

**First Sunday in Advent**

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED**

**GUESTS!** While the secular calendar won't switch to 2019 for another month, the Church Year begins anew today. Advent is a season of waiting and preparation. One Advent tradition is to mark the four Sundays in Advent with four words that encompass what Jesus brings as He comes into the world to be our Immanuel—God with us.

**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:** 348; 334; 333; 349; 343; 350  
**Liturgy:** Special Worship Folder  
**The First Lesson:** Zechariah 9:9-10.....page 797  
**The Second Lesson:** Philippians 3:17-21.....page 981  
**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 19:28-38.....page 878  
**Sermon:** Rev. Karl Eckhoff  
*"Your King Comes for Your Shame".....Zechariah 9:9-10*

**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, Ralph Teske and Tom Zaia

**GREETING YOU THIS MORNING** are Dwayne and Karol Allen.

**ACOLYTES:** Serayna and Imari Kline

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Donterius Young and Joe Lamberti

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

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$6,052.41; MTD: \$55,461.01; Improvement Fund: \$10.00; MTD: \$1,206.00. Attendance: 191. Sunday School Attendance: N-2<sup>nd</sup> 7, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 4, 8<sup>th</sup>-HS 5, Adults 52, Visitors 1, Total 69.

**THIS IS THE 48<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**HOSPITALIZED:**

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

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR TODAY** are placed by Dave and Jan Lyons to the glory of God and in celebration of Emma Stenger's 15th birthday.

**THE 125<sup>TH</sup> 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 UPDATE\*\*\*** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow! We are only in need of \$3,400 to be able to pay for the kitchen remodel completely!!! The work is moving along and is scheduled to be completed early in December. If you are

still planning to make a donation to this project, doing so as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all for the support through gifts and prayers that have brought this project to reality.

**PEORIA DINING TOUR COUPON BOOKS** are again available through Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria (LWGP). The two-for-one coupons are valid through October 31, 2019 in over 122 area restaurants. The cost is \$30. Ten dollars from each sale will go equally to Lutheran Hillside Village and Lutheran Social Services of Illinois. Books can be purchased from Suzanne Heinz (633-0746) until December 15, 2018.

**THE DATE IS FAST APPROACHING!** Don't miss the annual LWML Cookie Walk THIS Saturday, Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – Noon, in the Community Room. A large variety of cookies, candies, and fudge will be available at \$5.00/pound. A container of homemade cookies and candy makes for a great Christmas gift! Come shop with the LWML ladies for some sweet treats on Saturday!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!** CLS will have its 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CLS Night at Texas Roadhouse on December 13<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to invite your friends to dinner and support our school!

**POINSETTIAS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR** by Tom and Connie Trunk – in memory of Florence and Tony Trunk; George Parlier – in memory of Marilynne Parlier and Florence and Tony Trunk; Dale Eckhoff - in memory of Lucille Eckhoff; Jim Grebe – in memory of Janey and Rollie Grebe and Jennie Gauwitz, Traci Price – In memory of her grandparents, Jim and Ruth Lowery; Nancy Knoll – in memory of Dan Knoll and Henry and Carrie Wenzel; Bill and Judy Nelson – for blessings received; Mike and Rhonda Morrow – in memory of Ed and Edna Morrow and Don Garske; Bonnie Farrell – in memory of Clara and Arthur Seiler; Darlene Marvel and family – In memory of Ray Marvel, Ray's parents and Darlene's parents; Barb O'Dell – In honor of all the O'Dell and Weiland families; Charlotte Sparks – in memory of Paul and Olga Marx and Merle and Hazel Marx; Martha Guppy – in memory of Ed Guppy; Mike and Kathy Lelm; Mitzie and Joe Ehlen – in memory of Beverly Ehlen; and James and Shirley Case.

**IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES!** The choirs and Praise Band of Christ Lutheran will present their annual Christmas Concert on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The Sunday School children will present their Christmas program on December 23<sup>rd</sup>. ***Parents, please note that children will need to be at the church by 8:30 so they can dress for the program.*** Be sure to invite your friends to these services!

**IF YOU WANT TO ORDER SCRIP** for Christmas, 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. If you get her an order by the 9<sup>th</sup>, she will deliver cards to you on the 16<sup>th</sup>. You can also contact Bonnie Farrell or Linda Wenzel.

**PLEASE REFRAIN FROM BRINGING DRINKS** into the Sanctuary areas in order to keep our carpets from being stained. Thank you!

**PLEASE ADD THIS CORRECTION** to the list of members celebrating birthdays of 90 and over... Ruth Allen – 100 on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Sorry for the omission, Ruth!

**CLYF IS GOING ICE SKATING!** Come join us TODAY at Owens Center for ice skating! Open skating will be held from 2:15-4:00 PM. After skating, we'll return to the church for pizza and a white elephant gift exchange. Please bring a "gift" and chips, a 2 liter or cookies to share! Cost is \$5. You must RSVP to Christel, Josh or Pastor. Let us know if you need a ride!

**HOMEMADE FUDGE, HOMEMADE COOKIES** and candies, individual loaves of bread, a variety of sweet treats - sound good? Stop by the main entrance of LHV at 6901 North Galena Road in Peoria on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> from 8-11 AM. Proceeds benefit LHV's Benevolent Fund for those folks who have outlived their resources. The event is sponsored by the Lutheran Women of Greater Peoria. We are requesting donations to be in containers that you do not need back delivered to the main lobby/front desk of Lutheran Hillside Village between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 13. We will gladly accept homemade cookies, fudge, baked breads, or Christmas candies. The residents and staff will be delighted by your efforts!

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Second Sunday in Advent:

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-7b  
 The Second Lesson: Philippians 1:2-11  
 The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-14(15-20)

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 3 – DEC 9)**

**MON 12/3:** Elders .....6:00 PM  
 Bell Choir .....6:45 PM  
**TUE 12/4:** Trustees.....6:30 PM  
**WED 12/5:** Chapel..... 10:00 AM  
 Confirmation.....6:00 PM  
 Adult Choir .....7:00 PM  
**THU 12/6:** Stewardship & Finance.....6:00 PM  
 Lifelight @ Rewinkels.....7:00 PM  
**FRI 12/7:**  
**SAT 12/8:** Bell Choir ..... 8:00 AM  
 Adult Choir .....9:00 AM  
 LWML Cookie Walk..... 9:00 AM - NOON  
**SUN 12/9:** Holy Communion .....9:00 AM  
 Sunday School and Bible Classes..... 10:30 AM

<b>2018 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST</b>	
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