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First Sunday After Christmas

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, Tommie Washington, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Laurie Hibbs

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Andrew Simmons, Maddie Markovich

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Kayley Smith, Maddie Markovich

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Second Sunday after Christmas The First Lesson: 1Kings 3:4-15, The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:3-14, The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:40-52.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$6,391.00; MTD: \$38,130.00,

Improvement Fund: \$25.00; MTD: \$1,015.00. Church Attendance: 179, N-K: 4, 1st-5th: 8, 6th-HS: 5, Adults: 37, Visitors: 7, Total: 65.

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 memory of Sandra Grob, by Larry and Karen Ferguson.

THIS IS THE 5th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Galatians 4:4 – “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law.” Jesus was born under the law so that He might fulfill the law in our place. His perfect righteousness is credited to us. And it is this free forgiveness of sins and this crediting of righteousness that sets us free to follow our Lord in godly living. Since we are freed from the law's condemnation, we are freed from any mercenary attitudes. Now that the Lord has shown His love to us in saving us, we freely show our thanks to Him in generosity, humility and kindness.

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.**

2026 CALENDARS are also available courtesy of Davidson Funeral Home.

LWML NEWS: “Mites for Missions” will be collected next Sunday at the annex entrance.

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.

LCMS HEALTH MINISTRY: “Restoring Hope: Care for Mental Health” is a spiritual care companion for individuals, caregivers and others navigating various mental

health challenges. The booklet and a small pocket guide are available at tinyurl.com/restoringhopecompanion.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 29th – JAN 4th)

<u>MON 12/29:</u>	Bell Choir.....	4:00PM
<u>TUES 12/30:</u>		
<u>WED 12/:31</u>		
<u>THU 01/01:</u>	New Year's Day	
<u>FRI 01/02:</u>	Bible Study.....	9:30AM
<u>SAT 01/03:</u>		
<u>SUN 01/04:</u>	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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