

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

Greetings in the name of our Savior! The members of CLC congregations are blessed with a variety of opportunities to spread the truth of God's Word through the offerings made to the CLC Cooperative Budget Plan. The Lord has given all of us the privilege of supporting U.S. and overseas missions along with our Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI. While the vast majority of the funds sent overseas are used to train 100's of men for the Gospel ministry the Lord also gives us the opportunity to show our love for Him in providing modest assistance to those in need. The following report from Pastor Koenig gives us reason to rejoice and thank the Lord that we were able to join together with our brothers and sisters in Christ in providing a Christmas celebration at two Leper colonies in South India. The financial resources for this outreach effort were provided through offerings made to the Mission Development Fund of the CLC. Your brother and fellow servant in Christ, Pastor Todd Ohlmann, Chairman, CLC Board of Missions.

The following news from India comes from Missionary David Koenig. Leper Christmas. The CLC Mission Board authorized money from the MDF to provide a Christmas celebration among lepers in two parishes of the BELC. Following you have the reports on this. It is more blessed to give than to receive. Pastor Moses (chairman of the Nellore district of the BELC) Reports - Pastor John Paul serves lepers in the large leper colony in Tirupati. The money

you sent for their Christmas was distributed as follows: 25 dhoti shirts for men, 25 saree dresses for women = 13,200 R., Meal expense was 7800 R. (\$450 total, \$9.00 per person) It is interesting that permission had to be obtained from the local Leprosy Society to carry this affair out. There was no distribution to outsiders. There are perhaps 500 families in this large leper colony.

Pastor D. Paul (chairman of the BELC) Reports -Greetings to you in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. I am here with submitting the report of leprosy mission work. We ,D. Paul, B. Bhasker, Yesuratinam, D. David, D. Babu A. E. Daniel and Augustin visited and conducted the Christmas Eve celebration at Ponnai on 23rd December 2009. 32 men and women were gathered and heard the Word of God on that day. Pastor D. Paul and Pastor B. Bhasker preached the Gospel text in Matt 25: 32---46. We have disbursed dhoties, towels and shirts for leprosy men and sarees and blouses for leprosy women . They accepted our gifts very thankfully and joyfully. We had arranged a feast for them providing chicken biriyani , sweets , banabs etc. They were all in a very festive mood and very grateful to our CLC mission board and our God. We have shared our Jesus Christ love through the Word of God. One man from that group said vote of thanks to our Lord and mission board of CLC. The head of the village of Ponnai participated and praised our God. We request you to pray for our work among leprosy people. thanking you And Merry Christmas indeed!

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Pre-service Preparation: Psalm 27

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Lutheran Hymnal, p.5

Opening Hymn	616
Before Sermon	201
Offering Hymn	438 v.4&5
After Prayers	206 v1,2,4,7,9
After Benediction	660

Scripture Readings:

II Chronicles 19:1-11

Godly King Jehoshaphat made an alliance with godless King Ahab and in so doing helped Ahab in his wickedness. For this King Jehoshaphat was rebuked by God. Humbly the King repents and sets up judges to help rule the people in the fear of the LORD. In so doing he led many in Judah back to the LORD-Jehovah, their only God.

1 Then Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned safely to his house in Jerusalem. 2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to King Jehoshaphat, "Should you help the wicked and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore the wrath of the LORD is upon you. 3 Nevertheless good things are found in you, in that you have removed the wooden images from the land, and have prepared your heart to seek God." 4 So Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem; and he went out again among the people from Beersheba to the mountains of Ephraim, and brought them back to

the LORD God of their fathers. 5 Then he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, "Take heed to what you are doing, for you do not judge for man but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment. 7 Now therefore, let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take care and do it, for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, no partiality, nor taking of bribes." 8 Moreover in Jerusalem, for the judgment of the LORD and for controversies, Jehoshaphat appointed some of the Levites and priests, and some of the chief fathers of Israel, when they returned to Jerusalem. 9 And he commanded them, saying, "Thus you shall act in the fear of the LORD, faithfully and with a loyal heart: 10 Whatever case comes to you from your brethren who dwell in their cities, whether of bloodshed or offenses against law or commandment, against statutes or ordinances, you shall warn them, lest they trespass against the LORD and wrath come upon you and your brethren. Do this, and you will not be guilty. 11 And take notice: Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, for all the king's matters; also the Levites will be officials before you. Behave courageously, and the LORD will be with the good."

John 11:17-27

What beautiful words from our Savior. Without the resurrection we would have no hope, no joy, no life! Thank God for Jesus Christ and our resurrection confidence. Even as Jesus lives, we shall live forever!

17 So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. 18 Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles away. 19 And many of the Jews had joined the women around Martha and Mary, to comfort them concerning their brother. 20 Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. 21 Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. 22 But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." 23 Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." 24 Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." 25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. 26 And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?" 27 She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

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NEEDED: We are looking for someone who would like to help deliver sermons to the two Truck Stops when Bruce Templeton is unavailable. The Truck Stops are on Hwy 51 & I-94.

CLC NEWS:

John's Lutheran, Clarkston WA, and Peace Lutheran, Orofino ID. has called Pastor Joel Fleischer.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Jamestown, ND has called Pastor James Naumann.

Morning Star Lutheran, Fairchild WI, has called Pastor Timothy Wheaton.

Teacher Ryan Libby of Grace, Fridley, MN has resigned as principal and teacher effective at the end of the school year.

SUPERVISOR NEEDED: ILC Girl's dorm supervisor Alana Ahrens is resigning at the end of the current school year. A search for a replacement is underway. See Pastor Bernthal if you are interested or know of someone who would be interested.

LENTEN WORSHIP:

40 souls came last Wednesday to hear about our Savior's sighs in the Garden of Gethsemane. You are invited to come this Wednesday to hear about our Savior's words of power (Luke 23:32-43). This year's theme is: Where in the world is God...?

March 24 In the Savior's words of power (Luke. 23:32-43)---Pastor Bernthal

During Holy Week

we will continue our theme on: Where in the World is God?

Maunder Thursday, April 1st: In the Savior's feast (Matt. 26:26-30)

Good Friday, April 2nd: In the Savior's promises (John 19:31-37)

Easter Sunday, April 4th: In the Savior's triumph (Matt. 28:1-10)

We pray that the Holy Spirit move you to commit to take advantage of these special opportunities to hear God's Word and worship your suffering Savior.

OVERSEAS OPPORTUNITY:

Thanks to the generosity of stateside CLC sponsors, CLC Project KINSHIP provides support for orphans and seminary students in various locations throughout Africa and India. A new opportunity has recently opened up in the border region between Kenya and Tanzania - 21 prospective seminary students are seeking support for their studies to become Lutheran pastors. Ten sponsors have already been provided from the KINSHIP waiting list, but we are looking for eleven more. The cost is \$35/mo. If you are interested in sponsoring a seminary student in East Africa, or would like more information, please contact KINSHIP Committee Treasurer Rev. David Fuerstenau, 426 Buren Road, Ketchikan AK 99901, Phone (907) 225-2842, e-mail djfuerstenau@kpunet.net.

PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

A warm welcome to all our guests in our Crucified and Resurrected Savior's name. We pray your worship with us this morning is a rich blessing to you. What confidence we have in the fact of Christ's resurrection victory over death—which we shall celebrate in two weeks. With a repentant faith in Jesus, we too, will be prepared to depart this life victorious. We invite and encourage you to come worship your Savior with us again. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:

Before Church:

Sunday School: The Rich Man and Poor Lazarus

Bible Class: Acts 15-16

Today 11:15 a.m. Choir
11:30 a.m. Evangelism Meeting

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

Wednesday

Lent VI—Pastor Bernthal
8:15 p.m. Choir

Friday

7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night

Next Sunday

9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Family Worship/Palm Sunday
11:15 a.m. Choir/Easter Program Practice

LAST SUNDAY:

Worship 34 S.S. 5 Bible Class 16
Lent V 40

OFFERINGS 3/14 & 3/17

for Unified Budget: \$2,070
CBP—Cooperative Budget Plan \$35
Parsonage Windows & Siding \$10

IN YOUR MAILBOX: Academic Center Update, Project Kinship Insert, February CLC Financial Report

ARTS CAMP:

For grades 5-8. Arts Camp will be held April 9-11 in Mankato, MN. Registration sheets are in your mailboxes.

EASTER PARTS:

Practice for our children's Easter Sunrise Service will take place after church on Palm Sunday, March 28th and after our Good Friday Service on April 2nd. Parents, please help your children learn their parts.

2010 Arise and Shine Retreat

When: July 8-10, 2010
Where: Near St. Louis Missouri
What: 8th annual retreat to strengthen and encourage Christians in their 20's and 30's
Info and registration:
<http://www.ariseandshineretreat.com>
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Sermon Text: II Kings 2:1-12

THEME: HOW THE CHILD OF GOD DEPARTS THIS LIFE

I: PREPARED, HAVING LIVED TO SERVE THE LORD

II. VICTORIOUS, BEING ESCORTED TO HEAVENLY GLORY.

1 And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel. 3 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 4 Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho. 5 Now the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from over you today?" So he answered, "Yes, I know; keep silent!" 6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan. 8 Now Elijah took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; and it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground. 9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me." 10 So he said, "You have asked a hard thing. Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so." 11 Then it happened, as they continued on and talked, that suddenly a chariot of fire appeared with horses of fire, and separated the two of them; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces.