

The Chi-Rho
February 2026



Christ Lutheran Church

29 S. George Street, York, Pa. 17401

Join us Sundays in person or on our Facebook
page at 10:00am.

[www.facebook.com/Christ Lutheran Church](https://www.facebook.com/ChristLutheranChurchYork)
York, Pennsylvania

Our Mission:

Reflect God's love in the heart of York.

Our Vision:

To be a vibrant congregation in the
heart of York praising God,
connecting people to Christ,
and serving the people of York
and the world.

*Companions with the Itete Hospital
of the Konde Diocese,
Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tanzania*

February Readings

February 1

Epiphany 4

Micah 6:1-8

Psalms 15

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Matthew 5:1-12

February 8

Epiphany 5

Isaiah 58:1-12

Psalms 112:1-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

February 15

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Exodus 24:12-18

Psalms 99

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

February 18

Ash Wednesday

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Psalms 51:1-17

2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10

Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

February 22

Lent 1

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalms 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11



Blood Pressure Checks
Sunday, February 1, after worship

Worship Committee
Sunday, February 1, after worship

Finance Meeting
Monday, February 9, 7:00pm

Guys Night Out
Tuesday, February 10, 6:00pm

Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday February 18, 12:15pm and 7:00pm

Council Meeting
Monday, February 16th, 7:00pm

Community Meal
Sunday, February 22, 12:00pm

Devotions
Wednesday's, 12:15 in the chapel



From The Pastor's Pen

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I hope that this finds all of you well and staying warm! You know, we are currently in the liturgical season of Epiphany. This season bridges the gap between Jesus' birth, celebrated during the twelve days of Christmas, and his passion, dealt with in the season of Lent.

The season of Epiphany focuses on Jesus' revelation of his true identity to the entire world. This season recalls the birth of Jesus, the coming of the Magi to adore the Christ child, the baptism of Jesus, his first miracle (sign) at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, and his transfiguration. This wonderful season calls us to light and truth. Remember, as we learn in John's gospel, Jesus is the light of the world and the truth.

Throughout the remainder of this season let us focus on our Lord being the light of the world. May we share the light with which he has blessed us at our baptism with all people, for our God is indeed a God for the whole world. Let us continue to do this missionary work to the glory of our Lord.

Lent then begins on February 18 this year and lasts forty days, excluding Sundays which are always festival days celebrating the resurrection.

The word Lent originally meant “spring” and is a time to reflect on baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of our Lord. It is a time for rebirth and renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Reflecting on the suffering and death of Jesus occurs most pointedly during the last week in Lent known, of course, as Holy Week.

The traditional color of Lent is purple, suggesting somberness and solemnity. During this season we focus on human sinfulness and brokenness as contrasted with God’s love and mercy for us. This is a time for engaging in such ancient practices (retained from Judaism) of fasting, praying, and charitable giving. As we reflect on our frailty and sinfulness (depicted in the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday) and on God’s amazing grace for us, we are better prepared and enabled by the Spirit to understand and appreciate Easter.

It is good having you worship with us in person and/or online. May God’s light, love, mercy, and forgiveness move you and me to faithfully worship our gracious God and eagerly serve in our Lord’s name. I look forward to worshipping together with you.

Pastor Dan Yeiser

From the Council President

Christ Lutheran Church Members,

I hope everyone is staying warm and safe as we move into these Winter months. I wanted to take a moment and officially welcome Alexa Sheaffer as our new Family and Youth Coordinator. We are excited to have her on board and look forward to the gifts she will bring to our ministry with children, youth, and families. Please take a moment when you can to introduce yourself and check in to see how she is settling in. Positive connections make all the difference as someone begins a new role in our church family.

A quick reminder to mark your calendars for Mardi Gras on Sunday, February 15th at 11:30 in the Parish Hall. This will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and time together before we enter the Lenten season. We hope to see many of you there to celebrate!

Speaking of Lent, it is right around the corner! For those who didn't know, my high school job was working at a local bakery. One of my favorite traditions was making hundreds of dozens of donuts for Fasnachts Day. What a delicious way to use up all the sugar and butter before Lent began! While we may not all be frying donuts, Lent invites us to a similar kind of intent: a season of reflection, prayer, generosity, and preparation for Easter. It's a time to clear space in our lives so God can fill it with grace, renewal, and hope. Thank you all for being such an amazing congregation!

God Bless,
Keith Stoltzfus
Council President





Ash Wednesday services will be held here
in the Nave on February 18th,
at 12:15pm and 7:00pm.

Reminder:
Parking in the Wells Fargo Lot is not available for
either service.



Wednesday *Lenten Services*

This year during Lent there will be two opportunities to worship on Wednesdays.

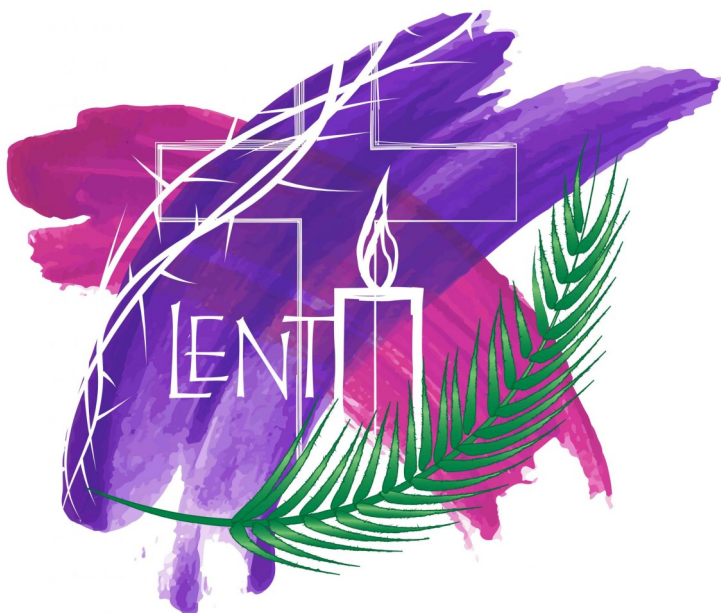
All are invited to the mid-week devotions that take place here in our chapel from 12:15 to 12:35.

An additional opportunity is on the Wednesday evenings during Lent. St. Paul's and St. Peter's on George Street have invited us to join them at St. Paul's for a soup supper at 6:00 and worship service at 7:00.

Our only obligation is to bring at least one soup or salad dish to the supper each week. Let the office know if you would be willing to help in this way.

St. Paul's address is 25 West Springettsbury Avenue. You may park behind the church, on the street, or in the large funeral home parking lot across George Street.

See Pastor Dan with any questions. We hope to see you there!



Pastor Yeiser will begin a Lenten Study for Adult Sunday School beginning Sunday, February 22nd at 9:00am in the Parlor.

More details will be available before the class begins.

Please come and join us for some study.

You're Invited To A



Mardi Gras **Party**

Gumbo, Jambalaya and barbecue sandwiches will be serve.

All proceeds will benefit the Youth

FEBRUARY 15
11:30 AM in the
Parish Hall

RSVP to Alexa Sheaffer (717) 825-8920
or arsheaffer@comcast.net
by February 1st

Volunteers needed for February 14th



WE NEED YOUR



COINS

**THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH ARE EXCITED TO
TAKE PART IN A SERVICE PROJECT SUPPORTING
ITETE HOSPITAL IN TANZANIA—AND THEY NEED
YOUR HELP! WE'RE COLLECTING COINS ONLY, SO
START SAVING YOUR CHANGE NOW. PLEASE
BRING YOUR COINS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8,
AND HELP US SEE HOW MUCH NOISE WE CAN
MAKE TOGETHER FOR THIS MEANINGFUL CAUSE.**

EVERY COIN COUNTS AND MAKES A DIFFERENCE!





BENEFIT CONCERT FOR LifePath Christian Ministries



FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 2:00 PM

**ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH
1775 EAST MARKET ST. YORK, PA 17402**

**FEATURING
THE KEYSTONE BRASS QUINTET**

A free-will offering will be lifted at intermission
for the benefit of LifePath Christian Ministries, York, PA

Snow Date: April 26, 2026

Child of the Month



This month our child spotlight is on Hezekiah!

Hezekiah is one of our preschoolers. He recently joined our center, and has made an incredible transition into our program. Hezekiah has enjoyed making new friends, being a classroom helper, and learning songs. He loves playing with cars, blocks, pretend play, and especially “tattoos.” Hezekiah enjoys arts and craft time, especially painting.

Attention Please:

Our snack donations have dwindled down to almost non-existent and we are currently in desperate need. Our children love graham crackers, goldfish, cheezits, veggie sticks, and Chex-mix. Please consider making a donation to our child care center. As always, thank you for your support of our center!



**CHURCH OFFICE/STAFF/
CHILD CARE
SNOW/BAD
WEATHER POLICY:**

Again, this year (winter 2025-2026), the church office, childcare center, will follow the York City Schools Cancellation/Delay Policy (Monday through Friday). If the York City Schools have a delay, cancellation or early dismissal due to snow/bad weather, then the office staff, and childcare center will do the same. On snow/bad weather days, the property department will be in contact with the snow removal contractor to do sidewalk and parking lot clearing/salt application. Any evening activities that are on the calendar when a snow/bad weather occurs, could possibly be cancelled or delayed. Always check with the pastor or contact person for the activity before coming to the church.

For Sunday services, after assessing the weather condition, the pastor and council president will determine whether the church services will be cancelled or delayed. This information will be communicated through a voice message on the office phone, an email blast, and relayed to WGAL 8 for display on the WGAL 8 website (WGAL.com) and/or possible television broadcast.



Lets hope for Spring!

END OF MONTH GIVING REPORT

December 2025 Report

Actual envelope giving for the month	29,311
<u>Budgeted envelope giving for the month</u>	<u>27,500</u>
Monthly surplus in envelope giving	1,811
YTD actual envelope giving	306,051
<u>YTD budgeted envelope giving</u>	<u>330,000</u>
YTD deficit in envelope giving	-23,949

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