

NEW CHURCH OFFICERS:

Caleb Meyer, President; Joel Albrecht, Secretary; Mike Brandle, Treasurer; Wes Franson, Evangelism Chairman; Tim Schaser, B.O.C.E. Chairman; Chris Ude, Property Manager.

USHERS: The new usher's list for 2017 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.

PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor & Ruth will be leaving on vacation this Friday and, Lord willing, returning home Wednesday evening. Next Sunday, Seminary student Sam Rodebaugh will be conducting Bible Class and the worship service. If pastoral assistance is needed during this time, please call President Caleb Meyer at 507-450-9254.

DIRECTORY CHANGES: Please make the following corrections to your directory. Delete home phone of John/Chris Gerbitz 608-868-2847. Change address of Rachel Gerbitz to 1909 University Ave. 53726 and Elinor Gbedey to 518 McCormick Ave. If you find

any other changes needed, please contact Pastor.

PRAYERS NEEDED: for John Birkholz who had surgery on an infected foot this past Thursday and Janice Starkey, wife of Pastor Ed Starkey who has been diagnosed with Breast Cancer. She is receiving treatment at the Corpus Christi Cancer Center.

EVANGELISM SEMINAR: This will be held on Sunday, February 26, beginning at 2:30 pm. at Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI. We will be hearing and discussing how the truths which were brought to light once more in the Lutheran Reformation are the same truths that save today. We'll be focusing on practical ways to share the message of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, founded on Scripture alone. There will be three presenters, as well as small-group discussion time. The workshop will be followed by a chili supper at 5:30 pm. The sponsors would appreciate hearing from those who are coming, for planning purposes. Please contact Dave Schrader at dave41schr@yahoo.com or 715-797-6787.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School

**Pastor: Mark H. Bernthal • Teacher: Miss Claire Abbas
Organist: Ms. Pam Schulz**

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany • February 5, 2017

Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 20

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p.15

Opening Hymn: 541
Before Sermon: 149
Offering Hymn: 786 (1, 4, 6)
During Distribution: 310/360
Closing Hymn: 428 (1-3, 6)

Scripture Readings:

II Kings 5:1-14

Elisha, the man of God, heals Naaman, the leper. Naaman is not one of God's chosen people, Israel. He is an Aramean, an enemy of Israel. In fact, Naaman is the commander of the Aramean army and the hero of his homeland. We would consider him a most unlikely person to receive help from the LORD. But through a young believing Israelite slave girl, the Lord leads Naaman to Elisha and through Elisha to



Himself, the only true God! It is true "God our Savior...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

5 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 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.

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:
Church---Gbedey/Franson.
School---Abbas/Schaefer
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

LAST WEEK: Worship 51 S.S. - Bible Class 17

OFFERINGS 1/22 for Unified Budget: \$1,438

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS: We continue our study of the Minor Prophets. Last week we studied the first 3 chapters of Hosea. You are encouraged to come, study, learn and enhance your faith-walk with us Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Mark Weis has returned the call extended to him by Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids, MI.
- St. Luke's Lutheran, Lemmon SD, has called Pastor Edward Starkey, pastor of Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus Christi TX.
- The Tri-parish of Grace, Valentine NE, Peace, Mission, and St. Paul's, White River SD have called Pastor Paul D. Nolting, co-pastor of Immanuel Lutheran, Mankato MN.
- Brandan Heinze has accepted

the call to teach Mathematics at Immanuel Lutheran School in Mankato MN.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: 15 voters attended. Received by transfer from Messiah, Eau Claire, communicant members Wes Franson and Mary Horejsh. Wes Franson became a voting member. Treasurer reported offerings for 2016 were \$ 115,600 which was \$ 3,600 less than what was spent. We have a surplus at the end of 2016 of \$ 5,808. Praise the Lord for His gifts of grace! Adopted the 2017 budget of \$ 119,000 a 2.9 % increase over last year's actual offerings. This includes a 5% raise for Pastor and Miss Abbas and an increase up to \$ 12,000 for our CBP (Cooperative Budget Plan) to the CLC. The Voters voted to continue our pursuit of a pre-school for 2017-2018. Elections: Mike Brandle, Wes Franson, Chris Ude elected to the Church Council. Pastor's housing allowance was again set at \$ 18,000. Our next Quarterly Voters' Meeting is set for April 23rd.

WELCOME: We welcome as communicant members by transfer from Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire Mrs. Mary Horejsh and Mr. Wes Franson.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We thank God that you are here with us this morning to worship your Lord and Savior. By nature the leprosy of sin infects us all. The disease is terminal and leads to eternal death. Thank God He has sent His Son to cleanse us with His shed blood. As cleansed children of God let us praise our God with our hearts and voices in telling others the Good News. We pray you come again to hear more about your Savior-God. Please, also sign our guest register before 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.

INSTALLATION: Installation of our 3 new Church Council members will be held during our service today: Mike Brandle, Wes Franson and Chris Ude.

This Week:

Today: 9:00 a.m. S.S.: Jesus Appears to the Disciples in Galilee

Bible Class: Revelation 11
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/
Communion 11:15 a.m. Choir

Monday 7:00 p.m. B.O.C.E.
Meeting

Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible
Study--Artisan

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Bible
Class

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

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

IN YOUR MAILBOX:
February Calendar and
Newsletter, 2016 Annual
Report, 2017 Peace Thru Christ
directory.

1 Corinthians 9:24-27

Paul spells out a clear, concise motto for his and every believer's life: "Run in such a way that you get the prize." Faith in Christ is active. The race is run with God's power in His Word. The prize is eternal life won for us by Jesus.

24 Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it. 25 And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown. 26 Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air. 27 But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

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

Sermon Text: **Mark 1:40-45**

"IF YOU ARE WILLING YOU CAN MAKE ME CLEAN!"

I: Jesus is willing.

II: Jesus has cleansed us.

III: Testify about it.

*40 Now a leper came to Him, imploring Him, kneeling down to Him and saying to Him, "If You are willing, You can make me clean."
41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."
42 As soon as He had spoken, immediately the leprosy left him, and he was cleansed.
43 And He strictly warned him and sent him away at once, 44 and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."
45 However, he went out and began to proclaim it freely, and to spread the matter, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter the city, but was outside in deserted places; and they came to Him from every direction.*