

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

This Week:

Before Church

Sunday School: Ruth

Bible Class: Colossians 3

Today 11:10 a.m. Choir practice

Monday Confirmation/Brandle-Gerbitz

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

7:00 p.m. Hannah's Helping Hands

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/Advent

11:15 a.m. Choir

2:30 p.m. Evangelism Seminar—
Messiah, Eau Claire

LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 42 S.S. 8 Bible Class 21

OFFERINGS 11/13, 2011

for Unified Budget: \$1,671

MDF: \$20

Building Projects \$300

NOVEMBER SPOKESMAN

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

CLC NEWS:

Rock of Ages Lutheran, Grand Rapids MI, has called Pastor Vance Fossum, West Columbia SC. Pastor Richard Kanzenbach has accepted the call to Peace with God Lutheran, Onalaska WI, forming a dual parish with Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI.

EVANGELISM WORKSHOP:

Messiah Lutheran, Eau Claire is sponsoring their third annual fall Evangelism Workshop on

Sun., Nov. 27th from 2:30-6:00p.m.

Workshop Events: A two-part

presentation: Mission to Youth Mission by Youth. Breakout discussion groups. Supper and social time. If you are interested in going, please contact Evangelism Chairman John Gerbitz or Pastor Bernthal.

MISSION HELPER PROGRAM:

The CLC Mission Helper Program, under the direction of the CLC Mission Board, is beginning to make preparations for another Group-Mission Trip to East Africa for the summer of 2012. The exact dates have yet to be determined, but the work was determined by our Savior when He told us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel. The main focus of this trip will be presenting the Gospel, through a series of child evangelism lessons, to member and non-member children in village congregations of the CLC-Tanzania and CLC-Kenya. There is a new website for the CLC Mission Helper Program: www.mht.lutheranmissions.org

FREE: The Evangelism Committee has decided to give away the remaining window clings that advertise our church. If you would like one or more for your car windows, house windows or wherever you feel it can be seen by others, please contact Ruth Bernthal.

ADVENT BEGINS: Next Sunday we begin our Advent Season. We will be having mid-week Advent services, Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14 at 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATIONS: We plan to put up the Christmas tree and do church decorations next Sunday after church. If you are interested, please stay and help.

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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 97

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Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

How can we poor sinners stand acquitted before a just and holy God? Who is truly righteous in the eyes of God? Moses shows us the requirements of God's holy law. God demands perfect righteousness. Luther's explanation of the First Commandment are the words of Moses, "We should fear, love and trust in God above all things." Who is able to keep this law of God perfectly? Who can stand before God by trusting in himself?

12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to

fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, 13 and to keep the commandments of the LORD and His statutes which I command you today for your good? 14 Indeed heaven and the highest heavens belong to the LORD your God, also the earth with all that is in it. 15 The LORD delighted only in your fathers, to love them; and He chose their descendants after them, you above all peoples, as it is this day. 16 Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be stiff-necked no longer. 17 For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality nor takes a bribe. 18 He administers justice for the fatherless and the widow, and loves the stranger, giving him food and clothing. 19 Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. 20 You shall fear the LORD your God; you shall serve Him, and to Him you shall hold fast, and take oaths in His name. 21 He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things which your eyes have seen. 22 Your fathers went down to Egypt with seventy persons, and now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven in multitude.

Luke 18:9-14

Our Gospel lessons answers the questions we asked before our first reading. What kind of person is justified in the eyes of God? It is not the Pharisee who trusted in his own righteousness; his own good works—they are worthless and filled with sin. Rather, it is the Publican (tax collector), who humbly trusted in God's love in Christ toward sinners. He confessed himself to be a sinner who needs forgiveness, and he goes to his house justified before God.

9 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: 10 "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' 13 And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

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

Sermon Text: II Timothy 4:6-8; 16-18 Prepare For Our Race For Eternal Life!

I: Be realistic about the Course.

II: Be aware of your only Source of strength.

III: Be confident of the Outcome.

6 For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure is at hand. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. 8 Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

16 At my first defense no one stood with me, but all forsook me. May it not be charged against them.

17 But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear.

Also I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. 18 And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work and preserve me for His heavenly kingdom.

To Him be glory forever and ever. Amen!

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Welcomes You!

We are happy to have you worshiping your Savior with us this morning. We are all running a race—the race of life and the race for life. Christ has already secured for us the prize—everlasting life—a crown of righteousness. Throughout our race we need to keep our eyes focused on the prize and receive the strength from God's Word to keep on running. The outcome is assured through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. Praise God! Come, worship your Savior with us again and please sign our guest register as you leave.