

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

The new life in Christ we have been given is full of blessings, peace, and joy. But this new life is not without its challenges to be lived out in this world. Left on our own, we think enemies deserve retaliation and words of judgment. But in Christ we have been given a new heart and spirit.

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: 613; 409; 620; 706; 750; 814
Liturgy: Special Service Folder
The First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-15 .....page 39
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42.page 961
The Holy Gospel: Luke 6:27-38.....page 862
Adult Bell Choir: Lord Lead Us Still, Come Dine with Me
Sermon: Rev. Karl Eckhoff
'It's Quite the Story' ..... Genesis 45:3-15

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

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Kirk Wessler
ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Kirk Wessler, Josh Eckhoff, Tommie Washington

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Dwayne and Karol Allen.

ACOLYTES: Harlon Foote and Joe Lamberti
NEXT SUNDAY: Avery and Oliver Rosenbohm

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY: Team #1 (Aaron-Miriam and Team #3 (Zechariah-Elizabeth).

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,010.07; MTD: \$25,501.07; Improvement Fund: \$50.00; MTD: \$630.00. Attendance: 134. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 6, 3rd-7th 8, 8th-HS 6, Adults 40, Visitors 4, Total 64.

THIS IS THE 8th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED:
CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Al Garman, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Diane Hume, Donald Anderson, for the family of Phyllis Wendland, who passed away last Sunday, 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).

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God and in celebration of Abraham McIntosh's 5th birthday by his family.

CLYF EVENT NEWS! CLYF will be going roller-skating at Planet X Roller Rink in Pekin TODAY from 2-4 PM. Skating cost and drinks are provided. If you need a ride, please see Joe Rudebeck, Christel VandeVoorde or Pastor. Also, save the date for CLYF OPEN GYM on Sunday, March 10th. More details on this event to come...

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.

GET THOSE APPETITES READY!! - The 47th Annual Pancake Supper will be March 23. Prices remain at \$7 adults, \$4 students. Proceeds go toward the music programs at Christ Lutheran...adult choir, adult bell choir & praise band.

LAST CALL FOR NEW DIRECTORY!! 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. Please indicate on your attendance card if you would like a printed copy of the directory. Directories will be available March 3rd.

THE TWO-DAY INSPIRE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE is being held March 29th & 30th at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Peoria, IL. Our featured speaker is Renee Bondi who will share her story of God's faithfulness after a life-changing moment left her a quadriplegic, along with comedian Jeremy Nunes who will entertain us with his clean and witty humor. Register online at redeemerlutheran.com/conference or by mailing the brochure which can be found outside the church office. We look forward to sharing this time with you!

FINDING SPRING AGAIN is a free educational grief seminar offered by UnityPoint Hospice-Peoria, to persons experiencing the pain of loss of a loved one. The seminar will take place Thursday, March 7th from 5:30 -7:30 PM at the Methodist Atrium Conference Room, 900 Main Street, Peoria, IL. Please RSVP by March 5 to (309)672-5746.

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLAR DEADLINE Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have available Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2019 to direct them. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend that Thrivent Financial provide outreach funding to our church or school! Go to thrivent.com/thriventchoice to designate or learn more. You can also call (800)847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

**DID YOU KNOW** – Christ Lutheran used to have their annual church picnic at Trewyn Park. The students of the school would march there waving American flags (it was a l-o-n-g walk). The women would prepare a wonderful evening meal and the students would be given tickets for free lemonade, etc. Submitted by Donna Wenzel Johnston, CLS 1937-1945

**DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION** from our past that you would like to share? The anniversary committee is looking for your stories and memories. They can be from anytime in our past, recent or long ago. Please write them down and give to Rae Ann or email them to layloraeann@yahoo.com. Then watch the bulletin each week for your entry.

**THE WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS**, we utilized our pantry goods along with 25 grocery bags full of items from Redeemer to help our school gift food to 25 families. We are now in need of replenishing our pantry for our ongoing needs. We appreciate any nonperishable food items, such as canned vegetables, canned meats, ready to eat chili, ravioli, soups, boxed pastas, cereal, baby food or formula, diapers and paper products. Thank you for your continued support of those in need.

**PLEASE BE SURE TO PICK UP** your year-end statements! They will be available in the church annex until the end of the month. Also, **CHURCH OFFERING ENVELOPES** will be available in the annex. After the 24<sup>th</sup>, they will be available in the church office.

**CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES**, along with the congregational meeting minutes, are available in the church office for anyone to read or to obtain a copy.

**LWML...THE MONTHLY MITE COLLECTION** will be taken before worship next Sunday. Your contributions benefit many mission projects, both locally and nationally. In 2018, we collected \$1,310.22! All donations are greatly appreciated!

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Transfiguration of Our Lord:

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
The Second Lesson: Hebrews 3:1-6  
The Holy Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (FEB 25 – MAR 3)**

**MON 2/25:** Bell Choir .....6:45 PM  
**TUE 2/26:**  
**WED 2/27** Lifelight ..... 8:30 AM  
Chapel..... 10:00 AM  
Confirmation .....6:00 PM  
Adult Choir ..... NOON  
**THU 2/28:** Quilting..... 11:30 AM  
Lifelight @ Rewinkels' .....7:00 PM  
LSA State Basketball Tournament thru Sunday  
**FRI 3/1:**  
**SAT 3/2:**  
**SUN 3/3:** Holy Communion ..... 9:00 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM  
CLYF Bake Sale  
CLYF to Planet X Roller Rink .....2:00 PM  
Lifelight @ Schneiders' .....6:00 PM

**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