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**Second 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:**

**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** Christine Grebe, 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](mailto:angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org) or call the church office (637-5309). We will renew prayers when requested.

**ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR :** Tommie Washington

**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:** Del Hume, Reg Lee, Tommie Washington

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY:** Jan Reinhart

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Carter Dicce, Emersyn Dicce

**ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Feli Foote, Nash Mooney

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Third Sunday in Advent The First Lesson: Isaiah 35:1-10, The Second Lesson: James 5:7-11, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY:** Sunday School students will

be practicing for the Christmas program, in the sanctuary, for the next several weeks. Watch your email for the 2nd Advent Bag. A new curriculum will start after the holidays.

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and offerings: \$; MTD: \$40,750.00, Improvement Fund: \$; MTD: \$182.00. Church Attendance: Cancelled due to weather, N-K: ,1st-5th: , 6th-HS: , Adults: , Visitors: , Total: .

**VIEW AND CHEW** - We will be taking a break until sometime in January.

**A SET OF KEYS** was found in the sanctuary Wednesday. If you lost yours, contact the church office.

**FLOWERS WERE PLACED ON THE ALTAR LAST WEEK:** to the glory of God and in celebration of Mike and Susan Fredericks' 54th wedding anniversary.

**THIS IS THE 2nd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Matthew 3:1–2 – “In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.’” John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus’ ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47). We never outgrow the need for repentance — for examining our lives, turning away from our sins and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive his forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

**THE LWML COOKIE WALK IS COMING!!!** Don't miss the annual LWML Cookie Walk...THIS SATURDAY, December 13th, 9:00am - Noon, in the Community Room! Cookies, candies, and fudge will be available at \$8.00/lb. A container of homemade cookies and/or candy is an awesome gift for a neighbor or friend! Come early for the best selection and shop for some of your favorite sweet treats!

**POINSETTIA ORDERS:** Today is the last day to order poinsettias. They are available for \$11.00 each. Orders and money must be given to Sheila Hills.

**“Did You Know?”**

by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel motivated voices for life. “This is how God showed His love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him.” 1 John 4:9 (NIV). Because God loves us, His creative work continues even today. Inside a mother’s womb, God forms and provides for His children. His Word affirms that every life is planned and loved. God

does His creative work of love inside a mother's womb.

**AS WE ENJOY THE CHRISTMAS** decorations in the sanctuary, please take a minute to observe the Rolan Johnson ornaments that have been placed on the tree by the pulpit. These ornaments were gifted to Christ Lutheran by the Sisters of St Francis of the Immaculate Conception on Heading Avenue in West Peoria.

### **THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 8<sup>th</sup> – DEC 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**MON 12/08:** Bell Choir.....4:00PM

**TUES 12/09:**

**WED 12/10:** Chapel.....10:00AM

Choir .....6:30PM

**THU 12/11:**

**FRI 12/12:** Bible Study.....9:30AM

**SAT 12/13:** LWML Cookie Walk.....9:00AM

**SUN 12/14:** Holy Communion.....9:00AM

CLYF Bake Sale

Sunday School.....10:15AM

Bible Classes .....10:30AM

### **ONLINE GIVING**



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