

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

SALT & LIGHT III:

Our third evangelism workshop will be held this Wednesday, Jan. 8th. Pizza supper from 6:00-6:30 with the workshop from 6:30-8:00. The four topics are:

- I. Explore the right times and places for religious discussions
- II. Give examples of ways to start religious discussions
- III. Using social media to witness about Jesus
- IV. Preparing your “elevator” speech

Please sign the sheet in the entry-way if you are coming and what you can bring for the supper.

IN YOUR MAILBOX: January Calendar and Newsletter

NEW ENVELOPES: Everyone should have a new box of envelopes for the new year in your mailboxes.

VOTERS: Plan now to attend our Annual Voters’ Meeting on Sunday, Jan. 19th after church. Elections will be held and the 2014 budget discussed and accepted. Come, serve your Lord and Savior.

CAMPBELL LABELS: Don’t forget to keep those Campbell labels for school supplies. We received a check for \$ 105 at the end of the year. Thanks for saving!

2014 BIBLE READING

DEVOTIONAL GUIDE: This “Bread of Life” is made available by the Lutheran Spokesman. Copies are available on the entry table, free for the taking. Please take one with you and we pray you use it during the year reading God’s Word.

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, read more about our Faith, or call Pastor Bernthal at 608-233-2244 or email him at mbern@juno.com More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



Epiphany

Epiphany—to show forth. Jesus is the Light of the world who shines into the hearts of His believers. Epiphany is sometimes called “*The Gentile Christmas*” for the Wise Men were the first Gentiles we know of who worshipped the Baby Jesus.

Jesus has come to save everyone whether Jew or Gentile.

Rejoice, Jesus has come to save you!

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 96

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy Lutheran Hymnal, p. 15

Opening Hymn: 126

Before Sermon: 132

Offering Hymn: . . . 443 (1, 4, 6, 8)

During Distribution: 128/130

Closing Hymn: 642

Ephesians 3:2-13 The Apostle Paul speaks of himself as the Apostle for the Gentiles, having been called by God to reveal to them His gracious plan of salvation...proclaiming "that the Gentiles should be fellow heirs, of the same body, and partakers of His promise in Christ through the Gospel."

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. 13 Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory.

Matthew 2:1-12 Made wise for salvation through faith in the Christ-Child, these Wise Men came to worship and honor their Savior and King. Let us follow in their footsteps and bring Jesus our gifts of love and devotion.

2 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.

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

Sermon Text: **Isaiah 60:1-6**

THE GUIDING LIGHT

I: Notice how the Light has shined upon you personally.

II: Be active in letting your light shine out to others.

60 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.

Prove Yourself a Man

FROM THE BOOK:

AND THEN, ETERNITY — POEMS FROM A PILGRIM
ON THE NARROW WAY. BY CHAD M. SEYBT

Now the days of David drew near that he should die, and he charged Solomon his son, saying: "I go the way of all the earth; be strong, therefore, and prove yourself a man. And keep the charge of the LORD your God: to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, His commandments, His judgments, and His testimonies."

1 Kings 2:1-3a

Prove yourself a man;
keep the LORD's charge, and stand
humble on this earth,
mindful of your new birth.



Prove yourself a man;
keep the LORD's charge, and stand
up, leading family and friends
to their Savior from sin.



Prove yourself a man;
keep the LORD's charge, and stand
out in your place of work,
giving glory to the LORD.



Prove yourself a man;
keep the LORD's charge, and stand
fast in His word,
guarding the truth of the LORD.



Prove yourself a man;
keep the LORD's charge, and stand
righteous in the judgment,
clinging to Christ's atonement.



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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We are thankful you are with us this morning worshipping our Savior-King today. May this Epiphany message of Jesus, the Light of the world—the Savior of all of mankind—lead you to worship your Savior with us again. Please 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.

This Week:

Today

9:00 a.m. S.S.: Peter & Cornelius
Bible Class: Hebrews 12
11:15 a.m. Church Council
12:15 p.m. Chili Lunch
1:00 p.m. Skating Outing

Monday 8:00 a.m. Peace Thru
Christ School Begins

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

Wednesday 6:00-8:30 p.m. Salt
& Light III

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/
Communion
11:10 a.m. Budget Presentation

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Schmidt

School: Schaser/Bank

Counters today: Matt Schaser &
Chris Gerbitz

LAST WEEK:

Worship 47 B.C. 25 S.S. 1
New Year's Eve 34

OFFERINGS 112/29 & 31 for
Unified Budget: \$2,809
\$500 Benevolence
\$1,500 Special Gifts—
Computer/Cell Phone
ILC/SAF \$30

CLC NEWS:

Pastor George Dummann, First
Lutheran, Faulkton SD has been
called by Salem Lutheran, Eagle
Lake MN.