

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

“Stain-resistant! Wrinkle-free! Easy-care!” While store catalogs may use these terms to grab your attention and sell their products, the Bible uses similar words to proclaim the wonderful news of God’s free grace for you!

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> 901; 857; 579; 580; 715; 805
<u>Liturgy:</u> Divine Service Setting 1..... p. 151
<u>The First Lesson:</u> Isaiah 29:11-19page 589
<u>The Epistle Lesson:</u> Ephesians 5:22-33page 978
<u>The Holy Gospel:</u> Mark 7:1-13page 842
<u>Organist:</u> Miss Julie Koch
<u>Sermon:</u> Rev. Karl Eckhoff
<i>What’s Your Standard? Mark 7:1-13</i>

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

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Gary Heinz

ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION: Tom Zaia, Tommie Washington, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the service today are Beth Bennett and Bonnie Caughey.

ACOLYTES: Joe Lamberti and Dylan Sparks

NEXT SUNDAY: Hunter Peeler and Harlon Foote

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$5,733.00; MTD: \$24,167.00; Improvement Fund: \$50.00; MTD: \$500.00. Attendance: 185. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 1, 3rd-7th 7, 8th-HS 4, Adults 45, Visitors 1, Total 58.

THIS IS THE 34th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given today by RaeAnn Laylock to the glory of God and in celebration of Cruze Komnick’s 6th birthday.

HOSPITALIZED:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Phyllis Wendland, Gerald Wendland, Patty Smith, Don Sparks, Bill Wieland, Jr., Charlie Best, Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Al Garman, Donna Gogele, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Shirley Swanson, Charlie Best, 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).

MEALTIME MINGLE - Interested in getting to know those "new" members sitting next you Sunday Morning? The Parish Ministry and Outreach Board is encouraging everyone to sign up to fellowship with some of those new faces three times during the remainder of 2018. Form a group or sign up and get matched with others. Each group will decide when and where they meet. Sign-up sheets are located in the annex.

ENJOY A GOURMET BRUNCH AND HELP OTHERS! -

Lutheran Hillside Village is hosting its 6th annual Benevolent Care Brunch Extraordinaire on Sat., Sept. 22 from 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Guests will be treated to your choice of delicious gourmet entrées prepared by our executive chef, Mark Shoopman, and his talented team. The cost is \$50 per person (\$25 is tax deductible.) Proceeds will benefit the Lutheran Hillside Village Benevolent Fund to support care center (nursing) residents who outlive their resources. Reservation forms will be available in August. Please call Lutheran Hillside Village Foundation; Phil King (309.683.1298) or Laurie Hahn (309.683.1263) for a form. Please consider inviting your family and friends. This is the foundation’s biggest fundraiser of the year. We need your help to make it a success! *If you are interested in scheduling a tour of the village on the day of the event, please call Stephanie Marchand (309.692.4600) by Sept. 14.* Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran Hillside Village.

CELEBRATING OUR PAST AND PRESERVING OUR FUTURE!

Are you interested in helping to purchase an appliance for our new Parish Hall kitchen? There is a display board in the Parish Hall showing all the appliances needed to fill our soon to be remodeled kitchen. Each item has a variety of stickers attached to it adding up to the cost of that item. If you can help in any way or wish to contribute the full amount for a particular appliance, simply pull the appropriate tab and place it in one of the 125th Anniversary envelopes with your gift. Thank you for your continued support of our ongoing projects to update our buildings in celebration of our upcoming 125th anniversary. Also, remember our fund will be matched by \$500 each month it increases by \$500.

LIFELIGHT IS COMING! Please consider joining a small group as we study the first 7 Chapters of Paul’s Letter to the Romans. Classes begin September 16th, with studies at the church on Sunday at _____, and Wednesday at 8:30 AM at the church, and a 7:00 PM class at the Rewinkels beginning October 4th.

CLS IS ALWAYS ON THE HUNT FOR VEGGIES! We are happy to accept any extra vegetables you may have for our staff’s salad bar! Please drop them at the school so we can spoil our staff and they will thank you!

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE is looking for a couple of representatives from each congregation to meet and receive life resources and information to bring back to the parish. If you are willing to serve in this role, please see Pastor.

SINGERS!!! High School age to 100+! We need you to join our Adult Choir. We meet on Wednesdays in the Church Sanctuary to rehearse and will be singing in worship services once or twice each month September through May. Our first rehearsal this season will be Wednesday, September 12. Please enter through the Vestry doors. We're looking forward to a wonderful season of serving the Lord through music. If you have any questions, please call Lin Von Behren at 309-360-0058.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS are available for you to pick up today in the church annex.

WANT SOMETHING AWESOME FOR YOUR SPOUSE?

Surprise your spouse with a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is scheduled in Peoria, IL on October 12-14, 2018. Apply now at www.GodLovesMarriage.org or contact Norm and Deb Lopez at peorialmereg@gmail.com for more information. Pre-registration is required – don't miss out! Registration deadline is September 13th. Registrations after that date will be on a space available basis.

TECHNOLOGY 101: Unlock the secrets to your cell phone, tablet, or computer to make them easy to use! Learn more about texting, emailing, apps, and Google programs. This is your chance to learn in an encouraging environment with no question too basic and no judgement. Come learn together on Saturday, September 29 from 9-10:30 AM at Christ Lutheran School with Mrs. Becky Mooney Rowe, technology teacher at Trinity Lutheran School. The class will be held in the Christ Lutheran School library. Please bring your personal device or devices to the class. Please RSVP by calling the school office (637-1512) or Mr. Mooney (648-1549)

LWML REMINDER – The monthly mite collection will be taken before church net Sunday. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

THERE ARE A FEW COPIES of *Luther's Small Catechism* in the church office that are free for the taking – first come, first served!!

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

The First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9
The Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20
The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:14-23

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (AUG 27 – SEP 2)

MON 8/27:
TUE 8/28:
WED 8/29:
THU 8/30: Nominating Committee6:30 PM
FRI 8/31:
SAT 9/1:
SUN 9/2: Holy Communion9:00 AM
Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM

2018 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST

Albert-Rayford – Cleveland	Ralph Teske
Closen – Fredericks	Tommie Washington
Frederking – Kirkwood	Dario Lamberti
Kisler – Mills	Tom Zaia
Minassian – Roth	Mike Fritch
Rudebeck – Tosch	Mike Lelm
Traenkenschuh – Zentko	Gary Heinz