

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

We live in a world today where we may not feel connected to those around us. Even in a crowd it can be easy to feel lonely. At times, we may not feel connected to God. Jesus prays in John 17 that we may be one as God is one---Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we experience and embrace God's love in our lives, God works through us to love others and bring them into unity with Him.

If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better. Please fill out a Call to Christian Fellowship Card and join us again soon.

THE LORD'S SUPPER is celebrated at this Congregation in the glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood in this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Because Holy Communion is also a statement of faith, any who hold a confession differing from that of this Congregation, are asked first to speak with a Pastor. 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: 644; 649; 839; 623; 912; 636; God Bless America
Liturgy: LSB, Divine Service 3 Page 184
The First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26 Bible Page 909
The Second Lesson: Rev. 22:1-6(7-11) 12-20 Bible Page 1041
The Holy Gospel: John 17:20-26.Bible Page 903
Organist: Miss Julie Koch
Sermon: Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff
"What's He Thinking?".....John 17:20-26

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the 8:00 AM Service is Mrs. Mary Ellen Kent and Mrs. Nancy Knoll. Before the 10:45 AM Service is Mr. Fred Lee and Ms. Carol Randall.

ELDER PRAYING with the Pastors before the 8:00 AM Service -Mr. Tommy Washington; 10:45 AM - Mr. Del Hume. **ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION:** 8:00 AM-Mr. Tommy Washington, Mr. Larry VonBehren; 10:45 AM-Mr. Del Hume, Mr. Matt VandeVoorde.

USHERS FOR MAY: 8:00 AM - Team 1 (Aaron-Miriam Team); 10:45 AM - Team 5 (Simeon-Anna Team).

ACOLYTES: Kuda Zhou, Kuziva Zhou
Joshua Eckhoff, Cain Peterson
NEXT SUNDAY: Rebecca Kelly, Abigail Teske
Marizza Seling, Emma Whitehead

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$10,965.62, total to date: \$24,847.72. Improvement Fund: \$238.00, total to date: \$753.00. N-2nd, 19; 3rd-8th, 20; HS, 14; Adults, 79; Visitors, 4; Total, 136.

THIS IS THE 20th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

A NEW MEMBER INSTRUCTION CLASS is forming. If you're interested in membership at Christ Lutheran or in reviewing the Christian Faith, call the Church Office. Classes will begin Thursday evening, May 20th at 7:00 PM.

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held today following the 10:45 AM Service. Your attendance is encouraged as we have many important decisions and actions to report and vote on.

TO SAVE A LIFE - THE MOVIE is coming to Christ Lutheran THIS WEEK! There will be two showings, on Friday and Saturday night at 6 PM in CLS Gym A. We need your help in a few important ways to give this event maximum impact: 1) Pray for the event, that God will use it to impact youth and parents for His kingdom; 2) Promote the film by helping us network with parents, teachers and youth workers who might be interested in bringing youth to the event; 3) Volunteer to help out with either night as a greeter, discussion leader, A/V tech, concessions, etc. Contact Pastor Schellhas or Chris Evans for more info. Be sure to check out our event site: christlutheranpeo.tosavealifegroup.com, and make plans to see the film. We're starting a sermon series called To Save a Family next week, based on the movie, so make sure to see the film!

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Continued prayers for Al & Delma DeWeerth, Amie Hester, Raymond Marvel, Bev Marzahn, for our members in the military; for our Church boards and their members.

HERE AND THERE ... **We have some** Concordia Self Study Bibles, hardback with thumb index, for \$49.99. Call the Church Office, 637-5309, if you'd like one. We also have some Lutheran Confessions available for sale ... Check the bulletin board in the Parish Hall for information on some financial presentations at Lutheran Hillside Village for May 18th and May 25th ...

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

The First Lesson: Genesis 11:1-9
The Second Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
The Holy Gospel: John 14:23-31

TODAY'S SUNDAY SCHOOL lesson taught the children that Jesus, our risen Savior, ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us there with Him (Acts 1:1-11). As a family, talk about heaven and what it will be like. Look up passages in God's Word that speak of heaven, especially look at Revelation 22. Ask the children to tell you about Jesus' ascension and what it means for them.

"When faced with an unplanned pregnancy, teens need to realize the decisions they make are permanent and will affect them for the rest of their lives. Abortion may seem like the only choice, and the easiest way out, but abortion is permanent. There is no bringing back a dead baby." *Grace Kern, director of Word of Hope (888-217-8679)* **This "Life Quote" is from Lutherans for Life - www.lutheransforlife.org**

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - In the Parable of the Sower found in Mark 4:1-20, Jesus described four different results from sowing of the seed, His Word. Too many of us can relate to the third illustration, that of seed sown among the thorns that is choked out by the "*worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things*" (verse 19). How foolish we are to expend all our energies in temporal things that quickly fade instead of investing in eternity! Jesus tells us, "(Matthew 6:33). *Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*"

YOUTH EVENTS

May 16 - Congregational Meeting-Luncheon served by youth
May 21 & 22 - To Save a Life Movie Event (6 PM)
May 21-23 - OAFC @ St. Paul, Lexington
June 6 - 1st Sunday Fellowship/NYG Team Meeting @ Schellhas'
June 13-17 - VBS
June 15-19 - OAFC Training
June 21-30 - OAFC traveling team
June 27 - NYG Team Meeting @ Teske's
July 9-11 - OAFC @ Christ, Normal
July 11 - NYG Team Meeting @ VandeVoorde's
July 15-22 - NYG!!!

VBS sets sail June 13-17, from 6-8:30 PM. We'll be serving dinner at 5:30 PM Monday - Thursday. Kids 3 years old - completed 5th Grade are eligible to participate. Adults, please consider joining us for VBS by attending our Adult Bible Class written and led by Pastor Frazell. You won't want to miss out on this Adventure!

ALL VBS VOLUNTEERS (youth and adults) are asked to please attend one of the Training Events, either Thursday, May 20 at 7 PM or Saturday, June 5 at 11 AM. Both will be held in the Community Room.

Many hands are needed for VBS, if you are interested in helping, please call Leeann Schellhas, 691-1684. We are especially in need of Crew Leaders who guide the children from station to station. Please prayerfully consider helping in this way.

BARRELS OF SUPPORT ... Today and next week during the Adult Bible Classes, barrels that list items needed for VBS were circulated. Last year, your participation in our supply drive was tremendous and we are again looking to you for support to help make VBS a success through your donation of items needed. If you would like to help, please see Leeann Schellhas. All items are due back to the Sunday School Office no later than Sunday, June 6.

IF ANYONE STILL HAS Campbell's labels, Boxtops for Education, used cell phones, used laser cartridges or ink jet cartridges, please be sure to give them to Mr. or Mrs. Teske no later than Wednesday, May 26th.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING: May 16 - 22, 2010

- SUN:** Congregational Meeting after 10:45 AM Service
- MON:** Elders' Meeting..... 7:00 PM
- TUE:** Band & Choir Concert 6:30 PM
- WED:** Chapel Service 10:00 AM
TRUEU Bible Study.....5:30 PM
Adult Choir Picnic
- THU:** VBS Volunteer Training.....6:00 PM
- FRI:** LWML National Convention Meeting @ CLC
- SAT:** Praise Band..... 8:30 AM
Adopt-a-Block.....9:45 AM
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