



The Christ Candle February 2026

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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!



- Feb 07 - Valentine's Dance
- Feb 17 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Feb 18 - Ash Wednesday
- Feb 25 - Lenten Midweek Services Begin
- Mar 08 - Daylight Savings Time Begins

JESUS IS THE VERY REVELATION OF GOD;

EPIPHANY

REMINDS US THAT ALL OUR SEARCHING IS DESTINED FOR HIM.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Our traditional Shrove Tuesday supper will be on Tuesday, February 17, from 6 –8 p.m. in Byquist Hall and will feature Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage. 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.

YOUTH GROUP

For 6th - 12th Graders

Feb 8th—5-7pm Movie Night
Feb 28th-Mar 1st—7pm Sat-7pm Sun-24 Hour Lock-In

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 - Feb 4th

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



Men's Group - TBD

Men's Group with Dave Roman meets on Dec 17th at 7pm in Byquist.

Check out our website.

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 clchammond.com**



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AMAZING *grace*



ASH WEDNESDAY
David



WEEK ONE
Isaiah of Babylon



WEEK TWO
The Prodigal Son



WEEK THREE
The Blind Man



WEEK FOUR
The Woman at the Well



WEEK FIVE
Paul

LENT SERMONS

10:30AM Lenten Midweek Worship

“Amazing Grace” is a special series of Mid-Week Lay Leader Services for the season of Lent. Beginning on Wednesday, February 25 - March 25 in Byquist. (Soup to follow)

7PM Lenten Midweek Worship

“Holden Evening Prayer” by Marty Haugen. Mid-Week Services are each Wednesday evening in Lent beginning on Wednesday, February 25 - March 25 at Griffith Lutheran Church.

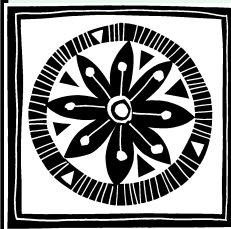
Joint Epiphany Worship

Our joint Epiphany Worship was held at Augustana Lutheran in Hobart on January 6th. We were joined by our neighbors from other Lutheran & Episcopal churches in Lake County. Prior to worship, a meal was served. An \$830 offering was collected for the NW Indiana Food Bank.

SOUP-ER BOWL

The Youth Group Soup-er Bowl Soup Cook Off was on Saturday, January 17th. Congrats to the 1st place winner Dara Kubiak and 2nd place winner Mary Anne LaHayne!! Thank you to everyone who made soup for the cook-off. Robin has requested that if you made a soup, could you please send the recipe to the office so it can be shared. Thank You!!!

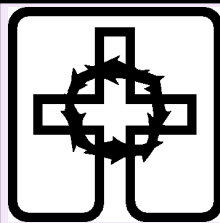




The Season of Epiphany

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.

To Our Christ Lutheran Family

We all enjoy Fellowship after Worship Services, but we could use a few items to help the Fellowship budget. When out shopping, if you would like to help, we could use the following items:

12oz Plastic White Cups

Napkins

8.5" Paper Plates

Cans of Coffee (Regular & Decaf)

Hawaiian Punch

Tea Bags (Regular & Decaf)

Disposable Bowls

Monetary Gifts for Fellowship

Thank you so much in advance!



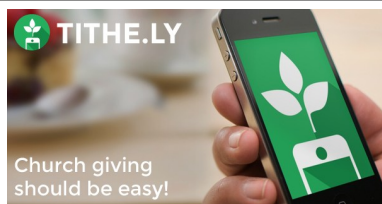
ARCHIVE PICTURES

We are looking for any and all pics from the church's history for our 75th Anniversary! If you have any that you would be willing to share, please see Kelly Seitzinger. All pictures will be returned to owner. Thanks in advance!!



CLC MISSION STATEMENT

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



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!

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Epiphany 4 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Worship & Music Mtg.	2	3	4 7:00pm Estuary Group	5 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	6	7 6:00pm Valentine's Dance
8 Epiphany 5 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 5:00pm Youth Group	9	10	11 7:00pm Council	12 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	13	14
15 Transfiguration 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Christian Ed Mtg.	16	17 6:00pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner	18 10:30am Ash Wednesday Worship 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Worship	19 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	20	21 Hall Rental
22 Lent I 9am SCS, Confirmation & Adult Ed 10:30am Worship 12:30pm Anniv. Committee Mtg	23	24	25 10:30am Lenten Midweek Worship 7:00pm Lenten Midweek Worship @ Griffith Lutheran	26 6:15pm Genesis 7:00pm JuBellation 8:00pm Adult Choir	27	28 7pm 24 Hour Youth Group Lock-In