



+Christian Symbol+

LATIN CROSS

The Latin cross is the simplest and most common form of the Christian cross, possibly dating from the second or third century. Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians typically display a crucifix — an image of Jesus hanging on the cross — to remember his death for the sake of the world. Protestant churches often favor the empty cross, commemorating Jesus' resurrection.

CHAPEL NEWS

Return Service Requested

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
337 Farview Avenue
Paramus, New Jersey 07652

CHAPEL NEWS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

ALTHOUGH NO ONE
CAN GO BACK AND
MAKE A BRAND NEW
START, ANYONE CAN
START FROM NOW
AND MAKE A BRAND
NEW ENDING.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We'll be holding our annual meeting on Sunday, January 28th at 11:00am, following a shortened 10:00am Worship.

All confirmed members are encouraged to attend. Your vote counts! Hope to see you there!



THANK YOU TO OUR CRAFTY LADIES

Thank you to our Crafty Ladies and all those who donated material/blankets and who helped cut and tie blankets for the last part of my Eagle project. I was able to donate 40 tie-knot blankets, twice what I had promised. Cat Crew Rescue is very appreciative of all we've done to help their organization.

- Ean Ralston



CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

337 Farview Avenue Paramus, New Jersey 07652
201-262-0138 • christinparamus@hotmail.com • christparamus.org

NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN



Did you know that the 12 days of Christmas is not just a song, but also how long we celebrate Christmas as a church too? That's right, the mystery and wonder of Christmas is so amazing and so expansive that it can't be contained in one day. We mark the Christmas season starting on Christmas Eve on December 24, and ending on Epiphany on January 6, and celebrate the birth of Jesus for 12 days. This year we are expanding the celebration as we have our service of lessons and carols on Sunday, January 7. During this worship, we'll sing familiar hymns and hear many different parts of the Christmas story including the angel visiting Mary, the angel visiting Joseph, the birth of Jesus and the Shepherds in the field receiving the good news all the way to the Epiphany story when the Magi visit the Christ child.

For some cultures and traditions, Epiphany is in some ways the larger celebration. Some share gifts on Epiphany like many of us do on Christmas Day, and have a large celebration in worship on Epiphany. Last January, I had the amazing opportunity to visit the Holy Land and was at the church of the Nativity in Manger Square in Bethlehem on Orthodox Christmas Eve on January 6th. Some Orthodox churches celebrate Christmas on January 7 instead of December 25.

Even within our own congregation, I am sure we have a myriad of different ways to celebrate Christmas, from the ways we decorate to the meals we eat and when and how we gather with loved ones. My prayer is that however you celebrate this year that the joy and peace of the Christ child be with you and that you have a very Merry Christmas, not just on Christmas Eve but throughout the whole season of Christmas. I'm writing this just a couple days before Christmas and I am excited for our first Christmas Eve together — as we will sing Christmas carols, read the miraculous story of Christ's birth, and gather together in joy and love. I will leave you with the blessing I will say to all of you at the end of our worship on Christmas Eve:

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherd, and the everlasting peace of Jesus who is Savior, Christ, and Lord.

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Jonathan



Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Donald Bickert, Dolores Brickman, Chris Brooks, Lori Butterick, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Carl Fazio, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Kaitlyn Kruk, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Kathy Mallet, Irene Maury, Catherine Quadrozzi, Erin Raffery, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, Mark Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Robert Wiederschall, Paul & Deb Witte, Thomas Zickler and Peter Zingaro

Those serving in the military...

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

Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink, Evelyn Schramm and Irma Weishaupt



Paramus Community Pantry

105 N Farview Ave.
Paramus, N.J. 07652
201-265-2100 xt.6102

December 13, 2023

Christ Lutheran Church
357 N Farview Ave.
Paramus, NJ 07652

Dear Congregation

I just wanted to say “Thank You” again on behalf of the Paramus Friendly Neighbors and Paramus Food Pantry for the generous donation of everything that Anne and Janice brought to the Pantry.

On their behalf, I can’t begin to thank you enough, for your support and caring. It gives our recipients the hope and strength to keep moving forward every day of the week.

It still amazes us how many people are in need and how Houses of Worship like yours continue to support the needs of our families.

We are truly grateful!

I’m glad we are continuing this relationship.

Thank you again!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Debbie Cibelli'.

Debbie Cibelli

Director

dcibelli@paramusborough.org

pantry@paramusborough.org

ANOTHER YEAR FOR GOD

Another year is dawning; dear Father, let it be, in working or in waiting, another year with thee...

Another year of progress, another year of praise, another year of proving thy presence all the days.

Another year of service, of witness for thy love; another year of training for holier work above.

Another year is dawning! Dear Father, let it be, on earth, or else in heaven, another year for thee.



JANUARY

**Lay Assistant | Usher
Altar Guild | Counter
Schedule**

JAN 7 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild

JAN 14 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild

JAN 21 10:00am
Lay Assistant Carrie Ralston
Usher Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild

JAN 28 10:00am
Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Lori Mercer
Altar Guild

Counter Chuck

PREDICTIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR



Author Ronald Wilson, in *Stretching the Soul*, describes being certain that four things will occur in the days ahead.

Trouble will come. Life is difficult. I must mourn as well as dance.

In this long journey [of life], I'm not in control. God has reminded us of this.

Many times I will fail.

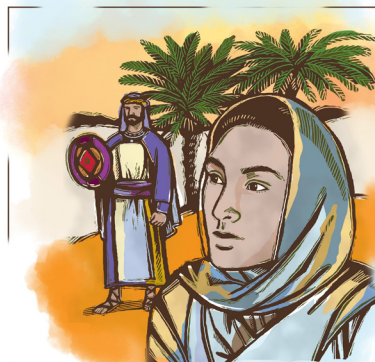
I will find forgiveness and get up and go on. God will wipe up the mess I've made of things, take me by the hand and set me back on the right path.

Praise God for his sure presence during the joys and challenges the new year brings!

BIBLE QUIZ

In the book of Judges, the warrior Barak would go to battle only if a certain female leader went with him. Who was she?

- A. Rebekah
- B. Jael
- C. Michal
- D. Deborah



BIRTHDAYS

Chuck Young	1/1
Claire Cyriax	1/4
Joel Bandila	1/4
Dolores Brickman	1/5
Herb Carlough	1/6
Chris Nilsen	1/13
Alyssa Young	1/19
Paul Witte	1/24



HAPPY NEW YOU!

Changing the calendar each January is a reminder that God makes all things new.

Directions: Use the clues and the calendar code to complete 2 Corinthians 5:17, ESV.

JANUARY 2024							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1	2	3	4	5	6
	God	night	word	in	love	Jesus	
7		8	9	10	11	12	13
glory	therefore	speak	give	light	Christ	a	
14		15	16	17	18	19	20
saw	beginning	anyone	waters	help	is	many	
21		22	23	24	25	26	27
he	again	through	earth	made	while	back	
28		29	30	31			
new	if	and	creation				



- The second Monday _ _ _ _ _
- The last Monday _ _
- The 16th _ _ _ _ _
- One day before the 20th _ _
- The day before the first Friday _ _
- The last weekday of the second week _ _ _ _ _
- The day after the 20th _ _
- The day after 18th _ _
- The first day of the second weekend _
- The last Sunday _ _ _
- The last day of the month _ _ _ _ _

JANUARY 2024

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1 New Year's Day Church Office closed	2	3	4	5	6 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
7 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	15	16 Potluck & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm	17	18	19	20 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
21 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Annual Meeting (CH) 11:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	29	30	31			

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF AND COUNCIL

Pastor
Church Secretary
Sexton
Director of Music Ministries
President
Vice President
Council Secretary
Treasurer
Recording Financial Secretary
Financial Secretary

Rev. Jonathan Westerlund
 Debbie Geerlof
 Bob Sakala
 Michael Wittenburg
 Chris Nilsen
 Bill Jaichner
 Pam Sakala
 Paul Berinato
 Pat Berinato
 Marge Tomaselli

Inward Ministry Team

Christian Education
Shepherd
Worship

Pam Sakala
 Carrie Ralston
 Marge Tomaselli

Administrative Team

Financial
Property

Chuck Young
 Bill Jaichner
 Chris Nilsen

Outward Ministry Team

Servant
Stewardship

Anne Carman
 Rosemary Chandra
 Jan Behnke