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**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** Norm Zentko, Darlene Marvel, 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](mailto: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 25th-DEC 31st)

**MON 12/25:** Merry Christmas!

**TUE 12/26:**

**WED 12/27:** Adult Choir ..... 6:30 PM

**THU 12/28:**

**FRI 12/29:**

**SAT 12/30**

**SUN 12/31:** Holy Communion ..... 9:00 AM  
Sunday School ..... 10:15 AM  
Bible Classes ..... 10:30 AM

### 2023 BOARD OF ELDERS

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**DECEMBER 24, 2023**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

*Scripture of the Day*

Isaiah 7:10-14, 1 John 4:7-16,  
Luke 2:1-20

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 (7:00 PM):** Tommie Washington  
**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION (7:00 PM):** Tommie Washington, Luke Grebe, Alan White

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: 9:00 AM** Linda Wenzel

**7:00 PM** Judy Nelson

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY (7:00 PM):** Gracie Smith, Kayley Smith

**ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Leah Stenger, Derrick Yates

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the **First Sunday after Christmas** - The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3, The Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7 and The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

**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.

**THANK YOU!!** For the many Christmas Cards and gifts! Pastor Eckhoff

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

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$6,435.00; MTD: \$28,601.00. Improvement Fund: \$10.00; MTD: \$1,185.00. Attendance: 153. Sunday School Attendance: N-K 4, 1st-5th 3, 6th-HS 2, Adults 49, Visitors 4, Total 62.

THIS IS THE 4TH SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 2:12 – “And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger.”** Truly, as St. Paul said, He who was rich for our sakes became poor. The King was laid in a manger, no crib for His bed! There in the manger is the very picture of self-giving generosity.

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:** Flowers are placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in celebration of Pastor and Judy's 40th anniversary, by their children.

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

**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.

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 21st**. 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.

**HERE AND THERE** Minimizing distractions – Please turn off all cell phones and pagers. **Bible Bags** are available for families with young children on the rack in the Narthex. Take one, use it, and put it back on the rack. **Children's bulletins** from CPH are available from the Ushers.

Love Came Down at Christmas  
A Christmas Service for Children and Families

- "Oh, Come, Little Children"

Children's Message

Part 1: Hope Comes Down

"Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel"

Part 2: Joy Comes Down

Reading 1

Luke 2:1-7

"Love Came Down at Christmas" v.1

"Away in a Manger"

Reading 2

Luke 2:8-15

Reading 3

Luke 2:16-20

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

"Love Came Down at Christmas" v.2

Part 3: Peace Comes Down

"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

"Love Came Down at Christmas" v.3

Part 4: Love Comes Down

"Joy to the World"

**Poinsettias on the altar today are given to the glory of God:**

Mike and Kathy Lelm..... in memory of Eleanor and Ray Roth, and Anna Mae Lelm;  
Ron and Traci Price..... in memory of parents, Jerry and Ruth Stewart, and grandparents, Jim and Ruth Lowery;  
Mike and Rhonda Morrow..... in memory of Ed and Edna Morrow and Don Garske;  
Whitby family..... in remembrance of Bill;  
Bill and Judy Nelson..... in loving memory of our nephew, Shawn Ford;  
Grebe Family and Jenny Gauwitz..... in memory of Roland and Janet Grebe, Irene Hoeltje, Roland and Andy Gauwitz;  
Marvel Family..... in memory of Ray Marvel, Ray's parents and Darlene's parents;  
Mary "Booma" Jass..... for blessings received;  
Barb O'Dell..... in memory of Bill Willard, Dick O'Dell and Tim O'Dell;  
Mary Wise, children Michelle and Ginger, and grandchildren..... in loving memory of Grover Wise;  
Trunk Family..... in memory of Tom Trunk;  
Nancy Knoll..... in memory of Dan Knoll, Henry and Caroline Wenzel, Frank and Liz Knoll, Karen Van Gulik and Dianna Kappler;  
Debra Lawrence and family..... in loving memory of Sean Long and Gary Lawrence Sr;  
Martha Guppy..... in memory of Rod Guppy;

Reg and Sue Lee..... in memory of our brothers, Dr Jeffrey Wenzel (1988), Bud (1999) and Fred (2016);  
Laurie Hibbs..... in memory of Russ and Lois Knoll, Randy Silotto and Nancy Dawson;  
Mitzie Ehlen..... in memory of Joe and Beverly Ehlen;  
Bill and Nancy Marlott..... in memory of loved ones;  
Parlier Family..... in memory of Marilyne Parlier;  
Donna Johnston..... in memory of Julia McDonald;  
Mike Schwindenhammer..... in memory of Lucille Schwindenhammer, Toby ("Red") Schwindenhammer, Margaret Schwindenhammer, Ron Schwindenhammer, Judy Schwindenhammer, Donna Schwindenhammer, Ray Dornberger and Helena Buell;  
Dale Eckhoff..... in memory of Lucille Eckhoff and her parents, Raymond and Leon Dandas  
Emily Zaia..... in memory of Tom Zaia