

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

CLC NEWS:

Pastor Vance Fossum, West Columbia SC. has returned the call extended to him by Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. Rock of Ages has now called Pastor Del Maas, Phoenix, AZ.

ADVENT: We will have special mid-week Advent services Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14. Our Advent series is:

CHRIST'S OFFICES FORETOLD

1. Foretold as **PROPHET** — Deut. 18:15, 18
2. Foretold as **PRIEST** — Psalm 110:4
3. Foretold as **KING** — Psalm 110:1-3

SUNDAYS IN ADVENT:

Our Sunday Advent Sermon Series will be as follows:

OUR KING COMES! LET US PREPARE TO RECEIVE HIM!

1st Sunday: He Comes in Mercy to the Undeserving.

2nd Sunday: He Comes to Comfort the Broken-Hearted.

3rd Sunday: He Comes in Love to Make His Blessings Flow.

4th Sunday: He Comes in Power to Establish His Eternal Reign.

ADVENT: "Advent as a season of preparation for the Nativity originated in France. Its observance was general by the time of the second Council of Tours 567 AD. It was probably not until the thirteenth century that Advent was universally recognized as beginning the Christian Church year, which up to that time had begun with the Festival of the Annunciation in March, or, in some places, with Christmas. While Advent never attained the severely penitential character of Lent, it has always been regarded as the season of solemn anticipation and of spiritual preparation and purification" (Luther D. Reed, The Lutheran Liturgy, pp. 465-466)

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP:

Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire is sponsoring their third annual fall Evangelism Workshop this afternoon from 2:30-6:00 p.m.

FREE: The Evangelism Committee has decided to give away the remaining window clings that advertise our church. If you would like one or more for your car windows, house windows or wherever you feel it can be seen by others, please contact Ruth Bernthal.

WHO WE ARE: Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church 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 about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal. We teach that the Holy Spirit works repentance and faith in the hearts of individuals through which one receives the blessings of Christ's redemption. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible—God's holy, unchangeable, inerrant Word. Since "all Scripture is given by inspiration of God," the Bible is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source of our faith and life. More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 24

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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Opening Hymn: 379

Before Sermon: 65

Offering Hymn: 789

After Prayers: 74

Closing Hymn: 75 v. 1 & 4

Antiphon-Psalm 24: p. 25 WS

ADVENT THEME:

Our King comes! Let us prepare to receive Him

1: He comes in mercy to the undeserving

Scripture Readings:

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Paul magnifies God for the great love He has poured out on the Corinthian Christians. He has blessed them for Jesus' sake with an abundant supply of spiritual gifts. In mercy He will keep them strong in faith right up to the end and keep them from all blame on the Day of His return.

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given to you by Christ Jesus, 5 that you were enriched in everything by Him in all utterance and all knowledge, 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you, 7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, 8 who will also confirm you to the end, that you may be blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord

Mark 13:32-37

Jesus prophesies of His return at the end of the age and exhorts us to live in a perpetual readiness since that Day will come suddenly.

32 "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. 34 It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. 35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— 36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. 37 And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!"

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

Sermon Text: **Isaiah 64:1-8**

As we begin a new church year let us sinners place ourselves into God's hands!

I: Mindful of His all-consuming power.

II: Aware of our own sinfulness.

III: Trusting alone in His mercy.

1 Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence— 2 As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil— To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! 3 When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. 4 For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. 5 You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness,

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Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned— In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. 6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away. 7 And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. 8 But now, O LORD, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Welcomes You!

We are glad you are here with us to worship our God as we begin our Advent season. May the Word of our God prepare our hearts for our Savior's return. God's Word will give us confidence to trust in our Heavenly Father's care and see us through both the good and the bad times of the future years. Come, worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Before Church

Sunday School: David Anointed King

Bible Class: Colossians 3

Today 11:10 a.m. Choir practice

11:30 a.m. Christmas Tree Decorating

2:30 p.m. Evangelism Workshop—
Messiah, Eau Claire

Monday 7:00 Confirmation/Brandle-
Gerbitz

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

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Advent Worship 1

Thursday

4:00 p.m. Confirmation-McDonald

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion

11:15 a.m. Choir

11:30 a.m. Church Council

LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 53 S.S. 9 Bible Class 30
Thanksgiving Eve 67

OFFERINGS 11/20, 2011

for Unified Budget: \$3,102

\$600 Tuition

\$800 Building Fund (Yamaha Piano)

\$550 Building Fund

\$22.25 Evangelism

\$25 MDF

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

December Calendar & Newsletter,
CLC Financial Update, CLC Mission
Newsleter

CHRISTMAS PARTS:

Parents, your children are getting their Christmas parts today. Please help them learn their parts so the practices can run smoothly and not be too time consuming. Parents, please meet briefly after church to determine our practice time this Saturday.