

THE WITNESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

HOME DEVOTIONS - Week #3

Monday - I Timothy 1:1 - 2:7

The purpose of the Ministry of the Word is to instill saving faith and the spirit of love in the hearts of men. This important goal can only be achieved through a proper use of the Word of God, utilizing both the Law and the Gospel.



Tuesday - I Timothy 4:1 - 5:16

In shepherding the flock a pastor is to set a good example for the members to follow, preach and teach the truths of God's Word, warn the people of false teachings, and minister to the individual members, treating them as his family in the household of God. The caring for the physical needs of our Christian family is another area of concern for all of us.

Wednesday - I Timothy 5:17 - 6:21

Ministers of the Word must guard against deviating from the true teachings of the Bible and being caught up in self-serving interests. Pastors have needs just like other people and therefore look to their members for both spiritual and physical support in their ministry.

Thursday - II Timothy 1:1 - 2:13

Those who bear witness of the truths of God will be met with persecution by those who do not love the truth. Through the means of intimidation the devil would cause Christians to stop making known the truths of God that save. But by the grace of God Christians receive the needed strength to make bold confession of the one true faith.

Friday - II Timothy 2:14 - 3:9

Christians are to defend the truths of God, not only so that purity of doctrine might be preserved among them, but also so that witness might be given to errorists. Such testimony should be offered in a spirit of Christian love, avoiding senseless disputes and quarreling. Keep in mind that in these last days men will grow worse and opposition to the truth will increase.

Saturday - II Timothy 3:10 - 4:22

Are we not living in that age in which people will not be willing to listen to sound teaching, but will rather listen to ministers who tell them what their flesh wants to hear? Fight the good fight of faith by abiding in the truths of God's Word and make faithful use of it in the way it was intended - for teaching, rebuking, correcting and instructing in righteousness.

*I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually
be in my mouth.*

Psalm 34:1

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Pre-service Ps. 34

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Communion Liturgy, p. 15 L.H.

- Opening Hymn: 447**
- Before Sermon: 292 (1-4, 8-9)**
- Offering Hymn: 568**
- During Distribution: 306**
- Closing Hymn: 309**

Acts 6:1-8

The Church has already outgrown the Apostles. The workload became too heavy. In loving service the brothers choose 7 deacons to help in serving the widows and those in need. This helped free the disciples to do what they had been called to do: Preach the Word. May all of our members be as concerned and serving as Stephen, Philip and the others who were chosen.

6 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, 6 whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

I Timothy 2:8-15

God's requirement is that only men who are qualified fill the pulpits of His churches. Women certainly are called upon to minister, but not in the public ministry. This is another Scripture teaching lost by today's liberal, politically-correct attitude toward the Bible.

8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting; 9 in like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, 10 but, which is

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VBS: Our VBS will be held Aug 3-7 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 Tim Schaser.

Grace's 60th Anniversary: On Sunday, June 14, 9 am, Grace Lutheran Church in Fridley, MN, will be celebrating "60 Years of the Lord's Grace." Pastor Neal Radichel, son of the congregation, will be our guest speaker and there will be a potluck meal following the worship service. We welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in thanking the Lord for all the wonderful blessings He has showered upon us!

Mental Health Seminar Available on Video As part of their Christian Education Sunday,

Ascension Lutheran Church in Batavia, IL hosted a Mental Health Seminar featuring licensed clinician Dean Marzofka as guest speaker. Dean addressed issues related to Christian Wellness including, depression, suicide, and medication. The video recording of Dean's two hour presentation is available at their website: ascensionbatavia.org.

Immanuel Dining Hall - Help Requested: This summer, between June 29 and July 19, Paul Heinze, the Immanuel Facilities Manager, plans to remove the carpeting from the Immanuel dining hall and replace it with new tile. Those willing to assist in this project at Eau Claire may contact Paul at (715-456-7194/paul.heinze@ilc.edu) so that he can coordinate the volunteer efforts.

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, please call Pastor Bernthal at **608-233-2244** or e-mail him at mbern@juno.com

More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org



YOUTH CONFERENCE '15:

The deadline to apply for scholarships to fund Youth Conference is tomorrow (June 1st). There is scholarship money available to significantly reduce the cost. Applying for a scholarship is not hard-- details are on the website. See scholarship details and other conference info at www.youthconference.info

MOWING HELP NEEDED:

A new mowing schedule has been put up. We hope you will be able to volunteer to help mow during the spring, summer and fall months. Remember that we have two mowers to use. The riding one and the stand-up one. Any questions, please check with Randy Dreyer or Pastor Bernthal.

BOOK AVAILABLE:

Steeple in the Distance is now available. Deborah Ude's Christian novel is here. Ruth Bernthal has 8 copies left. They may also be purchased either directly from Deborah Ude at deborahude.com or through the CLC Book House at clcbookhouse.org. The cost is \$20.00 per book.

LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN:

We are again ordering 15 monthly copies of this useful synodical

monthly magazine. They are \$ 15 per copy for the year. If you would like to help out with this purchase, please place an extra \$15 in your offering. Thank you.

NEPAL RELIEF HELP:

The online donations page for Nepal Earthquake Relief that President Eichstadt authorized is now available for use. Here's the Link: <http://www.lutheranmissions.org/earthquake/> You can also give an offering at church made out to MDF (Nepal Relief).

Keep these activities in mind:

CONGREGATION OUTING:

We are planning a congregation outing to the Concerts on the Square, Wednesday, July 1st at 7 p.m. This is held on the grounds around the State Capital.

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 8th and then here on Thursday, July 9th. Wednesday evening we will go to Lake Winnebago for water activities and supper and Thursday evening we will be going to Devil's Lake for supper and swimming. Keep those dates in mind so you can help.

proper for women professing godliness, with good works. 11 Let a woman learn in silence with all submission. 12 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. 13 For Adam was formed first, then Eve. 14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression. 15 Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

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

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Sermon Text:

II Timothy 3:10-4:4

Theme:

**The Purpose of the Bible—
TO OUTFIT US FOR LIFE!**

I: The eternal dangers of those not outfitted.

II: The Holy Scriptures outfit us by:

a. Teaching

b. Rebuking

c. Correcting

d. Instructing in righteousness

10 But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra—what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

14 But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

4 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.



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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We are glad you are worshiping with us this morning. We believe in the verbally inspired and inerrant Word of God. This Word alone is what we base all of our teachings and morals upon. Only through the Word can we come to know Jesus Christ, as Lord and Savior. Come and worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register.

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.

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This Week:

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

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

Fri-Mon Pastor's Vacation

Next Sunday 9:00 a.m. Family Worship

LAST WEEK:

Worship 43

OFFERINGS 5/31

for Unified Budget: \$1,728
\$200 MDF (Nepal Relief)

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:

Cleaners this week: Church---
Albrecht/Franson
Counters today:
Matt Schaser & Gail Schaefer

IN YOUR MAILBOX:

June Calendar & Newsletter

PASTOR'S VACATION:

Pastor Bernthal will be visiting family in Mankato from Friday-Monday. He will then be attending the CLC Pastoral Conference in Eau Claire next Tues-Thurs. The Lord willing, he will be returning home Thursday evening, June 18th. For pastoral assistance, please call President Dan Schaefer at 274-5052.

CONGRATULATIONS & LORD'S BLESSINGS:

to Nancy Phillips and Tom Heneghan who were united in Holy Matrimony yesterday. May Jesus ever be the third One in their union as they live their lives united in Christ.

CLC NEWS:

Gethsemane Lutheran, Spokane Valley WA, has resolved to wait with calling a teacher until the next school year, 2016-17.

SERMON SERIES:

We are continuing a new sermon series entitled "The Witness of the Holy Spirit." We will follow the Spirit's work through the book of Acts and read His words in the Epistles. May each of us be moved by the same Holy Spirit to do our own private/family readings at home as we follow the devotions printed in our bulletins. This series will run throughout the Pentecost season till the end of November. May the Spirit bless our study of His Word.

THE BRANCHES: Subscriptions are due by next Sunday, June 7 for The Branches magazine. Please visit www.thebranchesonline.info and click on the "Subscribe" link for more information.