

Merry Christmas

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth *peace, good will* toward men. —Luke 2:14

December 2021

Dear Friend:

Little in life can match the beauty of Christmas Eve — the holy night of celebration. If we were able to stop time's endless march — suspend it momentarily — most of us would do it on Christmas Eve. For this is the night that peace pervades our hearts, as hands extend to greet friends and arms reach out to embrace family. We love and are loved. We forgive and are forgiven.

Years ago, many years ago, there was a Christmas much unlike our own. The world didn't stop for the first Christmas. Hardly anyone even noticed. A virgin laboring to give birth, a carpenter lending an unsteady hand. Animals annoyed by intruders. Angels preparing themselves to startle shepherds. God's wayward creation about to be invaded by a beloved son, coming into a no-place city called Bethlehem. This was the first Christmas.

The first Christmas can only be described as unusual and surprising that the God of a million heavens and earths should grace a manger at Bethlehem. It was for you and me that the love of God was birthed. We need to celebrate and thank God for his gift of gifts on Christmas Eve, as well as every day we draw breath.

The beauty and spiritual specialness of Christmas has already begun with Advent. Our Christmas Eve services are already being planned. We will have two candlelight services for you to consider. They are at 5:30 and 7:30 PM. The services will both be identical. The service will also be uploaded to YouTube and sent to those who might be unable to be present with us. In this way, we can maintain a safe environment for everyone.

As you prepare for Christmas this year, please join us every Sunday at 9:00 AM for our Advent services.

A Blessed Advent and Christmas,
Pastor Krahn

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Diane Sahar**
Given by: **Claudia and John Gross**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Claudia and John Gross**

In Memory of: **Kenneth Sparke**
Given by: **Bruce, Cathleen, Brian, and Kevin Sparke**

Parsonage

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Bob and Lynn Hasteadt**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Ruth Kollar**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Jeanne C. Jones**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Regina Coons**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Pastor Krahn**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Brian L. Maas**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Susan Bingler**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Barbara and Roy Stone**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Fred Lorthioir, Jack Lorthioir,
Susan Bingler, and Kathy Kowalkowski**

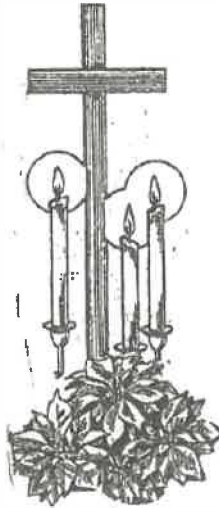
Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Roger and Doris Ohlander**

Sanctuary

In Memory of: **Catherine Roche**
Given by: **Nancy and Allen Pisani**

In Memory of: **Janet Veltri**
Given by: **Lilly Ann Munnich**



GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

December Birthdays

1: Roxanne Toomey

2: Lois Fogal

2: Kathy Ackermann

3: Lyndsay Mae Franz

9: Roger Ohlander

10: Gracie Franz

18: Kevin Pollock

25: Pete Bloomfield

25: Eileen Colton

27: John James Bloomfield



Wishing You Well!

After prayerful consideration, Chris Sahar will not be returning to Christ Lutheran after his leave of absence. We deeply appreciate his service to our congregation and pray for his continued success.

Good News

Veterans Recognition Sunday was celebrated on November 7th. We honored the veterans who have served our country and thanked those within our congregation for their service.

Our Lights of Love tribute was held on Sunday, November 7th. We honored our loved ones now in the company of the saints. In remembrance of them, a gift of \$425 has been made to Good Shepherd Hospice Long Island.

We extend a warm thank-you to everyone who donated to our turkey drive. We raised \$173 towards providing Thanksgiving dinner for the INN.

If you have any news you would like to share, please contact the Church office. Thank you!

CLC Youth News

Our annual fall cleanup was held on November 20th. We extend our gratitude to Boy Scout Troop 656 and Cub Scout Pack 191 for their hard work.

The Christmas Pageant will be held on December 12th at 4PM in the Church. We encourage all children and parents to be involved. Please email Jessica Heron at jheron423@yahoo.com if interested.



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Jose Alves - Tom Anderson - Ellen Bacotti
Liz Barto - Debbie Becker - James Cathcart
Kay Charon - Danielle Chillemi - Donna Chillemi
Chuck Collari - Ann Curtis - Marge Dahlberg
Mike Dauth - Alex Edwards - Meg Edwards
Charlie Fisher - Jerry Fitzgerald - Kaylee Franz
Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser
Mary Lynn Kirby - Florence Kirch - Karen Klose
Pastor Ron Klose - George Kremer - Suzanne Marshall
Janet McShea - William McShea - Linda Michaelson
James Pallas - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Bob Rath
Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Helga Richert
Eunice Rischon - George Steele - Marylou Steele
Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Saul Wein

We send our condolences to the family of Janet Veltri, a beloved member of CLC.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the Church office. We kindly ask to be apprised of any changes.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Council congratulates all involved in our food drive. They send a special thank-you to the Merrick Stop & Shop for hosting our volunteers on Saturday, October 30.
- Our adult choir will resume singing at services on December 5th. We are taking all precautions to make this a safe and welcome return.

- We are humbled and grateful to be the recipient of a Founder Recognition Award from the Boy Scouts of America Theodore Roosevelt Council. It is an honor to host Troop 656!
- The Church Assessment Profile has been submitted to the Synod. This is our first major step towards selecting a new Pastor. A Call Committee has been assembled and will shortly begin the Call process. Its members are:

Craig Juergens, Chair
Dee Bloomfield
Eileen Colton
Bob Hasteadt
Kay Riese

- The following letter was received from a “long-distance” member. We share it here as an example of the loving legacy of CLC:

Dear Pastor Krahn,
I was and still am a member of Christ Lutheran Church. Although I live in Florida and am not present Sunday mornings at Christ Lutheran, I wake up every Sunday morning and remember when I was younger the peace and love Christ Lutheran provided me. I remember my Holy Communion and Confirmation. I remember the Church dinners and strawberry festivals. I am so blessed to be a member of Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you for keeping the Faith. The next time I'm in New York, I will show up on Sunday morning to praise our Lord Jesus Christ, and hopefully meet you.
May God Bless You and Our Church,
John McNeice
P.S. Sunday School was awesome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

There will be no Sunday School or Confirmation classes on November 28th, December 26th, and January 2nd.

THRIFT SHOP

Our thrift shop is open on Fridays, 9AM-3PM. Please call ahead for all donations.

The thrift shop will be closed on 11/26, 12/24, and 12/31.



CONFIRMATION

On Christ the King Sunday, we celebrated the Confirmation of four young people.

May the Lord always guide them toward grace, love, and service.

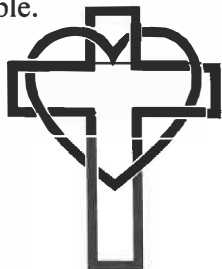
Congratulations to the families of...

Lyndsay Franz

Nicholas Genovese

Ava Glenn

Juliana Stone



WELCA

Our luncheon, held on November 1st, was a huge success. Thank you to Villa D'Aqua, who did a fine job feeding us a delicious dinner. We are happy for the friendship of our WELCA friends. Special thanks to Regina Coons for making the arrangements.

At our December 1st meeting, we will be singing Christmas Carols and enjoying some delicious desserts. We wish everyone a merry and blessed Christmas, and a happy and healthy year!

FOOD PANTRY

The food pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Merrick is in need of the following items:

Pancake Mix - Syrup - Saltines - Cookies - Juice - Coffee
Tea - Cooking Oil (48 oz.) - Mayonnaise - Salad Dressing
Toilet Tissue - Paper Towels - Dish Soap - Bar Soap
Shampoo - Any Non-Perishable Foods

Please check all expiration dates on items before donating. The collection bins are in the hallway outside the library. If you or someone you know is experiencing food insecurity, please call the St. John's Church office at (516) 379-3858.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thank you to everyone who supported the food drive for St. John's Lutheran Church outreach program. Our Confirmands collected non-perishable food items during October. Together with family members and

others from the congregation, they went to Stop and Shop in Merrick, in the rain, to ask shoppers to make generous donations of food or funds. They were very successful, and collected over 700 food items and \$152. These proceeds will go towards feeding the clients of St. John's food pantry, and will be used to make Thanksgiving meal baskets. Collected foods will also be used for the Interfaith Nutrition Network (the INN) soup kitchen's annual Turkey Dinner. In addition, 500 pounds of food was donated to the Lutheran Social Services' New Life Food Pantry at Grace Lutheran Church in Uniondale. We send our gratitude to all of our volunteers, and to those who donated.

We also send a special thank-you to Thrivent Financial, who graciously donated \$250 towards the running of our food drive and to purchase ingredients for the INN. We are confident that our success will result in an additional \$500 grant from Thrivent.

STEWARDSHIP

Christ Lutheran Church needs your support this year and next. As we look toward 2022, we offer in joy and thanksgiving what the Lord has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of His gracious love. We ask that the Lord receives these offerings for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, who gave all of Himself for all of us. To learn more about how to expand upon your giving in 2022 and beyond, speak with Pastor Krahn today.

CLC HISTORY



In honor of our Confirmation Class of 2021, pictured above is our first class, in 1929!



THE TWELVE PRAYERS OF CHRISTMAS

This season, you may find yourself humming along to a fan-favorite tune, “The Twelve Days of Christmas.” But did you know that this Christmas Carol is actually a prayer?

Dating back hundreds of years, “Twelve Days” was originally a poem used by Christian clerics to celebrate Twelve-Tide, the dozen days of Christmas. Each day’s “gift” was a symbol for different holy gifts. During the Middle Ages, when most people could not read, hearing the poem helped families to learn about the Christmas season. The poem is recorded as being printed for the first time in England in the year 1780. The poem was then set to music in 1909, and the rest... is history!

As you read on about the true meaning of this song, let us reflect on the true meaning of Christmas... and thank the Lord for our most special gift, His Son, Jesus Christ.

On the ____ Day of Christmas, God gave to me...

1. A Partridge in a Pear Tree

The partridge symbolizes Jesus, whose birthday is the first day of Christmas. The partridge in the song is actually female, because mother partridges are the only species of bird that will sacrifice themselves to protect their children.

2. Two Turtledoves

The dove is a symbol for the Christian faith, because it’s the bird of peace. The two turtledoves represent the Old and New Testaments, the story of our faith.

3. Three French Hens

Have you ever heard that French is the language of love? Well, here, that’s not far off! This gift represents the Apostle Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, where he writes about **faith, hope, and love**. As Paul reminds us, “the greatest of these is love.”

4. Four Calling Birds

The four calling birds are Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, the writers of the Gospels. The word “gospel” means **good news**, called out to all of God’s people.

5. FIIIVE GOOOOOLLDDEN RIIINGSSSS!

The five gold rings symbolize the first five books of the Old Testament. In Hebrew, and in the Jewish religion, these books are called the Torah or the Pentateuch.

6. Six Geese A-Laying

The six eggs laid by the geese represent the six days of Creation. On the seventh day, God rested... and so did the geese.

7. Seven Swans a-Swimming

Swans are symbols of beauty. So, the seven swans are naturally the seven beautiful gifts of the Holy Spirit: Fear of the Lord, Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Fortitude, Understanding, and Piety.

8. Eight Maids a-Milking

In feudal England, being a milkmaid was considered the lowest-level job. It was primarily very poor women who did this work... and back then, being those two things meant you were easily overlooked. So, this gift reminds us that Jesus dearly loves and blesses those who feel alone: the poor in spirit, the mourners, the meek, those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, and the persecuted.

9. Nine Ladies Dancing

The nine ladies represent the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

10. Ten Lords a-Leaping

In feudal England, being a lord meant you were in charge of upholding justice in the land. So, the ten lords are code for the Ten Commandments, the laws all Christians follow.

11. Eleven Pipers Piping

The eleven pipers represent Jesus’ eleven Disciples. Remember, Judas is not included here because he betrayed Jesus.

12. Twelve Drummers Drumming

The twelve drummers represent the twelve points of the Apostles’ Creed. Each beat *drums at* a different part of the Christian faith that we profess. While different denominations say different versions of the Creed, its core points are the same.

Merry Christmas!



PROPERTY REPORT – DEC 2021

Our Aging Retiree Group continues to perform the maintenance and improvement items on the To-Do list that we can accomplish ourselves.

Our activities recently have included:

- We replaced a few Fluorescents in the Loggia and room 10.
- We have officially completed the **Education building LED lamp conversion project**. The final two, “very high”, Circle line lights were converted by Craig using the 12’ Gym ladder and the assistance of others in passing material, tools, etc. **Thank you Craig!!** The project closing paper work has already been filed with PSEGLI, and we expect a rebate decision shortly. With our DIY concept, No-Sales Tax, and Free Amazon “Smile” Shipping, we expect a good and timely return on our investment, not to mention the ongoing power savings. The LED conversion required rewiring all the fixtures and removing all the old Ballasts. The first batch of ballasts taken to the scrap yard yielded \$26, and the remainder yielded another \$31. We thank all the retirees for their efforts with this major project. **IF ANYONE HAS A NEED FOR FOUR FOOT FLORESCENT TUBES (Basement, Garage, Etc) ,TAKE THEM FROM THE CHRISTIAN ED/YOUTH ROOM BEFORE WE DISPOSE OF THEM.... THERE ARE ALSO SOME TWO FOOT U-BEND TUBES THAT CAME FROM THE BATHROOM LIGHTS.**
- We closed up the **Lawn Sprinkler systems** for the Parsonage and Church areas, shutting water and controllers off and evacuating the water with our Compressor.
- We responded to a NS basement “**Flooding Toilet**” report and removed excessive paper in the bowl before “Plunging” it clear.
- We cut and installed new **Ceiling light diffusers in the office area**.
- We uncovered an open **Youth/Education room window**, which we could not close. We fixed the cause, being a loose frame screw preventing window movement. We also saw the **screen** was damaged so we removed it, repaired it, and replaced it.
- We activated “**Mr. Mittens**” and returned it to storage when finished.
- We folded and stored the Lawn Canopy after the wind blew it off the frame.
- We removed an **Office desk stain**, and re-arranged, and replaced **drawer hardware**.
- We changed all the **thermostat batteries and Telephone batteries** in “Fail Mode”.
- We de-activated the two education building Dehumidifiers and cleaned the filters.
- We closed the A/C units in the Thrift Shop and Room 2000, and switched the Heat Pump in the library to heat.
- We cleared a clogged soap dispenser nozzle in the 2000 bathroom.
- We finished a new **survey of light fixtures for the second LED conversion project on the Church side of the property**. The PSEGLI paper work has been filed toward a pre-approval, so we can begin the project.
- We **vacuumed the four heating plants** in preparation for their use. Being unable to light the pilot on #1, we called Bill Quinn, our Plumber, to change the thermocouple.
- While the weather co-operated, we installed the Lawn Tree lights for Christmas.

Retiree Group

THINGS TO DO

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

- *Clean the ceiling light covers in room 10 and 2000. (Do with LED Proj.)
- *Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- ***Power Wash** the front Steinbicker stairway, north 10-20 wall, etc “greens”,
- *Scrape and Paint the white/bare **trim above the Library and 2000 kitchenette.**
- *Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker. Stones to pit?, Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor.
- *Repair numerous **Cement issues** around the property. (Stairs, Pointing, Washes, loose items, price professional intervention?). ASAP
- *Prepare/Paint the outside **Room 20 North window** frame (Professional?).
- ***Research and arrange** for a “Seal coating” and re-striping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. (**Fall?Spring?**)
- * Touch up the Roof top Air duct “Rust spots” with Silver paint on hand.
- * Re-tar around the intermittent leaking south most sanctuary AC duct.
- *We gave up waiting for the findings and recommendations from the PSEG “Green Team” property wide “**energy survey**”. We restarted our own LED replacement project in Steinbicker with PSEGLI rebate support. (**CMPLT**)
- * Investigate the intercom feature for erratic operation or replace the system.
- * Cleanup and clean out the shop area, Room 100, and the rear Shed area.
- * Gather and discard all the “old” latex paint for the next “STOP” date.
- * Gather and discard all the old Florescent Tubes.
- * Install a new stairway light by the back door to room 10 (Wkg).

Research for Potential Projects

- * Research and report on the possibility of **Siding on the 10/20 building.**
- *Research the installation of white vinyl ornate trim covering (Pilasters/Door Surrounds) in the **front area outside the Sanctuary** in lieu of continuously peeling and painting.
- * Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary.**
- * Research the replacement of the wine stained **Altar Carpeting.**
- *Research extending the **lawn sprinkler** to cover the East side of Steinbicker **after grass restoration.**
- * Research the possibility and costs to **refurbish the Steeple Bell and Cradle.**

OUR STORY



In the mid-1920's, several Lutheran community members came together to organize a congregation. They chose for their place of worship the old St. John of Jerusalem chapel, which had been unused as a spiritual home for close to three decades.

The little chapel on Wantagh Avenue became the home of Christ Lutheran Church.

On Thanksgiving Day, 1926, Pastor Carl H. Miller performed our very first worship service. Within six months, our congregation was recognized by the Synod, a permanent Pastor was called, and building plans were made...

In those 95 years, Christ Lutheran has served as a beacon of joyful hope in our community and beyond. It is our pride to carry on the legacy of our founders, and to secure a future led in the light of Christ.



1926-2021

SAVE THE DATE

YOUR PRESENCE IS REQUESTED AT CLC'S
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

1-30-22

10:15 AM - ROOM 2000

It is important that all confirmed members of our Church attend. This is the time that the activities of the Church are reviewed and when the financial needs of the Church are decided.

The future of Christ Lutheran Church is dependent upon decisions made at this meeting.

Ten percent of our active membership is required to hold the meeting. This is a time when each member must be present.

Your attendance is needed.

*Anyone interested in serving on the Church Council, please speak with any of the Council Members.

2021 ANNUAL **CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS**

YEAR-END REPORTS from the following Church committees and organizations **are due in the Church Office by Friday, January 14:**

- Building/Property Ministry
- Christian Education
- Christian Outreach
- Evangelism
- Fellowship
- Finance
- Fundraising
- Nursery School
- Pastor/Parish Relations
- Personnel
- Social Media
- Stewardship
- Thrift Shop
- Worship & Music
- Youth Ministry
- WELCA

Are You An **ACTIVE** Church Member?

What Does That Mean?

- 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.

Christ Lutheran Church's Constitution and By-Laws were updated and approved by the voting members on October 17th.

These documents describe a member as one who, **during the past three years (not including the present year),**

1. Shall have communed in this congregation or received communion from Christ Lutheran Church's Pastor(s);

AND

2. Shall have made a contribution of record to this congregation.

PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD ONCE A YEAR.

They are in the pews. These cards can be placed in the offering baskets located in the Church during worship. If you do not have an envelope number to record your contribution, call the Church office and leave a message for the Membership Committee.

One of the requirements to call a Pastor to our Church is updating our membership rolls. In order to complete this task, the Committee needs your help by **completing and returning** the Membership Form to the Church office.

2021 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
Sun. December 5, 2021 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Service (Blue)	H. Vogel	D. Ohlander's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath
Sun. December 12, 2021 3 rd Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Service (Blue)	J. Gross	B. Rath's Group	J. Fitzgerald J. Eastlund J. Eastlund
Sun. December 19, 2021 4 th Sunday of Advent 9:00 AM Service (Blue)	C. Sparke	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Henderson M. Soethout J. Fahey
Fri. December 24, 2021 CHRISTMAS EVE 5:30 PM Candlelight Service (White) *This service will be recorded and streamed on YouTube for Christmas Day.	R. Ohlander	ALL GROUPS	H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn
Fri. December 24, 2021 CHRISTMAS EVE 7:30 PM Candlelight Service (White)	H. Vogel	ALL GROUPS	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath
Sun. December 26, 2021 1 st Sunday of Christmas 9:00 AM Service (White)	J. Gross	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Fitzgerald J. Eastlund J. Eastlund
Sun. January 2, 2022 2 nd Sunday of Christmas 9:00 AM Service (White)	C. Sparke	B. Rath's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Henderson M. Soethout J. Fahey

*THERE ARE NO FLOWER DELIVERIES, ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS, GREETERS, OR COFFEE HOSTS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 First Sunday of NO CHRISTIAN ED 9am - Worship	29 7pm - Scouts-	30 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	1 1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	2 10am - TOPS: Rm.	3 9am - Thrift Shop @ 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	4 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
5 Choir Returns 9am - Sunday 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	6 7pm - Scouts-	7 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	8 4pm - Cub Scouts: 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	9 10am - TOPS: Rm. 7pm - Finance	10 9am - Thrift Shop @ 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	11 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
12 9am - Sunday 9am - Worship 10am - Decorate 10:15am - Confirm 4pm - Pageant	13 7pm - Scouts- 7pm - Worship & 8pm - Council	14 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	15 4pm - Cub Scouts: 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	16 10am - TOPS: Rm.	17 9am - Thrift Shop @ 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	18 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
19 9am - Sunday 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	20 7pm - Scouts-	21 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	22 4pm - Cub Scouts: 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	23 10am - TOPS: Rm.	24 Office, CNS, Thrift 5:30pm - Service #1 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 7:30pm - Service #2 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	25 Christmas Day Service on Youtube 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
26 NO CHRISTIAN ED 9am - Worship	27 7pm - Scouts-	28 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	29 4pm - Cub Scouts: 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	30 10am - TOPS: Rm.	31 CNS, Thrift Closed 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	1 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10



Nursery School News

At the Nursery School, in November, all the children are learning about how we should be thankful for the wonderful things God has given us. They are all learning about the first Thanksgiving and why we celebrate this terrific holiday.

The two-year-old classes are learning about the color brown for November. They have been enjoying themselves making all kinds of Fall crafts. Leaves, turkeys, and Indian corn; they have been having a great time learning about what November brings.

The three-year-old classes have been working on their Thanksgiving books, Thank You God For All Your Wonderful Gifts. Each child gets a page to show all the things they are thankful for; their mom, dad, brothers and sisters, friends, ice cream, cookies, and their toys. Then each child has a chance to bring the book home to show their family and friends. It is such an enjoyable activity for everyone. They have been very busy making crafts to decorate the classrooms and their homes. Beautiful Indian corn, colorful turkeys, and funny scarecrows can be found all over the walls.

The four-year-old classes are getting ready for their Thanksgiving Feast. The children bake all kinds of goodies, pumpkin bread, and corn muffins in class to enjoy with one another. To show how thankful they are to have such wonderful families, they are making beautiful Thanksgiving keepsakes for their parents. To end the celebration, the children entertain their parents at pickup dressed in Thanksgiving costumes they made themselves. The children put on a quick performance, with a little singing and dancing to their Thanksgiving songs that they have been so busy practicing.

December will continue with the children learning the true meaning of Christmas. The four-year-old classes will be getting ready to perform at their Christmas pageants during the month of December. All the children will be making homemade Christmas gifts for their families to enjoy.



HAVE A VERY HAPPY THANKSGIVING



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If you do not wish to receive this mailing,
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Coming in December . . .

December 5th: 9AM - Adult Choir Returns!

December 9th: 7PM - Finance Meeting

December 13th: 7PM - Worship & Music Meeting
8PM - Council Meeting

December 24th: Christmas Eve - CNS, Office, Thrift Shop Closed
5:30 PM - Candlelight Service (Available on YouTube)
7:30 PM - Candlelight Service

December 25th: Christmas Day - No In-Person Service

December 26th: 9AM - Sunday Service
No Christian Education Classes

Wednesdays: 7PM - Bell Choir
8PM - Adult Choir

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