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FINANCIAL NEED:

Pastor Kevin McKenney of Cambridge, WI has had very poor health for the last few years. Health wise, he said he's holding steady, although he's been confined to his wheelchair for quite some time. The family isn't requesting help, but according to Pastor Eichstadt they could really use any extra financial help. If you would like to or are able to help out, just indicate it on your offering envelope "Benevolence Fund." The Benevolence committee will then distribute gifts as they determine. The southern Wisconsin CLC congregations are trying to do the same where they can with support and prayers.

NEW FROM THE CLC BOOKHOUSE • clcbookhouse@ilc.edu

Just in time for Christmas

the CLC Board of Education and Publications announces the publication of the following:

Preaching to Preachers by Norman A. Madson

Reprint - original copyright 1952 Devotional sermons by Norman A. Madson (1886-1962). "Don't let the title fool you. Although the sermons were written and delivered primarily to those in the preaching and teaching ministries, every Christian home would benefit from these scripturally-based and well-written devotions. Rev. Madson's application of Law and Gospel toward the servants in the public ministry will give you an insightful and instructive glimpse into the lives of your pastors and teachers as the gifts that God means them to be for you."

Paperback, 234 pages. \$14.95

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We proclaim to a world dead in sin that salvation is a gift of God's grace; More Information and Audio Sermons at middletonlutheran.org

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 125

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal p. 5

Opening Hymn:	451
Before Sermon:	404
Offering Hymn:	438 v. 4-5
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Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 52:1-6

Isaiah urges Zion—the people of God—to “awake, clothe yourself with strength” so that as those who are redeemed without money (saved by grace in Christ) they might know the LORD and be ready when He comes.

52 Awake, awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; Put on your beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city! For the uncircumcised and the unclean Shall no longer come to you. 2 Shake yourself from the dust, arise; Sit down, O Jerusalem! Loose yourself from the bonds of your neck,

0 captive daughter of Zion! 3 For thus says the Lord: "You have sold yourselves for nothing, And you shall be redeemed without money." 4 For thus says the Lord God: "My people went down at first Into Egypt to dwell there; Then the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. 5 Now therefore, what have I here," says the Lord, "That My people are taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them Make them wail," says the Lord, "And My name is blasphemed continually every day. 6 Therefore My people shall know My name; Therefore they shall know in that day That I am He who speaks: 'Behold, it is I.'"

I Corinthians 15:54-58

Paul writes about Christ's victory over sin and death. This victory through our Lord Jesus Christ will move us to give ourselves "fully to the work of the Lord."

54 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." 55 "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

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

Sermon Text: **Luke 19:11-27**

Sermon Theme:

CHRISTIANITY IS SERIOUS BUSINESS

I: Every Christian is expected to work with the Gospel during his time of grace.

II: The Lord expects to find results when He returns.

III: Faithfulness will receive its reward of grace; unbelief will be severely punished.

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him,

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CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL On Saturday, December 8th, at 3 p.m., you are invited to join us here at Faith Lutheran in Markesan, WI, for a Christmas Christian Music Festival! You are welcome to come to listen – and participate if you would like! We welcome musicians of any age, of every kind (vocal, solo/ensemble, instrumental - wind, string, brass, keyboard, etc.) as well as Christian music of every genre (baroque to contemporary). NOTE: As we are in December this year, we especially welcome Christmas season selections! We will also be singing favorite Christmas carols during the afternoon!

The festival will be concluded with a light supper (Faith Lutheran will provide the table service, as well

as the meat and drinks). Those attending are encouraged to bring a bag of chips, salad, and/or dessert.

Interested in being a participant? Contact Pastor Paul Krause (920-398-2778) – PTKrause@clclutheran.com – or Pastor Neal Radichel (920-922-7421) – nealradichel@gmail.com – concerning what you would like to play.

We look forward to this being a wonderful opportunity in our fellowship for musicians to put their musical talents to use both for the enjoyment of those listening as well as to the glory of our gift-giving God!

Peace thru Christ Lutheran Church and School Financial Summary

	Month of October 2012			Year to Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	8,132	9,400	(1,268)	101,678	107,000	(5,322)
Other income	-	-	-	260	525	(265)
Total income	8,132	9,400	(1,268)	101,938	107,525	(5,587)
Expenses	10,218	10,005	213	109,660	113,166	(3,506)
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	(2,086)	(605)	(1,481)	(7,722)	(5,641)	(2,081)

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LAST WEEK:

Worship 43 S.S. 6 Bible Class 23

OFFERINGS

11/11 for Unified Budget: \$1,745

IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Church—Birkholz/Heberlein
School—Bernthal/Tardola
Counters today: John Gerbitz &
Nathan Peterson

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:

This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. Come,
give thanks to our God and Lord.

ADVENT BEGINS:

In two weeks (Dec. 2) we begin
our Advent Season. We will be
having mid-week Advent services,
Wednesdays, Dec. 5, 12, 19 at 7:00
p.m.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP:

Come to the Fourth Annual
Evangelism Workshop, November 25,
2012, at Messiah Lutheran Church,
Eau Claire, WI. At 3 pm on Sunday
afternoon, November 25, Messiah
Eau Claire will host an interactive
seminar on outreach. The theme
and outline for this year's workshop
is "*The Three S's of Evangelism*": 1)
Seeking with pre-evangelism, 2)
Sharing with evangelism proper, and
3) Serving with post-evangelism.
There will be a topical presentation
for each section, followed by break-
out group discussions. The sessions

will close with a chili supper. Plan
now to come, share, and learn! If
you are interested in going, please
contact Evangelism Chairman
Nathan Greve or Pastor Bernthal.

CLC NEWS:

Pastor Michael Gurath, Phoenix AZ,
has accepted the call from the CLC
Board of Missions to serve as part-
time visiting missionary to Kenya
and Uganda.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATIONS:

We plan to put up the Christmas
tree and do church decorations on
Sunday, Dec. 2nd after church and
choir. Please stay and help.

LORD'S BLESSINGS:

to the John & Chris
Gerbitz family at
the passing of
Chris' grandmother,
Ruth Sydow this
past week. We also
were informed of
Professor Emeritus Jim Pelzl's and
Mrs. Adelgunde Schaller's passing
this week, both of whom taught at
ILC for many years. *Then I heard
a voice from heaven saying to me,
"Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die
in the Lord from now on.' "* "Yes,"
*says the Spirit, "that they may rest
from their labors, and their works
follow them."* Rev. 14:13



saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.' 15 "And so it was that
when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these
servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might
know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first,
saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well
done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority
over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned
five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.' 20 "Then
another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away
in a handkerchief. 21 For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You
collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22 And he
said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You
knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping
what I did not sow. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that
at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' 24 "And he said to those
who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.'
25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.') 26 'For I say to you,
that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even
what he has will be taken away from him. 27 But bring here those enemies of
mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'"

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School Welcomes You:

We praise God for your being with us this morning to hear His Word and
worship Him. May the message of our Savior's great love for us lead us to
spread the Word to others while there is still time before the Judgment
comes. Faithfulness to the Lord and His Word is so important in these last
days. Please come again and learn more about your Savior. Also, please sign
our guest register as you leave.

This Week:

Before Church

S.S.: The First Disciples

Bible Class: A Reference Chart of
Teaching Differences

11:10 a.m. Choir

11:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

Monday 7:00 p.m. Confirmation—
Brandle/Gerbitz

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

Wednesday

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Thur.-Fri. NO SCHOOL

Next Sunday

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:10 a.m. Choir

3-6:30 p.m. Evangelism Seminar,
Eau Claire