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**The Fifth 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:** Tina Hill

**CONTINUED PRAYERS:** Denise Buchanan (Linda VonBehren's sister), Mark Samp, 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](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:** Kirk Wessler, Chad Whitehead, Mike Lelm

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY:** Kay Foote

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Andrew Simmons, Maddie Markovich

**ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Kayley Smith, Michael VandeVoorde

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for The Transfiguration of Our Lord The First Lesson: Exodus 24:8-18, The Second Lesson: 2Peter 1:16-21, The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9.

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY:** "Tempting, Isn't It"/Lead Us Not Into Temptation.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL JANUARY PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** Robin Abatie, Dwayne & Karol Allen, Gary & Suzanne Heinz, Nan Hume, Bill & Judy Nelson, Jeff & Kathy Otten, Alan White, Jeff & Christine Grebe, Jim Grebe, Jane Grebe, Louis Heuermann, Nancy Knoll, Tommie Washington, Rebecca R Zentko, Vera Zentko, Louis & Hilda Knief, Reg Lee, Al Schneider, Linda Von Behren, Jackie Belfield, Judy Eckhoff, Aubrey Chase, Martha Guppy, Barb O'Dell, Emily Zaia. **Preschool:** Rory Chase, Emily Eckhoff. **Kindergarten:** Micah Chase, Rufus Grebe. **2nd Grade:** Sylvie Chase, Aidan Grebe, Evelyn Smith. **6th Grade:** Maddie Markovich. **Helpers:** Luke & Jana Grebe, Sam Grebe, Darla Heuermann.

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and offerings: \$12,411.00; MTD: \$12,411.00, Improvement Fund: \$565.00; MTD: \$565.00. Church Attendance: 157, N-K: 5, 1st-5th: 6, 6th-HS: 4, Adults: 51, Visitors: 1, Total: 67.

**VIEW AND CHEW** - This Wednesday. Join us as, we continue with "House of David". Bring your lunch! Invite your friends! Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

**THANK YOU** from the family of Susan VanMoorlehem. Thank you to everyone for your thoughts and prayers as we celebrated Susan's entry into her heavenly home. God is good. She is at peace and joy filled.

**JOINING US THIS MORNING** to share the Gospel is Pastor Kenneth Hoover.

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:** by Ron and Sheila Hills to the glory of God and in celebration of Autumn's 33rd birthday.

**IN NOVEMBER THE LUTHERAN CEMETERY BOARD** 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 fundraiser. The anonymous giver has given us until March 31st to obtain this amount. This is a great way for our churches to show their support for the operation of their cemetery. Please consider using the envelopes marked for the Lutheran Cemetery which are in your envelope box or in the pew racks.

**THIS IS THE 11th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Matthew 5:17 – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. We are sinners. For us to be saved, Jesus had to fulfill the Law in our place so that the threat of the Law is abolished and the Law itself is upheld. Now, in Christ, we do desire to fulfill the Law, to live out a godly Christian life, precisely because we are

so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

**LWML NEWS:** The first meeting of 2026 will be held **THIS SATURDAY**, at 10:00am in the Community Room. We will be voting on our monthly donation choices and planning the activities for the new year. Please contact Suzanne Heinz or Bonnie Farrell if you plan to attend. We are Lutheran Women in Mission and ‘on a mission’ to do HIS work!

**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 (FEB 9<sup>th</sup> – FEB 15<sup>th</sup>)**

<b><u>MON 02/09:</u></b>	Bell Choir.....	4:00PM
<b><u>TUES 02/10:</u></b>	Church Council.....	6:00PM
<b><u>WED 02/11:</u></b>	Chapel.....	10:00AM
	View & Chew .....	11:45AM
	Choir .....	6:30PM
<b><u>THU 02/12:</u></b>		
<b><u>FRI 02/13:</u></b>	CLS Basketball Tournament Weekend	
<b><u>SAT 02/14:</u></b>	LWML .....	10:00AM
<b><u>SUN 02/15:</u></b>	Holy Communion.....	9:00AM
	LWML Bake Sale	
	Sunday School.....	10:15AM
	Bible Classes .....	10:30AM

### **ONLINE GIVING**



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