



+Christian Symbol+

PELICAN

In the Middle Ages, the pelican came to represent Jesus' sacrifice of his blood for the world. According to legend, a mother pelican, in times of famine, would pluck open her chest and feed her young with her own blood. An alternate myth was that she fed her dying young with her blood to revive them, losing her own life in the process. The depiction of a pelican with a drop of blood on her chest is called "the pelican in her piety."

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**WHEN YOU
UNDERSTAND
THAT GOD IS
NEVER LATE,
YOU WAIT
DIFFERENTLY.**

BEFORE...

Much-needed property improvements have been in abundance this year. We replaced the church doors, the church roof and at the end of last month, we concentrated on paving the pot-holed parking lot. See the "after" photos in next month's Chapel News or come see it in person! **We're open every Sunday at 10am!**



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FIRE TRANSFORMING US FOR THE GOOD

For many people, relaxing by a campfire is a favorite summer activity. Nestling into the surrounding darkness while gazing into dancing flames, we sense God's love and let the day's chaos go. In contrast, Exodus 24:17 describes, "Now the appearance of the glory of God was like a devouring fire."

Pastor Steve Garnaas-Holmes offers another take, writing about God using flames to change us. (The full poem is here: unfoldinglight.net/2025/02/24/fire)



Patrick, Noyes "Bart"
Bartholomew, Dolores
Brickman, Charlie Brown, Tony
Calise, Karin Carlough, Mike
Chapman, John Claehsen, John
Cutler, Bryant Rodriguez
Cyriax, Carol Daley, Carol
Doyle, Krista Fuchs, Mary
Carolyn Harrison, Dorothy
Hendricks, Fred Hesse, Pat
Kelly, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk,
Kaitlyn Kruk, Walter Kruk, Carl
& Hugh Lally, Dolores Lowack,
Marie Lupinski, Linda McFate,
Jennifer Pinto, Doris Robinson,
John Schaefer, Cathy & Roger
Schramm, Tina Smith & Family,
Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli,
Lenny van Dam, the Vega
Family, Devin Vega and Janice
& Dave Wedderman

Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara
Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

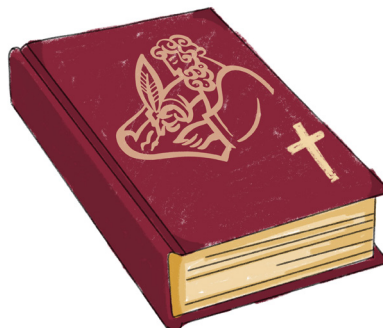
God, your presence is like a consuming fire —
not destructive, but transformative,
not the fire of anger but the flame of love,
the fire of glassblowers and bakers
the grace to make us more beautiful, strong and useful.
Your glory is no tame campfire
where we sit and make s'mores.
It burns out of our control.
The furnace of your love
roars about our hearts, remaking us
Teach us to be unafraid. ...

When you bask in firelight glow — and maybe eat some s'mores! — ponder how God is transforming you with love, and for the sake of love.

BIBLE QUIZ

In a parable of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke, someone named Lazarus features prominently while other characters go unnamed. Who is Lazarus in this story?

- A. a friend Jesus raised from the dead
- B. a rich man dressed in fine linen
- C. a poor beggar at the rich man's gate
- D. the brother of the poor man
- E. an angel who carried the poor man to heaven



Baptisms IN THE CHURCH FAMILY

We are blessed to announce the baptism of Easton Savage on June 8, 2025.



We are blessed to announce the baptism of Brantley Pinto on June 22, 2025.



JULY

**Lay Asst. | Usher |
Altar Guild | Counter
Schedule**

JULY 6 10:00am
Lay Assistant Pat Berinato
Usher Lori Mercer
Altar Guild Lore Braun

JULY 13 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Gina Lally

JULY 20 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Linda Polise

JULY 27 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Worship Leader Carrie Ralston
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Gina Lally

Counter All Help

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Denicola	7/1
Marilee Kadonaga	7/6
Anne Carman	7/13
Jan Behnke	7/18
Bonna Kennedy	7/19
Walter Kruk	7/19

July ★★

JULY 2025

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Independence Day <i>Church Office closed</i>	5 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
6 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am VBS Planning Meeting (OB) 11:15am	7	8	9	10	11 <i>Church Office closed</i>	12
13 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Church Office closed</i>	19 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
20 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (CH) 11:15am	21	22	23	24	25 <i>Church Office closed</i>	26
27 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	28	29	30	31		

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF AND COUNCIL

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