

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

From generation to generation the good news of God’s love and grace in Christ has been passed down and shared; throughout the world and here at Christ Lutheran. We celebrate that truth again today. A special welcome to Pres. Buss of the Northern Illinois District of the LCMS who brings us a message from God’s Word today.

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 & Liturgy: Special Service Folder
The First Lesson: Psalm 78
The Second Lesson: James 5:(1-12) 13-20page 1013
Sermon: Rev. Alan Buss

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

ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR: - Gary Heinz

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Ja’lyssa Stone, Dejah Foster, Denali Craig-Edwards, and Alayna Rudebeck, all students from Christ Lutheran School.

ACOLYTES: Serayna Kline and Imari Kline

NEXT SUNDAY: Elizabeth Stenger and Donterious Young

USHERS FOR TODAY: Kaleb Lawson, Hector Izaguirre, Wade Jackson, Kamren Grayer, Kenneth Rutherford and Abram, Gunn, all students from Christ Lutheran School.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,469.60; MTD: \$31,006.67. Improvement Fund: \$145.00; MTD: \$435.00. Attendance: 174. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 5, 3rd-7th 6, 8th-HS 3, Adults 70, Visitors 0, Total 84.

THIS IS THE 39th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

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, Diane Hume, Joe Ehlen, the family of Charlie Best who passed away last Friday, 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).

GROUPS FOR MEALTIME MINGLE are posted outside the church office! It’s still not too late to sign up! Groups will decide when and where they will meet, and the idea is to enjoy some fellowship outside of the worship setting and get to know each other! If you’d like to join, call the church office at 637-5309 to sign up!

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE will continue indefinitely. This can always be re-evaluated, but for now worship will continue at 9:00 AM with Sunday School and Bible Class following at 10:30 AM.

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

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!

SEVERAL LADIES WILL BE CLEANING the sanctuary and surrounding areas on Thursday, October 18th at 9:00 AM. Anyone wishing to join us may just show up. Please bring your own cleaning supplies. We are usually finished before noon. If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Heinz or RaeAnn Laylock.

LWML WILL BE COLLECTING MITES! The monthly mite collection will be taken before church next Sunday. All donations are greatly appreciated! The next LWML meeting will be held Saturday, October 13th at 10:00 AM in the Community Room.

THE HEART OF ILLINOIS CHORUS, along with members, Chris Schneider and Laura Baize, will perform their annual fall show, **We Need a Little Christmas... Spirit,** Sunday afternoon at 2:30 PM on Sunday, November 4th. The performance will be held at Illinois Central College’s Performing Arts Center. Laura’s daughters, Katie and Rissa, will also be performing with their chorus from Springfield, Sound Celebration Chorus. Tickets for general public are \$12, seniors (65+) and students are \$10, and kids 10 and under are free. See Chris or Laura for tickets!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES The school and preschool have some opportunities for volunteers. Also, a reminder that the volleyball tournament is coming up quickly and a gift of your time and talents would be greatly appreciated! If you are willing to help in some way, please call the school office 637-1512.

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 every day 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.

FIFTH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP is today! Come join us for a lite breakfast after worship down in the Fellowship Hall!

STEWARDSHIP CORNER – A waitress helped a customer select a breakfast special. “Get that instead of a combination breakfast with a side order,” she said. “It’s the same thing and saves you 89 cents.” After he thanked her, she added, “You learn that when you raise four kids,” The financial wisdom and skills that we learn from money management experts are focused on how to save money and how to spend it. These are valuable skills, but Jesus’ teachings were primarily directed toward the importance of sharing our money with those in need and funding the mission and ministry of Gods Church after our needs are met. While it is certainly important to know how to save and spend, these activities are often directed toward the materialistic ways of the world. Knowing how to give negates these possessive instincts and encourages us to save and spend with a view to expanding God’s kingdom. Giving helps us place our trust in Jesus rather than the world.

HERE AND THERE *Minimizing distractions* – Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. *Bible Bags* are available for families with young children on the rack in the Narthex. Take one, use it, and put it back on the rack. *Children’s bulletins from CPH* are available from the Ushers or Greeters.

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

- The First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-25
- The Second Lesson: Hebrews 2:1-13 (14-18)
- The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (OCT 1 – OCT 7)

- MON 10/1:** Elders6:00 PM
Bell Choir6:45 PM
- TUE 10/2:** Parish Ed.....6:00 PM
Trustees.....6:30 PM
- WED 10/3:** Lifelight 8:30 AM
Chapel..... 10:00 AM
Youth5:00 PM
Adult Choir7:00 PM
- THU 10/4:** Day School4:30 PM
Stewardship/Finance.....6:00 PM
Lifelight @ Rewinkels’7:00 PM
- FRI 10/5:** CLS Early Dismissal 11:15 AM
29th Annual CLS Volleyball Tournament
thru Sunday
- SAT 10/6:**
- SUN 10/7:** Holy Communion/LWML Sunday 9:00 AM
CLYF Bake Sale
Sunday School & Bible Classes 10:30 AM
Lifelight @ Schneiders6:00 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