

December 2024

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer, it's only too natural that we light up the ever-growing darkness of night with lights. We brighten up the darkness with cheery Christmas lights, and fires in the fireplace shoo away the cold, winter night. It's this time of year that seems most appropriate to break out candles, both in the home and at church. There's something so natural about banishing the darkness with light. And that's just the theme of our Advent services this year: Jesus Christ is the Light of the World.

Those are the first words we hear in the Service of Evening Prayer. And this year, we'll reflect on just how true they are. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega. He is the Eternal, Uncreated Light of Light — being God of God. He is the One Who has come into our world, so darkened by sin and suffering, by death and disease, bringing His light of healing and salvation. And He is the One Who has come to His world, bringing Light of Light, which the darkness cannot overcome.

We'll hear Old Testament prophecies and Scripture passages about God being the true Light. We'll hear the Gospel fulfillment and proclamation of the Light of the World who has entered our darkened night to bring the Gospel of healing. We'll hear from the Apostles in our Epistle readings about how the Light of the world has changed everything. We'll also sing some classic evening hymns, which follow this theme.

Join us during the Wednesdays of Advent to hear about and to praise Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.

Joyfully in Christ,

Pastor Brown

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Advent Midweek:

December 4, 11, 18

Meal: 5:30 pm

Evening Prayer: 6:30 pm

Christmas Day: December 25

Divine Service: 9:00 am

New Year's Eve: December 31

Divine Service: 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve: December 24

Children's Service: 4:30 pm

Lessons & Carols: 8:00 pm

Advent Suppers:

Wednesday, December 4th : Altar Circle

Sloppy Joes and Cheesy Potatoes.

Wednesday, December 11th : Stewardship and Finance

Potato & Chili bar.

Wednesday December 18th : Deacons dinner,

TBD

CLS Call Committee

Central Lutheran School has formed a Call Committee seeking two teachers for the 2025-2026 school year. We are seeking candidates for a 5th-grade classroom teacher and a Junior High English Language Arts teacher. Candidates should hold a valid teaching license and be qualified to teach in these areas. If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please send your recommendation to David Van Spankeren - dvanspankeren@cluth.org or 260-493-2502 ext. 350. Thank you.

Priority Application Period – October 15th to December 20th

The Concordia Lutheran High School Priority Application Period for Fall 2025 is now open for current 8th graders and closes on December 20th. Submitting your application during this period ensures that your student will receive their financial aid package by mid-February. Please go to the application page at clhscadets.com to apply!

Happy Birthday Jesus!! Looking for another great Happy Birthday Jesus party. December 7th from 10:00-12:00. We will have a snack, craft, games, and photo opportunities.

Our children's **Christmas Eve service** is moving to 4:30pm December 24th. Looking into making this more of a community children's service led by our Martini children.

Feliz Navidad Gala | Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction – Saturday, December 7

Join us for our annual gala auction event! This year's theme is Feliz Navidad! Ticket and sponsorships are now available at CadetsInCadence.com. Please contact Dawn Schuller at dschuller@clhscadets.com with questions, to volunteer, or to donate auction items.

Christmas at the Embassy – Sunday, December 15 Join us for our annual Christmas at the Embassy concert at 4 PM on Sunday, December 15 at the Historic Embassy Theatre. Kick off the Christmas season with sounds from our bands, choirs and orchestra students. It's a tradition that you won't want to miss! Tickets are \$15 for students/seniors and \$20 for general admission. They will be available for sale at the Star Bank Box Office located at the Embassy Theatre starting October 25.

Kids Club News: Now Hiring: URGENT!

Martini Kids Club Ministry is looking for qualified adults to help with our Childcare Monday – Friday. Starting pay is \$10.00 an hour. If you, or someone you know, might be interested and would like to have more information, please contact Sara at martinikidsclubministry.com. Must like working with children, be able to play games and sit on the floor with them.

Dates to remember:

Here are some important dates to keep in mind throughout December.

December 4 Advent Supper 5:30 pm evening Prayer 6:30 pm

December 7 Happy Birthday Jesus Party 10:00 am-Noon

December 7 Feliz Navidad Gala | Cadets in Cadence Dinner Auction

December 11 Advent Supper 5:30 pm evening Prayer 6:30 pm

December 11-13 Elves Closet Central Lutheran School gift shop for students

December 18 Advent Supper 5:30 pm evening Prayer 6:30 pm

December 24 Children's Christmas Eve Service 4:30 pm

December 24 Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols 8:00 pm

December 25 Christmas Day Festival Service 9:00 am

December 31 New Years Eve Service 6:30 pm

Member Spotlight

Do you have a child in sports, arts, military, ect... that maybe we can spot light? We would love to continue to celebrate our members so again, please share any exciting news with the office so we can share it with the whole congregation.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JESUS!



You are invited to celebrate
Jesus' Birthday with a Party!!

LOCATION: Martini Lutheran Church

333 Moeller Road

New Haven, IN 46774

DATE: December 7th 2024

TIME: 10:00AM - 12:00PM

We will have a snack, craft, games,
and photo opportunities!

Light the Match

A Northeast Indiana Matching Gift Challenge

"The bottom line is that the SGO changes lives. It makes it possible for Northeast Indiana children in need to attend loving, faith-based schools where they can be known and chart a new path for their lives. We feel blessed to be able to support this work changing our community for the good." – Nate & Jodi Golm, Leaders Staffing, LLC

Attention All New Donors: Discover the joy of giving through the SGO program.

For the calendar year 2024, any gift from a new donor, or a new business, including sole proprietorships, LLCs, and incorporated businesses, to one of the 22 schools in our family of schools in Northeast Indiana would be matched \$1 for \$1 up to \$10,000 for an accumulated total of \$75,000. Gifts from lapsed donors (3 or more years since their last gift) will also be considered for this match. This is a first-received, first-matched basis.

WHY Give: Receive a 50% credit to reduce or eliminate your Indiana State taxes.

HOW to Give: Donate to The Lutheran SGO via check, card, stock, PayPal, IRAs, or Donor Advised Funds.

Your support will ensure that families in Northeast Indiana will receive a quality, Christian education.



Matching Gift Challenge is open to all new donors and new businesses, including sole proprietorships, LLCs, and incorporated businesses.



All donations would be matched up to \$10,000 per business for an accumulated total of \$75,000.



New donors can choose to fund scholarships for students to attend 22 Christian elementary and high schools in Northeast Indiana that are part of The Lutheran SGO of Indiana family of schools.

For more information, contact us at:
Call: 260-203-4509. Email: info@LutheranSGO.org
Visit: LutheranSGO.org

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Christ-Centered Educational Excellence

November 7, 2024

Blessed Christmas Greetings!

As we approach December and prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we are thankful for the community we have as a family of believers; what a blessing!

On Sunday, December 15, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. we will be holding our annual Christmas at the Embassy concert, *The Christ Child: Our Confidence and Joy Shall Be*. This event is a treasured tradition and features the musical talents of our choir, band, and orchestra students.

I am excited to attend, and want to extend an invitation for you to join me. I would also encourage you to announce this to your congregation. Perhaps this could be a social event for a senior ministry group.

Open Seating – Procurement of Tickets as follows:

Ticket Cost: \$20.00 Adults \$15.00 students/seniors (60 and older)

- The Star Bank Box Office, located at the Embassy, now through December 13 (excluding holidays); Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Credit card purchases are subject to an additional 3.6% charge.
- Day of show, December 15th, the Star Bank Box Office, located at the Embassy, will be open from 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Ticketmaster (www.ticketmaster.com) will include additional fees.

I pray for God's abundant grace to surround you this Christmas season. Peace, joy and love from our family to yours!

Following His Lead,

Jacob Pennekamp, Head of School
Concordia Lutheran High School

I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10-11(NKJV)

December

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Worship 9:00 Sunday School and Bible Study following service	2 Staff Meeting 9:00am	3 9:15 Kids Club chapel 10:30 Kids Club Choir Winkle 1:00pm	4 Catechism 4:00pm Supper 5:30pm Advent 6:30pm Choir 7:15pm	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Jesus Party 10:00-12:00
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22 Worship 9:00 Sunday School and Bible Study following service	23 Kids Club Closed	24 Children's Christmas Eve Service 4:30pm Lessons and Carols 8:00pm Kids Club Closed	25 Christmas Service 9:00am Kids Club Closed	26 Kids Club Closed	27 Kids Club Closed	28
29 Worship 9:00 NO Sunday School	30 Staff Meeting 9:00am	31 New Year's Eve Service 6:30PM	January 1 Kids Club and Church Office Closed			