

Peace Thru Christ Lutheran Church & School • Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE

BOARD OF REGENTS FOR ILC The following names have been placed in nomination for the office of ILC president for a two-year term beginning June 1, 2010:

John Pfeiffer, Jeff Schierenbeck, Steven Sippert

Written or emailed comments regarding these candidates must be sent to the secretary, Craig Ryan, by Saturday, April 10, 2010.

Mr. Craig Ryan

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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.

HELP NEEDED:

To those wishing to contribute to the medical fund for Pastor Steven Karp, As you may know, Pastor Steven

Karp has been stricken with cancer and a recent test has shown that his two rounds of treatment have not eliminated all the cancer cells, and furthermore, the cancer has been found deeper in the tissue lining than previously observed. It is clear that Pastor Karp will have mounting medical bills. St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay has already provided budgeted medical funds toward his initial treatment and is asking its individual members to contribute further.

Others outside our congregation may also wish to help financially. Our Council has recently approved a new fund for the exclusive purpose of contributing toward Pastor Karp's medical expenses. If you would like to contribute to this fund, either make checks payable to "St. Stephen Lutheran Church" and in the memo section of the check, write "St. Stephen Medical Fund" and mail them to: St. Stephen Lutheran Church 21290 Birch Street Hayward, CA 94541

(Or make them out to Peace Thru Christ and in the memo section write "St. Stephen Medical Fund" and our treasurer will send the amounts on.) May we also continue to make appeals to God in prayer that He would remove this infirmity from Pastor Karp, for as James says, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16) Sincerely in Christ, Timothy Blank, President of St. Stephen Lutheran Church of the East Bay

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Scripture Readings:

I Kings 12:1-17

Rehoboam was the son of the wisest man, Solomon, yet he did not inherit his father's wisdom. Neither wisdom nor faith runs in the blood. Wisdom does not always depend on age, or on the years of education, but the Lord through Solomon says "the fear (reverence) of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." Rehoboam showed that he despised his LORD by being overly harsh to his people, not serving them out of love. The results are disastrous, for this once great kingdom of David and Solomon becomes a divided kingdom!

1 And Rehoboam went to Shechem, for all Israel had gone to Shechem to make him king. 2 So it happened, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard it (he was still in Egypt, for he had fled from the presence of King Solomon and had been dwelling in Egypt), 3 that they sent and called him. Then Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel came and spoke to Rehoboam, saying, 4 "Your father made our yoke heavy; now therefore, lighten the

burdensome service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put on us, and we will serve you." 5 So he said to them, "Depart for three days, then come back to me." And the people departed. 6 Then King Rehoboam consulted the elders who stood before his father Solomon while he still lived, and he said, "How do you advise me to answer these people?" 7 And they spoke to him, saying, "If you will be a servant to these people today, and serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever." 8 But he rejected the advice which the elders had given him, and consulted the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. 9 And he said to them, "What advice do you give? How should we answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, 'Lighten the yoke which your father put on us?'" 10 Then the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, "Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter on us—thus you shall say to them: 'My little finger shall be thicker than my father's waist! 11 And now, whereas my father put a heavy yoke on you, I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!'" 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had directed, saying, "Come back to me the third day." 13 Then the king answered the people roughly, and rejected the advice which the elders had given him; 14 and he spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scourges!" 15 So the king did not listen to the people; for the turn of events was from the LORD, that He might fulfill His word, which the LORD had spoken by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 16 Now when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying: "What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now, see to your own house, O David!" So Israel departed to their tents. 17 But Rehoboam reigned over the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah.

II Timothy 4:1-5

May we be faithful preachers of God's Word, not compromising the truth to satisfy our hearts. May we also be faithful hearers not satisfied with anything but the truth from God's Word.

1 I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge

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CLC NEWS:

St. 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.

Pastor Kevin McKenney, Faith, Cambridge has experienced another setback in his battle against MS. He has been taken off his previous medication and has been placed on a different kind of medication, which is a once per month IV treatment. This new treatment can have some serious, negative side effects so he will be closely watched for several months. The family thanks everyone for their prayers and asks that they continue to bring those prayers to our Heavenly Physician on Pastor McKenney's behalf.

LENTEN WORSHIP:

33 souls came last Wednesday to hear about how our Savior was rejected and suffered at the hands of the world. Pilate knew that Jesus was innocent but he still condemned Him. He rejected the truth that Jesus proclaimed to him. The world today still rejects the truth of God's Word. They care more about themselves. The temptation is also there for us to think that there is no absolute

truth. Where in the world is God in our Savior's rejection by the world? He is found in His Word of truth. Even though the Word is rejected by the world, it never changes, it remains true. You are invited to come this Wednesday to hear about our Savior's stumbling (Mark 15:17-21). Pastor Lawrence Bade will be preaching.

This year's theme is: Where in the world is God...?

March 10 In the Savior's stumbling (Mark 15:17-21)---Preacher: Pastor Bade

March 17 In the Savior's sighs (Luke. 22:39-46)---Preacher: Dave Baker

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?

Maundy 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.

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PEACE THRU CHRIST LUTHERAN WELCOMES YOU!

We are grateful to our Lord that you are worshiping your Savior-God with us today. It is His Word that is most important for us to hear. You will not find politically correct or incorrect preaching here, but an expounding of God’s inerrant, infallible, verbally inspired Word. It is the Law and the Gospel in the Word that God uses to work His wonder of conviction, repentance and conversion of the heart. We pray that you come again to hear His powerful Word. Please also sign our guest register.

This Week:
Before Church:
Sunday School: Mary and Martha
Bible Class: A study on Apologetics—Guest Presenter Mr. Jamie Arndt
Today 11:15 a.m. Choir/Church Council
Monday 17:00 p.m. B.O.C.E.
Tuesday 10:30 a.m. Bible Class at Oak Park Place/Walnut Grove
Wednesday
 7:00 p.m. Lent IV—
 Pastor Lawrence Bade
 8:15 p.m. Choir
Fri-Sun CLC Grade School B.B. Tournament at ILC
Friday NO SCHOOL
Next Sunday
 9:00 a.m. S.S./Bible Class
 10:00 a.m. Family Worship
 11:15 a.m. Choir

Saturday Daylight Savings Time Begins--Spring Ahead

LAST SUNDAY:
 Worship 50 S.S. 9 Bible Class 16 Lent III 33
IN YOUR MAILBOX:
 March Calendar & Newsletter, Academic Center Update
TACO SUPPER SIGN-UP: If you are planning on coming to the Taco Supper Wednesday, March 17th, please sign the sheet in the entry-way. Supper will run from 5:30-6:40 p.m.
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.

OFFERINGS 2/28 & 3/3 for Unified Budget: \$2,398
 Pastor Karp \$50 • CBP—Cooperative Budget Plan \$30 • Benevolence Fund \$25

	Month of February			Year-To-Date		
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Actual	Budget	Variance
Offerings	8,672	9,200	(528)	17,832	19,700	(1,868)
Expenses	10,203	10,635	(432)	19,651	20,222	(571)
Income in excess of (less than) expenses	(1,531)	(1,435)	(96)	(1,819)	(522)	(1,297)

the living and the dead at His appearing and His kingdom: 2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching. 3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; 4 and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables. 5 But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

The Sermon: read sermons at www.middletonlutheran.org

Sermon Text: I Kings 12:25-33

THEME: THE SIN OF JEROBOAM

I: NOT TRUSTING IN GOD’S PROMISES.

II. CHANGING GOD’S WORD TO SUIT HIS OWN DESIRES.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the mountains of Ephraim, and dwelt there. Also he went out from there and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, “Now the kingdom may return to the house of David: 27 If these people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then the heart of this people will turn back to their lord, Rehoboam king of Judah, and they will kill me and go back to Rehoboam king of Judah.” 28 Therefore the king asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, “It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!” 29 And he set up one in Bethel, and the other he put in Dan. 30 Now this thing became a sin, for the people went to worship before the one as far as Dan. 31 He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi. 32 Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, like the feast that was in Judah, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made. 33 So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised in his own heart. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.