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have all been invited. Choirs from these congregations will also be singing. We encourage all of our members to attend this special worship service in praise to our Triune God for the blessings of the Reformation especially on this 500th anniversary. A meal will follow. We will be leaving around 1:30 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this once a year celebration.

HELP: We have no mowers for October. Please check which week you can help and sign up in service to your Lord.

2018 CLC Mission Helper Trip to Africa – Applications are being accepted for the 2018 Mission Helper Trip to Africa. You can find more information and apply online at: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org/

DEVOTIONAL BOOK: Pastor Mark Weis of Grace Lutheran Church (CLC), Cape Coral, Florida, has published an excellent new devotional book, "One Thing Needful: For All the Distractions, Stresses and Worries of Life." It is available for \$3.99 as an e-book on Amazon, and can be read on any computer, tablet or cell phone with the free Kindle Reader. If you go to Amazon.com and search "Mark Weis" you

will easily find the book. We also have 6 soft-cover books available for \$9.00. Please sign the sheet if you would like one of the books.

500TH REFORMATION SEMINAR:

We will be hosting this seminar on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 7:30 p.m. Speakers: Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck, Pastor Caleb Schaller and Pastor Bernthal will speak on Reformation history and its application to us today.

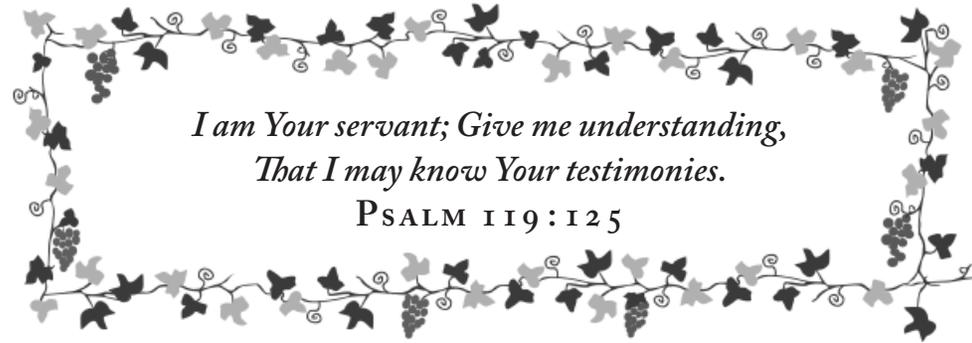
Introduction

Part 1: Reformation history: Luther and the 95 Theses---How can I find acceptance with God?

Part 2: Reformation history: Luther and the Diet at Worms---Are religious beliefs worth dying for?

Part 3: Reformation history: Luther and his time at the Wartburg---Where does faith in Christ come from?

We will be inviting the public to come to this informative and Gospel centered seminar. We encourage all of our members to be active in inviting/bringing/sharing the seminar with friends, neighbors, fellow workers, classmates, relatives, etc. More information will be coming as the date gets closer.



*I am Your servant; Give me understanding,
That I may know Your testimonies.*

PSALM 119:125

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:XVI

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15

Opening Hymn: 437

Before Sermon: 513

Offering Hymn: 438 (4-5)

During Distribution: 151 (1-6)

After Benediction: 151 (7)

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 49:1-9

God chooses His Servant---the Redeemer of Israel—a Light to the Gentiles—Him whom man despises—our Salvation to the end of the earth. Who is He? JESUS CHRIST!

“Listen, O coastlands, to Me, And take heed, you peoples from afar! The Lord has called Me from the womb; From the matrix of My mother He has made mention of My name. 2 And He has made My mouth like a sharp sword; In the shadow of His hand He has hidden Me, And made Me a polished shaft; In His quiver He has hidden Me.” 3 “And He said to me, ‘You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.’ 4 Then I said, ‘I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the Lord, And my work with my God.’” 5 “And now the Lord says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the Lord, And My God shall be My strength), 6 Indeed He says, ‘It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.’” 7 Thus says the Lord, The Redeemer of Israel, their Holy One, To Him whom man despises, To Him whom the nation abhors, To the Servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise, Princes also shall worship, Because of the Lord who is faithful, The Holy One of Israel; And He has chosen You.” 8 Thus says the Lord: “In an acceptable time I have heard You, And in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You As a covenant to the people, To restore the earth, To cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; 9 That You may say to the prisoners, ‘Go forth,’ To those who are in darkness, ‘Show yourselves.’ “They shall feed along the roads, And their pastures shall be on all desolate heights.

Romans 12:1-21

Paul gives an exhortation to a typical Christian congregation; an exhortation to get along with each other, to work together, and to appreciate the rich fellowship that we have in Jesus. A gathering of

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FALL WORK DAY: Our fall work day has been set for Saturday, Oct. 21st beginning around 9:00 a.m. We hope many of you can make it to help beautify the grounds and buildings in praise to our loving Savior-God.

MISSION FESTIVAL: Our annual Mission Festival will be held on Sunday, Oct. 22nd. Pastor Emeritus John Schierenbeck will be preaching at this service. We will also have 2 young people: Drew Naumann (Pre-theology at ILC) and Aaron Wilke (UW-Eau Claire) report on their Mission Helper trip this past year in Nepal.

CLC NEWS

- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN has called Pastor David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac MI, to serve as co-pastor.
- Nominations for ILC President: The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2018. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and

Seminary to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2018. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight December 15, 2017 (letters postmarked December 1, 2017) to: Dr. Daniel Schierenbeck; 23 SE 240 Rd.; Warrensburg, MO 64093; email: danschierenbeck@gmail.com.

KINSHIP SPONSOR: The ladies at Hannah’s Helping Hands discussed having our congregation sponsoring a student from the Bible School or Seminary from Togo, the Democratic Republic of Congo, BELC or CLCI. There is a great need for sponsors. If anyone would like to help fund this effort please contact Pastor Bernthal. Any amount per month would help. Cost for Togo students is \$30 per month and Congo students are \$40 per month. BELC students are \$35 per month and CLCI students are \$40 per month.

JOINT REFORMATION WORSHIP SERVICE is planned for Sunday, Oct. 29th at 3:00 p.m. to be held at Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI. Congregations from; Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac; Faith, Markesan; Messiah, Hales Corners; Living Hope, Appleton; Faith, Cambridge; Ascension, Batavia, IL, and ours

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This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Noah and the Flood • Bible Class: Reformation Film • 11:10 a.m. Choir

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

Saturday 11:00 a.m. Bike Outing

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./ Bible Class 10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Church Council

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Gerbitz

School: Schaefer. Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK: Worship 33 S.S. - Bible Class 18

OFFERINGS 9/24 for Unified Budget: \$1,511

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE

CLASS: There was only one member present last Wednesday so we did not have class. We will try again this Wednesday with the study of the prophet Obadiah. Come and learn with us.

IN YOUR MAILBOX: October Calendar & Newsletter

PRE-SCHOOL TEACHER CALL:

Miss Miriam Bernthal has accepted our call to be the pre-school teacher for our pre-school. Miriam is the daughter of Teacher Dave & Kim Bernthal and lives in Fond Du Lac. Miriam graduated from ILHS and from Moraine Park Technical School in Fond Du Lac. Lord willing, we are planning to open our pre-school in January.

BIKE OUTING: Our annual bike outing has been scheduled for this Saturday. We will be meeting at Lake Farm's Park @ 11:00 a.m. and take the new bike path along Lake Waubesa to McFarland. Bring a lunch to eat along the way. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you can come with us.

QUARTERLY VOTER'S MEETING

to be held on Sunday, Oct. 15th at 11:30. All Voting members are encouraged to attend.

CANDLELIGHT WALK: Friday, Oct. 20th. We will go for our annual candlelight walk through Governor Nelson State Park. Please meet at the parsonage at 6:30 p.m.

believers can be very different from one another in many respects— family heritage, appearance, size, shape, vocation. Each Christian also is unique when it comes to gifts and talents, whether those gifts are preaching, teaching, encouraging, giving, serving and the like. All too often in a sinful world such differences are the cause of strife. It should not be that way in the Church. Our differences are meant to complement each other in making up that “one body in Christ.”

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. 3 For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. 9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. 10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; 11 not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; 13 distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality. 14 Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. 15 Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. 16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. 17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. 20 Therefore “If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so

doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Matthew 26:36-44

We see Jesus' willing obedience in His prayer at Gethsemane---"Not as I will, but as You will." This is part of the fulfillment of our sermon text in Isaiah 50. What a wonderful willing Savior!

36 Then Jesus came with them to a place called Gethsemane, and said to the disciples, "Sit here while I go and pray over there." 37 And He took with Him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and He began to be sorrowful and deeply distressed. 38 Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." 40 Then He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and said to Peter, "What! Could you not watch with Me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." 42 Again, a second time, He went away and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me unless I drink it, Your will be done." 43 And He came and found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy. 44 So He left them, went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

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

Sermon Text: **Isaiah 50:4-10**

A WORD THAT SUSTAINS THE WEARY

**I: We see how the Lord God sustained
His Suffering Servant**

**II: We are encouraged to trust that He
will sustain us too!**

"The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned. 5 The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away. 6 I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. 7 "For the Lord God will help Me; Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. 8 He is near who justifies Me; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who is My adversary? Let him come near Me. 9 Surely the Lord God will help Me; Who is he who will condemn Me? Indeed they will all grow old like a garment; The moth will eat them up. 10 "Who among you fears the Lord? Who obeys the voice of His Servant? Who walks in darkness And has no light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord And rely upon his God.

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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.



PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are with us this morning. We pray the sustaining power of God's Word will move you again to hear more about your Lord and Savior. Please sign our guest register as you leave and come again.