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WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!

On earth *“you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy”* (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, *“God has granted repentance that leads to life”* (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is *“a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household”* (Acts 11:13-14). He gives freely *“from the spring of the water of life”* (Rev. 21:6), *“and death shall be no more”* (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, *“making all things new”* (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, *“and God is glorified in Him”* (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our *“love for one another”* (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

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.

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: 474, 662, 618, 660, 676, God Bless America

Liturgy: Divine Service 1, LSB Page 151

The First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18. Bible Page 919

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-7 Bible Page 1041

The Holy Gospel: John 13:31-35. Bible Page 900

Adult Choir, 8:00 AM

Organist: Miss Julie Koch

Sermon: Rev. Aaron M. Schellhas

“Church = Base Camp” Text: Luke 15:11-32

OUR SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held following the 10:45 AM Service on May 16th. There will be a meal served by our CYF. Call the Church Office, 637-5309, or make a note on your attendance card if you’d like to attend and enjoy the meal.

REMINDER: All Board chairpersons need to have a summary report of your Board’s activities since the November Congregational meeting to the Church Office by this Friday, May 7th.

A DIAPER SHOWER sponsored by the Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is next Sunday, May 9th, Mother’s Day. Please bring disposable diapers of any size to Church on Mother’s Day as a way to thank your Mom for giving you life! The collection will go through Sunday, May 23rd.

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the 8:00 AM Service are Mrs. Brenda Pitts and Mrs. Laurie Silotto. Before the 10:45 AM Service are Mrs. Patty Reiser and Mrs. Kathy Smith.

USHERS FOR MAY: 8:00 AM - Team 1(Aaron-Miriam Team) Tom Schepke, Captain; Charles Best, Ron Falb, George Parlier, Marilyne Parlier, Tom Trunk, Larry Von Behren; 10:45 AM - Team 5 (Simeon-Anna Team) Debra Brown and Richard Partee, Co-Captains; Caleb Eckhoff, Ron Millard, Sr., Bill Nelson, Matt VandeVoorde, Justin Price.

ACOLYTES: Zoe McIntosh, Jayme Zentko

Noah Brown, Jacob Winkle

NEXT SUNDAY: Angela Kelly, Elizabeth Kelly

Heather Lannert, Natalie Stewart

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings \$9,740.65, total for the month \$45,355.96. Improvement Fund \$30.00, total for the month \$1,031.00. Attendance: 191+234=425. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd, 18; 3rd-8th, 19; High School, 14; Adults, 78; Visitors, 10; Total, 139. Average attendance in April, 386. Holy Communion: 4/4, 366; 4/18, 252; 4/25, 174.

THIS IS THE 18TH SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

LWML will meet this Saturday, May 8th at 1:00 PM. Pastor Eckhoff will have a topic.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED on the Altar today to the glory of God and in celebration of Rhonda Frederking and Jennifer Whitehead’s birthdays on April 21st and for Emma Whitehead’s 11th birthday on May 4th by Sandy Frederking.

DID YOU NOTICE the flowers and new mulch flanking the sidewalk from the parking lot to the Annex doors? A beautiful job, and we have the 7th grade class and their teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Lamberti, to thank for the work of spreading the mulch (which was furnished by Mr. Tommie Washington) and planting the flowers (which were purchased by the CLS Student Council). A special word of “THANKS!” to all of them for a job well done!

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Continued prayers for Blanche Bracken, Kathryn Clarke, Al & Delma DeWeerth, Amie Hester, Judy Lawrence, Raymond Marvel, Cleone Schliepsiek, Marilyn Smith, Dale Swanson, Lucy Tosch, Barb Wieland; for our members serving in the military; to comfort those touched by the death of Willard May, father of Mrs. Kathy Burkley; for the 51st Wedding Anniversary today of Emily & Tom Zaia.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - True love always expresses itself in action. God tells us He loves us through His deeds. What greater act of love is there than that of God Who gave His only Son to die so that we will never have to experience separation from Him? St. Paul writes, “You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body” (1 Corinthians 6:20). Honoring God with our bodies and all He has given us is our act of love in response to His love for us.

THE KEY POINT of today’s Sunday School lesson came from the Bible story about the choosing of the 72 to go and tell others about Jesus. God chose the 72 to serve Him in a special task (Luke 10:1-24). God places us in various callings, giving us opportunities to serve Him and share our faith with others. As a family, talk about the various callings (vocations) each of you have and discuss the opportunities God gives you in these roles to share your faith. Who in your life needs to hear about the Savior?

ATTENTION ST. LOUIS CARDINAL FANS! We are trying to determine if there is enough interest in coordinating a CLC fan trip to a Cardinals game during the 2010 baseball season. Discounted game tickets are available for groups of 25 or more. Please contact Rhonda Frederking at 369-0695 (or email to rmfreder@yahoo.com) if you are interested. Once we determine if there is enough interest, we can coordinate the details (i.e. preferred day of the week, time, transportation, etc.)

I WOULD LIKE to thank you all for the cards, prayers and expressions of concern I received during my hospitalization and recovery. - Mrs. Marilyn Otten.

1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP is at Schellhas' today from 3:00-6:00 PM. Jr. & Sr. CYF are invited.

TRUEU will begin on Wednesday, May 12th at 5:30 PM for high school seniors and college age young adults. Contact Pastor Schellhas for more details.

TO SAVE A LIFE - THE MOVIE is coming to Christ Lutheran! An independent Christian film that tells the story of a group of high school students who learn the importance of reaching out to those around them. To Save A Life has provided youth and parents with opportunities to explore the struggles that adolescents naturally go through. There will be two showings, on the evenings of May 21st and 22nd. Mark your calendars and make plans to attend: this is a movie event you won't want to miss! Stay tuned for details!

HERE AND THERE ... *If you have* any concerns or questions you'd like discussed or addressed at the May 16th Congregational Meeting, please contact Chad Whitehead at 697-8315 ... *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 ... *I would like* to thank everyone for their prayers during my surgery. Surgery went well and I'm now recovering. - Dr. James Case.

FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR: There is a chart on the wall in the narthex of the church where you can sign up to grace our Lord's altar with a bouquet marking your anniversaries, birthdays and other occasions where you would like to give thanks to the Lord who has been good to you. **THIS IS A VERY BIG NEED HERE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN.** There are very few people signed up and our flower fund is depleted. Please, either donate to the fund or sign up for a special Sunday. If you sign up you will be contacted with a reminder and with help making the arrangements at a florist. If you'd like to share a Sunday with someone just write that on the flower chart. Thank you so much!

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for 6th Sunday of Easter:

- The First Lesson: Acts 16:9-15
- The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27
- The Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33 or John 5:1-9

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING: May 2 - 8, 2010

SUN: Pastor Eckhoff's Vacation - Thursday
1st Sunday Fellowship @ Schellhas' 3:00-6:00 PM

MON: CLS Varsity Volleyball 2:30-4:30 PM
Parish Education Board Meeting. 6:00 PM
Evangelism Board Meeting. 7:00 PM

TUE: Trustees' Meeting. 6:00 PM
Youth Board Meeting 6:30 PM

WED: 4th Grade to Springfield & New Salem
Chapel Service. 10:00 AM
Confirmation 5:30 PM
SO 1024. 5:30 PM

THU: 6th Grade Outdoor Education
7th & 8th Grade Trip to St. Louis
Stewardship & Finance Board. 6:30 PM

FRI: 6th Grade Outdoor Education
7th & 8th Grade Trip to St. Louis

SAT: Praise Band Practice. 8:30 AM
Adopt-A-Block. 9:45 AM
LWML Meeting. 1:00 PM
LSA Track Meet in Decatur