



# The Spire

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

Dear Friends,

Two words that you have been hearing a lot in the church over the last few months is “call process.” Some of us might have questions but haven’t necessarily voiced them so far. Others may have an idea about what it means but haven’t tried to see if their perceptions are correct. For many of us, it means getting a new pastor for our congregation. But there might still be some mystery about exactly what’s involved. Some might say that we are looking to “hire” a new pastor. Keep in mind that a pastor is not hired to work for a church but is called by the congregation to serve that community of faith.

The responsibility of the call committee is represent our congregation in finding the best candidate possible for our pastoral vacancy. Their work is extremely important in the life of our congregation. Their work began at the beginning of February when the committee met with Pastor Christopher Mietlowski, Assistant to the Bishop for our region of the Synod (Eastern Nassau Conference) for an orientation meeting. The committee, chaired by Eric Juergens, has begun meeting to develop the questions that will be asked of potential candidates. The same questions will be asked for each candidate that the committee will consider. Candidates will be provided by the Bishop’s Office based on criteria that was established by the Mission Site Profile questionnaire results. That’s the questionnaire that many of you submitted to the Transition team last year. Candidates that Bishop Egensteiner submits for the call committee’s consideration are those that most closely fit the expectations from the Mission Site Profile. Only qualified candidates will be submitted to the call committee. The initial determination whether those candidates are a good fit for our congregation will be determined by the call committee. That initial interview might either be in person or on Zoom. Each candidate must be treated the same way as any other potential candidate. If all candidates are more local, the committee could decide to meet each candidate in person. However, if one candidate is located out of our vicinity and would only be able to meet via Zoom, any other candidates, even if they are a short drive away from Wantagh, would also have to meet the committee via Zoom.

If the committee decides to move forward with one candidate, that person would be invited to meet with the committee in person. The Synod would arrange for that pastor to preside and preach at a neighboring congregation so that the committee would be able to be present to witness how the candidate leads worship. This opportunity is only for the call committee and not open to other members of our congregation to be present. If the call committee decides to go forward with that candidate, the call committee would recommend the candidate to the church council. If the church council votes in favor of moving forward with the candidate, the congregation would have the opportunity to meet the candidate and their family, if they have one. A call meeting of the congregation would be set up for the congregation to vote on the pastor’s candidacy. A member of the Synod would chair this meeting. If our congregation votes in favor of issuing a call to the pastoral candidate, the candidate is given an opportunity to consider whether to accept the call.

The choice of whether to call a candidate is entirely up to the congregation. At any point in the process if the call committee, the church council, or the congregation votes not to proceed with the candidate, the Synod will provide the call committee with new candidates. The Synod will not put any limitations on this process and wants to be sure that the pastor that is called to our congregation is one that we feel is the best match for what we are looking for.

Many people have asked me how long this process might take. I don’t have an answer for that question. I hope that you will let the process proceed as it is intended to. We ask that you not try to compromise the integrity of the process by asking the call committee how things are proceeding. The work of the call committee is intended to be confidential so as to protect pastoral candidates from having their interest in our congregation revealed to their current congregation.

I am confident that the Holy Spirit will guide our decisions and lead us to our next pastor.

Hans Vogel

# PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

## General Memorial

In Memory of: **Detectives Jason Rivera & Wilbert Mora,**  
NYPD

Given by: **Gabrielle & George Balduf**

## Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: **Mrs. Maryann Malinchoc**

Given by: **Kathy & Fred Ackermann and Family**

In Memory of: **Verna Carrier**

Given by: **Lilly Ann Munnich**

26: Mary Wagner

28: Kaylee Hope Franz

30: Lynn Hasteadt

## March Anniversaries

13: Dan and Emily Bloomfield

16: Carolyn and Arnold Howard

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

## Good News

**Our Retirees** are looking to borrow a set of scaffolding for an upcoming project. If you or someone you know is in contracting and/or has scaffolding to lend, please call the Church office or speak with Roger Ohlander. Thank you!

Ash Wednesday is on **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**. We will hold service at **7:30 PM**. All are welcome.

In collaboration with clergy, our music director, Nicole Nicholson, will be sharing **online** Lenten devotionals with music and prayer once per week. These will be uploaded to CLC's YouTube channel.

Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure to set your clocks forward!

## CLC Youth News

The Scouts' Annual Pinewood Derby will be held on **Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 10:00 AM**. Good luck to all of our racers!

All children in the neighborhood are invited to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt! We will gather on the Church lawn, weather permitting, on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**.

## GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

### March Birthdays

5: Bill Henderson

6: Jennifer Proce

7: Scarlet Fire Reed

9: Charlie Kuchynskas

9: Allison Michelle Banz

12: Jessica Hasteadt

13: Amy Kuchynskas

19: Joan Drake

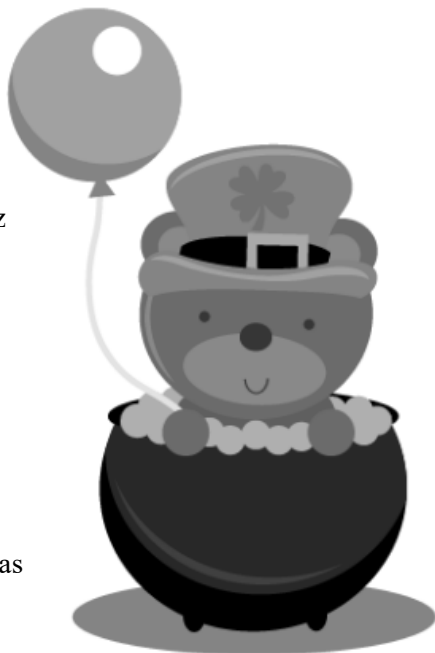
19: Bob Rath

19: Jean Leib

21: Elyzabeth Kuchynskas

21: Gabrielle Scibelli

21: Gus Raitz



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Please RSVP by returning the enclosed flyer to the Church office no later than **Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**.

Save the Dates! Vacation Bible School will be held on **June 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>**. Further details and registration are forthcoming.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

a. Council welcomed two new members, James Sheridan and Roxanne Toomey. There are currently 12 members.

b. Worship & Music: During the six weeks of Lent, there will be a short (3-4 minutes) weekly devotional with Scripture reflection and music selections uploaded on YouTube. These will be led by Nicole Nicholson in collaboration with local clergy members.

c. A **mask-optional questionnaire** survey will be emailed to the congregation, with approximately 5-7 questions. Hard copies will be available in the Sanctuary. Reminders to submit the survey will be announced at service and placed in the bulletin. Results will be shared with the congregation at a later date.

d. Pastoral Call Committee activities are underway, thanks to the efforts of the team, chaired by Eric Juergens.

e. Christian Education:

- Letters were mailed home to Sunday School parents about child progress.
- Thank you to Della, who is teaching on Sundays.
- Confirmation Program prep is underway, led by Roxanne Toomey and Nicole Nicholson.
- An email will be sent out to all parents encouraging families to attend Ash Wednesday service.
- The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>, chaired by Jessica Heron.
- A letter will be sent out to remind parents that Pentecost Sunday/First Communion Day is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

f. Nursery School:

- On February 16<sup>th</sup>, children's book author Karen Kerge, a retired Wantagh School District teacher, visited students for a reading of her new book. We were the first stop on her tour!
- 2022-2023 current enrollment is 45 students.
- Summer Program registration will begin in March.

- Music & Movement program for three- and four-year-olds restarted this month and will continue through the end of the year.
- Spirit Week is the first week of March. Students will record songs to be played at LSA Sunday service and shared on social media.
- Picture Day: March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Dana updated the school's informational flyer and posted it on several social media platforms including Facebook, Wantagh Mommas, and Nassau County Moms.



## 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  
Rosemarie Duggan - Alex Edwards - Meg Edwards  
Charlie Fisher - Jerry Fitzgerald - 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 - Sheila Reeves  
Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Helga Richert  
Eunice Rischan - George Steele - Marylou Steele  
Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Laura Vogel  
Saul Wein - Austin White

**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.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School:** All parents of current students were mailed a letter home with important grade-level information. If you did not receive a letter, please contact the Church office. If you would like to enroll your child in Sunday School, please contact the Church office. Classes meet on Sundays at 9:00 AM.

**Confirmation:** If you would like to enroll your child in Confirmation classes, please contact the Church office. Classes meet on Sundays at 10:15 AM.



## THRIFT SHOP

Our thrift shop has new hours! We are now open on Fridays, 9AM-3PM, and the first Saturday of each month, 10AM-2PM. Our next “Thrift Shop Saturday” is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

## WELCA

WELCA will **not** meet on the first Wednesday in March, due to Ash Wednesday. We will meet on **Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM**. All ladies are welcome.

**To Members of the Congregation:** WELCA plans to assemble and ship personal care kits this spring for Lutheran World Relief. These will aid people who are victims of natural disaster or political upheaval. We are looking for members of the congregation to support this project by donating the following:

- Bath towels (preferably dark colors)
- Bath-size bar soap
- Toothbrushes
- Full-size, “sturdy” combs (not travel size)
- Nail clippers

**We plan to apply to Thrivent for financial assistance** to ship the kits, and to supply any missing items needed to complete kits. Donations can be left in the box in the loggia. Keep your eyes open for details on the date and time of the meeting where we will assemble the kits. Thank you!

## ST. JOHN’S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Canned Fruit - Fruit Cocktail - Wide Egg Noodles  
Pancake Mix - Syrup - Cream of Mushroom Soup  
Cookies - Crackers - Juice - Coffee - Tea  
Mayonnaise - Salad Dressing - Cooking Oil  
Paper Towels - Dish Detergent - Bar Soap - Shampoo

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

## STEWARDSHIP

No one knows when they will be called to heaven, so everyone should be ready spiritually and in all other ways.

Therefore, whatever age we are and however little we possess, good planning encourages us to make a Will. With a Will, so many things can be accomplished. Please consider Christ Lutheran as part of your family to be remembered. It is a way to witness your love for our Lord, and to continue to keep Christ Lutheran strong for its future. If you need help with this, please call Pastor Krahn at (631) 720-6179.

## THRIVENT FINANCIAL

**To All Thrivent Members:** Be sure to check if you have Choice dollars! You can direct these to our Church, the Christian Nursery School, or any charitable organization on Thrivent’s register. It only takes a minute. Call 1-800-Thrivent or go online at Thrivent.com. **Choice dollars must be designated by March 31<sup>st</sup>. Don’t lose out on the chance to direct Thrivent’s money to a cause you believe in!**

## CLC HISTORY



With the Parsonage renovation nearing completion, we’re reminded of our very first large-scale renovation project.

On June 7, 1953, a groundbreaking ceremony was held to mark the building of our current Sanctuary. The “new” Sanctuary was built right next to the “old” (which you may recognize now as our thrift shop). Construction was completed on February 7, 1954.

Incredibly, the larger Sanctuary allowed for our congregation to more than double in size. Parish records show that confirmed members increased from 205 to 416 in just one year! Our Sunday School also increased in enrollment exponentially. At its peak, Christ Lutheran had 777 Sunday School students, and 84 teachers.

Though times have changed in so many ways in the last sixty-eight years, our Sanctuary remains a place of peace and hospitality for all in our community. It is our full confidence that the Parsonage renovation will soon bring a new Pastor to call it home, and with that, many new faces who will find their spiritual home here at Christ Lutheran.



# PROPERTY REPORT – MARCH 2022

Our **Aging Retiree Group** continues to perform the maintenance and improvement items on the “Office” To-Do list that we can accomplish ourselves. Our recent activities have included:

- We have continued our “Sanctuary Side” project to **convert all our florescent fixtures to LED**. We are also experimenting with “**LED Engines**” to use in the Usher ceiling fixtures in lieu of purchasing new fixtures and dealing with a patch-up issue. We have completed the Room 2000 areas, the Loggia, Narthex, Library and Altar Closet, all the Room 10 areas, the Thrift Shop, Room 30 Bathroom/Hallway, the 10/20 hanging fixture, and new hallway ceiling fixtures incl. spackle and paint.
- We installed an on-hand new 10Yr. Smoke detector in the room 30 hallway replacing an old defective one.
- We removed the lawn Christmas tree lights and Star on a warmer day. We have also gone through all the lights for bad sections/bulbs etc, and returned them to storage for next year.
- We serviced another two “**needs battery**” **hands free soap dispensers**. We now know to dilute the thick soap, which is causing it to coagulate in the nozzles/pumps and causing premature battery failure. By diluting the soap, we expect to keep them in running condition much longer. We are looking into a new “thinner” product and have placed “Dilute” signs near the dispensers for the cleaning folks.
- We thank Craig and Vinny for cleaning up the snow at the curb cutouts, the Garbage area, and the Thrift Shop shed. We have also uncovered that some “Concrete Bumpers” have been moved south by the plow, away from the lot and their anchoring pins. We will restore them as the weather improves and time permits.
- We replaced a missing light cover in a loggia ceiling light. We will replace all six to brighten the area, as time permits.
- We investigated the low Sanctuary heat on the Annual Meeting Sunday and uncovered the Fan Belt on the North unit had come off. We installed a new one and adjusted it. The South unit was fine.
- We swapped out the Sanctuary Entrance door cylinders for a better key locking operation.
- We tightened a loose stairway railing to Room 30.
- We were “Twice” asked to unplug a toilet in the main floor Ladies Rm.

Retiree Group

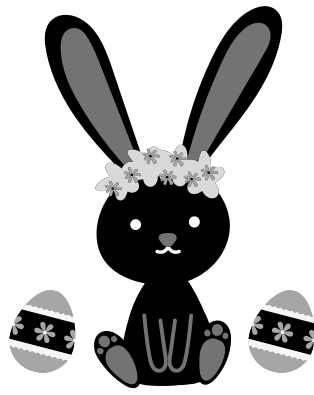
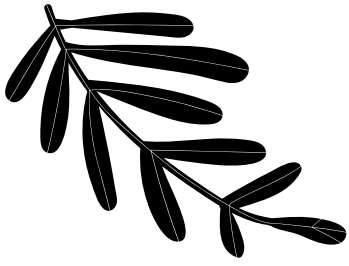
## THINGS TO DO

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

- \*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-stripping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. (**Fall?Spring?**)
- \* Touch up **Roof top Air duct “Rust spots”** with Silver paint on hand.
- \* Re-tar around the intermittent leaking south most sanctuary AC duct.
- \* Investigate the Education Building telephone 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 to the Merrick dump!
- \* Swap the Left and Right Sanctuary door lock tumblers for easier key action. (CMPLT)

## 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 continuous 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 sprinklers** to cover the East side of Steinbicker **after grass restoration.**
- \* Research the possibility and costs to **refurbish the Steeple Bell and Cradle.**



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL  
***EASTER EGG HUNT***

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 2022, 10:00 AM - SHINE ONLY

MEET OUTSIDE STEINBICKER HALL (ISLAND RD. ENTRANCE)

ALL CHILDREN AGES 3 -THIRD GRADE WELCOME!

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BASKET.

EGG HIDING: AGES FOURTH GRADE AND UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 9:00 AM - EGG HUNT



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 PLEASE RETURN THIS RSVP FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022.**

3384 ISLAND ROAD, WANTAGH, NEW YORK 11793

NAME: -----

# OF CHILDREN: -----

PHONE NUMBER: -----



# Nursery School News



Winter seems never-ending as we got bombarded with snow, snow, snow! Love kept us all warm and cozy in the classrooms with all the hearts and Valentine's Day cards and crafts the children made! All the children participated in a Valentine's Day party where they enjoyed some sweet treats and passed out cards to each other.

Music and Movement classes are in full swing. The children are loving the time spent using instruments, singing, dancing and moving their bodies to the beat of the music.

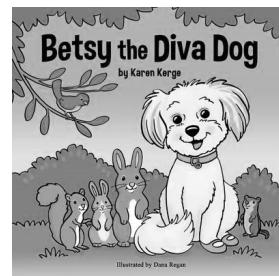
The children were very busy this month learning all about hibernation and our friend the groundhog. We made some great predictions about whether or not the groundhog will see its shadow and if winter will end early this year. The four-year-olds learned what a prediction is and how to make an educated one.

February continued with the celebrating of the Chinese New Year. The children learned that the dragon and the color red bring good luck. 2022 is the Year of the Tiger. The four-year old class made drums and dragon masks and marched down the hall as they shouted "Gung Hay Fat Choy!"

With Dental Awareness month also taking place in February, the children learned how important it is to care for your teeth. We spoke all about how important it is to limit sweets, eat healthy and brush, brush, brush!

All that brushing is getting our smiles ready for picture day! Picture day will take place in March this year and we are so excited to show off all those beautiful smiling faces.

We welcomed a special guest to the nursery school in February, Karen Kerge. Karen is an author who made our Nursery School her very first school stop on her book tour! The children loved listening to the story of "Betsy the Diva Dog" told by the author herself! The children had the opportunity to purchase an autographed book, which also came with a "paw-tograph" from Betsy too!



LSA day is on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> this year. The children are looking forward to LSA Week, which is full of fun projects and activities that promote school spirit.

Don't forget it is open enrollment for the 2022/2023 school year. Feel free to call the Nursery School office at 516-679-8425 or email us at [cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org) for more information or to set up a tour. Also, please visit our website <https://clcwantagh.org/cns.html> to get more information on the classes we offer. Our classes are filling up quickly this year, so please don't wait!

Starting at the end of March we will have open enrollment for Summer Program. It will run from July 5<sup>th</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup>. More information will be found on the website as it gets closer to registration.



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## March 2022

If you do not wish to receive this mailing,  
Please return this sheet to the address above.

### Coming in March...

March 2<sup>nd</sup>: 7:30 PM ~ Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 5<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM ~ BSA Pinewood Derby

10:00 AM ~ Thrift Shop Saturday

March 9<sup>th</sup>: 1:00 PM ~ WELCA Meeting

March 10<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 PM ~ Finance Meeting

March 13<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 14<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 PM ~ Worship & Music Meeting

8:00 PM ~ Council Meeting

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM ~ Bell Choir

8:00 PM ~ Adult Choir

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