



+Christian Symbol+

Open Book

The open book symbolizes the Bible, the written Word of God. When shown open, a book represents truth or revelation. Apostles and saints are often pictured holding an open book, understood as the New Testament writings of the early Christian church.

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Annual Congregational Meeting

We'll be holding our annual meeting on January 29th at 11:00am, following a shortened 10:00am Worship.

All confirmed members are encouraged to attend. Your vote counts!



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, Edith Sachs, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Dave Splieth, 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

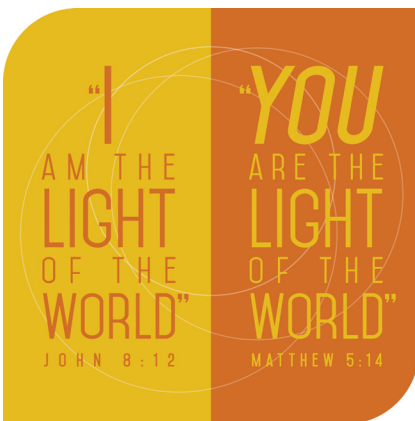
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Proof of Light

On January 6 Christians celebrate Epiphany, when the Magi came to worship baby Jesus. Epiphany, which means an appearance or manifestation, symbolizes the first recognition of the Savior by non-Jews. Because Epiphany also is a reminder that Jesus came as the light of the whole world, its symbols include light, candles and a star.

How did the wise men know — and how do we know — that Jesus is the light of the world? As preacher George Buttrick said, “It would little avail to ask how we know. That would be like asking how we know that Beethoven’s ‘Hymn to Joy’ is joyous. If a man were to say, ‘It is not joyous to me,’ he would not condemn the music; he would tell only his morbidness. There is no logic to establish an axiom, for an



axiom is the basis of all logic; and the soul of Jesus has axiomatic truth. Jesus is light, and there is no proof for light except light itself.”

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to our organist, Michael, whose mother Maggie Wittenburg passed away on December 30, 2022. Wishing Michael and their family strength and comfort in the months ahead.

Bible Quiz

How old was Abram when he followed God’s call to leave Haran and travel to a new land?

- A. 25
- B. 50
- C. 75
- D. 100



Answer: C (See Genesis 12:4.)

January

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild Schedule

JANUARY 1 10:00am

Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Lore Braun

JANUARY 8 10:00am

Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Gina Lally

JANUARY 15 10:00am

Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

JANUARY 22 10:00am

Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Linda Polise

JANUARY 29 10:00am

Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Lore Braun



JANUARY 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> 	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Potluck & Prayers</p> 	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Epiphany</p> 	<p>7</p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p> 
<p>8</p> <p>Baptism of Our Lord</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Potluck & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Council Meeting (OB) 11:30am</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p> 
<p>22</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> 	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Annual Meeting (CH) 11:00am</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	 <p>PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!</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>			<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>