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First Sunday in Advent

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.

HOSPITALIZED: Christine Grebe

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Gary Demmin, Eric Funk, Jacqueline Floyd, Grover Van Dyke, Mary Fran Wessler, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Chuck Whitehead, Susan VanMoorlem (Reith), Sarah Ly Hang, Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, Joni Bradshaw, Martin Behnke, Linda Samp, Darlene Marvel, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Roberta Muzzarelli (Jim Grebe's mother-in-law), Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), Connie Trunk, Rudy Bozec (brother of Linda Von Behren), Neil Johnson (brother of Debbie Lawrence), 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). We will renew prayers when requested.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR : Kirk Wessler

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Kirk Wessler, Alan White, Tommie Washington

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Barb O'Dell

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Kayley Smith, Carter Ferro

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Carter Dicce, Emerson Dicce

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 11:1-10, The Second Lesson: Romans 15:4-13, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: Sunday School students will

be practicing for the Christmas program, in the sanctuary, for the next several weeks. A new curriculum will start after the holidays.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$13,834.00; MTD: \$40,750.00, Improvement Fund: \$25.00; MTD: \$182.00. Church Attendance: 122, N-K: 4, 1st-5th: 11, 6th-HS: 6, Adults: 51, Visitors: 3, Total: 75.

VIEW AND CHEW - We are Viewing Season 1 of the House of David. Bring your lunch! Invite your friends! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in celebration of Mike and Susan Fredericks's 54th wedding anniversary.

THIS IS THE 1st SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 21:3 – “If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, ‘The Lord needs them,’ and he will send them at once.” Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

LWML NEWS: The annual LWML Cookie Walk is coming on Saturday, December 13th, 9:00a.m.-Noon, in the Community Room! Cookies, candies, and fudge will be available at \$8.00/lb. As always, craft items will also be available. If anyone would like to donate cookies, candies or fudge, you may drop off your donation at the Community Room on Friday, December 12th, Noon-2:00p.m. Donations are graciously accepted! Tell your friends and relatives about this annual event and come early on Saturday to shop for your favorite treats! Any questions, contact Nancy Knoll, Suzanne Heinz or Bonnie Farrell. - - “Mites for Missions” will be collected next Sunday at the annex entrance.

POINSETTIA ORDERS: Red poinsettias are available for \$11.00 each. Orders and money must be given to Sheila Hills no later than Sunday, December 7th.

SAVE THE DATE: WATCH #47 will be held April 17th-19th, 2026 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, sponsored by Christ Lutheran. If you have never attended, prayerfully consider attending this Spiritual Renewal weekend. Invite your family and friends. If you are interested in assisting the TEAM, please call Joyce Smith at (217) 414-4166 or email at leadfoot713@hotmail.com by March 1, 2026.

A WATCH ALUMNI REUNION: will be held on February 1, 2026, from 3-5pm at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Come and get a WATCH update, renew your WATCH

friendships. Please RSVP by calling Kathy Crank at 309 696-9550.

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Each Sunday the Lutheran hour can be heard on WGN720 (Chicago) at 6:00am and on WLLM 1370 (Lincoln) at 7:00pm.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 1st – DEC 7th)

<u>MON 12/01:</u>	Elders.....	1:00PM
	Bell Choir	4:00PM
	Day School	4:30PM
<u>TUES 12/02:</u>	Trustees.....	6:30PM
<u>WED 12/03:</u>	Chapel.....	10:00AM
	View & Chew	11:45AM
	Choir	6:30PM
<u>THU 12/04:</u>	Stew/Finance (via zoom).....	6:30PM
<u>FRI 12/05:</u>	Bible Study	9:30AM
<u>SAT 12/06:</u>	Parish Ed	9:00AM
<u>SUN 12/07:</u>	Holy Communion.....	9:00AM
	LWML Bake Sale	
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes	10:30AM

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