

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

While 2017 was the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, our celebrations continue into the 501st year since Martin Luther posted the Ninety-five Theses on the practice of indulgences. The Reformation is a celebration of freedom in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We welcome Rev. Ron Miller this morning who will be sharing this good word.

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> 656; 555; 786; 732; 627; 618; 556
<u>Liturgy:</u> Special Service Folder for Reformation
<u>The First Lesson:</u> Revelation 14:6-7page 1036
<u>The Second Lesson:</u> Romans 3:19-28.....page 941
<u>The Holy Gospel:</u> John 8:31-36page 894
<u>Organist:</u> Mrs. Judy Eckhoff
<u>Adult Bell Choir:</u> <i>Beside Still Waters</i>
<u>Sermon:</u> Rev. Ron Miller "The Blessings of Service" Mark 9:30-37

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: Tommie Washington, Mike Fritch, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING are Mike and Kathy Lelm.

ACOLYTES: Madeline Mooney and Alayna Rudebeck
NEXT SUNDAY: Ethan Kizer and Lucas Whalen

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

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,121.00; MTD: \$20,802.60; Improvement Fund: \$50.00; MTD: \$615.00
Attendance: 133. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd 5, 3rd-7th 4, 8th-HS 3, Adults 41, Visitors 3, Total 56.

THIS IS THE 43rd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

HOSPITALIZED:
CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Barb Dreher, Shawn Foote, Phyllis Wendland, Gerald Wendland, Don Sparks, Bill Wieland, Jr., Abigail Young, Eddy Jones, Al Garman, Donna Gogele, Rachael Otten, Sandra McGarity, Pat Kretzmann, Shirley Swanson, Diane Hume, Joe Ehlen, Kamron Lightbody, 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).

THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE will be sharing 125 years of history with you one week at a time between Dec 9, 2018 and Dec 8, 2019. You can help by providing us with any fun facts or stories you would like us to share. We will place one in the bulletin each week. Any ideas and thoughts can be left in the office for the committee or given to a committee member.

KITCHEN REMODEL UPDATE! - The remodel of our Parish Hall kitchen has begun! For the next 4-6 weeks, as the construction continues, the kitchen will be closed. We are still in need of approximately \$14,000 to meet our total costs. If you have planned to make a donation to this project, it would be appreciated

before the end of November. 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 VonBehren and Rae Ann Laylock.

THE BARNES & NOBLE BOOKFAIR IS TODAY!!! The school is hosting the book fair at Barnes & Noble today from 11-4 PM. The school receives a percentage of the total sales for all purchases made today at the store with the voucher or online Oct. 29th – Nov. 3rd with the book fair number 12387056. This is a great time to do some Christmas shopping! Vouchers are available at the church entrances.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OCTOBER 31st! It's time for our annual Pumpkins on Parade! Bring your Halloween candy and join in the fun as we pass out Rae Ann's hot dogs and lots of goodies to our neighborhood friends! The fun begins at 5 PM in the church parking lot. If you can't attend and want to help, we need CANDY! We will be putting together bags of candy with church information and a special message, so your donations of candy will be very much appreciated! You can drop off donations in the church office.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL, the children will learn about how God saved the Hebrews by parting the waters in "Crossing the Red Sea." Ask your children to tell you what they know about this story. Talk about, "How does God fight for us and save us from sin, death and the devil?" Discuss Baptism and how water combined with God's Word washes you clean from sin and gives you eternal life.

LWML MITE SUNDAY – The monthly mite collection will be taken before church next Sunday. If you don't have a mite box, Nancy Knoll will be pleased to supply one. Your donations benefit many mission projects and we thank you for your contributions and support!

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, Nov. 4th at 2:30 PM. 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 Springfield chorus, 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!

ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4 FROM 2 PM – 4 PM, “Hymns and Beer,” a Reformation Celebration event, will be held at the Lindenhof German American Society (located at 7601 N. Harker Dr., Peoria, IL 61615). Hymns and Beer is a casual gathering or people celebrating the Reformation though singing hymns over a beer. Hymns led by Don Bauer, Director of Music from St John’s in Bartonville, and a special performance by the Salem’s Men’s Quartet. If you have further questions, please contact Joan Creager at (309)688-9212.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS – In honor of Veteran’s Day the ladies of LWML will be collecting men’s hygiene items (deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, razors, etc.) for the General Wayne A. Downing Home for Veterans, located on the south side of Peoria. Donation boxes will be available in the annex and lower level of the Parish Hall (across from the Community Room) on Sunday, November 4th and Sunday, November 11th. All donations will be greatly appreciated.

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, LINCOLN, IL PRESENTS “Parenting with Love and Leadership” with John Rosemond. In this often humorous yet provocative and thought-provoking seminar, psychologist John Rosemond describes the contemporary parenting conundrum in clear, compelling terms and describes a practical, tested solution. He teaches how to motivate the maximum child compliance, no matter the setting, by using “leadership speech.” The seminar will be held at Zion Lutheran School, 1600 Woodlawn Rd., Lincoln, IL on Nov. 11th from 2-5:30 PM. Tickets are \$10/person or \$15/couple. Call Zion Lutheran School @ (217)732-3977 or purchase tickets online at zionlutheranchurch.myevent.com.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for All Saints’ Day:

- The First Lesson: Revelation 7:(2-8)9-17
- The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3
- The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (OCT 29 – NOV 4)

- MON 10/29:** Bell Choir6:45 PM
- TUE 10/30:**
- WED 10/31:** Lifelight 8:30 AM
- Chapel..... 10:00 AM
- Pumpkins on Parade5:00 PM
- Confirmation.....6:00 PM
- Adult Choir7:00 PM
- THU 11/1:** Lifelight @ Rewinkels’7:00 PM
- FRI 11/2:**
- SAT 11/3:**
- SUN 11/4:** Holy Communion 9:00 AM
- 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