

First Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS! Jesus gives us a new command this morning. Love one another. But what’s new is not the command so much as the reason and cause for our love.

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: 727, 706, 637, 570, 420, 700 vs. 1, 4
Liturgy: Worship Folder
Epistle: Romans 10:8b–13.....page 946
The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:1–13.....page 859
Organist: Mrs. Connie Bremer
Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff
“Love One Another” John 13:31-35

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

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Josh Eckhoff
ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Josh Eckhoff, Tommie Washington, Terry Mooney, Jr.

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Bill and Judy Nelson.

ACOLYTES: Levi and Laney Hall

NEXT SUNDAY:

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$10,017.00; Improvement Fund: \$25.00. Attendance: 139. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 5, 3rd-7th 5, 8th-HS 6, Adults 39, Visitors 1. Total 56.

THIS IS THE 10th 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, Christel VandeVoorde, 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).

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.

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!

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.

AN FYI REGARDING THE SANCTUARY SCREENS – The service is posted on the screens each Sunday, but if you have issues seeing the screen, a printed copy of special worship services is available by request from a greeter.

A NEW FLOWER CHART has been posted in the annex, so families may sign up to provide flowers for the altar each Sunday. There are plenty of Sundays left to provide flowers, and if you have any questions, you can call Christel VandeVoorde at 267-3053.

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP The waffle bar returns... Sunday March 31st immediately following the service in the Parish Hall. This is a 5th Sunday event made available by the 125th Anniversary Committee. A free will basket will be available for your gifts with all proceeds going toward the remodel of our Parish Hall restrooms. No Sunday School classes will be held. The new kitchen will be dedicated that Sunday as well. Please plan to join us and praise God for all the blessings given to our church for 125 years!

CLYF OPEN GYM TODAY – Open gym will be held today at the school gym from 3:00-6:00 PM. There will be pizza, soda and snacks and fellowship! See Pastor, Joe Rudebeck or Christel VandeVoorde if you have any questions.

LWML BIRTHDAY DINNER The annual LWML Birthday Dinner will be held Saturday, April 6th. Mark your calendars!

NEW DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS (for printed copies) – Larry and Lin VonBehren’s phone number is (309)360-4305. Patty Smith’s email is pattae61604@comcast.net. Jim Grebe’s email is jgrebe@hgsuw.com. Shirley Swanson’s address is 1920 W. Willow Knolls (Apt. # is the same); her phone # is (309)403-6276. Kathy Traenkenschuh’s email is ktraenk@comcast.net.

TO PLACE EASTER LILIES on the altar for Easter Sunday, contact Christel VandeVoorde (267-3053). The cost this year is \$9. Christel needs your order by April 14th.

DID YOU KNOW – That communion used to be offered only once a month in the morning service and once at an evening vesper service. There was a separate short service prior to the communion service, during which the congregation kneeled, facing the pew, for the absolution of sin. When participating in communion, you received the host at the left side of the altar, then went behind the altar and received the wine on the right side.

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.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK all who contributed for the Butch's pizza fundraiser which will help replace some track uniforms. I would especially like to thank the crew of ladies that came in and helped put the orders together. ~ *Ralph Teske*

ST. PETER'S EVENTS – St. Peter's is hosting a trivia night on **March 15th** @ 6:30 PM. Team registration is \$15 per person (\$20 per couple) with a 6 player max per team. Proceeds go to St Peter's Mission Ministry. On **April 6th** from 5:00-7:00 PM, St. Peter's will host their Chicken Noodle Dinner. Children and Seniors are \$6, Adults 12 and up are \$8 or \$25 per family. Proceeds benefit the youth ministry.

STUDENTS IN SUNDAY SCHOOL explore the story "Jesus Clears the Temple." Jesus cleansing of the temple carries a twofold message for the Jews and for us; first, that the true Lord of the temple was here in the flesh, and second and more important, that Jesus is the true temple, who houses and perfects us, raising our bodies to be like His. Parents could ask, "Why did Jesus clear the temple? How is Jesus our temple?"

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – By the Spirit's power, we live in an intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father. No longer intent on serving ourselves, we realize that God pours out His blessings on us in order that we might pass His blessings on to others. When we stay in close fellowship with Jesus through his Word and Sacrament, He will use us as His channels through whom His blessings flow. We are blessed to be a blessing. Through our faithful service to others, we are filled with His love and peace.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Second Sunday in Lent:

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 26:8-15
The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17-4:1
The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAR 11 – MAR 17)

MON 3/11: Bell Choir6:45 PM
TUE 3/12: Church Council.....6:30 PM
WED 3/13 Lifelight 8:30 AM
Chapel..... 10:00 AM
Confirmation6:00 PM
Adult Choir7:00 PM
THU 3/14: Quilting.....NOON
Lifelight @ Rewinkels'7:00 PM
FRI 3/15:
SAT 3/16:
SUN 3/17: Holy Communion 9:00 AM
Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM
LWML Bake Sale
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