

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

BLESSINGS

JANUARY 2025



A message from Pastor Emmanuel

Happy Epiphany!

The liturgical season of Epiphany has started, and the Advent season has ended. In Greek, epiphany means manifestation, appearance, and make known. Epiphany is the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the Magi, also known as the Wise Men's Christmas. Epiphany is celebrated during the twelve days from Christmas Day to January 6th. The wise men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles (non-Jews) to acknowledge Jesus as King, high priest, and savior. It explains that Christ, born in a manger, came down to earth to save the entire human race and creation.

Epiphany is not only part of the liturgical calendar to follow in places of worship, but also an opportunity to make Christ known to others. It is fulfilling our baptismal vows through living for Christ and others.

As we enter a New Year, it is quite natural to make resolutions about health and fitness, finances, quality time with family, etc., unfortunately, not everyone includes Christ or spiritual growth. That means we do not see the necessity of growing spiritually in life. The season of Epiphany itself reveals to us that we should make Christ known through our lives.

May this New Year enlighten us to make Christ known to others through loving and forgiving those whom we think do not deserve forgiveness.

I wish you all a blessed and prosperous New Year!

Rev. Emmanuel Penumaka

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Happy Birthday!

January 2 - Hope Hansen
January 10 - Robin Neuman
January 14 - Abbie Thomas
January 14 - Laura Wiberg
January 15 - Dorothy Chambers
January 24 - Jeff Thomas
January 27 - Steve Penumaka
January 28 - Dave Wallace
January 30 - Tina Stenberg

Upcoming Events

JOIN US!

Coffee & Fellowship
Sundays @ 10 a.m.

Weekly Bible Study
Wednesday at 9:45 a.m.

Ruth Circle
January 12 @ 11:45 a.m.

Annual Congregational Meeting
January 26 @ 11:30 a.m.

Monthly Breakfast
January 26 @ 9:45 a.m.

ELCA GOD'S LOVE MADE REAL PRAYER GUIDE

The Church has been “on the move” through the people of the Lord and the power of the Holy Spirit since its inception in the book of Acts. The Church is a movement of God's people, so, by definition, it continues to move, change, develop and expand.

As the ELCA, we desire to move with God in the world so that God's love will be made real for all people and all of creation.

Access this resource [HERE](#).

Sunday Worship
10:30 am—Traditional

*Communion
1st & 3rd
Sundays of the month
and on Festival Sundays

Outreach
10 a.m. - Coffee & Fellowship
Sundays at 10 a.m.

9:45 am—Adult Bible Study
Wednesday's

11:45 a.m. - Ruth Circle
1st Sunday of month



Altar Flower dedications
are now available for
the new year.

Click [HERE](#) to reserve
your dates.
\$20 per week



Faithful Servants

	Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26
Coffee Host	Linda F/Sandy T	Sandy T	TBD	Carol J
Greeter	Ruth & Ken J	Carol & Frank J	Dave S	Randy & Hope G
Lector	Anne T	Rick H	Hope H	Dave S
Communion	Sandy T	n/a	Joyce W	n/a
Usher	Autumn C	Ruth & Ken J	Carol & Frank J	Charlotte F
Altar Guild	Sandy T	Sandy T	Joyce W	Joyce W
Music	John R	John R	Charlie F	Randy G

If you are unable to do your Sunday Servant position, please make sure to find someone to switch with you! The schedule is posted a month in advance on the bulletin board outside the office. The church council appreciates all you do to help make worship a great experience!

January Flower Dedications



Thank you to all of you who donate flowers for the altar in celebration of life events and for the glory of God.

January 5 - Anne Thomas in memory of her mother, Betty Stafford

January 12 - OPEN

January 19 - OPEN

January 26 - Campbell Family

Please mail or drop off your check for flower dedications. \$20 per week.

Those who sponsor flowers may take home the bouquets following the worship service.

To sponsor 2025 altar flowers, click [here](#).

Flowers are \$20 per week.

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Giving Update

	12.01.24	12.08.24	12.15.24	12.22.24	12.29.24
Current Expenses*	\$4,980.00	\$1,790.00	\$865.00	\$1,170.00	\$945.00
Loose Offering*	\$14.00	\$5.00			\$70.00
Flowers*	\$91.00	\$148.00	\$40.00		
ELCA/INKY Synod Grant*	\$1,500.00				
Building Fund	\$305.00		\$5.00		
Building Use*	\$12.00				
Special Projects	\$120.00	\$646.00	\$250.00	\$260.00	\$39.00
TOTAL GIVING	\$7,008.00	\$2,589.00	\$1,160.00	\$1,430.00	\$1,054.00

Average Monthly Current Expenses*: \$9,000
ESTIMATED SURPLUS - \$2,630.00

The Caring Center

The Caring Center in Lebanon, Indiana works to stabilize families in crisis and to move those caught in poverty towards self-sufficiency. They help families and individuals living in situational and generational poverty and those who are food insecure.

Services that are available at the Caring Center include food, clothing, personal care items, household items, furniture, food and educational classes, transitional housing and many more services to families and individuals in need.

Help us to meet their monthly food needs by donating the following items. Donations should be place in the tub located under the bulletin board in the narthex.

- apple juice
- mixed fruit cocktail
- flour
- oil
- tomato juice
- sugar
- crackers
- dish soap
- shampoo
- conditioner
- canned meat (spam, chicken)
- baked beans
- pasta sauce
- pork & beans
- mixed vegetables