

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

SPRING CLEAN-UP:

Reserve Saturday, May 1st for a day of service to the Lord in cleaning up our property and church/school building. We will begin somewhere between 8-9 a.m.

VBS: Our VBS will be held August 2-6 from 9-11:45 a.m. Parents, please mark your calendars. If you would like to help out with teaching, arts & crafts or singing, please contact Pastor Bernthal. The TVBS flyer team will be coming July 12-13 to help distribute flyers.

2010 Arise and Shine Retreat

When: July 8-10, 2010
Where: Near St. Louis Missouri
What: 8th annual retreat to strengthen and encourage Christians in their 20's and 30's
Info and registration: <http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com>
Contact: Pastor Todd Ohlmann
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SUPERVISOR NEEDED:

ILC Girl's dorm supervisor Alana Ahrens is resigning at the end of the current school year. A search for a replacement is underway. See Pastor Bernthal if you are interested or know of someone who would be interested.

CLC NEWS:

Pastor James Naumann has accepted the call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND.

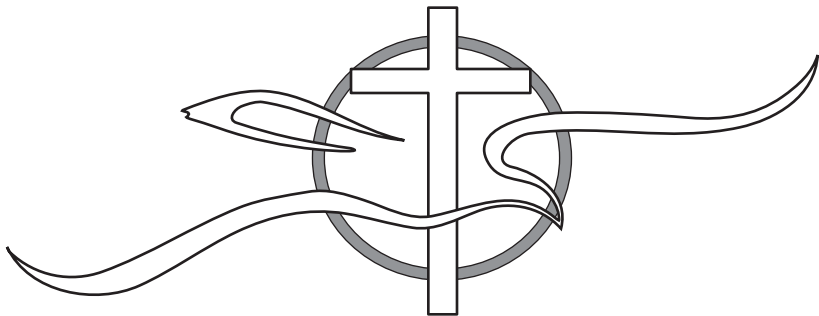
St. John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID. has called Pastor Frank Gantt.

Pastor Timothy Wheaton has returned the call extended to him from Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI.

Grace, Fridley, MN has called Ms. Sarah Pfeiffer to be principal and teacher of their school.

Richard Kanzenbach, a former Wisconsin Synod pastor, has passed his colloquy and has been put on the CLC Clergy roster making him eligible for a call into the public ministry.

WHO WE ARE: Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church whose aim is to uphold the Biblical teachings and Christian values which God restored to the world through the Lutheran Reformation some 490 years ago. 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. 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. If you are interested in learning more about our congregation, please speak with Pastor Bernthal



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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 23

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Scripture Readings:

II Kings 5:1-19 Note the contrasts between faith and unbelief. The faith of a young servant girl brings hope to a desperate man, but the King of Israel despairs for he had no faith. Trust the Lord and do not be discouraged by the unknown future or scary illness. The Lord does provide always!

1 Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. 3 Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." 4 And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." 5 Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. 6 Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. 7 And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me." 8 So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." 9 Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." 11 But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' 12 Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away

came by night and surrounded the city. 15 And when the servant of the man of God arose early and went out, there was an army, surrounding the city with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" 16 So he answered, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, "LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." Then the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A special welcome to all our visitors in our Resurrected Savior's name. We pray your worship is blessed by the Holy Spirit through His Word. So much today is said about angels that is not true. What a blessing to have God's Word reveal to us the truth about the "unseen army" of God's created spirits who serve Him by protecting His children. His angels (messengers) also proclaimed Jesus' birth and resurrection. We do not trust in or pray to angels, but we thank our God for their protective care. To our Savior-God alone be all glory for our salvation. We invite and encourage you to come worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Before Church:

Sunday School: Parable of the Ten Virgins

Bible Class: Acts 16-17

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

7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Friday ILC Visitor's Day—No School

Fri-Sun CLC Women's Retreat

Next Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

LAST SUNDAY Attendance:

Worship S.S. Bible Class

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OFFERINGS 4/4 for Unified Budget: \$2,025

EVENTS MOVED:

Pastoral Study Club has been moved to Thursday, April 29th.

Family Fun Night has been moved to Friday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

and so he did. And he said to him, "Put on your garment and follow me." 9 So he went out and followed him, and did not know that what was done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. 10 When they were past the first and the second guard posts, they came to the iron gate that leads to the city, which opened to them of its own accord; and they went out and went down one street, and immediately the angel departed from him. 11 And when Peter had come to himself, he said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord has sent His angel, and has delivered me from the hand of Herod and from all the expectation of the Jewish people."

18 Then, as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers about what had become of Peter. 19 But when Herod had searched for him and not found him, he examined the guards and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and stayed there.

The Sermon: read sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: II Kings 6:8-17

THEME: VIEWING LIFE FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE—WITH "OPENED EYES" TO SEE HIS UNSEEN SPIRITUAL ARMY.

8 Now the king of Syria was making war against Israel; and he consulted with his servants, saying, "My camp will be in such and such a place." 9 And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, "Beware that you do not pass this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." 10 Then the king of Israel sent someone to the place of which the man of God had told him. Thus he warned him, and he was watchful there, not just once or twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was greatly troubled by this thing; and he called his servants and said to them, "Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?" 12 And one of his servants said, "None, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom." 13 So he said, "Go and see where he is, that I may send and get him." And it was told him, saying, "Surely he is in Dothan." 14 Therefore he sent horses and chariots and a great army there, and they

in a rage. 13 And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14 So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. 15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant." 16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. 17 So Naaman said, "Then, if not, please let your servant be given two mule-loads of earth; for your servant will no longer offer either burnt offering or sacrifice to other gods, but to the LORD. 18 Yet in this thing may the LORD pardon your servant: when my master goes into the temple of Rimmon to worship there, and he leans on my hand, and I bow down in the temple of Rimmon—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD please pardon your servant in this thing." 19 Then he said to him, "Go in peace." So he departed from him a short distance.

Acts 12:1-11; 18-19 The Lord protects and delivers with His messengers, His angels. Herod's intentions are thwarted while God's will triumphs! The unseen army of God is ever present and ready to praise God and serve His children.

1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched out his hand to harass some from the church. 2 Then he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded further to seize Peter also. Now it was during the Days of Unleavened Bread. 4 So when he had arrested him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four squads of soldiers to keep him, intending to bring him before the people after Passover. 5 Peter was therefore kept in prison, but constant prayer was offered to God for him by the church. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him out, that night Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison. 7 Now behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shone in the prison; and he struck Peter on the side and raised him up, saying, "Arise quickly!" And his chains fell off his hands. 8 Then the angel said to him, "Gird yourself and tie on your sandals";