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Epiphany Sunday

No 6

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: Mark Samp

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Christine Grebe, 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 : Alan White

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Alan White, Del Hume, Tommie Washington

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Kay Foote

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Kayley Smith, Maddie Markovich

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Carter Dicce, Emersyn Dicce

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Baptism of our Lord The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9, The Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: "You're Invited/Lord's

Prayer Intro”. 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: \$3,715.00; MTD: \$3,715.00, Improvement Fund: \$0.00; MTD: \$0.00. Church Attendance: 103, N-K: ,1st-5th: , 6th-HS: , Adults: 30, Visitors: 1, Total: 31.

VIEW AND CHEW - Will be 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!

BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD this morning is Adalynn Elizabeth Burns, daughter of Timothy and Ashley Burns.

THIS IS THE 6th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 2:49 – “And he said to them, ‘Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?’” What a privilege the Lord has given to us by calling us to come to His house! It is not a burden but rather an honor and a blessing for us to always be able to come to a place where we know God is present for us in His gifts of Word and Sacrament. Likewise, the Lord has honored us by allowing us to support the work of His house with our tithes and offerings.

LIFE SUNDAY: PENNIES FOR LIFE

Peoria Area Lutherans for Life is asking our area Lutheran church members to thank God for the life He has given each of us by contributing a penny for each year of your life on Sunday, January 18th. These donations will be used during 2026 to provide pro-life educational materials in our churches and schools plus support for Peoria area pro-life organizations like Women’s Pregnancy Center, Lutheran Senior Ministries, Empower Life Center, and Living Alternatives. We thank you!

“DID YOU KNOW?” by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel motivated voices for life.

At week 6, the baby’s genitals begin to form. A baby is male or female from the very moment of conception. His or her sex is part of every cell that composes his or her body. “You knit me together in my mother’s womb.” Psalm 139:13 (NIV). God’s knitting project is miraculous and Masterful.

LWML NEWS The results are in! Despite a major snowstorm and extreme cold temperatures, the annual LWML Cookie Walk on December 13th yielded a profit of \$1,588, to be directed to our operating fund, and \$272 from the sale of craft items to be directed to “mites for missions”. A huge “thank you” to

all the members, friends and relatives who supported our annual event... we couldn't achieve such success without you! Your support in all of our efforts is greatly appreciated!

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (JAN 5th – JAN 11th)

<u>MON 01/05:</u>	Elders.....	1:00PM
	Bell Choir	4:00PM
	Day School	4:30PM
<u>TUES 01/06:</u>	Trustees.....	6:30PM
<u>WED 01/07:</u>	Chapel.....	10:00AM
	Choir	6:30PM
<u>THU 01/08:</u>	Stew/Finance	6:00PM
<u>FRI 01/09:</u>		
<u>SAT 01/10:</u>	Parish Education.....	9:00AM
<u>SUN 01/11:</u>	Holy Communion.....	9:00AM
	CLYF Bake Sale	
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes	10:30AM

ONLINE GIVING



2026 BOARD OF ELDERS

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