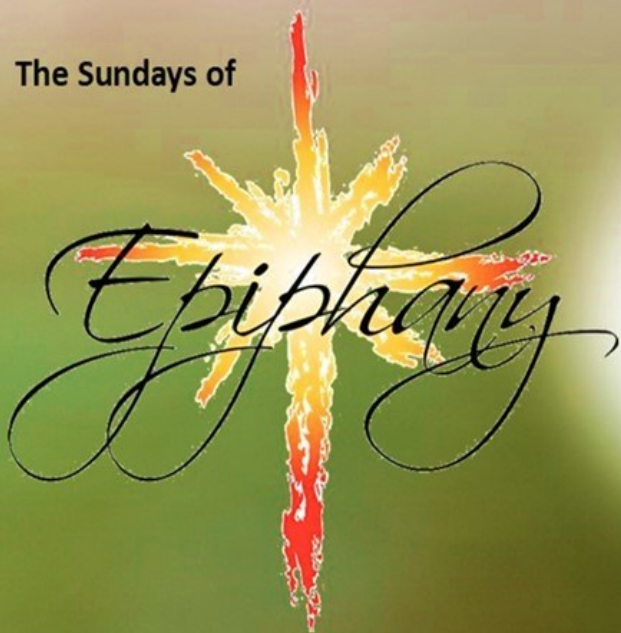




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Ash Wednesday Service



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 AT 7:00PM
HOLY COMMUNION WITH
IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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January 28 at 9:30AM

In-Person Worship

WORSHIP WITH US

4th Sunday after Epiphany

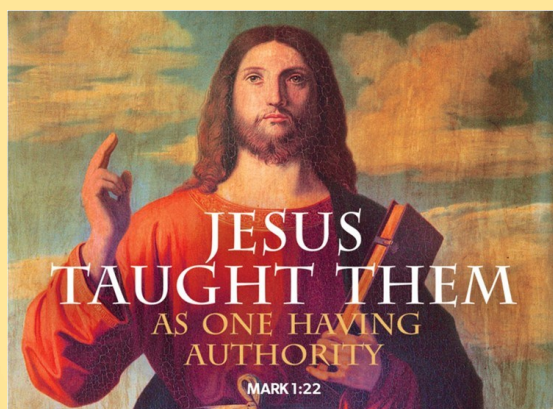
First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm 111

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

Pastor Erin Evans preaching



The church points to the unique authority people sensed in Jesus' actions and words. We encounter that authority in God's word, around which we gather, the word that prevails over any lesser spirit that would claim power over us, freeing us to follow Jesus. ~

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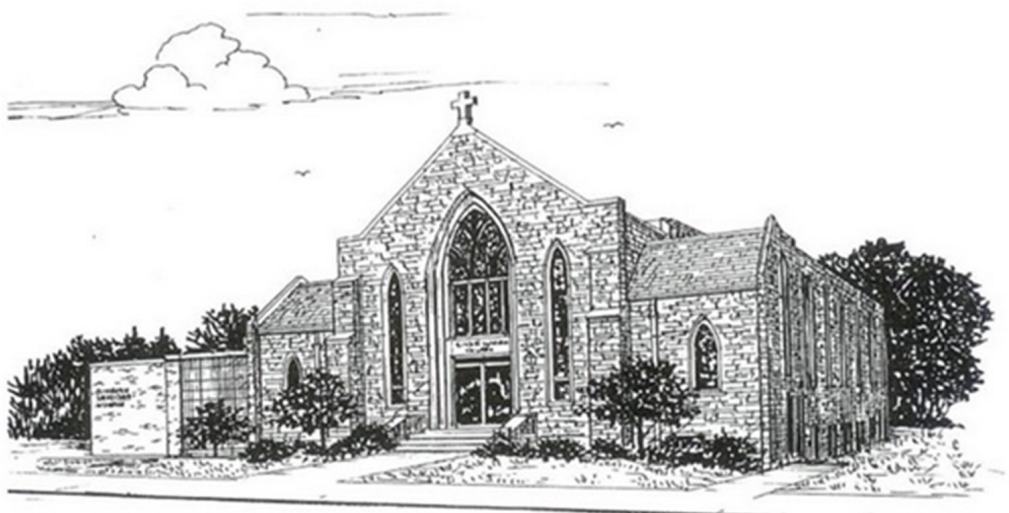


Annual Meeting
Sunday January 28th
after worship

Potluck luncheon
to follow!

Hear the latest from our
committees and year-end
reports!

Meet new members and
break bread with old
friends.



CLC Annual Report of the Congregation 2023

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ASHES TO GO

I will be present in the community on Ash Wednesday, Feb 14th from 12-1pm, near the corner of Grant and Sherman, for "**Ashes To Go**". I'll have a table and two chairs, ashes, prayers, and info for people who ask about our church programs. I can pray with people, hear confession, hear laments, answer questions, and make a connection. Here's what others have said about **Ashes to Go**...

- **Ashes to Go provides a connection point for those who are unable to attend a regularly scheduled Ash Wednesday service.** Maybe they have small kids with bedtimes, or don't drive after dark, or have scheduling conflicts. **Ashes to Go** provides a meaningful rite that fits with the schedule people have, rather than the one we wish they had.
- **Ashes to Go provides an approachable option** for those who are unwilling to attend a regular Ash Wednesday service. People who have experienced trauma in church settings or who feel unwelcome in their home congregation may be hungering for an option like this.
- **Ashes to Go offers a meaningful interaction that some might even prefer.** Even when the encounter moves very quickly, there's more time for individual prayer, ministry, and connection than there is during the imposition of ashes that happens in a regular Ash Wednesday service.

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!

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SPIRITUAL DRUMMING

After the popularity of our Lenten Wednesday Evenings last year, we've decided to do it again! Pastor Erin and Pat Bauer will again lead **Spiritual Drumming on Wednesdays in Lent at 7pm**. This 45 minute experience will combine open-ended questions and prayers, with short readings and blessings, as we drum together.

Drumming has been used in nearly every faith for the purpose of experiencing the sacredness of God. The earliest music one experiences is the heartbeat of their mother. The simple heartbeat is the sound of the universe – the sound of life. Drumming is a time-honored method of uniting people, and the power of drumming multiplies on many levels in a group of drummers. Share in the prayers and rhythmic energy of the drum as we lift our prayers up to God. No previous music experience is necessary, and drums will be provided.

February 21 and 28 and March 6 and 13. ~

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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SOUPER BOWL!

**ARE YOU
TEAM TOMATO
OR TEAM CHICKEN
NOODLE??**

TWO FAVORITES FACE-OFF!

**BRING YOUR SOUP TO CHURCH ON
FEBRUARY 11TH AND THE TEAM WITH
THE MOST CANS COLLECTED WINS!**



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.

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!



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4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Teaching in Words and Actions

Jesus' teaching in the synagogue surprises, shakes, and even shocks the people of Capernaum who have gathered for the weekly celebration of the sabbath. His proclamation is different from what they are accustomed to hearing. Mark doesn't tell us what Jesus taught this particular day, but all the gospel writers describe his message as consistently one of compassion, peace, hope, and love. Clearly, listeners heard something they found surprising in Jesus' words.

In addition, Jesus' teaching goes beyond words; he lives out his message in transforming and liberating actions, as we see in his healing of the man with an unclean spirit. The people sense an authority in Jesus only found in one whose words and deeds match—one who moves beyond theory to practice. It's like learning from a physician who regularly practices medicine, a theologian who pastors a parish, a coach who plays the sport personally. In the synagogue, when Jesus unexpectedly practices what he has been preaching, it's so new to his audience that they find it frightening and life-giving all at once.

At first, the healing miracle Jesus performs in today's reading may seem distant from the preoccupations of our contemporary society. This kind of exorcism may be uncommon for us in mainline Christian churches, but we know well that various troubles have a grip on our existence and our being. On the one hand, we experience our own "unclean spirits" such as despair, jealousy, hatred, or guilt. On the other hand, we regularly encounter the "unclean spirits" of our society: intolerance, selfishness, indifference, materialism, or contempt. But even in the moments when we are divided, disoriented, and destabilized, Jesus speaks surprising, wondrous words that challenge and heal us, so we can be restored to the life God intends us to enjoy and share with others. ~

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This Week at CLC:



Sunday

January 28 -

8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

Annual Congregational Meeting with Potluck to follow

Monday

January 29 - 9:30-11:30am Food Pantry

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

6-7 Tai Chi, 6:30-8pm ESL

Tuesday

January 30 - 9am to 3pm 412 Food Rescue

5:30-8:30pm Violin

Wednesday

January 31 - 4-8pm Anchorpoint Community Counseling, 5-7pm FOOD PANTRY

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

Thursday

February 1 - 6pm ESL Tutoring ,

6:30-7:30pm Boy Scouts Pack 162

Friday

February 2 - 9:30 to 11:30am FOOD PANTRY

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

Saturday

February 3 - 9am AA meets in the Library

7pm NA meets in the Library

Sunday

February 4 - 8:30am Sunday School

CLC Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am

January						
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Upcoming Commemorations

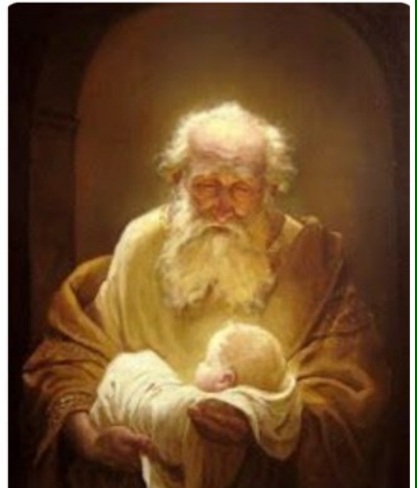


Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274 Sunday, January 28, 2024

One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.

Presentation of Our Lord Friday, February 2, 2024

Forty days after the birth of Jesus we mark the day Mary and Joseph presented him in the temple in accordance with Jewish law. There they were greeted by Simeon, an aged priest who offered the song "Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace," as well as by the prophet Anna, who spoke of the redemption of Israel.



Ansgar, Bishop of Hamburg, missionary to Denmark and Sweden, died 865 Saturday, February 3, 2024

A monk who helped bring Christianity to Scandinavia, Ansgar returned to Germany where he was named bishop of Hamburg. He is remembered for his love for poor people.



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**The Lord bless you and
keep you.**

**The Lord make his face
shine on you and be
gracious to you.**

**The Lord look upon you
with favor and give you
peace. ✝**



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