



Midweek Message

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Join us in person in our sanctuary or livestream via our Facebook page as Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, comes as a life, a death, and a saving name - for every child of earth.

ADULT FORUM AND COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, January 15th at 10:45 a.m.

Music in the Lutheran Church: Come and hear some interesting history of the early Lutheran Church and its subversive hymnals that Catholic countries tried to confiscate. We will also take a look at the current process of getting a musical work published.

Date	Presenter(s)	Topic
January 15th	David McCarthy	The Church and Music Publishing

FAITH-FILLED FUN DAY ON SUNDAY

Sunday, January 29th, 4:00-5:15 p.m.

“Wade in the Water: Baptism at a River”

All children ages 3 through 6th grade are invited to participate in these afternoons of faith and fun.

Join us for a new twist on faith formation for our Atonement children: a Vacation Bible School-type gathering once a month on Sunday afternoons! Each session will include story time, crafts, games, and snacks related to the Bible story of the day.

We look forward to seeing you!

HEART-FELT THANKS

From the Ukrainian family that received gifts and cookies:

Hello, Natalia. I want to tell the volunteers that our family is very grateful for the gifts. I have not seen children so happy in a long time. Thank you for giving us happiness. :) Merry Christmas to you and Happy New Year!



Atonement Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Join us for in-person worship in our Sanctuary, or Livestream worship via our Atonement Facebook page.

You can follow us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. and for special services by going to our Atonement Facebook page at [fb.com/atonementlutheranchurch/](https://www.facebook.com/atonementlutheranchurch/)

A worship bulletin with hymns will be Emailed to our Atonement families, and posted weekly on our web site.

Directory

Updates

Please make a note in your Atonement Church Directory with these updated Emails:

Vi Price:
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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We offer our prayers of sympathy to:
Lois Rau upon the death of Jim's brother, Fredrick Lautner, on January 2nd
Dick Browne upon the death of his wife, Betty, on January 6th

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord;
And let light perpetual shine upon them.*

LCLC FAREWELL EVENT FOR LEE LINDEMAN

*Saturday, February 4th from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon
St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4007 Main Street, Eggertsville, NY, 14426.*

Attention all campers, parents, staff, past staffers, and board members of the LCLC community! We welcome you to join us for a celebration of the great work Lee Lindeman has accomplished over the past 17 years while at LCLC, as well as to reconnect with all of our community; past and present!

Breakfast items and juices/coffee will be provided. A Service of Blessing and Sending for Lee will take place at 11:45 a.m.

Please join us!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A few hardy volunteers are needed to help shovel the walks into the church (Sanctuary entrance and Office entrance) for this season. We haven't had much snow yet, but we'll need assistance when it arrives! If you can help, please contact Stew Stover or Skip Waterstreet to let them know.

NOMINATE A STUDENT FOR LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC 2023



Valparaiso University
in Valparaiso, IN
Full Session: June 25-July 23
Half Session: June 25-July 9
For students in grades 8-12

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. In addition to advanced musical instruction and numerous performance opportunities, LSM students form an intentional community, living together for four weeks on a Lutheran college campus. Since 1981, this unique and immersive program has guided the lives of young musicians, who credit LSM as the starting place for their future careers and vocations.

Students can apply by March 31st to save \$15 on their application fee! Visit the web site lsmacademy.org/program for more details, or to nominate a student or apply.

LIONS, TIGERS...AND A LAMB **by Pastor Gail Swanson**

Have you noticed that there are some amazingly varied images for God in scripture?

Housecleaner (Isaiah 14:23) I will sweep it with the broom of destruction.

Metalworker (Isaiah 1:25) I will smelt away your dross with lye and remove all your alloy.

Monster-slayer (Ps. 74:13-14) You broke the heads of the dragons in the waters. You crushed the heads of Leviathan.

Planter (Genesis 2:8) The Lord God planted a garden in Eden.

Potter (Isaiah 64:8) Yet, O Lord...we are the clay and you are the potter.

Shade (Psalm 121:5) The Lord is your shade at your right hand.

Comforting Mother (Isaiah 66:13) As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.

And let's not forget the references to lions and tigers (leopards) and bears...!

Lion (Hosea 13:8) I will devour them like a lion.

Leopard (Hosea 13:7) Like a leopard, I will lurk beside the way.

Bear (Hosea 13:8) I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs.

Images of Jesus are just as varied: A hen gathering her chicks under her wings... a bridegroom coming to the wedding reception... a Vine with branches... the Gate for the sheep, the Root of David, the Bright Morning Star, the Bread of Life, the Alpha and Omega... a Beloved Son, Healer, Friend, Servant, Shepherd, Teacher... and a Lamb.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! (John 1:29)

This Sunday, we are blessed with *this* image of God in Christ – who comes to save and redeem and bear our sin with the wounds of his body and the brightness of his love. *Come and see.* We are invited to do just that.



Board of Ministries

Meeting

The Board of Ministries will be meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, January 17th at 6:00 p.m. A link will be Emailed to Board members.

Annual Reports Due

January 22nd

Please submit all 2022 Annual Reports to the church office by January 22nd.

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Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays
in our Sanctuary

Livestream Worship

9:30 a.m. Sundays via the
Atonement Facebook page.

Church Office Hours

9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Wednesday
Thursday

CLICK ON OUR MUSIC LINKS

“Next to the Word of God, Music Deserves the Highest Praise” -Martin Luther

[Vierne Final \(Symphonie III\)](#) In July, I plan on doing a five-day course in organ improvisation with this musician, Baptiste-Florian Marle-Ouvrard. It will be on some big, expressive organs like this one, though in Champagne, not Paris. I've never played on a European instrument, so I'm really looking forward to it! Mostly I just want to hear loud minor chords on these organs, but hopefully he'll push me to improve my improvisations. This piece isn't improvised – it's the last movement of a work for solo organ by Louis Vierne, written in 1911.

[Sonata for viola da gamba in D major](#) Here's a sonata for viola da gamba by Bach. This instrument has disappeared, but as you can see, it's like a smallish cello, though with frets for the first few notes on each string. You might notice that the bow is held in the opposite way compared with modern string instrument playing – the emphasis at the time was more on flexibility and speed, and less on power.

DESIGN YOUR OWN MUG CRAFT

Did you know that you can decorate your own mug at home using sharpies? Plain white or clear mugs can be found at the Dollar store if you can't find one in your cupboard. Be sure to follow all the steps below to make your design stick!

You will need: plain mugs, Sharpie markers (regular or oil-based both work), a baking sheet, and an oven (get help from a grown-up for this part!)

1. Wash and dry your mug. Decorate with Sharpie markers.
2. Set mug on a baking sheet and let sit for at least 24 hours (1 whole day!)
3. Put the baking sheet with your mug on it into a *cold* oven, then turn the oven to 400 degrees and set a timer for 40 minutes. When your timer ends, turn the oven off but leave the mug inside with the door closed until it is cooled.
4. Use your mug to make some hot chocolate (recipe below). You should be able to use your mug in the microwave and wash it in the dishwasher.

Homemade Hot Cocoa

1/2 cup cocoa powder
1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tsp cinnamon
1 Tbsp mini dried marshmallows (optional)
1 Tbsp finely crushed candy cane (optional)

Stir about 2 Tablespoons dry mixture into a cup (8 oz.) of warmed liquid of your choice: almond milk, coconut milk, oat milk, dairy milk, etc. until fully dissolved. Add marshmallows or candy canes if desired. Enjoy!

*Taste and see that
the Lord is good.
Oh, happy are those
who take refuge in Him!*

Psalm 34:8