

Luther Memorial Church & School

"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Hebrews 13:8



**10am New Year's Day Song Service:
Trusting in God for this year as well...**

Pre-service devotion: Praise God for His Love - Psalm 103 (TLH pg.145)

The Order of Worship / Song Service – As follows

OPENING HYMN: #36 [Red Hymnal]

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: We begin this New Year, worshipping our Lord God, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Sing 🎵 #716:1 **Now greet the swiftly changing year
With joy and penitence sincere.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.**

Confession and Absolution of Sins

Pastor: As we begin this New Year, let us sorrowfully confess our sins before God, who searches the heart:

Do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserve His wrath and punishment? Then declare so by saying: I do confess.

Congregation: I do confess.

P: Surely, you should confess; for the Word of God declares: *“If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.”*

Sing 🎵 #716:2 **Remember now the Son of God
And how He shed His infant blood.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.**

P: Do you repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed, as well as the sin of failing to do what God expects to be done? Then declare so by saying: I do repent.

Congregation: I do repent.

P: Surely, you should repent, as did the penitent sinners: King David, who prayed for a sorrowful heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and many others.

Sing 🎵 #716:3 **This Jesus came to end sin’s war;
This Name of names for us He bore.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.**

P: Do you believe that God, through His undeserved grace and love for us, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all your sins? Then declare so by saying: I do believe.

Congregation: I do believe.

P: Surely, you should believe, Scripture declares: “God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

Sing 🎵 #716:4 **His love abundant far exceeds
The volume of a whole year’s needs.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.**

P: Do you promise that with the help of the Holy Spirit, you hope to amend your sinful life? Then declare so by saying: I do promise.

Congregation: **I do promise.**

P: Surely, you should promise, for Christ, the Lord, says: “Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Sing 🎵 #716:5 **With Him as Lord to lead our way
In want and in prosperity,
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.**

P: Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins? Then declare so by saying: By the grace of my Lord Christ Jesus, I do believe.

Congregation: **By the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ, I do believe.**

P: As you believe, even so may it be done for you. On this confession of your sins, I announce the grace and peace of God to you, and by the authority and command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

Sing 🎵 #716:6 **“All glory be to God on high,
And peace on earth!” the angels cry.
Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace
Another year of grace.**

OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH ~ 1ST ARTICLE AND EXPLANATION

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has
given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily
members, my mind, and all my senses and still keeps
them for me. God also preserves me by richly and daily**

providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.

I believe God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Sing 🎵 #716:7 God, Father, Son, and Spirit, hear!
To all our pleas incline Your ear;
Upon our lives rich blessing trace
In this new year of grace.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Individual PRE/POST Communion Prayer: pg. 118 [Red Hymnal]

Institution of the Lord's Supper

COMMUNION HYMN: #315 [Red Hymnal]

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

Our practice of Communion (see blue handout in entryway track rack)

We believe that God desires full unity of faith and confession among all who commune together. All communicant members of Luther Memorial and of our sister congregations in the CLC (Church of the Lutheran Confession) are welcome at the Lord's Table. If there are visitors present who wish to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor following the service, we'd love to have you!

SONG SERVICE [Choose a favorite Hymn from TLH or WS]

OUR OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS TO THE LORD

"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." ~ 2 Corinthians 9:7

WE GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD: [Red Hymnal #400:1,6]

Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love, my Lord, I pour, At Thy feet its treasure-store;
Take myself, and I will be, Ever, only, all, for Thee.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS ~ GENERAL PRAYER ~ LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

The blessing given by God for the blessing of His people (Numbers 6:24-26).

P: The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: #283 [Red Hymnal]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luther Memorial Church & School ~134 21st Street, Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Welcome to all! Guests, please sign our guest book in entryway and we hope you will come and join us again! Questions? (920) 922-7421

Visit us on the web at: www.fdllutheran.org

Pastor Neal Radichel Principle David Bernthal

Teacher Anita Meyer Teacher Amy Osborne

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE *"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that."* James 4:15

Today: 10am New Year's Day Song Service w/Communion

NO Youth/Adult CHOIR– practice after service

NO Chimers tonight (because of the holiday)

4pm Appleton Bible Study / **5pm** Worship Service

Mon: LMS NO SCHOOL

Tues: **LMS resumes**

NO Ladies meeting tonight

Thur: **9am** Woman's Bible Reading (Acts)

Fri: **7pm** LMS Gym Night @ Theisen

Sun: **9am** Study/Sunday School **10am** Worship (TLH)

School Committee (following service)

NO Youth/Adult CHOIR– resume following week

Upcoming: **1pm** Annual Voters Meeting on January 15th

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.

Psalms 100:2

CHURCH CLEANERS NEEDED! The 2012 church cleaner's calendar is up in the entryway on the bulletin board. Please take a look and see what month would work for you to volunteer. Let's keep God's house looking sharp and ready to use for our worship of Christ our Savior!

CHURCH COUNCIL WORK

Dear Friends and members of Luther Memorial congregation,

I wanted to inform you of the actions that the Church Council took last Tuesday eve. With the membership surveys in hand we reached at great length the decision to recommend to the voters at our Annual meeting that for the 2012/2013 school we should go to 2 ½ teachers. We did not make any recommendations as to which teachers should stay full time and who should go or be asked to go part time. We also have decided that Pastor's family should find insurance thru Badger care and Mr. Bernthal's to go on his wife's insurance for 2012. We estimate these savings to amount to near \$30,000 to \$35,000 for the fiscal year of 2012. This is a way that we

can reduce our costs and still maintain our outstanding staff of called workers!

Jim Fillmore, LM Chairman

*NOTE: Council minutes for December are on the entryway table.

CLC NEWS: Pastor David Koenig has announced that he will be retiring from his full-time overseas missionary call. He feels that it is time for a younger man to take up the work in India. He has agreed to continue in the work until someone accepts the call to replace him. He has also agreed to work with the new missionary to help him get adjusted to the work and responsibilities in India. Pastor Koenig has also indicated that he would be willing to serve in short term efforts overseas as the Lord wills. We thank the Lord the Church for Pastor Koenig's zeal and strength as He has used Dave to pursue our outreach opportunities not only in India but in Africa and Myanmar as well as other areas. The Lord has remarkably opened doors in area where we least expected them.

<> The CLC Board of Missions has extended a divine call to the Rev. Michael Gurath to serve as full-time foreign missionary to fill the position that was held by Missionary David Koenig who has announced his retirement. This call will include work in both India and East Africa. He is now living in the Phoenix area but is currently not serving under a call.

THE LM CALLED WORKERS (Miss Meyer, the Osbornes, the Bernthals and the Radichels) would like to express their deep thanks and appreciation for all the Christmas gifts that were so graciously given. The support and encouragement is a tremendous blessing as we all continue to work together to support the Gospel Christ's Kingdom! The Lord continue to richly bless you and keep you all in His care!

FROM Miss Meyer... "I would like to thank everyone for the prayers for my father and our family during this difficult time. God has truly answered many of our prayers and has granted us a peace and strength as well as many miracles. I also appreciate all those who sent cards and words of encouragement and helped out in my classroom for the days I was unable to teach. It was a blessing that I was able to be with my mother and family. I ask that you would continue to keep us in your prayers as my father continues dealing with the treatments and the uncertainties of this disease. God's blessings in the New Year!"

CLC WOMANS RETREAT will be held April 13-15th in La Crosse, WI. Fliers are available for pick up on the entryway table with more information. What a wonderful opportunity provided to gather with fellow Christian women and support each other with God's Word!

EXTRA CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES – Stock up for next year! Bernice Mueller has a number of boxes of a dozen of nice Christmas cards at a very good price of \$3-4.00 dollars per box.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS can be recycled in the red bin in the entryway. The cards are sent overseas and are happily used there!

Witnessing idea for the week:

Lord, grant to Your servants that with all boldness we may speak Your word. (Acts 4:29)

EXTRA Christmas cards...

We may not think of it as it comes up, but all the cards and Christmas letters we write to others is a perfect opportunity to spread and share the Christmas joy and cheer of our faith and hope in the promised Savior.

What do I say or write?

Share what you believe. Share the Word of God.

“But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.”

Galatians 4:4-5

THIS SUNDAY Usher Team 1 = Lowell Boelk, Rodney Kern, John Scheberl, Larry Stubbs, Craig Youngerberg **Organist: Mrs. Eserhut**

NEXT SUNDAY Usher Team 2 = Don Seibel, Ed Jacobs, Gene Mielke, Don Gescheidle, Ron Snow **Organist: Mrs. Fillmore**

