

WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED

GUESTS! God’s Spirit works in the hearts and through the lips and hands of His people. We see this in the sermon text for today (Acts 19:1-10), as Paul lays his hands on the believers in Ephesus, and also in the two groups that are to be commissioned for special tasks in the church today. Whether God is using our hands to do seemingly ordinary tasks or “special” ones, He uses us to express His love for all His children, both those who are known to Him through Jesus and those who do not yet know Him. May God strengthen your hands for the tasks He has prepared for you.

If you are a visitor, we would like to get to know you better. Please fill out a Call to Christian Fellowship card with our regular members and do join us again soon.

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.

OUR WORSHIP AS WE ENTER GOD’S PRESENCE:

Hymns 8:00 AM Service: 809 783 836

Liturgy: Service of Prayer and Preaching, LSB.Page 260

Hymns Late Service: As printed on the insert

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 17:22-24. Bible Page 704

The Second Lesson: 2 Cor. 5:1-10 (11-17). . . . Bible Page 966

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34. Bible Page 839

Organist: Mrs. Connie Bremer

Sermon: Rev. Aaron M. Schellhas

“Equally Skilled” Text: Acts 19:1-10

GREETING YOU THIS MORNING before the 8:00 AM Service is Mrs. Joan Durham and Mrs. Fran Randle. Before the 10:45 AM Service is Mrs. Mary Jass and Mrs. Linda Wood.

USHERS FOR JUNE: 8:00 AM-Team 2(Samuel-Hannah Team); 10:45 AM-Team 4 (Zechariah-Elizabeth Team).

ACOLYTES: Jordan Lowe, Zoe McIntosh
Joshua Eckhoff, Jacob Partee

NEXT SUNDAY: Jordan Carter, Rebecca Kelly
Cain Peterson, Jacob Winkle

TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT our bayou adventure at Crocodile Dock begins! It’s not too late to join us. Our registration lines will be open at 5:30 PM for new registrants and an express registration line to sign in your already registered child(ren) for the evening. All members are invited to join us for an Adult Bible Study during the evening and/or our Closing each night at 8:10 PM. We will have a Closing Program from 8:8-30 PM on Thursday night and we would love for you to come and see what we have been up to all week!

VBS VOLUNTEERS ... Just a reminder to wear green or purple tonight and to meet in the school entry way at 5:15 PM for last minute announcements and prayer. Please have all of your materials ready for the evening prior to our volunteer huddle. Thanks! - Leeann.

VBS borrowed items will be available for pick up from the Sunday School Office next Sunday, June 21st. Thanks for letting us use these items.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings \$21,588.32. Improvement Fund \$643.00. Attendance: 133+126=259. S.S. attendance: N-2nd-11; 3rd-8th-18; HS-3; Adults-64; Visitors-4; Total-100. Private Communion for May, 33.

THIS IS THE 24TH SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR.

NEW ORLEANS MISSION TRIP NOTES: Our *Tool Drive* continues on into this week. Please get any tools or other materials you can donate to Camp Restore to the Church Office by Thursday, June 18th. The list is published on the CYF bulletin Board. A *meeting for the parents* of the mission trip participants will be held today after the late service to distribute contact info and answer any last minute questions. **The team will begin** to load the vans @ 8:30 AM on Saturday, June 20th. Members of prayer teams and anyone else who wants to see us off can participate in a brief prayer service @ 9:30 AM before we get on the road by 10 AM. Please remember to visit our *mission team’s blog* while we’re in New Orleans: christeoriamicmissions.blogspot.com Technology-permitting, we’ll be updating it daily, and would love to hear comments back from all of you. Check it out and get involved! **Thanks again to everyone** who helped out with or contributed to our fundraisers. A special thanks to the members of the prayer teams...we know your prayers have been powerful in our lives, and will continue to be.

THE CONGREGATION is cordially invited to attend the Ordination of Mr. Matthew Schneider on Sat., June 27th at 2 PM.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED on the Altar today to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding yesterday of Miss Rebekah Kretzmann and Mr. David Best.

WE WOULD LIKE to thank everyone for all their prayers for our daughter, Julia and Jason Fegley and their twin daughters born on June 5th. Evelyn Paige and Mariana Grace remain in the intensive care nursery, but are progressing well and are now about 4 pounds each.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS: Continued prayers for Kathryn Clarke, Al & Delma DeWeerth, Pastor Jay Frazell, Raymond Marvel, Ruby Schneider, Irene Schoch, Margaret Schreiber, for our members serving in the military; for our Boards and their members; for Mrs. Gladys Hahn’s 90th birthday on June 17th; for those touched by the death of Dwight Hume, brother of Del Hume.

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost: 1st Lesson-Job 38:1-11; 2nd Lesson-2 Cor. 6:1-13; The Holy Gospel-Mark 4:35-41.

CONTINUING OUR STUDY of vocation, today’s Sunday School lesson was “Jacob’s Death and Burial.” Jacob requested burial in Canaan, rather than in Egypt, because Canaan was the land to which God had promised to send the One through whom all the families of the earth would be blessed—Jesus. You might ask students, “How was Jacob’s body prepared for burial? What kinds of workers help families prepare for burials today?”

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- Jesus warned people about greed. “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions” (Luke 12:15). While Scripture warns us about the dangers inherent in wealth (1 Timothy 6:10 for example), God is not against prosperity. In fact, God may choose to “[bestow] wealth on those who love [Him] and [make] their treasuries full” (Proverbs 8:21). God blesses all people, and He gives special blessings to the faithful. To some, He chooses to give material blessings. Whether God gives us little or much wealth, we are to remain faithful. As God-pleasing stewards, we are to hold onto our money loosely so we can use it to help the needy and extend God’s kingdom.

WE NEED GREETERS for July and the rest of 2009. If you’d like to volunteer for this important role, please call Barb Dreher, 637-9106 or sign up in the Annex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS - JUNE, 2009

Sunday School offerings for this year are going to our Missionary, The Rev. Patrick O'Neal. Watch the bulletin board by the Parish Hall water fountain to see the latest updates.

Summer Sunday School started on June 7th. The format will be different in that children will rotate through lesson, craft and snack locations. Openings for all will be in the Music Room. We are using areas that are air-conditioned.

We are still looking for a **3rd-4th grade teacher** for the summer into the fall. Please contact Sue, Darla or Angie Lannert if you are able to serve in this way.

We are asking parents to complete a **"Medical Information/Permission Form"** for each child enrolled in Sunday School (2 year olds through High School). Please pick up a form from our S.S. Superintendents, Sue Lee or Darla Heuermann and return them as soon as possible.

The following had perfect attendance in Sunday School or Bible Class during the month of May: **Pre-school**: Samuel Frederking, Ethan Whitehead; **1st Grade** - Rachel Grebe, Rebecca Grebe; **4th Grade** - Emma Whitehead, Kuziva Zhou; **5th Grade** - Noah Brown, Zachary Zentko; **6th Grade** - Sam Grebe, Kuda Zhou; **7th Grade** - Tommie Washington, Teacher; **Adult** - Ruth Allen, Dorothy Bauer, Joan Durham, Dale Eckhoff, Kevin & Rhonda Frederking, Sandra Frederking, Edgar & Martha Guppy, Suzanne Heinz, Del & Nancy Hume, Carolyn Koch, Rae Ann Laylock, Darlene & Raymond Marvel, William Nelson, Fran Randle, Mike Zhou, Debra Brown, Catherine Evans, James Grebe, Janet Grebe, Jeff Grebe, Louis Heuermann, Karen Van Gulik, Linda Wenzel, Vera Zentko, Gary Heinz, Katherine Koepfel.

"INTREPID HEROES OF THE FAITH" is the title of a new adult Bible study course that is now beginning during the Sunday School hour. Moses and Aaron; Joshua; Gideon; Samson; Shadrach, Meschach, and Abednego; and Daniel, were forgiven, sustained, and empowered by God to serve Him in ways that required resolute fearlessness, fortitude, and endurance. Their stories show that God chooses ordinary people (like us) to do His extraordinary work. This study will introduce you to the cultural setting and life story of these Biblical characters, examine the joys and challenges that they faced, and show how God influenced their lives. Concluding activities will lead you in reviewing God's blessing in your own life. You are invited to join this class at 9:30 AM in the Cornerstone Room of the Parish Hall basement.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING: June 14-20, 2009

SUN: Vacation Bible School6-8:30 PM
MON: Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM
Vacation Bible School(Meal, 5:30, Classes, 6-8:30 PM)
TUE: Evangelism Call Night.....6:30 PM
Vacation Bible School(Meal, 5:30, Classes, 6-8:30 PM)
WED: Vacation Bible School(Meal, 5:30, Classes, 6-8:30 PM)
Adult Craft Night..... 7:00 PM
THU: Vacation Bible School(Meal, 5:30, Classes, 6-8:30 PM)
FRI: CLS Trivia Night..... 5:30 PM
SAT: Praise Band Practice 8:30 AM

CYF PEORIA CHIEFS' GAME - All CYF youth are invited to go to the Chiefs' game on July 11th. This game features a post-game concert by Christian artist, Matthew West. Cost per youth is \$5. Sign up on the sheet on Pastor Schellhas' door no later than Sunday, July 5th.