

ST. LUKE'S EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH 9:30 a.m.

208 11th Street E.

Lemmon, SD 57638

We are affiliated with the Church of the Lutheran Confession (CLC).

Richard Kanzenbach

Pastor

12th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY FESTIVAL

Ruth Wiechmann, organist

August 22, 2021

WELCOME!

“Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man’s sake. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy” (Luke 6:22). “Woe to you, when all men speak well of you, for so did their fathers to the false prophets” (Luke 6:26).

Hymn 544 While Yet the Morn Is Breaking!

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EPISTLE: II Corinthians 3:4-12. Paul spoke about his labors in the New Testament ministry of Christ. His ability to serve in this ministry was not from himself, but from God. The focus of his message was not the “letter” of the Old Testament Law--which demands perfection and, if not, then Death. Paul’s preaching in the New Testament ministry brought life, freedom, and forgiveness through faith in Christ! It brought Spirit and life to hearts instead of condemnation and death. It brought a willingness to obey the Lord with love, not out of compulsion or fear. The New Testament ministry in Christ far surpasses that of the Old. The Old pointed to the need for Christ and foreshadowed His coming with salvation.

GOSPEL Mark 7:31-37 A man who was deaf and mute was brought to Jesus for healing. Visually, Jesus communicated to the man that He was about to act in his behalf. He touched the man’s ears, touched the man’s tongue, and looking heavenward with a visible sigh said, “Be opened!” It was so! The Savior from sin can do all things. Trust Him.

Hymn 778 Grace Has a Thrilling Sound!

SERMON: ACTS 8:9-24

THE “LETTER” KILLS, BUT THE SPIRIT GIVES LIFE Simon the Sorcerer

But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the great power of God.” And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time. But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized. Then Simon himself also believed; and when he was baptized he continued with Philip, and was amazed, seeing the miracles and signs which were done.

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money, saying, “Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.” But Peter said to him, “Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money! You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.” Then Simon answered and said, “Pray to the Lord for me, that none of the things which you have spoken may come upon me.”

Prayers and Lord’s Prayer

Hymn 417 vv. 1-5 How Can I Thank Thee Lord?!

Benediction

Hymn 417 vv. 6-7 How Can I Thank Thee Lord?!

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ST. LUKE’S VIDEOS OF SERVICES: If you are unable to be at worship, please find our service at St. Luke’s Facebook page.

SCHEDULE:

08/22 9:30 Worship

08/29 9:30 Worship

09/05 **10:30** Worship with Communion **9:30** Bible Cl. & Sun. Sch.

09/07 – 09/09 Tuesday-Thursday. West Central Pastors' Conference,
Berea, Sioux Falls, SD

WORSHIP SERVICE TIME CHANGE: Please note, in September we return to 10:30 worship, beginning Sunday, 9/5. Bible Class and Sunday School will be held at 9:30. Thank you.

IS THERE INTEREST IN A CHURCH FELLOWSHIP MEAL?

Are any interested in a church “grill-out” fellowship meal after service on Sunday, September 19? Today we are simply trying to determine how much interest there is. No commitments are asked! Please sign your name on the interest sheet in the entry area. Thank you.

IMMANUEL’S OPENING SERVICE: The opening worship service for Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary is being held today at 3 pm, at the campus fieldhouse. This service will also include the installation of Professor David Schaller. For details, see ilc.edu. May the Lord richly bless the upcoming year as the students grow in the truth of God's saving Word!

CHURCH CLEANING: Thank you!

August: Rhonda Tomac.

September: V. Peterson, E. Wiechmann, R. Schweitzer, E. Larson.

FALL PASTORS CONFERENCE: This fall the West Central Pastors Conference will meet Tuesday-Thursday, September 7-9, at Berea, Sioux Falls, SD. Pastor Cory Drehle is pastor at Berea.

CALL NEWS:

Pastor Aaron Ude, Rapid City, SD has returned the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Saint Louis, MO.

Pastor Ben Libby, Tacoma, WA, has received the call to Redeemer Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, WY.

Mr. Michael Sprengeler, Denver, CO, formerly a CLC pastor, has received the call to Redeemer, Bowdle, SD, and Zion, Ipswich, SD.

Mrs. Louise Mayhew, Valentine, NE, has received the call to serve a one-year, part-time call, teaching the upper grades at Grace, Valentine, NE.

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CLC WORLD MISSIONS PRAYER LIST August 22, 2021

Afghanistan – The threat of physical persecution, even death, faces Christians under the new Taliban rule. Christians are considered infidels (unfaithful). Although our CLC is not working in Afghanistan, we **pray** for protection and strength for the Christians. May the Lord grant them wisdom and discernment as they make decisions for themselves, their families, and fellow believers.

Nigeria – Mark Bohde and Missionary Ohlmann will travel to Nigeria on September 2nd to conduct a pastoral training seminar. **Ask** the Lord to bless the travels of all who attend and bless the teaching and learning of His saving Word.

Myanmar – The situation in Myanmar after the military coup has not improved and in many ways has gotten worse with a third wave of Covid which has hit Myanmar very hard. Reports indicate that the military government is withholding Covid vaccines, treatments, and even oxygen supplies as a way to control the people. The CLC Board of Missions has been trying to find a way to send financial resources, Kinship sponsorships for the children, and Covid relief aid to our brothers and sisters in Christ who are suffering. **Pray** for all Christians in Myanmar, especially for the brothers and sisters of our fellowship in Yangon, Kalaymyo, and Chin State. **Pray** that God’s word will have free course to strengthen and encourage faith and hope in Christ and to draw many more to Jesus during these uncertain times and always.

India – Pastor T. Sampath’s heart surgery was successful. By God’s grace, he is getting stronger and is expected to return to his work soon. **Pray** that the Lord would continue to bless his recovery and to provide strength and comfort for him, his family, and the many souls that he serves with the Gospel.

Nepal – The “school and home” building project has been further delayed due to new Covid restrictions. Ask the Lord to grant patience to Raju and his family, and the students, and to bless the teaching of His Word at this new building.

Nepal 2022 Mission Helper Trip – The CLC Mission Helper Trip scheduled July of 2022 awaits travel clearance. International travel to Nepal is currently not permitted. There is no indication when travel may resume. Our brothers and sisters in Christ in Nepal are eager for the Mission Helper Teams to come and have asked that we make every effort to do so. **Pray** that our Savior will clear any obstacles according to His will.

Tanzania – The Wartburg Lutheran Seminary in Arusha has held classes uninterrupted for the most part through the pandemic. Students are preparing for their final exams and are scheduled to graduate and be ordained as Tanzania-CLC pastors in November. **Thank the Lord** for His protection of students, teachers, and staff through the challenges of the past year, and ask for the Lord’s continued blessings as they finish their formal studies for the Gospel ministry.

---Pastor Todd Ohlmann, C LC Visiting Missionary