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CONTINUED PRAYERS: Chris Siebels, Louie Heuermann, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Pat Kretzmann (Rebecca Best's mother), Jan Long, Tina Hill (friend of Linda Von Behren), Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Jeff Lowe, Michael VandeVoorde, Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Amelia Martin (granddaughter of Debbie Lawrence), Doug Closen (son of Debbie Lawrence), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), Susan Gulley, Laurie Burkley, Diane Hollis (friend of Wayne Siebels), Sheila Sturdivant, Julie Campen, Rod Delicath, 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). 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 18th-DEC 24th)

MON 12/18:

TUE 12/19:

WED 12/20:

Chapel 10:00 AM
Adult Choir..... 6:30 PM

THU 12/21:

FRI 12/22:

CLS Early Dismissal
Preschool Closed

SAT 12/23:

SUN 12/24:

Children's Christmas Service 9:00 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM
Bible Classes 10:30 AM
Candlelight Service 7:00 PM

2023 BOARD OF ELDERS

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DECEMBER 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24,
John 1:6-8, 19-28

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:

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Mary Witkowski

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Colleen Lamberti, Catherine Rowe

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Gracie Smith, Kayley Smith

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 7:10-14, The Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-16 and The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TODAY for today is "Joy—the Third Sunday in Advent". There are printed copies of activities and crafts available, or check your Friday email for the digital version. If you aren't receiving the advance copies of the bulletin and the Sunday School packet and want that email, please let the office know, and make sure you give us your email address.

THIS ADVENT SEASON, THE PARISH MINISTRY BOARD is giving a limited number of Advent bags to families with young children through 5th grade. These bags are available today and contain items for you to do Advent devotions and activities for your children throughout Advent. The Parish Ministry Board has made it a priority to provide the tools to lead devotions and activities related to our Sunday School lessons in your home,

and we will continue to help families by providing various materials, such as Sunday School lesson packets and Pastor's lesson videos which he posts each week on Facebook and Rumble. If you have any questions about how to get these materials, contact Laura Baize or see Pastor Eckhoff.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024 are available for pickup in the Annex.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$11,678.00; MTD: \$22,166.00. Improvement Fund: \$1025.00; MTD: \$1,175.00. Attendance: 136. Sunday School Attendance: N-K 4, 1st-5th 9, 6th-HS 2, Adults 54, Visitors 1, Total 70.

This is the 3rd Sunday of our Pledge Year

1 Corinthians 4:2 – "Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful." A steward manages the property of the owner for the owner's purposes. We are stewards of all that God has given us. So, we are called to use all that we are and all that we have for God's purposes. How do we know what His purposes are? Consider your vocations, your callings from God, in the home, in the church and in society: What are the roles God has called you to play? And how should you be using the gifts He has given you to fulfill those roles?

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: Flowers are placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in celebration of the birthdays of Connie Bremer, Mike Schwindenhammer and Darlene Marvel's 85th all on December 14th.

VIEW AND CHEW - No View and Chew December 20th or 27th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! - There are quite a few upcoming events that you may want to put on your calendar now. There will be more information as the dates get closer. The following include:

- December 24th— Children's Christmas Service (9:00 AM)
- December 24th—Candlelight Service (7:00 PM)

LWML 'THANK YOU': The members of LWML would like to thank everyone who purchased cookies and/or candy at our 'Cookie Walk' last Saturday. Our sale was a huge success! With a profit of \$1,469.87, this will enable us to continue to make a monthly donation to a variety of community organizations throughout 2024. Thank you for your continued support of LWML efforts! Best wishes to you and your family for a very "Merry Christmas" and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

A SPECIAL OFFERING will be taken today after church for our Social Ministry Fund. The fund is used to help families in crisis and need. The fund is currently depleted. Please consider a gift today.

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

Isaiah 9:1-7

John 1:19-31

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 2:1-7

Philippians 2:1-8

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 3:1-17

Isaiah 12

John 1:1-14

Connie Bremer - organist
Aimee Traenkenschuh-
accompanist

~ Christmas Eve Services ~

9:00 AM

Family Worship Service

7:00 PM

Christmas Eve Worship Service