

4th Sunday of Easter - Junior Confirmation

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WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED

GUESTS: One of the most comforting truths of God's Word is that our God knows His own by name. That is how significant you are to Him. Today we hear Jesus identify Himself as the Good Shepherd. We are His sheep and He knows us well. As the wolf tries to steal the sheep from the flock, so the devil uses the cares and difficulties of life in attempts to steal us from the Good Shepherd. However, not only does our Shepherd know our names but He also assures us that we are held in His strong hand.

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.

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 ON CONFIRMATION SUNDAY:

Hymns & Liturgy: As printed on the worship folder

The First Lesson: Acts 20:17-35. Bible Page 929

The Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17. Bible Page 1032

The Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30. Bible Page 896

Youth Choir, 8:00 AM: "Christ is With Me" & "Create In Me A Clean Heart"

Adult Choir, 10:45 AM: "You Are My Hiding Place" & "Thee Lord Would I Serve"

Organist: Miss Julie Koch

Sermon: The Rev. Aaron M. Schellhas

"Sheep Listen" Text: John 10:22-30

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the 8:00 AM service is Mr. & Mrs. George Von Behren. Before the 10:45 AM Service is Mr. & Mrs. Ed Guppy.

ELDERS PRAYING with the Pastors before each service: 8:00 AM - Mr. Louis Heuermann; 10:45 AM - Mr. Matt VandeVoorde. **ASSISTING WITH HOLY COMMUNION** at 10:45 AM - Mr. Bryant Carter, Mr. Louis Heuermann.

THIS IS THE 17TH SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

THE CLS MUSICAL, *A Little Night Magic*, will be this Thursday, April 29th, at 6:30 PM. Good seats go quickly! Please come join us for a delightful evening of entertainment. Our dress rehearsal on Thursday morning, April 29, at 9:00 AM is open to members of the Congregation. The price of admission for the musical is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for seniors and children up to 8th grade.

USHERS FOR APRIL: 8:00 AM - Team 3 (Jachin-Boaz Team); 10:45 AM - Team 4 (Zechariah-Elizabeth Team).

ACOLYTES: Dawson Hoffman, Anthony Joseph Marizza Seling, Emma Whitehead

NEXT SUNDAY: Zoe McIntosh, Jayme Zentko Noah Brown, Jacob Winkle

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings \$11,627.22, total to date for the month, \$35,615.31. Improvement Fund \$342.00, total to date for the month \$1,001.00. Attendance: 194+150=344. Sunday School Attendance: N-2nd, 13; 3rd-8th, 20; High School, 10; Adults, 73; Visitors, 2; Total, 119. Private Communion in March, 24.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED on the Altar today to the glory of God and in celebration of Barb & Bill Wieland's 13th Wedding Anniversary on April 26th.

IT WAS TRULY a special occasion for us last Sunday in celebrating a relationship that began with our Vicarage year in 1963 and was later re-established as your Pastor on April 20, 1975. The beautiful cross commemorating my 45 years in the Lord's ministry, the personalized card containing a generous monetary gift, and the very kind, sincere words spoken at the luncheon deeply touched our hearts. We all were overcome by emotion several times throughout the day realizing how much being a part of the Christ Lutheran family has meant to our lives. Your invaluable love, support and encouragement will remain with each of us as a treasured memory as we begin a new chapter in our lives. - Pastor, Joan, Candace, Joel and Debra.

SET SAIL ON A HIGH SEAS EXPEDITION at VBS June 13-17, from 6-8:30 PM, with our optional meal at 5:30 Mon.-Thurs. Check out the display table in the Narthex for more information about registering a child (3 years old - completed 5th grade) or sign up to be a volunteer. Adults, you can join us as a volunteer or attend our Bible Study written and led by Pastor Frazell. Make a SPLASH this summer at VBS!

THANK YOU! Needless to say, it was a complete surprise last Sunday. And just how more than 400 people kept the secret, I will never know! That made the day even more special. Both Hilda and I appreciate the honor you have afforded us on this, the 50th Anniversary of my ordination into the Holy Ministry. Thank you for the beautiful cross, the cash gift and the well-wishes. We will cherish these memories for the years to come. You once again have shown the love that you hold for the Office of Pastor and for us who have been privileged to serve the Lord here at Christ Lutheran. God bless you all and keep you safe in His everlasting arms! - Pastor & Hilda Knief.

VBS ITEMS NEEDED: Empty paper towel rolls and empty pringles canisters. Please place in the box under the VBS table in the Narthex! Thanks!! Also, if you have any nautical decorations that we can borrow, please contact Leeann Schellhas, 691-1684.

HOSPITALIZED: Methodist-Mrs. Judy Lawrence. **SPECIAL PRAYERS:** Continued prayers for Kathryn Clarke, Al & Delma DeWeerth, Rita Fistler, Amie Hester, Raymond Marvel, Margaret Schreiber, Marilyn Smith, Barb Wieland; for all of our military members; for all of our Church Boards and their members; for Mr. Arla Knoll's 80th birthday on April 28th; for the 13th Wedding Anniversary tomorrow of Barb & Bill Wieland.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the 5th Sunday of Easter: 1st Lesson-Acts 11:1-18; 2nd Lesson-Revelation 21:1-7; The Holy Gospel-John 16:12-22 or 13:31-35.

THANK YOU so much to all who have sent cards, called and prayed for me. Surgery and recovery are going as anticipated. Thanks be to God. - Barbara Wieland.

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 ... Bob Marzahn needs someone to mow his yard. Call 691-5509 if you'd be interested ... **Our seminarian**, Ron Millard, Jr., will be receiving his call next Tuesday, April 27th. You can view this live by logging into csl.edu and clicking "Call Day" ... **A diaper shower** will be held on Sunday, May 9th, Mother's Day sponsored by the Peoria Area Lutherans for Life. Bring disposable diapers of any size to church on that day as a way to thank your mom for giving you life!

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS the gratitude we have in our hearts for you, the members of Christ Lutheran, for your kind thoughts and gifts on this 20th anniversary year of my ordination. What a surprise! What a joy to continue working among and with you! Pastor Eckhoff, Judy, Cassandra, Ben, Caleb and Joshua.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - As we become more Christ-like, we become more interested in others and less likely to serve only ourselves. This transformation is possible because God renews our minds and changes our hearts. Because God enables us to see things through His eyes, we begin to comprehend what His will is, and we live our lives trying to please Him. With our focus on ourselves diminished, we look for opportunities to help the people God places around us. Whenever we help those in need in Christ's name, we are in reality doing our acts of service unto Jesus Himself (Matthew 25:40).

“Sometimes our lives can get pretty dark ... crisis pregnancies come into our families and to our lives and illness comes into our lives and death comes into our lives ... and sometimes we wonder where the shepherd is ... but the Good Shepherd comforts us with His rod and His staff ... Our Good Shepherd gives us promise after promise after promise ... ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ ‘I am with you always.’ ‘I go ahead of you.’ ... and someday He will lead us into His eternal dwelling where we will dwell with Him forever.” Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb, executive director of Lutherans For Life. **This “Life Quote” is from Lutherans for Life.**

JESUS CALLS HIMSELF our shepherd (John 10:22-30). In Sunday School today, the children learned how we are all like sheep who have gone astray. As a family, talk about this Good Shepherd Jesus, who rescues, gathers, and cares for us through His Word and Sacraments. In what ways has He rescued you? Where can we find our Shepherd? (In His Word and Sacraments.) Review the blessings of Baptism and the Lord's Supper in the catechism.

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 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.)

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING: 4/25-5/1, 2010

- MON:** Pastor Schellhas' Vacation - Wednesday
TUE: Day School Board Meeting. 5:00 PM
Evangelism Call Night. 6:30 PM
WED: Chapel Service. 10:00 AM
Confirmation. 5:30 PM
SO1024 Bible Study 5:30 PM
Adult Choir Practice. 7:00 PM
THU: SCHOOL MUSICAL. 6:30 PM
Bell Choir Practice. 6:15 PM
FRI: CLS 7th Annual Honor Band Festival
SAT: Men's Bible Study. 9:30 AM
CID Track Meet