

## Christ Lutheran Church

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*Boldly living  
Christ's extreme love;  
Building Faith  
and Community*

### HOSPITALIZED:

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Jayme Knapp, Brandon Neiman, Mike Clayton, Shawn Foote, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best's mother), Jan Long, Wayne Schneider (friend of Marilyn Berkshier), George Von Behren, Tina Hill (friend of Linda Von Behren), Roberta Muzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Jeff Lowe, Tina Virgil (sister of Eric Gordon), Shirley Binder, Michael VandeVoorde, Ann & Ron Schwindenhammer (brother and sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Amelia Martin (granddaughter of Debbie Lawrence), Rhonda Morrow, Doug Closen (son of Debbie Lawrence), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), Jim Gulley, Laurie Burkley, Joel Ommen, 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 [laura.baize@christlutheranpeo.org](mailto:laura.baize@christlutheranpeo.org), or call the church office (637-5309). Names on the prayer list will be updated each week and removed after approximately 4 weeks, unless the office is otherwise notified. We will renew prayers when requested.

### THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 19-DEC 25)

MON 12/19: Bell Choir ..... 6:30 PM  
TUE 12/20:  
WED 12/21: CLS Early Dismissal ..... NOON  
Adult Choir ..... 6:00 PM  
**CLS Christmas Break thru January 3rd**  
THU 12/22:  
FRI 12/23:  
SAT 12/24: Family Christmas Eve Worship Service ..... 5:00 PM  
Traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service ..... 7:00 PM  
SUN 12/25: Christmas Day Worship ..... 10:00 AM

### 2022 BOARD OF ELDERS

**Del Hume, Chair** ..... (309)635-6700  
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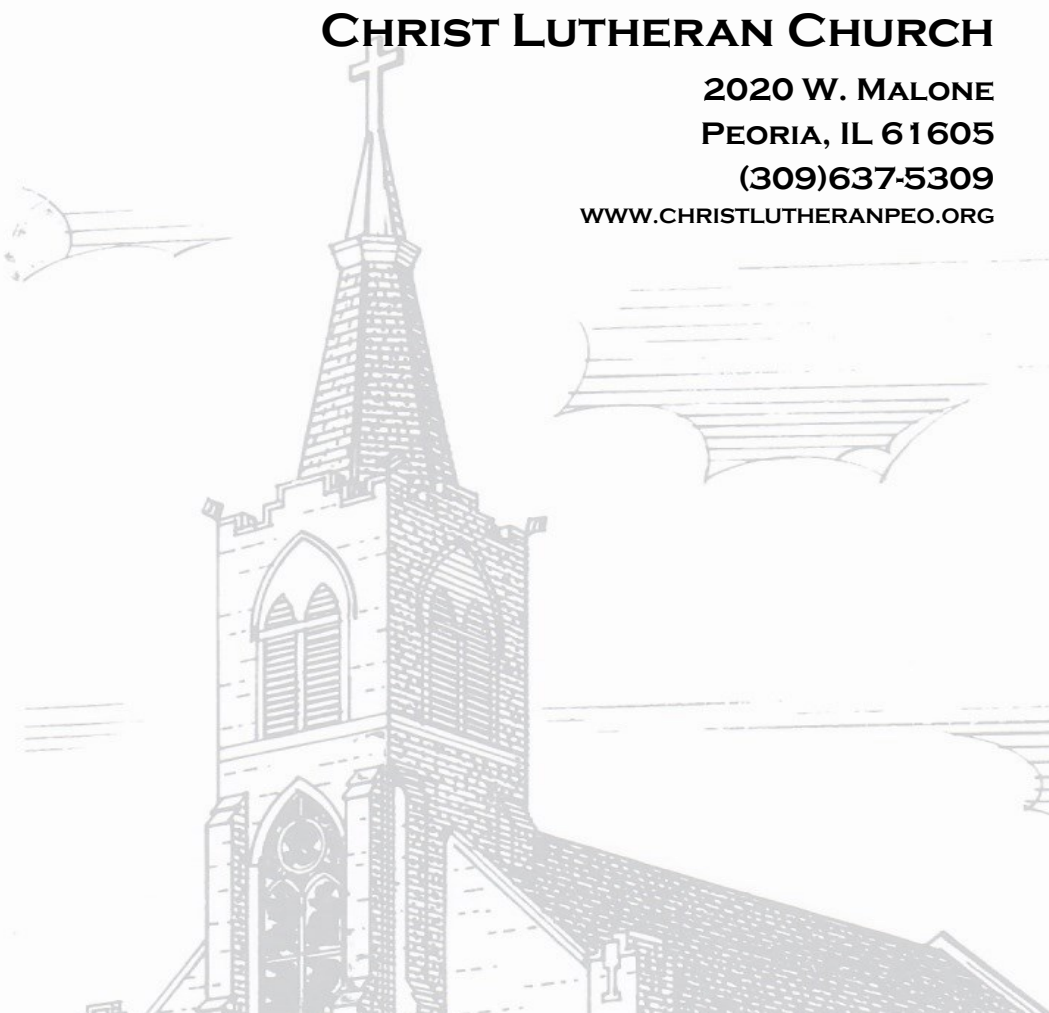
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**DECEMBER 18, 2022**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

### *Scripture of the Day*

Isaiah 7:10-17  
Romans 1:1-7  
Matthew 1:18-25

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!**

**NOTE TO OUR GUESTS:** Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

**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.

**ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR:** Del Hume

**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:** Del Hume, Ralph Teske, Dwayne Allen

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY:** Linda Wenzel

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Colleen Lamberti, Amelia Lamberti;  
**FOR NEXT SUNDAY:**

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for **The Nativity of Our Lord**- The First Lesson: Isaiah 52:7-10; The Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-6, and The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25.

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** this morning to the glory of God and in celebration of Emily Winkle earning her Master's Degree in Nonprofit Leadership from Bradley University yesterday by her proud family.

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$8,495.25; MTD: \$21,181.40. Improvement Fund: \$90.00; MTD: \$155. Attendance: 121. Sunday School Attendance: N-7<sup>th</sup> 10, 8<sup>th</sup>-HS 0, Adults 53, Visitors 0; Total 63.

**THIS IS THE 4th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** Matthew 1:21 – **“She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.”** What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God's Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus' love has done!

**IF YOU'RE A YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12,** you are encouraged to sign up for this special party at on Wednesday, December 21, 5:00-10:00 p.m. at Concordia Lutheran School, Peoria. For \$10 you'll get an awesome meal and snacks, and time to play with our area friends including Gagaball pits, Nine-Square in the Air, large group dodgeball, table games, crafts, puzzles, and other cool stuff. Plus we'll watch the Skit Guys movie “Family Camp” and close the evening with a special devotional time. To sign up, please contact Jana Grebe or Pastor Eckhoff.

**NEED A GIFT CARD FOR AN EASY GIFT?** CLS is selling scrip cards! Jan Reinhart and Mary Witkowski will be at the back door of the church to help you find the perfect card for that special person you're shopping for! Plus, CLS earns a percentage of your purchase! Cash and checks are accepted today after the service, and if you want to use a credit card, you can do that at the school office!

**LWML 'THANK YOU':** The members of LWML would like to thank everyone who purchased cookies and/or candy at our annual "Cookie Walk". The sale was a huge success! Our profit of \$1,501.25 will enable us to continue to assist various community organizations with a monetary gift throughout the coming year. Thank you for your continued support of LWML efforts! May we extend best wishes to you and your family for a very "Merry Christmas" and a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year!

This morning, we hear the good news of God's grace and love through the various voices and gifts of music that

He has blessed us with at Christ Lutheran. We pray that you are blessed in hearing familiar favorites and new variations on the story of God's Greatest Gift – His Son, Our Savior.

**READINGS**

Matthew 1:18-25, p. 807

1 Timothy 1:12-17, p. 991

Luke 1:26-38, p. 854

Luke 2:1-7, p. 857

Luke 2:8-20, p. 857

Luke 22:22-32, p. 882

Romans 8:31-39, p. 808

1 Corinthians 2:1-10, p. 952

John 1:1-14, p. 886

**~ Christmas Eve Services ~**

5:00 PM

Family Worship Service

7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Worship Service