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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: Donna Gogele, JoAnn Reith, Karen Ferguson, Jim Gulley, Grover Van Dyke, Louie Heuermann, Helen Goffrey (Laura's Granddaughter), Byron Webb, Charlotte Sparks, Joni Bradshaw, 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 (FEB 24th - MAR 2nd)

MON 02/24:

TUES 02/25:

WED 02/26: Chapel..... 10:00AM

View and Chew 11:45AM

Adult Choir 6:30PM

THU 02/27: Bell Choir 4:00PM

FRI 02/28: Ladies Bible Study 9:30AM

SAT 03/01:

SUN 03/02: Holy Communion 9:00AM

LWML Bake Sale

Sunday School 10:15AM

Bible Class 10:30AM

FEBRUARY 23, 2025
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Scripture of the Day
Genesis 45:3-15, 1Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42
Luke 6:27-38

Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

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, Reg Lee, Alan White

GREETING YOU BEFORE SERVICES TODAY: Kay Foote

ACOLYTES FOR TODAY: Kayley Smith, Gracie Smith

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 Transfiguration Sunday **The First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12, **The Second Lesson:** Hebrews 3:1-6 and **The Holy Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON FOR TODAY: is "Lois". 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.

LAST WEEK: Tithes and offerings: \$7,712.00; MTD: \$27,770.00 Improvement Fund: \$10.00; MTD: \$60.00. Church Attendance: 103, N-K: 1,1-5: 6, 6-HS: 2, Adults: 37, Visitors: 2, Total: 48.

BAPTIZED INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD this morning is Jonah Patrick Eck-

hoff, son of Joshua and Megan Eckhoff. Sponsor and witness of Jonah's baptism this morning is Bri Smith.

THIS IS THE 13th SUNDAY OF OUR PLEDGE YEAR

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Luke 6:30-31 – "Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them." Is it really possible to live like this? Would it really work to be so open-handed and generous? Our conscience often reminds us of our failures, and the Lord knows our frailty, that's for sure! But a life of faith is a life lived in imitation of Jesus — and every follower of Jesus knows that yes, indeed, it is better to give than to receive.

POTATO PANCAKE SUPPER an "all you can eat" potato pancake and regular pancake supper will be held on March 22nd from 4-6:00pm in Gym B. The price is \$8 for adults and \$4 for K-8th grade. The meal includes pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee, water, iced tea, milk, carrots and celery. Take out will be available. There will also be a bake sale. All proceeds will benefit the youth program and trip to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans, this summer.

THE YOUTH BOARD is in need of baked goods for the Pancake Supper Bake Sale.

FLOWERS ARE PLACED ON THE ALTAR:

VIEW AND CHEW - February 26th we will be showing a movie on David and Goliath. **Bring your lunch!** **Invite your friends!** Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please call Alan White with questions.

We Are The Church – A Spiritual Retreat will be held March 14-16, 2025, at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Registration forms are available in the church office. Prayerfully consider joining us for a weekend of fun, food and Christian fellowship.

LWML NEWS: After weather related cancellations, the first LWML meeting for 2025 will be held **NEXT SATURDAY**, March 1st, 10:00am, in the Community Room. And, 'MITES FOR MISSIONS' will be collected next Sunday at the annex entrance. Thank you for your support of our mission efforts.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY to register for the Preschool Milestone sessions taking place on Sundays 3/2 and 3/9 beginning at 10:15am. These sessions are offered to parents with children ages 3-6. You won't want to miss these discussions on how to develop a growing faith life at home with your child and also guide you through giving your child a Godly understanding of who He created them to be. Extra registration forms are available on the bulletin/greeter table. Please return **TODAY** to the church office. Sunday School and daycare will be available for your children."

ORDER OF SERVICE**Hymn**

"O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth" (LSB 834)

Confession and Absolution**Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 45:3-15 p. 39

The Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:21-26, 30-42 p. 961

Bell Choir**The Holy Gospel**

Luke 6:27-38 p. 863

Apostles' Creed**Hymn**

"Love In Christ Is Strong and Living" (LSB 706)

Sermon

"Things Aren't Always as They Seem"

Genesis 45:1-15

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

"Your Table I Approach" (LSB 628)

"Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense" (LSB 741)

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (LSB 700)

Post Communion Canticle

"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings" (LSB 782 vs 1, 4)

Benediction**Closing Song**

"What Is the World to Me" (LSB 730)

Accompanist: Aimee Traenkenschuh