

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



December eternal candle: In honor of birthdays; Leif and Thea

In honor of birthdays: Jordan & Harold sponsored by Nicole Baker.



We appreciate all your love, support and gifts!

Pr Mark, Lori & Jenifer

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



Dec general expenses giving: \$26,113

Dec special giving: \$914

Pastor Mark's Remarks for January 2025

"The Light is Coming"

⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But 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.

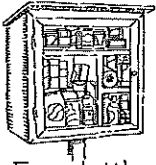
Worship Team Saturday, January 11 at 10:00 AM – This is for Assistant Minsters and those who want to become familiar with the new setting we are using for Epiphany.

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 8th 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.)



Free Little Pantry

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...



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.



So (sew) have you ever thought to yourself "I would really like to join those fun people in the quilt ministry but I don't have a sewing machine." Well this is your lucky day! Through the generosity of one of our members we are in possession of a sewing machine. Please get in contact with one of the quilt ladies if you are interested. We would love for anyone interested to join this ministry!



Please join us for a women's bible study
Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 PM. We're using a **Advent bible study**. Please call or text questions to Donna Gorrell

(405) 205-9385. Books available at Amazon for approx. \$12.



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



It is at 9:15am and is in the Fellowship Hall. This class is for anyone in 5th 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

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.

Logan Hambree, has a rare genetic disorder, Leukodystrophy.

Preston/Micaiah Johannes and family. Micaiah's dad passed away, and they found him Tuesday night before Thanksgiving. His name was Gary Williamson.

Gary McDonald, cancer and recent surgery.

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

Ryan Tharp, cancer treatments.

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



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2024 Church Council

Katherine Dawson, President. Stephen Tharp, Vice President. Will Daugherty, Secretary. Nicole Baker, Marcie Branstetter, Donna Gorrell, Phil Maune, Marvin Meyer & Carie Wauson. **Teresa Carter, Treasurer**

January 2025

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 Holidays in United States
 RLC Public Calendar

Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
29 10:15AM Worship 11:30AM Youth Sun-day School	30 New Year's Eve 6:30PM Cub Scout meeting	31 New Year's Day	1 New Year's Day	2 11:30AM Hand & Foot Canasta	3 8:30AM Res Kids	4 8:30AM Res Kids	5 10:15AM Worship 11:30AM Youth Sun-day School 12:00PM Dec Council Meeting	6 8:30AM Res Kids	7 8:30AM Kiddie Korral 6:30PM Cub Scout meeting	8 8:30AM Res Kids 6:30PM Bible study/dinner	9 8:30AM Kiddie Korral 5:15PM Pack Committee Meeting	10 8:30AM Res Kids	11 9:00AM Quilting
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