

Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

Jesus didn't always reveal who he was, but on the night he was betrayed, his true identity is fully displayed – Son of God, Humble Servant, our Good Shepherd.

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> 563, 710, 628, 531, 534, 537
<u>Liturgy:</u> Service Folder
<u>The First Lesson:</u> Psalm 85
<u>The Holy Gospel:</u> John 18:3-9page
<u>Sermon:</u> Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff
<u>"I Am He"</u> John 18:3-9

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

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Booma Jass and Charlotte Sparks.

ACOLYTES: Ethan Kizer and Lucas Whalen
NEXT SUNDAY: Hunter and Cameron Peeler

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,896.00; MTD: \$23,918.00. Improvement Fund: \$135.00; MTD: \$174.00 Attendance: 126. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 3, 3rd-7th 1, 8th-HS 3, Adults 34, Visitors 4. Total 45.

THIS IS THE 12th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED: OSF - Susan Fredericks
CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Rachael Otten, Sandra Magarity, Pat Kretzmann, Diane Hume, Christel VandeVoorde, Donald Anderson, Claire Schinkel, Joel Ommen, the family of Sean Borsellino, the 12th birthday of Elizabeth Stenger, Donna Gogele, who is having surgery next Tuesday, 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 12th birthday of Elizabeth Stenger on March 28th by Dave and Janis Lyons.

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!

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.

SAVE THE DATE: Coming Soon! A NEW church pictorial directory as part of our 125th celebration. This will be a great tool for helping us put names with faces and connecting our families to one another. We have invited Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to photograph you on April 29th and 30th and May 2nd and 3rd from 1pm to 8pm and May 4th from 9:30am-4:30pm. Watch for more information on scheduling your appointment. We look forward to seeing all of you in our new directory.

JESUS AT THE MOVIES will be showing "The Incredibles" on Saturday, March 30th, at 2 PM. Come join us for fun, popcorn and a little Bible time!

DID YOU KNOW – Christ Lutheran Church's male choir was organized on Jan 19, 1900. New choir robes were acquired March 28, 1954. Carolyn Koch started playing the organ for our worship services in 1958. Erwin Koch became Choir Director on August 28, 1960, retiring May 21, 1978. The Wicks pipe organ was installed in the Fall of 1973. The Handbell music ministry began June 13, 1976. Lin Von Behren became the new Choir Director in 1978 and remains so today!

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.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – As our relationships with the Lord grow, the way we think, speak, and act changes. Paul wrote, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17). We develop new attitudes and new behavior. Through faith, we understand that our purpose in life is to serve and glorify God. We serve and glorify our Father as we live in relationship in His family, the Church. As we grow spiritually, we have greater love for and influence with these brothers and sisters in the Lord. Our relationships with Christ compel us to reach out to all people, including believers, building relationships that build up the Body of Christ.

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.

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.

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 Fourth 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 25 – MAR 31)

MON 3/25: Bell Choir6:45 PM
TUE 3/26:
WED 3/27: Lifelight 8:30 AM
 Chapel..... 10:00 AM
 Confirmation6:00 PM
 Adult Choir 7:00 PM
THU 3/28: Quilting.....NOON
 Lifelight @ Rewinkels’ 7:00 PM
FRI 3/29:
SAT 3/30: Jesus at the Movies2:00 PM
SUN 3/31: Holy Communion 9:00 AM
 5th Sunday Fellowship
 Waffle Bar 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
 Kislser – Mills Terry Mooney, Jr.
 Minassian – Roth Mike Fritch
 Rudebeck – Tosch Joshua Eckhoff
 Traenkenschuh – Zentko Gary Heinz