



Christ Lutheran Church

The Clarion

**Welcoming all with grace. Worshiping God through praise.
Witnessing Christ through service.**

A Message From Pastor Sellers

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,
Happy New Year! Welcome to 2024!

Have you ever stopped to wonder why it is 2024 and not some other number? There is actually some interesting history behind this date.

Before the 6th century the year was determined from the date that Diocletian became the emperor of Rome. Diocletian was elevated to emperor at a time of decline and upheaval when the collapse of the empire was a real possibility. He was famous mostly for restoring stability through administrative reforms. When he ascended to the role of emperor, he realized that the empire was far too big to be effectively administered by one person, so he appointed three "co-rulers" who administered the empire with him. He took power away from the senate, and created smaller administrative districts that both increased efficiency, and decreased the power of individuals, so that his centralized power

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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

This is Christ's church.
There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person--questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



On a cold winter morning, Holy Spirit,
enfold me in the warmth of your love.



"Where is the one who has been born

KING OF THE JEWS?

We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:2, NIV

EPIPHANY

was actually consolidated through division. He might be considered the father of bureaucracy, but his efforts brought the Roman Empire back from the brink. Before Diocletian time was measured from the founding of Rome, but his reforms were so transformative that he was considered to have begun a new era in the empire, and the clock was reset to begin with his ascendancy to the role of Emperor. The problem was that Diocletian was also famous for beginning the longest, bloodiest and most brutal persecution of

Christians in history. Diocletian was a devotee of the Roman cult and proclaimed himself and his co-rulers as offspring of the gods. He issued several edicts that resulted in the killing and imprisonment of Christians and the burning of churches and scriptures. The intent was to entirely wipe out Christianity from the face of the earth. Rather than doing away with Christianity, however, the blood of the martyrs inspired an even deeper devotion to Christ. Not long after his reign Constantine came to power, and six years after his ascendancy, Constantine attributed a military victory to the Christian God, converted, and became the first Christian Emperor.

More than a century later, a monk named Dionysius Exiguus, of Scythia Minor, wanting to do away with the memory of Diocletian, decided to count the years differently. He believed that the real hinge of history was not the formation of the Roman Empire or the ascendancy of the father of bureaucracy, but the moment that God entered his creation in the person of Christ. In A.D. 525 he introduced the A.D. (which is an abbreviation of "anno domini" or "year of our Lord") system, counting the years, to the best of his ability, since the birth of Christ. Scholars have disputed the calculations of Dionysius, and most concur that he was probably about four years off, but his intention to measure time from the birth of Jesus has determined the way the year is expressed around the world to this day. The use of C.E. to mean "common era" has become popular in recent years – but the number itself is still tied to the occurrence of God's incarnation in the person of Jesus.

In the early Christian scriptures two different words are used to refer to time. "Chronos" is used to reference clock or calendar time. "Kairos" refers to measuring time through meaningful events. I don't have a great head for dates. For many years I thought that I was terrible at history, until I recognized that study of history was not about memorizing the dates, but knowing the stories of what happened. I find sometimes that I use "Kairos" time to try to remember "Chronos". Was it before or after the American Revolution? Who was president at the time? Did that happen before or after our last child

was born? Was it before or after 9/11? But in Dionysius' expression of the year that we are living in, Kairos and Chronos meet.

In fact, the more that we recognize God's presence in all times and places, the more we discover that Kairos and Chronos are always at play. Every moment of every day is rich with possibility for the love and power of God to be expressed. As Christmas draws to a close we enter the season of "Epiphany" or the time of light – in which the presence of God is revealed more and more. It grows from a single star in the vastness of the heavens noticed by a handful of attentive astronomers to the blinding light of the transfiguration when the identity of Christ is made known on a mountain top.

2024 is likely to be identified for many things. It is an American presidential election year. There are sure to be technological breakthroughs, natural and human contrived disasters, acts of heroism and villainy. Headlines will happen every day. But I pray that we will come to recognize 2024 as "the year of our Lord". A year when the recognition of God's presence and love for each person becomes more and more clear, as we live into God's call to let love make a difference in how we use the precious years, days, hours and moments that are given to us.

Happy New Year dear friends. May we receive it with gratitude and use its days wisely.

Blessings,

Pastor Serena



Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month

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What to expect at CLC– Winter 2024

The 9:00am in-person service is also livestreamed to those watching at home on Facebook or YouTube. The second service begins at 10:30am with Sunday School Students present at the start of the service and dismissed to their classrooms after the Children’s Sermon.

January 3	Wednesday	5:30pm	Undecorating the church Hang stars for Epiphany Pizza to be provided
January 7	Baptism of Our Lord	9:00am 10:30am	Remembrance of Baptism Communion
January 14	2 nd Sunday After Epiphany	9:00am 10:30am	Blessing / Sending of mission for MLK Day of Service Communion 10:30am
January 21	3 rd Sunday After Epiphany	9:00am 10:30am	Communion
January 28	4 th Sunday After Epiphany	9:30am	Communion Congregational Meeting No Sunday School

ANNUAL REPORT AND BUDGET MEETING

The annual congregational budget meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28 at 10:30 following a combined worship service. Prior to the meeting you will find the Annual Report. Take the time to look through this amazing document. In addition to the proposed plan for using resources to enable God’s work in the coming year prepared by our Stewardship and Finance Team, you will find reports from each of the churches ministry teams outlining some of their accomplishments and goals for the coming year. Take a moment to appreciate the impact that all groups can have when combining our faith and energy into being a community of believers seeking to follow the way of Christ. A quorum of 50 voting members is required to hold the meeting.

Brunch and fellowship to follow in Weaver Hall.



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Worship



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Witnessing Christ through Service



A Seat at the Table

A special opportunity is being presented to the members and friends of Christ Lutheran Church to extend our hospitality so everyone has a seat at the table when this congregation gets together. The Property Ministry Team has ordered 100 new chairs for Weaver Hall to replace what's left of the old chairs and to replenish the ones that were broken over the years.

The family of Chris Johnson has designated the \$5000 of Memorial Funds that were donated to our church in memory of Chris, and the Property Ministry Team has authorized a matching amount from the Building Fund so a complete set of chairs can be purchased for a seat at every table in our fellowship center. The new chairs are an upgrade from the ones that have been used for more than 25 years, and they assure there will be "A Seat at the Table" for everyone who gathers for food and fellowship here at Christ; just the kind of thing that Chris was famous for.

If you would like to participate in this project, please make a special contribution to Christ's Building Fund, designating your gift to A Seat at the Table. Each new chair costs \$95.00, and gifts of any amount are gratefully accepted.

Thanks from, Property Ministry Team and Stewardship and Finance Ministry Team

Welcome Home Kits

Transitioning into a home can be overwhelming and daunting for someone coming from homelessness. The Welcome Church is collecting items to make up Welcome Home Kits for people who are ready for this step. If you'd like to help, sign up on this [SignUp Genius](#). The collection will run until Palm Sunday (March 24). A box is in Weaver Hall for your donations.



H O M E L E S S
Ministry

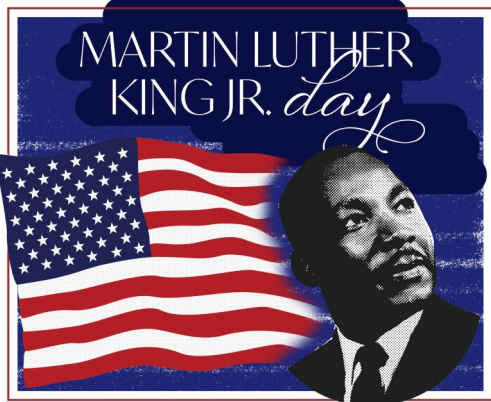


Thursday, January 11 -De-escalation Training - See page 19 for details

Monday, January 15

MLK Breakfast for Community Volunteers

In support of our MLK community volunteers, the social ministry team will be hosting a MLK pancake breakfast on Monday, January 15 from 7am to 9am. Please come by and enjoy a hot breakfast! We are also in need of volunteers to help cook, serve and clean up. If you can support please sign up via sign up genius - <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E044EABAD22A7F85-46444766-christ>



Chili Cook Off!
Saturday January 20, 2024
5:30-7:30 PM in Weaver Hall

So... you think you make the tastiest chili in town or you think your taste buds can choose the tastiest chili? Either way the Celebrations Team invites you to join us Saturday evening January 20th for a "friendly" competition to find CLC's winning Chili.

What better way to keep warm on a cold January evening than spending time with friends enjoying hearty chili, baked potatoes, crispy salad and yummy desserts! You do not need to bring chili to join in the festivities just your taste buds. Registration will take place in January so keep an eye out for a Sign Up Genius link in the weekly "News & Notes" and on the bulletin board outside Weaver Hall. As always you can contact Brooke in the Church office and she will be happy to help. Hope to see you there!

All Are Welcome! We need tasters too!



Kick off 2024 with an activity for you! Find Your Fit studio in Harleysville will host a mat Pilates class geared for all levels. Instructor Maria French will guide you through exercises to lengthen and strengthen your muscles and relax your mind. Bring a mat to class and enjoy an evening of moving your body and clearing your mind. Enjoy snacks and beverages after class.

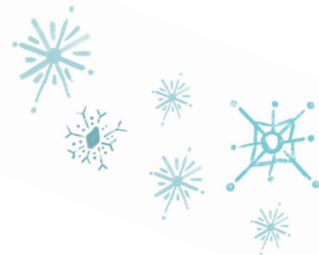
Maximum is 20 people per class. Cost is \$10 per person that will be paid at the studio

when we get there. Please RSVP on the sign up below. Any questions, contact Steph or June Alderfer.

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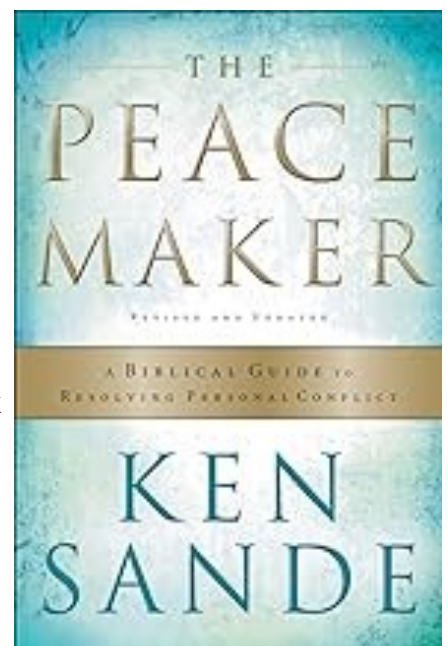
Looking ahead, we have a Galentine's event for February, then we have nothing set up after that. If you have an idea you would like to organize, please sign up so we can keep this great group going.

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ONE BOOK, ONE CONGREGATION: The Peacemaker

Conflict happens, even among devoted Christians. But how can we prevent conflict from destroying community? How can conflict become a way to strengthen our faith, rather than create unhealable divisions? Attorney Ken Sande, a conflict consultant and committed Christian has written a guide that helps transform conflict from something to be feared into a means of deepening faith. The Mutual Ministry Committee is inviting the church council and every person in the Christ Lutheran community to read "The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflict" in the coming months. The book is available as an audio book, e-book, and paperback from a variety of sources. If you need assistance in obtaining a copy speak to any member of the Mutual Ministry Team. Opportunities to discuss what we are reading will be provided. Let's grow together!





Council Highlights Meeting, December 12

- CLC Treasurer Report: Brian Sharkey & Chris Martin: note that Brian did not have the building fund budget ready currently. He will have the budget prepared for the January 9, 2024, council meeting so the motion will be made at that time.

Church Council Meeting (Tabled)

A motion was made to present the Operating Budget to the congregation, seconded and motion passed. A motion was made to present the Shepherd's Shelf Budget to the congregation, seconded and motion passed.

Council help is needed in recruiting people for Faith Talk videos. Council members will each ask two people.

- The Welcoming Team, ably served by Paula Morris, is now leaderless although Paula is still willing to serve on the team, and we need to consider (especially in this year of witness) who might replace her. Paula will be recognized and honored at the January congregational meeting.
- A potential "Witnessing through Service Event", hosting a meal packaging event through Rise Against Hunger (we would pack 10,000 meals). Stewardship sponsored this once before. This might be something that members would be open to inviting unchurched friends to attend. These events are however expensive (in the area of \$4,200) and it is not budgeted but there are sufficient gains in our investments that we might fund this from the endowments in 2024. Council members mentioned Lenten offerings as another potential source of funds. Having the event on an early weekend in April, 2024 was mentioned, possibly Youth Sunday on the 14th.

The work of the Homelessness Task Force is not complete, so we need to imagine what it looks like going forward.

- The Mutual Ministry Team also wants to work on the dynamics that led to tension in the congregation with a book study of "The Peacemaker"
- Cluster Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner is scheduled for February 13, our February meeting date will be changed to Monday February 12.

Cemetery Ministry Team - Brooke sent the budget to the Finance Team. The team will come up with goals at the next meeting. Cemetery clean-up was done after Thanksgiving.

- Welcome Ministry Team - had a successful Welcome Walk and would like to ask Rochelle Dodge to join as a team member.
- Property Ministry Team - Team is working with the Welcome Ministry Team on a Welcoming Window Garden. - Almost \$2,000 has been donated towards the new chairs. The Team is working to make the annex more comfortable for those who work and meet there. - Pastor would like to set up

the screen in the opposite corner of the annex but both outlets need to work. Gerri said she would convey this to the team. - The team would like to fix the overhead light that flickers.

- Shepherd’s Shelf Ministry Team - Better outdoor lighting is requested by the Shepherd’s Shelf. They would like the Property Team to replace the 2 fixtures with new lighting that has an automatic sensor. Council noted that three bids are not required for this if the total amount is under \$3000.

New Business: 1. Staff Gifts – Council discussion & approval - There are nine staff members, and it was recommended to give each a \$100 check for \$900 total. Motion made, seconded and passed.

2. Gerri Test – Needs to switch as team ministry liaison for Property Team Ministry with another council member - Gerri let the Council know that she will be moving in February and while still serving her term on Council by attending meetings via Zoom, she would like to switch off the very active Property Team.

3. Steph Sharkey scheduled deescalating training on 1/11/24 at 6:30 pm. She plans to invite any Shepherd’s Shelf volunteers as well as church members who would like to attend. If there are any questions, please text Steph.

4. Welcome Ministry Team is asking for a \$500 increase in their budget for 2024, based on a number of new residents discovered at the 12/9/23 Welcome Walk. -Brian and Chris said this was already approved as part of the new budget.

5. Blaret Fund – Property Team to get this moving forward in order to provide ADA ramps from the sanctuary. This money is part of a trust administered by Tom Caldwell, which is to provide for the needs of senior church members.

Next Congregational Meeting to be held on January 28, 2024.

	Actual	Budget	Budget Variance
Nov '23 Income	\$24,813	\$63,157	-\$38,343
Nov '23 Expense	\$43,606	\$67,850	-\$24,243
Net Ordinary income	-\$18,793	-\$4,693	-\$14,100
YTD Income 2023	\$307,951	\$324,680	-\$16,729
YTD Expense 2023	\$334,854	\$350,288	-\$15,434
Net Ordinary income	-\$26,903	-\$25,608	-\$1,295
Previous Year to '23		'22	Change
Income Jan-Nov	307,950.99	311,363.42	-\$3,412.43
Expense Jan-Nov	334,853.81	328,457.51	6,396.30
Net Ordinary income	-\$26,902.82	-17,094.09	-9,808.73





Youth News *By Karolin Brechbill*

A New 2024

With a new year, and a new calendar filled with possibilities, many people make New Year's resolutions; changes to their lives that may make a meaningful impact. Some might make changes that improve their health, or they may quit a bad habit, or add activities to increase their joy, or work to deepen relationships. Of course, the old joke is that by mid-January, most of the resolutions are broken or

forgotten, but once in a while one may stick around for a while or even become a life-long habit. As a member of a gym, it is always a bit frustrating to see all the new members clogging up the machines in January, but it can also be inspirational to witness people making choices to do something to improve their lives. As Christians, we may even incorporate spiritual practices into our resolutions, such as attending church more regularly or praying daily or starting a gratitude journal. Hopefully, those kinds of resolutions are ones that stick for a while!

For me this year, I would like to concentrate on something a little different. I would like to redefine what Christianity is to me. Well, maybe not re-define exactly, but maybe concentrate on getting back to the basics of what we are supposed to be doing as followers of Christ. There has been a ton of unhealthy dialog, disagreements, political agendas and extreme talking points around Christianity the last few years (maybe there always has been and it's just a little more out in the open right now?). I don't know about you, but for me it can actually make me feel uneasy about living my Christian life in full view; like I should tamp down my love of God and maybe not be too obvious in the fact that I am a believer.

So, here is my New Year's Resolution: to live my Christian identity proudly, not in a boasting way, but as an example, and in a way that clearly shows what that title means to me.

Christ-centered. I think sometimes we forget that Christ is the center of our identity. Not the Old Testament, not the old laws, but the new covenant brought to us through Christ's sacrifice...that agreement between God and his people that Jesus is our gateway, our door, our entry into a new relationship and a new eternal life.

Hopeful. Lately I have felt more despair than is good for me, and I think reconnecting with the hope that my Christianity brings is so important to my well-being. After losing a loved one, or facing a difficult situation, there is a light, a hope offered to us by the knowledge that God is in charge and holds our hearts close.

Righteousness. This is a tricky word because I think it can be ill-used to support conflict. Being righteous means being right with God, not right with ourselves or our own agendas. And to me that means to work daily to turn towards God rather than away, in my actions and in my thoughts.

Inconceivable. (You Princess Bride fans will immediately think, “You keep using that word. I don’t think it means what you think it means”). Truly, God’s love for us IS Inconceivable because it is beyond our human understanding...vast, unending, unconditional love.

Sincere. There’s no faking it. Christians are commanded to follow Jesus’ example and provide care, help, and concern to as many people as we can. This is an impossible task if we are insincere in our belief that every human being is a child of God.

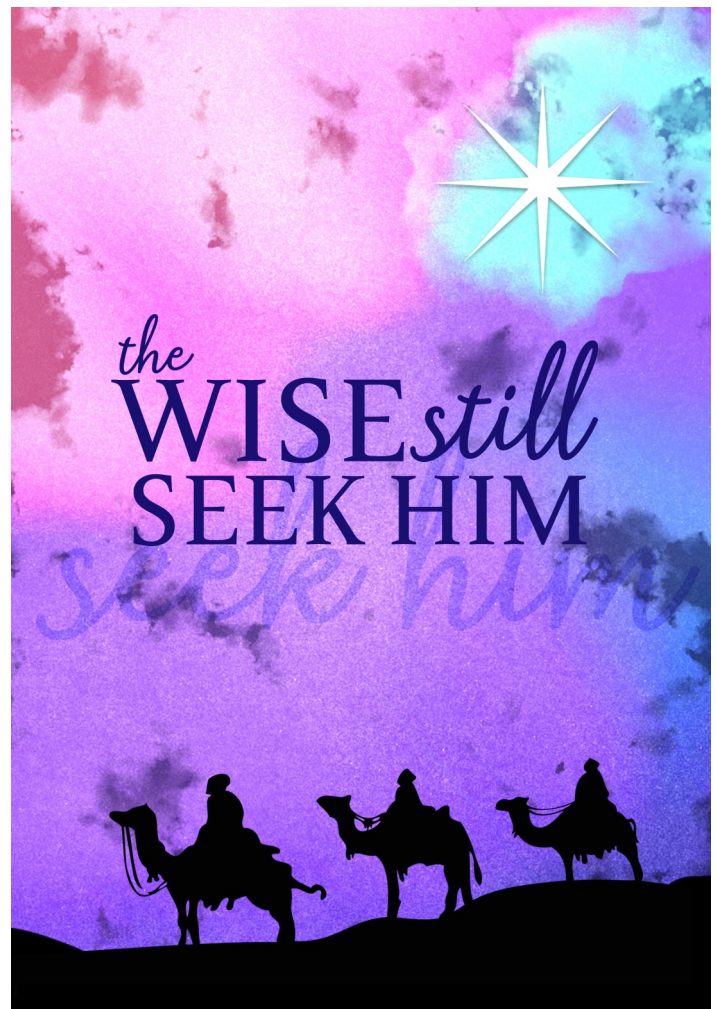
Try. God does not expect us to be perfect. He only asks that we try our hardest to love him wholeheartedly. He knows we will make mistakes along the way, but as long as we are trying to do better and to be better, he will always offer us grace.

Infant. God chose to come to us in the form of a human infant...an entity that is entirely dependent on others; one that needs human care, nurturing and help. I believe the reason for this is so that we know that God understands us fully. That he became fully human and experienced the human condition. He felt hunger, loss, exhaustion, as well as joy, love and community, so that when we succeed and when we fail, we know that God understands and has compassion for us.

And. I recently talked to the youth Sunday School class about being “Yes, and” people. We are called to say “Yes” to God but then continue with an “and”. In other words, to find ways to continue the story...to expand our hearts and minds beyond what we initially thought possible. I think of our Shepherd’s Shelf as a great example of being a “Yes, and” project. It started with God’s call to provide for the hungry of our community, and our congregation said “yes” but it is the “and” part that has seen it grow and improve and expand over the last 18 years into something we would have never dreamed of at the beginning.

New. God makes all things new. And through the sacrifice of his son Jesus, we are now made new too. New lives to live through him, with him, and for him. New energy to tackle difficult times. New hearts to expand to others. New ideas to foster community. New opportunities to serve. A new year to commit to those resolutions that will feed our souls, renew our hearts, and bring us closer to God.

“Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established.” **Proverbs 16:3**





**The Winter Youth Retreat is This Month!
January 12-13**

The Youth of CLC will be traveling to Camp Men-O-Lan for a Winter Youth Retreat on January 12-13. We have been attending this camp for many, many years, and even found a way to spend some time at the camp during Covid. This event is always filled with so much fun, as we play games, watch a movie, enjoy the

beautiful nature of the campus, talk over important faith issues, deepen friendships (and make new ones), and eat lots of food.

This year we will be staying in cabins and utilizing the camp’s meeting house for most of our time together (rather than Landis Hall). Our meals will also be provided for us in the cantina. This means our retreat will have a different feel, but I am excited to try something new and experience the camp in a new way.

Youth in 6th-12th grade are welcome to attend. We always allow friends to attend as well, provided they fill out the proper permission forms and let Karolin know in enough time to register them (we will need to know by Wednesday, January 10th). Graduated youth are also always welcomed back for the event, although we may ask you to serve as a peer leader.

Details would have been sent via email right before Christmas, so if you didn’t receive it, or would like to know more, please reach out to Karolin directly (kbrechbill@christlc.org or 215-256-8738).



Faith Formation Schedule

Sunday 1/7	10:30am Regular Classes resume
Friday-Sat 1/12-1/13	5pm-5pm Youth Winter Retreat!
Sunday 1/14	10:30am Regular Class
Sunday 1/21	10:30am Regular Class
Sunday 1/28	9:30am Worship-NO SS CLASSES 10:30am Congregational Meeting
Sunday 2/4	10:30am Regular Class
Thurs 2/8	6:30 -8pm Tween Activity Night
Sunday 2/11	10:30am Regular Class- Souper Bowl of Caring
Wed 2/14	7pm Ash Wednesday
Sunday 2/18	10:30am Regular Class
Sunday 2/25	10:30am Regular Class



Kids Activity Page

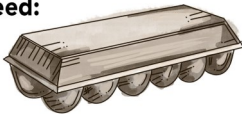
New INSIDE



Geodes look plain on the outside but contain beautiful crystals. Create these "rocks" to show how God makes us new on the inside.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors (and adult help)
- Epsom salt
- Plastic zippered bags (one per color of dye)
- Food coloring
- Glue
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Cut out the tops and bottoms of all the egg compartments so you can make 6 ball shapes.
2. In each bag, put 3 tablespoons of Epsom salt and a drop or two of food coloring. Seal and shake to mix.
3. With the paintbrush, spread glue inside two egg-carton halves. Sprinkle a spoonful of Epsom salt into those halves. Then close and shake.
4. Open your homemade geode and shake out excess salt.
5. Optional: Preserve the crystals with a coat of clear-drying glue.

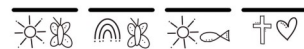


Puzzle!

Use the grid to discover what James 5:13-18 advises when challenges loom.

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	C	H	N	R	W
	E	I	O	S	Y

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Another Successful Live Nativity Event

Thank you to ALL that helped out at the Live Nativity this year. Despite the terrible weather, there were 30 volunteers and about 130 people that came through to enjoy the event. Thank you again for helping to spread the Christmas cheer.





In 2024 I Wish Us Peace

Every Sunday, we gather as individuals and leave as a community enriched by increased biblical understanding and the challenge to adjust our lives accordingly. For me, the collective reciting of the Nicene or Apostles Creed is more than a pronouncement of faith, it is a reminder that I am not alone as I attempt (However feebly) to walk humbly with our Lord. But it is the sharing of God's peace with others in attendance, that seals the deal. The sharing of God's peace via a handshake, hug, or wave is an acknowledgment of others as being an instrumental and valued part of my faith journey. It is that sense of unity through God's grace, that our

work as Christians CAN be attempted and accomplished. In other words, we are here in this time, this place to be disciples of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. "We need one another, so I will defend, each man as my brother, each man as my friend."

In the same spirit as our Sunday morning sharing of the peace, there is an opportunity 11 months away to be more inclusive. On Saturday, December 14, 2024, the 65th Annual Christmas Peace Pilgrimage will take place between Nazareth and Bethlehem, PA. This empowering event unites people together to highlight their support for non-violent, Christ-centered answers to our world's problems. Walking the 10-mile trek gives one a chance to walk and talk their faith while taking in the true meaning of the season, namely preparing the way of the Lord through peace. While the course is monitored by local police, sag wagons and rest stops, training is always a good idea. Please contact Ginny Ward and/or visit [Christmas Peace Pilgrimage \(peacewalk.org\)](http://peacewalk.org) for more information.

With every handshake, hug, wave and step taken in 2024, I wish us peace and "let it begin with me".

Submitted by Ginny Ward



JANUARY

Birthdays



4 Doug Little
5 Charlie Hoffman
9 Steven Childs
9 Drew Daubert
10 Drew Alderfer
11 Nya Rollin
11 Josh Williams
13 Gerrick Landis
13 Nick Walker
14 Gabriella Bendas
17 Jason Dodge
18 Walter Hoyer

21 Debra Stott
22 Michelle Martin
22 Maddie Healy
23 Betty Renninger
23 Kerry Fillgrove
24 Cindie Wood
25 Barry Evans
25 Kyle Fontaine
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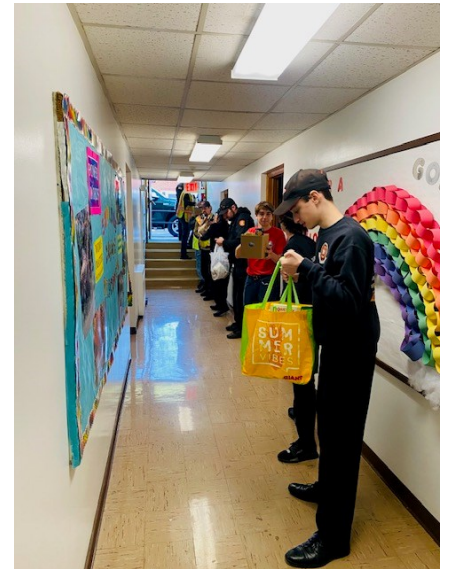


Inclement Weather Policy - If the weather outside is frightful and we feel the safety of our members would be jeopardized by driving to church for services or other activities a decision to cancel will be made and announced early enough that you won't be caught on the road. Sunday service cancellations will be announced on the church website, and the church Facebook page. It will also be on the church's answering machine. 215-256-8738

For other activities please check with the organizers. Each and every member is important to us, so please be safe this winter.



Thanks to our greater community for their generous support of our Shepherd's Shelf The National Honor Society students at Souderton High School delivered a large delivery of donations (about 10 car loads) on December 13. We received 4 trucks FULL of donations On December 16 from the Harleysville Community Fire Company Santa Run.





Ways to Witness through Service at Shepherd's Shelf!
The Shelf has added a daytime distribution on Tuesday's from 10-11am. If you are able to help (see below) sign up. Shepherd's Shelf distributes every Monday and Wednesday evening from 6:30-8pm. We are ALWAYS looking for more volunteers to help during distribution times. Adults and youth 12 and older are welcome to help. No experience necessary, we will train you when you come. Anyone interested in helping can sign up. Any questions contact Steph or call the church office.

If you are interested in volunteering please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4da9a62ea3f85-shepherds> Donations are accepted during church office hours. Donations can also be dropped off at the Franconia Heritage Museum. Please see <https://www.christlc.org/shepherds-shelf> to get the most up to date needs list. Thank you to everyone in our church congregation and in the community for your continued support of this very important feeding ministry! If you are interested in getting more involved, please contact Steph Sharkey at shepherdsshelf@christlc.org or call the church office.

Shepherd's Shelf Summary

In November the Shepherd's Shelf served our greater community. There were 140 visits from eligible households. Diapers were distributed 28 times and wipes 17 times. Feminine hygiene products were distributed 17 times. Volunteers from CLC and from the community logged 436 hours (increased due to Scouting for Food Event). The estimated value of donations for the month is \$33,600.

Thanksgiving distributions included: 61 turkeys, 6 pies and 85 \$10 Giant gift cards.

De-Escalation Training

Lenape Valley Foundation will be leading a De-Escalation training for Shepherd's Shelf volunteers and church members on Thursday, January 11 at 6:30pm. If you would like to participate in the training, please sign up below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FAEA723A5FD0-46843012-deescalating>

Any questions contact Steph at shepherdsshelf@christlc.org

De-Escalation is a method to prevent potential violence. Individuals are encouraged to use purposeful actions, verbal communications, and body language to calm a potentially dangerous situation. Your safety and the safety of others is the highest priority. (a definition from Google)



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9:00am in person and live stream on Facebook and YouTube (Communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)

10:30am with Sunday School opening (Communion every Sunday)

Sunday School Classes

10:30am

Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday at 7:00pm

Deadline for Clarion articles the 20th of each month.

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Welcoming all with grace. Worshiping God through praise.
Witnessing Christ through service.

BLESS US
in this new year, Lord.



My future is in
**YOUR
HANDS.**
PSALM 31:15, NLT

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January 2024

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