



# +Christian Symbol+

## Cross on the Rock

The rock is often used as a symbol of the Lord, our strength and firm foundation. A cross rising from the rock echoes many Bible verses that proclaim Christ as the rock of salvation; for example, "He alone is my rock and my salvation ..." (Psalm 62:2, ESV).

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# Chapel News

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CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## The Wise Men

Oh, we have learnt to peer and pore  
 On tortured puzzles from our youth,  
 We know all labyrinthine lore,  
 We are the three wise men of yore,  
 And we know all things but the truth. ...

Go humbly, humble are the skies,  
 And low and large and fierce the star;  
 So very near the manger lies  
 That we may travel far.

Hark! Laughter like a lion wakes  
 To roar to the resounding plain.  
 And the whole heaven shouts and shakes,  
 For God himself is born again. ...

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 G.K. Chesterton



Happy New Year

## Letter from Pastor Hayley

Another new year is here!

New always makes me feel excited because we don't know what to expect.

It's exciting, like when you open a new notebook and try to imagine what to write on those pages. It's exciting, like when you get a new laptop and dream of all the projects you will do on it. It is like a new present you receive that you can't wait to open to see what's inside.

This new year personally excites me because of all the special things 2020 will bring.

First of all, it is the 50th anniversary of women's ordination. It has been half a century since these pioneering women paved the way for future generations. Thanks to them, I am here as your pastor and we are opening a new chapter for another half of a century. As a woman walking this path, I hope this new year will bring me more experiences and challenges that will help me gain wisdom to pass down to future generations. This brings anticipation and hope.

Also, in 2020 our congregation will be celebrating its 70th anniversary. Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church started

worship in 1950. After 70 years we still carry on the legacy, memories, and hope of the founding members, and at the same time we are living and hoping for a new tomorrow where we continue to be the witnesses to Jesus' gospel and God's goodness in this world and this neighborhood. This new brings with it the old that we carry forward as hope for tomorrow.

All these things about the year 2020 excite me. How about you? Are you excited about the milestones this year marks in our lives as Christians as well as in our lives as members of this congregation? What do you hope we will do in this new year?

Of course this hope and anticipation cannot be attained without the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit. At this beginning of this new year, I offer this prayer:

"May God's abundant mercy and hope continue to guide us this year so that we can bear new fruits for the kingdom of God, for the goodness of God, because God is good all the time, and all the time God is good."

Amen.

God is Love

-1 John 4:16

## Please Pray for These Loved Ones

Donna Archer, Megan Armstrong, Karen Bartholomew, Kathleen Bhargava, Maggie Brower, Lillian Cooper, Ron DePue, Rich Dugan, Janice Ellsworth, the Fernandez Family, Al Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Erin Geerlof, Mark Hallwell, Diane Hesse, Jae Hee Kim, Kent Klophaus, Nadine Kohn, Soon Hoi Koo, Dennis and Jennifer Kruk, Anna and Walter Kruk, Bill Kyritz, Rich Lindeberg, Renee Lomelino, Kaethe Lorch, Wilma Lundgren, Marie Lupinski, Dennis Marinkovich, Dorothy Mulroe, Emma and Richard Murphy, Amy Nywening, Lionel Ortega, Shepard Palance, Karen Richardson, Doris Robinson, Cathy and Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Yorg Schultheis, Michael Siekmann, Nancy Sweet, Marge Tomaselli, Jaime Battaglia van Dam, Jennifer Viehmeyer, June Ward, Irma Weishaupt, Louis Wernick, Elenor Witte, Paul Witte and Claire Zimmerman

### And those serving in the military...

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

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

Al Frielink, Grete Potts and Irma Weishaupt

*If you would like someone to be added to or removed from the prayer lists, please contact the Church Office at 201-262-0138.*



# THE JOURNEY CONTINUES

## A Prayer for the Journey

The following prayer, almost 1,000 years old, was written for pilgrims walking the Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) — 500 miles across northern Spain. Use this adaption as you journey into the new year:

God, you called your servant Abraham from Ur in Chaldea, watching over him in all his wanderings, and guided the Hebrew people as they crossed the desert. Guard your children, who seek to grow in you this year. Be their

companion on the way, their guide at the crossroads, their strength in weariness, their defense in dangers, their shelter on the path, their shade in the heat, their light in the darkness, their comfort in discouragement, and the firmness of their intentions. Through your guidance, may they be enriched with grace and virtue, and be filled with salutary and lasting joy.

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From the 12th-century Codex Calixtinus

## Annual Meeting

We'll be holding our annual meeting on January 26th during the 10:30am Worship Service. All confirmed members are encouraged to attend. Your vote counts!



# January

Lay Assistant | Usher  
Altar Guild  
Schedule

### JANUARY 5

10:30am

Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen  
Usher Anne Carman  
Altar Guild Gina Lally

### JANUARY 12

10:30am

Lay Assistant Bob Denicola  
Usher Linda Polise  
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

### JANUARY 19

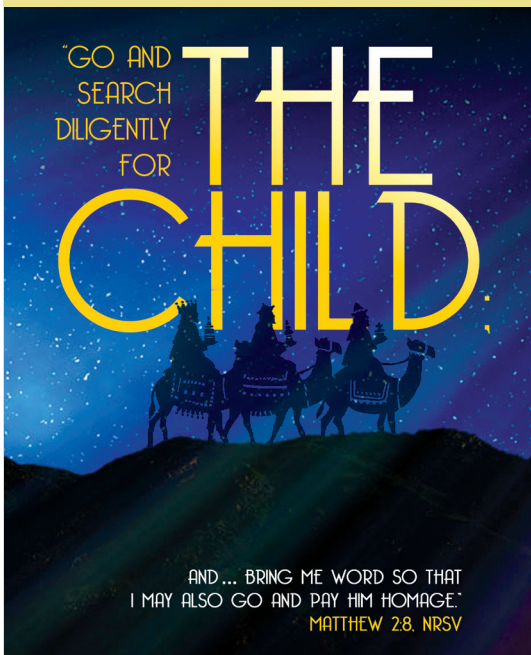
10:30am

Lay Assistant Pat Berinato  
Usher Linda Comery  
Altar Guild Linda Polise

### JANUARY 26

10:30am

Lay Assistant Pam Sakala  
Usher Ralph Braun  
Altar Guild Lore Braun



CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
<p>(CH) Church (FH) Fellowship Hall (FR) Family Room (OB) Office Building (PA) Parsonage</p>			<p>1 Happy New Year!</p> 			<p>4 Crafty Ladies Group (OB) 10:00am</p>	
	<p>6</p>  <p>Epiphany Lectionary Bible Study (OB) 11:00am</p>					<p>11 Baptism of Our Lord</p>	
	<p>5 Sunday School Class (OB) 9:30am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>						
	<p>12 Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>						<p>18 Crafty Ladies Group (OB) 10:00am</p>
	<p>19 Sunday School Class (OB) 9:30am Worship Service (CH) 10:30am Council Meeting (OB) 12:00pm Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p> 	<p>20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Lectionary Bible Study (OB) 11:00am</p>					
<p>26 Worship Service/ Annual Meeting (CH) 10:30am Korean Cong. Worship (CH) 1:00pm</p>	<p>27 Lectionary Bible Study (OB) 11:00am</p>					<p><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p>Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper February 25</p> <p>Ash Wednesday February 26</p>	