

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED

GUESTS! Jesus is the Good Shepherd who lays down His life for us. We are His sheep because we hear His voice, and by the power of the Spirit, we recognize His voice and rejoice in Him. He knows us, and we know Him. That is our comfort and our hope.

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: 709, 735, 594, 725, 711, 740
Liturgy: Divine Service, Setting 3..... p. 184
The First Lesson: Acts 20:17-35page 929
The Epistle Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17.....page 1032
The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30page 896
Organist: Mrs. Connie Bremer
Adult Bell Choir: Prisms
Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff
"There's the Shepherd"Revelation 7:9-17

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: Tommie Washington, Kirk Wessler, Josh Eckhoff

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Joan Durham and Bonnie Farrell.

ACOLYTES: Levi and Laney Hall
NEXT SUNDAY: Madeline Mooney and Bella Blair

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$10,442.00. Improvement Fund: \$190.00. Attendance: 224. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 5, 3rd-7th 4, 8th-HS 3, Adults 30, Visitors 3. Total 45.

THIS IS THE 19th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED:
CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Rachael Otten, Pat Kretzmann, Diane Hume, Christel VandeVoorde, Claire Schinkel, Joel Ommen, Raetta Von Behren, the 94th birthday of Gerhardt Heuermann on May 15th, 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 Mother's Day by Christel VandeVoorde. The single red rose is placed in celebration of the 100th birthday of Ruth Allen,

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - 1 Peter 2:11 - Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Passions of the flesh means the things our flesh desires. One way to sum up all the "passions of the flesh" is to call them greed - the desire to have more things to bring us comfort and peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed. Greed wages war against our soul, and it urges us to place our trust in the things of this world and not in God. But St. Peter reminds us we are sojourners and exiles. We

belong to the Kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ and belong to Him. That knowledge frees us from greed, and it frees us for generosity.

CHURCH DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS - Robin McLaughlin's home number is (309)839-0417; her cell number is (309)868-1239. Carolyn Koch's new address is 404 S. Stillwater Dr., Apt. 204, Chillicothe, IL 61523.

CHRIST LUTHERAN'S PRE-SCHOOL is in need of volunteers. Can you give 2-4 hours a day? Can you help a few days a week? If you can help, please call the school at 637-1512 or talk to Mr. Mooney today after service.

THERE WILL BE A PAINTING CLASS on May 22nd at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. Rhonda Morrow and Christel VandeVoorde are hosting a fun night of fellowship and crafting! They will provide the supplies. They are asking for a minimum donation of \$5 to help defray costs. Money left over after expenses will go to CLYF. Contact Christel at 267-3053 if you are interested.

THE PARISH MINISTRY BOARD is looking for Sunday school teachers! Summer session is about to start with a new curriculum and fresh presentation! This is the perfect time to start and get in on the fun of teaching our children all about the Good News of God's gift to us in His Son, Jesus! If you'd like to help with the summer session, see Laura Baize, Darla Heuermann or Sue Lee.

THERE WILL BE TWO SPECIAL MEETINGS in May: the semi-annual congregational meeting on May 19 and a special meeting on May 26 to consider sale of property on Livingston. Both meetings will follow the 9 a.m. service. There will be no adult Bible classes on the 19th, but children will still have Sunday School. Classes will be held as normal on the 26th. Please plan on attending these meetings!

THANK YOU SO MUCH for all the birthday cards and greetings you've all been sending me this week! I appreciate them and love you all!! ~ Ruth Allen

DID YOU KNOW – Between April 15th and May 13th, 1956, a fundraising campaign, "Growing with Christ", raised \$233,390 (117% of the goal) to build a new school and a church Annex and to refurbish the old school as a Parish Hall. Ground was broken for the new school on the corner of Faraday and Starr on August 18th, 1957 and dedicated on August 31st, 1958 with a student enrollment of 295.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS! - **The second quarter** Sunday School mission offerings are going to LCMS Disaster Relief. There have been several areas in our country that have suffered floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters. **The Parish Ministry Board** is looking for help with summer Sunday School classes. The summer schedule will be a new format with a VBS style of teaching that utilizes small groups. Please see Laura, Darla or Sue if you'd like to help! **PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL** – Dwayne and Karol Allen, Ruth Allen, Marilyn Berkshier, Dale Eckhoff, Pastor and Judy Eckhoff, Pastor and Hilda Knief, Bill and Judy Nelson, Jeff and Kathy Otten, Tom and Emily Zaia, Nancy Knoll, Linda Wenzel, Reg and Sue Lee, Rachel and Rebecca Grebe, Sam Grebe, and visitor Mike Schwindenhammer

SAVE THE DATE...the **LUNCH BUNCH** (formerly known as The Senior Club) is having a special program on Barcelona, España....Friday, May 24 at 12:30. Please come and bring a friend to see some of the pictures taken on a recent trip to Spain!!

CAMP CILCA NEWS – Camp CILCA's website has a wish list full of items they are looking for to help them in their ministry. The list includes items such as paper towels, printer paper, adult bicycles, laundry soap, yarn, stamps, cleaning products, toilet paper and gift cards from Lowes or Menards. For a full list, visit www.cilca.org.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Fifth Sunday of Easter:

The First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18
 The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7
 The Holy Gospel: John 16:12-22

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAY 13 – MAY 19)

MON 5/13:
TUE 5/14: CLS Honor Roll Trip
 Church Council.....6:30 PM
WED 5/15: CLS School Picnic
THU 5/16: CLS Early Dismissal 11:15 AM
 Anniversary Committee..... 11:30 AM
FRI 5/17: CLS Last Day of School
 Chapel..... 9:00 AM
 CLS Dismissal 11:15 AM
SAT 5/18: State Track Meet @Concordia-Chicago
 Choir Picnic @ Von Behrens'5:00 PM
SUN 5/19: Holy Communion 9:00 AM
 Sunday School and Bible Classes 10:30 PM
 Congregational Mtg after worship

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