

The Baptism of Our Lord

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED

GUESTS! Have you ever thought about how powerful fear and worry are in our lives? Fear takes hold. It ties us in knots and refuses to let us go. Jesus has the power to release us from their captivity. "Fear not," He says to His redeemed people! "You are Mine."

NOTE TO OUR GUESTS: Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. Non-alcoholic white wine is available in the center of the tray.

VISION STATEMENT: Christ Lutheran Church will continue its Christ-centered, life directed focus, responding to the needs of its members, emphasizing local and worldwide witness, and acting as a catalyst for the improvement of the neighborhood.

Hymns: 605, 392, 606, 629, 622, 702
Liturgy: Special Service Folder
The First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7page 603
The Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11.....page 942
The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22.....page 858
Sermon: Rev. Karl Eckhoff
" Fear Nots for the Fear Knots " Isaiah 43:1-7

CHECK OUT THE CHRIST LUTHERAN FACEBOOK PAGE AND "LIKE" US TO STAY INVOLVED AND INFORMED.

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Mike Fritch
ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Mike Lelm and Mike Fritch

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Tom and Connie Trunk.

ACOLYTES: Ethan Kizer and Lucas Whalen
NEXT SUNDAY: Elizabeth Stenger and Alayna Rudebeck

USHERS FOR JANUARY: Team #2 (Samuel-Hannah and Team #4 (Simeon-Anna).

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$10,423.00; Improvement Fund: \$212.00. Attendance: 120. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 5, 3rd-7th 5, 8th-HS 5, Adults 46, Visitors 0, Total 61.

THIS IS THE 2nd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are placed today by Wilma Ogden, given to the glory of God and in celebration of Debra Kay Ogden's 30th birthday.

HOSPITALIZED:
CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Phyllis Wendland, Gerald Wendland, Don Sparks, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Al Garman, Donna Gogele, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Diane Hume, Kamron Lightbody, Donald Anderson, for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, for Christians being persecuted worldwide. THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU that if you wish to have your prayer request added to the Christ Lutheran Prayer Chain, please contact either the church office (637-5309 or laura@berkshier.net) or our Lay Minister, Reg Lee (678-4764 or fbrd2002@comcast.net).

LUTHERAN WATCH IS COMING! WATCH #43 will be held March 1-3, 2019 at the Spalding Renewal Center. Registration forms are available in the church office. Cost is \$100 for the weekend, and assistance is available should you need it. For more information, you can contact Barb O'Dell at (309)635-7962 or Pastor.

CLYF, OPEN GYM IS TODAY!! - There will be open gym alongside the football playoffs TODAY at CLS. Time is 3:00. There will be snacks, pizza, drinks and games. There is no cost.

For more info, check with Christel VandeVoorde, Joe Rudebeck or Pastor.

TITHING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are available in the annex this morning. PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFORMATION ON THE LABEL and make sure it is correct. This information is what will be listed in the coming church directory. If you don't see your envelopes, please contact the church office at 637-5309.

A NEW FLOWER CHART has been posted in the annex for this year, so families may sign up to provide flowers for the altar each Sunday. If you have any questions, please call Christel VandeVoorde at 267-3053.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - Being wise stewards of the money God entrusts to us means that we develop a discipline for saving money. However, it is possible to evolve from being a disciplined and prudent saver to a "compulsive" saver. You may save your whole life for that proverbial rainy day. If you become overly afraid of material insecurity, you'll tend to hoard sums of money, becoming miserly and selfish. If you save only for the purpose of amassing money, you may turn into a modern day "Rich Fool" (Luke 12:13-21). When saving becomes an end rather than a means to reach your financial goals, your money will not be spent for the purpose God gave it to you in the first place, which is to use in service to Him as a means to help those in need and to extend His kingdom.

JESUS AT THE MOVIES - On Saturday, January 26th from 2-5 PM, come join in the fun and fellowship as we watch "The Incredibles" for our first "Jesus at the Movies"! There will be popcorn and soda, so bring a friend to enjoy the free movie!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR The much awaited annual pancake and sausage supper is coming soon. Save Saturday, March 23rd from 4:00-6:30 for delicious potato pancakes, regular pancakes, and sausages. Join us for great food and fellowship!

DID YOU KNOW... Christ Lutheran Church had a very active Men's Club at one time. There used to be an annual rabbit fry for the congregation, provided that Rollie Grebe, Al Whitehead, Alan Jass, Fred Rosenbush and Lloyd Von Behren would bag enough rabbits in Missouri on their yearly hunting trip. In addition, there was an annual homemade sauerkraut meal that many of our German descendants looked forward to. In 2014, Larry Von Behren held a Rib and Sauerkraut dinner in honor of that tradition as a fundraiser for our youth. Submitted by Larry Von Behren and Mike Lelm

JESUS TELLS US TO BE PREPARED for Him to come and take us home! Have you thought about preparing for your final resting place? Did you know that Christ Lutheran and Trinity Lutheran Churches jointly own and operate Lutheran Cemetery to assist you and your family in making arrangements? Visit your Lutheran Cemetery. See how we might help you. And check out the newly created guardian angel that overlooks the grounds from the hill.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES The school and preschool have some opportunities for volunteers. A gift of your time and talents would be greatly appreciated! If you are willing to help in some way, please call the school office 637-1512.

PUBLICATIONS you used to receive by mail or at church are not being printed but are available online at NO COST to you. The Gatepost – our CID newsletter – can be found at <http://www.cidlcms.org/gatepost.html>. The Reporter – The Official Newspaper of the LCMS - can be found at <https://blogs.lcms.org/reporter>. Past issues of The Lutheran Witness can also be found at <https://blogs.lcms.org/category/lutheran-witness>.

NEW DIRECTORY COMING SOON We would like to publish a new church directory by the end of next month. There are many of you who have discontinued using a landline phone or have changed your email addresses. Please give updated address, phone numbers and emails for the directory on attendance cards. Digital copies will be emailed, and printed copies will be available on request.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the The Second Sunday after the Epiphany:

The First Lesson: Isaiah 62:1-5
 The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 The Holy Gospel: John 2:1-11

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (JAN 14 – JAN 20)

MON 1/14: Bell Choir6:45 PM
TUE 1/15:
WED 1/16: Chapel..... 10:00 AM
 Confirmation6:00 PM
 Adult Choir 7:00 PM
THU 1/17: Anniversary Committee..... 11:30 AM
FRI 1/18:
SAT 1/19:
SUN 1/20: Holy Communion 9:00 AM
 Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM
 LWML Bake Sale

2019 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST	
Albert-Rayford – Cleveland	Ralph Teske
Closen – Fredericks	Tommie Washington
Frederking – Kirkwood	Kirk Wessler
Kisler – Mills.....	Terry Mooney, Jr.
Minassian – Roth.....	Mike Fritch
Rudebeck – Tosch	Joshua Eckhoff
Traenkenschuh – Zentko	Gary Heinz