



# The Spire

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## Do Lutherans "Do" Lent?

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Lent is the season of fasting and self-denial observed by many Christians in the days preceding Easter Sunday each year. The word "Lent" comes from an old English word meaning "lengthening days," with the Lenten season consisting of forty fast days as days lengthen in early spring. Since Easter's date moves each year based on the lunar calendar, Lent's dates vary from year to year. However, each year it begins on Ash Wednesday, which occurs sometime in February or early March.

In the Roman Catholic tradition Lenten fasting has been seen as a form of penance for past sins. Christians from a variety of traditions see it as a time of prayer, repentance, and self-sacrifice for the purpose of focusing their attention on Christ and His sacrifice in the days leading up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent begins on a humble note on Ash Wednesday when people make their way to church to receive an imprint of ashes on their forehead in the form of a cross. The dust or dirt remind us of our mortality and our dependence on God when we hear the words "Remember, we are dust and unto dust we shall return." At the time of the Reformation the traditions surrounding Lent were almost entirely swept away, as part of the Reformers' general rejection of the use of all ceremonies in worship that were at best not understood by ordinary people and at worst interpreted in a highly superstitious manner. In other words, the emerging Lutheran and other Protestant churches wanted to distance themselves from anything looking "Roman Catholic." However, over the past two centuries Lent has made a comeback among Protestants. Today it is commonly observed by Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and members of other mainline Protestant denominations. In recent years other Protestants such as Baptists and non-denominational congregations have begun to adopt the practice of fasting from something during Lent. While the practices, timing, and even the theology behind Lent has differed over the years and continues to differ between churches and individuals, many Christians continue to prepare for Easter Sunday through some form of fasting.

I smile when folks ask me when Lent ends because what they are really asking is when can they return to the things they gave up for the 40 day season (i.e., chocolate, tv, etc). They want to know when the "Lent fast" ends. The liturgical Season of Lent ends with the celebration of the evening service on "Maundy" or Holy Thursday of Holy Week. The church enters into the 3 Holy Days or the Sacred Triduum of Jesus's last moments on earth. Many though will continue as a spiritual discipline what they gave up or took on for the season of Lent through Easter Sunday and others beyond as part of a life change.

As we begin this reflective or introspective season of Lent, I pray your journey to meet Jesus in a new way is fruitful. Lent ultimately is about our relationship with Jesus. We are invited to spend well-meaning time thinking about life, death, relationships, faith and Jesus these 40 days. Lent is much like life- a clock that is ticking. We have the opportunity and invitation to use the time wisely or waste it away. Whether you give something up or take something on, do it with charity and focus. If you choose not to give up something or do something differently, try to focus on the image of the father running to the son in the 15th chapter of Luke's Gospel. All too often we think we are unworthy carrying a deep hurtful shame about what we have done or haven't done in our relationship with God. God comes running to us this Lenten day and always- never forget that. Turn back to God with all your heart and let God embrace you as the beautiful beloved son and daughter you were created to be! In the end, we are not defined by the things we have done or haven't done. NO! We are defined by the God who loves us no matter what. Take some time this Lent to know, feel, see, taste and touch the goodness of God.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3384 ISLAND ROAD, WANTAGH, NEW YORK 11793

# *2023 Easter Flower Memorials*

Dear Friends,

Easter Sunday is on April 9 this year. Soon it will be time to plan for the adorning of the Church. There will be the usual altar flowers along with assorted spring flowers. The decorations, as memorials, will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The suggested amount of the gift is \$15.00. Please complete the form below and return it, with your check, to the Church office. Kindly have all submissions in no later than **Friday, March 31.**

Sincerely,

Della Rao

Parish Administrator



Christ Lutheran Church  
2023 Easter Flower Memorials  
3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Easter flowers.      Offering Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Please print below **exactly as you'd like to appear in the bulletin:**

☐ in Thanksgiving to God.

☐ in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

### Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Margaret Lorenzen**

*Given by: John and Janice Eastlund*

In Memory of: **Margaret Lorenzen**

*Given by: Norma Mantay*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Debra Benson*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Judie & Larry Engel*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Eleanor & Bob Freyer*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Jeri Hallgren*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Ruth Kollar*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Norma Mantay*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Doris & Roger Ohlander*

In Memory of: **Nathaniel Wynn**

*Given by: Doris & Roger Ohlander and Family*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Barbara & Roy Stone*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Wayne & Mary Wagner*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: The Thrift Shop*

## PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

### General Memorial

In Memory of: **Margaret Lorenzen**

*Given by: John and Janice Eastlund*

In Memory of: **Violet Olsen**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **Violet Olsen**

*Given by: Jennifer, Craig, and Hannah Proce*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Linda & Jim Boniello*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: The Wehr Family*

### Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: **Margaret Lorenzen**

*Given by: Regina Coons*

In Memory of: **Robert Rath**

*Given by: Regina Coons*

In Memory of: **Nathaniel Wynn**

*Given by: The CLC Christian Education Program*

## GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

### February Birthdays

15: Kaitlyn Kuchynskas

21: Steven Joseph Achatz

28: Elianna Rose Feder

28: Elise (Henderson) Sheridan



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## February Anniversaries

14: Thitporn and Ralph Pollock

11: Lisa and Michael Soethout

**REMINDER: If you would like a special date to be printed in the Spire, please contact the Church office no later than 30 days prior.**

## Good News

- **Thank you to all who attended the 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting!** The meeting was a success. We are happy to report that the 2023 Budgets passed.
- **Congratulations to Robert Ahearn and Gene Veltri,** whose nominations to the Church Council have been accepted. **The 2023-2024 Church Council includes:** Hans Vogel, President; Nancy Pisani, Vice President; Kirsten Duprez, Secretary; Robert Ahearn, Claudia Gross, Jeri Hallgren, James Sheridan, Jim Spiegle, Roxanne Toomey, and Gene Veltri. The Council will be formally installed at an upcoming worship service.
- **Stewardship Sunday** was held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Estimate of Giving Cards for 2023 were distributed during service, and electronic copies were sent via email. **Please thoughtfully consider how you might monetarily support our church's mission.** Questions should be directed to our Treasurer, Barbara Stone. Completed cards should be sent to the Church office.
- **Tech Literacy Workshop:** Our Tech Literacy Workshop is slated to resume this month. Interested participants will be contacted by the Church office to confirm their availability. Please stay tuned for updates.
- **Community Involvement:** Volunteers are welcome to represent Christ Lutheran at the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce **St. Patrick's Day Parade**. The Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM**. If you'd like to participate, please contact the Church office.
- **Church Cleanup:** Thank you to all of the volunteers who continue to assist in our cleanup effort. Volunteers are always welcome. Youth volunteers who require service hours for church or school are also welcome. Please contact the Church office for more information.
- **Save the Date: Lent is Near!** It seems as if Christmas was only a moment ago, but we are now on the road to Lent. **Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30PM**. Our popular **Lenten devotional series**, a collaboration with local pastors and our Music Director, Nicole Nicholson, will return

this year! Devotionals will be sent out weekly via email, and also posted on our Facebook and YouTube pages.

## CLC Youth News

- **Boy Scout Sunday** is celebrated on February 5<sup>th</sup>. This is an annual date of recognition of the social and spiritual contributions of Scouts and Scout Alumnae throughout the United States. We at Christ Lutheran are sincerely grateful for the commitment to serving God and others continually shown by our Scouts, all Scout leaders and volunteers, and their families. Our congregation is indebted to you! The rosters of our Scout Troops are enclosed in this edition of the Spire.
- **Registration for the 2023-2024 year at The Christian Nursery School is open!** Spots are limited and filling quickly. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please call the Nursery office at (516) 679-8425 or email the Director, Dana Antonette, at [cnstdirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:cnstdirector@clcwantagh.org). Join our family today!
- **The Christian Education Program** mourns the sudden and tragic loss of Nathaniel Wynn. Nathaniel was actively involved in our Confirmation Program and Youth Ministry. We pray that he is welcomed with open arms into The Church Triumphant.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Council extends its gratitude to outgoing members Regina Coons and Bill Henderson, who have each served for six years. At the Annual Meeting, there will be four vacancies for the 2023-2024 Church Council. All those interested in answering the call to serve on Council are invited to speak with any Council member.
- Church membership roles (active/non-active) and voting eligibility are currently under review.
- The 2023 Proposed Budget has been recommended by Council to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- **Worship & Music:** See "Good News" re: Lent.

## THRIFT SHOP

Our thrift shop is open on Fridays, 9AM-3PM, and the first Saturday of each month, 10AM-2PM. **The next "Thrift Shop Saturday" is on February 4<sup>th</sup>**. Donations are always accepted and appreciated! For your convenience, donations may be left in the donation shed next to the Thrift Shop. **We kindly ask you to refrain from donating mattresses.** Thank you.



## ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Chili with Beans - Cream of Mushroom Soup - Dish Soap

Facial Tissues - Ketchup & Mustard - Laundry Soap

Oil 48 oz. - Saltines - Spam

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.



## PRAYER LIST

*We Remember Especially...*

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart

Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo

Marge Dahlberg - Joan Drake - Joanne Drenckhahn

Charlie Fisher - Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile

Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan

Bill Henderson - Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard

Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea

Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller - James Pallas - Barbara Proce

Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly

Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice

Helga Richert - Eunice Rischon - Joseph Rizzo

Doris Spiegle - Natalie Stone

James Toomey - Laura Vogel

**REMINDER:** To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the Church office. It will remain on the list for six weeks per request.

## WELCA

At the Annual Meeting in January, WELCA had the opportunity to review our report of good works with the congregation. We are so proud of all that we accomplished in the last year. Again, we extend our thanks to all who have contributed to our many service projects. In the weeks ahead, we will be looking toward our next collaborative project with Thrivent, the **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief**. Please see the "Thrivent" section for a list of needed items. All donations are appreciated! The ladies of WELCA will work together to assemble the kits at our March meeting. WELCA's next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00PM in Room 2000**. As always, all ladies are welcome to join us!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School:** With the hustle and bustle of the holidays and preparations for the Annual Meeting abuzz, Sunday School had limited opportunity to meet in January. We are looking forward to falling back into our weekly routine with the students and preparing to welcome Lent. With the busy schedules of spring sports looming, we ask for all parents who know their child's attendance will be impacted to please speak with Ms. Della or Ms. Claudia ahead of time.

**Confirmation:** In January, the parents of our Confirmation students met with the Confirmation Team on Zoom for Progress Assessment meetings. These meetings were held at the suggestion and approval of the MNYS and the Christ Lutheran Church Council. Each family was presented with a detailed assessment of their child's progress in the Program, and had the opportunity to address any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns with the Team. All families were provided with comprehensive next steps to ensure their child's timely success in the Program.

**2023 Offering Envelopes:** Offering envelopes for all Christian Education Program students were "officially" distributed on January 8<sup>th</sup>. If your child did not receive their offering envelopes yet, please contact the Church office.

## THRIVENT FINANCIAL

**To Members of the Congregation:** On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Thrivent and WELCA plan to assemble and ship **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief** to help people who are victims of natural disaster or political upheaval. It is anticipated that many of these kits will be shipped to the Ukraine and areas housing refugees. We are looking to members of the congregation to donate the following items:

- Bath towels (dark colors preferred)
- Bath-size bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Wide-tooth combs
- Nail clippers
- Bath towels (can be purchased at Walmart for an average cost of \$2-\$3)

We are immensely grateful to Thrivent for generously providing a \$250 stipend for the purchase of items needed to complete the kits. All donated items may be left in the designated box in the loggia. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please send a check made out to WELCA to the Church office. Kindly have all donations in



no later than **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for all the help you can provide to this worthwhile project.

**To All Thrivent Members:** Be sure to check if you have Choice Dollars. These can be directed to Christ Lutheran Church, The Christian Nursery School, or another charitable organization on Thrivent’s register. It only takes a minute to make a world of difference. Visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) or call 1-800-Thrivent to direct your Choice Dollars today. **All selections must be made by March 31<sup>st</sup>**. Don’t miss out on the opportunity to support a cause you believe in!

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Flower Deliveries:** Thank you to everyone who provided assistance in delivering Christmas poinsettias to our shut-ins. Your small act of kindness made a world of difference!

**Homebound Communion:** Did you know that we offer Communion for the homebound? Whether it’s due to a temporary illness or injury or a long-term situation, this option is available to you. If you or a loved one is interested in receiving Communion at home or at a care facility, please contact the Church office. You may also contact **Pastor Krahn** at (631) 720-6179, or **Roxanne Toomey** at (516) 728-7810.

## FROM THE KNITWITS...

I know it’s unbelievable, but we continue to receive angels far and wide. This time, they are friends of Mickey Wehr who graciously asked for yarn (you know I have plenty!) and have since donated many lap robes.

As I’m writing this article, my phone rang. Who is it? Gail Gulotta, sister of Gene Veltri and Lynn Hasteadt. She has completed a number of blankets and will deliver them to me on Friday at the Thrift Shop!

I certainly don’t want to forget Doris Ohlander, Norma Mantay, and Jeri Hallgren for their constant help, over and over again!

If you would like to help, please contact me anytime. The halos abound once again!

- Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663

## DON’T FORGET TO...

**Please submit your 2023 Estimate of Giving Card.** Extra copies of the card are available in the Sanctuary. If you have

questions, please speak with our Treasurer, Barbara Stone. An Estimate of Giving Card is included with your Spire.

## CLC HISTORY



Pictured above is one of our early Boy Scout troops. We wish all our Scouting families a happy Boy Scout Sunday!

## THANK YOU TO...

Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

We greatly appreciate your support to the **John Theissen Children’s Foundation**. Thank you for your generous donation of \$703.65 made on December 31, 2022.

Since 1992, the John Theissen Children’s Foundation has collected over 1,000,000 new toys during our annual holiday toy drive. We have donated them to sick and needy children in hospitals and childcare facilities across Long Island.

The financial donations we receive enable us to purchase recreational and therapeutic equipment for hospitals, childcare centers and treatment facilities. In addition, we can provide sick children with special wishes and help their families with medical expenses.

Our aim is to bring smiles to the faces of these children. The generosity of others helps us to accomplish this goal. On behalf of the John Theissen Children’s Foundation, we thank you.

No goods or services were rendered with this donation.

Sincerely,  
John Theissen  
Executive Director

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your contribution of \$100.00. Your donation is helping **Lutheran Social Services of New York** to serve more than 5,000 individuals in need every day. Your continued support of the work we do through this compassionate gift ensures that we can continue to fulfill our mission of encouraging and helping all people to reach their full potential.

We are blessed for you and countless others who have supported our ministries, giving us the resources to assist our neighbors in need to improve their lives. Gifts such as yours help improve the lives of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for the commitment you have shown to our program over the years; you make lives better every day through our shared mission of service.

Sincerely,  
Damyn Kelly, JD, Ph.D.  
President & CEO

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Dear Christ Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for supporting the ministries of **Women of the ELCA** with your recent gift of \$75.00. Your faithful generosity makes a real difference. Thank you.

Even in unsettling times, Women of the ELCA in all its expressions— congregational and special units, synodical women’s organizations, the churchwide women’s organization— is still at work with life-changing ministry. We might be engaging in ministry and action in different ways for a while, but what’s what we do— because that’s who we are: a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. And we’ve committed ourselves to promoting healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Your giving helps make that happen. Thank you.

Thank you for your generosity. Together, thanks to your support, we’ll get through this. Thank you. For regular updates on our ever-growing work together, please see our website, [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org).

With Gratitude,  
Linda Post Bushkofsky  
Executive Director

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Dear Christ Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for your organization’s recent gift of \$600.00 to **Lutheran World Relief**! When you love your neighbors with your generous gift to LWR, you change lives in amazing ways.

For Walaa Ali al Ali, a Syrian refugee living in Lebanon, your love arrived in the form of a beehive. As the primary breadwinner for her family— including her mother, her developmentally disabled brother, a niece and a nephew— she struggled to find work amid Lebanon’s economic crisis. Her family was safe from the war in Syria, but they didn’t have access to adequate food or basic medical care.

Through LWR, Walaa enrolled in a livelihoods program for refugees and received all the training and supplies she needed to start a business as a beekeeper. With the money she earned, she also planted a vegetable garden to help feed her family. Now she’s earning enough to keep her family afloat, and she’s even training other women how to produce and sell honey.

Thank you for saving and transforming lives by loving your neighbors like Walaa!

We’d love to show you more examples of your gift in action. Please visit [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org) and sign up to receive the latest updates. If you have any questions, please contact us at (800) 597-5972 or [lwr@lwr.org](mailto:lwr@lwr.org).

Thank you again, and God bless you!

Warm Regards,  
Ambassador Daniel V. Speckhard (ret.)  
President and CEO

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Dear Regina Coons and Christ Lutheran Church,

We are sending you a warm thank you for your generous donation of satchels, knitting, time, and supplies to fill **Christmas-at-Sea** satchels.

As you know, some people celebrate Christmas through January 6. We continued to deliver Christmas-at-Sea satchels through the first week of January, when some crews on container ships reached the shore for the first time since the holidays. Many Eastern European merchant mariners enjoyed their satchels on Orthodox Christmas.

Thanks to your enthusiasm, we broke the record and were able to deliver 2,875 Christmas-at-Sea satchels this season! Thank you for having shared the joy of Christmas with seafarers who could not be with their loved ones. Your



satchels, knitted goods, and other donated supplies show them that we appreciate their sacrifice.

Please, check out our social media accounts on Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn to see posts of the happiness you brought to seafarers, who felt the spirit of the season because of your generosity.

Again, thanks for spreading joy this holiday season to people you may never meet, yet who provide vital services to all of us as they transport medicine, supplies, fuel, food—in short, 90% of world trade!

Wishing you all the best for 2023, the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of **Seafarers International House**’s mission to seafarers and to immigrants. More on that topic in correspondence throughout the year.

Henryk Behnke

Director of Development & Communications

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To the Congregation at Christ Lutheran Church:

**The Social Ministry Committee of St. John’s, Merrick** would like to thank your congregation for all the help you have given us in so many ways in the past year while doing our Social Ministry work. During these difficult times with Covid and a very small congregational attendance on Sundays, it has not been easy doing all the things our committee has set out to do. In fact, we couldn’t do so much without your help.

We were especially blessed with the food drive Deacon Roxanne Toomey had in the late fall. It was so generous of you to give your time and efforts. We were able to restock our pantry with the food, make up the Thanksgiving baskets for our pantry clients, use some for our cooking for the Freeport soup kitchen, and still have sufficient food that allowed us to give a generous amount to the Salvation Army in Freeport and to Lutheran Social Services.

We also receive food items from your congregants almost every week when those who help us with the bagel rescue ministry come to sort and bag the bagels. All that food is very helpful. The Salvation Army and Lutheran Social Services are both very grateful for the bagels that we bring them for their pantries.

The faithfulness of your ladies who come to help us with cooking for the INN soup kitchen in Freeport is invaluable. We really need to depend on them as we have so few members on our committee. Working together, we are able to provide a healthy, hearty meal for all the people who depend on the soup kitchen for food. We are especially

grateful for the donations of meat to use in our recipes. This saves us a tremendous amount of money.

Then there is working together with your Thrift Shop. Our people feel confident in giving their unneeded clothing and other items to your Thrift Shop, knowing it will help your church and the people who purchase things from it. We also appreciate the gifts that the ladies of the Thrift Shop send us.

We cherish the magnificent relationship that we have with Christ Lutheran Church, knowing that this is truly the way Christians should work together. I cannot thank you enough for all you do for our Outreach work.

May the new year bring your church prosperity along with a new pastor. We look forward to working with you in the new year and want you to know how much we appreciate all your help.

With Best Wishes to All, Sincerely,

Carol Schmidt, Chairman

Social Ministry Committee

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# BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

## February 5, 2023

Dear Members of the Christ Lutheran Congregation,

I wish to thank the church and our members who ordered Scout wreaths this past Christmas. The wreaths help offset the costs of providing the scouting program to our youth, which include events, equipment, awards, camping, etc.

The Scouts work very hard decorating the wreaths and have a fun time “creating their designs.” On behalf of the adult leaders, youth members, and myself, we thank you for your support, as without you we would not be able to have our troops or pack.

A special thank you to Hans, Barbara, Roxanne, and Della for the “extra” time they spent working with me this past year to help our youth and our strong scouting units. This year, our first girl Eagle Scout project was completed in the field next to the parking lot. The Scouts constructed two large garden planting boxes for our congregation to restart planting veggies and other foods. We are expecting our first girl Eagle Scout this year!

I’ve included a listing of our Cub Scout Pack 191, Troop 656-B, and our female Troop 656-G, which celebrated its second anniversary since its founding.

**Our scouting units have collectively provided over 128 years of service to our church, community, and our**





**youth.** This tremendous relationship allows us to further our mission each and every year.

I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge our Scout leaders and parents, who go to great lengths to see our programs succeed: Cubmaster Mike Kelly (Pack 191), Scoutmaster Jim Bloomfield (Troop 656-B), and Scoutmaster Neil MacDermott (Troop 656-G).

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Dee Bloomfield

*Listed below are the rosters for our Scout troops. Thank you for all you do for the congregation of our Church!*



**Cub Scout Pack 191**  
Chartered August 1, 1954  
69 Years of Service



**Adult Leaders:**

Chris Abel  
Dorothy Bloomfield  
James Bloomfield  
Fran Bruno  
Maryann DePaola  
Charleen Fitchl  
Eric Fitchl  
Colleen Gilmor  
Mike Kelly  
Chris Kugler  
Renee MacDermott

Jesse Malik  
Merri Ober  
Katie Pellegrino  
Antonio Pires  
Megan Ross  
Maria Totten  
Maribeth Widelo

**Youth Members:**

Brody Abel  
Xander Abel  
Koray Akturk  
Johnny Athanasopoulos  
Luke Boehm  
Matt DePaola  
Matt Feder  
Chris Fitchl  
Isabella Fitchl  
Rob Fox  
Madison Gao  
Michael Gao  
Connor Gilmor  
Jodh Malik  
Kellan MacDermott  
Mave Martin  
Charlie McDermott  
Jack Meinck

Jordin Nezamooddeen  
Daniel Ober  
Nicholas Pellegrino  
Zachary Pellegrino  
Cody Pierce  
Adriano Pires  
Max Reed  
Joshua Ross  
Kyle Ross  
Brett Schnitzer  
Anthony Segal  
Johnny Sottnik  
Jacob Soybelman  
Michael Travers  
Andrew Widelo  
Chris Widelo  
Sean Winters



**BSA Scout Troop 656**  
Chartered May 1, 1963  
60 Years of Service



**Adult Leaders:**

Harrison Balduf  
Mark Bliss  
Dorothy Bloomfield  
James Bloomfield  
Margaret Bloomfield  
Fran Bruno  
Corinna Divver  
Paul Divver  
Stefanie Fields  
Tom Fields  
Mike Kelly

Chris Kugler  
Neil MacDermott  
Paul McNamara  
April Mei  
Peter Mei  
Mike Moriarty  
John Neverka  
Margaret Neverka  
Cassy Santomauro  
Barry Stolzenberg

**Youth Members:**

John Bloomfield  
Ryan deHaan  
Andrew Divver  
Liam Fields  
Alex Fitchl  
Charles Hartmann  
Ethan Kugler

Anthony LaMuro  
Aiden MacDermott  
Ethan Mei  
Ryan Mei  
Nate O'Sullivan  
Terry O'Sullivan  
Tyler Santomauro



**BSA Scout Troop 656-G**  
Chartered February 1, 2021  
2 Years of Service



**Adult Leaders:**

Andrea Bliss  
Mark Bliss  
Dorothy Bloomfield  
James Bloomfield  
Margaret Bloomfield  
Fran Bruno

Corinna Divver  
Paul Divver  
Stefanie Fields  
Tom Fields  
Neil MacDermott  
Paul McNamara

**Youth Members:**

Carolina Bliss  
Emma Bloomfield  
Mary Bloomfield  
Ashley Breslin  
Lauren deHaan  
Ashley Divver

Grace Fields  
Reilyn MacDermott  
Victoria Odwazny  
Faith Stallone  
Khloe Taylor



# BE A STEWARD OF OUR CHURCH MISSION

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023, we celebrated **Stewardship Sunday**. This is a time for all people to reaffirm their faith in Jesus, and to respond to the abundance of God's gifts to us. One way in which we may show our gratitude is by intentionally planning our giving.

A steward is one who is trusted with the care of something precious by another. We as Christians are called to care for all that God has given us, through our time, our talent, and our treasure. This is a message that, by nature, we resist. It is all too easy for us to think of all that we have as *ours and ours alone*. Yet, a life lived in the fullness of God requires the realization that we are called to look beyond our selfish inclinations so that we may serve His creation. God is the one who makes all things possible. Responsible Christian stewardship means giving back some of what was first given to us.

Our Church has been financially impacted, as have so many of us, by these unprecedented times. If we respond in kind, by giving as we are able, each of us ensures the continued success of Christ Lutheran Church. Accompanied with this message is an Estimate of Giving Card for your use. Your completed card may be submitted to the Church office. Please take time to thoughtfully consider how you might monetarily support our Church mission.

As always, we are grateful for the generous support of our congregation.

Sincerely,

Christ Lutheran Church Congregational Council

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

### 2023 ESTIMATE OF GIVING - PERSONAL COPY

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Keep this portion with your offering envelopes as a reminder of your estimate of giving. Thank you for your giving to support of the ministries of our church.

**CURRENT** \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Week

Mission in the Parish

**MISSION SUPPORT** \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Week

Mission in the World

**PIM FUND** \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Week

Property Improvement & Maintenance

**TOTAL: \$\_\_\_\_\_ per Week**

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Return this portion to the Church office.



# PROPERTY REPORT – FEB 2023

Our **Volunteer Retiree Group** continues to perform any maintenance and/or improvement items on the “Office” To-Do list, or that we are notified about or uncover ourselves, and can accomplish without professional help.

Our recent activities have included:

- Winter has curtailed any further Cement patching and trim painting until spring.
- We uncovered a **“pole electrical issue”** with the **Sanctuary Christmas tree**, causing unsync’d white/red-green and dark sections. We managed to provide illumination by adding spare light strings, on hand, to cover us through the Christmas season. We determined that a new tree was required for next year and the best time to buy was the after Christmas sales. We found a perfect \$1,400 9’ fir, last one on display, in **Hicks** on sale for \$699, pre-Christmas. For a quick sale, we negotiated a post Christmas clearance price with the management and got it for **only \$299** (Mem) Delivered. Upon de-frocking the church, we packaged and removed the old tree to the trash, and set-up the new one for next year, before moving it to the Loggia storage closet. We also purchased a new Star Topper (Mem\$21) all ready for next year.
- **We removed all the outside Christmas** lawn decorations, window spotlights, and Sanctuary door light bars, and moved into proper storage.
- We assisted in the **de-frocking of the Sanctuary** and moved numerous boxes to storage in the Loggia Closet or Old Choir loft cabinet.
- **We Refurbished** a couple of clogged hands free **soap dispensers**.
- Parking lot intrusion is occurring due to the lack of proper lighting. We replaced a bad lamppost light bulb (PIM\$12) and we ordered and installed a new motion/spot light arrangement (PIM\$49) on the back corner pole, all controlled by the basement time clock.
- We changed the batteries on the **Room 10 ladies room hands free faucet**, and ordered and installed a new **battery eliminator** (PIM\$17) to replace them altogether.
- We uncovered **water in the parsonage basement**, coming from a partially open sprinkler valve, caused when it uncoupled from the exit pipe due to a cold solder joint. A call to our plumber Quinn 826-3253 fixed the issue and we thank Vinny for mopping up the water.
- We **sprayed an Ammonia/Water mix on the mold**, which was starting to grow up one wall in the **Parsonage Basement** utility area. We will re-apply as necessary.
- We moved the Flower Stands to storage.

Retirees

## **RESEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LONG RANGE PROJECTS**

- \* Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary.**
- \* Research the replacement of the wine stained **Altar Carpeting.**
- \* Research extending the **lawn sprinklers** to cover the East side of Steinbicker **after grass restoration.**
- \* Research the possibility and costs to remove and **refurbish the Original Steeple Bell and Cradle.**

## **MISCELLANEOUS THINGS TO DO**

See Roger, Bob R, Bill, Craig, Gene, Bob H, or Vinny if you can help:

- \*Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- \***Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker.** Stones to pit?, Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor. "Scout Project?"
- \*Repair numerous **Cement issues** around the property. (Back walk, Pit wall, Pointing, Washes
- \* Price professional intervention to **repair** a rear yard broken and sinking sidewalk square,
- \***Research and arrange** for a "**Seal coating**" and re-stripping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. **(Council - DELAYED)**
- \* Cleanup and clean out the lower shop area. **(WKG)**
- \* Cleanup and clean out Room 100.
- \* Gather and discard all the "old" latex paint for the next "STOP" date.
- \* Investigate and strengthen the **Altar screen Filigree panels** which are **showing signs of looseness and cracking.**
- \* Prepare and paint the **Front Education building entrance trim. (Spring)**
- \* **Touch-up the Room 10/20 trim,** missed by the painters and paint the new flagpole light socket (spring)
- \* Prepare and **paint** the rusting "Loggia - Yard" steel door frame
- \* Prepare and **paint** all the steel window header mantles.
- \* Prepare and **paint** the Room 2000 back door frame and rear shed frame.
- \* Spray additional "Flex-Seal" on the Southeast and South wall bases of the Ed. Building to prevent leakage.
- \* Re-spray the rusting rooftop A/C Ducts with Aluminum Rustoleum ©.
- \* Cement the loose floor tiles at the top of the North Steinbicker staircase.

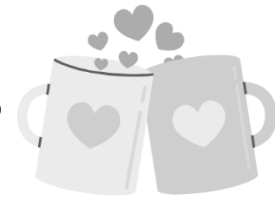
2023 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, February 5, 2023 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
BOY SCOUT SUNDAY				
Sun, February 12, 2023 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green)	Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens	B. Rath's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander M. Soethout	The Murphy Family
Sun, February 19, 2023 The Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00AM Service (White)	John Gross Craig Sparke	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	Julia Juergens & Family
Wed, February 22, 2023 Ash Wednesday 7:30PM Service (Purple)	<u>Special Service:</u> Contact the Church office if you are available to serve.	<u>Special Service:</u> Contact the Church office if you are available to serve.		No Coffee Hour
Sun, February 26, 2023 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	D. Ohlander's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath	Kim & Liam O'Connor
Sun, March 5, 2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Eric Juergens John Gross	B. Rath's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	Eileen Colton

2023 WORSHIP DATES	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
February 5, 2023	Madeline Murphy	Dee Bloomfield
February 12, 2023	Kyler Biesma	Nancy Pisani
February 19, 2023	Charlie Kuchynskas	TBD - Confirm with Church Office
February 22, 2023 *7:30PM Service*	James Heron	Nancy Pisani
February 26, 2023	Charlotte Heron	TBD - Confirm with Church Office
March 5, 2023	Gracie Franz	Nancy Pisani

\*Communion Assistants are needed- Please contact the Church office if interested. There are no greeters until further notice.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>29</div> <div></div>	<div>30</div> <div></div>	<div>31</div> <div></div>	<div>1</div> <div>1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
<div>5</div> <div><div>Boy Scout Sunday</div><div>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</div></div>	<div>6</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>7</div> <div>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>8</div> <div>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>9</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Finance Meeting</div>	<div>10</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
<div>12</div> <div>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</div>	<div>13</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 7pm - Worship &amp; Music 8pm - Council Meeting @</div>	<div>14</div> <div><div>Valentine's Day</div><div>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div></div>	<div>15</div> <div>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>16</div> <div><div>Spire Submission Deadline</div><div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 1pm - Nursery Board</div></div>	<div>17</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>18</div> <div>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
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<div>CNS February Break</div>						
<div>No Sunday School</div>	<div>Church Office Closed</div>	<div>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>Asst Wednesday- Lent Begins</div>	<div>9:30am - Spire Mailing Rm. 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
<div>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</div>	<div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and President's Day</div>	<div>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7:30pm - Worship Service</div>			
<div>26</div> <div>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</div>	<div>27</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>28</div> <div>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>1</div> <div></div>	<div>2</div> <div></div>	<div>3</div> <div></div>	<div>4</div> <div></div>

# Nursery School News, February 2023



January brought us colder temperatures and crafts that were winter white. As the temperatures dropped things really heated up in our classrooms. Snowmen filled many of the classrooms as it became abundantly clear that winter was indeed here. The children decorated their classrooms with all things winter, including snowmen, winter animals, hats and mittens.

In our pre-nursery programs, the children are taking great strides in socialization. They are really mastering playing with each other and sharing. They enjoyed doing some winter-themed projects and learning some fun winter songs. It is such a pleasure to watch these little ones grow throughout the year. They have done an amazing job adjusting to the extended school day that began January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The three-year-old classes were busy making snowmen, matching mittens and other fun winter projects to decorate their classrooms. They continue learning their colors, shapes and how to spell their names. The goal is that they know all their colors, shapes and how to spell their names by June. They have also started cutting and following the directions on how to hold a scissor and use their helping hand.

In our four-year-old classrooms, we rang in the new year with some resolutions and a little new year's celebration. Then it was full steam ahead into our letters, numbers and winter fun. The children are continuing to master all the letter sounds and recognition of all the letters for kindergarten. They have been working diligently and it shows. The children are well on their way to being Kindergarten ready. They listen and execute 4-5 step directions in a large group to make some beautiful projects. Some of the projects included snowmen complete with falling snow and a unit on penguins.

January is the month we do our assessments of the children to see where they stand and what needs to be done to get them ready for the following year. All the children were on target and meetings were available for the parents to come to speak with the teachers and address any concerns they might have.

**Open enrollment for all our nursery programs started on January 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, for our 2023/2024 school year. We have a variety of programs to offer 2's, 3's and 4-year-olds. Please feel free to reach out to me at [CNSdirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:CNSdirector@clcwantagh.org) for any further information on our programs, or to register your children.**

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## February 2023

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## Coming in February .

February 1<sup>st</sup>: WELCA Meeting, 1:00PM, Room 2000

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10:00AM-2:00PM

February 5<sup>th</sup>: Boy Scout Sunday

February 9<sup>th</sup>: Finance Meeting, 5:00PM

February 13<sup>th</sup>: Worship & Music, 7:00PM and Council Meeting, 8:00PM

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Happy Valentine's Day!

February 16<sup>th</sup>: March Spire Submission Deadline

February 16<sup>th</sup>: Nursery Board Meeting, 1:00PM

February 20<sup>th</sup>: President's Day - Church Office Closed

February 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: CNS February Break

February 22<sup>nd</sup>: Ash Wednesday Worship Service, 7:30PM (The Season of Lent Begins)

February 23<sup>rd</sup>: March Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

Wednesdays: Bell Choir, 7:00PM and Adult Choir, 8:00PM

