

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

11, 2020 (postmarked by April 1), to: Mr. James Burkhardt; 217 Windy Lane; Rockwall, TX 75087; email: jeb6217@yahoo.com.

AFTER BANQUET PARTY: Parents of Immanuel Lutheran High School students are presently working on this year After Banquet Party to be held May 9, 2020. If you would like to donate prizes please leave them in the basket under the mailboxes in the church entry-way. See the bulletin board for a list of suggestion for prizes.

NOTES ON ECCLESIASTES: Ecclesiastes is a profound and problematic book. It is the record of an intense search by the Preacher (Solomon) for meaning, purpose and satisfaction in life—in spite of the inequities, inconsistencies, and seeming absurdities of life here on earth! The key word in Ecclesiastes is “Vanity,” the futile emptiness of trying to make sense out of life apart from God. Looked at “under the sun,” life’s pursuits and pleasures lead only to frustration and emptiness. Power, prestige, pleasure---nothing can fill the God-shaped void in the human heart and life except God Himself. But seen from God’s perspective, life becomes meaningful and fulfilling. Doubt and despair melt away when each day is viewed as a gift from God to enjoy!

We are studying Ecclesiastes in our Sunday morning Bible Class. Come, join us and learn about enjoying a meaningful life with the Lord.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP AT MESSIAH, EAU CLAIRE: Sunday, April 26 3:00-5:30 p.m.. This year’s theme is “Introducing the REAL Jesus.” Almost everyone in our society has at least heard of Jesus, but many people we know have a misinformed idea of who He really is. At this workshop we will learn about some of these misconceptions, and discuss ways to introduce the real Jesus to people we care about. The presentations and group discussions go from 3 to 5:30 pm on Sunday, April 26, and a chili supper will follow. Plan now to attend! Pastor Bruce Naumann

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

Seek God in Early Life — Fear God, Keep Your Vows

Second Sunday in Lent • March 8, 2020

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 8

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Scripture Readings:

Ecclesiastes 12:1-7

Because of sin our bodies grow old. We lose our abilities to hear, to see and to eat properly. The last years of many people are often marked by failing health, unreasonable fears, and a loss of faculties. That is why Solomon says, now in your youth remember your Creator, when you are

still able to serve Him with the best of your abilities and talents.

Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, Before the difficult days come, And the years draw near when you say, "I have no pleasure in them": 2 While the sun and the light, The moon and the stars, Are not darkened, And the clouds do not return after the rain; 3 In the day when the keepers of the house tremble, And the strong men bow down; When the grinders cease because they are few, And those that look through the windows grow dim; 4 When the doors are shut in the streets, And the sound of grinding is low; When one rises up at the sound of a bird, And all the daughters of music are brought low. 5 Also they are afraid of height, And of terrors in the way; When the almond tree blossoms, The grasshopper is a burden, And desire fails. For man goes to his eternal home, And the mourners go about the streets. 6 Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, Or the golden bowl is broken, Or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, Or the wheel broken at the well. 7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

John 4:19-26

True worship of our God is from the heart. We worship our Lord in Spirit and truth, not with lips and hands but with heart and soul. May our worship never become mechanical, empty or habitual, but fervent and alive. Be willing to listen and to learn.

19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship." 21 Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22 You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. 24 God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." 25 The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When He comes, He will tell us all things." 26 Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

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PASTOR'S VACATION: Pastor and Ruth will be gone from Friday, March 13-Tuesday, March 17. Seminary student Corey Drehle will be conducting Bible Class and the worship service next Sunday. If pastoral assistance is needed, please call Chairman Dan Schaefer. Pastor and Ruth, the Lord willing, will be arriving home Tuesday evening, March 17.

CLC GRADE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT: Mar. 13-15 at ILC.

CHURCH COUNCIL: Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 22nd @ 11:30 a.m.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS: The Ladies will be meeting on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELISM MEETING: Our next Evangelism meeting will be held on Sunday, March 29th @ 11:30 a.m.

CLC NEWS:

- Pastor Terrel Kesterson has returned the call extended to him by Bowdle, SD and Zion, Ipswich, SD.
- Pastor Matthew Hanel has returned the call extended to him by Living Savior, Eden Prairie, MN.
- Berea Lutheran Church, Sioux Falls, SD has put in for a call for a Seminary graduate.
- Teacher Neil Bernthal, Immanuel, Winter Haven, FL has been called by Holy Trinity Ev. Lutheran, West Columbia, SC to be Principal and upper grades teacher.
- Teacher Joshua Ohlmann, Grace, Sleepy Eye, MN has been called by Redeemer, Cheyenne, WY to be their Principal/Teacher.
- Mrs. Sarah Ude, Middleton, WI has been called by Faith, Markesan, WI to be their upper grades teacher.

NOMINATIONS FOR ILC PRESIDENT: The Board of Regents announces the following nominations for the office of President of Immanuel Lutheran College: Professors Paul Naumann, Daniel Schierenbeck, and John Ude. The term of this call is for two years, extending to the end of Academic Year 2022. All comments from members of CLC congregations regarding these candidates are to be received by April

This Week:

Today 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: The Death of Jesus

Bible Class: Ecclesiastes 3:1-14; 4:4-12

10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Choir/B.O.C.E.

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. Bible Class at Sage Meadow

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. Lent III--Pastor David Ude 8:15 p.m. Choir

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

Friday Pastor's Vacation

Next Sunday: 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class

10:00 a.m. Family Worship • 11:15 a.m. Choir

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week: A. Franson/Williams B. Schaser/Schaser

Counters today: Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Meyer

LAST WEEK: Worship 45 S.S. 1 B. Cl. 27 Lent 2 26

OFFERINGS 3/1 & 3/6 for Unified Budget: \$2,911

LENTEN SERVICES:

This past Wednesday 26 people heard that Pilate sent Jesus to Herod. Herod, who could do almost anything he wanted, had an unfulfilled desire to see Jesus. It was ironic that he wanted to see Jesus only for entertainment, to see a miracle, not to see Jesus and believe in Him as his Lord and Savior. Our Lenten theme this year: "The Ironies of the Passion."

March 11: Not During the Festival---Matthew 26:1-5 Pastor David Ude

March 18: Don't You Fear God? ---Luke 23:39-43 Pastor Matt Ude

March 25: We Have No King but Caesar!---John 19:12-16a Pastor Bernthal

April 1: It Is Better That One Man Die for the People---John 11:45-53 Pastor Sauers

LENTEN SUPPERS: There will be a Taco Supper this Wednesday from 5:45-6:30 p.m. There will also be a Casserole Supper on March 25th. Please sign the sheet in the entry-way and come fellowship and eat with us.

Sermon Text:

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Sermon Theme:

HOW REAL IS OUR WORSHIP?

1. Do we come READY to HEAR?

2. Are our VOWS being FULFILLED?

Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil. Do not be rash with your mouth, And let not your heart utter anything hastily before God. For God is in heaven, and you on earth; Therefore let your words be few. For a dream comes through much activity, And a fool's voice is known by his many words. When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; For He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you have vowed— Better not to vow than to vow and not pay. 6 Do not let your mouth cause your flesh to sin, nor say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your excuse and destroy the work of your hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams and many words there is also vanity. But fear God.



PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are grateful to our Lord that you are worshipping your Savior with us this morning. We pray that your worship is from the heart, hearing His Word and repenting of your sins. Jesus is our only Savior. Please come again to hear more about your salvation through Christ. As you leave this morning, please also sign our guest register. Thank you!