



The Spire

The Newsletter of
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY

Web site: www.CLCWantagh.org

October 2021

Dear Christ Lutheran Members and Friends:

This fall will be an exciting time at our church. I am thrilled that our Sunday School and Confirmation programs are up and running once again. Sunday School is at 9 a.m. each week until approximately 9:45 when everyone in Sunday School returns to church for Holy Communion or a blessing at the altar. We still need a few more Sunday School teachers, so please prayerfully consider helping out.

The parsonage refurbishing will start in earnest the beginning of October. The cost of this project will be approximately \$170,000. This was approved by our members at a special congregational meeting. Of this amount, the members of Christ have contributed \$32,000. The rest will come out of our savings.

Hopefully before Christmas, we will have one or more pastoral candidates to consider for Christ Lutheran's next full time pastor. Please keep this and our ministry in your daily prayers.

In preparation for our future, I will be holding a series of small group meetings involving all of the members of Christ. I will be inviting you and your family to one of these meetings. The groups will have no more than a dozen people in them at one time. Each meeting will be approximately 45 minutes. For your convenience, many of them will start at 10:15 a.m. after the Sunday worship service.

With the problematic Delta variant of Covid, we will still be requiring that everyone wear a mask for the time being. No one likes to wear a mask, but our conservative approach has kept our members safe so far. Even though we are not currently having congregational singing, Nicole, our Director of Music, provides a varied and wonderful selection of music every week. Our worship life is rich and beautiful. See you Sunday at worship at 9 a.m.

God loves you and so do I,
Pastor Krahn

PARISH REGISTER

MEMORIALS

Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Muriel O'Brien**
Given by: **Norma Mantay and Family**

Good News & Blessings

October Birthdays

10/7 - Abigail Katie Stone
10/10 - Danielle Hesse
10/12 - Megan Colton
10/13 - Tiffani Padula
10/18 - Travis Gentile
10/20 - Claudia Gross
10/22 - Lily Anne Bloomfield
10/23 - Heather Sheridan
10/23 - Briana Cammarata
10/24 - Kimberly Rastelli

October Anniversaries

10/4 - Jenn & Fred Ackermann
10/6 - Anne & Peter Welch ~ 15^h
10/19 - Kathy & Fred Ackermann ~ 58th
10/19 - Julie & Charles Fisher ~ 35rd
10/21 - Elise & James Sheridan ~ 20th

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GREAT NEWS

Shaun Stone and Nicole Villone were married on September 5th, 2021. Shaun is the son of Barbara and Roy Stone.
Congratulations to the happy couple!

On Our Prayer List. . .

The following people are on our prayer list ~ we remember them in our prayers ~
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 & Meg Edwards, Christine Ellingsgard, Charlie Fisher, Jerry Fitzgerald, Carol Gallagher, Travis Gentile, Betty Gibberman, Barbara Grieser, Mary Lynn Kirby, Florence Kirch, Karen Klose, George Kremer, Suzie Lustig, Janet McShea, William McShea, Suzanne Marshall, James Pallas, Barbara Proce, Gary Proce, Bob Rath, Helga Richert, Eunice Rischman, George Steele, Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Janet Veltri, Saul Wein, Kathy Wicks, and Jimmy.

PLEASE LET US KNOW OF ALL CHANGES!!

We ask that you help us update the prayer list. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list who is in need of prayers (or remove someone), please call the church office at 221-3286 or email church@clcwantagh.org.

REMEMBER DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!

Don't forget yo set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday, November 6th, 2021.

September Church Council

Highlights

WORSHIP & MUSIC - Sunday School and Confirmation classes began on Rally Day, September 12, 2021. Starting in October, the Sunday school children will return to the sanctuary earlier so that Pastor Krahn will giving a Children's Sermon after his usual sermon.

Kamelija Galijan-Curry will be our supply organist while Chris Sahar is on his leave. Please welcome her to our church!

Special classes will be provided to help accelerate the 9th grade confirmation program in order for the students to be confirmed in the fall.

The Social Media Committee will be posting videos on Facebook. This month's video featured the Sunday School program. Next month wil feature the Country Fair.

Pastor's Report - Roxanne Toomey will serve as supply on October 17th, 2021

We will continue to have Zoom services until the end of September. Virtual attendance has been very low. We will re-evaluate Early October if we will continue it. YouTube will continue nevertheless.

After Sunday Service, Pastor Krahn will be having small group Stewardship meetings starting October 24th, 2021

The average attendance prior to the pandemic was 52. Currently, our attendance is 54!

Pastor Krahn continues to record his 3 Minute Devotions every week.

PROPERTY - We are working on updating the PA system in the sanctuary. Council approved up to \$500 for the necessary work. The remote for the projector in Room 2000 is being replaced.

PARSONAGE - It was reported that the parsonage boiler has been replaced.

Nursery School - Nursery School started September 13th, 2021. We did lose some students to the UPK (Universal Pre-Kindergarten) program, but still maintain good class loads.

A SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held after church on October 17th, 2021 to vote on the revised Constitution. This is part of the overall Call Process. Members will receive the Constitution by email. Printed copies will also be available in the sanctuary.

For the foreseeable future, Hans Vogel will serve as the liason between CLC and our cleaning service, Strong Arm.

Members and visitors are encouraged to complete Suggestion slips for the Suggestion Box in the Narthex (front vestibule of sanctuary.)

Sunday School still needs teachers. We are prospecting for volunteer teachers, age 18 or above. **Please see Claudia Gross or Nancy Pisani to volunteer**, or to suggest someone who might be willing to volunteer.

Thrift Shop Ministry

The Thrift Shop opened September 15, 2006. We want to thank **all** of our volunteers for doing a great job every week. This summer, Kris Stone returned on Fridays. On Tuesdays, Joan Gagnon joined the gals with folding and cleaning. On Fridays, Vinny Ciro is now helping. We are blessed with God's caring for this ministry every week.

We WILL be open during the Country Fair on Friday, September 24th and Saturday September 25th. Please come in and help support our ministry.

– Barbara & Jeri

REMINDER

**Our Thrift Shop is open:
Fridays - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

WELCA NEWS

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Give a big "Thank you" to Thrivent Financial for providing \$250 start-up funds for our 2021 Country Fair on September 24th and 25th.

After having a year off from baking for the fair, we are once again looking for everyone's support for the "Cookie Walk" that will take place at the Fair on Saturday, the 25th. Please start looking up your favorite recipes and get ready to help make the fair a success. You can bring your donated cookies to Room 2000 on Thursday (23rd) or Friday (24th) between 9 and 3. They can also be delivered to Room 10 on Saturday morning. The sale will start at 9:00, so please bring them early.

Your donations are greatly appreciated. The outreach programs that will benefit from the fair are The Interfaith Nutritional Network (the INN), Lutheran Disaster Relief, the USO, and the Tunnel to Tower Foundation. Proceeds will also help support future Christ Lutheran ministries. Further details about the fair are elsewhere in the Spire.

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

Pancake mix/syrup, toilet tissue, paper towels, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, salad dressing, saltines/cookies, coffee/tea, juice, cooking oil (48 oz), salad dressing, mayonnaise.

The collection bins are in the hallway outside the Library. Please check your donations for expiration dates. **Thank you. All donations are very much appreciated.** Should you need food, please call the church office at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Merrick (516-379-3858) to arrange to receive needed items.

BEQUESTS

Blessed to be a Blessing

We have each been blessed by God to be a blessing to others both during our lives and after them. One important way we can continue to be a blessing to the church beyond our lives is by leaving a portion of our estate to Christ Lutheran through our Will. Those with children are encouraged to consider leaving at least a Biblical tithe (a gift of 10%) of their estate. Others might well bless Christ Lutheran with a larger remembrance. For more information, please speak to Pastor Krahn (631-720-6179).

CLC HISTORY:

As we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Country Fair, here's a look back to our very FIRST one!!!

WELCA & AAL COUNTRY FAIR CHAIRLADIES

Jean Leib 781-8925 Margaret Lorenzen 781-7116 Elaine Sanders 731-1399 Mary Wagner 781-0028

COUNTRY FAIR COMMITTEE

Joan Drake 796-1507 Norma Mantay 785-5099 Doris Ohlander 785-5578 Kay Riese 221-0049 Martha Worrell 735-7258

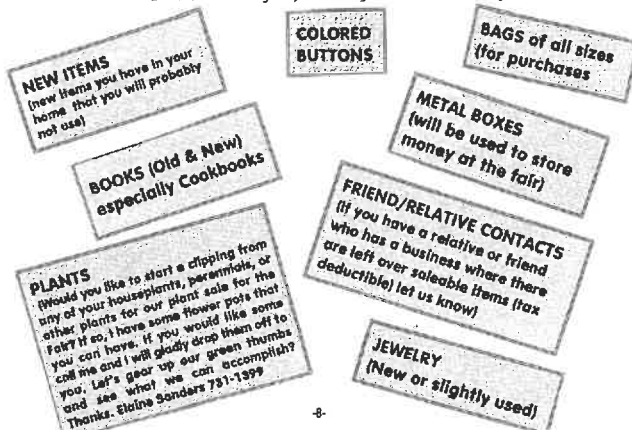
TREASURER

Joan Richter 781-5307



Thanks for your responses, which are being answered—WE NEED MORE!

- Please:
- ① ASK your neighbors, friends, relatives FOR items and ideas
 - ② KEEP a box or bag ready for collecting some or all of the following items:



Country Fair
Saturday, December 6, 1997
10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
 We need YOU: male, female, young, not-so-young, working, retired, homebound

Some contribution ideas are as follows:

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|-----------------|--|
| sewing items | fabric or wool around-the-house supplies |
| baked goods | crocheted items |
| plants | knitted items |
| woodworks | preserves (jams, jellies, pickles, etc.) |
| hobby materials | crafts (wreaths, albums, Christmas items, whatever you do) |
| new items | candy |
| old & new books | jewelry |

Of anything you may have as an idea to contribute to this event!

Please let us know how you can help at our First Country Fair. All profits will benefit the Women of the ELCA's outreach programs! Aid Association for Lutherans will match funds generated by the Fair.

WELCA Country Fair with AAL Br. 7127

I/We would like to contribute my/our time and talent to the Country Fair by:

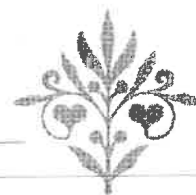
- Donating time to set-up, clean-up.
- Would like to donate an item/craft to be sold.
- Have a suggestion/idea for the committee.

Name _____
 Address _____

Phone No. _____ Best time to reach me _____

Please return this form by August 25, 1997 to the Church office, place in the offering plate on Sunday, or mail to:

Jean Leib
 Fair Committee
 3068 Bellagh Avenue
 Wantagh, NY 11793



PROPERTY REPORT – OCT 2021

Our **Small 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 **moved numerous “Fair” items for the “Tool” table** to the parsonage garage.
- We replaced a few Fluorescents on the education buildings main floor and reset others not functioning in the hot/humid weather. We changed the bulbs in the Sanctuary dark **screen light**, restoring the light. We changed some in room 2000.
- We **restarted our LED lamp conversion project for the Education Building 4’** ceiling lights first. We applied for the PSEGLI rebate program, completed the application, and arranged for a pre-inspection, all of which was accomplished in two days. We have ordered the first lamps and supplies to do the hallways ASAP without interfering with the NS operation.
- We completed the **painting of the Wrought Iron railings**, all around, with the “Pit” stairway railings before NS started. We spayed the Rm10/20 and 2000 railings.
- We tightened the last of the loose/wobbly **Altar Platform Chairs**.
- **Despite the “No Entry” sign on the Parsonage door**, we entered August 20th for a security check only to discover the main floor bathroom toilet continuously and silently overflowing the tank drain. We shut off the water valve to the toilet.
- We tightened and/or replaced numerous **front lawn canopy** holders to minimize water pockets. We will tie-wrap them as time permits.
- We had the **rear inside corner gutter** replaced due to an overflow condition. We hope this will also reduce the flooding along the South basement wall. We “Flex-sealed” the south wall once again.
- We removed the **ripped Flag in preparation for the “Henri” storm**. We noticed the Shackles were wearing thin and the Halyards ageing. We ordered a new 5X8 flag, four Shackles and two Halyards, We will install them as time permits.
- We updated and placed the “Fair Pumpkin” on the lawn. Installed the time sign.
- We TWICE restored (with tape, tie wraps, and hula hoops) **the collapsed NS yard canopy**, keeping it going for the NS summer program. Our attempts to strengthen it to use through September, failed when it collapsed again and we dismantled and bundled it for Special pick-up.
- We reapplied for a cancelled Home Depot Tax Exempt number after missing notices supposedly sent to the church. **The new HD T/E number is 9664495513.**
- We Moved the **Office Answering machine** to the outer area.
- We checked the **hands free soap dispensers**, replacing a bad unit with a spare one.
- We uncovered the **North rooftop A/C** with a **broken belt**, which ripped out other wiring in the fan area controlling “Heat” functions. We replaced and adjusted the belt, obtained new wire/connectors, and restored the unit’s full function.
- We thank **Vinny Ciro** for initializing a solution to the **“Sound system”** clicks, echoes, low volume, etc issues. He has run cable and rewired channels to professionally support Nichol’s great music program.

Retiree Group

THINGS TO DO

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

- *Clean the ceiling light covers in room 10 and 2000.
- *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?).
- *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?)
- * 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 the findings and recommendations from the property wide “**energy survey**” by a PSEG contractor. We restarted our own LED replacement project with PSEGLI rebate support. (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 having the lower two Steinbicker NS classroom Floor tiles removed, floor sealed and re-tiled; Or Carpeted over. (NS issue-cmplt)

Retiree work as time allows

- * Inspect and Re-install all interior door locks for a “Key-up” installation.
- * 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 at the next “Stop” date.

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9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	7pm - Scouts-	8pm - AA: Rm. 10	1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm.	10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 7pm - Finance	9am - Thrift Shop @ 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
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OCTOBER 2021 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS		ALTAR GUILD	Flower Delivery	Acolytes & *Crucifers	Counters	Greeters	Coffee Hosts
		9:00						
Sun., October 3, 2021 19th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship (Green)	R. Ohlander		D. Ohlander's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		
Sun., October 10, 2021 20th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am-Worship (Green)	H. Vogel		B. Rath's Group			R. OHLANDER D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath		
Sun., October 17, 2021 21st Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am-Worship (Green)	J. Gross		E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group			J. FITZGERALD J. Eastlund J. Eastlund		
Sun., October 24, 2021 22nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am Worship (Green)	H. Vogel		D. Ohlander's Group			R. OHLANDER B. Henderson M Soethout J. Fahey D. Ohlander		
Sun., October 31, 2021 Reformation Day 9:00am-Worship (Red)	R. Ohlander		B. Rath's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		



Are you a veteran of any branch of the United States military? If so, please let us know! We will again be honoring our veterans during worship on **Veterans Recognition Sunday, November 7, 2021.**

Also, we'd like to have as many veterans as possible participate in the leadership of the services on that day. So, if you are a veteran, male or female, please **return the form below to the Church office by Sunday, October 31, 2021** so that we can plan appropriately. Thank you!

Yes! I am a United States Veteran!

Name _____

Phone # _____

Branch of Service _____

Years Served _____

On **November 7**, I would be willing to:

Usher: 9:00 am _____

Be a Communion Assistant: 9:00 am _____

Read the Lessons: 9:00 am _____



LIGHTS OF LOVE

Are you looking for a special way to remember a friend or family member on All Saints Day, Sunday, November 7? Christ Lutheran Church is providing a unique opportunity to show your remembrance with "Lights of Love."

For each donation of \$5.00, the names of your loved ones will be listed in the Sunday bulletin. All money collected will be donated to Hospice on Long Island.

If you are interested, please fill out the tear-off sheet below and return to the Church office by Sunday, October 25. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church.



**LIGHTS OF LOVE - ALL SAINTS DAY
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020**

Env. # _____

Donation given by _____

In Memory of _____

Number of donations _____

Total enclosed (\$5 each) _____