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The First Sunday in Advent

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: Eric Funk, Mary Fran Wessler, Sheila Hills, Cindy Coffee (worked in school kitchen), Summer Failor, Matthew Zentko, Jan Long, Mark Samp, Grover Van Dyke, Kathy Smith, Mike Schwindenhammer, Sarah Ly Hang, Charlotte Sparks, Donna Gogele, Louie Heuermann, Linda Samp, Jayme Knapp, Mike Clayton, Ann Schwindenhammer (sister-in-law of Mike Schwindenhammer), 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.

ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR : Tommie Washington

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Chad Whitehead, Alan White

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICE TODAY: Beth Bennett

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Kayley Smith, Nolan Anderson

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Maddie Markovich, Nash Mooney

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Second Sunday in Advent. The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11, The Second Lesson: 2Peter 3:8-14, The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:1-8.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: The children are working on music and speaking parts for the Children's Christmas Program. If your child will be participating, please have them attend Sunday School as often as possible so they can learn the music and parts and be available at the practices during the Sunday

School hour.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: $4,385.00; MTD: $23,627.00. Improvement Fund: $35.00 MTD: $325.00. Church Attendance: 141, N-K: 4, 1st-5th: 7, 6-HS: 8, Adults: 45, Visitors: 2, Total: 66.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR to the glory of God and in honor of Nancy Marlott's 90th birthday celebration.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS to Nancy Marlott. Her 90th birthday is December 1st.

LWML NEWS! The annual Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday, December 12th, 9:00am-Noon, in the Community Room. Cookies, candies and fudge will be available at $8.00/lb. Craft items will also be available and always make a nice Christmas gift. If anyone would like to donate a batch of their favorite cookies, candies or fudge, please drop off your donation at the Community Room on Friday, December 11th, noon to 2:00pm. Tell your friends, neighbors and relatives! The Cookie Walk is rapidly approaching!

PLEASE NOTE: "Mites for Missions" will be collected at the Annex entrance next Sunday, December 6th.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: December 10th, at 5:30pm. Come and see, support and enjoy as the students of CLS sing to the Lord.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR for the spiritual renewal weekend for WATCH 48 for April 16-18, 2027. Registration forms and an informational brochure is available in the Church Office. Del Hume, President of WATCH invites everyone to please consider attending as we have room for 24 participants. This will be a truly life changing event for all that attend. Pastor Eckhoff is our Spiritual Leader with Rev. Ron Miller assisting with the event. We would love to have you sign up.

EVERY YEAR our calendars remind us to set aside time in late November for a day of Thanksgiving. For many, it is a one-day ritual filled with food, friends and family, and maybe some football. For the people of God, though, it is much richer, deeper and more meaningful. "Thanksgiving" is a habit of the heart and soul. More than just a ritual, it is a routine. It is, in fact, part of the fabric of who we are as redeemed people of God. We have been given everything truly needful — eternal life and salvation, the forgiveness of sins, the very righteousness of God. We have much to be thankful for indeed! In addition to this, we also thank God for what we call "First Article gifts." As detailed in Luther's Small Catechism, these are the gifts of our body and soul, friends and neighbors, food, shelter and personal possessions that we are given to steward. The First Article

of the Apostles' Creed urges us to rightly confess that every good gift is from the hand of God. On behalf of the Office of National Mission — Mercy, we give thanks for your partnership in the Gospel and for joining us in mercy work across our Synod. Let us together give thanks and praise for the God who is "rich in mercy" (Eph. 2:4-8) and from whom flows all human acts of mercy. Visit lcms.org/mercy for information on the mercy work happening among congregations and organizations across the world.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (NOV 30th – DEC 6th)

MON 11/30:	Bells	4:00PM
TUES 12/01:	Trustees	6:30PM
WED 12/02:	Chapel	10:00AM
	View & Chew	11:45AM
	Choir	6:30PM
THU 12/03:	Stew/Finance (via zoom)	6:30PM
FRI 12/04:	Bible Study	9:30AM
SAT 12/05:		
SUN 12/06:	Holy Communion	9:00AM
	LWML Bake Sale	
	Sunday School	10:15AM
	Bible Classes	10:30AM
	Parish Ed	11:30AM
	Youth Board	11:30AM

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