

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### FROM THE BOARD OF REGENTS:

The Immanuel Professorage Committee (IPC) has been doing a lot of planning for projects that will upgrade the professorage that Professor Paul Naumann will be moving into this summer. We are looking for volunteer help immediately before or after Convention, or anytime in June and early July convenient for you (in teams or individuals). In particular, the time after Convention (ends June 26) will be the most crucial and helpful. Projects include: installing new windows & siding, installing new carpeting/flooring, updating kitchen, painting inside, and fencing in the back yard. Those who are able to help with any of these projects or would like more details, please contact Pastor Paul Tiefel (715-829-2000/[tiefels@hotmail.com](mailto:tiefels@hotmail.com)).

**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 is July 1, 2016. The retreat is being organized by CLC congregations in Minnesota and Wisconsin to strengthen and encourage men 18 years and older in their God-given roles in the home, church and society. The weekend will include Bible Study, Fellowship, Leadership Training, Team and Relationship Building and Worship, including awesome outdoor activities. Sign up today at [www.manup.clclutheran.org](http://www.manup.clclutheran.org) or email Nathanael Mayhew at [ndmayhew@juno.com](mailto:ndmayhew@juno.com).

### Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School 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, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at [mbern@juno.com](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)



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# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

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**Opening Hymn:** . . . . . **369**  
**Before Sermon:** . . . . . **278**  
**Offering Hymn:** . . . . . **742 (1-2)**  
**During Distribution:** . . . . . **324**  
**After Benediction:** . . . . **660 (1 & 4)**

## Scripture Readings:

### Genesis 3:1-15

The saddest event in history is recorded in these words, which was part of our sermon text from last week. Man's free will leads him away from his God and follows after the voice of Satan, the father of lies. Think of the avalanche of sins this one sin of disobedience has caused. All the sorrow and suffering of life, yes, even death, have come about because of sin. But an escape from sin and its eternal effects has been promised through the Seed of the woman, Jesus Christ!

*3 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and*

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**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 contact Pastor Bernthal or Matt Schaser.

**LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN:** This year, the congregation is ordering a subscription to every family of this useful synodical monthly magazine. They have reduced the cost to \$ 10 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$ 10 in your offering. Thank you. The Spokesman will now come right to your home in the mail.

**THE BRANCHES**--A women's magazine that serves to encourage and edify! Renewals and new subscriptions to The Branches are underway. Subscriptions are \$15.00/year (4 issues). Send subscription requests to Laura Wales (Subscription Manager), 8727 Forestview Lane North, Maple Grove, MN 55369 / lewales@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to "The Branches" or email Laura for a PayPal option.

### CLC NEWS:

- Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan has called Pastor Nathanael Mayhew, pastor of Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN & Faith, New Ulm, MN.
- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Batavia, IL has called Missionary Matt Ude.
- Seminary graduate Joe Naumann has returned the call extended to him by Mt. Zion Lutheran, Madison Heights (Detroit Area) MI and has accepted the call from Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mankato MN to be their assistant pastor.
- Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called Pastor George Dummann, pastor of Salem Lutheran, Eagle Lake MN.
- Jeff Karnitz, teacher at St. Stephen Lutheran school, Mountain View CA, has accepted the call to Gethsemane Lutheran School, Spokane Valley WA.

**MOWING HELP NEEDED:** We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow during the summer and fall months. Any questions, please check with Caleb Meyer or Pastor Bernthal.

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**OFFERINGS** 5/29 for Unified Budget: \$2,616, \$19 School Fund

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all those who gave of their time and talents in the building of the parsonage deck. It looks great! Come on over and check it out!

**DELEGATE CONFERENCE:**

Delegate Dan Schaefer will be going with Pastor to the Great Lakes' Delegate Conference, Monday-Tuesday at Messiah Lutheran, Hales Corners, WI.

**WEDDING SHOWER:** A wedding shower will be held for Sarah Gerbitz, this Saturday from noon-2 p.m. See the invitation on the bulletin board in the entry-way.

**PASTOR'S CALL:** Pastor Bernthal has been called as vacancy pastor of Faith Lutheran, Markesan. After consulting with the Church Council he has accepted this vacancy call. It involves at least one day a week in Markesan visiting shut-ins, hospital visits and any other ministry needs. He will oversee Faith's worship services by lining up speakers, providing material for lay-speakers or preaching himself. The vacancy call begins on June 20th.

**PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY:**

Our congregation will be celebrating Pastor Bernthal's 40th anniversary in the Gospel ministry with a thanksgiving service on Sunday, July 3, at 3 PM. A light lunch will be served after the service, followed by a brief program. Please join us in praising the Lord for the dedicated efforts of Pastor Bernthal. Dan Schaefer, President

**CONGREGATION OUTING:**

Don't forget the congregation outing to the Madison Mallards game Tuesday, June 21st at 7 p.m.

**VBS FLYER DISTRIBUTION:**

We will be distributing our advertising VBS flyers together with Luther Memorial. We will distribute in Fond du Lac on Wednesday, July 6th and then here in Middleton the next Wednesday July 13th . On July 6th after distribution we will go to Lake Winnebago for water activities and supper and on July 13th after distribution we will be going to Devil's Lake for supper and swimming. Keep those dates in mind so you can help.

*made themselves coverings. 8 And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 So he said, "I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?" 12 Then the man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate." 13 And the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life. 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel."*

## John 8:34-47

We are not one of God's children simply by birth but by rebirth, being born again by the power of the Holy Spirit. The unbelieving Jews were not true children of Abraham for they did not believe the things Abraham believed concerning the Messiah. Thus they proved to be children of Satan. Do we belong to God? Then we will listen to and hear His Word.

*34 Jesus answered them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. 35 And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. 37 "I know that you are Abraham's descendants, but you seek to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. 38 I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you do what you have seen with your father." 39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now you seek to kill Me, a Man who has told you the truth which I heard from God. Abraham did not do this. 41 You do the deeds of your father." Then they said to Him, "We were not born of fornication; we have one Father—God." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and came from God; nor have I come of Myself, but He sent Me. 43 Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to*

listen to My word. 44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it. 45 But because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. 46 Which of you convicts Me of sin? And if I tell the truth, why do you not believe Me? 47 He who is of God hears God's words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God."

**The Sermon:** read/listen to sermons at [www.middletonlutheran.org](http://www.middletonlutheran.org)

Sermon Text: **Genesis 4:1-16**

**Sermon Theme: A DIVIDED WORLD**

**I: Cain—Seed of Satan/unbelievers**

**II: Abel—Seed of the woman/believers**

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." 2 Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. 6 So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." 8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" 10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. 11 So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." 13 And Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! 14 Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden

from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." 15 And the Lord said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. 16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are glad you are with us this morning. We pray that the Good News of a promised Savior, who has come to live for us, to die for us, and has risen again and now rules and lives in the hearts of His seed—His children—fill your hearts with joy and peace. In Christ alone is salvation. We became the seed of the woman, a child of God, only through faith in what Jesus has done for us. We encourage you to come and worship your Savior again. Please also sign our guest register. If you are interested in learning more about your Savior-God or about our teaching concerning His Word, feel free to speak with Pastor Bernthal.

### 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:

**Mon-Tues.** Delegate Conference, Messiah, Hales Corners, WI

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

**Saturday** 2:00 p.m. Wedding Shower

**Next Sunday** 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Church—Gbedey

Counters today:

Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

**LAST WEEK:** Worship 44