

# The Spire

The Newsletter of  
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY  
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## November 2022

Dear Friends,

About sixteen years ago, two members of our congregation had an idea for a new outreach ministry of the church: to open a Thrift Shop. Those two members were Jeri Hallgren and Barbara Rath. From that humble start, where they hoped they might raise \$80 on that first weekend, to today, where the Thrift Shop averages about \$1,000 of income each week, this ministry has become an important of what Christ Lutheran Church is.

The Thrift Shop has amazing volunteers, past and present, who are dedicated to making sure that the entire operation runs smoothly. Every Friday morning, the traffic on Island Road and Church Road is newsworthy. Many of the Thrift Shop's customers are regulars, coming from as far away as Queens from the west and Suffolk County to the east.

But this ministry does more than just provide important financial support to the church. A significant portion of the Thrift Shop's inventory is given to other charitable organizations. Individuals that are in need are given coats and other clothing items to help them out when even our nominal price is too much.

Many people are surprised to hear that the average weekly \$1,000 income is based on sales of \$0.25, \$0.50 and \$1.00. The inventory is constantly being replenished. As quickly as items are sold, people bring more items to the Thrift Shop to fill the clothing racks and the shelves again.

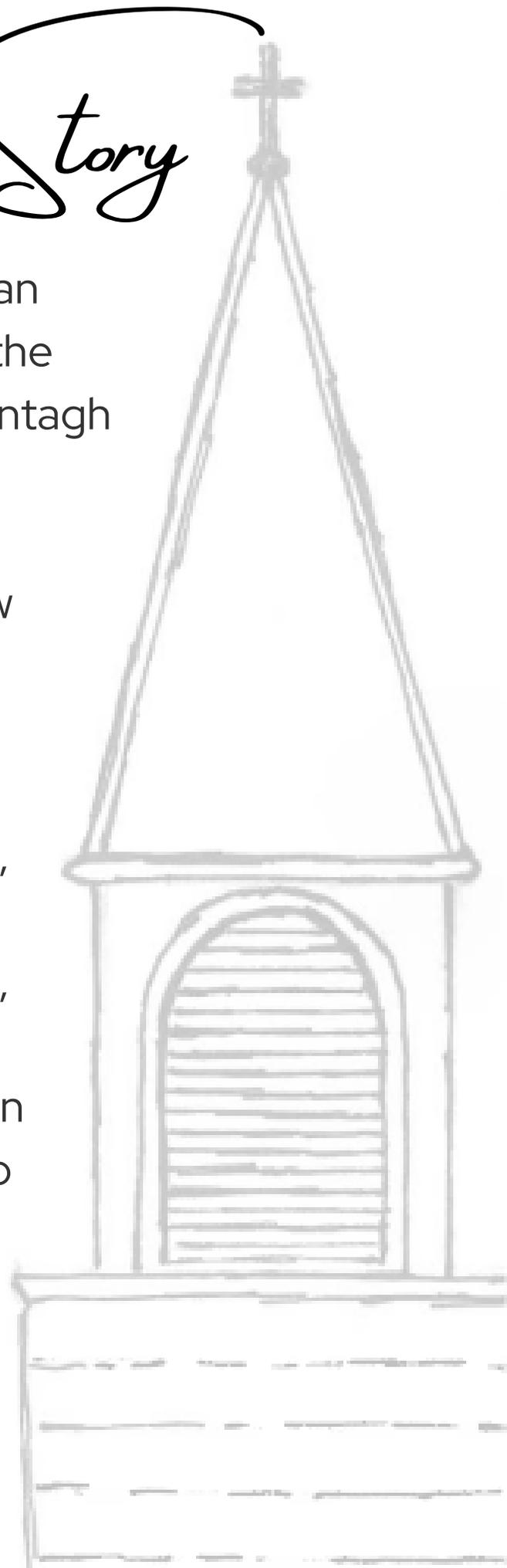
But after sixteen years of dedicated service to this important ministry, Jeri and Barbara have asked to step back. The Church Council has begun discussions on how we can move forward and keep this vital ministry going. We encourage members of the congregation to think about possible solutions and share their ideas with the Church Council. Keeping the Thrift Shop operating also has important implications for our operating budget. Over the years, the Thrift Shop has raised over \$600,000. This year alone, the Thrift Shop will support our operating budget by contributing \$44,000. But more than money, it has helped thousands of people over these sixteen years in ways that can't be measured monetarily. We hope that we can keep this ministry going for many more years.

Hans Vogel

# Christ Lutheran's Story

On Thanksgiving Day, 1926, a Lutheran service was held for the first time at the St. John of Jerusalem Chapel on Wantagh Avenue. The chapel, built in the mid-1800's by local farming families, had gone unused for some time. This new congregation, comprised of a new generation of Wantagh residents, gave themselves the name Christ Lutheran Church. By the early 1930's, a plot of land on Island and Beverly Roads, now Island and Church Roads, was purchased for the building of a larger church, which was dedicated on April 17, 1940. From our beginnings to today, the congregation of Christ Lutheran has served Wantagh with grace and love for 96 years.

Artwork by Lynn Hasteadt



# PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

## Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Frances McMillan**

Given by: **Norma Mantay**

## GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

### November Birthdays

- 3: Lynn Deere
- 6: Keith Wehr
- 9: Marilyn Miller
- 11: Vincent Rao
- 11: Mary Ann Welch
- 13: Barbara Grieser
- 13: Alyssa Soethout
- 16: Juliana Fisher
- 19: Emmy Grenzic
- 21: Emma Nicole Bloomfield
- 22: James Sheridan



### November Anniversaries

- 7: Megan & Jack Daniels
- 17: Barbara & Roy Stone
- 24: Lynn & Leroy Deere

**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

- The return of weekly **Coffee Hour** has been a great success! We see a large turnout every Sunday, with members of all ages. We are grateful to everyone who has volunteered to host a Coffee Hour so far, and to the members who continue to lend a helping hand each week. **There are several Sundays in 2022-2023 which are still in need of a host.** We encourage all church members and organizations to host at least one Sunday. Without our hosts, there would be no Coffee Hour! Please speak with Jan Eastlund or Della Rao if you are interested.
- **The Country Fair** has already proven to be one of our best yet. At the time of writing, there is plenty of bustle around Steinbicker as we excitedly prepare for Fair weekend. Thanks to several local businesses, individual donations, and our Thrift Shop, we have over sixty raffle prizes this year! **Regina Coons** has spent months putting together each basket, and she's done a beautiful job. **Hans & Laura Vogel** were kind enough to donate a week's stay at their Orlando condo again this year, and we are sure this will be a popular raffle. For the first time, we will have a Pumpkin Patch with pumpkin painting! Thank you to **Barbara & Bob Rath**, who donated the pumpkins. There are plenty of returning favorites as well, such as the Cookie Walk, Tool Time, the boutique table, and our café. We are indebted to **Our Fair Committee**, whose dedication and hard work are the heart and soul of this event. We are confident that this year's Fair will allow for us to raise plenty of funds for our ministries, as well as some great causes. A full report will be available in next month's Spire.
- With the holiday season right around the corner, our **Parish Outreach** is busy in the best way. At the time of writing, our **Fall Food Drive** is in full swing. All members are encouraged to contribute items or monetary donations to purchase them. Food donations can be dropped off at the marked bin in the loggia. In the last weekend of October, members of our congregation and the Christian Education Program will set up a table outside Stop & Shop in Merrick and solicit donations from the community. We look forward to publishing a report of our success in next month's

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Spire. Keep an eye out for upcoming outreach projects, such as **Mr. Mittens** and our **shut-in deliveries**. Remember, it is *your* contributions and compassion which allow us to lovingly serve our neighbors.

- For the first time, Christ Lutheran and The Christian Nursery School will participate in the Wantagh Chamber's **Winter Wonderland Fair!** The Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30PM-5:30PM at the Wantagh Historical Preservation Society (the Railroad Museum). All those participating must arrive by **noon**. Featured at the Fair will be a collection of handcrafted and non-craft items from our neighboring businesses, just in time for your holiday shopping. **A big thank you to our Knitwits**, who have graciously donated blankets for us to sell! If you'd like to participate, please contact the Church office.
- On December 11<sup>th</sup> during worship, our Christian Education Program will host a **Christmas Pageant!** Thank you to **Jessica Heron** for coordinating. If your family would like to participate, please speak with Jessica or contact the Church office.
- And, speaking of Christmas... We are glad to say that our very own **Pastor Martin Nale** will lead us in Christmas worship this year! Please see the worship schedule on page 6. A Christmas donation envelope is included with your Spire. Please consider the true reason for the season, and allow Christ's love to shine through your giving.

## CLC Youth News

- Thank you to our Scouts for volunteering their time to help with Fair set-up! The Scouts' Annual Fall Clean-Up is on **Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. And, finally... our favorite Scout fundraiser of the year is here! Enclosed in your Spire is a **Christmas Wreath** order form.
- The Christian Education Program has been actively involved with our Fall Food Drive. Preparations are also joyfully underway for our **Christmas Pageant on December 11<sup>th</sup>**. We look forward to seeing you there!
- The Christian Nursery School has partnered with **White Post Farms** for their fall fundraiser. Fresh pies, breads, soups, and more are available to order. These items will be ready for pickup here at the Church just in time for Thanksgiving! If you'd like to place an order, please submit the form enclosed in your Spire to the Church or Nursery School office by **November 10<sup>th</sup>**.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **Security Update:** The Nursery School will proceed with a walkie-talkie system. Our security cameras are operational, and church staff, members, and volunteers are adapting to the entry and sign-in protocols.
- **Weapons Policy:** Under recently-enacted NYS law, guns are forbidden on church and nursery school property, regardless of carry permits. The church will post nondescript "safety zone" signage near church and school entrances to provide notification of this policy.
- **Online Giving:** Preparations are underway with Vanco to launch the church's online giving platform. Further details will be provided to the congregation soon.
- **Winter Wonderland Fair:** CLC and The Nursery School will participate in this outdoor event, hosted by the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce. The Fair will be held on **Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>** from 12:30PM-5:30PM at the Wantagh Historical Preservation Society (the Railroad Museum). We will set up a table for community outreach and to share information about our ministries. Volunteers are welcome and appreciated!
- **Tech Literacy Workshop:** This new workshop will be taught by Della Rao. Many in the congregation have expressed interest already. This will be an opportunity to learn tech basics and tips on social media, email, texting, and much more. The workshops will be held in Room 2000, with dates and times TBD. More to follow!
- **Nursery Board Highlights:** The Nursery School teachers will attend the Annual Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) Conference on **Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>**. There are no classes this day. The keynote presentation will be delivered by Ret. Sgt. Louis Rapoli of the NYPD's Counter-Terrorism Unit. This presentation will focus on "high consequence events" in churches and schools, with Q&A to follow. The presentation will be held on Zoom from 12:15PM-1:15PM. LSA has opened this presentation to all interested Council members and church staff for a \$10 contribution per person.

## 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 November 5<sup>th</sup>**. Donations to the thrift shop are always accepted. We appreciate your contributions. ***Please note that we are open on "Black Friday," November 25<sup>th</sup>!***



## ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Cold Cereal - Cooking Oil - Hot Cereal - Crackers  
Pudding Mix - Coffee - Tea Bags - Progresso Soup  
Egg Noodles - Spaghetti - Chef Boyardee - Tuna Helper  
Instant Mashed Potatoes - Chicken Broth - Canned Chicken  
Stewed Tomatoes - Canned Salmon

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.



## PRAYER LIST

*We Remember Especially...*

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - Bud Bilewich  
James Cathcart - Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo  
Sue Costanzo - Marge Dahlberg - Mike Dauth - Joan Drake  
Joanne Drenckhahn - Charlie Fisher - Bob Freyer  
Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser  
Joe Hanna - Bill Henderson - Arnold Howard  
Carolyn Howard - Jennifer Kenning  
Elaine Quigley Levano - Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea  
William McShea - Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller  
James Pallas - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Catherine Rao  
Bob Rath - Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly  
Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice  
Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan - Christopher Schwarz  
Doris Spiegle - Michael Steadman - 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

WELCA had a very busy month as we excitedly prepared for the Country Fair. We are extremely thankful for all of the volunteers who have come together to make this a success. *We hope to see all of you on Fair weekend!*

Also on our radar is our Anniversary Luncheon! The Luncheon will be held at Villa D'Aqua on **Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 PM.** If you would like to attend, please submit an RSVP form with your \$27pp payment by October 26<sup>th</sup>. The form is on page 8 of your Spire, with extra

copies available in the Church office. All ladies are welcome to attend!

WELCA will not hold a general meeting in November. Details on the next WELCA Bible study will be published in the bulletin. *We wish you all a blessed Thanksgiving and Advent season!*

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School:** It's hard to believe that the holiday season is fast approaching. Thanksgiving is just a few short weeks away! Soon, we'll be teaching our Sunday School students all about the time of Advent and the importance of the Christmas season. We were overjoyed when our own **Jessica Heron** offered to coordinate a Christmas Pageant, which our students will participate in. We hope you will join us on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>** to see their hard work! The joy of giving is something we hear a lot about this time of year, and we're happy to see our students take an enthusiastic part in many service opportunities. They are very excited about the Fall Food Drive, and were very interested to learn about what a food pantry is, and how it helps our neighbors. The Sunday School will also take part in Mr. Mittens, as well as a few other charitable drives with outside organizations. All this helps our students to learn through experience what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus. There is always an open seat at the table, so if you would like to register your child, please speak with Claudia Gross or Della Rao. *Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

**Confirmation:** Our Confirmation students are hard at work both in and out of the classroom. The seventh-grade class, taught by Roxanne Toomey, is currently learning about influential figures of the Old Testament. The eighth-grade class, taught by Della Rao, is wrapping up its unit on The Reformation and Lutheranism. Both classes are participating in the Fall Food Drive, and some of our students have also volunteered their time with the Country Fair. They also will participate in other service projects this winter season, including serving at a soup kitchen. Unfortunately, Acolytes was put on hold this month in order to allow Jim Spiegle to care for his mother, Doris, who is ill. We pray for her recovery. The Confirmation Program still has spots available, and we welcome all young people who have made their First Communion to join us. Please speak with Della Rao or Roxanne Toomey for more information. *We wish your family a blessed Thanksgiving!*



**Stop & Shop:** Thank you to all those who will represent Christian Education by manning the table at Stop & Shop in Merrick on October 29<sup>th</sup> as part of the Fall Food Drive!

**Coffee Hour:** The Christian Education Program will host Coffee Hour on Reformation Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of our families for participating!

## THRIVENT FINANCIAL

**Country Fair:** Thank you to everyone who supported the Country Fair. Special thanks go to all the wonderful bakers who made such a variety of delicious cookies for the "Cookie Walk," which is always a popular table at the Fair. The beautiful crafts made by members, former members, and friends of our church were a big hit. Thanks also go to everyone who donated items for the raffle baskets, jewelry table, Tool Time, and the Thrift Shop. The outreach programs that will benefit from the fair, in addition to our ministries here, are The Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN), Lutheran Disaster Relief, Tunnel to Towers Foundation, and United Service Organizations (USO). Thank you, too, to Thrivent Financial for the \$250 seed money, which provided for our startup expenses. We look forward to sharing our full success in a future edition of the Spire.

**Live Generously:** This year, many people have struggled to put food on their tables because of the impact of COVID-19 and the high rate of inflation. Food insecurity impacts all communities, including our own. In order to do our part, our congregation is participating in a Fall Food Drive. All members of the congregation are encouraged to donate food items or to contribute monetarily towards purchasing them. Food items can be left in the designated bin in the loggia. At the time of writing, we are preparing to man a table at Stop & Shop in Merrick, where we will ask for donations to this cause. Members of the congregation and families from our Christian Education Program will participate. We will meet on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-12PM. If you are interested in participating, please call **Roxanne Toomey** at 516-728-7810 or **Jan Eastlund** at 516-781-0491. Our collection, when finished, will go to local food pantries, as well as toward Thanksgiving baskets for their clients. Our collection will also be used in part to provide the INN with the materials needed for their soup kitchen's Thanksgiving dinner. A big thank-you goes to Thrivent Financial, which contributed \$250 in financial assistance for running the Food Drive and purchasing food items. Additionally, if we are among the first 100 groups to collect at least 500 items, Thrivent will give \$500 to the local food

pantries we've selected. Please be generous in your support and help us meet this goal!

**To All Thrivent Members:** Be on the lookout for information concerning the upcoming elections for the Regional and National Board of Directors. You may vote by email or online. Ballots must be submitted by November 21<sup>st</sup>.

## FROM THE KNITWITS...

The mystery continues... Another twenty knitted hats appeared at Thrift waiting for me! *Who are you?*

And now for an angel we all know... **Betty Callahan!** Our dear friend Betty came for a quick visit from Connecticut, bearing gifts! She brought fifty-two of the most beautiful neonatal blankets anyone could want! They have different colors, patterns, and are even accessorized with buttons and bows. They will be delivered in December. Betty, God bless her, also brought twenty-six infant bibs, eighteen toddler bibs, and forty adult bibs to sell at the Fair! They are just adorable. Gals, you may remember when Betty and I made bibs for all at one of the WELCA potluck dinners. These have so many designs for you to enjoy. I have some fleece throws that Betty also made for us.

Please continue to do your part, and please stop by the Fair!

- Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663

## CLC HISTORY



On Thanksgiving Day, 1926, our congregation celebrated its first worship service at the old St. John of Jerusalem Chapel on Wantagh Avenue. While much about our community and congregation has changed in these 96 years, our commitment to serving Wantagh and beyond in grace and love remains stronger than ever. *Happy Anniversary!*



## DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour! *Helpful Hint: All "smart devices" will automatically update time.*

## ELECTION DAY

Election Day is on **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Church office will be open as usual. We encourage you to do your civic duty and vote. Polls open at 6AM and close at 9PM. To find your polling place or check your registration status, visit the NYS Board of Elections voter lookup page at [voterlookup.elections.ny.gov](http://voterlookup.elections.ny.gov).

## O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

*Save the Dates for Christmas Worship!*

**Pageant:** Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, During Service

**Christmas Eve:** Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**5:30PM & 8PM Services Led by Pastor Martin Nale**

Our Christmas Pageant and Christmas Eve services will be uploaded to YouTube and livestreamed on Facebook for those who wish to participate from home. Please note that there will be **no in-person worship on Christmas Day.**

## THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

*Save the Date!* The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held after service on **Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

Church committees and organizations are encouraged to start compiling their year-end reports **now**. Please speak with Council or with the Church office if you have any questions. **Reports are due on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Year-end reports are required from the following:**

Building/Property - Christian Education - Evangelism

Fellowship - Finance - Fundraising - Nursery Board

Outreach - Pastor/Parish Relations - Personnel

Social Media - Stewardship - Thrift Shop

Transition - Worship & Music - Youth - WELCA

Altar Guild - Counters

In order to hold the Annual Meeting, a minimum of **ten percent** of the Church membership must be in attendance. Christian Education classes will not be held on this day. Please do all you can to be available. *The future of Christ Lutheran depends upon decisions made here!*

## ARE YOU AN ACTIVE

## CHURCH MEMBER?

Are you an active church member? This means:

- You worship regularly;
- You serve God and other members of your community responsibly and faithfully;
- You give your time, talent, and treasure to further the church's mission in your community and throughout the world.

According to CLC's Constitution and Bylaws, an active member is defined as an individual who, during the past three years (**not** including the present year):

- Received Communion with the congregation or from Christ Lutheran's Pastor(s);
- Made a contribution of record to the congregation.

**Please fill out a Communion card once per year.** A Communion card is included with your Spire, and cards are always kept in the Sanctuary. Your card may be left in the offering baskets (in the back of the Sanctuary) during worship. If you do not have an envelope number to record your contribution, please contact the Church office or speak with Barbara Stone. Thank you for your cooperation!

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCHES!

- **St. David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park** will hold their Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM-4PM.
- **St. Jude Episcopal Church in Wantagh** will hold their Country Fair on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM-4PM.
- **St. Frances de Chantal R.C. Church in Wantagh** will host free health screenings by St. Francis Hospital's outreach team on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM-2PM. No appointment is required.
- **St. Bernard's R.C. Church in Levittown** will hold their Advent Craft Market on Saturday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, from 9AM-4PM.





On All Saints Day, the church commemorates the lives of extraordinary people now entrusted to God's heavenly care. This year, we continue our tradition of honoring our own departed loved ones with our Lights of Love tribute. This year, All Saints Day and Lights of Love will be observed at 9AM worship service on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

For a donation of **\$5 per name**, your loved one's name(s) will be listed in the bulletin and displayed in the narthex. All proceeds will be donated to Good Shepherd Hospice of Long Island. To participate, please return the cut-off form below with your donation to the Church office no later than **Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**.

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**LIGHTS OF LOVE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>**

Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_

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

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed (\$5 Each): \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>.  
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## VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY



Are you a United States military veteran? If so, please let us know! We will once again be honoring our servicemembers during worship. All veterans and their families are invited to join us on Veterans Recognition Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to participate in this special tradition, please return the cut-off form below to the Church office no later than **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please be sure to indicate your service branch, number of years served, and rank (if applicable). You may also specify if you'd like to be involved as a worship assistant. We look forward to showing you our gratitude!

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**VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY:  
 NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**Yes! I am a United States military Veteran.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Years Served: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes! I would like to assist during service.**

Usher

Communion Assistant

Lector (Reading the Lessons)

PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>.  
 3384 ISLAND ROAD, WANTAGH, NEW YORK 11793



Join Us for WELCA's  
*Anniversary Luncheon*



Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00PM

Villa D'Aqua Restaurant

2565 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore, NY 11710

(About 1mi. South of Merrick Road, on the Left)

Phone: 516-308-4900

\$27 per Person, Includes:

Soup or Salad

Choice of Entrée:

*Chicken, Veal, Seafood, or Pasta Special*

Coffee and Dessert

Please Make All Checks Out to WELCA.

If you plan to attend, please return the cut-off form below with your payment to Regina, Claudia, or Lilly Ann by **Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. We hope to see you there!

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**WELCA'S ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON:**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Yes! I plan on attending the Luncheon.**

**I have a enclosed a check made out to WELCA.**

PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>TH</sup>.

Scout Troop 656  
**CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE**



*It's the most wonderful time of the year!*

Ring in the Christmas season with a fresh, decorated wreath! The proceeds from this fundraiser allow our Scouts to defray the costs of their activities in the year ahead. Your contribution makes a beautiful gift for you or a loved one, and a lasting one for our church's youth! If you are interested in purchasing a wreath, please submit the cut-off form below with your payment to the Church office by **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**.

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**SCOUT CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Wreaths: \_\_\_\_\_ (**\$20 per Wreath**)

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make all checks out to BSA Troop 656.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DEE  
BLOOMFIELD AT 516-369-3981.

PLEASE RETURN BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.

*Thank you for supporting our youth!*



# A TRUE THANKSGIVING:

## MARTIN LUTHER ON GIVING THANKS

*Written by Timothy J. Wengert for **Living Lutheran**.*

“For all of this I owe it to God to thank and praise, serve and obey him.” With these words in his Small Catechism, Martin Luther concludes his paraphrase of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed. The point is clear: We owe God thanks for all God gives to us.

But there is a trap here that we can easily fall into. Just because we ought to do something for God doesn’t mean we can do it—or, in Luther’s succinct language: “*An ‘ought’ never implies a ‘can.’*”

The problem with thanksgiving (let alone praise, service and obedience) is twofold. On the one hand, we try to turn it into a “must,” and we put on our smiley face and say thank you. Every time my Aunt Gladys gave me wool socks for Christmas, I was faced with the same dilemma: I had to write a thank-you note, but I wasn’t really thankful at all. Hypocritical thanksgiving is the very opposite of true thanks.

On the other hand, we imagine that we can manufacture true thanksgiving on our own, and we take credit for being thankful (or feel guilty when we aren’t). But this isn’t true thanksgiving either.

Like all Christian good works, thanksgiving comes spontaneously. We’ve experienced this with children or grandchildren. When they are truly thankful, it’s written all over their faces and they come running up to us with hugs and kisses. Otherwise, their parents whisper in their ears, “Come on, say thank you!” To which they moan, “Thanks for the socks.” So, too, with God.

What creates thanksgiving is not our attitude but God’s gifts. That is why, in his explanation of “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth” from the First Article, Luther lists all the things he can think of that God has specifically given him: body and soul with their physical and mental capacities, shoes, clothing, food, drink, house, farm (by this time his wife, Katie, was beginning to purchase land to grow food for the expanding household and their many guests), wife, children, fields, livestock, property and all necessities for life.

Though our lists may vary, true thanksgiving arises not from our work at “being thankful” but out of God’s gifts, which include protection from “all danger ... and evil,”

as Luther goes on to say in the Small Catechism. Luther doesn’t mean to suggest that nothing bad will ever befall us, only that, when we are shielded from harm, danger and evil, this protection comes from God.

If you want to be thankful but you can’t do it, make a list of God’s gifts of creation. Or use Luther’s—you’ll run out of ink and paper before you get to the bottom, and like him, you may suddenly realize that “all this is done out of pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness of mine at all” (First Article).

Some people concentrate on the word “Father” when explaining this article. Luther instead concentrates on the word “creator” and turns “Father” into an adjective: “fatherly.” In 1531, when Luther added an explanation to the words “Our Father in heaven,” his oldest child was 5 and he had discovered his own fatherly heart. “With these words God wants to attract us,” he writes (introduction to the Lord’s Prayer).

In the Bible, we deal with loving children and a loving, divine parent. Thanksgiving will come spontaneously as we discover this “pure, fatherly, and divine goodness and mercy.”

But still we fail. We take so much for granted, or we fake it, or we break our arms patting ourselves on the back. That’s when a second aspect of Luther’s explanation comes to our rescue in the form of the Second Article of the Creed: there Luther repeats the word “ought” or “owe” but in ways that are nearly impossible to capture in English. Jesus Christ “has purchased and freed me ... not with gold or silver but ... with his innocent (in German, *unschuld*, meaning “non-owed”) suffering and death.”

***We owe everything to God.*** Jesus, truly human and divine, owed God nothing but gave up everything for us. The result, according to Luther? “He has done all this in order that I may ... serve him in eternal ... innocence.” There’s that word again. We belong to Jesus, we live in his kingdom, and he frees us from debt.

Thanksgiving arises not because we owe it to God—even though we do—but spontaneously, because Jesus made us his own and frees us to “thank and praise, serve and obey.” Amen! Or, as Luther paraphrased that word in this same explanation, “This is most certainly true.”



# PROPERTY REPORT – NOV 2022

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

Our recent activities have included:

- **We activated the two Steinbicker basement De-Humidifiers and the room 10 one, in September**, that we overlooked during the LED re-lamp project.
- We uncovered a **hands-free soap dispenser MISSING** from a lower Steinbicker bathroom wall, with the wall bracket also removed. We replaced the unit with a spare on hand, and re-ordered a replacement.
- We sealed a few cracked areas of the **Steinbicker Stairway** missed by the cement folks. We re-pointed some bricks on the South Sanctuary wall. We initiated a project to restore the Thrift Shop, Sanctuary, and 2000 stairway side “Washes”.
- We moved multiple items from the Ed Bldg basement, to the street for special P/U.
- We updated and placed the “**Fair**” **Pumpkin Sign on the lawn**. We re-positioned it following the Ian wind damage, and will remove it to storage after the fair.
- We removed the lawn Canopy cover and took it to the rear shed storage.
- **We scraped and prepared the lower South Stairwell wall and re-painted it.**
- We uncovered the Thrift Shop Door Bell button “painted/sealed” over and un-repairable. We ordered a new unit and installed it.
- We replaced **the missing bulbs in the rear Parsonage garage motion light** and tested it OK. We also replaced the **missing bulbs on the side garage unit** and tested it OK. We purchased a **new motion unit to replace the old broken “non-motion” center Parsonage yard** fixture. While we located the C/B, (#7, kitchen) we could not find any switch that, we know, controlled it originally, or it would have always be on. Upon testing, we also uncovered the fixture was mis-wired like 2-black with no neutral. Upon further inspection, we uncovered that the Kitchen north box included a **dimmer for the hi-hats** and a switch for the light and fan. Wires that look like they could be the outside switch wires are capped and a new Fan switch is now occupying its position using unknown other old wiring. The south kitchen box contains all capped wires, a dummy switch and a “**Dimmer remote**”, also used to control the hi-hats “looking like a three way”. We asked that the Contractor’s electrician return, and after a few hours, the outside motion light is now working.
- We replaced the **Missing chair clips on the Sanctuary pew rows**.
- Cleaned the filter and vacuumed the **Thrift Shop A/C unit**.
- Vacuumed, checked the pilots, and activated the **Sanctuary boilers**.
- Vacuumed, drained the #2 expansion tank, and prepared the **Education Building boilers** for activation when needed.
- We initiated a cleanout of the lower shop and prepared material for sale at the fair.
- Upon request, we purchased and installed a new **Motion light for the front Parsonage garage area**.

## **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 **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.) **(WKG?)**
- \***Research and arrange** for a **“Seal coating”** and re-striping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. **(DELAYED)**
- \* Investigate the Education Building telephone intercom feature for erratic operation or replace the system.
- \* 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.**
- \* Touch-up the Room 10/20 trim, missed by the painters. Paint flagpole light socket
- \* Prepare and paint the rusting “Loggia - Yard” door frame.
- \* Spray additional “Flex-Seal” on the Southeast and south wall bases of the Ed. Building.
- \* Repair the Parsonage rear yard motion light wiring. **(CMPLT)**



# Christmas Flower Memorials

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."  
- Isaiah 9:6

Dear Friends,

The Season of Advent is upon us. Soon, it will be time to decorate our Sanctuary with trees, wreaths, garland, and poinsettias as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. This year, we will continue our tradition of honoring our loved ones with Christmas flower memorials. These memorial gifts will be displayed in the narthex and listed in our Christmas bulletin. The suggested contribution is **\$15 per memorial**. If you wish to participate, please complete the form below and return it to the Church office with your donation **no later than Monday, December 19**.



## Christ Lutheran Church Christmas Flower Memorials

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a Christmas flower memorial.

Number of Memorials Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate:  Cash  Check Please make all checks out to Christ Lutheran Church.

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print your name exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin.**

I wish to give this memorial (select all that apply- please number if they are separate memorials):

In Thanksgiving to God.

In Honor Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory Of: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**Please return this form with your contribution no later than Monday, December 19.**

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# 31st Annual Toy & Fund Holiday Drive

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Wantagh, NY 11793

**Donation Dates:**  
Saturday & Sunday  
9AM - 4PM

November 12th & 13th  
November 19th & 20th  
November 26th & 27th  
December 3rd & 4th  
December 10th & 11th  
December 17th & 18th

Please see back cover for directions and alternate Toy Drive drop off locations.

## For Monetary Donations

Please make checks payable to:  
JTCF

1881 Wantagh Avenue  
Wantagh, NY 11793

For further information, please call  
(516) 679-TOYS or (516) 679-5098

Please visit our web site at  
[www.jtcf.org](http://www.jtcf.org)

All donations are tax-deductible

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## Directions to Toy Drive Foundation Center

1881 Wantagh Avenue  
Wantagh, NY 11793

**From Southern State Parkway:**  
Take exit 28 South, Wantagh Avenue. Go approximately two miles. 1881 Wantagh Avenue will be on your left in The Wantagh Shopping Plaza.

Alternate Toy Drive Drop Off Locations.

For other dropoff locations, please visit:  
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*The Holiday Toy Drive  
in memory of my mom and Skip*

Roberta Theissen

Anthony "Skip" Mariano



Donations to the toy drive may be left in the Church office. We will bring them with us to the Winter Wonderland Fair to donate.

Thank you for your generosity!



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# White Post Farms

## 2022 Thanksgiving Pie & Bread Fundraiser

Student Form  
For Parents

All Orders Must Be Received By November 10th (Pickup will be on Tuesday, Nov 22)

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's Cell \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and return form in an envelope marked Pie Fundraiser  
If you are a Church member please write Church under Teacher.

For questions please contact Ms. Dana @ 516-679-8425

### Classic Pies 42+ Oz. Each

Item	Price	Qty.	Cost
Apple	\$25.00		
Apple Crumb <small>Best Apple Pie In America 2015</small>	\$25.00		
Blueberry	\$25.00		
Blueberry Crumb <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$25.00		
Pecan <small>Best Pecan Pie In America 2015</small>	\$25.00		
Dark Choco Pecan	\$25.00		
Peach	\$25.00		
Pumpkin	\$25.00		
Apple Rhubarb & Berries <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$25.00		

### Jumbo Breads 24+ Oz. Each

Item	Price	Qty.	Cost
Original Banana	\$15.00		
Banana Nut	\$15.00		
Banana Dark Chocolate	\$15.00		
Banana Campfire S'mores	\$15.00		
Hot Chocolate & Oreo Cookie	\$15.00		
Pumpkin	\$15.00		
Pumpkin Dark Chocolate	\$15.00		
Apple Crumb	\$15.00		
Garden Zucchini	\$15.00		
Garden Zucchini Nut	\$15.00		
Zucchini Dark Chocolate <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$15.00		

### Cookie Pies 42+ Oz. Each

Rainbow Cookie <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$30.00		
Chocolate Chip <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$30.00		
M&M's <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$30.00		

### Cookie Towers 12+ Oz. Each

Chocolate Chip	\$10.00		
Double Chocolate Chip <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$10.00		
Oatmeal Raisin	\$10.00		
M&M's <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$10.00		

### Gluten Free Options 12+ Oz. Each

Original Banana Bread	\$10.00		
Banana Nut Bread	\$10.00		
Banana Dark Chocolate Bread	\$10.00		
Garden Zucchini Bread	\$10.00		
Chocolate Chip Cookies	\$10.00		

### Soups & Dips 1 qt. All Soups

Butternut Squash & Apple	\$15.00		
Country Chicken Tortellini <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$15.00		
Broccoli Cheddar <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$15.00		
Tomato Cheddar <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$15.00		
Creamy Spinach Dip 16 Oz <small>**NEW ITEM</small>	\$15.00		



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**Saturday November 26th - 12:30-5:30 PM**

**Wantagh Preservation Society  
1700 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh**

## Featuring Entertainment By:

Wantagh American Legion Pipe Band  
The Jewel Tones, Show Stompin' Irish Dance, Spotlight Studios  
and Platinum Performance Dance Academy

**The Wantagh  
Preservation  
Museum  
will be Open**

**Holiday Lighting Ceremony  
Santa Claus, The Grinch, Holiday Shopping**

**Please Bring a  
New Unwrapped  
Toy for  
The John  
Theissen  
Children's  
Foundation**

Apparel, Art, Jewelry, Books, Gifts, Home & Holiday Decor,  
Toys, Homemade Handcrafted Treats, Wantagh Wear, and more!

## **Food and Beverages:**

Pies-on Wheels - Pizza Truck, Simply Greekalicious Food Truck  
Mama's Custom Cookies, Guac Shop - Hot Cocoa/Cider

***Thank You to ALL of our Sponsors and Members***

If you would like to participate with CLC or the  
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**no later than Friday, November 18.**

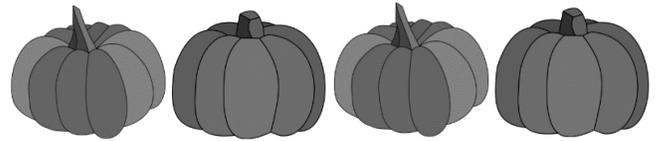
We will begin planning our table and setting details  
for the day of shortly, so the sooner, the better!

2022 WORSHIP DATES	USHER	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun. November 6, 2022 ALL SAINTS DAY (OBSERVED) LIGHTS OF LOVE 9:00 AM Service (White)	C. Sparke	B. Rath's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	The Murphy Family
Sun. November 13, 2022 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost VETERANS RECOGNITION SUNDAY 9:00 AM Service (Green)	R. Ahearn	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Fahy B. Henderson R. Ohlander D. Ohlander M. Soethout	Finance Committee
Sun. November 20, 2022 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 9:00 AM Service (White)	R. Ohlander	D. Ohlander's Group	H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's A.G. Group
Sun. November 27, 2022 First Sunday in Advent LECTIONARY YEAR A BEGINS 9:00 AM Service (Blue)	E. Juergens	B. Rath's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath	The Balduf Family
Sun. December 4, 2022 Second Sunday in Advent 9:00 AM Service (Blue)	J. Gross	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	Music Ministry

\*ACOLYTE TRAINING WILL BEGIN SOON. SEE JIM SPIEGLE OR ROXANNE TOOMEY FOR DETAILS. THERE ARE NO GREETERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 All Saints Day (Observed) Daylight Savings Time Ends 9am - Lights of Love 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm 6pm - LI Flute Club Rm. 10	31 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and	1 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	2 1pm - WELCA Luncheon: Villa 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	3 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10	4 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	5 10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
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13 9am - Sunday School 9am - Veterans Recognition 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	14 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 7pm - Worship & Music 8pm - Council Meeting @	15 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	16 December Spire Deadline 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	17 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10	18 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	19 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
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27 First Sunday in Advent LECTIONARY YEAR A NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION 9am - Worship	28 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and	29 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	30 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	1 Office, CNS Closed Thanksgiving Recess	2 Office, CNS Closed Thanksgiving Recess	3 12pm - Winter Wonderland 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10

# Nursery School News



The crisp fall air and beautiful fall foliage is finally here! As the weather has gotten cooler, the warmth and glowing smiles in the nursery school have gotten bigger! All the children are loving school and are enjoying their time here learning, playing, working on crafts and making new friendships.

The two's have been busy spreading fall cheer with pumpkin projects and so many amazing Halloween projects that decorate their classrooms. They loved learning all about the color orange and making circle projects for their shape of the month. The children have adjusted beautifully and look forward to coming to school each and every morning to greet their teachers and friends.

The children in the three-year-old classes have also been very busy learning their colors, shapes and getting an introduction to the letters and numbers. Jack-o-lanterns decorate their classrooms along with spooky cats and little monsters. The children truly love coming each day and spending this time with their friends.

In our four-year-old classroom, we have been learning about fire safety and what to do during a fire. The children have been told never to hide from a fireman, stop, drop and roll and crawl if the room fills up with smoke among many other things. They have been very busy learning so many interesting things about pumpkins! They have studied the life cycle of pumpkins and they opened one up and scooped out the seeds.

The Nursery School welcomed the parents of our three- and four-year-old programs into the school on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for Back to School Night. The parents loved getting to see all the amazing things their children have been learning this school year and admired all of their beautiful artwork that is decorating the classrooms and hallways.

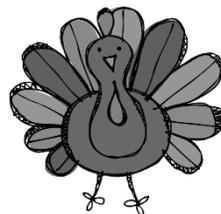
We were so excited to return to our annual field trip at White Post Farms! The entire school, parents, siblings and grandparents were invited to spend the day at the farm. The children had a blast feeding the animals, going on a hay ride, and visiting the pumpkin patch, where they got to pick out a pumpkin to bring home. Speaking of White Post Farms, we are excited to announce our next fundraiser. We have partnered with White Post Farms to sell some tasty treats just in time for Thanksgiving. If you are looking for a soup, appetizer, cookies, bread or pies for your Thanksgiving dinner, please check us out on Facebook at The Christian Nursery School at Christ Lutheran Church for some pictures and pricing. All orders can be picked up at the Nursery School on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The children had a Halloween party in class, where they played games and had some tasty treats! They looked adorable all dressed up in their Halloween costumes. The children marched outside for their parents and shared with them all the wonderful Halloween songs that they learned in school.

The teachers at the nursery school attended a Lutheran Schools Association virtual conference on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. There were many wonderful speakers and very informative workshops that the teachers attended.

The Nursery School is still accepting applications for enrollment this year. There are a few spots left. Please spread the word about our wonderful nursery school. If anyone is interested in registration, please contact me as soon as possible. The Nursery School's phone number is 679-8425; you can also reach me by email at [CNSDirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:CNSDirector@clcwantagh.org).

***Have a Happy Thanksgiving!***



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# November 2022

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## Coming in November...

November 2<sup>nd</sup>: WELCA Luncheon, Villa D'Aqua, 1PM

November 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nursery Board Meeting, 1PM

November 5<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM-2PM

November 6<sup>th</sup>: All Saints Day (Observed), Lights of Love

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Savings Time Ends

November 8<sup>th</sup>: Election Day - Church Office Open, CNS Closed

November 10<sup>th</sup>: Finance Meeting, 5PM

November 11<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Day - Church Office Open, CNS Closed, Thrift Shop Open

November 13<sup>th</sup>: Veterans Recognition Sunday

November 14<sup>th</sup>: Worship & Music Meeting, 7PM & Council Meeting, 8PM

November 16<sup>th</sup>: December Spire Submission Deadline

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: December Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

November 24<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Day - Church Office Closed, CNS Closed

November 25<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Recess - Church Office Closed, CNS Closed, Thrift Shop Open

November 26<sup>th</sup>: Winter Wonderland Fair, Wantagh Railroad Museum, 12PM-5:30PM

November 27<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Recess - No Christian Education Classes

November 27<sup>th</sup>: Advent Begins

Wednesdays: Bell Choir, 7PM & Adult Choir, 8PM

