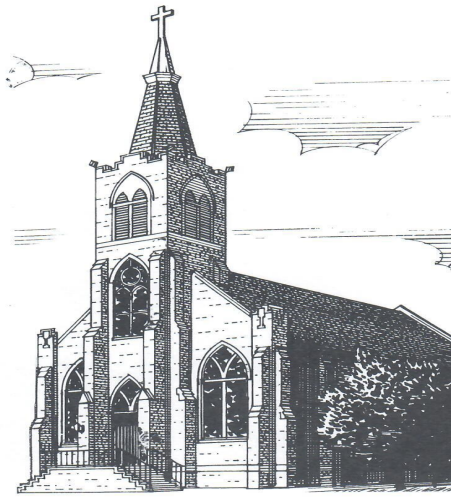




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The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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: Emily Zaia

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, Del Hume

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Nancy Knoll

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Feli Foote, Michael VandeVoorde

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Kayley Smith, Kaeden Heuermann

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost. The First Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21, The Second Lesson: Romans 14:1-12, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TODAY: Optical Illusions/When Bad Things Happen, God Is Punishing Me.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$3,840.00; MTD: \$67,639.25.

Improvement Fund: \$25.00; MTD: \$415.00. Church Attendance: 138, N-K: , 1st-4th: , 5-HS: , Adults: , Visitors: , Total: .

VIEW AND CHEW: Wednesday 11:45am, we continue with Ray Vanderlan's series "That the World May Know". Sept 16th there will be a special, early showing of Season 6, Episode 1 of The Chosen. Bring your lunch & bring a friend! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

THIS MORNING'S CONFIRMANDS: Milo Sebastian Small, Andrew Jeffrey Simmons, Timothy Lawrence

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given by Carl and Barb Strum to the glory of God and in celebration of the blessing of 68 years of marriage.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are also given by Mary Wise to the glory of God and in celebration of Joel's 30th birthday.

ADULT CHOIR practice begins Wednesday, September 9th at 6:30pm.

BELLS begin Monday, September 14th at 4:00pm.

MITES WILL BE COLLECTED this morning at the annex entrance.

41st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER Matthew 18:4 – "Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." What does it mean to have childlike faith? Certainly Jesus does not want us to have a faith that is childish — we are not called to ignorance or silliness. Rather, we are called to trust the way a child trusts: with complete confidence in the Father. We show that confidence in our lives when we follow His directives for our life. Father knows best, so we'll take His advice!

DEAR CHURCH FAMILY, As we prepare for the upcoming ministry year, we are exploring some exciting updates to our youth confirmation and early communion programs. All members of the congregation are warmly invited to join us immediately following worship on Sunday, September 13th, to hear about these changes and share your input. Your support and prayers are invaluable as we seek to nurture the faith of our youngest members.

LOST & FOUND: child's black fleece jacket, hooded gray sweatshirt, light yellow baby blanket, girl's black headband, black 'yoda' Star Wars baseball cap. If any of these items belong to you or your family, please pick them up at the Annex entrance before Tuesday, September 8th! Thank you!

WHAT IS THE CHURCH MOUSE? Do you have items that you no longer need or use? Instead of donating to Goodwill or another local resale

shop, *please* consider The Church Mouse. It is located near Bradley University at 600 West Main Street, Peoria. Parking in the rear of the building. Donations accepted. Items such as small appliances, jewelry, kitchen supplies, clothing, shoes, books, craft supplies, children's gently used toys etc. Televisions not accepted.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (SEPT 7TH – SEPT 13TH)

MON 09/07: LABOR DAY (OFFICES CLOSED)

TUES 09/08: Church Council.....6:00PM

WED 09/09: Chapel.....10:00AM

View & Chew11:45AM

Choir6:30PM

THU 09/10:

FRI 09/11:

SAT 09/12:

SUN 09/13: Holy Communion.....9:00AM

CLYF Bake Sale

Sunday School.....10:15AM

Bible Classes10:30AM

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