

## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

### PRE-SCHOOL MEETING:

The State representative to help us in our setting up a pre-school will be meeting with our B.O.C.E. and other members on Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 12:30 p.m. We pray the Lord bless this meeting and our efforts to establish a pre-school to teach little ones the Good News of Jesus.

### 500th ANNIVERSARY REFORMATION

**SHIRTS:** Looking for a unique Christmas gift. We have available polo shirts, non iron shirts, fleece jackets with the 500th Lutheran Reformation logo on them. Please see the advertisement sheet on the bulletin board in the entry-way. This was produced by the CLC 500th Anniversary Reformation Committee.



## Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church and School 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](mailto:mbern@juno.com)

More Information and Audio Sermons at [middletonlutheran.org](http://middletonlutheran.org)



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Pre-service Preparation: Ps. 97

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## Scripture Readings:

### I Samuel 10:1, 9-24

Notice Saul's humble heart. He begins his rule under the direction of God having received a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Saul did not seek his own honor or glory but faithfully served His Lord at this time in his life. May God also help us to live in this way!

*Then Samuel took a flask of oil and poured it on his head, and kissed him and said: "Is it not because the Lord has anointed you commander over His inheritance?"*

#### 1 Samuel 10:9-24

*9 So it was, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, that God gave him another heart; and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 When they came there to the hill, there was a group of prophets to meet him; then the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it happened, when all who knew him formerly saw that he indeed prophesied among the prophets, that the people said to one another, "What is this that has come upon the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?" 12 Then a man from there answered and said, "But who is their father?" Therefore it became a proverb: "Is Saul also among the prophets?" 13 And when he had finished prophesying, he went to the high place. 14 Then Saul's uncle said to him and his servant, "Where did you go?" So he said, "To look for the donkeys. When we saw that they were nowhere to be found, we went to Samuel." 15 And Saul's uncle said, "Tell me, please, what Samuel said to you." 16 So Saul said to his uncle, "He told us plainly that the donkeys had been found." But about the matter of the kingdom, he did not tell him what Samuel had said. 17 Then Samuel called the people together to the Lord at Mizpah, 18 and said to the children of Israel, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians and from the hand of all kingdoms and from those who oppressed you.' 19 But you have today*

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holding a special meeting on January 2-3, and working through Pastor Ohlmann's transition as chairman of the Board of Missions to serving the Board in an advisory capacity.

We rejoice in the opportunities that are before us as a church body, and give thanks to the Lord for providing this new worker in the harvest of souls. We ask for your prayers on behalf of Missionary Ohlmann and his family as they continue their service to their Lord and ours in this new way. May the Lord's name be hallowed, His Kingdom come, and His will done!

#### CLC YOUTH CAMP AT ILC:

Counselor applications for CLC Youth Camp 2017 are now open! The Youth Camp will be held at the ILC Campus in Eau Claire, WI from June 18-24 this year. The link to the form and other important information can be found on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/summeryouthcamp](http://www.facebook.com/summeryouthcamp). Or, if you don't have Facebook, email us at [youthcamp.clc@gmail.com](mailto:youthcamp.clc@gmail.com) and we will send you the link. We are

also looking for kitchen staff. Anyone who is interested in helping can email us.

Thank you! Youth Camp Directors

#### EVANGELISM MEETING:

Our next Evangelism meeting is scheduled for today after church.

#### THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP:

This Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.  
Come, give thanks to the Lord!

#### ADVENT SEASON:

The Advent season begins next Sunday. We will be having mid-week Advent services Wednesdays, Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14. We will have a pulpit exchange with Pastors' David Ude and Matt Ude.

#### CHRISTMAS CHURCH DECORATIONS:

We plan to put up the Christmas tree and do church decorations after church next Sunday. Please stay after church and help.

#### BRIDAL SHOWER INVITATION

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a bridal shower for Rachel Schaser on Dec 4th at 2:00pm at Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church.

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### CLC NEWS:

- Missionary Matt Ude has accepted the call extended to him by Faith Lutheran Church, Markesan, WI. Installation is scheduled for January 8th at 3 p.m.
- Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville GA, has called Pastor Michael Wilke, pastor of Gethsemane Lutheran, Saginaw MI.
- St. Stephen Lutheran, Mountain View, and St. Stephen Lutheran, Hayward CA, have called Pastor Luke Bernthal, pastor of Grace Lutheran, Valentine NE, Peace Lutheran, Mission, and St. Paul's Lutheran, White River SD.

### CLC MISSIONARY CALL

In a September call meeting of the Board of Missions chaired by our CLC President, Michael Eichstadt, a call was issued to Pastor Todd Ohlmann to become our CLC Visiting Missionary. After six weeks of prayerful deliberation, Pastor Ohlmann accepted that call. For this we give praise and thanks to the Lord of the harvest.

Pastor Ohlmann will begin his service as CLC Missionary on January 1, 2017. We invite

members of CLC congregations to attend a Commissioning service for Missionary Ohlmann at Messiah Lutheran Church in Eau Claire, Wisconsin on Monday, January 2, 2017 at 7:00pm.

As presented to our CLC Convention this summer, this call is unlike previous CLC Missionary calls. Missionary Ohlmann will be stationed here in the United States (the Ohlmann's plan to remain in the St. Louis area), but will spend approximately 6 months each year making regular visitations to our sister church bodies and developing contacts in foreign fields. In the months that he is stateside his duties will include visits to domestic subsidized congregations, correspondence with foreign affiliates and new contacts, continuing development of the Online Theological Studies website, assisting with the CLC Mission Helper Program, attending Board of Missions meetings in an advisory capacity, guest preaching, attending area delegate conferences, and any other opportunities the Board of Missions deems appropriate and necessary.

The Board of Missions will be

*rejected your God, who Himself saved you from all your adversities and your tribulations; and you have said to Him, 'No, set a king over us!' Now therefore, present yourselves before the Lord by your tribes and by your clans." 20 And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was chosen. 21 When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was chosen. And Saul the son of Kish was chosen. But when they sought him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they inquired of the Lord further, "Has the man come here yet?" And the Lord answered, "There he is, hidden among the equipment." 23 So they ran and brought him from there; and when he stood among the people, he was taller than any of the people from his shoulders upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen, that there is no one like him among all the people?" So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"*

### Ephesians 6:1-9

Paul shows the Lord expects obedience from us toward our masters and superiors here on earth. Children obey parents, servants (employees) obey/serve masters (employers). This service is to be done "as to Christ; not as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart."

*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 "Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise: 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." 4 And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord. 5 Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; 6 not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, 7 with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, 8 knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a slave or free. 9 And you, masters, do the same things to them, giving up threatening, knowing that your own Master also is in heaven, and there is no partiality with Him.*

Sermon Text: **I Samuel 15:10-23**

## THE OBEDIENCE OF FAITH

*10 Now the word of the Lord came to Samuel, saying, 11 "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the Lord all night. 12 So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, he set up a monument for himself; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal." 13 Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the Lord! I have performed the commandment of the Lord." 14 But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" 15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the Lord said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on." 17 So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the Lord anoint you king over Israel? 18 Now the Lord sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19 Why then did you not obey the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the Lord?" 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord, and gone on the mission on which the Lord sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal." 22 So Samuel said: "Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than*

*sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king."*

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#### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are happy to have you here this morning to hear the Good News of our Savior. May the Spirit lead you to come again to hear His Word and grow in the grace of our Savior and in the understanding of His Word. Please also sign our guest register.

#### This Week:

##### Today:

9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Jesus' Second Coming  
Bible Class: Revelation 5  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship  
11:10 a.m. Choir  
11:25 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

##### Monday

In Markesan

**Tuesday** 10:30 Bible Class at Artisan

**Wednesday** In Markesan  
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship at Peace Thru Christ

**Thursday** 10:00 a.m.  
Thanksgiving Worship in Markesan

##### Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/ Advent  
11:10 a.m. Choir  
11:25 a.m. Church Decorating

#### IN SERVICE TO OUR LORD:

Cleaners this week:  
Church—Gbedey.  
School—Schaser/Schaser  
Counters today:  
Ruth Bernthal & Rachel Schaser

#### LAST WEEK:

Worship 36 S.S. 4 Bible Class 18

#### OFFERINGS

11/13 for Unified Budget: \$1,798  
\$100 ILC Student Aid  
\$850 MDF (Haitian Relief)  
\$300 of the MDF (Haitian Relief) was given from the Peace Thru Christ Benevolence Fund determined by the Benevolence Committee.

#### NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASSES:

While Pastor Bernthal serves the vacancy at Faith, Markesan there will be no Wednesday night Bible Classes.