



I KNOW THAT MY
Redeemer lives.

JOB 19:25

The Spire: March 2024

The term *Lent* has several origins (all amazingly similar):

- Dutch *lente* means "Springtime;"
- Old English *lencten* means "Spring season;"
- Old High German *lenzin* or *lenz* means "Spring."

In Spring, we see life rising from the gloom of winter. Daffodils and crocuses start blooming, even with snow. Animals, such as birds and rabbits, have babies. Trees begin to bud. These are daily reminders of Christ in heaven. It brings us happiness and shows a renewal of life. As we proceed through the season of Lent, we reflect on what Jesus did. He gave the ultimate gift; his life. As you take Communion this Lenten Season, remember why we have this Sacrament: the Body and Blood of Christ.

Some people give up sweets, others alcohol, and yet others give up cigarettes; things they enjoy, It is symbolic of the sacrifice Christ made for us. Whether you give up anything or not, this is a time of reflection and introspection; a time to strengthen our faith.

As Holy Week approaches, remember what that means to our faith:

- On Palm Sunday, we receive palms to remind us of Jesus returning to Jerusalem.
- On Maundy Thursday, Jesus celebrated the Last Supper.
- On Good Friday, we somberly recall the Passion of Christ.
- On Holy Saturday, we observe a vigil to wait for Christ to arise.
- And finally, on Easter, we celebrate Jesus, as he rises to Heaven. A time of joy and blessing. We decorate the church with lilies, tulips and daffodils to remind us of the new life this season brings.

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. He is Risen indeed. Amen.

I wish everyone a very Blessed Easter Season.

Nancy Pisani

Easter Has the Power to Create Hope in Us All

Written by Bishop Dennis J. Sullivan for the Catholic Star Herald.

While it was still dark on that first Easter morning, Mary Magdalene bravely made her way to the tomb in which the body of Jesus was placed after His Death on the Cross. She went to complete the rites of anointing for the dead, which because of the Sabbath restrictions, were not done on Friday. She found the tomb empty and despaired that someone had removed the body of Jesus. Then, beyond all expectation, she heard her name, “Mary,” and recognized Jesus, alive, risen from the dead.

An ancient Easter Sequence, a hymn sung before the Gospel on Solemnities, “Victimae Paschali Laudes,” addresses Mary about that experience. “Tell us Mary, what did you see?” To which she responds, “Christ, my HOPE, is risen.” Mary experiences hope from her encounter with the Risen Lord. “Christ, my HOPE is risen.” May this Easter Sunday and the Fifty Days of this Easter Season renew in you that same hope that Mary Magdalene experienced on the first Easter.

God did not abandon Jesus in death, nor does God abandon you. Sin and death are defeated on the Cross of Christ. Through Baptism, you share in that Easter victory. You can know hope despite experiencing the effects of both sin and death. What Easter did for Mary Magdalene, it can do for you – touch you with hope, which bears to you the face of Jesus. It is not abstract. It is an encounter with the Risen Lord born of faith.

Václav Havel, a playwright and former president of the Czech Republic, wrote about hope: it “is not the conviction that something will turn out well, but the certainty that something makes sense no matter how it turns out.”

Meaninglessness is not the last word for those to whom the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter brings hope. The “Catechism of the Catholic Church” teaches, “Hope keeps us from discouragement; sustains us during time of abandonment; preserves us from selfishness, and leads to happiness.” The sorrows, cruelties and difficulties of everyday life can lay heavily on our hearts, minds and souls. Easter is God’s new creation, and it has the potential to recreate us. It is God’s work in Jesus and by faith in us.

Emily Dickinson in her poem, “Hope Is the Thing With Feathers,” wrote that like a bird, hope flies in and “perches in the soul.” May hope perch in your soul as you celebrate Easter Sunday and throughout the Easter Season. May HOPE nest in your life so that you, too, can confess with Easter faith, “Christ, my Hope is Risen.”



Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 24th-31st, 2024

Palm Sunday: 9:00AM Service

Maundy Thursday: 7:30PM Service

Good Friday: 7:30PM Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday: 9:00AM Service

All worship services will be led by Pastor Martin Nale. Services will be livestreamed on Facebook and uploaded to YouTube on the next business day.

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: Janice and John Eastlund

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: Carlton & Diane Miller

In Memory of: **Irene Knapp**

Given by: Barbara Rath

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: Matthew & Theresa Steinmetz

Family Emergency Fund

In Memory of: **Agnes Murphy**

Given by: Matthew B. Murphy

In Memory of: **Agnes Murphy**

Given by: Michael Murphy

Music Ministry Memorial

In Honor of: **Hans Vogel**

Given by: Jeri Hallgren

Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Robert Harter**

Given by: Janice and John Eastlund

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: Jeri Hallgren

In Memory of: **Robert Harter**

Given by: Jeri Hallgren

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: Curt Neznamy

In Memory of: **Jerry Cardone**

Given by: Barbara Rath

In Memory of: **Robert Cerra**

Given by: Barbara Rath

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

Given by: Barbara Rath

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: The Rath & Baker Families

In Memory of: **Robert Harter**

Given by: The Rath & Baker Families

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: Emilia

Sanctuary Memorial

In Honor of: **Hans Vogel, for His Service to Our Church**

Given by: The CLC Christian Education Program

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In Memory of: **Irene Knapp**

Given by: *The CLC Christian Education Program*

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

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GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

March Birthdays

5: Bill Henderson

6: Jennifer Proce

7: Scarlet Fire Reed

9: Charles Kuchynskas

9: Allison Michelle Banz

10: Dana Antonette

12: Jessica Hasteadt

19: Joan Drake

19: Jean Leib

21: Elyzabeth Kuchynskas

21: Gabrielle Scibelli

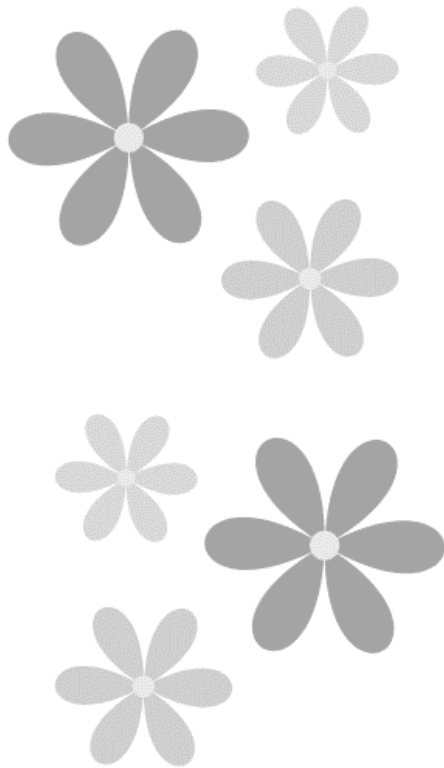
21: Gus Raitz

23: James Kemnah

26: Mary Wagner

28: Kaylee Hope Franz

30: Lynn Hasteadt



March Anniversaries

14: Emily and Dan Bloomfield

Would you like to include a birthday or anniversary in the Spire? All are welcome! Please call or email the Church office with the name(s) and date(s). Please do so no later than 30 days before your celebration.

Good News

- **Save the Dates for Holy Week!** Our worship times are published on page two of the Spire. All services will livestream on Facebook and will be available on YouTube the next business day. We hope you'll join us.
- **Easter Offering:** An Easter offering envelope is included with this edition of the Spire. We encourage you to give as generously as you are able. Extra envelopes will be available in the Sanctuary this Easter season. Thank you for your kind support of our church!
- **Lenten Reflections:** In partnership with our choirs and pastors throughout Long Island, our Music Director, Nicole Nicholson, has produced a series of spiritual reflections for the Lenten season. These reflections are emailed each **Wednesday** and posted on our YouTube channel. We encourage you to watch! Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful project.
- **Save the Date! The Wantagh St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 17th at 2PM.** Volunteers are invited to represent Christ Lutheran by marching or driving with us. If you would like to participate, please contact the Church office, or speak with Della Rao by **March 3rd**. Make sure to wear green!
- **Worship Assistants Needed!** The Easter season is nearly here! While our church is fortunate to have many dedicated worship assistants, new volunteers are appreciated! No prior experience is needed, and we are happy to train you. If you would like to serve as a Communion assistant, altar guild member, usher, or counter, please contact the Church office for more details. Thank you!
- **Altar Flowers:** The Worship & Music Committee would like to form a group of volunteers to pick up our altar flowers from neighborhood markets, maintain them during the week, and set them up for Sunday service. If you are interested in lending a hand, please speak with **Claudia and John Gross**. Thank you!
- **Church Cleanup:** Our comprehensive cleanup project continues! The Christian Education and Property Committees are currently working to reorganize the existing **Christian Education office**. If you or your ministry has files and/or other items stored there, please speak with Roger Ohlander or Della Rao. Thank you!
- **Spire Mailing Committee:** Thank you to all who volunteered to deliver the Spire to the Wantagh Post Office. Our "delivery team" consists of **Terry Ciro, Regina Coons, Jeri Hallgren, and Bob Hasteadt**.



CLC Youth News

- **2024 Easter Egg Hunt:** Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will return this year! **Save the date for Saturday, March 30th.** An RSVP form is included on page 7 of your Spire. Thank you to all who have volunteered to fill our Easter eggs with treats! **Volunteers for the egg hunt are welcome! Please see the RSVP form.**
- In-house registration for the **2024 Summer Program** at The Christian Nursery School begins on **March 1st.** Remaining spots will become available to the public on **March 15th.** Spend the summer with us! Contact Dana Antonette at 516-679-8425 to learn more.
- Registration for the **2024-2025 school year** at The Christian Nursery School is open! Very few open spots and waitlist slots remain. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please call Dana Antonette at 516-679-8425.

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 will be held on March 2nd.** Please note that the Thrift Shop will be **closed** on **March 29th in solemn observance of Good Friday.** Donations are appreciated! For your convenience, donations may be left in or adjacent to the donation shed next to the Thrift Shop. **No cribs or mattresses, please.** If you are unsure of whether we can accept an item, please call the Church office to be connected with a Thrift Shop coordinator. Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Canned Fruit - Canned Mixed Veggies

Canned Chicken/Salmon - Coffee - Chicken Noodle Soup

Complete Pancake Mix & Syrup - Dinty Moore Stew

Dried Beans - Mac & Cheese - Mayo - Peanut Butter & Jelly Spaghetti - Sauce

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Outreach:

- A meeting of outreach volunteers was held to discuss upcoming projects. Volunteers are welcome and encouraged to lend a hand. These projects include:
 - Health Kits (Lutheran World Relief)
 - Easter Baskets (Lutheran Social Services)
 - Baby/Maternity Items Collection (Birthright)

Worship & Music:

- **Liturgical Season:** Ash Wednesday worship service will be held at 7:30PM on February 14th, led by Pastor Anderson.
- **Lenten Devotionals:** Nicole has collaborated with pastors across Long Island to produce Lenten devotionals. They will be emailed out weekly.
- **Holy Week:** Pastor Martin will preside at all services. Worship times were confirmed: Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, 9AM; Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, 7:30PM. All necessary supplies were ordered.
- **Sound System:** Options continue to be explored for the upgrading of the church sound system. More to follow.

Christian Education:

- There will be no class on February 18th (winter recess).
- **Sunday School:** Parents were sent home with a letter on February 11th encouraging them to participate as much as possible in church this Lent. We shared the Ash Wednesday service time and invited them to watch the online devotionals. We encouraged parents to help their children be active in submitting offering envelopes each week. We also shared the flyer for our Spring service project.
- **Confirmation:** Curriculum planning has begun for the 2024-2025 school year. We will have two ninth-graders and two seventh-graders. More updates to follow.

Nursery Board:

- **Enrollment:** 79 students are currently enrolled.
- **Registration:** Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is up at all levels from prior years. 84 students total are enrolled for next year. Nearly all our spots are filled. Registration for the Summer Program will open in March.
- **Signage:** The Nursery Board is researching the possibility of installing signage along Wantagh Ave. to direct more public attention to and advertise our school.
- **Staffing:** Additional staff will be hired to ensure we are fully able to serve an expanding student population.

Property:

- **Air Conditioning:** Property is collaborating with the Nursery Board on installing air conditioning in the offices and classrooms used for Summer Program.
- **Flooring:** We have received estimates for the replacement of worn-down flooring in two classrooms.



- **Altar Carpet:** We have received an estimate from **Carpet Depot** for the carpeting. WELCA has generously offered to fund this project.
- **Parsonage Shower Door:** The broken shower door will be replaced by a local business, **GCS Glass**.

Council:

- An orientation was held by President Nancy Pisani. New members include Regina Coons, who has previously served, and Matt Murphy, who is serving for the first time.
- All Council members were asked to update their contact information and consider which committees they would like to serve on this year.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Sunday School will host Coffee Hour on **Palm Sunday, March 24th**. We encourage all families to participate!
- Christian Education (Sunday School and Confirmation) **will not meet on Easter Sunday, March 31st**.
- **Help Wanted!** We are seeking **teaching assistants** to assist with our growing Sunday School classes. Youth and young adults seeking service hours are welcome! You do not need to be available every Sunday. Please see a Christian Education Committee member or speak with Claudia Gross or Della Rao for more information.
- **Spring Service Project:** Christian Education is sponsoring a Spring service project! We are creating **Easter baskets** for the Lutheran Social Services New Life Center food pantry. Please see the flyer enclosed in the Spire for a list of needed items. Please send in your donations by **Sunday, March 17th**. Thank you!

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

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

Personal Care Kits: We encourage all who are able to give toward our Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please send in your donations by **Sunday, March 3rd**. See “Thrivent” for additional information and a list of items.

WELCA

WELCA had a very successful February meeting. It was so nice to see each other again after our long winter break.

During our meeting, we discussed our upcoming church projects. Included in those projects is the planned replacement of the existing **altar carpet**, which we have offered to fund. We hope it will see a lot of love and use!

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 6th at 1PM in Room 2000**. During our meeting, we will continue to help assemble and ship Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, a project which we started working on at our February meeting. Please consider giving to our collection by **Sunday, March 3rd**. See “Thrivent” for more information. As always, all ladies are welcome to join us!

The next WELCA Conference Bible Study will be held on **Thursday, March 14th at 10AM at Faith Lutheran Church in Syosset**. Please enter at the main church door, or the elevator door on the side street. Leading us is Pastor Rebecca Sheridan. New members are welcome to join us!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

To Members of the Congregation: *We still need your help.* On February 7th, Thrivent and WELCA met and assembled personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief (LWR). It was very successful. We were able to put together 83 kits (166+ pounds) to help people who are victims of natural disasters or political upheaval. Thank you to all who donated the items for the kits as well as those who took time preparing and packaging them. A special thanks goes to John Eastlund for delivering them to Baltimore, MD. We had been preparing to do this project for WELCA’s March 6th meeting, but when the program that was scheduled was postponed, we started working on the Personal Care Kits and plan to finish up at the March meeting. While we still have some combs, toothbrushes, and nail files, we will need **bath towels (preferably dark colors) and bath-sized bars of soap** in order to complete the rest of the kits. Donations of these items or money to purchase them would be greatly appreciated. Donated items can be left in the box in the loggia. Recently, we have found lightweight towels at Walmart for between \$2-\$3. You can also donate money for this project. Please send checks payable to WELCA to the Church office. **Please send your donations in by Sunday, March 3rd**. Thank you for any help you can give to this worthwhile project. Thanks also go to **Thrivent** for providing \$250 in seed money to purchase some of the items needed for the kits. In 2023, LWR sent 123,920 kits to countries around the world, including the Ukraine, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Mali, Tanzania, and Turkey. *You can make a difference in lives around the world!*

To All Thrivent Members: Be sure to check if you have Choice Dollars. You can direct these to our Church,



Nursery School, or another charitable organization on Thrivent's register. It only takes a minute. Call 1-800-Thrivent, or visit thrivent.com to begin. **Be sure to do this by March 31st**, or you will lose this valuable opportunity to direct Thrivent funding to a cause you believe in.

PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Becky Carlson - James Cathcart - Danielle Chillemi
Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo - Audrina Crochitto
Joan Drake - Ronnie Fairclough - Travis Gentile
Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor - Emmy Grenzic
Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan - Pr. John Hopkins
Arnold Howard - Steven Koch - Laura Koenig - Ruth Kollar
Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea
John Miller - Marilyn Miller - Lilly Ann Munnich
John Nittoli - James Pallas - Jim Pawl - Barbara Proce
Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Terri Rao - Emmett Reilly
Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer
Della Dorn Rice - Kay Riese - Eunice Rischan
Doris Spiegle - Natalie Stone - James Toomey
Hilde Uccellini

REMINDER: To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the Church office. Names remain on the list for six weeks per request, unless specified that it is a long-term request. Please be sure to apprise the Church office of any updates or changes.

THANK YOU TO...

Dear Friends,
Thank you for the cards, calls, visits, food, and memorials sent to me in memory of Bob. I appreciate your kindness.
Sincerely, Eleanor Freyer

Dear Christ Lutheran Friends,
Thank you so much for your donation of \$258.32 for the benefit of **Birthright of Nassau-Suffolk**. We appreciate the dedication and friendship that has been created through the mission of Birthright. We are honored and blessed to have friends like you helping Birthright in any way. Birthright cannot thrive without the love and support provided by people like you. We certainly appreciate the wonderful support that we receive from you. Without it, we would not be able to continue our efforts to aid the young mothers faced with the problems and decisions of choosing life. Your gift will go a long way in helping our mothers.
Sincerely, Brittany Bufinsky, Director

Dear Friend,
Thank you for your contribution of \$485. Your donation is helping **Lutheran Social Services of New York** to serve more than 5,000 individuals in need every day. Your continued support of the work we do through this

compassionate gift ensures that we can continue to fulfill our mission of encouraging and helping all people to reach their full potential. We are blessed for you and countless others who have supported our ministries, giving us the resources to assist our neighbors in need to improve their lives. Gifts such as yours help improve the lives of our neighbors in need. Thank you for the commitment you have shown to our program over the years; you make lives better every day through our shared mission of service.

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

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

What does it mean to be an active church member? The Constitution and By-Laws of Christ Lutheran Church define an **active member** as one who, *during the last three years* (not including the present year), has done **both of** the following:

- “Communed in this congregation or received Communion from Christ Lutheran Church’s Pastor(s);
- “Made a contribution of record to this congregation.”

Please fill out a Communion Card at least once a year. These cream-colored cards are kept in the church pews. You can place your completed card in the offering basket during worship service, or hand it to an usher. **Please also be sure that your monetary contributions are being recorded.** If you do not know your envelope number, or are not sure if you have one, please call the Church office. Any additional questions or concerns can be addressed directly with our Treasurer, Barbara Stone. Thank you for being a part of our church community!

SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

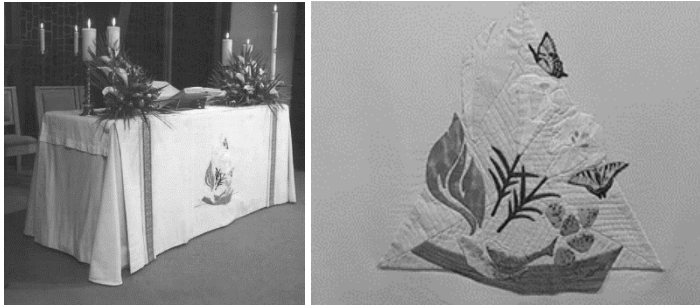
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CLC HISTORY



The banners pictured above were donated last year in loving memory of Lynn Geestmann Cerra, by Robert Cerra, Claudia & John Gross, and Jennifer, Craig, and Hannah Proce. They will lovingly adorn our walls again this Easter.



One timeless feature of our Easter celebration is the altar frontal. Designed by Susan Beck, the frontal was created at the request of the Geestmann family, as a memorial to Peter Geestmann. The design features the following:

The Boat: *Jesus is our calm in the storm.* The boat symbolizes Christ's Church. **The music staff** on the boat alludes to the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Loaves and Fishes: *Jesus is our spiritual nourishment.* The loaves and fishes allude to the Gospel story of Jesus feeding a crowd of 5,000.

Butterflies: *Jesus will return.* The butterflies symbolize the Resurrection.

Calla Lilly with Flame: *The Holy Spirit will fill God's chosen people.* Another symbol of the Resurrection, the Calla Lilly transitions into the flame of Pentecost. The flames are shaped into a "P" and "G," for Peter Geestmann.

In addition to these adornments, we will continue our tradition of filling the church with beautiful **Easter flowers** as memorials to our loved ones. Please see the form included in the Spire for an Easter flower memorial form. Please submit your memorials by **Tuesday, March 26th**.



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT

All neighborhood children ages three through third grade are welcome to join us for this fun event!

Date/Time: Saturday, March 30th, 10:00AM

Rain Date/Time: Saturday, April 6th, 10:00AM

We will notify attendees if we postpone due to the weather.

Location: Steinbicker Hall & Church Lawns

Street Address: 3384 Island Road, Wantagh

Egg Hiding: Morning of Egg Hunt, 9:00AM

Volunteers ages fourth grade and up are welcome to help!

This year, we are asking for the help of our church families and organizations with filling the 1,600 eggs to be hidden! We will supply the eggs and the treats for you.

If you would like to participate in this "eggcellent" spring event, please submit the RSVP form below to the Church office by **Friday, March 22nd**. We "hop" to see you there!

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

EASTER EGG HUNT

Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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or attended The Christian Nursery School.

The following children will participate in the egg hunt:

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

I would like to help hide the eggs.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

Name: _____ Age: _____

My child has a food allergy that you should be aware of.

Please specify: _____

Please check if you **do not** wish for images of your child to be shared on our Church & School website and social media pages.

Please return this form by Friday, March 22nd.



PROPERTY REPORT – MARCH 2024

Our Volunteer Retiree Group continues to perform the maintenance and/or improvement items from the “Office” To-Do list, Seasonal activities, or things we find ourselves, and can accomplish without professional help.

Our **recent activities** have included:

- **NOTE: It is NEVER acceptable to place a thermostat on HOLD! Please, “USE THE ARROWS” up/down to handle all special heating needs if not Pre-programmed. Tell us when you need heat so we can program it for you.**
- We continue to remove spilled candle wax from numerous Sanctuary Chairs. We are investigating obtaining the Fabric and recovering the bad ones.
- We had Quinn the plumber (826-3253), add new **Water Meter valves** in the Parsonage, a need uncovered during the recent meter replacement.
- We replaced a broken Doorstop on the inside set of the East Room 2000 doors.
- We treated and cleaned the **Sacristy Sink** to eliminate a reported foul Wine Oder.
- We replaced a non-working Smoke detector inside the Parsonage front door.
- We investigated a **no-heat situation in the Loggia zone**. We bled the zone, and determined that water would flow and that no air existed. We called Quinn to look at the Motor/Pump/flow control parts. He obtained the parts but must shut the heat down to replace the pump some time after school hours.
- We prepared, prepared the **Old Snow Blower**, and had Della place it on Craig’s list for a cash sale of \$550.
- We monitored the installation of **Gutter guards** on the east side of the Education building, and a **new seamless gutter and downspouts** over the Sanctuary windows. (PIM \$1,350)
- We purchased a battery Snow thrower for light duty. (PIM \$299)
- We investigated a wire-tripping hazard in the Choir/Bells area and purchased and installed a floor covering.
- We investigated additional loose floor tiles in a lower NS classroom, and determined that new **“Vinyl planking” should be a priority installation**. Bids were been requested and approval from Council is being sought.
- We continue to investigate new **A/C for the NS classrooms**. We received three Vender proposals and clarified significant power issues. Less expensive solutions we are considering are Floor units in the classrooms and even new secure Wall Units.
- We sprayed some residual mold in the Parsonage basement boiler room and ordered shellac to permanently cover it.
- We initiated a **new cleanout of the C/E room**.
- Vinny is exploring the shattered Parsonage shower door for replacement and Council approval.
- An **Altar platform carpet proposal** has been requested from Carpet Depot.
- We electro-sprayed the Pulpit Microphone connector eliminating the crackle.

Retirees

RESEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LONG RANGE PROJECTS

- * Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary.**
- * Research a possible upgrade to the Sanctuary sound system. (Wkg)
- * Research a possible refurbish of the Education Building Main Floor Bathrooms.
- * Research a possible refurbish of the two Room 10 Bathrooms.
- * Research replacing the rear yard Stairway cover.
- * Research the possibility and costs to remove and **refurbish the Original Steeple Bell and Cradle.**
- * Research installing AirConditioning in the main Ed. Building classrooms.(Wkg)
- * Investigate installing a pole for power to the far Parking lot area for **Security.**

MISCELLANEOUS THINGS STILL NEEDING WORK

- * Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- * Repair numerous **Cement issues.** (Back walk, Pit wall, Pointing, Washes)
- * Price **professional intervention** to repair a **rear yard** broken and sinking **sidewalk square. !!!**
- * Investigate and strengthen the **Altar screen Filigree panels** which are **showing signs of looseness and cracking.**
- * **Power Wash** the “Greens”, especially on the Sheds beyond the parking lot.
- * Re-Seal the old office Duct Work to eliminate winter drafts.
- * Check for **loose stair treads** on the Room 10 and 20 stairways and re-glue.
- * **Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker.** Stones to pit? Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor. Extend the Sprinkler system into to the area.
- * Rebuild, once again, the weathered Front Sanctuary Planter Boxes.
- * Complete the Painting of the Thrift Shop incoming shed.
- * **Replace the Parsonage/Parking Lot “Post and Rail” fencing.**
- * Check/reset coverage of the flagpole Sprinkler head. Zone 1/North of walkway.
- * Touch-up the “Rust areas” on the outside fire escape.
- * **Replace the water damaged ceiling tiles in the lower “east” bathroom.**
- * Repair/Replace the Parsonage Water shut off valves. Quinn (CMPLT)
- * Lubricate the bearings on the Gym South loft exhaust fan. Vacuum the grill.
- * Arrange for new carpeting in the Altar area, WELCA Project. (WKG)
- * Investigate A/C to the main classrooms in the Education Building. (WKG)



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2024 Easter Flower Memorials

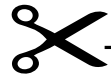
Dear Friends,

Easter Sunday is on March 31 this year. Soon it will be time to plan for the adorning of the Church. There will be the usual altar flowers along with assorted spring flowers. The decorations, as memorials, will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The suggested amount of the gift is \$15.00. Please complete the form below and return it, with your check, to the Church office. Kindly have all submissions in no later than **Tuesday, March 26.**

Sincerely,

Della Rao

Parish Administrator



Christ Lutheran Church
2024 Easter Flower Memorials
3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793

I am enclosing \$_____ for the Easter flowers. Please select: Cash Check #: _____

Total # of Memorials: _____ Offering Envelope #: _____ Phone: _____

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

in Thanksgiving to God.

in Honor of: _____

in Memory of: _____

Given By: _____

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PROGRAM



We can be “eggcellent” neighbors!

Easter is nearly here! During this special season, we will work together to make Easter baskets for our neighbors in need. The Easter baskets will be sent to the **Lutheran Social Services New Life Center** food pantry. The non-perishable items below can be given to your child’s teacher, left in the Narthex, or dropped off at the Church office. Please kindly consider donating:

Brownie & Cake Mix

Sugar & Flour

Frosting & Condiments

Coffee (Regular, Decaf, and/or Instant)

Hot Cocoa & Tea

Parmalot Milk

Juice & Assorted Drinks

Cookies, Candy, & Snacks

Jello & Pudding

Pancake Mix & Syrup

Jelly

Pasta & Rice (1/2lb. Bag or Box)

Chef Boyardee

Canned Chili

Canned Meat

Turkey, Ham, & Chicken (Fresh or Frozen)

Monetary donations (cash or check payable to Christ Lutheran Church), or grocery store coupons for the items needed will also be accepted. Please drop off or mail to the Church office and label them “Easter Baskets.” If you plan to donate a perishable item, such as meat, please call ahead. We would appreciate receiving all donations by **Sunday, March 17.**

If you have any questions, please speak with Jan Eastlund, Claudia Gross, or Della Rao. You may also call the Church office at 516-221-3286, or email church@clcwantagh.org.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!



MARCH/APRIL 2024 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2024 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, March 3, 2024 3 rd Sunday in Lent (USA Day) 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	B. Rath's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath	G. Franz	Elaine DiChiara	Nursery Board
Sun, March 10, 2024 4 th Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	M. Murphy	Nancy Pisani	The Murphy Family
Sun, March 17, 2024 5 th Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	John Gross Craig Sparke	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	G. Franz	Hans Vogel	Claudia & John Gross
Sun, March 24, 2024 PALM SUNDAY 9:00AM Service (Scarlet/Purple)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	B. Rath's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	M. Murphy	Dee Bloomfield	Sunday School
Thurs, March 28, 2024 MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:30PM Service (Scarlet/White)	Robert Ahearn John Gross	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group		<u>Open</u>	Hans Vogel	N/A
Fri, March 29, 2024 GOOD FRIDAY 7:30PM Tenebrae Service (No Color/Black)	John Gross Roger Ohlander	D. Ohlander's Group		G. Franz	N/A	N/A
Sun, March 31, 2024 EASTER SUNDAY 9:00AM Service (White/Gold)	John Gross Eric Juergens	B. Rath's Group	<u>Special Group</u>	<u>Open</u>	Barbara Stone	N/A
Sun, April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath	M. Murphy	Elaine DiChiara	<u>Open</u>
Sun, April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Eric Juergens John Gross	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	G. Franz	Dee Bloomfield	Dee Bloomfield, BJ Gilmor, and Barbara Stone

NEW WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LEARN MORE.
CURRENT WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SHOULD CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF THEY NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE TO THEIR ASSIGNMENT. IF YOU WOULD
LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HOST A COFFEE HOUR, PLEASE CALL JAN EASTLUND AT 516-781-0491.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>25</p> <p>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 7pm - W&M/Council Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>28</p> <p>1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Finance Meeting 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 7pm - W&M/Council Meeting</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Spire Submission Deadline 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10am - Cancer Support Group 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:30am - Spire Mailing Rm. 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Palm Sunday 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Maundy Thursday 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 7:30pm - Worship</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Good Friday 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 7:30pm - Tenebrae Worship 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Easter Sunday 9am - Worship</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Church Office Closed 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>

Nursery School News: March 2024



Winter seems never ending with all this cold and dreary weather. Luckily, love kept us all warm and cozy in the classrooms. The classrooms were bursting with hearts, 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. They serenaded their parents with some beautiful Valentine's Day songs that they learned this month.

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. We opened this class up to our two-year-old for the first time and it was a big hit! They were bubbling over with excitement and loved every minute of the class.

The children were very busy this month learning all about hibernation and our friend the groundhog. We made some great predictions about whether the groundhog would 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.

With Dental Awareness Month 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! We welcomed a very special visitor, Dr. Erica Anand, a Pediatric Dentist in Merrick. Dr. Erica and her dental hygienists showed the children how to brush their teeth and gave us all some special tools to make sure we are doing the best job at home brushing!

All that brushing is getting our smiles ready for picture day! A second picture day will take place in March. Our four-year-old students will have their cap and gown graduation photos taken and new Spring photos of all the children will be taken. We are so excited to show off all those beautiful smiling faces.

Don't forget, it is open enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year. Many of our classes are full already, but we are opening additional classes to accommodate our growing school. Feel free to call the Nursery School office at 516-679-8425 or email us at 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.

In-house registration for the Summer Program begins March 1st, and registration for remaining spots is open to the public starting March 15th. See our website for more information. Come spend the summer with us!

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Coming in March...

- March 2nd: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM-2PM
- March 6th: WELCA, 1PM, Room 2000
- March 7th: Finance Meeting, Time TBD
- March 10th: Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 11th: W&M/Council Meeting, 7PM, Room 2000
- March 13th: April Spire Submission Deadline
- March 14th: St. Frances Cancer Support Group, 10AM
- March 14th: WELCA Bible Study, 10AM, Faith Lutheran Syosset
- March 20th: April Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000
- March 24th: Palm Sunday, 9AM Worship Service
- March 28th: Maundy Thursday, 7:30PM Worship Service
- March 29th: Good Friday, 7:30PM Tenebrae Service
- March 30th: Easter Egg Hunt, 10AM, Church Lawn
- March 31st: Easter Sunday, 9AM Worship Service



He is Risen
- Matthew 28:6 -