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The Baptism of Our Lord

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, 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

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Alan White, Jeff Otten, Tommie Washington

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Barb O'Dell

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 Second Sunday after Epiphany The First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7, The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9, The Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42a.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: "Carbon Copy/Hallowed

Be Thy Name”. The packets contain fun activities and games to help your kids learn all about the Bible, so be sure to check out the digital version in your church email. See Laura, Darla, or Sue about getting a hard copy.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$9,512.00; MTD: \$13,227.00, Improvement Fund: \$175.00; MTD: \$175.00. Church Attendance: 101, N-K: 4, 1st-5th: 5, 6th-HS: 3, Adults: 49, Visitors: 4, Total: 65.

VIEW AND CHEW - Is taking a break until later this month.

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

CHURCH AT SCHOOL January 25th! Please join us!

BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD this morning is Becky Tetrault.

BY AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Ron Hills, Felina Mitchell and Becky Tetrault join Christ Lutheran Church this morning. We celebrate their partnership with us in sharing the love of Jesus with our neighbors on the Peoria's Southside.

THIS IS THE 7th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 3:15 – “But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’” The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. Here, Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us.

PART 2 We live in a “I can do it myself” culture. That has been cultivated by our access to technology. Yet the question is, “Do I need help to create my Christian estate plan?” This month we consider that your estate plan represents the biggest collection of decisions with far more impact than any others in life. But what is the value of meeting with an LCMS Gift Planning Counselor if I already plan on meeting with an attorney? The answer is, that your counselor can assist you in getting organized, thinking through your goals and becoming specific about them, and encouraging you to spend time considering who you might choose for a personal representative, trustee or the one named in your power of attorney documents. This decision should be carefully made, not rushed. Prayer should be included. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started now. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE will be having their annual

Pennies for Life on January 18th. Please consider contributing a penny for each year of life God has granted you. For more information, please refer to your January newsletter. Thank you!

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (JAN 12th – JAN 18th)

<u>MON 01/12:</u>	Bell Choir.....	4:00PM
<u>TUES 01/13:</u>	Church Council.....	6:00PM
<u>WED 01/14:</u>	Chapel.....	10:00AM
	Choir	6:30PM
<u>THU 01/15:</u>		
<u>FRI 01/16:</u>	Bible Study.....	9:30AM
<u>SAT 01/17:</u>		
<u>SUN 01/18:</u>	Holy Communion.....	9:00AM
	LWML Bake Sale	
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes	10:30AM

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