesus who his neighbor is. Jesus tells him (and us) the parable of the Good Samaritan in which He points out clearly that our neighbor is anyone who is in need and to whom we can be of help.

*25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" 27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."*

Sermon Text: **Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

## THE LORD REJOICES OVER US!

**I: He desires that we CLING to His Word.**

**II: He has PLANTED His Word in our hearts.**

*9 The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, 10 if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 11 "For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' 14 But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.*



### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We praise the Lord for your presence with us this morning. We pray the Holy Spirit fill your heart with the love of our Savior so that you will cling to His Word. His Word is all-sufficient for our faith and life. His Word reveals our sins and lost condition and also tells us about Jesus' sacrifice and all that He did for us. Come again and hear more about our God's great love for us as seen in His Son, Jesus. If you would like to know more about this all-sufficient Word, please contact Pastor Bernthal. Please also sign our guest register.

#### This Week:

**Today** 10:15 a.m. VBS teachers & Crafters meet

1:00 p.m. Congregational outing to Devil's Lake

**Mon-Fri** 9:00-11:45 a.m. V.B.S.

**Saturday** 9:00 a.m. Painting Church

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

10:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

#### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church—Gbedey/Franson

Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Pam Schulz

#### LAST WEEK:

Worship 28

#### OFFERINGS

7/23 for Unified Budget: \$1,065

**PAINTING BEE:** We will be scraping and painting the church next Saturday beginning around 9:00 a.m. Come and help!

#### VBS:

Our VBS will be held Monday-Friday from 9-11:45 a.m. We could still use help in our arts & crafts! Pray the Lord to send us children to teach.

#### CONGREGATION OUTINGS:

This afternoon we are planning a picnic lunch/supper at Devil's Lake starting around 1 p.m.

Bring a meat to grill and your own food---chips, potato salad, drinks, etc. If you have a small grill, please bring it along.

#### Living Hope Lutheran of Appleton, WI

will be hosting an outing to the home run deck of the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers (Single A team of the Milwaukee Brewers) on Friday September 1st at 7:05 PM. There is room for up to 200 people. It includes an all-you-can-eat buffet and two drinks per person. The total cost is \$23 per adult and \$19 for children under 12. Parking is \$10. There is fun for all ages, a good view of the game and a casual atmosphere for Christian conversation and fellowship! If interested please contact Pastor David Ude at [david.m.ude@gmail.com](mailto:david.m.ude@gmail.com) or speak with Pastor Bernthal.

#### IN YOUR MAILBOX:

CLC Financial Report/June

#### FLOAT NEWS:

We will be working on our float for the Good Neighbor Parade on Saturday, Aug. 19th beginning around 9:00 a.m.

#### THANKS:

to all who have mowed so far this spring. The grounds look great. Keep on signing up for the summer weeks.