

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED**

**GUESTS!** We go shopping with a mission. We see thousands of things, but do we notice the people? Too often we zig zag around trying not to touch or intrude or even be noticed. Stir us as your human family to build bridges of touch and care and human community.

If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better. Please fill out a Call to Christian Fellowship card with our regular members and do join us again soon.

**TODAY WE CELEBRATE** the Sacrament of the Altar in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, with bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we come to the Sacrament we also give *public confession* to our unity in the Christian Faith. Guests desiring to receive the Sacrament at our Altar for the first time should speak with the Pastor before the service. 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.

**OUR WORSHIP DURING THE LENTEN SEASON :**

**Hymns & Liturgy:** See Service Folder and song sheets

**The First Lesson:** Isaiah 12:1-6. . . . .Bible Page 576

**The Second Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. . . . .Bible Page 966

**The Holy Gospel:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 . . . . .Bible Page 874

**Comet Chorale,** 8:00 AM: Hear My Prayer & On Eagle’s Wings

**Adult Choir,** 10:45 AM: Come Thou Font

**Organist:** Mrs. Carolyn Koch

**Sermon:** Rev. Karl Eckhoff

Amos 6:1-6.....”Grieving for Joseph”

**ELDER PRAYING** with the Pastors before the 8 AM Service - Mr. Louis Heuermann. **ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION:** 8 AM - Mr. Louis Heuermann, Mr. Tommie Washington,; 10:45 AM - Mr. Del Hume, Mr. Ron Millard, Sr.

**OUR MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES** continue this Wednesday, March 17th at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. This year we’ll be focusing on the cross from the perspectives of 2 Old Testament prophets. Midweek observances will draw from the prophet Isaiah; while Sunday’s will focus on the Word of God from Amos. We pray that we might all be blessed in the hearing of God’s gracious Word of forgiveness and life in Christ.

**THE YOUTH CHOIR** will be giving a concert at Lutheran Hillside Village this Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. Come join us and bring a friend!

**OUR NEXT OPPORTUNITY** to serve Sunday Dinner at the Neighborhood House will be next Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. We are in need of volunteers to help serve dinner on that day, prepare food and cash donations to purchase food and paper products. If you are interested in helping in any of these ways, please contact Rae Ann Laylock at (309)367-9741 or (217)855-4838.

**IT’S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN:** The Evangelism Board is hosting the Christ Lutheran Church/School Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have the youth helping out with games and other activities with other boards. We are asking for donations of eggs and candies to fill the eggs or any other ideas to put in the eggs. Please drop any donations off at the Church Office.

**GREETING YOU THIS MORNING** before the 8:00 AM Service is Mrs. Eleanor Roth and Mr. Michael Roth. Before the 10:45 AM Service is Mrs. Charlotte Sparks and Mr. Dale Eckhoff.

**ACOLYTES:** Tessa Seibel, Jayme Zentko  
Noah Brown, Cain Peterson

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Johnathan Rayford, Zachary Zentko  
Joshua Eckhoff, Jacob Winkle

**USHERS FOR MARCH:** 8:00 AM - Team 2 (Samuel-Hannah Team); 10:45 AM - Team 5 (Simeon-Anna Team).

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED** on the Altar today to the glory of God and in celebration of Mrs. Kathryn Clarke’s 87<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and offerings \$13,783.55. Improvement Fund \$630.00. Attendance: 185+102=287. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd, 17; 3rd-8th, 24; High School, 15; Adults, 79; Visitors, 8; Total, 143.

“Let the vast voyage begin!” VBS plans have set sail and once again we are in need of your help. This year’s theme, “High Seas Expedition” has a nautical emphasis. If you are beginning your ‘spring cleaning,’ please keep an eye out for nautical items that we can use to help decorate for VBS. Any donations can be brought to the Church Office. In a few weeks, we will also be distributing “barrels,” similar to last year’s fireflies, that will have items needed for VBS on them. Your generous support was incredible last year and we hope that you will consider supporting the ministry of Vacation Bible School in this way. Please check out our VBS display at the Easter Egg Hunt, March 27<sup>th</sup>, for more information! You won’t want to miss VBS, June 13-17!

**HOSPITALIZED:** Methodist - Mrs. Marilyn Otten.

**SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:** Continued prayers for Ruth Butsch, Kathryn Clarke, Al & Delma DeWeerth, Rita Fistler, Amie Hester, Raymond Marvel, Jean Reinhart, Cleone Schliepsiek, Donna Schmidt, Margaret Schreiber, Marilyn Smith, Megan (Lelm) Rufner, Joe Rathbun, Laurence Wise, Lois Singleton; for our members serving in the military; for Kathryn Clarke’s 87<sup>th</sup> birthday this Wednesday, March 17th.

**RUBY SCHNEIDER** is now safe at home in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. Thank you to everyone for your prayers of support, your generous memorials and all of the wonderful food. Closing as Mom often would in her cards, May God bless and keep you forever. - Love from the Schneider Family.

“Either all human life-from unborn children to demented mothers and fathers-is created...and therefore infinitely precious, or humans are nothing but the result of mere chance, indistinguishable morally from a sand flea. The choice society makes will determine whether the most vulnerable among us will be respected and protected...or whether we will ‘put them down’ when they become a burden.” *Chuck Colson, author and founder of Prison Fellowship.* **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans for Life - [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org).**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - Jesus tells us what He expects of us: “If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me” (Mark 8:34). By God’s grace we are enabled to overcome obstacles, disappointments, and ridicule in order to follow after God. And Jesus promises those who come to Him, “My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:30).

**UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS**

- Sun., March 14 - District Bible Bowl at Mt. Calvary, Peoria
- Fri., March 19 - Sunday, March 21 - O AFC (Christ, Peoria)
- Sat., March 27 - Winter Jam in Normal, IL. - 5:00 - 11:30 PM
- Sun., April 4<sup>th</sup> - Easter Breakfast (Youth serving)
- Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon - National Youth Gathering  
MANDATORY meeting
- Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup> - Potato Pancake Supper fundraiser
- Sun., April 11<sup>th</sup> - District Bible Bowl
- Fri., April 16 - Sunday, April 18 - Confirmation Retreat  
(Great Oaks Camp)
- Sat., April 17<sup>th</sup> - CID Pre-Gathering Mardi Gras Celebration
- Fri., April 23 - Sunday, April 25 O AFC (Mt. Calvary, Galesburg)

**BID ON A TRUCK, SUPPORT OUR YOUTH:** Through a very generous donation from the Marvel family, the Youth Board will be auctioning a “Cubby Blue” 1994 Chevy S10 pickup truck, with all the proceeds going toward the youth and adults attending the National Youth Gathering in July. It is in excellent condition, has a manual transmission and 70,000 miles. For more information or to place a bid, please call Dee at 637-5309. Tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity too.

**O AFC** will be here next weekend, March 19th-21st. Host families are needed to house teens from out of town. While families with teens are ideal, anyone can serve as a host. Please sign up by calling the Church Office.

**HERE AND THERE** ... **Coffeecakes and rolls** are needed for the Easter breakfast. If you’d like to help with this, call Laura Baize ... There are a **couple of coupons** for a \$15 savings when you pay in full by 3/27/10 for any camp experience over \$100 at Camp Cilca. Call (217)487-7497 or go to [www.Cilca.org](http://www.Cilca.org) ... **Confirmands** looking for your bread pans; please look in the Church Office ... **COMING SOON** - Potato Pancake Supper - Saturday, April 10 ... **Praise Band** is looking to expand its roster. If you have musical talent that you feel God might be calling you to use in this capacity, please speak with Pastor Schellhas.

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent: The First Lesson-Isaiah 43:16-21; The Second Lesson-Phil. 3:(4b-7) 8-14; The Holy Gospel-Luke 20:9-20.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - MARCH, 2010**

This year’s **Sunday School offerings** will be going to support Rev. Patrick O’Neal and his family as he does missionary work in the Koreas ... Our **Sunday School children** (Pre-school - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade), will be singing on Palm Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. There will be a brief mini-program involving congregational responses, as well as a song at the beginning of each service ... Please take note of the **Parish Education bulletin board** done by Laura Baize & Marilyn Berkshier for Pastor Eckhoff’s class. It is located next to Al Schneider’s classroom ... We **encourage you to invite** your friends and family members to Sunday School. We have classes for ages 2 through adult. Enjoy fun and fellowship while studying God’s Word.

The following had **perfect attendance** in Sunday School or Bible Classes in the month of February: **Adults** - Dwayne & Karol Allen, Herman & Ruth Allen, Laura Baize, Dale Eckhoff, Pastor Eckhoff, Pastor Frazell, Kevin & Rhonda Frederking, Sandy Frederking, Donna Gogele, Nancy Hume, Pastor & Hilda Knief, Rae Ann Laylock, Darlene Marvel, Andy Moore, Judy & Bill Nelson, Kathy Otten, Charlotte & (Don) Sparks, Sue Welch, Catherine Evans, James Grebe, Jeff Grebe, Irene Hoeltje, Dan Huson, Nancy Knoll, Vi Lawrence, Karen Van Gulik, Tommie Washington, Linda Wenzel, Vera Zentko, Naomi & Wilbur Schaefer, Mary Jass, Ken Eichorn, Fred Lee, Reg Lee, Carol Randall, Bev Rauthenberg, Al & Chris Schneider; **High School** - Eric Markovich, Mitchel Heuermann, Michael Heuermann, Larissa Baize, Luke Grebe, Mercedes Huson, Justin Price, Gretchen Teske, Bryana VandeVoorde; **8<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Joshua Eckhoff, Emily Heuermann, Elizabeth Kelly, Natalie Stewart; **7<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Samuel Grebe, Ronald Price, Teacher; **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** - Zachary Zentko; **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** - Cassandra Eckhoff, Teacher; **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade** - Rachel Grebe, Rebecca Grebe, Allison Teske, Joy Ledbetter, Teacher; **K**- Kade VandeVoorde; **Preschool** - Samuel Frederking.

**THE KEY POINT** of today’s Sunday School lesson was that, in our sin, we are lost from God and doomed to die, but God, in His love, sought and found us and keeps us with Him forever. The Bible story was about Jesus seeking the lost as recorded by St. Luke (Luke 15). In your family discussions, talk about how God keeps us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments. In the catechism, review the explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed. How does this fit with the Bible story?

**THE 2010 CENSUS** is more than a count of everyone in the United States; it will shape the future of our community. Faith-based organizations use Census data to apply for grants that fund important programs and initiatives. In addition, community services that you depend on are made possible by funding based on Census data.

**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH** in Bartonville will present a live depiction of Leonardo DaVinci’s “Last Supper” on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 PM. Dramatic readings will introduce each of the men as we learn about their lives and relationship to our Lord Jesus Christ. The Gospel Choir will present three anthems to set the mood. Following the presentation, all baptized believers are invited to Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. For more information, call 697-1440 or see the flyer on the Parish Hall bulletin board.

**THE ALZHEIMER’S ASSOCIATION** will hold an Educational Conference on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM-4:30 PM at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria. There is a flyer on the Parish Hall bulletin board with more information or you can call 681-1100 or check their website at [www.alz.org/illinoiscentral](http://www.alz.org/illinoiscentral)

- THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING:** March 14 - 20, 2010
- SUN:** Family Ministry Meeting after 10:45 AM Worship  
District Bible Bowl @ Mt. Calvary  
Lifelight @ VandeVoorde’s & Wieland’s. . . . .6:30 PM
  - MON:** Board of Elders’ Meeting . . . . .7:00 PM
  - TUE:** Youth Choir @ Lutheran Hillside Village. . . . .10:00 AM  
Fall Festival Meeting. . . . .6:00 PM
  - WED:** Lifelight @ Church. . . . .8:30 AM  
Lenten Services. . . . .10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
NO YOUTH CHOIR  
Confirmation. . . . .5:30 PM  
SO1024 Bible Study. . . . .5:30 PM  
Adult Choir Practice. . . . .7:45 PM
  - THU:** Pastor Schellhas at Conference - Monday  
CLS Enrollment for new families for 2010/2011 . .6:00 PM  
Bell Choir Practice. . . . .6:15 PM  
Lifelight @ Frazell’s & Lannert’s. . . . .6:30 PM
  - FRI:** O AFC Weekend Here - Sunday
  - SAT:** Praise Band . . . . .8:30 AM

**THIS IS THE 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**