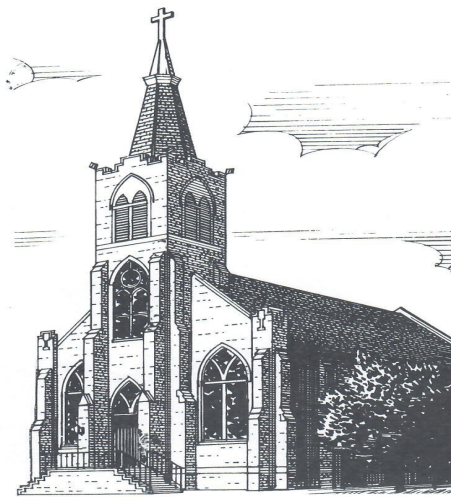




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The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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: Tina Hill

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 : Tommie Washington

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Jeff Otten, Alan White

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Keri Boswell, Wendy Kisler

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Abe McIntosh, Nash Mooney

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Carter Ferro, Nolan Anderson

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The First Lesson: Jeremiah 15:15-21, The Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: Today's Lesson Optical Illusions/I Can Earn My Way Into Heaven

PLEASE JOIN US for food and fellowship next week, 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: \$5900.25; MTD: \$62,029.25. Improvement Fund: \$145.00; MTD: \$360.00. Church Attendance: 128, N-K: 3, 1st-5th: 2, 5-HS: 2, Adults: 47, Visitors: 4, Total: 58.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Mike and Kathy Lelm to the glory of God and in celebration of the blessing of 52 years of marriage.

LAST WEEK'S FLOWERS were given to the glory of God by the summer camp students, who grew them in the school garden, under the guidance of Becca Ferro.

39th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Romans 12:1 – “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.” That’s the order: God’s mercies, then our sacrifice. Since God’s mercies are all-encompassing, so is our sacrifice: a total sacrifice, our total selves placed over into God’s service according to how He has called each of us individually to serve in home, church and society.

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. This culture is designed to take you down. Credit cards, car loans, student loans . . . they’ll keep you paying way too much money for way too long. But there’s one way out of the mess of debt, and it starts right here with you. You can change your future today by joining 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. Visit fpu.com/2A3F8D to sign up! Contact Trinity Coordinator Scott Rauch at scottmrauch@gmail.com or 309-676-4609 for more

information.

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 24th – AUG 30th)

MON 08/24:

TUES 08/25:

WED 08/26:

Chapel..... 10:00AM

THU 08/27:

FRI 08/28:

SAT 08/29:

SUN 08/30:

Holy Communion..... 9:00AM

Teacher Appreciation Brunch

Bible Classes 10:30AM

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