



# The Christ Candle

## January 2025

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## 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

January 26, 2025  
Following Worship

### CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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**The Reverend Dale M. Zylstra**

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#### 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 Holean      Shirley Whitesell  
Elden LaHayne      Robin Bellamy  
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.**

## Mark Your Calendar Dates to Remember!



Jan 06 - Joint Epiphany Worship

Jan 26 - Annual Meeting

Feb 01 - Soup-er Bowl

Mar 04 - Shrove Tuesday  
Pancake Dinner

Mar 05 - Ash Wednesday

MAY YOU SHINE  
THE LIGHT OF  
CHRIST IN THE  
NEW YEAR!

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### Men's Group - Jan 15th

Men's Group with Dave Roman  
meets at 7pm in Byquist Hall.



## Joint Epiphany Worship - Monday, January 6th at 7pm

We will gather at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Munster with our neighbors from other Lutheran & Episcopal churches in Lake County to worship together Monday, January 6 at 7:00 pm. We will have a special Epiphany blessing and communion. Prior to worship, a meal and fellowship will be offered at 6pm.

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
1101 Park Dr. Munster, IN 46321*

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## Cookie Contest

Dec 15th.

1st Place -  
Leann  
Wilczewski

Excess cookies  
were sold raising  
\$80 towards  
Fellowship  
expenses.



**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!!

## Salvation Army Angel Tree

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

A HUGE thank you to Shirley Whitesell for organizing everything!





# Christmas Eve 2024





**Have you seen what's  
been changing  
around church??**







## 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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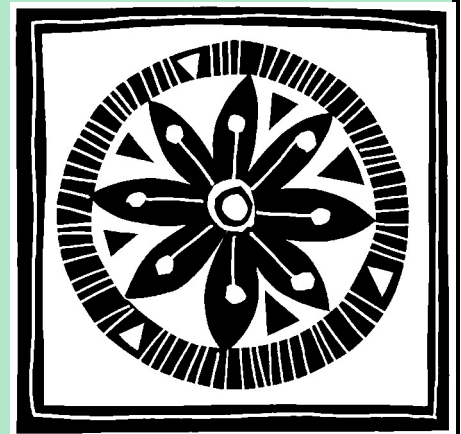
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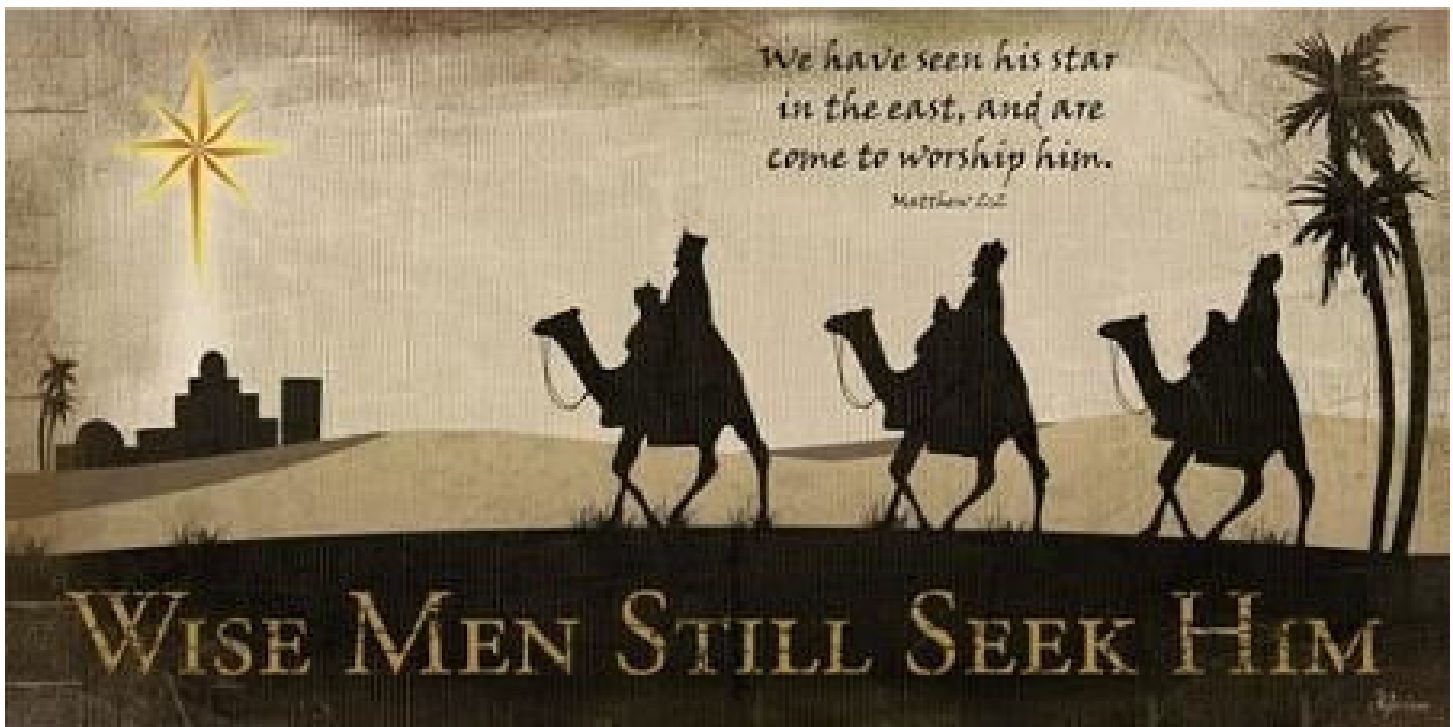
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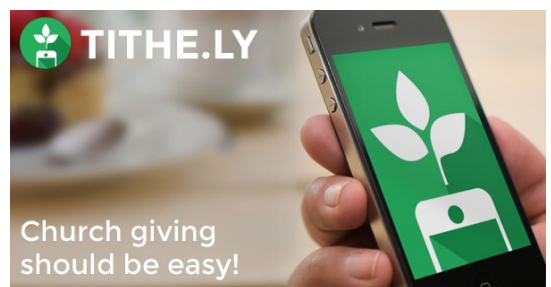
# JANUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29 Lessons &amp; Carols</b> 9am Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	30	31	<b>1 Happy New Year!</b>	2	3	4
<b>5 Name of Jesus</b> 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Worship & Music Mtg.	<b>6 7:00pm Joint Epiphany Worship @ St Paul's Episcopal Munster</b>	7	<b>8 7:00pm Council</b>	<b>9</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Choir	10	<b>11 Hall Rental</b>
<b>12 Baptism of Our Lord</b> 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	13	14	<b>15 7:00pm Men's Group</b>	<b>16</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Choir	17	18
<b>19 Epiphany 2</b> 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Christian Ed Mtg.	20	21	22	<b>23</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Choir	24	25
<b>26 Epiphany 3</b> 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship	27	28	29	<b>30</b> 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Choir	31	<b>1 Souper Bowl</b>



### **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 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.