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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 4th-DEC 10th)

MON 12/04:	Elders.....	6:00 PM
	Bell Choir	6:30 PM
TUE 12/05	Youth.....	6:00 PM
	Trustees	6:30 PM
WED 12/06:	Chapel	10:00 AM
	Adult Choir.....	6:30 PM
THU 12/07:	Parish Ed.....	3:00 PM
	Day School.....	4:30 PM
	Stew/Finance.....	6:00 PM
FRI 12/08:		
SAT 12/09:	LWML Cookie Walk.....	9:00 AM
SUN 12/10:	Holy Communion	9:00 AM
	CLYF Bake Sale	
	Sunday School.....	10:15 AM
	Bible Classes.....	10:30 AM

2023 BOARD OF ELDERS

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DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9,

Mark 13:24-37

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: Kirk Wessler

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Kirk Wessler, Tommie Washington, Ralph Teske

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Kay Foote

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Leah Stenger, Serenity Winchell

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Andrew Simmons, Dominic Silotto

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the **Second Sunday in Advent** - The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11, The Second Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-14 and The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON TODAY for today is "Hope—the First Sunday in Advent". 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!

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.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING to nominate boards for 2024, December 14th at 6PM.

BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD this morning is Sofia Francine Wilson, daughter of Bryce and Bryana Wilson. Sponsor and Witness of Sofia's baptism this morning is Larissa Baize.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$5,955.00; MTD: \$28,842.00. Improvement Fund: \$0; MTD: \$195.00. Attendance: 106. Sunday School Attendance: N-K 3, 1st-5th 7, 6th-HS 2, Adults 32, Visitors 6, Total 50.

This is the 1st Sunday of our Pledge Year

Jeremiah 23:6 – "And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'" Jesus is our righteousness, our justification, our all. In Jesus, we are forgiven and receive every blessing from the Father. This knowledge sets us free to live as children of the heavenly Father without fear. Freed from the supposed need to justify ourselves, we can do good works for the right reason: to thank God and to serve our neighbor.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:

VIEW AND CHEW - NO View and Chew December 6th.

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 9th—LWML Cookie Walk
- December 14th—Special Council Meeting
- December 17th—Christmas Concert
- December 24th— Children's Christmas Service (9:00 AM)
- December 24th—Candlelight Service (7:00 PM)

LWML COOKIE WALK IS COMING! Don't miss the annual LWML Cookie Walk...THIS Saturday , December 9th, 9:00 am- noon, in the Community Room. A large variety of Cookies, candy & fudge will be available at \$7.00/lb. Come early for some sweet treats!

POINSETTIAS: If you would like to place a poinsettia on the altar for Christmas, please contact Christel by Dec 10, 2023. They are \$10 each. Checks should be made out to Christ Lutheran Church, and notes for the bulletin go to Christel.

A LIFE QUOTE FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE "Being For Life is right in line with God's plan of creation! YOU are the missing element that is needed! Don't be satisfied to sit back and wait because now is the time! Don't stop praying as you ponder your next step. Ask God for His guidance and be ready for more than you asked for, as we have a loving and merciful God who loves life. Please consider being a part of a life-affirming ministry in your congregation. Help protect lives and serve God in this special calling." Virginia Flo, Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

Order of Service

Divine Service, Setting 1 p.151

Opening Hymn

"The Advent of Our King" (LSB 331)

Confession and Absolution**The First Lesson**

Isaiah 64:1-9 p. 623

The Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 p. 953

The Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24-37 p. 850

Apostles' Creed**Hymn of the Day**

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen"

Sermon

"On Your Knees"

Mark 1:4

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Prayer of the Church**The Lord's Prayer****Words of Institution****Communion Hymns**

"Once He Came in Blessing" (LSB 333)

"Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come" (LSB 350)

"Savior of the Nations, Come" (LSB 332)

Post Communion**Thanksgiving****Benediction****Closing Hymn**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (LSB 357 v. 1,6)

Organist: Judy Eckhoff