

YOUNG ADULTS OF THE CLC: Greetings again and thank you to all the people who attended our first get-together October 16 at Faith in Markesan! We had a great time enjoying Christian fellowship as well as participating in a very good discussion. We have set a date for our next outing at Peace Thru Christ in Madison, WI.

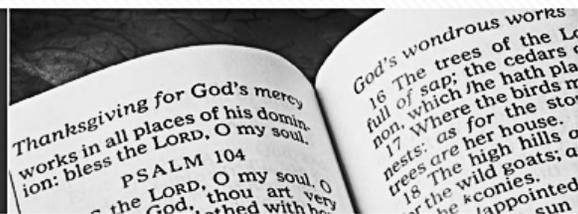
Please join us Saturday, December 4th at 11:00 am for Bible Study, Fellowship, Games, and a Spaghetti meal. What to bring: a \$5 gift for a gift exchange, and dish to pass to go with the spaghetti meal. Please pass the word and bring a friend! Hope to see you there! Craig Youngerberg

Lutheran Spokesman

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We are here to speak the Truth of the Gospel.

"It will be our purpose and policy to feed God's flock, to protect them from false teaching, to attack when necessary all teachings and practices which are not in accord with the Word, for Scripture cannot be broken." -W. Schaller [Read More](#)



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Thanks, But No Thanks

Written by Professor Joseph Lau
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"Enter Into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him.

The Bread of Life

Daily Devotions for the life of a christian
 November 08-13, 2010
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"...the Scripture cannot be broken." John 10:35

The CLC Board of Education and Publications announces the completion of this new website created to enhance The Lutheran Spokesman. We encourage the use of this website for the building up of your personal faith and also as a social networking evangelism tool for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We hope you will visit the site often and then recommend it to your family/friends/enemies. Beginning with the December issue, The Lutheran Spokesman will work in conjunction with the new website: *lutheranspokesman.org*. Other new websites will soon be announced which you will also be able to use as social networking evangelism tools. The BOEP thanks all those involved with this upgrade. God is good! Dave Naumann, BOEP Chairman

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 116

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Scripture Readings:

Nehemiah 6:1-16

After the enemy's plans of attack had been thwarted they tried to "discuss" the matter with Nehemiah. Nehemiah, however, realized his enemies are out to do him harm and refuses to discuss anything, even with the false prophet Shemiah. What an unshakable confidence in God. Nehemiah and his countrymen complete the rebuilding of the walls in only 52 days!
1 Now it happened when Sanballat, Tobiah, Geshem the Arab, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had rebuilt the wall, and that there were no breaks left in it (though at that time I had not hung the doors in the gates), 2 that Sanballat and Geshem sent to me, saying, "Come, let us meet together among the villages in the plain of Ono." But they thought to do me harm. 3 So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down

to you?" 4 But they sent me this message four times, and I answered them in the same manner. 5 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand. 6 In it was written: It is reported among the nations, and Geshem says, that you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be their king. 7 And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem, saying, "There is a king in Judah!" Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, therefore, and let us consult together. 8 Then I sent to him, saying, "No such things as you say are being done, but you invent them in your own heart." 9 For they all were trying to make us afraid, saying, "Their hands will be weakened in the work, and it will not be done." Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands. 10 Afterward I came to the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah, the son of Mehetabel, who was a secret informer; and he said, "Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us close the doors of the temple, for they are coming to kill you; indeed, at night they will come to kill you." 11 And I said, "Should such a man as I flee? And who is there such as I who would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in!" 12 Then I perceived that God had not sent him at all, but that he pronounced this prophecy against me because Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 For this reason he was hired, that I should be afraid and act that way and sin, so that they might have cause for an evil report, that they might reproach me. 14 My God, remember Tobiah and Sanballat, according to these their works, and the prophetess Noadiah and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid. 15 So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth day of Elul, in fifty-two days. 16 And it happened, when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations around us saw these things, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.

John 15:18-16:4

Even as the "world" hated Nehemiah and the Israelites and persecuted them for doing the LORD'S will, so our Savior tells us the world will persecute and hate us. But we need not fear. We have one far more powerful than the world, a Friend who never forsakes us---Jesus, our lord and Savior!

18 "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. 19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. 20 Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. 22 If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no

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NOVEMBER SPOKESMAN:

is available on the registration table in the entry-way.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS:

We continue our Power Point study of the book by Pastor David Lau "Out of Necessity---A History of the Church of the Lutheran Confession." This Wednesday we will cover Cha. 15---Co-Workers with the Gospel in Africa. Come, learn with us.

HANNAH'S HELPING HANDS:

The Ladies are invited to the parsonage for this month's meeting. We meet at 7:00 p.m. this Tuesday. Please bring a passage to read with the word "Praise" in it. This is an open invitation to all the ladies. See you there.

EVANGELISM SEMINAR:

Messiah Lutheran Church will be conducting a joint-fellowship workshop on the topic of personal Evangelism outreach on Sunday, Nov. 28th from 2:00-5:00, with a supper fellowship from 5:00-7:00. If you are interested in going, please contact Evangelism Chairman John Gerbitz

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:

Wednesday, Nov. 24th at 7:00 p.m. "Come, Ye thankful people. Come!"

CLC NEWS:

Pastor Neal Radichel of St. Stephen's, Mountain View, CA. has accepted the call to Luther Memorial, Fond du Lac.

Peace thru Christ Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary

	Month of Oct			Year-To-Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	10,688	10,500	188	94,864	95,900	(1,036)
Other income	-	-	-	200	200	-
Total income	10,688	10,500	188	95,064	96,100	(1,036)
Expenses	9,435	9,689	(254)	97,880	97,802	78
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	1,253	811	442	(2,816)	(1,702)	(1,114)

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:2

of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses.” 15 And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and that God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work. 16 So it was, from that time on, that half of my servants worked at construction, while the other half held the spears, the shields, the bows, and wore armor; and the leaders were behind all the house of Judah. 17 Those who built on the wall, and those who carried burdens, loaded themselves so that with one hand they worked at construction, and with the other held a weapon. 18 Every one of the builders had his sword girded at his side as he built. And the one who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU! We are glad that you have been led to worship your Savior with us this morning. We need God’s Word to lead us to Christ, our Savior. We need God’s Word to strengthen our faith life of love to Him and to one another. We need God’s Word to combat the temptations of our society and of our own sinful flesh. We need God’s Word to give us the desire to speak about Jesus to others. We pray you continue to come and hear God’s Word with us. Please, also sign our guest register.

BEFORE CHURCH:

Today

Sunday School — Fall into Sin/
Promise of the Savior
Bible Class: Acts 24

THIS WEEK

Today 11:10 a.m. Choir

11:30 a.m. Church Council

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation—
Brandle

Tuesday

10:30 a.m. Bible Class
at Oak Park Place

7:00 p.m. Hannah’s Helping Hands

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

Thursday

Pastoral Study Club—Middleton
4:00 p.m. Confirmation/McDonald

Friday

7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night

Next Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

LAST SUNDAY Attendance:

Worship: 46 SS. 10 Bible Class 19

OFFERINGS 9/27

for Unified Budget: \$2,226

\$50 Parsonage Windows/Siding

excuse for their sin. 23 He who hates Me hates My Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. 25 But this happened that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, ‘They hated Me without a cause.’ 26 “But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. 27 And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 16

1 “These things I have spoken to you, that you should not be made to stumble. 2 They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service. 3 And these things they will do to you because they have not known the Father nor Me. 4 But these things I have told you, that when the time comes, you may remember that I told you of them. “And these things I did not say to you at the beginning, because I was with you.

The Sermon: audio sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: **Nehemiah 4:7-18**

THE TROWEL AND THE SWORD:

WATCH AND PRAY—WORK AND THE WORD!

7 Now it happened, when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites heard that the walls of Jerusalem were being restored and the gaps were beginning to be closed, that they became very angry, 8 and all of them conspired together to come and attack Jerusalem and create confusion. 9 Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and because of them we set a watch against them day and night. 10 Then Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is failing, and there is so much rubbish that we are not able to build the wall.” 11 And our adversaries said, “They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease.” 12 So it was, when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they told us ten times, “From whatever place you turn, they will be upon us.” 13 Therefore I positioned men behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid