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The Third Sunday in Lent

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: Chris Evans, Gary Axelrod, Tina Hill, Denise Buchanan (Linda VonBehren's sister), Mark Samp, Christine Grebe, Grover Van Dyke, Mary Fran Wessler, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Chuck Whitehead, Sarah Ly Hang, Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, 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), 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 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, Jeff Otten

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Beth Bennett

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Milo Small, Carter Ferro

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Abe McIntosh, Maddie Markovich

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for The Fourth Sunday in Lent The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:14-21, The Second Lesson: Ephesians 5:8-14, The Holy Gospel: John 9:1-41.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: "The God Man"/2nd

Article Apostles' Creed.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: **Feb 22nd** \$3,376.00; MTD: \$31,074.00, **March 1st** \$9,157.00; MTD: \$9,157.00 Improvement Fund: \$135.00; MTD: \$135.00. Church Attendance: at school, N-K: ,1st-5th: , 6th-HS: , Adults: , Visitors: , Total: .

VIEW AND CHEW - This Wednesday. Join us as, we continue with "House of David". Bring your lunch! Invite your friends! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in memory of Mary (Booma) Jass. Given by Marlene Adam and Ceceil Walker, LWML sisters in Christ from Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bronx, New York.

THIS IS THE 15th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Exodus 17:3 – "But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?'" Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

LEGOS!! The Sunday School kids REALLY like their Legos, and we now have a way to have Lego fun AND learn about the Bible, too! Thanks to a Thrivent grant, we have purchased a Lego version of the tabernacle that the kids will begin building on March 29th. Pastor Eckhoff will teach us (and HIS class) about the tabernacle in a Sunday School lesson, and the kids will begin building during the 5th Sunday fellowship time. Be sure to stop by and see how much fun we're having!

BAKED GOODS are needed for the Potato Pancake Supper on March 21st. All proceeds will benefit our Youth Program. Please see today's insert for additional information. Thanks for all your support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Christ Lutheran Church will be hosting an "all you can eat" potato pancake and regular pancake supper on March 21st from 4:00pm until 6:30pm in gym B. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for K-8th grade. The meal includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, water, iced tea, milk, carrots and celery. Take-out will be available. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds will benefit our youth program and activities.

LILIES FOR EASTER: If you would like to donate a lily for the altar for Easter, please contact Sheila Hills (309 218-7300). The cost is \$10.00 each and your order and money

need to be turned in to Sheila or the office by April 1st.

LUTHERAN WOMEN OF GREATER PEORIA is sponsoring a Spring Fundraiser in conjunction with Picket Fence Foundation of Chillicothe. LWGP is selling \$25 Picket Fence gift cards which can be used for flowers, plants or anything in their gift shop. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 22 and cards will be delivered by Friday, March 27. To order contact Suzanne Heinz.

WATCH WEEKEND is April 17-19th. If you have never attended a WATCH weekend, please prayerfully consider spending time in fellowship with other Christians and refreshing your relationship with Christ. You will learn, meet new people, eat good food and have fun! Registration forms are available in the church office and in the box outside the office. Scholarships are available, so don't let the fee stop you. Leave your completed form in the office.

ILLINOIS FAMILY INSTITUTE Voter Guides for the Illinois Primary, Tuesday, March 17th, are available at the annex entrance.

2026 DIRECTORIES were emailed Friday. Hard copies will be available in the office next week.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAR 9th – MAR 15th)

<u>MON 03/09:</u>	Bell Choir.....	4:00PM
<u>TUES 03/10:</u>	Church Council.....	6:00PM
<u>WED 03/11:</u>	Chapel.....	10:00AM
	View and Chew.....	11:45AM
	Choir	6:30PM
<u>THU 03/12:</u>		
<u>FRI 03/13:</u>		
<u>SAT 03/14:</u>		
<u>SUN 03/15:</u>	Holy Communion.....	9:00AM
	LWML Bake Sale	
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes	10:30AM

ONLINE GIVING



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