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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 Gottfrey (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 or call the church office (637-5309). We will renew prayers when requested.

THIS WEEK THE LORD WILLING (DEC 23rd - DEC 29th)

MON 12/23: CLS Christmas Break

TUES 12/24: Christmas Eve Services..... 5:00PM and 7:00PM

WED 12/25: Offices Closed

THU 12/26: Offices Closed

FRI 12/27: Offices Closed

SAT 12/28:

SUN 12/29: Holy Communion 9:00AM

Sunday School10:15AM

Bible Class 10:30AM

DECEMBER 22, 2024
CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

*Boldly living
Christ's extreme love;
Building Faith
and Community*

Fourth 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.

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Laura Frederick, Susan Frederick

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Andrew Simmons, Abe McIntosh

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Dominic Silotto, Derek Yates

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the First Sunday after Christmas The First Lesson: Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15, The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:12-17, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: is "Love". 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 picking up an advent packet, there are still a few left! See JoAnn Reith, Laura Baize, Darla Heuermann or Sue Lee. **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: \$18,353.25; MTD: \$42,674.00 Improvement Fund: \$115.00; MTD: \$1585.00. Attendance: N-K 1,1-5 9, 6-HS 4, Adults 41, Visitors 2, Total 57.

THIS IS THE 4th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 1:45 – "And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord." The Lord always fulfills what He promises. We can be certain of that, and He has proven it over and over again. This faith in the Lord's own faithfulness is what gives us the courage to follow the Lord's commands in the face of the world's anger and resistance, just as it gave Mary the courage to carry on in her seemingly embarrassed circumstances.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God in celebration of their daughter's birthday by Larry and Karen Ferguson.

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!

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES were sent out by email last week. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please contact the church office. Paper copies will be made available in the office upon request.

LWML 'THANK YOU': The members of LWML would like to thank everyone who purchased cookies and/or candy at our "Cookie Walk" last Saturday. Despite the weather, our sale was a huge success! With a profit of \$1,339.77, this will enable us to continue to make a monthly donation to a variety of community organizations throughout 2025. Thank you for your continued support of LWML efforts! Best wishes to you and your family for a very "Merry Christmas" and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

CHILDREN'S CHISTMAS PROGRAM**Processional Hymn**

"Oh Come Little Children"

Invocation**Collect****Lesson****Homily****JUST A LITTLE CHRISTMAS****Part One****Hymn**

"Angels We Have Heard on High" (LSB 368)

Luke 1:28-38**Matthew 1:18-24****Part Two****Luke 2:1-5****Hymn**

"O Little Town of Bethlehem" (LSB 361)

Hymn

"Away in a Manger" (LSB 365)

Part Three**Luke 2:8-14****Hymn**

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (LSB 380)

Luke 2:15-20**Hymn**

"Silent Night" (LSB 363)

Part Four**Hymn**

"We Three Kings"

Closing Hymn

"Joy to the world" (LSB 387)