

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

VBS SUMMARY: 21 children were registered---8 members and 13 non-members. We averaged 17 in class. Thank you to all the children and those who helped with teaching, crafts, singing, refreshments, recess and clean-up. We also thank all those who donated snacks. It was a wonderful week of learning about our Savior. Listed below are those volunteers who helped this past week: Teachers: Ms. Rachel Schaser—Pre-K; Mrs. Rachel Arndt---1-2; Mrs. Margaret Brandle—3-5; Mr. Matt Schaser---6-8. Singing: Mrs. Gail Schaefer & Ms. Jennifer Ohlmann. Arts & Crafts: Ms. Pam Schulz; Mrs. Katie Heberlein; Ms. Kirsten Brandle; Ms. Nichole Brandle; Ms. Jennifer Ohlmann.

ILC REGENTS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College invites “all pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of member congregations of the Church of the Lutheran Confession” (CLC Constitution) to nominate an individual or individuals to fill the vacancy which will be created on the ILC faculty by the retirement of Professor Michael Buck at the end of the 2011-'12 school year. The man nominated must be able to teach biology, physical science, and health

at both the high school and college levels. Duties will commence with the 2012-'13 school year. Those placing nominations are encouraged to include information regarding their nominee's educational background and teaching experience. They may also indicate how their nominee might help our school in supervising extracurricular activities or serving in administrative positions. Please send your nominations, postmarked or e-mailed no later than August 20, 2011, to: Mr. Craig Ryan, secretary ILC Board of Regents 499 Country Lane, Fulda, MN 56131 cryan@page1printers.com

SUMMER PICNIC:

The young adults of our local CLC churches would like to invite everyone to join in an afternoon of fellowship, fun and food Sunday, August 28th at Devil's Lake State Park. We are still planning the details, but please keep watching your bulletin for more information. You can also look for more timely updates if you follow our facebook page "TLC of the CLC. Tell your friends! Questions? Contact Craig Youngerberg 563-568-8318 golfmech86@gmail.com or Jennifer Ohlmann jenniferohlmann@gmail.com

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. More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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- 1 When the LORD brought back the captivity of Zion,
We were like those who dream.*
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
And our tongue with singing.
Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great things for them."*
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us, And we are glad.*
- 4 Bring back our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the South.*
- 5 Those who sow in tears Shall reap in joy.*
- 6 He who continually goes forth weeping,
Bearing seed for sowing,
Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
Bringing his sheaves with him.*

Psalm 126

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 126

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p.15

Opening Hymn: 540

Before Sermon: 293

Offering Hymn: VBS Children 344

During Distribution: 315

Closing Hymn: 49

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses is once more directed by God to have the entire law read to all the people at least once every seven years. Moses reminds the new generation of Israelites who are about to enter the Promised Land that “blessed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.”

9 The LORD your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your land for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers, 10 if you obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11 “For this commandment which I command you today is not too mysterious for you, nor is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend into heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ 13 Nor is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ 14 But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, that you may do it.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We thank God for your worship with us this morning. We pray that the Good News of your forgiveness through the shed blood of our Savior and His resurrection from the dead move you to come again and hear His Word and praise His name. If you have any questions about what we teach or are interested in learning more about God’s Word, please contact Pastor Bernthal. We pray that you come again and please sign our guest register as you leave.

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.

This Week:

Today 10:15 a.m. Church Council

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

Wednesday 9-2 Study Club @ Messiah, Hales Corners

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 53

OFFERINGS 7/31, 2011 for Unified Budget: \$2,715

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

August Calendar & Newsletter

NEW PHONE NUMBER:

Miss Ohlmann has a new phone number. It is 608-843-4819

WINDOWS FOR PARSONAGE:

ABC Home Specialists will be installing the parsonage windows the week of

Aug. 15th. Siding will take place in early September.

MOWING HELP NEEDED:

We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow during the August-October. Any questions, please check with Nathan Greve or Pastor Bernthal.

CLC NEWS:

Pastor Nathan Pfeiffer, Hecla SD, has accepted the call to Trinity Lutheran, Spokane WA. Pastor Timothy Holland has resigned from his call from Rock of Ages, Grand Rapids MI, for personal reasons. He will still be serving Our Savior Lutheran, Cadillac, MI. Holy Cross Lutheran, Phoenix AZ, has called Staci Sue Nieuwenhuis, a member of the congregation, to be their Kindergarten teacher.

Sermon Text:

Colossians 1:1-14

THANK GOD FOR THE GOSPEL'S GROWTH!

I: It takes root in our hearts.

II: It bears fruit in our lives.

1 Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, 2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 3 We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, 4 since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; 5 because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, 6 which has come to you, as it has also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as it is also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; 7 as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8 who also declared to us your love in the Spirit. 9 For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; 10 that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; 11 strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; 12 giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37

Jesus focuses attention on the law in this section of Luke. The law strikes terror in a sinner's heart as it exposes and condemns sin. But once the sinner is led by the Gospel to receive forgiveness in Christ then the law serves as a delightful guideline for thankful living prompted by God in love. In dealing with this "expert in the law" Jesus shows him who his neighbor is and upholds both purposes of the law---1) to condemn the sinner; 2) as a guide to the believer.

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tested Him, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" 26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What is your reading of it?" 27 So he answered and said, " 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and 'your neighbor as yourself.'" 28 And He said to him, "You have answered rightly; do this and you will live." 29 But he, wanting to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" 30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' 36 So which of these three do you think was neighbor to him who fell among the thieves?" 37 And he said, "He who showed mercy on him." Then Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."