

**Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.**

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**Sunday Worship @ 10:15 AM Office hours: M-F 9 AM-12 PM**

**Epiphany:**

**(2025, Jan 6 – March 2)**

The Christmas season ends when Epiphany begins on January 6. While the colors for the first and last Sundays of Epiphany are white, the colors on the weeks in between are green. The first Sunday following Epiphany is observed as the Baptism of Our Lord, and the Last Sunday after the Epiphany is known as Transfiguration Sunday. Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles, along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of green – the color symbolic of growth. The length of the Epiphany season of the church year varies depending on the date of Easter, but may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays.



**January Eternal Candle: Francel's in honor of B-days:  
Paul, Lisa, Reid and Athena**



26 - Paul Francel,  
Barbara McKee



Altar Flowers

**No sponsor**



Card Shower

**Sunday, Feb 2, 2025 let's  
celebrate RLC & Pr Mark's 13th  
year anniversary with a special  
fellowship hour. Please 'card  
shower' Pr. Mark and blessings!**

**Donate By Pointing Your Smartphone Camera at this QR Code.**

**Offering of \$32,000 per month needed to  
cover "general expenses" monthly missions,  
heat, air, electricity, staff payroll, insurance,  
office/worship supplies...**



**Jan general expenses giving: \$23,679**

**Jan special giving: \$2,375**

*Pastor Mark's Remarks for January 2025**"The Light is Coming"*

*<sup>9</sup>The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God. John 1:9-12*

In the Gospel of John, the arrival of Jesus is announced in terms of light shining into darkness. Jesus, the Light, has come and is in the world. Now, the question is whether we will let his light shine into our darkness or intentionally remain in that darkness.

The season of Epiphany is about being transformed as more and more of the light of Christ shines into our darkness. Just as the days in the Northern Hemisphere are getting longer with more light each day, the season of Epiphany is meant to be a season of God's light growing and shining ever more brightly in our lives as the season progresses.

The light is a gift in two ways:

It reveals what is wrong. If we want to live the life and have the relationships with God and others God desires us to have, the place to begin is to allow God's light to shine on what is wrong. What might be limiting our availability to live the lives God has given us? Sin? Unforgiveness? Anger? Fear? Lust? Worry? The first step of being set free is to know what is causing the problem and then invite Jesus to shine light into it.

It reveals what is right. When we allow Jesus' light to shine in our lives, it doesn't just show us what is wrong with us. It shows what God is really like and how he really sees us. When we see what he is like, we can stop being afraid of having our dark areas revealed, because he reveals them to heal and free us and not to judge and condemn us. When we allow the light to shine fully, we will no longer see ourselves as frightened servants of God. We will see ourselves as beloved children of God.

My prayer for you is that God's light will do some powerful work in your life this Epiphany. May the destructive areas be revealed and removed. May the untruths about who God is and how he sees you be revealed. May you know the freedom of being fully known by God and fully aware of how much he loves you as the light continues to grow.

**Worship Team Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 AM** – This is for Assistant Minsters and those who want to become familiar with the new setting we are using for Epiphany.

**Men's Group at Archery Traditions Tuesday, January 14 from 6-8pm** – Our Men's Group will kick off a new year of activities on Tuesday, January 14 at Archery Traditions. We will meet at 6pm.

**Wednesday Dinner and Bible Study Resumes January 8 at 6:30 pm** – We still have one session left in the "Listening to God" book. We will talk at the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> about what we want to study next.

**Community Prayer in 2025** – Pastor Mark is seeking to multiply weekly prayer groups around the city in 2025. The hope is to have prayers happening around the city in various places and at various times. The simple rules for each group:

1. Pray for each other
2. Pray for the place you are meeting (business, coffee shop, etc.)



We are going through a lot of food for our blessing box and are in need of Breakfast items, pop top lid canned goods and easy to open protein items...



It is at 9:15am and is in the Fellowship Hall. This class is for anyone in 5<sup>th</sup> grade through adult. We learn about the Bible, the Small

Catechism and what it means to be a Lutheran. If you have any questions about the class, please see Pr Mark or Lori



Communion Bread is provided by the Hand and Foot Canasta Players who meet at RLC the first Thursday of each month.

Experienced and inexperienced players are always welcome to join the fun! Contact Jean Ross.



Light up the Darkness....During the season of Epiphany from 1/6 to 3/4, we will be collecting hats, gloves, scarfs, small blankets and hand warmers.. We're collecting money to help our neighbors' utility bills. Along with Res Kids, we can help our community!



Please join us for a women's bible study Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM. Please call or text questions to Donna Gorrell (405) 205-9385.



**Resurrection Kids is enrolling for MDO/Preschool 1-4 yrs.**

**Donna Anderson**, 20 years ago she lost a kidney to cancer. Doctors have found a growth/lesion on her healthy kidney.

**Wanda Bonavida**. Health concerns.

**Melodee Daily**. She just found out that she has a very aggressive form of cancer.

**Emma Wassilak's nephew**, 3-year old Gus, battling cancer.

**Bobbie Loud**, she's fighting Parkinsons.

**Winnie Lauden**, Sheri Campbell's cousin, still having health problems.

**Doug Glense**, Marcie's uncle, has bladder cancer.

**Bob Gomez**, Lufkin's son-in-law, treatment for a form of blood cancer.

**Logan Hambree**, has a rare genetic disorder, Leukodystrophy.

**Lisa Nelson**, Teresa Carter's sister, she has breast cancer.

**Garth/Terry Thompson, friend Cindra**, both struggling from serious illnesses.



## TEAMWORK

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## 2025 Church Council

Jason Wauson, President. Ryan McGivern, Vice President. Will Daugherty, Secretary. Nicole Baker, Mary Funkhouser, Donna Gorrell, Marvin Meyer, Kim Ramsey & Carie Wauson.

**Teresa Carter, Treasurer**

# Events

From 1/26 to 2/8/25

| January 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    | February 2025 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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## Sunday, January 26

- Events
  - 9:00AM to 10:00AM Confirmation and adult Sunday School
  - 10:15AM to 11:15AM Worship
  - 11:30AM to 12:00PM Youth Sunday School
  - 12:00PM to 2:30PM Church council
- Location: 675 W Vandament Ave  
Yukon OK 73099  
United States

## Monday, January 27

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Res Kids

## Tuesday, January 28

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Kiddie Korral
- Location: Sm Fellowship hall
- 6:30PM to 8:00PM Cub Scout meeting

## Wednesday, January 29

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Res Kids
- 6:30PM to 7:30PM Bible study/dinner

## Thursday, January 30

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Kiddie Korral
- Location: Sm Fellowship hall

## Friday, January 31

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Res Kids

## Saturday, February 1

- All-Day Events
  - 2/1 Pr Mark 13 yr RLC Anniversary

## Sunday, February 2

- Events
  - 9:00AM to 10:00AM Confirmation and adult Sunday School
  - 10:15AM to 11:15AM Worship
  - 11:30AM to 12:00PM Youth Sunday School

## Monday, February 3

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Res Kids

## Tuesday, February 4

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Kiddie Korral
- Location: Sm Fellowship hall
- 6:30PM to 8:00PM Cub Scout meeting

## Wednesday, February 5

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Res Kids
- 6:30PM to 7:30PM Bible study/dinner

## Thursday, February 6

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Kiddie Korral
- Location: Sm Fellowship hall
- 12:30PM to 4:15PM Hand & Foot Canasta
- Location: Large Fellowship hall/kitchen

## Friday, February 7

- Events
  - 8:30AM to 4:00PM Res Kids

## Saturday, February 8

- Events
  - 9:00AM to 2:00PM Quilting
- Location: large fellowship hall