



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.

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

~ An E.L.C.A. Congregation ~

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Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!

- May 07 - Music Sunday - Choir
- May 14 - Mother's Day
Music Sunday - Genesis Chimes
- May 21 - Music Sunday - JuBellation
Last Day of Sunday School
- May 29 - Memorial Day

Estuary Group - May 3rd

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/>

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

Graduates will be recognized during worship on June 18th. Please send the following information to the church office by Sunday, June 4th:

- .. Name
- .. School Graduating From
- .. Major / Favorite Subject
- .. Extracurricular Activities / Awards
- .. Future Plans



YOUTH GROUP - For 6th - 12th Graders

May 14th—5-7pm Game Night

May 28—5-7pm

Please Bring Your Friends!!

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

Please see Robin Bellamy for more information.

Check out our website.

**Visit us at:
clchammond.com**



Go to YouTube.com and Search:

**Christ Lutheran
Hammond IN**



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Search: Christ Lutheran Church Hammond

Your ELCA and Episcopal Churches in NW Indiana invite you to a special evening of worship and fellowship as we gather to remember the Ascension of our Lord.

Join your sisters and brothers in Christ from -

Bethel Lutheran in Gary

Christ Lutheran in Hammond

Cross of Christ in Crown Point

Emmanuel Lutheran in Merrillville

Gloria Dei Lutheran in Highland

Griffith Lutheran Church

Holy Shepherd in St. John

Prince of Peace Lutheran in Merrillville and,

The Calumet Episcopal Ministry Partnership including

St. Augustine's Episcopal in Gary

St. Barnabas in the Dunes Episcopal in Gary

St. Christopher's Episcopal in Crown Point

St. Paul Episcopal in Munster

St. Stephen's Episcopal in Hobart

St. Timothy Episcopal Church in Griffith

Dinner starts at 5:30PM with the Ascension Day service beginning at 6:30PM -

Thursday - May 18 at

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church - 3711 Ridge Road in Highland, IN

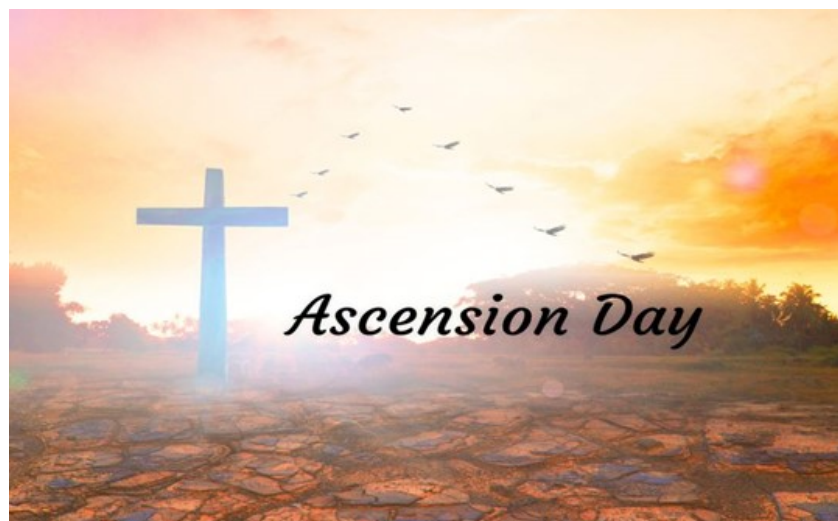


The evening begins with dinner and fellowship as we gather to recall Jesus' triumphant return to His Father in heaven.

Jesus' Ascension is the bridge between His ministry on earth and Jesus' return to exercise His royal power over all creation.

Our service will be led by various pastors from our region and will include beautiful hymns and the sharing of Jesus' body and blood in the sacrament of Holy Communion.

All are welcome as the churches led by Jesus welcome you for this special celebration!



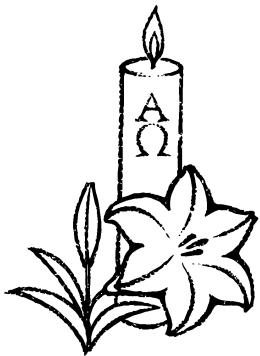
CLC CLEAN-UP DAY

Our 1st clean-up day of the year was amazing!
Thank you to everyone who came out to help!!!



A **BIG** thanks to the men that prepared
Easter breakfast this year!
You guys did an awesome job...it was delicious!!!

Thank you to Dara Kubiak for organizing the
Easter Egg Hunt
for the kids again this year! You rock!!!



THE SEASON OF EASTER

The seven weeks of Easter historically constitute the first real season of the Christian Church. Those first fifty days between Christ's resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost must have been a truly special time in the experience of the disciples -- a time of real exuberance and joy after the great disappointment and disillusionment of Good Friday -- a time of reconciliation of the disciples with their Lord -- even a time of holiness, a time of realizing the righteousness which was being

bestowed upon these disciples through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and given as a gift of true grace by God.

There could be no more special time in the world than was this time between the resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit for the first disciples. No doubt, that is what encouraged them into annual celebrations of this season as they brought the gospel to more and more people and established the Christian Church.

It is time to live out what Paul has proclaimed: the Great Exchange has taken place; Christ is my sin, and I am his righteousness (cf. 2 Cor.5.21).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Easter 4 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	1	2	3 7:00pm Estuary Group	4 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation 8pm Adult Choir	5	6
7 Easter 5 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12pm W&M Mtg.	8 7:00pm Men's Group	9	10 7:00pm Council	11 6:15pm Genesis 7pm JuBellation	12	13
14 Easter 6 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 5pm Youth Group	15	16	17	18 6:30pm Ascension of Our Lord Joint Worship @ Gloria Dei	19	20
21 Easter 7 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12pm Christian Ed Mtg.	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pentecost 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 5pm Youth Group	29	30	31	1	2	3

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.


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

MAY IS MUSIC MONTH

You don't want to miss all of our wonderful music groups!!

May 7th - Adult Choir

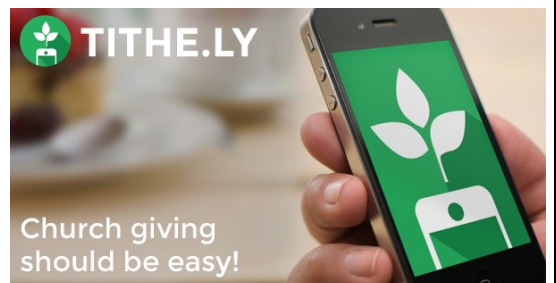
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May 21st - JuBellation

Christ Lutheran is signed up for online giving.

You can still give your offering in the plate at church or by mail, this is just another way to give.

Simply go to [Tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) website or download the app and set up an account. It walks you through a few simple steps and your ready to go!



CLC MISSION STATEMENT

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