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**The Second Sunday after Epiphany**

**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](mailto: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:** Tommie Washington, Kirk Wessler, Chad Whitehead

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY:** Linda Elward, Emily Zaia

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Feli Foote, Nash Mooney

**ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Milo Small, Michael VandeVoorde

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Third Sunday after Epiphany The First Lesson: Isaiah 9:1-4, The Second Lesson: 1Corinthians 1:10-18, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:12-25.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY:** “Keep It Safe”/Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done. 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: \$7,441.00; MTD: \$20,668.00, Improvement Fund: \$25.00; MTD: \$200.00. Church Attendance: 133, N-K: 4, 1st-5th: 10, 6th-HS: 3, Adults: 44, Visitors: 0, Total: 61.

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

**CHURCH AT SCHOOL** next week! Please join us!

**2025 GIVING STATEMENTS** are available in the Narthex.

**IT'S TIME TO UPDATE** the church directory. If your address, phone number or email is not correct, or has changed please email me at [angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org](mailto:angie.evans@christlutheranpeo.org).

**THIS IS THE 8th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** John 1:29 – “The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!’” The Israelites of old offered a lamb to God at Passover so that death might pass over them and do no harm. Over those long centuries of sacrifice, did they understand that this was actually God’s gift? That God would be the true Giver of the true Lamb? Truly, we can never out-give God, for all that we have is His.

**PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE** will be collecting their annual Pennies for Life today. 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!

**I CAN DO IT MYSELF PART 3** 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. If you are planning gifts to family, it is a wise idea to discuss these with family, imparting Godly encouragement for faithful stewardship. A ministry gift might include a discussion with current ministry leaders. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate these discussions. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org).

**WATCH WEEKEND** is April 17-19th. If you have never attended a WATCH

weekend, please prayerfully consider spending time in fellowship with other Christians and refreshing your relationship with Christ. You will learn, meet new people, eat good food and have fun! Registration forms are available in the church office and in the box outside the office. Scholarships are available, so don't let the fee stop you. Leave your completed form in the office.

**THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (JAN 19<sup>th</sup> – JAN 25<sup>th</sup>)**

<b><u>MON 01/19:</u></b>	MLK Day No School	
	Bell Choir .....	4:00PM
<b><u>TUES 01/20:</u></b>		
<b><u>WED 01/21:</u></b>	Chapel.....	10:00AM
	Choir .....	6:30PM
<b><u>THU 01/22:</u></b>		
<b><u>FRI 01/23:</u></b>		
<b><u>SAT 01/24:</u></b>		
<b><u>SUN 01/25:</u></b>	Church at School .....	9:00AM
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes .....	10:30AM

**ONLINE GIVING**



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