

Second Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

As we struggle to understand and do God’s will Jesus bids us today to watch Him fulfill it and to pray for God’s strength that we might do the same.

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.

<u>Hymns:</u> Song Sheet
<u>Liturgy:</u> Corporate Confession.....p. 290
<u>The First Lesson:</u> Psalm 4
<u>The Holy Gospel:</u> Matthew 26:35-41.....page 832
<u>Sermon:</u> Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff “Watch and Pray”Matthew 26:35-41

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

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Tommie Washington
ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Beth Bennett and Bonnie Caughey.

ACOLYTES:
NEXT SUNDAY: Ethan Kizer and Lucas Whalen

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$7,005.00; MTD: \$17,022.00. Improvement Fund: \$39.00; MTD: \$64.00 Attendance: 160. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 6, 3rd-7th 5, 8th-HS 5, Adults 48, Visitors 2. Total 66.

THIS IS THE 11th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED: OSF – Bill Whitby, *Methodist* – Jim Gulley

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Diane Hume, Christel VandeVoorde, Donald Anderson, Claire Schinkel, the 41st wedding anniversary of Del and Nan Hume on Monday, the 18th; Joel Ommen, who is having surgery Wednesday, March 20th, 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 the 41st Wedding Anniversary of Del and Nan Hume. They were married by Pastor Schudde at Christ Lutheran Church on March 18, 1978.

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!

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.

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!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBSCRIBE to The Lutheran Witness, cost is \$15.96/year. Please let Laura in the church office know **BY APRIL 21st** if you wish to subscribe or keep your current subscription.

NEW DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS (for printed copies) – Larry VonBehren’s phone number is (309)360-4305, please delete (309)389-2400. 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. *Also delete the PO Box for Sarah Anderson and add her stepson, Logan. Add Jackie Belfield, 4514 Correl Ct., Bartonville, IL 61607, (309)633-1090.*

LWML BIRTHDAY DINNER The annual LWML Birthday Dinner will be held Saturday, April 6th, 11:00 AM at Fairview Farms. A buffet style lunch will be served at a cost of \$15.00. Deadline for reservations and payment is Sunday, March 31st. Contact Suzanne Heinz, Bonnie Farrell or Jane Grebe to make a reservation. Everyone is welcome!

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.

GET THOSE APPETITES READY!! - The 47th Annual Pancake Supper will be **THIS SATURDAY**, March 23rd, from 4:00-6:30 PM. Prices remain at \$7 adults, \$4 students. Proceeds go toward the music programs at Christ Lutheran...adult choir, adult bell choir & praise band.

DID YOU KNOW – In the past when you became a member of the Jr. Walther League, the church would hold a banquet. On April 12, 1945, when I would become a member, the banquet that year carried a very somber mood, as President Franklin D. Roosevelt had passed away earlier that day. Submitted by Donna Wenzel Johnston.

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.

LAST SUNDAY, JACKIE BELFIELD joined Christ Lutheran Church by Affirmation of Faith. We celebrate her partnership with us in sharing the love of Jesus with our neighbors on the Peoria's Southside.

SENIOR CLUB is this Friday, the 22nd, in the Community Room. Booma Jass is providing ham and cheese rolls. Please bring your table service and a side dish to share. All are welcome!!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – God's grace provides the basis for all Christian stewardship. The grace given to us from our heavenly Father Who freely sent His Son should be our motivation to respond with an "abundance of joy" and "in a wealth of generosity" (2 Corinthians 8:1-2). It wasn't an overabundance of money or possessions that caused the Macedonians to give so sacrificially. No, it was God's grace that led them to beg earnestly to be allowed to contribute to the church in Jerusalem (2 Corinthians 8:1-2). The Macedonians truly understood that "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY maintenance staff has begun conducting their annual spring clean-up beginning March 15th. All Christmas wreaths, and evergreen blankets must be removed from grave sites ASAP. If you have any questions, please contact the Cemetery office at (309)637-9711.

CLYF, MARK YOUR CALENDARS! – A scavenger hunt will be held April 14th at Northwoods Mall. Start at Northwoods Mall food court at 11:30 AM. Pick-up after the event is at the church parking lot at 2:30 PM.

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

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-20
The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAR 18 – MAR 24)

MON 3/18: Bell Choir6:45 PM
TUE 3/19:
WED 3/20: Lifelight 8:30 AM
Chapel..... 10:00 AM
Confirmation6:00 PM
Adult Choir 7:00 PM
THU 3/21: Anniversary Committee..... 11:30 AM
Lifelight @ Rewinkels'7:00 PM
FRI 3/22: Senior Club 12:30 PM
SAT 3/23: 47th Annual Pancake, Sausage and Potato
Pancake Supper.....4:00 – 6:30 PM
SUN 3/24: Holy Communion 9:00 AM
Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM
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