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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, Dorothy Auer, 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. 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 26-JAN 1)

MON 12/26: CLS Christmas Break thru January 3rd

TUE 12/27:

WED 12/28:

THU 12/29:

FRI 12/30:

SAT 12/31:

SUN 1/1:

Holy Communion 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM
Bible Classes 10:30 AM

2022 BOARD OF ELDERS

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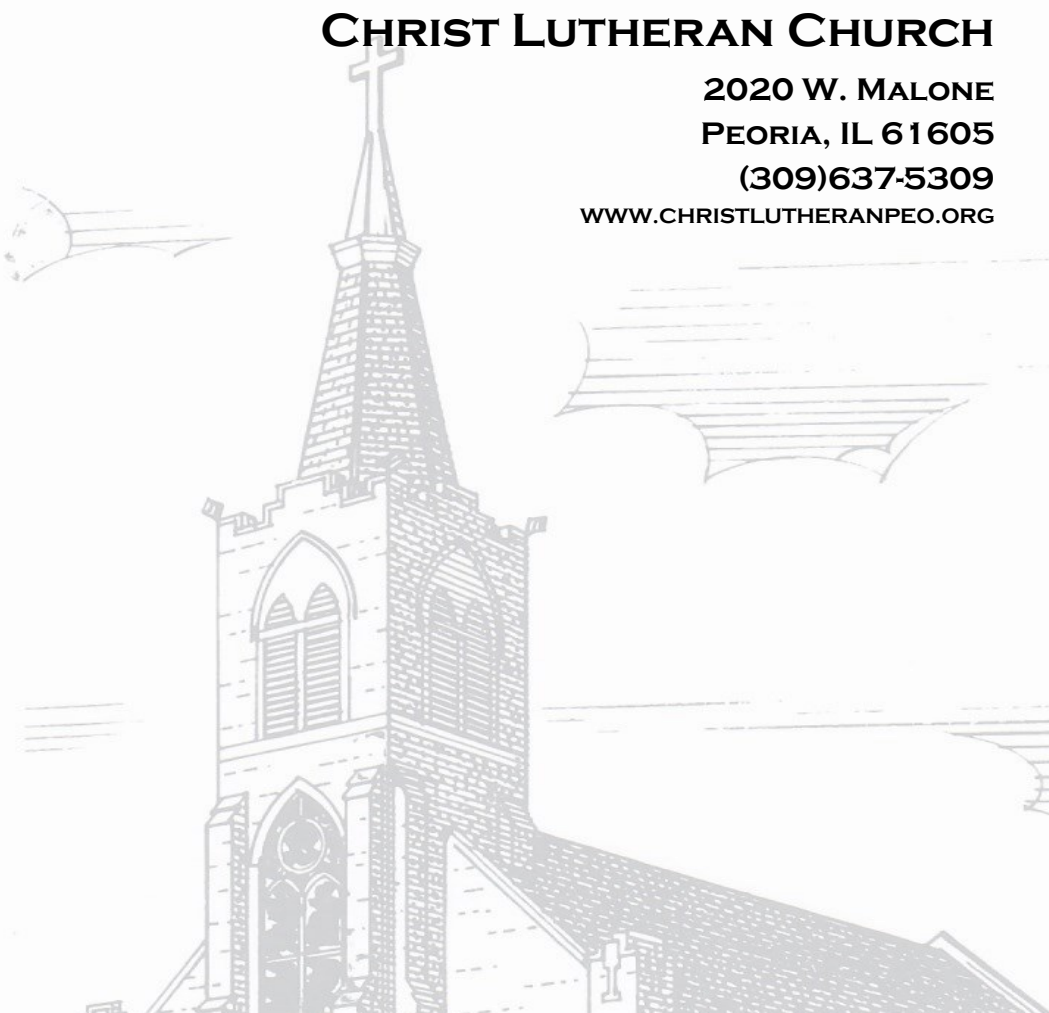
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DECEMBER 25, 2022
THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 52:7-10
Hebrews 1:1-6
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

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Dwayne and Karol Allen

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Serenity Winchell, K'Tee Winchell

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for **The Circumcision and Name of Jesus- The First Lesson: Numbers 6:22-27; The Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:21.**

DIRECTORY CORRECTIONS: Connie Trunk, 5331 W. Summit, Bartonville, IL 61607. Vickie Keyes, 1047 N. Emily Place, Apt. 311, Peoria, IL 61604. Mitzie Ehlen, 2401 W. Alta Rd, Apt. 1801, Peoria, IL 61615.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,282.00; MTD: \$27,463.40. Improvement Fund: \$60.00; MTD: \$215. Attendance: 132. Sunday School Attendance: N-7th 13, 8th-HS 3, Adults 45, Visitors 0; Total 61.

THIS IS THE 5th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER - **John 1:5** – **“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”** Through all of our hardships, all of our sorrows, all of our pains and loneliness, Jesus' light shines in the darkness, and we are not overcome. In the face of our sin, in the midst of our pettiness, against all our pride, Jesus' light shines and illuminates our hearts and changes us, day by day, into a greater reflection of His likeness.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF LIFE! - In celebration of life God has given to each of us, the Peoria Area Lutherans for Life asks for your help. May each member thoughtfully consider donating to our Pennies for Life collection. This is an opportunity we hope you will use to express your thankfulness to your Heavenly Father by contributing a penny for each year of life that you have been granted. (Of course, larger contributions will be gratefully accepted too.) This special collection will be taken on Life Sunday, January 22nd. Donations collected will be used to support pro-life education and also lending financial support for local organizations like Central Illinois Right-to-Life, Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center, Women's Care Center, and Lutheran Hillside Village. We thank you for your help in our endeavor to uphold the sanctity of life.

CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE - Our work isn't done. Our candidate, Chris Fritsche, returned the call we had issued to him. Your committee will reconvene on Monday, January 9, 2023, to continue the work to find the individual the Lord has already chosen to serve in His mission field here at Christ Lutheran. Please keep the work of your committee in prayer, going forward. Mike Lelm-committee chair

ORDER OF SERVICE**Invocation****Invocation and Call to Worship****Processional Hymn**

“Angels from the Realms of Glory”
[LSB 267]

Confession and Absolution**Hymn**

“A Great and Mighty Wonder” [LSB 383]

The First Lesson

Isaiah 52:7-10, p.

The Epistle Lesson

Hebrews 1:1-6, p.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 1:18-25, p.

2nd Article and Meaning**Sermon Hymn**

“See Amid the Winter's Snow” [LSB 378]

Sermon - Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff**Prayer of the Church****The Lord's Prayer****Benediction****Closing Hymn**

“Go Tell It on the Mountain” [LSB 349]

Pianist—Judy Eckhoff