



Vol 80      September 7, 2025      No 41  
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

**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.

**HOSPITALIZED:**

**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** Tyler McConkey (Barb O'Dell's grandson), Mary Fran Wessler, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Chuck Whitehead, Joel Ommen, Rick Schultz, Bonnie Gallas (Deb Wolfmeyer's sister), Susan VanMoorlem (Reith), Sarah Ly Hang, Kevin Sommer (Barb O'Dell's step-son), Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, Byron Webb, Joni Bradshaw, Martin Behnke, Linda Samp, Darlene Marvel, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), for those in the military, for our Church Boards and their members, CLS staff and students, for Christians being persecuted worldwide. *THE BOARD OF ELDERS REMINDS YOU* that if you have someone you would like to be remembered in The Prayer of the Church during worship on Sundays, send an email to [angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org](mailto:angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org) or call the church office (637-5309). We will renew prayers when requested.

**ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR :** Tommie Washington

**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:** Tommie Washington, Del Hume, Reg Lee

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY:** Becky Zentko

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Andrew Simmons, Michael VandeVoorde

**ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Kayley Smith, Maddie Markovich

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost- The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-24, The Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 15-17, The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY:** is “Ladybug/Paul in Athens”. The packets for Bugs, contain fun activities and games to help your kids learn all about the books of the Bible, so be sure to check out the digital version in your church email. See Laura, Darla, or Sue about getting a hard copy.

**WE WELCOME PASTOR** Ron Miller, who will be sharing the Good News with us this morning.

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and offerings: \$4,535.10; MTD: \$32,145.61, Improvement Fund: \$35.00; MTD: \$125.00. Church Attendance: 157, N-K: ,1st-5th: , 6th-HS: 2, Adults: 35, Visitors: 3, Total: 40.

**VIEW AND CHEW** - will be meet this week. Season 5, Episode 1, of the Chosen will be shown. Bring your lunch! Invite your friends! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:** in glory to God and in celebration of Cruze Komnick’s 13th birthday, Cassie and Trace McIntosh’s 19th wedding anniversary and in remembrance of the 48th wedding anniversary of Walt and Rae Ann Laylock.

**THE PARISH ED AND OUTREACH BOARD** would like to thank those who contributed to our Milestone Ministry program. We greatly appreciate the generous donations! The funds will be used in purchasing bibles, books and supplies for the First Bible and Preschool Milestone classes."

**CAT MATCHING FUNDS:** Please mark your envelope “**CLS matching fund program**” so they can be easily spotted. They have to be identified as received in order to get the match.

**“MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD!”** That’s the goal of our church’s Bell Choir. We are always looking for new ringers: some for substitutes for a rehearsal or a Sunday service, some who are able to join us for special holiday services, and some who can make the commitment for weekly rehearsals throughout the year. We rehearse on Thursday afternoons, at four, for about 75 minutes. Is being in the Bell Choir a commitment? Yes, but it also is a sacrifice of praise to our eternally awesome and gracious God, who is worthy of all our praise! Interested? Please text Linda Von Behren at 309 645-2683 for more information.

**THIS IS THE 41st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Luke 14:33 – “So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.” None of what we have is ours. It all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian

stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God’s purposes according to our callings in home, Church, and society. As we learn to live generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It’s not “ours,” it’s His. God owns everything, and we manage it for the furtherance of His goals.

**“Did You Know?”**

by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel motivated voices for life. By week 9 of development, a baby begins exploring. He opens and closes his fists and mouth, swallows fluid, sticks out his tongue, and sucks his thumb. Even at this early stage, baby begins to show a preference toward becoming right- or left- handed. God’s creative work is good and orderly.

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEPT 8<sup>th</sup> – SEPT 14<sup>th</sup>)**

<b><u>MON 09/08:</u></b>	Bell Choir.....	4:00PM
	Day School.....	4:30PM
	Elders.....	6:00PM
<b><u>TUES 09/09:</u></b>	Church Council.....	6:00PM
<b><u>WED 09/10:</u></b>	Chapel .....	10:00AM
	View and Chew .....	11:45AM
	Choir.....	6:30PM
<b><u>THU 09/11:</u></b>		
<b><u>FRI 09/12:</u></b>	CLS noon dismissal	
<b><u>SAT 09/13:</u></b>		
<b><u>SUN 09/14:</u></b>	Holy Communion.....	9:00AM
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes .....	10:30AM
	Luncheon.....	11:30AM
	Organ Dedication Service.....	12:30PM

**ONLINE GIVING**



**2025 BOARD OF ELDERS**

- Reg Lee, Chair** ..... (309)678-4764  
Elder 8 - Email - fbrd2002@gmail.com
- Alan White, V. Chair** ..... (309)253-5709  
Elder 1 – Email – bikeandbus@gmail.com
- Del Hume** ..... (309)635-6700  
Elder 2 - Email - humeds@comcast.net
- Kirk Wessler** ..... (309)256-9093  
Elder 3 - Email – k\_wessler@yahoo.com
- Tommie Washington** ..... (309)648-9626  
Elder 7 - No Email