

**CLC NEWS:**

Ascension Lutheran Church, Batavia, Illinois, voted no longer to receive any CLC Mission Board subsidy and declared itself a self supporting congregation. Pastor Baker arrived in Chennai, India this past Wednesday. Pastor Baker will spend a month working among our brothers and sisters in India.

Pastor Pete Reim has resigned from the public ministry effective the end of this summer. He writes that he is planning on going to graduate school in the fall at UW – Eau Claire and pursue an MA in English and then seek opportunities to teach at either the high school or college level. He also wrote “Please know that my departure from the ministry has nothing to do with any conflict in my service here, nor with any disagreement with the doctrine or practice of Prince of Peace or the CLC. I ask your prayers for myself and my family, and for the congregation during the challenging months ahead. May the Lord of the Church continue to bless you and yours.”

Pastor Steve Karp reports his cancer has not responded to two rounds of immunotherapy and has now invaded the secondary lining of the bladder. Bladder surgery has been

scheduled for mid-February. The surgery would entail removal and reconstructive surgery to either permit urine to vent to an external bag or have an internal bag to permit urine to vent through the urethra (however, since this would not be a muscle as the bladder is, it would involve weeks if not months of "retraining" and exercise for this to work properly without "leakage"). The surgery would be about six hours in length and entail a hospital stay of about one week. "Down time" at home would be about six weeks. Pastor Karp writes, “This is difficult news to digest and accept. I am mindful of a passage from Isaiah that I read in my morning devotions of a few days ago: "Who is among you that fears the Lord, that obeys the voice of His Servant, that walks in darkness, and has not light? Let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon His God." (Isaiah 50,10). I trust in Him who asks us to cast all our cares upon Him, for He cares for us. In this life there are times we walk in darkness but our Savior is He who has overcome the darkness and in the forgiveness of sins offers life and salvation. For what more could anyone ask?” Your continued prayers are requested and appreciated.

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*Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 97*

**THE ORDER OF SERVICE**

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**Scripture Readings:**

**II Chronicles 6:12-21; 28-33; 7:1-3** In his dedication prayer, Solomon pleads to God for special grace that the LORD will answer all the prayers which are brought before Him in His house---prayers of repentance for forgiveness and prayers for mission work—to draw the strangers and the heathen to His name.  
*12 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands 13 (for Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and he stood on it, knelt down on his knees before all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven); 14 and he said: “LORD God of Israel, there is no God in heaven or on earth like You, who keep Your covenant and*

mercy with Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. 15 You have kept what You promised Your servant David my father; You have both spoken with Your mouth and fulfilled it with Your hand, as it is this day. 16 Therefore, LORD God of Israel, now keep what You promised Your servant David my father, saying, 'You shall not fail to have a man sit before Me on the throne of Israel, only if your sons take heed to their way, that they walk in My law as you have walked before Me.' 17 And now, O LORD God of Israel, let Your word come true, which You have spoken to Your servant David. 18 "But will God indeed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain You. How much less this temple which I have built! 19 Yet regard the prayer of Your servant and his supplication, O LORD my God, and listen to the cry and the prayer which Your servant is praying before You: 20 that Your eyes may be open toward this temple day and night, toward the place where You said You would put Your name, that You may hear the prayer which Your servant makes toward this place. 21 And may You hear the supplications of Your servant and of Your people Israel, when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and when You hear, forgive. 22 "When there is famine in the land, pestilence or blight or mildew, locusts or grasshoppers; when their enemies besiege them in the land of their cities; whatever plague or whatever sickness there is; 23 whatever prayer, whatever supplication is made by anyone, or by all Your people Israel, when each one knows his own burden and his own grief, and spreads out his hands to this temple: 24 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and forgive, and give to everyone according to all his ways, whose heart You know (for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men), 25 that they may fear You, to walk in Your ways as long as they live in the land which You gave to our fathers. 26 "Moreover, concerning a foreigner, who is not of Your people Israel, but has come from a far country for the sake of Your great name and Your mighty hand and Your outstretched arm, when they come and pray in this temple; 27 then hear from heaven Your dwelling place, and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to You, that all peoples of the earth may know Your name and fear You, as do Your people Israel, and that they may know that this temple which I have built is called by Your name.

1 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and

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### **This Week:**

#### **Before Church:**

Sunday School: The Woman of Canaan  
Bible Class: Acts 11

**Today** 11:15 a.m. Heritage Festival

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

**Wednesday** 7:00 p.m. Bible Class

**Thursday** Pastoral Study Club—Fond  
du Lac

#### **Next Sunday**

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

10:00 a.m. Family Worship

11:15 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

#### **LAST SUNDAY:**

**Worship 40 S.S. 10 Bible Class 19**

#### **PEACE THRU CHRIST'S OFFERINGS**

for Unified Budget: \$3,071

Parsonage Windows/Siding \$20

**IN YOUR MAILBOX:** 2010 Budget,  
2009 Annual & 2010 Peace Thru Christ  
Directory attached.

**USHERS:** The new usher's list for 2010  
can be found on the bulletin board  
in the entry-way as well as in every  
usher's mailbox. Thank you for your  
service to the Lord in this area

#### **JANUARY LUTHERAN SPOKESMAN**

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

#### **ANNUAL VOTERS' MEETING REPORT:**

James Thompson's membership was  
transferred to Trinity, Watertown, SD.  
New members elected to the Church  
Council: Jamie Arndt & Dan Johannes.  
The new Church Council members will

be installed in our worships service  
next Sunday, January 31st. Audit  
Committee reported that all financial  
records for 2009 were in good order.  
Adopted the amended Constitution  
and By-Laws. Adopted 2010 Budget:  
\$ 115,500. Set the CLC Cooperative  
Budget Plan (CBP) FY'11 at \$ 8,400.  
Approved Hannah's Helping Hands as  
an organization of Peace Thru Christ  
Lutheran Church. Next Quarterly  
Voters' Meeting: April 18, 2010

#### **CLC 50TH ANNIVERSARY POSTER:**

Every congregation is encouraged to  
produce a church poster representing  
itself to be displayed at the 2010  
CLC Convention this summer. These  
posters will create a visual "hall of  
churches" representing the fellowship  
that our Lord has blessed us with. We  
need your help. If you have pictures  
of past called workers, please submit  
them to Pastor. Anyone who would  
like to be on this Anniversary Poster  
committee, please contact Pastor.

#### **CAMPBELL LABELS:**

Don't forget to keep those Campbell  
labels for school supplies.

**CLC NEWS:** Pastor Jay Hartmann has  
accepted the call extended to him  
by Resurrection Lutheran, Corpus  
Christi TX. Morning Star Lutheran,  
Fairchild WI. has called Pastor Dave  
Fuerstenau. Pastor Andrew Schaller  
has returned the call to Grace  
Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye MN. &  
Faith Lutheran, New Ulm MN.

*in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O LORD my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. 14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15 Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.*

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### PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We praise God that you are worshiping with us this morning. Our search for real wisdom—God’s wisdom—begins and ends in His Word. It is in His Word that we see what we are by nature—dead in sin. It is in His Word that we are shown our only way to salvation—through Jesus’ perfect life, suffering, death and resurrection. We pray the Holy Spirit lead you to come again to hear from this heavenly wisdom and worship your Savior-God. If you are interested in learning more about God’s Word and what we of Peace Thru Christ teach, please contact Pastor Bernthal. Please also sign our guest register and come worship your Savior with us again.

*consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. 2 And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD’s house. 3 When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever."*

**Matthew 6:5-15** Jesus reveals to us the mark of true prayer—a humble heart simply calling upon the Lord. No boasting, no showing off or empty repetitions. What a model prayer the Lord’s Prayer is! We can do no better. May we pray this prayer sincerely from the heart with a spirit of forgiveness and love toward one another.

*5 "And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen. 14 "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*

## The Sermon:

### Sermon Text: **I Kings 3:5-15**

#### SEEKING AFTER WISDOM/GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

*5 At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You*