



# The Christ Candle January 2024

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# 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

January 28, 2023  
Following Worship

### CLC Staff

The Reverend Dale M. Zylstra  
Kelly Seitzinger - Secretary  
Abigayle Kubiak - Organist

### Congregation Council Officers

Nancy Zimmerman - President  
Don Winston - Vice-President  
Jan Kopischke - Secretary  
Kelly Seitzinger - Treasurer  
Dara Kubiak - Financial Secretary

### Council Members

Mike Vidimos                      Bob Talley  
Dave Holeman                      Shirley Whitesell  
John Juranovich                      Carrie Valousky  
Art Cimnovski

### Ministry Team Leaders

Worship & Music Director—  
Jan Kopischke  
Choir Director—Lori Zylstra  
JuBellation Director—Judy Rodgers  
Genesis Bells Director—  
Jan Kopischke

Fellowship - Esther Fuehrer  
Finance/Stewardship -  
Social Outreach- Julie Vidimos  
Property - Don Winston  
Christian Ed - Robin Bellamy  
SCS Superintendent - Kelly Seitzinger  
Visitation - Rosemary Wignall  
Worship & Music - Judy Rodgers  
Youth Ministry - Robin Bellamy

\*\*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!

Jan 06 - Joint Epiphany Worship @  
Holy Shepherd

Jan 28 - Annual Meeting

Feb 03 - Soup-er Bowl 4-7pm

Feb 13 - Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner

Feb 14 - Ash Wednesday

### YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

Jan 14th—4-6pm Ice Skating

Jan 28th—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.*

### Estuary Group - Jan 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/>

### Joint Epiphany Worship - Saturday, January 6th at 5pm

We will gather at Holy Shepherd in St John with our neighbors from other Lutheran churches in Lake County to worship together Saturday, January 6 at 5:00 pm. We will have a musical offering from a combined choir, a special Epiphany blessing and communion. Following worship, we will move down to the fellowship hall for a potluck dinner together.

Check out our website.

Visit us at:  
[clchammond.com](http://clchammond.com)



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## Cookie Contest - Dec 17th.

1st Place - MaryAnne LaHayne

Excess cookies were sold raising \$35 towards the Byquist floor fund.



**We wanted to take time this January to Thank some of our brothers & sisters for their extra efforts during the Christmas season.**

**To the Altar Guild:** Our Christmas decorations were absolutely beautiful. We know it doesn't happen overnight, so for the several times you were at church making things so beautiful. We appreciate your efforts.

**To the Men's Group:** Thank you for putting up the creche in front of the church! It always looks so nice!

**To Sunday School:** Thank you for the adorable Christmas program and your beautiful singing! You did a great job!

**To the musicians:** Thank you for all of the wonderful music! It's always so beautiful and adds so much to the worship services!

**To the people of Christ Lutheran Church:** We'd be nothing without each & every one of you and your participation in very many ways!!

## Love INC. Families & Angel Tree

Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our members, we donated gifts for 30 children from the Salvation Army Angel Tree!

We also provided Thanksgiving & Christmas dinners to 5 families through Love INC!

A HUGE thank you to Shirley Whitesell for organizing everything!





## The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 6 is celebrated as Epiphany. Epiphany is the climax of the Advent/Christmas Season and the Twelve Days of Christmas, which are usually counted from the evening of December 25th until the morning of January 6th, which is the Twelfth Day. In following this older custom of counting the days beginning at sundown, the evening of January 5th is the Twelfth Night. In some church traditions, only the full days are counted so that January 5th is the Eleventh Day of Christmas, January 6th is the Twelfth Day, and the evening of January 6th is counted as the Twelfth Night.

Epiphany is the day the Wise Men or Magi brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

The term *epiphany* means "to show" or "to make known" or even "to reveal." In Western churches, it remembers the coming of the wise men bringing gifts to visit the Christ child, who by so doing "reveal" Jesus to the world as Lord and King.

## Baptism of our Lord Sunday



Our re-creation in baptism is an image of the Genesis creation, where the Spirit/wind moved over the waters. It is the Spirit's movement that distinguishes Jesus' baptism from John's. The Spirit has come upon us as upon Jesus calling us God's beloved children and setting us on Jesus' mission to re-create the world in the image of God's vision of justice and peace.

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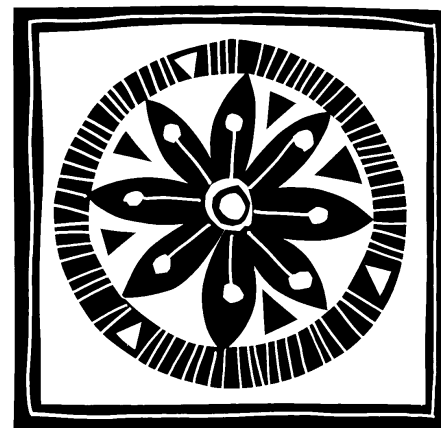
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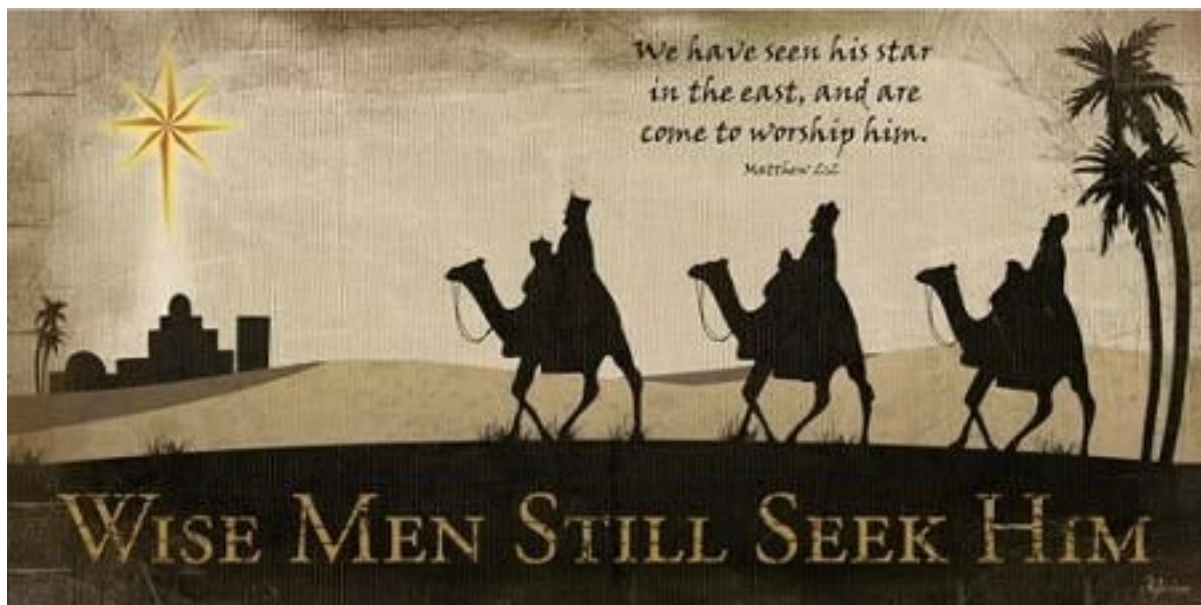
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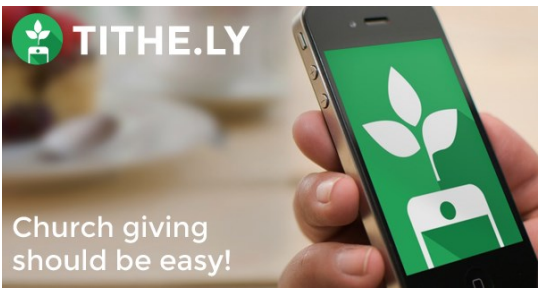
# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31 Christmas I Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 9:00am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	<b>1 Happy New Year</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Estuary Group	<b>4</b> 7:00pm JuBellation	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:00pm Joint Epiphany Worship @ Holy Shepherd
<b>7 Baptism of Our Lord</b> 9:00am SCS & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Council	<b>11</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Hall Rental
<b>14 Epiphany 2</b> 9:00am SCS 10:30am Worship	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Epiphany 3</b> 9:00am SCS 10:30am Worship	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Choir	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28 Epiphany 4</b> 9:00am SCS 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Annual Meeting	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>


Date	Lector	Asst. Minister	Comm. Assist.	Cantor	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Fellowship	Greeter
1/7			N/A			Dara Kubiak		N/A
1/14			N/A			Pam Wimberly		N/A
1/21			N/A			Darcy Winston		N/A
1/28						Dana Millies		N/A



**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!



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**CLC MISSION STATEMENT**

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