

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

a student with family members or other families. If you are interested in sponsoring a man who is preparing for the Lutheran ministry in India or Africa, please contact KINSHIP Committee member Pastor David Fuerstenau, 426 Buren Road, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; Phone: (907) 225-2842; E-mail: djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

THANKS: to all who have been mowing this summer. The grounds look great. We are still in need of mowers thru September and October. Please check which week you can help and sign up in service to your Lord.

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 10 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.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Organist: Mrs. Karen Schaser

Church/Office (608) 233-2244 Parsonage (608) 442-9986

3232 West Point Rd. Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

middletonlutheran.org

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost • September 17, 2017

Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 119:XIV

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Supplement, p. 12

Opening Hymn:	293
Before Sermon:	295
Offering Hymn:	441:1-2
After Prayers:	297
After Benediction:	391
Antiphon Ps. 121	Pg. 42 W.S.

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 23:1-8

This is another of Jeremiah's beautiful prophesies concerning Christ, the Messiah. In the midst of his condemnation upon Judah because of their unfaithfulness stands this marvelous Gospel promise. Our righteousness before God is our Savior, Jesus Christ.

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the

shepherds who feed My people: "You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says the Lord. 3 "But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase. 4 I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says the Lord. 5 "Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; A King shall reign and prosper, And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. 6 In His days Judah will be saved, And Israel will dwell safely; Now this is His name by which He will be called: THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. 7 "Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that they shall no longer say, 'As the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' 8 but, 'As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land."

Matthew 5:1-16

Jesus is here speaking to believers. We are truly happy (blessed) when we live in His Word. The ability to live as meek and merciful Christians is only through the Holy Spirit using the Gospel upon our hearts.

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. 2 Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying: 3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 Blessed are those who mourn, For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful, For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they

--6th-8th Grade. Substitute: Ruth Bernthal. We thank these members for serving in this vital area of our Christian Education.

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 Saturday, Sept. 30th. We will be meeting at Lake Farm's Park and take the new bike path along Lake Waubesa to McFarland. Time TBD. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you can come with us.

CLC NEWS

- Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato, MN has called Pastor David Schaller, pastor of Redeemer Lutheran, Dowagiac MI, to serve as co-pastor.
- Pastor Mark Weis has accepted the call to St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD.

TWO FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN:

The CLC Women's Retreat West will be held September 22-24, 2017 at Chadron State Park, Nebraska. You may find more information and a registration form at www.christianwomensretreat.weebly.com.

The CLC Southeastern Women's Retreat will be held November 10-12, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia. For more information please contact Pastor Matthew Hanel at pastor@dallaslutheran.com, or 972-733-4535.

KINSHIP Sponsors Needed - CLC Project KINSHIP provides for orphans and seminary students in India, Nepal and Africa through the kind sponsorship of stateside CLC members. Two new Bible Schools/Seminaries are opening in Togo and the Democratic Republic of Congo this year, and so there is a new need for sponsors right now. You can sponsor Togo students at \$30 per month or Congo students at \$40 per month. In India sponsorships are needed for BELC students at \$35 per month and CLCI students at \$40 per month. Consider supporting

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are happy that you are with us this morning. What a blessing that God has made a New Covenant with us based on His grace in Christ Jesus. The Old Covenant of the Law we have broken time and time again. There is no way we can enter heaven and have eternal life by what we have done or can do. But God in His grace and mercy made a New Covenant with us. Christ did what we could not do—He kept the Law perfectly. Christ also suffered what we should have suffered—damnation. We have forgiveness and life only through Jesus. If you are interested in leaning more about this New Covenant, please see Pastor Bernthal. Please, do come again and worship your Savior with us. Please, also sign our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Fall into Sin/Promise of the Savior • Bible Class: Reformation Study • 11:15 a.m. Church Council

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan • 7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

Wednesday C.C. Meetings at ILC

Thursday 10:45 a.m. Bible Class at Heritage

Fri-Sun. Man-Up Weekend Retreat

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. S.S./ Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship 11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---Gbedey/Franson

School: Schaser/Schaser.

Counters today:
John Birkholz & John Gerbitz

LAST WEEK: Worship 35 S.S. 1
Bible Class 22

OFFERINGS 9/10 for Unified
Budget: \$1,675

NEEDED QUICKLY: One person to help with liturgy or sermon on Sunday, Sept. 24th in Pastor's absence. Pastor Bernthal will be preaching at the Man-Up Weekend Retreat. Please see Pastor if available to help. Thanks!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: The following are the Sunday School teachers for our 2017-2018 Sunday School year. Kathy Dreyer & Rachel Meyer---Pre-2nd Grade; Matt Schaser & Pam Schulz-

persecuted the prophets who were before you. 13 "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. 14 "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

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

Sermon Text: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

GOD NEGOTIATED A NEW CONTRACT FOR US!

I: The NEED for this New Contract—our sins.

II: The TERMS of this New Contract—forgiveness of our sins.

III: The NEGOTIATOR of this New Contract—our Savior Jesus!

31 "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah— 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."