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### HOSPITALIZED:

If you, or someone you know, is in the hospital, please let the office know.

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Karen Ferguson, Jim & Sue Gulley, Grover Van Dyke, Louie Heuermann, Helen Gottrey (Laura's Granddaughter), Byron Webb, Charlotte Sparks, Joni Bradshaw, Clyde Lockenour, Rev Wayne Ahrens, Martin Behnke, Linda Samp, Norm Zentko, Darlene Marvel, Jayme Knapp, Debbie Lawrence, Mike Clayton, Tina Hill, 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.

### THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 16th - DEC 22nd)

#### MON 12/16:

#### TUES 12/17:

WED 12/18: Chapel ..... 10:00AM

Adult Choir ..... 6:30PM

THU 12/19: Bell Choir ..... 4:00PM

FRI 12/20: Ladies Bible Study ..... 9:30AM

SAT 12/21: Christmas Break CLS

SUN 12/22: Children's Christmas Program ..... 9:00AM

Sunday School Christmas Party ..... 10:15AM

Bible Class ..... 10:30AM

**DECEMBER 15, 2024**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

*Scripture of the Day*

*Zephaniah 3:14-20, Philippians 4:4-7,*

*Luke 7:18-28(29-35)*

*Boldly living*

*Christ's extreme love;*

*Building Faith*

*and Community*

## Third Sunday in Advent

**WELCOME TREASURED MEMBERS AND HONORED GUESTS!**

**NOTE TO OUR GUESTS:** Since Holy Communion is a public demonstration of unity in faith, those who commune should express their acceptance of the faith and teaching for which we stand. Our welcome to visitors is heartfelt. Visitors from another Lutheran church or Congregation are asked to please approach our Pastor, if you have not already done so, before attending communion this morning. Also, if you're not a member of an LCMS church but would like a blessing, cross your arms across your chest to receive the blessing. Individual cups are available, in addition to the common cup, as you approach the Altar. **Non-alcoholic white wine** is available in the center of the tray.

**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.

**ELDER PRAYING WITH PASTOR:** Tommie Washington

**ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION:** Del Hume, Luke Grebe, Tommie Washington

**GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY:** Beth Bennett

**ACOLYTES FOR TODAY:** Kayley Smith, Gracie Smith

**ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY:** Andrew Simmons, Abe McIntosh

**AS YOU LOOK FORWARD** to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Fourth Sunday in Advent The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a, The Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:5-10, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45(46-56).

**THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY:** is "Joy". The packets for Advent, contain fun activities and games to help your kids learn all about the books of the Bible, so be sure to check out the digital version in your church email or pick up a packet at the back door. If the packets are gone, see Laura, Darla, or Sue about getting a hard copy.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL INFO - ADVENT PACKETS** If you missed pick-

ing up an advent packet, there are still a few left! See JoAnn Reith, Laura Baize, Darla Heuermann or Sue Lee. **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM** The Sunday School classes (PreK-6) are practicing for our program, which will be held on Dec 22nd during the church service. See JoAnn Reith if you have questions. **SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY** After the Sunday School Christmas program, there will be a Christmas party for the kids (PreK-6th grades) upstairs in the old gym during Sunday School. We hope your child can attend!

**LAST WEEK:** Tithes and Offerings: \$14,222.00; MTD: \$24,321.00 Improvement Fund: \$1460.00; MTD: \$1470.00. Attendance: N-K 4,1-5 11, 6-HS 3, Adults 44, Visitors 2, Total 64.

**THIS IS THE 3rd SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR**

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** Philippians 4:5-6 – "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

**FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:** to the glory of God in thanks for all the musical talents of our congregation and in celebration of the birthdays of Darlene Marvel, Connie Bremer, and Mike Schwindenhammer all on December 14th.

**VIEW AND CHEW** - No View and Chew until after the holidays.

**2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are available in the Narthex by the Nursery. Please pick them up, but do not use them until January 2025. Most, if not all numbers have changed.

**PORTALS OF PRAYER AND HOPEFUL LIVING** for January 2025 are available for pickup.

**2025 CALENDARS** are also available courtesy of Davidson Funeral Home.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY** is Tuesday, December 17th, 5-7pm in the Community Room. We will have a meal, devotion and cookie decorating. Everyone is asked to bring a gift(\$5) for a gift exchange. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Choir Service****Lighting of the Advent Wreath****Hymn**

"Light One Candle"

**Meditation**

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

Luke 1:31-33

Pastor Karl F Eckhoff

**Hymn**

"Savior of the Nations, Come"

**Introit****Prayer of the Day****Hymn**

"Once He Came in Blessing" (LSB 333)

**CONCERT****Choir**

"Before the Marvel of This Night"

"A Stable Lamp is Lighted"

**Hymn**

"The Night Will Soon Be Ending" (LSB 337)

**Bell Choir**

"Lo, How a Rose"

"Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

"What Child is This"

**Hymn**

"Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring" (LSB 353)

**Choir**

"We Beheld His Glory"

"Christmastime"

**Prayer****The Lord's Prayer****Benediction****Closing Hymn**

"Angels From the Realms of Glory (LSB 367)

Organist Connie Bremer