

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

congregation. Audit Committee report was given. Next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is set for July 23rd.

SUMMER WORSHIP POLL: The Church Council is taking a poll to see if we want to keep the summer worship time at 9:00 a.m. or go to a 10:00 a.m. service all year round. Please take the time to vote on the sheet on the registration table in the entry-way. Please vote only once!

500th ANNIVERSARY REFORMATION SHIRTS: Looking for a unique gift! We have available polo shirts, non iron shirts, fleece jackets and T-shirts with the 500th Lutheran Reformation logo on them. Please see the advertisement sheet on the bulletin board in the entry-way. This was produced by the CLC 500th Anniversary Reformation Committee.

ARK ENCOUNTER / CREATION MUSEUM TRIP: has been scheduled for the last week of July 25-27 (Tues-Thurs). Full details, discounted blocked hotel

rooms, and combo tickets may all be found and reserved by going to <https://goo.gl/forms/m7LI28VJXwPnQEh2> or emailing nealradichel@gmail.com

2017 MAN UP WEEKEND: The weekend is intended to offer strength and encouragement for men 18 and older for their personal faith, family, and fellowship at church. The theme for this weekend is: "Contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Jude 3). The retreat will be held **September 22-24, 2017 at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, WI** about an hour south of LaCrosse. You can also find out more information, and register for the retreat online at www.manup.clclutheran.org. The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline is August 1, 2017. If you have any questions please speak to your pastor or contact Nathanael Mayhew at ndmayhew@juno.com or 404-729-4602.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church. If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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Fourth Sunday of Easter • May 7, 2017

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 146

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15

Opening Hymn: 331 (1-4, 7)
Before Sermon: 378
Offering Hymn: 189
During Distribution: 316
Closing Hymn: 47

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 40:26-31 If God can call the stars by name, He certainly can care for His people. God wanted His people in Israel to remember that He was in control of all things and loved them. We need to continually hear this same message. So did the disciples on that Easter evening. When we rely on human strength we will stumble and fall. When we trust in the Lord for strength, He will give it. Not only will we receive strength, but the Lord will renew our strength so we can "mount up with wings like eagles...run and not be weary... walk and not faint."

Lift up your eyes on high, And see who has created these things, Who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, By the greatness of His might And the strength of His power; Not one is missing. 27 Why do you say, O Jacob, And speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the Lord, And my just claim is passed over by my God"? 28 Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, The Creator of the ends of the earth, Neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. 29 He gives power to the weak, And to those who have no might He increases strength. 30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, 31 But those who wait on the Lord Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint.

Revelation 1:9-19

On the Lord's Day, John is commissioned to write to the seven churches of Asia Minor. He sees in a vision the Lord of the Church, who died but rose to live and rules forever. This Lord Jesus holds the keys of death and hell. These same keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, the risen Lord gave to His disciples on Easter evening and bestows them upon us through the Holy Spirit.

I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ. 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a

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- The CLC Board of Missions has called Pastor John Hein, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, to be the part-time missionary to Liberia.
- Grace Lutheran, Sleepy Eye, MN has called Mr. Dave Bernthal, teacher at Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI, as teacher and principal for its new school.
- Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI, has called Mrs. Heidi Nelson member of Grace Lutheran, Fridley MN, to be 3-4 grade teacher at its school.
- Miss Ann Sprengeler has returned the call extended to her by Redeemer Lutheran, Cheyenne, WY.
- St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA has called Mr. Paul Tiefel III, of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI to be teacher and principal at its school.
- Mr. Ross Kok has returned the call extended to him by Faith Lutheran, Markesan, WI.
- Trinity Lutheran, Watertown SD, has called member Mrs. Collette Krause to teach kindergarten for one year.

SPRING WORK DAY: Thanks to all who helped out with the jobs around the church. There are still

some things to be done. Please check with Property Manager Chris Ude if you can help.

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 we have two mowers to use. The riding one and the stand-up one. Any questions, please check with Chris Ude or Pastor Bernthal.

UP-COMING: Evangelism Meeting, Sunday, May 14th. Ascension Worship, Thursday, May 25th

QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING REPORT: 14 Voters in attendance. Membership Matters: Eric & Amanda Dreyer were granted a release of membership at their request. They have joined a WELS congregation. Nathan & Rachel Grave and family were granted a release of membership at their request. Treasurer's Report: Offerings (Jan-Mar) \$ 27,193. Expenditures (Jan-Mar) \$ 29,866. Net difference: -\$ 2,673. Still awaiting word from the State concerning our Ore-school. Spring Work day is set for May 6th. Supplies have been purchased. Discussion on summer worship schedule. Decided to poll the

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are happy to have you worshipping your resurrected Savior with us this morning. May the message of your risen Savior lead you to come again to sit at His feet to hear His Word of PEACE! Please sign our guest book as you leave.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Paul's Second Missionary Journey
Bible Class: Revelation 16-17
10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:15 a.m. Church Council

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/
Communion
11:20 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---?.
School---Schaser/Schaser
Counters today:
Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK:

Worship 33 S.S. 1 Bible Class 17

OFFERINGS 4/30 for Unified
Budget: \$2,775

IN YOUR MAILBOX: May Calendar & Newsletter

GRADUATION: for James Schaser on Saturday, May 20 at ILC field house at 10:00 am followed by a lunch reception from 12:30-3:00. See invitation posted on bulletin board.

TEACHER CALL: Miss Abbas has accepted the call to be the second teacher at Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley, WA.

CLC NEWS:

- The CLC Call Committee for Graduates has extended the following calls to Seminary graduates Tom Naumann to Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights (Detroit), MI, Sam Rodebaugh to Immanuel Lutheran, Winter Haven, FL, Stefan Sonnenfeld to Faith Lutheran, Manchester (St Louis), MO.
- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN has called Pastor Matt Hanel, pastor of St. Matthew Lutheran, Dallas, TX.

sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.

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

Sermon Text: **John 20:19-23**

I AM SENDING YOU!

I: With the Easter Message of PEACE!

II: With the Power of the Holy Spirit.

III: With the Authority to Forgive and Retain Sins.

19 Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." 20 When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. 21 So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." 22 And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

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.

