



The Christ Candle

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**All meetings are open to members
of the congregation.
Scheduled meetings are sometimes
adjusted based upon the ministry
team members schedules.

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Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



- Feb 21 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday
- Mar 01 - Lenten Midweek Services Begin
- Apr 02 - Palm Sunday

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

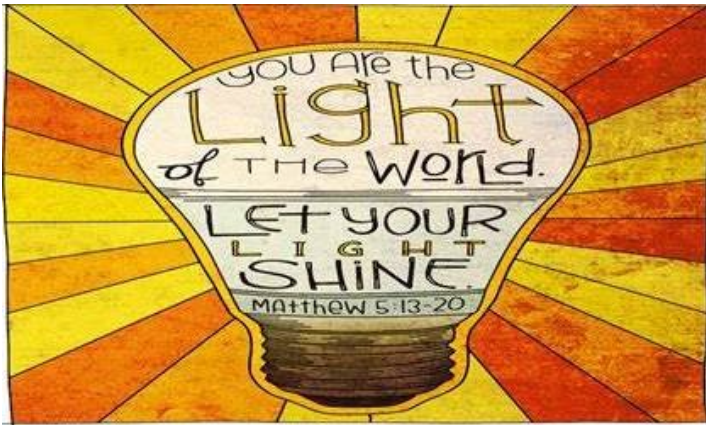


Our traditional Shrove Tuesday supper will be on **Tuesday, February 21**, and will feature Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage, from **6 –8 p.m. in Byquist Hall**. There will be a freewill offering collected. This is a great family event, and requires lots of hands. If you can assist in some way, please talk to someone in the Men's Group.

10:30AM & 7:00PM Lenten Midweek Worship

Mid-Week Services for the season of Lent.

*Beginning on Wednesday, March 1 - March 29 at Gloria Dei
(Lunch to follow the 10:30am services)*



Estuary Group - Mar 1st

Estuary Group with Pastor Dale meets the 1st Wednesday of every month at 7pm in Byquist Hall.

Sign up at:

<https://www.meetup.com/nw-indiana-estuary-meetup-group/>

YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

Feb 12th—Escape Room

(Saturday) Feb 25 @ 12pm -
Sunday Feb 26 @ 7pm -
30 Hour Famine

Please Bring Your Friends!!

If you need a ride please call, we will get you there!

Please see Robin Bellamy for more information.



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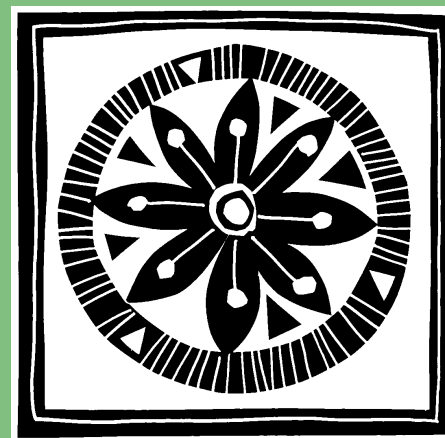


+ The Season of Epiphany +

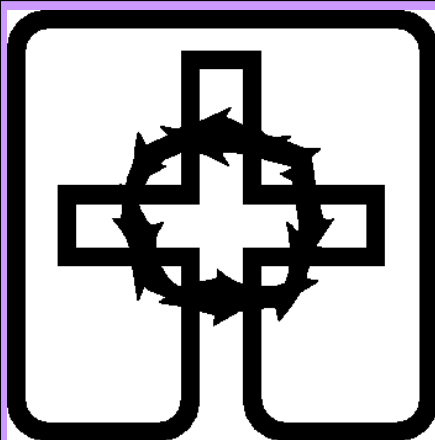
The season of Epiphany extends from January 6th until Ash Wednesday, which begins the season of Lent leading to Easter. Depending on the timing of Easter, this includes from four to nine Sundays. The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal."

The Sundays after the Epiphany are changed to the color of green until Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday

before the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. The colors for Transfiguration Sunday are usually the colors of Holy Days, white and gold.



+ The Season of Lent +



For Lutherans the 40-day season of Lent is an important one. Though the Scriptures do not mention Lent, it has a longstanding tradition in the Church. It began very simply as a time of preparation for Easter. The earliest reference to a 40 day fast leading up to Easter is the Second Festal letter of Athanasius in 330 A.D. Today Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday (Sundays are excluded to preserve the number 40).

For Christians living in the Fourth Century, Lent had two major emphases: (1) It was seen as a time of repentance and denial of self. All Christians were to examine their lives according to the Ten Commandments and other Christian ethical precepts and repent where necessary. They were to remember what it cost their Savior to save them; (2) it was a time of instruction and preparation for the catechumens who wanted to become members of the Christian Church.

At the time of the Reformation, some Christians wanted to eliminate Lent since Scripture didn't command it. Luther urged that it be kept, for he saw Lent as an opportunity for the strengthening of faith. Luther tells us that Lent should be preserved, in part, because it reminded Christians of the Passion (Suffering and Death) of Jesus and encouraged them to meditate upon it. However, no one should be forced to participate. It should be voluntary.

So we also retain Lent to this day, because we see it as a salutary outward discipline that gives Christians a wonderful opportunity for spiritual renewal. Our observance of Lent combines many of the above features. Through our midweek and Sunday services, our Bible studies, and Lenten devotional materials, we come face to face with whatever sin may be hindering our walk with Christ. But most profoundly, we come face to face with the Gospel of Jesus which forgives and removes that sin and gives us the power to live anew.

February 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 Epiphany 4 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12pm Annual Meeting	30	31	1 7:00pm Estuary Group	2 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation 8pm Adult Choir	3	4 Hall Rental
5 Epiphany 5 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12pm W&M Mtg.	6	7	8 7:00pm Council	9 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation 8pm Adult Choir	10	11 Hall Rental
12 Epiphany 6 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship Youth Group Escape Room	13	14	15	16 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation 8pm Adult Choir	17	18 Hall Rental
19 Transfiguration 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	20	21 6-8pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	22 10:30am & 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	23 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation 8pm Adult Choir	24	25 12pm Youth Group 30 Hour Famine
26 Lent I 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 5pm Youth Group	27	28	1 10:30 & 7:00pm Lenten Midweek @ Gloria Dei	2 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation 8pm Adult Choir	3	4



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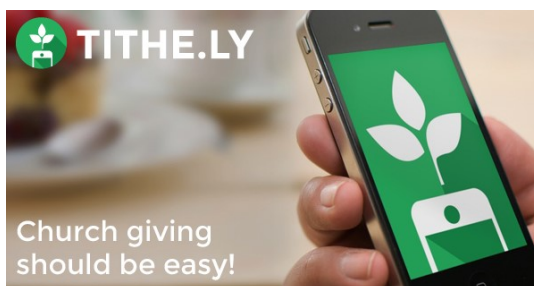
We are looking for volunteers to help with the MiniUp program. Meetings are on most Tuesdays, from 3:30-4:30pm. If you would be interested in volunteering, please see Pastor Dale.

MiniUP™ Mission Statement: To uplift and empower young children through reinforcing the importance of education and the development of life skills.

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SHARING God's love by
LIVING our faith and
SERVING the world.