

Second Sunday in Advent

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!**

John says we are to “make His paths straight” by sharing food and clothing, by not taking advantage of people, and by being content with what the Lord has given us. In the midst of your busy preparations, consider these words.

**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.

<b><u>Hymns:</u></b> 349; 810; 353; 362; 620; 919
<b><u>Liturgy:</u></b> Divine Service, setting 2..... p. 167
<b><u>The First Lesson:</u></b> Malachi 3:1-7b ..... page 802
<b><u>The Second Lesson:</u></b> Philippians 1:2-11 ..... page 980
<b><u>The Holy Gospel:</u></b> Luke 3:1-14(15-20)..... page 858
<b><u>Organist:</u></b> Mrs. Connie Bremer
<b><u>Sermon:</u></b> Rev. Karl Eckhoff
<i>An Anniversary Message from Rev. Disbro</i>

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

**ELDERS PRAYING WITH PASTOR:** -

**ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION:** Tommie Washington, Dario Lamberti and Reg Lee

**GREETING YOU THIS MORNING** are Jim and Susan Gulley.

**ACOLYTES:** Donterius Young and Joe Lamberti

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Dylan and Andrew Sparks

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

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$9,233.00; Improvement Fund: \$107.00. Attendance: 150. Sunday School Attendance: N-2<sup>nd</sup> 8, 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> 7, 8<sup>th</sup>-HS 5, Adults 53, Visitors 3, Total 76.

**THIS IS THE 49<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**HOSPITALIZED: OSF:** Joe Ehlen

**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).

**OUR NEWLY REMODELED KITCHEN** is on target to be finished by the end of next week. Please make a plan to stop in for a look! It is also very exciting to share the news that we have been so blessed with gifts that it has been fully funded! Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow!!! Our next and final project, as part of our anniversary updating, will be the restrooms in the Parish Hall. Any and all gifts given now will be used toward this project. Thank you for your continued support to our mission to Celebrate the Past and Preserve our Future!

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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!

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

**JOIN US TODAY FOR A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!** We will be celebrating our 124<sup>th</sup> birthday today with cake! Join us for fellowship, coffee and cake this morning at our coffee bar!

**AN ENTRY FROM PASTOR JASS'S DIARY** dated December 9, 1894:

*The newly organized Christ Congregation will meet this afternoon at 2:30. Our congregation's constitution will be discussed at the regular Congregational Meeting.*

And then, this significant statement: *We were given a peaceful release from Trinity on December 2. Of course, this separation involved the loss of 300 souls to Trinity membership.*

With that afternoon meeting on December 2 and the approval of the Constitution on December 9, 1894, Christ Lutheran Church, under the leadership of Pastor Fredrick W. Jass, was officially organized and became a prophetic voice for God on the South Side of Peoria.

Today we begin our year-long celebration of our 125th Anniversary of that beginning.

**HERE AND THERE - 2019 CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE** in the church office. First come, first served! **AN UPDATED COPY OF THE SHUT-IN LIST** is available outside the office. This has new information that wasn't on the copy provided recently! **PLEASE CHECK YOUR INFORMATION** in the church bulletin. Envelopes for the new year will be coming soon, along with an updated copy of the church directory. Have you disconnected your landline? Has your email address changed? If you aren't sure we have your new information, PLEASE call the church office and give us your info, including cell numbers and emails.

**LUTHERAN WATCH IS COMING!** WATCH #43 will be held March 1-3, 2019 at the Spalding Renewal Center. Registration forms are available in the church office. Cost is \$100 for the weekend, and assistance is available should you need it. For more information, you can contact Barb O'Dell at (309)635-7962 or Pastor.

**CLYF NEWS** – There will be a youth event on December 21<sup>st</sup> at Concordia School, including a movie, dodge ball, basketball, 9 Square, Gaga ball and more, so mark your calendars! More information to come soon! You can also check with Christel, Josh or Pastor.

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

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20  
The Second Lesson: Philippians 4:4-7  
The Holy Gospel: Luke 7:18-28(29-35)

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 10 – DEC 16)**

**MON 12/10:** Elders.....6:00 PM  
Bell Choir .....6:45 PM  
**TUE 12/11:** Church Council.....6:00 PM  
**WED 12/12:** Chapel.....10:00 AM  
Youth Board (2019).....5:00 PM  
Confirmation.....6:00 PM  
Adult Choir.....7:00 PM  
**THU 12/13:** Quilting.....NOON  
Lifelight @ Rewinkels.....7:00 PM  
**FRI 12/14:**  
**SAT 12/15:** Bell Choir .....8:00 AM  
Adult Choir.....9:00 AM  
**SUN 12/16:** Choir Christmas Concert .....9:00 AM  
Sunday School and Bible Classes.....10:30 AM

**2018 ELDERS' RESPONSIBILITY LIST**

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