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The Third 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: Cassie Harris

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Christine Grebe, Jacqueline Floyd, Grover Van Dyke, Mary Fran Wessler, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Chuck Whitehead, 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), 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.

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Beth Bennett

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Milo Small, Michael VandeVoorde

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Abe McIntosh, Carter Ferro

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Fourth 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: "Whom Can You Count On"/Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread. 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: \$7,108.00; MTD: \$27,776.00,

Improvement Fund: \$210.00; MTD: \$410.00. Church Attendance: 138, N-K: 5, 1st-5th: 8, 6th-HS: 3, Adults: 50, Visitors: 1, Total: 67.

VIEW AND CHEW - Wednesday, February 4th, we continue with “House of David”. Bring your lunch! Invite your friends! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

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.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God and in loving remembrance of our beloved mom and wife, Marilyne Parlier's birthday, which was on January 27th.

THIS IS THE 9th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Matthew 4:20 – “Immediately they left their nets and followed him.” Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had. They left their trade, their hometown, their families, and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship, the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose. We are His disciples and are ready to follow where He leads.

LWML NEWS: “Mites for Missions” will be collected at the annex entrance next Sunday. If you need a mite box for those nickels, dimes and quarters, a supply will be available. Your ongoing support of our mission efforts is greatly appreciated! ***Attention ladies! The first LWML meeting for 2026 will be Saturday, February 14th, 10:00am in the Community Room. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE will be collecting their annual Pennies for Life again today. Please consider contributing a penny for each year of life God has granted you. The cannister will be at the annex entrance. Thank you!

I CAN DO IT MYSELF PART 4 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. Estate planning is more than a task such as filing your income taxes online. Your attorney, financial advisor, insurance representative and tax advisor all have a responsibility to help you

plan well. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help make sure all the communication is working with all these people, also making sure that your goals are being respected. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or 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.

SPECIAL CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION – February 22, 2026. Please join us on Sunday, February 22, 2026, as we welcome back Pastor Kristopher Whitby to celebrate and recognize the 100th anniversary of the dedication of our newly remodeled church sanctuary and the presentation of the altar, which originally took place on February 28, 1926. This special recognition will honor our church's rich history and God's faithfulness through the generations. Cake and drinks will be provided following the service, and all are invited to stay and celebrate together. We look forward to sharing this meaningful milestone with our church family.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (JAN 26th – FEB 1st)

MON 01/26: Bell Choir.....4:00PM

TUES 01/27:

WED 01/28: Chapel..... 10:00AM

Choir6:30PM

THU 01/29:

FRI 01/30:

SAT 01/31:

SUN 02/01: Holy Communion..... 9:00AM

LWML Bake Sale

Sunday School..... 10:15AM

Bible Classes 10:30AM

ONLINE GIVING



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