



+Christian Symbol+

Candle

The candle symbolizes Jesus being the light of the world (John 8:12), as well as his call for Christians to be lights (Matthew 5:14). Candles play a prominent role in the Christmas season. Each candle on an Advent wreath has a special meaning. Many churches have a candlelight worship service on Christmas Eve, often at midnight.

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Christmas Eve Service

DEC. 24 • 8:00pm



Please pray for these loved ones...

Dolores Brickman, Maggie Brower, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Charlie Eidel, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Ellen Heim, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Shady Oliver, Erin Raffery, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Marge Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Robert Wiederschall and Peter Zingaro

And those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

And those who can't always be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

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The Upside-down of Christmas

Theologian Halford Luccock once saw a shopper “who looked like an animated Christmas tree with packages dangling from every limb.” When he retrieved some dropped bags, she grumbled that Christmas “turns everything upside down.” Luccock replied, “That is just what it was made for!”

He explained: “Christmas is a story about a baby, and that is a baby’s chief business, turning things upside down. ... A baby in a family divides time into two eras, just as Christmas does. There is B.C., which means ‘before child,’ and A.D., which means ‘after deluge.’”

When God became flesh, the lowly, last, least and lost were exalted, added Luccock. As a result, “the locked-up treasures of kindness and sympathy come from the inside of the heart, where they are often kept imprisoned, to the outside of actual expression in deed and word.” The Christ-child “enables all [people] to get at the best treasures of their lives and offer them for use.”

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Carol DeMott, whose husband, Ed passed away on November 9, 2022. Wishing Carol and their family strength and comfort in the months ahead.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Vice Pastor Miller, whose ex-wife, Suzie passed away on November 7, 2022. Wishing him and his family strength and comfort in the months ahead.



We celebrated two baptisms in November!

Congratulations to the Pinto Family as we welcomed Paityn into the Church family on November 6th.

Congratulations to the Denicola Family as we welcomed Clark into the Church family on November 20th.

Bible Quiz

Complete this Bible verse: “The (1)___ (2)___ in the (3)___, and the (3)___ has not overcome it.”

- A. (1) Word; (2) speaks; (3) silence
- B. (1) light; (2) shines; (3) darkness
- C. (1) kingdom of God; (2) reigns; (3) world
- D. (1) Spirit of God; (2) shines; (3) world
- E. None of the above



Answer: B (See John 1:5.)

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Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild Schedule

DECEMBER 4 10:00am

Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

DECEMBER 11 10:00am

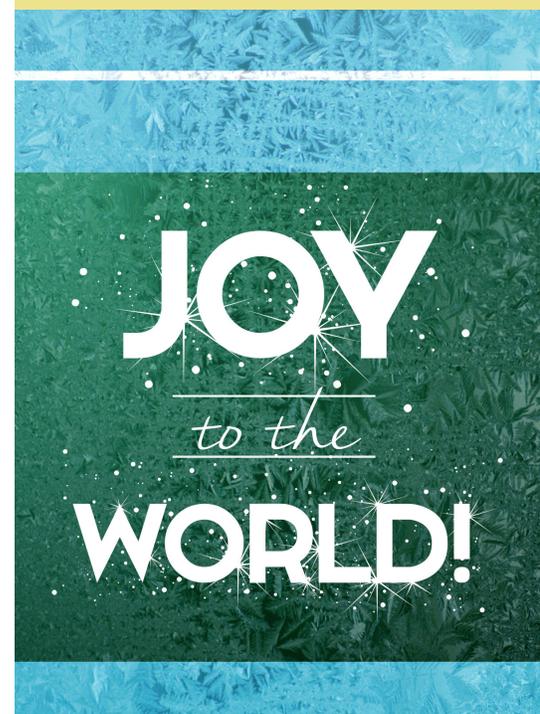
Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Ralph Braun
Altar Guild Lore Braun

DECEMBER 18 10:00am

Lay Assistant Pam Sakala
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Linda Polise

DECEMBER 24 10:00am

Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild All help



DECEMBER 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage	 <p>Potluck & Prayers January 10 (FR) 6:30pm</p> <p>Annual Meeting January 29 (CH) 10:30am</p> <p>Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper February 21 (FH) 6:00pm</p> <p>Soup & Prayers March 2, March 9 March 16, March 23 March 30 (FR) 6:30pm</p>	1	2	3 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am 	
4  Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	5	6	7	8	9	10
11  Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	12	13  Potluck & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm	14	15	16	17  Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
18  Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:30am	19	20	21  First Day of Winter	22	23	24  Christmas Eve Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm
25  Christmas Day Worship Service (Church of the Savior) 10:00am	26	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve 