



This Week at Christ Lutheran

Celebrating 92 Years in Forest Hills

January 25, 2026

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BULLETINS, SERMONS AND LIVE WORSHIP: Bulletins and sermons are available for download on our website. A live stream of worship services is available on our Facebook page. See the top of this page for our website and Facebook locations.

FLOWERS: The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Dee and Jim Law to celebrate their 66th anniversary.

FLOWERS: If you would like to beautify the altar with flowers, there are some openings. Please sign the flower chart.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: 2026 Offering envelopes are on the counter in the library. Please take yours.

WOMEN'S SERVICE GUILD DATE TO REMEMBER:

Today is the last day for the collection of food and medical equipment in the boxes which are in the Narthex.

AS WE GATHER: The Epiphany season proclaims and celebrates the salvation of God coming into the world as a light shining in a dark place. Matthew quotes the prophet Isaiah predicting the dawning of that light into the darkness of unbelief, separation from God, sin, and "the shadow of death" (Matthew 4:16). That light was and is Jesus and His message: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (v. 17). It may seem like a minor detail that Matthew says Isaiah's prophetic words were fulfilled when Jesus left His hometown of Nazareth to live "in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali" (v. 13). Yet even this little fact testifies to how real the words of the Old Testament are and how they are fulfilled in Jesus, the Christ. Likewise, it may at times seem insignificant and even unimportant when the light of the Gospel is preached in our hearing and in our world today. How many of us have heard God's voice directly saying, "Follow me"? Those who were baptized as infants have no memory of ever being apart from God or His church. The life of faith in God may just seem normal or even routine to us—nothing out of the ordinary. Still, our sins remind us of the temptation to ignore God. Like the Christians in Corinth, we have sinful pride that causes divisions and quarreling among us. And while that's no different than anywhere else in our world, to be a disciple of Jesus means to be truly different than the world. Repentance means being transformed by love of God and love of neighbor. Today, Jesus truly is saying to you, "Repent" and "Follow Me," even in the ordinary details of life.

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a Welcome Card (located in the card holders in pews) and give to Pastor after the service and receive a special welcome gift. A mother's room and restroom are located at the left rear of the church. May you find this a place of spiritual rest and renewal.

ISSUES, ETC.: THE PARABLE OF THE PRODIGAL SON SERIES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews with Pastor Bryan Wolfmuehler, author of the new book "Finally Free: Three Lessons in the Parable of the Prodigal Son" at issuesetc.org/prodigalson.

TICKETS: Tickets are available for free admission to the remodeling Expo January 30 and February 1 at Acrisure Stadium. That's a \$5 savings. There is free parking also.

BAKE YOUR HEART OUT: Hope's Road (formerly Good Samaritan Hospice's Youth Bereavement Care) will host a free "Bake Your Heart Out" event on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Flour Power Baking Studio (4655 William Flinn Hwy Suite 114, Allison Park, PA 15101). Bake Your Heart Out is a FREE youth bereavement care baking event hosted by Hope's Road. This meaningful gathering invites children, teenagers and young adults and their families to honor and remember a special person who has passed away through prayer and shared family recipes, stories and traditions. Participants will bake sweet treats at the baking studio in memory of their loved one. A light lunch will also be provided. The event provides a joyful space for families coping with loss. Attendees will also have the chance to learn more about Hope's Road and the support services Good Samaritan Hospice offers. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Hope's Road is rooted in the Christian faith and welcomes individuals of all faiths and backgrounds. Registration is highly encouraged by Feb. 9. Walk-ins are welcome. To register or learn more, visit the Events page at www.ConcordiaLM.org. For questions or to register by phone, call 1-800-720-2557. Learn more about Good Samaritan Hospice at www.GoodSamaritanHospice.org.

WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, & SERVICE

at

CHRIST LUTHERAN

January 25-February 1, 2026

SUNDAY

8:45 AM Adult Bible Classes
10:00 AM Divine Service
11:30 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class

MONDAY

7:00 PM AA Meeting

TUESDAY

6:30 PM Girl Scouts

WEDNESDAY

11:00 AM Crafting
7:00 PM Handbell Choir

SUNDAY Holy Communion

8:45 AM Adult Bible Classes
10:00 AM Divine Service
11:30 AM Sunday School
11:30 AM Confirmation Class

Date	Attendees	Offering	To date	Budget
1-18-26	44	\$2,497	\$100,462	\$105,937

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This Week in Prayer

Frank Elaschat	Lynn Fisher
Carol Sapanara	Sandy Uram
Bill Hite	Mike and Barb Lis
Rosalie & Glenn Filler	Linda Kuenzi

Shut Ins

Jim & Evelyn Wise	Ann Tubbs
Bob and Bette Hamill	Russell Long
Katherine Mastrocola	June Kolb
Carol Logsdon	Cathy Ertman
Audrey Karpinsky	Bob Lindke
Audrey Marvenko	

Serving Our Country

Kyle Schoenthal	Miguel Breight
David Lisovich	Carson Starke

Family and Friends

Family of Loren Kleinschmidt (cousin of Rich Mueller and his dad)
Pat Romanelli (friend of Barb Mitchell)
Rich Little (friend of Janice Polidora)
Deb, James, Tim Bassett, Kim Powers (friends of the Elaschats)
Michelle Lydon (sister-in-law of the Catons)
Pat Ricketts
Nathan Glasser (son of Randy and Cathy Glasser)
Alex Russo (friend of Lee & Stephanie Caton)
Justin, Christian, Joshua & Matthew Riddle (nephews of Mike Lis)
Greg Filotei (friend of Norm & Nancy Johnson)
Deb Albaugh (Tatia O'Connor's friend)
Megan (friend of Lee and Stephanie Caton)
Ruth Johnson (Norm's sister-in-law)
Donna Madia (friend of Kathy Ertman)
The Rev. Ernest Knoche
Ken Stern (brother-in-law of Gloria)
Jake Benedum (friend of Tammy Donaldson)
David Kaclik (Kathy's husband)
Dan Johnson (Norm's brother)
Shelly Winfrey (Tammy Donaldson's sister)
Larry Lamp (friend of Nancy Johnson)
Linda Augustine (friend of Georgia Hanley)/



Wise Men Still Seek Him

The purpose of this congregation shall be to seek the honor and glory of God. The congregation exists to this end as a community of baptized Christians wherein the following is provided for: Worship, Nurture, Fellowship, Outreach and Service.