

FINANCIAL HELP: St. Paul writes in Gal. 6:10: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Recently, the Lord in His mercy called our brother in faith, Kevin McKenney, home to glory. His family is facing major financial challenges due to funeral costs, as well as ongoing expenses. Therefore, I have authorized a synod-wide offering to help the family. Gifts may be sent to the General Business Office at ILC with checks made out to: Church of the Lutheran Confession and a memo line: "McKenney Family Aid." Funds from congregations could also be included in the regular monthly remittance. Yours in Christ, Mike Eichstadt

TOURNAMENT BAND: The 16th Annual Tournament Band will be performing at the CLC Grade School Basketball Tournament in Eau Claire, WI on Saturday, March 9. Any CLC band student in grades 5-8 is invited to play with us. You do not have to be playing on a basketball team to play with the group. NEW this year--REGISTER and print music for six songs ONLINE at <http://clclutheran.net/tourney> Click on "Band information". Exact rehearsal and performance times for March 9 will be announced by mid-February. If you have any questions, please contact Laurie Lau, Eau Claire at music@thelaus.com

2019 WOMEN'S RETREAT: March 22-24 Registration is now open on our website: Visit the website at christianwomensretreat.weebly.com. Details of the retreat can be found by clicking either the words or the picture of the Spring Winona Retreat - To register, click the button, Winona Registration. Registration closes on March 21 On Feb 21st, hotel and food costs are locked down within weeks of the retreat dates. Your timely registration is really important for planning. We would love to see new faces, so please invite others in your congregation to the Retreat. If you know of someone that does not have Internet access, please help them with the registration process or have them call one of the individuals listed below, and we can register them. Coordinators: Chris Gerbitz (608)-314-5227 and Kris Sullivan - (605)-201-3618 Webmaster: Beth Kranz - (715)-471-0790 In need of a roommate? Becca Lillo (262)-271-6129. Prices for accommodations are going to rise and we are searching for a new location. If you are interested in looking for new locations, please contact Kris Sullivan.

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 2

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion, P. 15

Opening Hymn:	779
Before Sermon:	347
Offering:	789
During Distribution:	315
After Benediction:	336 (1)

Scripture Readings:

Colossians 3:1-10

Those who seek lasting peace and happiness in earthly things will be disappointed. All earthly things shall pass away. Only in God can we find that which is good and lasting. Paul shows how that truth applies to those who have found their new life in Christ. They will set their mind on things above where Christ is at the right hand of the Father, and not on earthly things.

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory. 5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. 6 Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, 7 in which you yourselves once walked when you lived in them. 8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

Matthew 6:1-4; 16-18

The true character of good works demonstrates a humble heart of faith in Christ not a showy heart of pride and conceit. Our practicing righteousness is not for the praise of men, but in service to our God. May our Christian life be one of modest, humble, obedient faith in our Lord and Savior, Jesus and not from a showy, boastful heart of self-praise or hypocrisy.

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

16 “Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 17 But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT HIGHLIGHTS: 14 voters attended. Transferred communicant membership of Elinor Gbedey to Holy Trinity, West Columbia, SC. Transferred communicant membership of Bruce Templeton to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac, WI. Seth Williams was accepted as a Voting member. Treasurer reported offerings for 2018 were \$117,792, which was \$13,336 less than what was spent. After returning \$13,000 given to School savings restart and Property Improvements we have a balance of \$ 4,000. Praise the Lord for His gifts of grace! Please see the bulletin board for the end of the year update. Adopted the 2019 budget of \$ 121,500 about a 3% increase over last year’s actual offerings. This includes a 3% raise for Pastor, health insurance for Pastor & Ruth and a small increase in CBP (Cooperative Budget Plan) to the CLC. Plan to cut down dead Ash tree in parsonage front yard on Saturday, February 23rd. A Men’s and Women’ Seminar is planned for Saturday, March 2nd. Time to be determined. Elections: Wes Franson, John Gerbitz, Chris Ude were elected to the Church Council. Pastor’s housing allowance was again set at \$ 18,000. A Called Worker’s Compensation Committee was established. Mike Brandle will serve on this committee together with the President. Looking for another Voter to volunteer. Our next Quarterly Voters’ Meeting is set for April 28th

EVANGELISM MEETING: Our next Evangelism meeting will be held on Sunday, Feb. 17th @ 11:30 a.m.

HANNAH’S HELPING HANDS: The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 19th at 7:00 p.m.

CLC NEWS:

- Our gracious Lord has heard our prayers! Missionary Peter Evensen has made it safely back into India. He had very little trouble going through immigration, and he is looking forward to resuming his work among our fellow saints in southern India. We thank the Lord for Peter’s safe return and pray He continue to protect Peter and bless his work.

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Esther
Bible Class: Galatians 3 • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
11:10 a.m. Refreshments • 11:25 a.m. Church Council

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Artisan

Wednesday Pastor's Vacation

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

OFFICERS INSTALLED: The following members will be installed as Church Council members this morning: Wes Franson, John Gerbitz, Chris Ude

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Ude B. Bernthal
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK: Worship 36 S.S. 1 Bible Class 14

OFFERINGS 1/27 for Unified Budget: \$1,321
In loving Memory of Edith Templeton: \$50 Benevolence Fund

IN YOUR MAILBOX: February Calendar

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor will be on vacation from Wednesday Feb. 6 through Wednesday Feb. 13th. If Pastoral assistance is needed, please contact President John Gerbitz at 608-208-8900. Seminary student Nick Naumann will conduct Bible Class and the worship service next Sunday.

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS: Due to Pastor's vacation, there will be no Bible Class this Wednesday evening.

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS: John Gerbitz, President; Joel Albrecht, Secretary; Wes Franson, Treasurer; Caleb Meyer, Evangelism Chairman; Tim Schaser, B.O.C.E. Chairman; Chris Ude, Property Manager.

USHERS: The new usher's list for 2019 can be found on the bulletin board in the entry-way as well as in every usher's mailbox. Thank you for your willing service to the Lord in this area.

Sermon: **Matthew 6:19-24**

OUR TREASURE HUNT!

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

What joy to have you worshipping with us today. Jesus is our priceless treasure. He has earned for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. May this be the treasure that you seek, for it alone lasts. All other earthly treasures rust, decay or will be destroyed. We invite you to come again and worship your Savior with us. Please, also sign our guest book.

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.