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Fifth Sunday of Easter

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: Vera Zentko, Rich Partee, Jan Long, Chris Evans, Tina Hill, Mark Samp, Grover Van Dyke, Mary Fran Wessler, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Chuck Whitehead, Sarah Ly Hang, Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, 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, Kirk Wessler, Alan White

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Debra Ogden

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Andrew Simmons, Carter Ferro

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Carter Dicce, Emersyn Dicce

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Sixth Sunday of Easter. The First Lesson: Acts 17:16-31, The Second Lesson: 1Peter 3:13-22, The Holy Gospel: John 14:15-21.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: Washed Clean/Baptism Mark 16:14-20

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$4,970.06; MTD: \$28,971.06. Improvement Fund: \$25.00; MTD: \$305.00. Church Attendance: 106, N-2nd: 1, 3rd-7th: 5, 8-HS: 0, Adults: 45, Visitors: 3, Total: 54.

No View and Chew. We have finished Season 1 of “House of David” and will take a break.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in celebration of Matt & Christel VandeVoorde’s wedding anniversary.

THIS IS THE 23rd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: 1 Peter 2:9 – “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.” God has called us to be His own. He has chosen us out of love, out of mercy, out of sheer, divine joy. The apostle Peter says that God chose us so that we might share in His glory and “proclaim the excellencies of Him” who has made us His own. And truly, this is our delight! His joy brings joy to our hearts as well.

OUR 27TH ANNUAL CLS GOLF outing will be held on Thursday, May 28th at Metamora Fields Golf Club. We are seeking golfers and sponsors. If you are interested in helping, contact Terry Mooney, Nat Schmidtke or the school office.

MOTHER’S DAY DIAPER SHOWER: Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is sponsoring our annual diaper shower on Mother’s Day, May 10 th . The purpose is to collect as many disposable diapers and wipes as possible for infants and toddlers (especially sizes 4, 5, and 6); plus, adult protective underwear for use by seniors. These will be distributed to local pregnancy resource centers and senior living facilities. May the Lord of life bless you as you help us make this event a success again this year. There are boxes for collection at the front door and also downstairs in the coffee area.

DIRECTORY CHANGE : Joan Durham’s new address is 117 N Western Ave, Apt 104, Peoria, 61605. Her phone is 309 621-4872.

IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO DONATE please consider donating towards the school's A.R. Store. Our Accelerated Reader Program encourages students to read books and earn points. Those points allow them to “shop” for fun rewards to celebrate their hard work! See attached insert.

“Did You Know?”

by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel motivated voices for life. The baby is a distinct and separate human being from the mother. The baby begins communicating with his or her mother right away, sending chemical signals into

the mother's body. This way her body will help the baby grow rather than attack the baby as a foreign object. Not by chance, but by design. Created and redeemed by God Himself.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (MAY 4th – MAY 10th)

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| <u>MON 05/04:</u> | Elders..... | 1:00PM |
| | Bell Choir..... | 4:00PM |
| | Day School..... | 5:00PM |
| <u>TUES 05/05:</u> | Trustees..... | 6:30PM |
| <u>WED 05/06:</u> | Chapel..... | 10:00AM |
| | Choir..... | 6:30PM |
| <u>THU 05/07:</u> | Stew/Finance (via Zoom)..... | 6:30PM |
| <u>FRI 05/08:</u> | | |
| <u>SUN 05/10:</u> | Holy Communion..... | 9:00AM |
| | LWML Bake Sale | |
| | Sunday School..... | 10:15AM |
| | Bible Classes..... | 10:30AM |

ONLINE GIVING



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