

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

“Vindicate” can be defined as “to free from allegation or blame” or “to clear someone of blame or suspicion.” Today’s Old Testament Reading uses this word. It says, “He who vindicates me is near” (Isaiah 50:8a).

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.

<p><u>Hymns:</u> 770; 849; 533; 554; 783; 696 <u>Liturgy:</u> Corporate Confession and Absolution..... p. 290 <u>The First Lesson:</u> Isaiah 50:4-10page 611 <u>The Epistle Lesson:</u> James 3:1-12page 1012 <u>The Holy Gospel:</u> Mark 9:14-29page 844 <u>Organist:</u> Mrs. Judy Eckhoff <u>Sermon:</u> Rev. Karl Eckhoff <i>The One Who Vindicates is Near.....Isaiah 50:4-10</i></p>

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, Tom Zaia, Ralph Teske

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the service today are Vicki Whitehead and Bonnie Farrell.

ACOLYTES: Vincent and Anthony Silotto
NEXT SUNDAY: Serayna Kline and Imari Kline

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$8,933.00; MTD: \$18,827.00. Improvement Fund: \$90.00; MTD: \$225.00. Attendance: 187. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 6, 3rd-7th 8, 8th-HS 2, Adults 51, Visitors 3, Total 70.

THIS IS THE 37th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY are given today by Johnny and Linda Haynes Jackson to the glory of God and in celebration of their 26th wedding anniversary on September 19th.

HOSPITALIZED: OSF – Bill Whitby
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, the family of Lisa Harley, cousin of Nan Hume, who passed away last week; the 90th birthday of Audrey Atkinson on the 19th, the 26th wedding anniversary of Johnny and Linda Haynes Jackson on the 19th, 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).

CELEBRATING OUR PAST AND PRESERVING OUR FUTURE! Kitchen remodel update! Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Thanks to all your generous gifts to fund the needed appliances for our Parish Hall kitchen, they are all paid for! Now as we approach our starting date for the remodel, we are still in need of your help to finish funding it. Approximately \$17,000 of the \$55,000 is still needed. If you are planning to make

a donation to this project, your help now would be greatly appreciated. Remember this kitchen is used everyday for our daycare/preschool as well as our daily church life. The remodel will give us an entirely more efficient layout and accommodations to meet everyone’s needs. All new cabinets, counter tops, plumbing, lighting, flooring, sinks and appliances will give us a wonderful space for fellowship. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the Anniversary committee, Suzanne Heinz, Vicki Whitehead, Mike Lelm, Chad Whitehead, Larry Von Behren and Rae Ann Laylock.

FIELD TRIP FOR SENIOR CLUB – all are invited to come join us as we take Senior Cub Potluck on our Third Annual trip to John S. Rhodell Brewery. Friday September 28 at 12:30 we will gather at 100 Walnut Street (in the old Murray Building). Entrance from either Washington Street or Water Street to the parking lot entrance. Wrap sandwiches will be provided beverages are available for purchase (either alcoholic or non-alcoholic).

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!

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.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, the children will learn how “Joseph Feeds Egypt” during a great famine. Ask your children, “How do our sins cause suffering for both ourselves and others?” God sent His Son, Jesus, to save all humanity from sin, death, and the devil. Discuss the reality that in spite of how awful life seems, Jesus is with us through His Word and Sacraments, caring for us always.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Come support the school at Buffalo Wild Wings in East Peoria on September 24th from 5:00 – 9:00 PM. Flyers for this event are in today’s bulletin and also are available through the church and school offices.

ADULT HANDBELL CHOIR! Come on, admit it-you've always been curious about the handbells and how they work. Now is the time to find out!! The Adult Handbell Choir is getting ready to start rehearsals, and we would love to have you join us! Anyone in high school through age 123 is welcome to join us, and no previous music experience is needed. If you're interested or have any questions, please get in touch with David Best at 369-0082, or dabest@clspeoria.org. Practices are on Mondays at 6:45pm in the music room.

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)

CLYF ANNUAL SOUP COOKOFF: – October 14th - Join us for a Sunday soup dinner, support our youth and enjoy the fellowship.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS – September 30th is our next 5th Sunday Fellowship. We are requesting certain items for breakfast and will send around a sign-up sheet through Bible classes today and next Sunday. We will be recognizing our new members. The third quarter (through the end of September) Sunday School offerings will go to support Camp Cilca. **PERFECT ATTENDANCE** – Ruth Allen, Dale Eckhoff, Sandy Frederking, Gary and Suzanne Heinz, Bill and Judy Nelson, Tom and Emily Zaia, Jeff and Chris Grebe, Nancy Knoll, Barb O'Dell, Tommie Washington, Linda Wenzel, Connie and Warren Bremer, Mike Fritch, Reg and Sue Lee, Kade VandeVoorde, Chad Whitehead, Rachel Grebe, Rebecca Whitehead, Sam Grebe

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH will host a Women's Retreat on September 29th from 8:30 AM – 3:15 PM. The theme is "Girlfriends Gathered". The cost is \$35. This includes lunch and all materials. Registration deadline is September 25th. There are brochures outside the church office in the file box.

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

- The First Lesson: Jeremiah 11:18-20
- The Second Lesson: James 3:13-14:10
- The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEP 17 – SEP 23)

- MON 9/17:**
- TUE 9/18:**
- WED 9/19:** Lifelight 8:30 AM
- THU 9/20:** Quilting NOON
- FRI 9/21:**
- SAT 9/22:**
- SUN 9/23:** Holy Communion 9:00 AM
- Sunday School and Bible Classes 10:30 AM
- Lifelight @ Schneiders 6:30 PM

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