

CLCI: We recently learned of a tragic fire that destroyed the homes of several families in one of the congregations of the CLC-India. While we are saddened and concerned over this earthly trial, we are thankful that the Lord has allowed us to offer a small amount of emergency assistance through the MDF to help the affected families including CLCI Pastor Isaiah who also teaches at the CLCI Seminary.

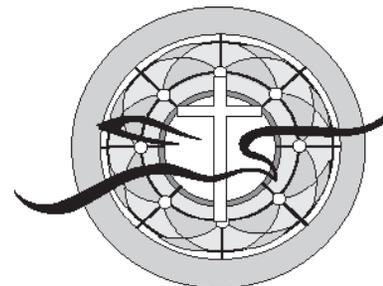
What follows is a portion of an email received from Pastor Jyothi Benjamin: We are sorry to write this letter to you regarding recent fire accident in Mannava village. Sudden fire accident destroyed 10 houses of our Mannava CLCI congregation members including Pastor Isaiah's house. The cause of the fire was due to the sudden breakage of electrical live wire and causing extensive damage. 10 families suffer huge loss, and have lost everything in these fire accident not even dry clothes. Ten thatched huts were fully devastated. The accident site presented pathetic sight of families crying inconsolably over their belongings and utensils getting burnt in the fire...Nothing left for all families especially Pastor Isaiah who has four kids...We are short of words to describe the sufferings of our effected CLCI members. Pastor Isaiah and those members lost their belongings, paddy, clothes, books and everything...We are sorry to report you that an old woman (V.S. Benjamin's aunty) died in this fire accident and four water buffaloes were dead and three water buffaloes were severely injured. At least three bicycles were damaged in the

fire. We provided some temporary rehabilitation shelters to these families with the help from other members. Please remember Pastor Isaiah, his family, and the members of the congregation he serves in your prayers. This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your word has given me life. Psalm 119:50

FALL CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL:

Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI, is hosting a Fall Christian Music Festival. We are inviting your congregation members not only to come, but to participate as well. We welcome musicians of any age, of every kind (vocal, solo/ensemble, instrumental - wind, string, brass, keyboard, etc.) as well as Christian music of every genre (baroque to contemporary). NOTE: As this is a fall festival, we ask that you not prepare any Christmas selections Interested in coming to listen? The Festival will take place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 13th, with a light supper afterwards (Faith Lutheran will provide the table service, as well as the meat and drinks). Those attending are encouraged to bring a bag of chips, salad, and/or dessert.

Interested in being a participant? Contact Pastor Paul Krause (920-398-2778) – PTKrause@clclutheran.com – or Pastor Neal Radichel (920-922-7421) – nealradichel@gmail.com – concerning what you would like to play. We look forward to this being a wonderful opportunity in our fellowship for musicians to put their musical talents to use both for the enjoyment of those listening as well as to the glory of our gift-giving God.



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REFORMATION SUNDAY

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • OCTOBER 30, 2011

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 46

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn 266

"O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word"

REFORMATION PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ. We also thank You, especially on this day, for sending Martin Luther to rediscover Your Word, which was lost and hidden from the people. Help us to be grateful followers for all that You have done for us. Keep us ever mindful of the Three Reformation Principles which we base our hope of heaven upon: GRACE ALONE, FAITH ALONE, SCRIPTURE ALONE - all of these truths pointing to Christ our Savior. We ask this in His name.

Amen.

THE THREE REFORMATION PRINCIPLES:

We are saved by **GRACE ALONE**,
through **FAITH ALONE**,
which is found in **SCRIPTURE ALONE!**



RESPONSIVE READING: Grace Alone

P: Where sin abounded

C: Grace did much more abound.

P: For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God,

C: Being justified freely through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

P: The Law was given by Moses,

C: But grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

P: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor

C: That you through His poverty might be rich.

P: But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor;

C: That He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

P: There is one God and one Mediator between God and man,

C: The Man, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself a ransom for many.

P: By grace are you saved, through faith and that not of yourselves,

C: It is a gift of God not of works lest any man should boast.

Hymn373(1,2,4,5,7)

“By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free and Boundless”

RESPONSIVE READING: Faith Alone

P: By grace are you saved through faith.

C: Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.

P: Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ,

C: Even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ

We of the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC) are a confessional Lutheran church whose aim is to uphold the Biblical teachings and Christian values which God restored through the Lutheran Reformation some 490 years ago. We preach that salvation is a gift of God’s grace, that Jesus Christ paid the full price - His very LIFE - for that gift of salvation. The Holy Spirit works repentance and faith through which one receives the blessing of salvation. The foundation for such saving faith is the Bible - God’s Word. Since “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God,” it is completely reliable, trustworthy and true. It is the only source for faith and life.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES: We are glad you are with us worshiping our Savior-God and celebrating the Reformation. The beginning of the Reformation of the church was Martin Luther’s nailing of the 95 these on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 15, 1517. These were ninety-five statements on the importance of repentance of sins and looking alone to Jesus for forgiveness and life. Even as Martin Luther was a faithful confessor to the truth, we faithfully confess that forgiveness and everlasting life is a free gift for us alone through Jesus’ merit. We make it our own through faith, which is also a gift of God’s grace through the power of the Holy Spirit. You are warmly invited to come worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest book.

Before Church:

Sunday School: Luther II

Bible Class: Colossians 1 & 2

This Week:

Today 11:10 a.m. Choir practice
4:00 p.m. Joint Reformation Service,
Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation

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

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. S.S. Teachers’ Meeting
7:00 p.m. Bible Class

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.
Evangelism Meeting

LAST SUNDAY Attendance:

Worship: 54 SS. 8 Bible Class 29

OFFERINGS 10/23

for Unified Budget: \$2,649
\$100 Hannah’s Helping Hands
\$50 Building Projects

IN YOUR MAILBOX: November
Calendar & Newsletter

CLC NEWS Rock of Ages
Lutheran, Grand Rapids
MI, has called Pastor
Vance Fossum, West
Columbia SC. Peace with
God Lutheran, Onalaska
WI, has called Pastor
Richard Kanzenbach to be their
pastor, forming a dual parish with
Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI.



Sermon Text: **I Timothy 6:11-16**

Sermon Theme:

WHAT THE LORD EXPECTS OF HIS CHILDREN

I: A Godly life—fleeing and pursuing.

II: A Faithful Confession.

III: A Preparation for His Return.

OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS

CHOIR/CONGREGATION: *see insert*

"How Firm a Foundation"

BATTLE HYMN OF THE REFORMATION 774

(All vs. 1; Men/boys vs. 2; Women/girls vs. 3; All vs. 4)

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

REFORMATION PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER • BENEDICTION

HYMN 263

"O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe"

MORE ABOUT THE REFORMATION On this day we give thanks to our God for the many blessings that have been passed down to our generation as a result of the Reformation and the work of Martin Luther, the Great Reformer. Such blessings are: the open Bible for all people; the Truth of the Bible that man is justified by faith in Jesus not by his own works; the Truth of the individual's faith before God - not a trusting in church membership; the privilege and duty of using the Bible; the dignity of marriage; the need for Christian Education; the separate functions of the church and the state; the universal priesthood of all believers; the Bible translated into the language of the people for all to hear and read; the Small and Large Catechism; the many hymns and the congregational singing.

P: And not by the works of the law

C: For by the works of the law, shall no flesh be justified.

P: But to him who does not work, but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly,

C: His faith is accounted for righteousness.

P: Therefore being justified by faith,

C: We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P: Therefore, we conclude that a man is justified by faith

C: Without the deeds of the law.

P: But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident

C: For the just shall live by faith.

Children "The Solid Rock" see insert

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *Luther's Explanation of the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears and all my bodily members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps them for me. God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil. God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sin, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death. He did this that I should be His very own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in eternal righteousness, innocence and joy; just as He is risen from death, lives and reigns in eternity. This is most certainly true.

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified, and kept me in

true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Scripture Readings:

Amos 6:1-7

Amos warns the prosperous and complacent Israelites who enjoy their wealth and luxury, spending their time feasting while judgment hovered over them because of their impenitence.

1 Woe to you who are at ease in Zion, And trust in Mount Samaria, Notable persons in the chief nation, To whom the house of Israel comes! 2 Go over to Calneh and see; And from there go to Hamath the great; Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are you better than these kingdoms? Or is their territory greater than your territory? 3 Woe to you who put far off the day of doom, Who cause the seat of violence to come near; 4 Who lie on beds of ivory, Stretch out on your couches, Eat lambs from the flock And calves from the midst of the stall; 5 Who sing idly to the sound of stringed instruments, And invent for yourselves musical instruments like David; 6 Who drink wine from bowls, And anoint yourselves with the best ointments, But are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph. 7 Therefore they shall now go captive as the first of the captives, And those who recline at banquets shall be removed.

Luke 16:19-31

The Lord warns us of being like the rich man, who was unconcerned about others and lived in luxury everyday but died in spiritual poverty without Christ and salvation. Lazarus was poor on earth but knew his Savior and is forever blessed with heavenly riches at Abraham's side.

19 "There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' 25 But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. 26 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

27 "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, 28 for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' 29 Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' 30 And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' 31 But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

RESPONSIVE READING: Scripture Alone

P: The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet.

C: Him you shall hear.

P: Lord to whom shall we go?

C: You have the words of eternal life.

P: The Lord Jesus said, "If you continue in My Word

C: Then are you My disciples indeed

P: And you shall know the Truth

C: And the Truth shall make you free."

P: Again He said, "Search the Scriptures for in them you think you have eternal life

C: And these are they which testify of Me."

P: We speak not in the words which man's wisdom teaches

C: But which the Holy Ghost teaches.

P: Holy men of God spoke

C: As they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

P: All Scripture is given by inspiration of God

C: And is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for instruction in righteousness.

"Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might" . 447