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

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 30th - JAN 5th)

MON 12/30:

TUES 12/31: New Year's Eve (Offices Closed)

WED 01/01: New Year's Day (Offices Closed)

THU 01/02:

FRI 01/03: Ladies Bible Study.....9:30AM

SAT 01/04:

SUN 01/05: Holy Communion 9:00AM

LWML Bake Sale

Sunday School10:15AM

Bible Class 10:30AM

DECEMBER 29, 2024
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
Scripture of the Day
Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15, Colossians 3:12-17,
Luke 2:22-40

First Sunday after Christmas

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: Tommie Washington, Kirk Wessler, Reg Lee

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Judy Nelson

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Dominic Silotto, Derek Yates

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Serenity Winchell, Maddie Markovich

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Second Sunday after Christmas The First Lesson: Numbers 6:22-27, The Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:21.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: The packets 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.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$6,990.00; MTD: \$49,664.00 Improvement Fund: \$110.00; MTD: \$1,695.00. Attendance: N

-K 1,1-5 12, 6-HS 7, Adults 44, Visitors 2, Total 66.

THIS IS THE 5th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: **Luke 2:38** – “And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.” Notice here how giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness towards God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say and do?

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: to the glory of God by Larry and Karen Ferguson, in memory of Karen's mom, Sandra Grob, who passed away December 30, 2017.

VIEW AND CHEW - We're excited to start up View and Chew again in the new year with a few sessions including different speakers and educational programs! We hope you'll join us on January 15, at 11:45am with our special guests Alex Lamprecht, Financial Associate and Joshua Sutter, Financial Associate from Thrivent. They will talk about who Thrivent is, what makes them different, including member benefits like Action Teams and Thrivent Choice Dollars which can help support our church and school and also how Thrivent can help you with your financial future. This is sure to be a discussion you won't want to miss! No products will be sold at this event. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

LWML “Mites for Missions” will be collected at the annex door next Sunday. Thank you for your support of our mission efforts!

2025 OFFERING ENVELOPES are available in the Narthex by the Nursery. 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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES were sent out by email recently. 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.

“Did You Know?”

by Peoria Area Lutherans for Life: Equipping Lutherans to be Gospel motivated voices for life. Elizabeth, who was pregnant with John the Baptist, said to Mary, who was pregnant with our Lord, Jesus: “As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy.” Luke 1:44 NIV.

ORDER OF SERVICE
Service of Confession and Absolution**Opening Hymn**

“Sing Praise to the God of Israel” (LSB 936)

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 13:1-3a, 11-15 p. 55

The Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:12-17 p. 984

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:22-40 p. 857

Nicene Creed**Hymn**

“Let All Together Praise Our God” (LSB 389)

Sermon

“Remember”

Exodus 13:1-3a; 11-15
Rev. Karl Eckhoff

Prayer of the Church**The Lord's Prayer****The Words of Our Lord****Distribution Hymns**

“Now Sing We, Now Re-
joice” (LSB 386)

“A Great and Mighty Won-
der” (LSB 383)

“What Child is This” (LSB 370)

Post Communion Thanksgiving**Benediction****Closing Hymn**

“Let Us All With Gladsome
Voice” (LSB 390)