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Third 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 or call the church office (637-5309). We will renew prayers when requested.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR : Kirk Wessler

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Beth Bennett

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Feli Foote, Nash Mooney

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Abe McIntosh, Michael VandeVoorde

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Fourth Sunday in Advent The First Lesson: Isaiah 7:10-17, The Second Lesson: Romans 1:1-7, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18-25.

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 3rd Advent Bag. A new curriculum will start after the

holidays.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$19,493.00; MTD: \$19,493.00, Improvement Fund: \$960.00; MTD: \$960.00. Church Attendance: 129, N-K: , 1st-5th: , 6th-HS: , Adults: , Visitors: , Total: .

VIEW AND CHEW - 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 ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in praise and thanksgiving for the wonderful musicians and choirs sharing their gifts and talents with us today. Also, in celebration of the birthdays of Darlene Marvel, Connie Bremer and Mike Schwindenhammer, all today.

THIS IS THE 3rd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Isaiah 35:4 – “Say to those who have an anxious heart, ‘Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.’” The return of our Lord at the Last Day is a cause of joy and anticipation for us believers. We know our Lord and His love, and we look forward to His Second Advent. Indeed, how we live our lives here and now flows from our certain hope of resurrection and eternal life.

A SPECIAL DOOR OFFERING for Thuy Wright, (daughter of Jo Ann Reith and mother of Sarah Ly Hang) and her family will be collected today. Their home and contents were destroyed by fire this past weekend. You can contribute with cash or check. For online giving select “Memorials”, then type in Jo Ann Reith.

THE CEMETERY BOARD in November, approved some necessary road repairs at a cost of \$29,000. To help recover this amount an anonymous donor has offered a matching amount up to \$10,000 . Members of Trinity and Christ Lutheran can help their Lutheran Cemetery in this fund raiser which begins now until March 31. This is a great way for our churches to show their support for the operation of their cemetery. Please consider a donation using the envelopes marked for the Lutheran Cemetery which are in the envelope box or in the pew rack.

2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex by the Nursery. Please pick them up, but **do not use them until January 2026. Most, if not all numbers have changed.**

PORTALS OF PRAYER AND HOPEFUL LIVING for January 2026 are available for pickup.

2026 CALENDARS are also available courtesy of Davidson Funeral Home.

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 15th – DEC 21st)

MON 12/15: Bell Choir.....4:00PM

TUES 12/16:

WED 12/17: Chapel 10:00AM
Choir.....6:30PM

THU 12/18:

FRI 12/19: CLS Noon Dismissal

SAT 12/20:

SUN 12/21: Holy Communion..... 9:00AM
LWML Bake Sale
Sunday School 10:15AM
Bible Classes..... 10:30AM

ONLINE GIVING



2025 BOARD OF ELDERS

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Tommie Washington (309)648-9626
Elder 7 - No Email

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

Mike and Kathy Leim..... in memory of loved ones.
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;
Grebe Family and Jenny Gauwitz..... in memory of Janet and Rolly Grebe, Irene Hoeltje, and Andy Gauwitz;
Martha Guppy..... in memory of Ed Guppy and our parents.
Nancy Marlott..... in memory of loved ones;
Parlier Family..... in memory of Marilyne Parlier;
Mike Schwindenhammer..... in memory of Lucille Schwindenhammer, Tony ("Red") Schwindenhammer, Margaret Schwindenhammer, Ron Schwindenhammer, Judy Schwindenhammer, Donna Schwindenhammer, Ray Dornberger and Helena Buell;
Dale Eckhoff..... in memory of Lucille Eckhoff;

Ralph Teskein loving memory of Michelle Teske;
Jo Ann Reith..... in remembrance of family and in thanksgiving for church family.
Linda Von Behren.....in memory of Arthur;
Chris and Sherry Grant
Mary and Tom Zaike
Ron and Sheila Hillsin loving memory of Rolandro and Autumn Jones & Winter and Rolandro Jones Jr

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2025 Member Shut-in List**

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