

WESTCHESTER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CANDLE



January 2023

“WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?”

I love this question that Jesus posed to his newly minted disciples, Andrew and Simon Peter, in this Sunday's gospel lesson (John 1:29-42). They had heard John the Baptist say that Jesus was "the Lamb of God (we'll talk about that term on Sunday) who takes away the sin of the world" and that he would "baptize with the Holy Spirit." From this they deduced that Jesus was the Messiah, the one for whom the Jews had been waiting for over a thousand years.

Imagine finding yourself at that amazing crossroad of history and divine intervention in the world! It would be overwhelming, to say the least!

This context gives Jesus' question even more importance: "What ARE you looking for?" If you're looking for the fulfillment of GOD'S promises and the chance to be a part of what God is doing for the salvation of the world, you've come to the right place. If you're looking for wealth, riches, fame, power, and so on... you're going to be disappointed because this isn't about you.

Jesus' question is for us as well: "What are you looking for?" How we answer that question determines what happens next for us. And it still isn't about us.

The season of Epiphany, which comes right after Christmas and before Lent, helps us consider the "why" of Jesus' coming, as well as how it impacts us and our lives. Epiphany IS the answer to Jesus' question to the disciples. Our Epiphany journey helps line everything up correctly and points us toward the cross and resurrection.

Blessings and Peace,
Pastor Larry

Church Service

Sunday mornings
10:00 am

Communion Services
January 1st & January 15th

SPECIAL SERVICE:

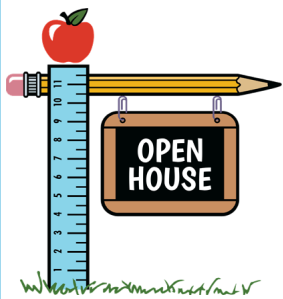
January 22nd
10:00 am

It is the Open House for our schools (Tk-8th grade) & our Early Learning Center (Infants-4 year old's).

On this Sunday we will be having the school choirs singing (Kids of the Kingdom & Young Believers), as well as our 4th-5th grade students.

You do not want to miss this service seeing the children singing & praising God.

The service will be followed by the Open House from 11:00 am-1:00 pm

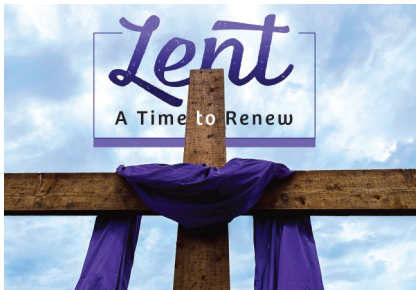


Upcoming Services



Ash Wednesday

February 22nd
7:00 pm



Sunday services at 10:00 am

Feb. 26th— 1st Sunday in Lent Service

March 5th— 2nd Sunday in Lent Service

March 12th— 3rd Sunday in Lent Service

March 19th— 4th Sunday in Lent Service

Toy Drive Results

Goal: 150 toys

Thank you to all who donated the toys, we were able to collect **180** toys for the children of Pueblo de Dios Lutheran Church.

Below are pictures from our school chapel on 12/16/22 in which the students from TK-8th grade brought their toys to chapel.



Offering Envelopes 2023

The offering envelopes have arrived!

They will be put out on Sunday, January 15th.

If you prefer to have your envelopes mailed or you did not see yours on

Sunday, please contact the church secretary, Karina by email or call the office (310) 670-5422.





Early Education Center

What Do We Teach the Children during "Chapel Time"?

Our preschool children have a short chapel time daily with their teachers. On Thursdays and Fridays, Pastor Larry leads chapel for us with his guitar—which the children LOVE! Each week, we focus on a different Bible story during our chapel times. In the first half of our school year, we focus on the Old Testament, including the creation story, Moses, Abraham, Joseph, etc. December was devoted to the Christmas story, and now in January, we move on into Jesus' life. Because we want our families to be a part of their child's faith learning, we include a monthly list of our Bible stories in our weekly newsletters, and add the page number of the story in the Spark Story Bible, so they can follow along at home. Below is the Family Faith page for January.

Week 1

—**The Boy at the Temple** Jesus' family went on a trip every year to the Temple in Jerusalem. The family walked there with many other people. On one of these trips, when Jesus was 12 years old, Mary and Joseph couldn't find Jesus. They were afraid he was lost! They finally found him—he was in the Temple telling people about God.

God, thank you for keeping us safe when we go on trips. Help us not to be afraid when we feel lost. Amen.

Week 2

—**John the Baptist** John the Baptist was Jesus' cousin. God gave him an important job: to tell people that Jesus was coming! John stood by a river, teaching, preaching, and baptizing people. "Jesus is coming! He will save us all!" John shouted. Some people didn't listen. But many people believed John and were ready for Jesus.

God, thank you for all the people who tell us about Jesus. Amen.

Week 3

—**Jesus the Word and His Baptism** John baptized people who wanted to change their lives and follow God. He also said someone was coming who would change the world. One day his cousin Jesus asked to be baptized. When Jesus came up out of the water, the Holy Spirit appeared in the form of a dove, and a voice said, "This is my Son. He is beloved and chosen!"

God, thank you for sending Jesus and marking him and us with your love. Amen.

Week 4

—**Jesus Heals** People everywhere heard that Jesus was a healer. They brought their sick family and friends to Jesus so he could heal them. One morning, Jesus' friend Simon Peter asked him to heal his wife's mother. "She has a terrible fever. I know you've healed other people. Can you heal her too?" he asked. Jesus went to the woman and healed her.

Healing God, thank you for being with me when I'm sick! Please heal the people I know who are sick.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

School News

- Jan. 6th: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am
Jan. 6th: Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm
Jan. 9th: *Happy Birthday Mrs. Mickelopoulos!*
Jan. 11th: *Happy Birthday Mrs. White!*
Jan. 12th: 5th grade visits Middle School
Jan. 13th: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am
Jan. 13th: Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm
Jan. 16th: *Happy Birthday Tysonn!*
Jan. 16th: Martin Luther King Day- No School
Jan. 19th: Coffee with the Principal, 8:15-9:00 am
Jan. 20th: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am
Jan. 20th: Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm
Jan. 22nd: 4th-5th grade, Kids of the Kingdom & Young Believers sing at service, 10 am
Jan. 22nd: School Open House, 11am-1pm
Jan. 27th: Chapel for TK-8th Livestream on our YouTube channel, 8:45 am
Jan. 27th: Free Dress Day & Early Dismissal for TK-8th at 1:15 pm



Join us for
OPEN HOUSE
Infants, TK, K,
& 1st-8th
Grade

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 22 • 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

INFANTS - 8TH GRADE

TOURS BY
APPT. AT WLCS.ORG

- Meet the faculty • Tour the campus • Visit the Classrooms • Learn ways a WLS education is distinctive
- Meet current students & parents • Learn about the admission process

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Commissions Meetings & Other

Garden Crew

Saturday, January 7, 2023

9:00-11:00 am

All are welcome to join us in cleaning up our extensive landscaping! Bring your gardening gloves, pruners, etc.

Women's Board

January 8, 2023

11:30 am in the Fireside Room

Rebekah Circle

January 15, 2023

11:30 am in Library

Mary Circle

January 17, 2023

12:30 pm at the home of Mary Cairns

Council Meeting via Zoom

January 26, 2023

7:00 pm

Life & Growth Commission

No Meeting until February 5

Church Nursery & Sunday School

Infants and young toddlers are welcome! After the Children's Sermon children age 4 to 3rd grade are invited to the Library for a Sunday School lesson.

We are also in need 2 volunteers every Sunday, 1 for the nursery and 1 for Sunday School. If you are willing to help one or more Sundays a month, please contact Shirley Becker, sbecker@wlcs.org

Confirmation



Available to
6th– 8th grade students
Wednesdays at 7 pm
Pastor's Office

If you are interested in
participating send an email to
kmartinez@wlcs.org

Comforters & Operation Gratitude

Comforters

Wednesday Mornings

9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Masted Hall

All levels are welcome to join the ladies in making quilts.

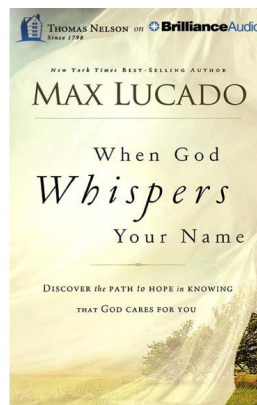
Operation Gratitude

January 8, 2023

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Anybody who likes to crochet or knit to make scarves & hats.
Will have patterns and instructions regarding color, size, etc.

Rebekah Circle



January 15th

11:30 am

Library

The group will be starting a
new book by Max Lucado
*When God Whispers Your
Name*

Read 1st chapter by meeting
date

All women are welcome to attend
For more information contact Shirley Becker

Cathedral Choir

Do you enjoy singing?
Join our Cathedral Choir.
Rehearsals are once a month on a Saturday
Rehearsals coming up

January 14, 2023
10:00 am– 12:00 pm

February 11, 2023
10:00 am– 12:00 pm

Flower Chart

Remember and honor loved ones past and present by donating flowers to beautify our sanctuary every Sunday.

The cost is **\$35**. You may pay online or mail a check to the office. If you would like to take one of the spots available please call the office (310) 670-5422 to get your announcement in the bulletin or email Karina, kmartinez@wlcs.org. Thank you!

January 1st

- ♦ Given by Robin & Debbie Rosser in celebration of the baptism of their 1st grandson, Wyatt Rosser.

January 8th

- ♦ Given by Allan, Sergio & Aleyah in celebration of Colleen Fitzgerald's birthday, Happy Birthday!
- ♦ Given by Joan Anckle in celebration of Scott & Laura Downie's anniversary.

January 15th

- ♦ Available!
- ♦ Available!

January 22nd

- ♦ Available!
- ♦ Available!

January 29th

- ♦ Given by Angelika Gunn in celebration of her mom, Lore Buddeberg's birthday (2/2).
- ♦ Available!

Available dates in February

February 5th (2 spots), February 12th (2 spots)
February 19th (2 spots), February 26th (2 spots)

General Information



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Any questions about the Candle email Karina at

kmartinez@wlcs.org

WATCH SERVICES LIVE ON SUNDAY MORNING 10 am:



"Westchester Lutheran Church and School"

Anniversaries

***Congratulations & blessings
on your wedding anniversary!***

January 12th

Scott & Laura Downie

January 28th

George & Amy Vaughan

Birthday Blessings

January 2

Lisa Dodenhoff

January 6

Colleen Fitzgerald

January 7

Ilona Sanchez

January 9

Cyndi Widmer

January 20

Sandra Bray

January 21

Sonja Chandler

January 24

Carol Cohen,

Rod Sondreal & John Russo

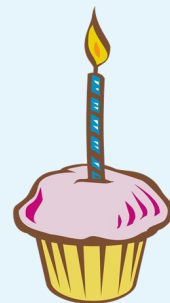
January 25

Carol Sime

January 27

Stephen Long &

Jennifer Stambaugh



Praying for Others



Members & friends hospitalized, recovering from illness or surgery, or long-term illness:

Todd Allen, Wanda Anckle, Sharon Bernard, Sandra Bray, Doris Brown, Rob Button, Ernie Cairns, Joseph Cohen, Ron Dell Craig, Tom Crotheis, Scott Crowley, Chuck Duff, Margaret Eckberg, Ursula Fetzor, Sophia Gariel, Vera Green, Amy Gustafson, Karl Homan,

Lewis Jackson, Carrie Jones, Helen Jones, Kathy Klein, Barbara Loftas, Jennifer Long, Steve Long, Reggie Lucero, Alex Malandrinos, Johnny Manuel, Ida Manuel-Stovall, Katie Meyer, Britt Olofsson, Shawn-Michele & Michele Penman, Annie Reynosa, Barbara Roamer, Mary Lou Schnitzer, Charles Seaberg, Faith Smith, Bill Snyder, Janet Swallow, Diane Tallman, Teresa Upp, Ruby Williams.

Members & friends serving in the military: Richard Appelhans, David Flick, Jeremy Manning, Donald Moe, Deane Stewart, and Kimberly York.