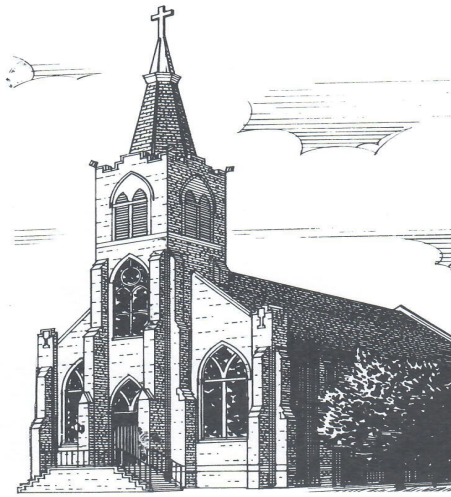




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The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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: Mary Fran Wessler, Sheila Hills, Cindy Coffee (worked in school kitchen), Sue Lee, Summer Failor, Matthew Zentko, Jan Long, Tina Hill, Mark Samp, Grover Van Dyke, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Chuck Whitehead, Sarah Ly Hang, Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, Linda Samp, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), 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 : Kirk Wessler

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Mike Lelm, Kirk Wessler

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Kay Foote

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Milo Small, Jazz Small

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Abe McIntosh, Nash Mooney

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The First Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6, The Second Lesson: Romans 11:33-12:8, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS:

PLEASE JOIN US for food and fellowship for our next 5th Sunday, August 30th. This will be a potluck brunch. Please bring a dish to share during the

Sunday school hour. There will be no Sunday school for children this day. Adult classes can meet at the discretion of the adult leader. We will also be celebrating our Sunday School teachers this day, so please consider a card or note to let your teacher know how blessed we are to have them at Christ Lutheran.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$44,755.00; MTD: \$57,029.00. Improvement Fund: \$20.00; MTD: \$215.00. Church Attendance: 122, N-K: 3, 1st-5th: 5, 5-HS: 5, Adults: 50, Visitors: 4, Total: 67.

38th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 14:30 – “But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, ‘Lord, save me.’” The world really is a scary place, with natural disasters, disease, terrorism and a hundred other things. But where do we place our hope, our trust, our vision? Where do we look for aid and comfort? When Peter’s eyes were on the Lord, he had confidence. When he turned to look at his problems and took his eyes off the Lord, he fell apart. Sometimes God’s call to support the work of His church with our offerings makes us nervous. But put your eyes back on your Lord, trust Him, follow His Word and all really will be well.

LWGP is sponsoring a Fall Mum Fundraiser once again in conjunction with Picket Fence Foundation of Chillicothe. The mums come in an 8" pot for \$12. Colors available this year are yellow, red and orange. \$25 gift cards from Picket Fence are also available. Contact Suzanne Heinz for an order form. Order deadline is Sept 6th and mums will be delivered on Sep 25th.

F.P.U. If you've ever felt like you just can't get in control of your money, you're not alone. You'd be surprised how many people you know are struggling just like you. But it's time for your struggle to end—starting today. Join Trinity Lutheran Church’s (135 NE Randolph Ave-corner of Hamilton & North Streets, downtown Peoria with free childcare as needed) nine session Financial Peace University class starting on Wednesday, September 2, 6-8 pm, and learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. Visit fpu.com/2A3F8D to sign up! Contact Trinity Coordinator Scott Rauch at scottmrauch@gmail.com or 309-676-4609 for more information.

REMEMBER THE CHURCH MOUSE 600 W Main St, accepts gently used clothing, small appliances, toys etc. (No computer equipment or TV’s) Their hours are 10-4 Tuesday through Friday and 10-3 Saturdays.

IF YOUR'RE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO SERVE, The Church Mouse is looking for volunteers.

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!

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (AUG 17th – AUG 23rd)

MON 08/17:

TUES 08/18:

WED 08/19 Chapel.....10:00AM

THU 08/20:

FRI 08/21:

SAT 08/22:

SUN 08/23: Holy Communion..... 9:00AM

Sunday School..... 10:15AM

Bible Classes 10:30AM

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