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COMMUNITY HELP OPPORTUNITIES:

At one of our recent Hannah's Helping Hands we talked about finding opportunities to help our community and thereby show our love for our Lord and let our light shine for Jesus. In the past week two opportunities have presented themselves. We have the opportunity to help at the Oak Park Place/Walnut Grove retirement Center where Pastor Bernthal holds weekly Bible classes. Mrs. Terry Johnson, Events Coordinator is looking for the following help:

- Help watch BINGO cards
Tuesdays 2pm to 3pm upstairs
Thursdays 3:30pm to 4:45pm downstairs
- Help with Morning Activities
Monday thru Friday 10:30am to 11:30am
- Small group or one on one activities: walks, socializing, pet visits, baby visits, reading, cards or games, this list is endless!
Mondays 2pm to 3pm downstairs
Tuesdays 2pm to 3pm downstairs
Thursdays 2pm to 3pm downstairs
Saturdays any time

You do not need to commit to every week. It is whenever you are available. If you can help, please contact Pastor or call Terry directly. Best time to reach Terry is Monday thru Friday 12pm to 2pm. 608 828-9600

ALSO: Dean Health Clinic contacted our congregation to see if we had anyone who could volunteer to help an adult patient with Scoliosis with

doing laundry, making her bed and vacuuming every other week. You don't need to commit to every other week. She hopes to get several people to help. Her name is Sue Schroeder. Please contact Pastor if you can help.

EVANGELISM NEWS:

We are again planning on building a float for the Middleton Good Neighbor Parade, Aug. 29th. The theme the Parade Committee has chosen is Endless Summer. We are looking for ideas for a theme for our float. If you have any ideas, please submit them to Evangelism Chairman John Gerbitz or Pastor Bernthal. We will be looking for volunteers to help build the float later this summer.

We are also planning a personal evangelism hour on Tuesday, Aug. 10th from 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. If you would have a scenario that you would like to see presented, i.e. speaking to someone who has just gotten divorced; talking to your neighbor whose husband has died; speaking to a fellow worker about problems raising children, etc. please contact Evangelism Chairman John Gerbitz or Pastor. Our next Evangelism Meeting is Sunday, June 27 after church.

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 116

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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Opening Hymn	281
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Scripture Readings:

Hosea 1:1-2:1 Hosea is called by God to prophesy during Israel's last hours. Hosea's personal tragedy becomes an intense illustration of Israel's national tragedy. It is a lesson of one-sided love and faithfulness between a prophet and his faithless wife (Hosea & Gomer) and between Jehovah and His faithless people (Israel). Just as Gomer is married to Hosea, Israel is betrothed to the LORD Jehovah. In both cases the bride is unfaithful and runs after other lovers. But unconditional love keeps seeking even when it is spurned. In Hosea's case, that means buying his wife back from the slave market. For Israel it means physical punishment now, but for spiritual Israel a redemption and deliverance through Christ.

1 The word of the LORD that came to Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel. 2 When the LORD began to speak by Hosea, the LORD said to Hosea: " Go, take yourself a wife of harlotry And children of harlotry, For the land has committed great harlotry By departing

from the LORD." 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son. 4 Then the LORD said to him: " Call his name Jezreel, For in a little while I will avenge the bloodshed of Jezreel on the house of Jehu, And bring an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. 5 It shall come to pass in that day That I will break the bow of Israel in the Valley of Jezreel." 6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him: " Call her name Lo-Ruhamah, For I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel, But I will utterly take them away. 7 Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah, Will save them by the LORD their God, And will not save them by bow, Nor by sword or battle, By horses or horsemen." 8 Now when she had weaned Lo-Ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. 9 Then God said: " Call his name Lo-Ammi, For you are not My people, And I will not be your God. 10 " Yet the number of the children of Israel Shall be as the sand of the sea, Which cannot be measured or numbered. And it shall come to pass In the place where it was said to them, ' You are not My people,' There it shall be said to them, ' You are sons of the living God.' 11 Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel Shall be gathered together, And appoint for themselves one head; And they shall come up out of the land, For great will be the day of Jezreel! Hosea 2 1 Say to your brethren, 'My people,' And to your sisters, 'Mercy is shown.'

Luke 15:11-32 We see the Father's love for lost sinners. He abides faithful even though we have been faithless. May we, from the heart, say the same as the Prodigal Son, "I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.'" Then see the bondless love, the open arms, the forgiving welcome. "To-day, Thy mercy calls us to wash away our sin. However great our trespass, whatever we have been. However long from mercy our hearts have turned away, Thy precious blood can cleanse us and make us white today." Thank the Lord!

11 Then He said: "A certain man had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with prodigal living. 14 But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want. 15 Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him anything. 17 "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have bread enough and to

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CLC NEWS:

Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE./St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD/and Peace Lutheran, Mission SD, have called Pastor Luke Bernthal. Our Redeemer's Lutheran, Red Wing MN. has called Pastor Terrel Kesterson.

CLC Online Calendar Change:

The CLC online calendar now shows two calendars layered together and color coded for distinction. One shows official synod events, while the other shows "CLC Related Events" (camps, retreats, etc.) We hope this will serve as a convenient place where people can find information concerning events of mutual interest among our congregations

CLC Board of Missions

Holy Cross in Phoenix has called its assistant pastor, Michael Gurath, to serve as a missionary in East Africa for a period of six to thirteen months.

As agreed to with the CLC Board of Missions, Michael Gurath would be going as part of the Mission Helper Program. His base of operation is to be Moi's Bridge, Kenya. Nearby is a village, Emmaus Milimani, where a group of people desires to establish a church and school affiliated with the CLC, and Pastor Gurath is to help in this effort. (Currently 100+ adults assemble for worship on Sundays. They listen to worship services from Holy Cross. 150 children attend Sunday School.)

He will also be available to travel to and serve at other CLC affiliated congregations and schools in East Africa as well. The overall funding for the trip, especially for the work in Emmaus Milimani, will be provided by Holy Cross. The expense of travel to other locales will be covered by the MDF. Pastor Michael Gurath has accepted this call.

PASTORAL-DELEGATE CONFERENCE:

Pastor Bernthal and Delegate Matt Schaser will be leaving Monday morning for the Great Lakes' Pastoral-Delegate Conference at Faith Lutheran, Coloma, MI. Lord willing they will return home Tuesday evening.

NEEDED:

We are still in need of two Convention Delegates for our CLC Convention, June 21-25 at ILC, Eau Claire. Please see pastor if you can serve in this capacity.

MOWING HELP NEEDED FOR JUNE:

Please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Remember to mow on Friday-Saturday if possible.

CLC PROSPECTUS OF THE 29th CONVENTION AVAILABLE:

There are copies available by the mailboxes. Please take one and read up on what actions and decisions will be made at our up-coming convention.

3 And I said to her, "You shall stay with me many days; you shall not play the harlot, nor shall you have a man—so, too, will I be toward you." 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. 5 Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank the Lord for your worship with us this morning. We pray the message of our God's unconditional love as seen in His forgiveness in Christ fill your heart with peace and joy. We pray that you come again and worship your Savior-God with us. If you would like to learn more about what we at Peace Thru Christ teach, please contact Pastor Bernthal. Please also sign our guest register.

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:

Mon-Tue. Great Lakes' Pastoral-Delegate Conference, Faith, Coloma, MI

Thursday 7:00 p.m. B.O.C.E.

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. Family Worship
10:15 a.m. Church Council

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

June Calendar & Newsletter

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN:

We are again ordering 15 monthly copies of this useful synodical magazine. They are \$15 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out

with this purchase, please place an extra \$15 in your offering.

LAST SUNDAY Attendance:

Worship: 103

OFFERINGS 5/30

for Unified Budget: \$2,110

Special Gifts:

\$ 25 Parsonage Windows/Siding

\$ 15 Lutheran Spokesman

ANNIVERSARY DVD:

If you were not able to be here when the 50th Anniversary DVD was shown, it is available for viewing. Please check with Pastor

spare, and I perish with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, 19 and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants." 20 "And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him. 21 And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.' 22 "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. 23 And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; 24 for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry. 25 "Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. 27 And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.' 28 "But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him. 29 So he answered and said to his father, 'Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.' 31 "And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours. 32 It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.'"

The Sermon: audio sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: Hosea 3:1-5

THE LOVE OF GOD IN CHRIST IS

I: UNCONDITIONAL (WE DON'T EARN OR DESERVE IT)

II: UNCEASING (IT NEVER ENDS)

III: EVER ACTIVE (IT LEADS TO REPENTANCE AND FAITH)

1 Then the LORD said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the LORD for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans." 2 So I bought her for myself for fifteen shekels of silver, and one and one-half homers of barley.