

CLC MISSION HELPERS TO INDIA

– Nine Mission Helpers departed on an afternoon flight from Chicago on (7/11) on their way to Chennai, India where they were met by Missionary Peter Evensen. These ten individuals will divide into two teams as they spend the next three weeks proclaiming the simple Gospel message to approximately 2000 children at CLCI and BELC congregations. Pastoral training classes will also be taught among more than 100 pastors and seminary students of the CLCI and BELC. You can follow the progress of the trip at: <http://2016clcmhtindia.blogspot.com/> Your prayers are much appreciated.

REFORMATION HYMN POETRY:

The CLC Worship Committee is currently inviting church members to submit original Reformation-themed hymn poetry for potential use in our congregations. This is pursuant to the convention’s directive that the committee should be soliciting worship material from the membership of the CLC.” Authors should set their work to a known hymn tune and while they may copyright their submissions, hymns should be licensed in a way so as to allow free distribution and use. Interested writers may contact

Pastor David Schaller (bach_leipzig@hotmail.com) to request a submission form containing further information. The submission deadline is September 30, 2016.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S RETREAT -

The Southeast congregations of the CLC are organizing the third annual Southeastern Women’s Retreat for women of the CLC. It will be held November 11-13, 2016 in Savannah, Georgia. While hosted by the congregations of Southeastern CLC, all are invited to join us! Last year over 30 women from across the CLC attended. The estimated cost for the retreat is between \$152 - \$360 for the weekend (depending on how many you share your room with) and includes food and lodging. More details are available in the separate Registration Form (will be soon available through your pastor). If you have any questions please contact: Amy Osborne - (651-329-3662 - newyorker13@hotmail.com) or Pastor Matthew Hanel (972-733-4535 hanel95@hotmail.com). Ladies, consider some time this fall to attend the retreat in beautiful Savannah, Georgia where you will be encouraged and strengthened in Christ.

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 139

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p. 5

Hymn of Confession:	378
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Closing Hymn of Praise:	401

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 32:1-12

A model prayer for help! Jacob remembers the promises of his God. He brings them to the LORD as his reason for being able to call upon Him. In lowly humility Jacob admits to his own unworthiness, pleading again to the grace and mercy that God has already promised him. May our prayers follow Jacob’s example of humble, yet confident trust.

32 So Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2 When

Jacob saw them, he said, "This is God's camp." And he called the name of that place Mahanaim. 3 Then Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother in the land of Seir, the country of Edom. 4 And he commanded them, saying, "Speak thus to my lord Esau, 'Thus your servant Jacob says: "I have dwelt with Laban and stayed there until now. 5 I have oxen, donkeys, flocks, and male and female servants; and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in your sight.'"" 6 Then the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, "We came to your brother Esau, and he also is coming to meet you, and four hundred men are with him." 7 So Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds and camels, into two companies. 8 And he said, "If Esau comes to the one company and attacks it, then the other company which is left will escape." 9 Then Jacob said, "O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who said to me, 'Return to your country and to your family, and I will deal well with you': 10 I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which You have shown Your servant; for I crossed over this Jordan with my staff, and now I have become two companies. 11 Deliver me, I pray, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he come and attack me and the mother with the children. 12 For You said, 'I will surely treat you well, and make your descendants as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

Matthew 15:21-28

The Lord Jesus' seemingly harsh treatment of this Canaanite woman was a testing of her faith. She, like Jacob, wrestled with her Lord and would not let go till she was blessed by Him. Jesus responds, "O woman, great is your faith!" May we ever wrestle with our Lord by clinging to Him and His words of Promise.

21 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." 23 But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." 24 But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" 26 But He answered and said, "It

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VOTERS: Please stay for our Quarterly Voters' Meeting will be held this morning @ 10:15.

OUTDOOR WORSHIP: Saturday, Aug. 13th we plan on having an outdoor worship service at Mendota Cty. Park Pavilion 2. Service begins at 6:30 p.m. We hope many of you can make it.

CLC NEWS:

- Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI has called Pastor Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace, Valentine, NE/Peace Lutheran, Mission, SD and St. Paul's, White River, SD.
- Mr. Timothy Daub who successfully passed his colloquy and was added to the roster of CLC has accepted the call extended to him by Prince of Peace, Hecla, SD.
- Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called Pastor Ed Starkey, of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Corpus Christi, TX.
- ImmanuelLutheranChurch, Batavia, IL has called Missionary Matt Ude.
- St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, CA, has called Mr. Paul Tiefel III to be their teacher and principal.

- Pastor Bruce Naumann has returned the call extended to him by the CLC Board of Missions as full-time visiting missionary, with duties to include work among our various overseas mission fields as well as here in the U.S.

- Sara Pfeiffer has resigned her call as principal and teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran School, Mountain View, CA. The congregation has called Kirsten Gullerud as principal and Carly Meyer as a third teacher.

IMMANUEL'S OPENING SERVICE:

The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary will be on Sunday, August 21, 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. This will also be the installation service for Professor Paul Naumann. It is hoped that this change of time and date will help improve attendance which has diminished in recent years as many of the parents tend to leave on Sunday late afternoon. Please continue to pray for the success of Immanuel's ministry as God's enduring Word of truth is passed down to the next generation.

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This Week:

Today: 10:15 a.m. Quarterly Voters' Meeting

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

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

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church---Birkholz

Counters today: Randy Dreyer & Joel Albrecht

LAST WEEK: Worship 40

OFFERINGS 7/17 for Unified Budget: \$2,243

INVITATION: Duane invites everyone to his "Open Apartment" on Sunday, July 31, 10:30 to 12:30, # 372 at the Heritage on Allen Blvd. Use Maywood Ave. front entry.

NEXT SUNDAY: Pastor Bernthal will be preaching and conducting the worship service at Faith Lutheran, Markesan as part of his vacancy call. Prof. Paul Sullivan will be conducting the worship service here.

VBS: Our VBS will be held August 1-5 from 9-11:45 a.m.

Parents, please mark your calendars. If you would like to help out with teaching, arts & crafts or singing, please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Students, please also sign up!

SNACKS FOR VBS: If you would like to donate snacks—cheese, crackers, chips, fruits, etc.—for our VBS, please bring them to the kitchen and mark them clearly. Thank you!

THANKS: to all who have been mowing this summer. The grounds look great. We are still in need of movers thru August and September. Please check which week you can help and sign up in service to your Lord.

MEN'S RETREAT - Men, attend the "Man Up" men's retreat this summer, from Friday, August 26 to Sunday, August 28. It will be held at beautiful Wyalusing State Park near Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin (one hour south of LaCrosse). The cost is only \$75 for the weekend and includes lodging, meals, and activities. Registration deadline has been moved to August 1, 2016. Sign up today at www.manup.clclutheran.org or email Nathanael Mayhew at ndmayhew@juno.com.

is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the little dogs." 27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

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

Sermon Text: **Genesis 32:22-32**

VICTORY THROUGH SUBMISSION: Clinging to God!

22 And he arose that night and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven sons, and crossed over the ford of Jabbok. 23 He took them, sent them over the brook, and sent over what he had. 24 Then Jacob was left alone; and a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of day. 25 Now when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the socket of his hip; and the socket of Jacob's hip was out of joint as He wrestled with him. 26 And He said, "Let Me go, for the day breaks." But he said, "I will not let You go unless You bless me!" 27 So He said to him, "What is your name?" He said, "Jacob." 28 And He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed." 29 Then Jacob asked, saying, "Tell me Your name, I pray." And He said, "Why is it that you ask about My name?" And He blessed him there. 30 So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: "For I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved." 31 Just as he crossed over Peniel the sun rose on him, and he limped on his hip. 32 Therefore to this day the children of Israel do not eat the muscle that shrank, which is on the hip socket, because He touched the socket of Jacob's hip in the muscle that shrank.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We praise our God for the opportunity to bring to you today the Good News of your salvation alone through Jesus Christ. We pray the Holy Spirit has led you to cling to Jesus through faith. When we are led to repent of our sins and submit our will to Christ, we have victory---victory over all of our enemies. Come, hear more about our victory in and through Jesus. Please also sign our guest register.