

## 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, Dolly 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](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 (JAN 9-JAN 15)

<b><u>MON 1/9:</u></b>	Elders .....	6:00 PM
	Bell Choir .....	6:30 PM
<b><u>TUE 1/10:</u></b>	Church Council .....	6:00 PM
<b><u>WED 1/11:</u></b>	Chapel .....	1:30 PM
	Adult Choir .....	6:30 PM
	Quilting .....	NOON
<b><u>THU 1/12:</u></b>		
<b><u>FRI 1/13:</u></b>		
<b><u>SAT 1/14:</u></b>	Holy Communion .....	9:00 AM
<b><u>SUN 1/15:</u></b>	LWML Bake Sale	
	Sunday School .....	10:15 AM
	Bible Classes .....	10:30 AM

### **2022 BOARD OF ELDERS**

<b>Del Hume, Chair</b> .....	(309)635-6700
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***JANUARY 8, 2023***  
***THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD***  
***Scripture of the Day***

Isaiah 60:1-6  
 Ephesians 3:1-12  
 Matthew 2:1-12

## The Epiphany of Our Lord

**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:** Tommie Washington

**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:** Tommie Washington, Del Hume, Dario Lamberti

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY:** Darlene Marvel

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Ethan Best, Dominic Silotto; **ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Andrew Simmons, Wyatt Simmons

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for **The Second Sunday After Epiphany** - The First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7; The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, and The Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a.

**THE FLOWER CHART FOR 2023** has been posted and has plenty of openings for you to sign up to provide flowers for services throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Christel VandeVoorde at 267-3053.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TODAY** is "In Style with God," an introduction to the Lord's Prayer. There are craft packets available today at the back entrance to the church. Remember, packets with the Sunday School crafts and activities are also emailed the Friday before the lesson, along with the bulletins!

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings for Christmas Services: \$6,593.00. Improvement Fund: \$60.00. Attendance: 88.

**THIS IS THE 7th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER** - Matthew 2:11 – "And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh." For the wise men and for us, worshipping and offering gifts go together. How could this not be since our God is the great Giver of gifts? We receive His gifts in worship and then, being conformed to His image, we imitate His generosity.

**STARTING THIS MONTH,** the Board of Elders is reinstating a nursery attendant that will be available during the Divine Service. We are seeking devoted volunteers to be available for childcare and parent assistance during service. Duties would include attending to and caring for small children, helping with baby diapering or cleaning as needed, and keeping the room in neat order. Childcare is intended for children under 2 years old. Parents may check in their young children before service begins or during the service. The attendant will be in the nursery 15 minutes before service and stay up to 15 minutes after service. It is good for all children to be present in the service, but we recognize this may not always be practical. Please contact Luke Grebe if you are interested in serving this way or otherwise have any questions.

**LUNCH BUNCH RETURNS!** - How about lunch and a play? We're going to the Barn III in Goodfield to see "Broken Up", a hilarious farce about divorce and true love. The show is Sunday, February 26th from 11:30 AM-3:00 PM (you'll be skipping Bible class). Cost is \$50 plus gratuity, or \$52 if you would like unlimited coffee/tea. If you're interested in going, call the church office to make your reservation, or you can leave a note for Laura on your attendance card with how many tickets you'll need. Money needs to be turned in by **Feb. 12th**. If you have any questions, check with Pastor Eckhoff, Laura or Dwayne Allen.

**THE PRESCHOOL IS LOOKING** for some items: dolls, doll strollers, dress up, kitchen play, grocery play, foam letters, manipulative toys and learning toys. They can be used in good condition on new on a good sale. If you have any questions, you can call the preschool at 637-4755 or check with Laura.

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

**Corporate Confession and Absolution,**  
p. 290

**Opening Hymn**

"Where Shepherds Lately Knelt" [LSB 369]

**Invocation**

**Confession and Absolution**

**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 60:1-6, p. 619

**The Epistle Lesson**

Ephesians 3:1-12, p. 977

**The Holy Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12, p. 807

**Apostles' Creed**

**Sermon Hymn**

"As with Gladness Men of Old" [LSB 397]

**Rev. Karl F. Eckhoff**

"We Do Not Lose Heart"

Ephesians 3:1-12

**Prayer of the Church**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**Communion Hymns**

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" [LSB 395]

"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" [LSB 394]

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning" [LSB 400]

**Post Communion**

**Thanksgiving Dismissal**

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn**

"O Christ, Our True and Only Light"  
[LSB 839, v. 1, 5]

Organist—Connie Bremer