

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

2020 (extended deadline, letters postmarked February 1, 2020) to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com. James Burkhardt--Secretary, Board of Regents for Immanuel Lutheran College.

**NEW BIBLE CLASS:** If you are interested in attending a Bible Study for ages 20's-30's please sign the sheet on the board in the narthex.

**SPAIN STUDENT TRIP:** Last call! Set for May 2020. We are looking for a few more interested travelers of any age to accompany us as we travel around Spain. Unused air seats will be given up January 15. Please contact Paula Stelter askpaula@poinsettiatravel.com or Prof. Joel Gullerud joel.gullerud@ilc.edu quickly if you are interested in this physically active and fun student trip. Thanks so much and we hope you are able to join us. We welcome questions if you are unsure. Paula Stelter askpaula@poinsettiatravel.com https://poinsettiatravel.mtravel.com

**Kinship:** The CLC KINSHIP Committee is seeking sponsors to support overseas orphans and seminary students. Opportunities are expanding in these important fields but can only expand as fast as our financial support allows. One example is the Congregation Confessionnelle Lutheranienne Du Congo (CCLC). The CLC-sponsored seminary in the Congo is hoping to expand their enrollment to fifteen students from their current enrollment of seven. There are eight men waiting to enroll, but we need sponsors to make that enrollment possible. This particular sponsorship is \$40/month. For more information please see, call, email, or text Dan Roehl— danroehl@hotmail.com / 507-381-2042).

**Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church is a confessional Lutheran Church.** If you are interested in learning more, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com More Information and Audio Sermons at ***middletonlutheran.org***



Peace Thru Christ Church is a Member of **The Church of the Lutheran Confession.** www.clc.org

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**Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 96**  
**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Communion Liturgy, P. 1 W.S.**

**Opening Hymn: . . . . . 127**  
**Before Sermon: . . . . . 717**  
**Offering: . . . . . 438 (4-5)**  
**During Distribution: . . . . . 130**  
**Closing Hymn: . . . . . 129**  
**Antiphon Psalm 8. . . . . Pg.27 WS**

**Scripture Readings:**

**Isaiah 60:1-6**  
Isaiah reveals that the Gospel Church of the New Testament will be filled with light and be very large, consisting of people from all nations.  
*Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. 3 The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to*

*the brightness of your rising. 4 "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at your side. 5 Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover your land, The dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; All those from Sheba shall come; They shall bring gold and incense, And they shall proclaim the praises of the Lord.*

## **Ephesians 3:1-12**

Paul writes about the "mystery of Christ." This mystery has been revealed by the Holy Spirit, and it is that the Gentiles, too, are part of God's forgiven family because of Jesus' work. Now God wants this mystery of Christ proclaimed through the Church to all people.

*For this reason I, Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus for you Gentiles— 2 if indeed you have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which was given to me for you, 3 how that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (as I have briefly written already, 4 by which, when you read, you may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ), 5 which in other ages was not made known to the sons of men, as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to His holy apostles and prophets: 6 that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the gospel, 7 of which I became a minister according to the gift of the grace of God given to me by the effective working of His power. 8 To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, 9 and to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the ages has been hidden in God who created all things through Jesus Christ; 10 to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, 11 according to the eternal purpose which He accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord, 12 in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.*

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**INSERT:** The CPPM (Committee of Partners in the Public Ministry) are putting out 6 monthly inserts entitled "What's Good about the Public Ministry." January's insert is in your mailbox.

**PASTOR'S VACATION:** Pastor and Ruth will be on vacation from Wednesday, January 8 thru Tuesday, January 14. If pastoral assistance is needed, please call President John Gerbitz 608-208-8900. Seminary student Drew Naumann will be conducting Bible Class and preaching next Sunday.

### **CLC NEWS:**

- The CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions has called Pastor John Hein to serve as professor at Immanuel Lutheran College in Eau Claire, WI.
- Pastor Caleb Schaller, Messiah, Eau Claire WI has been called by Trinity, Spokane, WA.
- Pastor Mike Wilke, Gethsemane, MI has been called by Redeemer, Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

**WANTED:** Any new phone numbers, new addresses, or e-mail addresses for our 2020 church directory. Please give them to pastor before the New Year. Thanks!

**NEEDED--USHERS:** Any male communicant member who is not presently serving as an usher but who would like to help serve in 2020, please see Pastor Bernthal before the New Year's list is typed out. Please do so by the New Year. Thank you!

**NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT:** The Board of Regents invites nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College. The current term of Professor Steven Sippert concludes on June 30, 2020. He has requested that he not be considered for another term. We thank him for his faithful service in this key administrative function at our campus. All pastors, professors, male teachers, and voting members of the CLC are entitled to nominate a man from the faculty of Immanuel Lutheran College to serve a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Nominations are to be received by email or letter no later than midnight February 15,

## PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A Blessed New Year to all of our worshippers this morning. We pray that the Epiphany message of our Savior moves you to worship our Lord like the Wise Men did. No obstacles will stop you, you will give generously of your goods and be moved to live in loving obedience to the One who loved us and came to die for us. Please come and worship your Savior-God with us 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** 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Jesus Blesses the Little Children  
Bible Class: The People in David's Life and Yours—Joab  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Undecorating the church

**Tuesday** 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow

**Wed-Tues.** Pastor's Vacation

**Next Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class • 10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Communion • 11:15 a.m. Church Council

**IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:** Cleaners this week: A. Gerbitz B. Brandle  
Counters today: Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 38 S.S. 1 B. Cl. 16 New Year's Eve 18

**OFFERINGS** 12/29 & 31 for Unified Budget: \$38,257  
Duane Riggert Estate: \$35,962

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** January Calendar and Newsletter; New Offering Envelopes for 2020.

Sermon Text: **Matthew 2:1-12**

Sermon Theme:

## **COPY THE WISE MEN'S WORSHIP OF THE CHRIST-CHILD!**

**I: Their worship overcame obstacles.**

**II: We see that they gave generously.**

**III: We see that their worship involved  
loving and obedient living.**

*Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, 2 saying, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews? For we have seen His star in the East and have come to worship Him." 3 When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 5 So they said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it is written by the prophet: 6 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, Are not the least among the rulers of Judah; For out of you shall come a Ruler Who will shepherd My people Israel.' " 7 Then Herod, when he had secretly called the wise men, determined from them what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the young Child, and when you have found Him, bring back word to me, that I may come and worship Him also." 9 When they heard the king, they departed; and behold, the star which they had seen in the East went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. 10 When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceedingly great joy. 11 And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. 12 Then, being divinely warned in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed for their own country another way.*