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

CONTINUED PRAYERS: Karen Ferguson, Jim 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, 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 (JAN 6th - JAN 12th)

MON 01/06: Elders.....6:00PM

TUES 01/07: Trustees.....6:30PM

WED 01/08: Chapel.....10:00AM

Adult Choir.....4:00PM

THU 01/09: Bell Choir.....4:00PM

Day School.....4:30PM

Stew/Finance (via Zoom).....6:00PM

FRI 01/10:

SAT 01/11: Parish Ed.....9:00AM

SUN 01/12: Holy Communion.....9:00AM

CLYF Bake Sale

Sunday School.....10:15AM

Bible Class.....10:30AM

JANUARY 5, 2025
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Scripture of the Day
1 Kings 3:4-15, Ephesians 1:3-14,
Luke 2:40-52

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

Second 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: Kirk Wessler

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH COMMUNION: Tommie Washington, Kirk Wessler,

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Chris Grebe, Barb Strum

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Serenity Winchell, Maddie Markovich

ACOLYTES FOR NEXT SUNDAY: Colleen Lamberti, Feli Foote

AS YOU LOOK FORWARD to your worship next Sunday, you should read the appointed lessons for the Baptism of Our Lord The First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7, The Second Lesson: Romans 6:1-11, and The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: is "Caleb". The packets for Unknown Heroes, 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.

FIRST BIBLE FAITH MILESTONE make up sessions will be held January 19th and 26th from 10:15-11:30. If your child (grades

2nd - 7th) was unable to attend the sessions last fall, we invite you to join us! Please contact Norma White (309)613-0373 or Aubrey Chase (260)466-5506 by January 12th to register your child or for more details.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and Offerings: \$14,574.00; MTD: \$64,238.00 Improvement Fund: \$25.00; MTD: \$1,720.00. Attendance: N-K 1,1-5 4, 6-HS 2, Adults 22, Visitors 1, Total 30.

THIS IS THE 6th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 2:40 – "And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him." At Christmas God became man. And as a man, Jesus grew up and increased in strength and wisdom. We are called to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, to grow in His image. The power for this growth comes from receiving the grace of Jesus in His Word and Sacraments. How is the Lord calling you to grow this year?

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR: the 2025 flower chart is up.

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.

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.

PEORIA AREA LUTHERANS FOR LIFE will be having their annual Pennies for Life on January 19th. Please consider contributing a penny for each year of life God has granted you. For more information, please refer to your bulletin insert.

PLEASE LET THE OFFICE KNOW if you have any changes to the church directory for 2025.

ORDER OF SERVICE **Divine Service Setting 1 p.151**

Opening Hymn

"What Child is This" (LSB 370)

Confession and Absolution

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4-15 p. 282

The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14 p. 976

The Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40-52 p. 858

Hymn

"Within the Father's House" (LSB 410)

Sermon

"Keep Learning From the Teacher"

Luke 2:40-2

Rev. Karl Eckhoff

Apostles' Creed

The Words of Our Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Distribution Hymns

"See Amid the Winter's Snow" (LSB 373)

"Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising" (LSB 375)

"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright" (LSB 395)

"The People That in Darkness Sat" (LSB 412)

Post Communion Collect

Benediction

Closing Hymn

"Let Us All With Gladsome Voice" (LSB 390)

Organist: Judy Eckhoff