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Fourth 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 : Tommie Washington

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Roberta Koch

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Abe McIntosh, Michael VandeVoorde

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Andrew Simmons, Maddie Markovich

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 63:7-14, The Second Lesson: Galatians 4:4-7, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:13-23.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$12,246.00; MTD: \$31,739.00, Improvement Fund: \$30.00; MTD: \$990.00. Church Attendance: 85, N-K: ,1st-5th: , 6th-HS: , Adults: , Visitors: , Total: .

VIEW AND CHEW - Will be taking a break until sometime in January.

ARE YOU MISSING your black or dark blue zip up sweater? It's on a hangar by the back entrance!

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in celebration of Shannon Doyle's birthday, by Larry and Karen Ferguson.

THIS IS THE 4th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 1:21 – “She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” What our good works could never do, Jesus has done: He has saved us from our sins, paid our debt, set us free. How can we not give thanks to Him with lives of generosity and godliness? What God's Law could not do — truly motivate us to truly good works — Jesus' love has done!

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.

THANK YOU We want to thank you very much for your prayers and monetary gifts to our family after the complete burning of our farmhouse two weeks ago. We deeply appreciate the support as we adjust to the many changes. God's mercy and grace are so evident. God bless you and thank God for you. Nikki (Thuy) & John, Allison & Bailey Wright and JoAnn Reith.

LWML “Thank You” “Oh the weather outside is frightful...” Yes, that was the thought last Saturday morning for the annual LWML Cookie Walk. Customers braved the steadily falling snow on Saturday and church members braved the cold temps on Sunday morning...and thru it all, we sold lots of cookies, candy and craft items! “Thank you!” to everyone for your ongoing support to help make our Cookie Walk such a successful event! Best wishes to you and your family for a very “Merry Christmas” and

a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

“CHRISTMAS CRAFT SALE” ...Need a last minute Christmas gift? Check out the LWML craft table by the Community Room this morning. An assortment of handmade pot holders & coasters, beaded Christmas ornaments and crocheted hats are available.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 22nd – DEC 28th)

<u>MON 12/22:</u>	Bell Choir	4:00PM
<u>TUES 12/23:</u>		
<u>WED 12/24:</u>	Christmas Eve Service	6:00PM
<u>THU 12/25:</u>	Christmas Day	
<u>FRI 12/26:</u>	Offices Closed	
<u>SAT 12/27:</u>		
<u>SUN 12/28:</u>	Holy Communion	9:00AM
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes	10:30AM

ONLINE GIVING



2025 BOARD OF ELDERS

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

Mike and Kathy Lelm..... 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 Marilyn 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 Teske in 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;

Ron and Sheila Hills in loving memory of Rolandro and Autumn Jones & Winter and Rolandro Jones Jr;

Marvel Family..... in memory of Ray Marvel, Ray's parents, Darlene's parents and Walt Laylock;

Emily Zaia in memory of Tom;

Chris and Sherry Grant

Mary and Tom Zaike