

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### CLC NEWS:

Pastor Del Maas, Phoenix, AZ has returned the call extended to him from Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI. Miss Erin Libby of St. John's Lutheran, Okabena MN, has returned the call to teach at Holy Trinity Lutheran school, West Columbia SC.

**FREE:** The Evangelism Committee has decided to give away the remaining window clings that advertise our church. If you would like one or more for your car windows, house windows or wherever you feel it can be seen by others, please contact Ruth Bernthal.

**USHERS:** Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2012, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by New Year's Eve. Thank you!

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers or new e-mail addresses for our 2012 directory. Please give them to Pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

**SUNDAYS IN ADVENT:** Our Sunday Advent Sermon Series will be as follows:

**OUR KING COMES! LET US PREPARE TO RECEIVE HIM!**

1st Sunday: He Comes in Mercy to the Undeserving.

2nd Sunday: He Comes to Comfort the Broken-Hearted.

3rd Sunday: He Comes in Love to Make His Blessings Flow.

4th Sunday: He Comes in Power to Establish His Eternal Reign.

**New Years Eve Progressive Dinner!**

Arrive at 4:24 for Dinner from 4:30-6:30 Church at 7:00 with dessert and games to follow Come help us ring in the New Year.

### Peace thru Christ Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary

	Month of November 2011			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	9,523	9,400	123	108,516	107,600	916
Other income	1,350	-	1,350	1,950	575	1,375
Total income	10,873	9,400	1,473	110,466	108,175	2,291
Expenses*	9,943	9,041	902	108,309	108,549	(240)
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	930	359	571	2,157	(374)	2,531

### 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. More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

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**Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 145**

## THE ORDER OF SERVICE

**Worship Supplement, p.12**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 95**

**Before Sermon: . . . . . 56**

**Offering Hymn: . . . . . 89 v.1,5**

**After Prayers: . . . . . 76 v.1-4**

**Closing Hymn: . . . . . 92 v.1, 3**

**Antiphon: . . . . . Ps. 96 Pg. 26**

**ADVENT THEME:**

**OUR KING COMES! LET US PREPARE TO RECEIVE HIM**

**1: He Comes In Power To Establish His Eternal Reign!**

### Scripture Readings:

### Romans 16:25-27

This is Paul's closing doxology in which he praises God for making known to all people the mystery of salvation in the person of His Son, Jesus, who had been prophesied for four thousand years in the Old Testament.

*25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret since the world began 26 but now made manifest, and by the prophetic Scriptures made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith— 27 to God, alone wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Amen.*

## Luke 1:46-55

Mary breaks forth in a hymn of praise to her Lord and God. She points away from herself. She had no special merit or worth. She has been favored by the Lord out of grace and now she magnifies Him. What a marvelous lesson for us to learn as we rapidly approach another Christmas celebration. May the Holy Spirit fill us with humble hearts that simply believes this message of a virgin born Son of God; humbly stands in awe of the great miracle of time—God has become man in the person of Jesus, the Christ, the God-Man Savior.

*46 And Mary said: "My soul magnifies the Lord, 47 And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior. 48 For He has regarded the lowly state of His maidservant; For behold, henceforth all generations will call me blessed. 49 For He who is mighty has done great things for me, And holy is His name. 50 And His mercy is on those who fear Him From generation to generation. 51 He has shown strength with His arm; He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. 52 He has put down the mighty from their thrones, And exalted the lowly. 53 He has filled the hungry with good things, And the rich He has sent away empty. 54 He has helped His servant Israel, In remembrance of His mercy, As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and to his seed forever.*

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text: **Luke 1:26-38**

## A MIRACLE IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN!

**I: Announced by an Angel**

**II: Promised by God**

**III: Accepted by Faith**

*26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. 28 And having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!" 29 But when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and considered what manner of greeting this was. 30 Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house*

*of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end." 34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?" 35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God. 36 Now indeed, Elizabeth your relative has also conceived a son in her old age; and this is now the sixth month for her who was called barren. 37 For with God nothing will be impossible." 38 Then Mary said, "Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.*

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**PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!** We thank the Lord for your coming to His house to worship the Savior with us. May the message this morning help prepare your heart for a most joyous Christmas celebration—a celebration that sees God's grace in action, centered in Jesus Christ—God's great gift to mankind. Jesus is God in human flesh, born to be our Savior. Without this saving knowledge and faith the celebration of the birth of Jesus is empty and useless. Come; worship your new-born King with us next Saturday and Sunday in our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. Please, also sign our guest register as you leave.

#### This Week:

**Before Church** Children's Christmas Practice

**Bible Class:** DVD

**Today** 11:10 a.m. Choir practice  
5:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling

**Monday** NO SCHOOL

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

**Thursday** 4:00 p.m. Confirmation  
McDonald

**Saturday** 6:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Service

#### Next Sunday

10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Song Service

#### LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 50 S.S. 10 Bible Class 23  
Advent 36

**OFFERINGS** 12/11 & 14, 2011  
for Unified Budget: \$2,183

\$100 ILC Academic Center

\$100 Building Projects

\$100 Kinship—Nepal Orphanage

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** Christmas letter from Pastor & Ruth

#### OUR SYMPATHIES & LORD'S

**BLESSINGS:** to Randy Dreyer and family at the passing of Randy's mother Georgetta this past week. What a great gift exchange she has received—life for death! "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors..." Rev. 14:13

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING TONIGHT:** We will go caroling to Oak Park Place and Walnut Grove and the Riggerts this evening. Please meet at the church around 5:20 p.m.