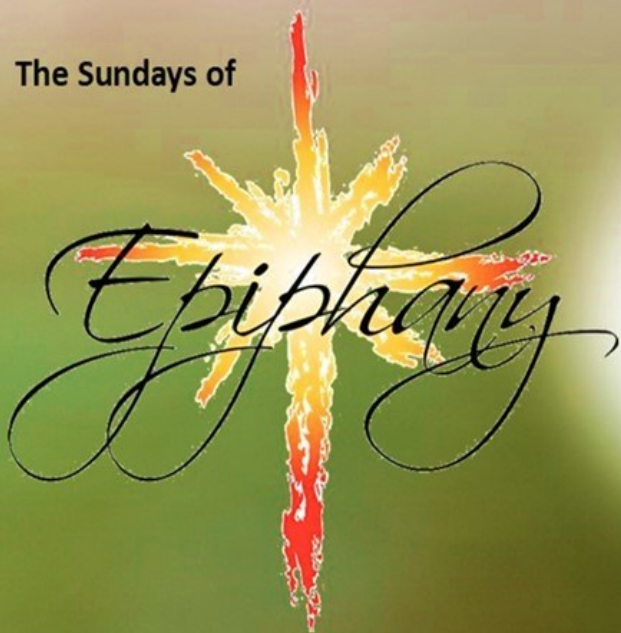




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January 14 at 9:30AM

In-Person Worship

WORSHIP WITH US

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God. ~

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Upcoming Events

Sunday Jan. 14th, 9:30am Worship

"2nd Sunday after Epiphany"

New Members Class: Pastor Erin is hosting an informal class for those who desire to become a member of CLC after worship on Sunday, January 14th. Any visitor is welcome, as well as any CLC member! New Members may join on Sunday January 21st.

Sunday Jan. 21st, 9:30am Worship

"3rd Sunday after Epiphany"

New CLC Members may join on Sunday, January 21st.

Sunday Jan. 28th, 9:30am Worship

"4th Sunday after Epiphany"

(Installation of Council Members)

Annual Meeting and Potluck Luncheon immediately following worship

Join us for a year in review and then looking ahead!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

**Sunday, January 14th
after Worship.**

**New Members may join
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Thank You Notes

Dear Folks,

My husband and I wanted to thank all of you so very much for the beautiful ordination service and supper afterwards for our son, Stephen.

The service was beautiful and all the lovely music made it so special. The ordination (when all the ministers and clergy placed their hands on Steve's shoulders) was so moving it was hard not to cry. The church looked and sounded wonderful. And the supper afterward was absolutely delicious. The tables all looked like they had been lovingly decorated. I can only imagine all the hard work and planning that went into the service and meal later. These are memories that we will hold dear in our hearts forever.

Sincerely,

Lee and Steve Slepecki

Dear Members of CLC,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness this season! We appreciate the beautiful cards and generous gifts for our family!

Love, Pastor Erin, Pastor Brian and Vivian

Thank you to the Food Pantry Volunteers!

Between November and December we gave away 72 turkeys and over 60 hams. We cared for over 160 local families in 2023 so far.

20 dedicated members and friends stock and serve our pantry and our community on a regular basis. We receive a generous grant from the synod to operate the pantry, but we could not do this ministry without YOU!



CLC FOOD PANTRY
Donations are requested for

SOUP

The Food Pantry is Open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30am to 11:30am, and on Wednesdays from 5pm to 7pm.

Staff Update

We announced at the Congregational Meeting on December 3rd that our Director of Music and Liturgy, Ed Kapsha, had submitted his resignation effective December 31. Our staff support committee will be meeting soon to begin the process of hiring a new church musician. Please keep Ed in your prayers and wish him well in his next ministry. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Erin or Pat Bauer, chair of the Worship and Music committee.

CALL COMMITTEE NEWS

We also announced at the Congregational Meeting that the Call Committee has been given the profiles of 2 pastoral candidates to interview. Please keep the committee and candidates in your prayers as they plan and discern.



COUNCIL NEWS

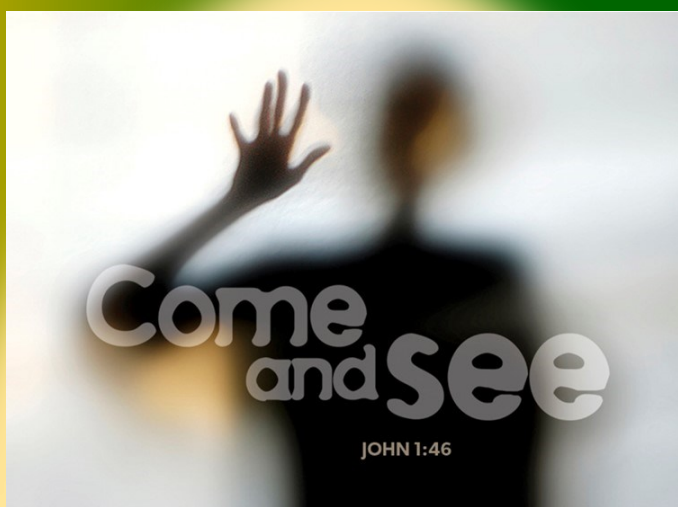
Welcome our new council members elected at our Congregational Meeting on December 3rd: *Pat Bauer, Morgan Boyd, Tina Galioto, and Jackie Marfisi.*

We give thanks for those out-going council members who have faithfully served and continue to serve the church: *Diane Curry, Tim Komoroski, Becky Nyren.*

Our council is a three year term with monthly meetings. Please consider this possibility in serving and leading your church!

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2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Faith, Seen and Unseen

"Follow me," says Jesus to Philip. Then "Come and see," says Philip to Nathanael. Early in the Gospel of John and in Jesus' public ministry, the movement is already spreading. This transmission of faith from person to person is something like a fire jumping from one twig to another.

Sometimes, though, it can feel as if the spark just isn't catching—not much transmission is happening any longer. Many people lament that their children, grandchildren, or other loved ones have abandoned the Christian faith. But have they truly? Maybe, similar to Nathanael, they have not yet personally encountered Jesus. Nathanael questions and doubts the words of the witness Philip until he experiences for himself that Jesus is the Son of God. Just as the message of the good news can spread like fire from twig to twig, so can faith ignite—or reignite—when one has a life-changing encounter with Jesus. There is no miracle for pastors or others to perform; we are simply called to prepare the way, to welcome all of God's children, and to accompany people no matter where they are on their faith journey.

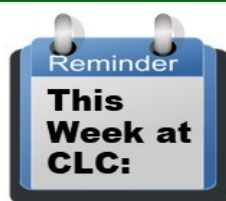
To change metaphors, sometimes faith flows like an underground stream. In some limestone terrains, a stream of water might disappear from the surface and reappear farther along in a different kind of terrain. The fact that the stream can't be seen doesn't mean it has stopped flowing. Likewise, faith is sometimes difficult to identify, but that doesn't mean it's not flowing in and through someone's life. Visible signs of Jesus at work in a person are not always where or in the form we expect to see them. They can be in Sunday worship or in daily acts of kindness, compassion, grace, and love for ourselves and for others. Only Jesus knows what is in our hearts—already burning, deeply flowing, or yet to spark. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

January 14 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

New Members Meet and Greet

Monday

January 15 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

3:30-7:30 Violin, 5-6 TOPS Club

6-7 Yoga, 6:30-8pm ESL, 7-0 Pain Clinic

6pm Council Meeting

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday

January 16 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8:30pm Violin

Wednesday

January 17 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

7-8pm Choir Practice, 6:30-8pm ESL Tutoring

Thursday

January 18 - 6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162, 6pm ESL Tutoring Library

Friday

January 19 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

6-8pm Girl Scouts, 7pm NA meets in the Library

Saturday

January 20 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

January 21 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

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Upcoming Commemorations



Martin Luther King Jr., renewer of society, martyr, died 1968 Monday, January 15, 2024

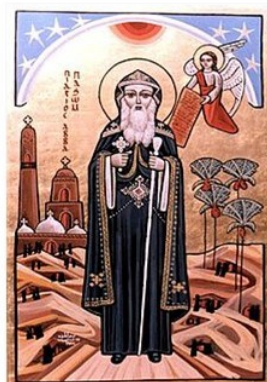
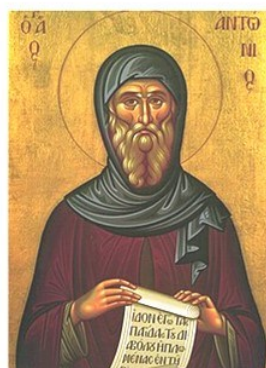
An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964.

Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.

Antony of Egypt, renewer of the church, died around 356

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

One of the earliest of the Egyptian desert fathers, Antony gave away his sizeable inheritance and became a hermit. Later he became leader of a group of monks who devoted themselves to prayer, worship, and labor.



Pachomius, renewer of the church, died 346

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

Born in Egypt, Pachomius became a Christian while a soldier. He became a hermit (a solitary monk) and organized others into a religious community. His rule for monasteries influenced later ones in both the Eastern and Western churches.

Confession of Peter

Thursday, January 18, 2024

Today the church remembers the apostle Peter's great acknowledgment of Jesus as "the Christ, the Son of the living God." This festival serves as a fitting beginning to the week in which we particularly pray that all Christians might be united in faith and witness.



Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, martyr, died 1156

Friday, January 19, 2024

When Erik, King of Sweden, determined to invade Finland for the purpose of converting the people there to Christianity, Henry went with him. Henry is recognized as the patron saint of Finland.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENT **GIVE-AWAY**

With your generosity, we provided two gifts and a stocking stuffer for SEVENTY local kids!

Due to many unexpected donations, we have a supply of gifts for next year too!



In case of emergency....



Did you know we have an emergency defibrillator? It's on the wall, near the office and food pantry check-in table.

Did you know we have Narcan available? With the first aid kits in the narthex and in the office too!

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