

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

The Gospel tells the story of a rich man quite pleased with his own accomplishments; God then requires his life, and all his accomplishments are for naught. But there is an entirely different way of thinking available to us through Christ. When we know God and what God has done for us in Jesus, then our focus is turned from ourselves and toward giving thanks to God.

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: 797, 782, 594, 617, 704, 770
Liturgy: Service Folder
The First Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-26.....page 553
The Epistle Lesson: Colossians 3:1-11..... page 981
The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.....page 871
Organist: Mrs. Judy Eckhoff
Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff
"Worth It" .....Luke 12:13-21

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, Mike Lelm, Joshua Eckhoff

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Suzanne Heinz and Booma Jass.

ACOLYTES: Levi and Laney Hall

NEXT SUNDAY: Elizabeth Stenger and Alayna Rudebeck

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$4,989.00; MTD: \$68,749.96. Improvement Fund: \$65.00; MTD: \$853.00. Attendance: 146. Sunday School Attendance: 8th-HS 0, Adults 51, Visitors 1. Total 52.

THIS IS THE 31st 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, Riley Stanley, Donna Hawbecker, Christine Dill, Chuck Whitehead, Jeri Whitcomb, Bud Neptun, the 92nd birthday of Naomi Schaefer on Aug. 10th, the family of Christle Dill, grandmother of Rebekah Best, 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).

AS CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES on the remodel of our Parish Hall restrooms, we are still in need of approximately \$1,100 to finance them. If you are able to contribute, please make your donation in an anniversary envelope from the pew. The work is estimated to take another 2 weeks for completion. Meanwhile, the restrooms in the Annex will be available. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we accomplish our final project to

update our church building in celebration of our 125th Anniversary.

"KOURAGE KIDS" is a one-day free grief camp to be held on September 14, 2019, sponsored by UnityPoint Hospice. It is open to any child in the area from age 5-18. It is a day of help, fun and healing for children who have experienced the death of someone close to them. Brochures are available outside the church office, or you may call (309)672-5746 for more information. Group leaders are aware of the importance of each child's faith and recognize it is an important aspect of their healing.

LWML REMINDER: The next regular LWML meeting will be held on Saturday, August 10th, at 10:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

IMPORTANT DATES – These important dates didn't make the printed August calendar. August 12th is school registration. Times are 7:30 – 9:00 AM and 4:30 – 6:00 PM. Also, the Anniversary Committee will meet on August 5th at 11:30 AM.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS for the first half of the year are available this week in the church annex. Please be sure to stop by and pick yours up to help save us postage.

SAVE THE DATE – The Peoria/Pekin Fall Zone Rally will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 6801 N. Allen Rod., Peoria, on Wednesday, September 25, 2019. The theme is "An Unchanging God, in a Changing World," Malachi 3: 6. Mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS: Jim Grebe's correct email is jgrebe@hgsuw.com. Dave Traenkenschuh's cell phone is (309)369-8691. His email is dtraenk@comcast.net. Kathy Traenkenschuh's cell number is (309)369-8683. Please delete the old home phone (309)382-6052. Julie Traenkenschuh's cell number is (309)256-7660.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for all of the cards, thoughts, and prayers as I begin my new call. I appreciate very much my time at Christ Lutheran School. ~ Ralph Teske

**DID YOU KNOW** –After serving faithfully for 23 years, even through illness and severe physical handicaps of his own, Pastor Jass was compelled to submit his resignation to the congregation. On August 6, 1917, it was reluctantly accepted. A little more than a month later, September 13, 1917, Pastor Jass was called to his eternal reward.

**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** – Mark 8:2 – “I have compassion on the crowd ...” Still today, the Lord has compassion upon those who follow Him. He knows our needs, and He provides for us. Indeed, He does all this for us long before we think to pray for what we need, before we even know we need it. Knowing the Lord’s provision frees us from worry about our bodily needs. The Lord really does provide for us out of His unending compassion.

**ST. PETER’S CHURCH** invites you to join them for a special service on Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Special music will be provided by Don Bauer. After the service, there will be a BBQ for dinner! Bring your family and friends and join us!

**SCRIP ORDER FORMS** are available in the church office. If you need a specific card, Nancy Knoll (688-1376) will do her best to get it for you. You can also contact Bonnie Farrell or Linda Wenzel.

**LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES'** booklet ministry, Project Connect, is designed to provide down-to-earth insight about things people deal with every day—grief, stress, prayer, relationships—and more. You can share Project Connect booklets with friends and neighbors; or your congregation can place handy Project Connect display racks in the church narthex, clinics, schools—anywhere someone might need a message of hope. Nearly 60 topical booklets are currently available— with dozens available in Spanish or as an audio file. For more information, call 1-800-876-9880 or visit [www.lhm.org/projectconnect](http://www.lhm.org/projectconnect).

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost:

The First Lesson:       Genesis 15:1-6  
The Second Lesson:     Hebrews 11:1-16  
The Holy Gospel:        Luke 12:22-40

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (AUG 5 – AUG 11)**

**MON 8/5:** Anniversary Committee..... 11:30 AM  
Elders .....6:00 PM  
**TUE 8/6:** Youth .....5:00 PM  
Trustees.....6:30 PM  
**WED 8/7:** Parish Ed.....6:00 PM  
**THU 8/8:** Quilting .....NOON  
Day School .....1:30 PM  
Stew/Finance .....6:00 PM  
**FRI 8/9:**  
**SAT 8/10:** LWML..... 10:00 AM  
**SUN 8/11:** Holy Communion ..... 9:00 AM  
Adult Bible Classes ..... 10:30 AM

**2019 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST**

Albert-Rayford – Cleveland ..... Ralph Teske  
Closen – Fredericks ..... Tommie Washington  
Frederking – Kirkwood ..... Kirk Wessler  
Kisler – Mills..... Terry Mooney, Jr.  
Minassian – Rowe .....Mike Fritch  
Rudebeck – Tosch ..... Joshua Eckhoff  
Traenkenschuh – Zentko ..... Gary Heinz