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This Mother's Day, Let God Change the Narrative

Article written by Susan Narjala for "The Gospel Coalition."

In the first week of May, the marketing messages leveled at moms grow louder and more insistent. Their central memo? "Because you deserve it." Mom blogs and Instagram posts, including those based in faith, read something like this: after an entire year of drinking lukewarm coffee and eating leftovers off your kids' plates, today you're entitled to put your feet up, pour yourself a glass of wine, and be pampered. At 13 years of motherhood, I can unequivocally say I get it. Motherhood is lived in the daily, ordinary, often-unappreciated tasks that may go unnoticed by your children or your spouse. A day off from the routine and 24 hours of appreciation sound unbelievably perfect. By no means am I dismissing breakfast in bed or unwinding at a spa as a special treat on Mother's Day. And yet it's not what we do or don't do on Mother's Day that counts as much as our heart posture toward this yearly event.

Many moms have succumbed to the social-media trap, convinced that their significance is somehow diminished because their families didn't create Instagram-worthy Mother's Day experiences. In a world driven by likes, shares, and cherry-picked photographs, "I deserve that, too" can breed a sense of resentment and jealousy, or even one-upmanship. It can lead to unrealistic expectations of our spouses or our children. With these unmet (and usually unexpressed) expectations comes a sense of disappointment, which the Enemy exploits to create friction in our relationships with our loved ones. Self-righteous indignation can slowly take over our thinking. To be sure, Scripture does encourage us to work with a reward in mind, a much greater reward than what we could ever receive here and now (Col. 3:23). But a culture of entitlement in our families can promote a sense of working for earthly rewards and recognition—a far inferior joy. It was the very first mother, Eve, who demonstrated the grave folly of believing she deserved more than what God had given her. In her attempt to be "like God" (Gen. 3:5), she lacked contentment and gratitude for what she had already been given—"every tree of the garden" (Gen. 2:16). Deceived by the serpent, she found herself wanting more, deserving more (Gen. 3:1-5).

On Mother's Day, it's all too easy to embrace the marketing mantras that we are entitled to feel significant and worthy through elaborate displays of appreciation. Instead of believing these messages (intentionally or otherwise), we need to hear God's message through the prophet Jeremiah: "My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water" (Jer. 2:13). When we bank on Mother's Day gifts and gestures as a means of fueling our sense of worth, we're left void, depleted, and parched. We forget the true source of our value and satisfaction, which never runs dry—the One who tells us: "I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. . . . Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you" (Isa. 43:3-4). In Christ, we have a greater source of worth than the greatest of Mother's Day bounties.

As Christian mothers, holding onto the ideal of earned worth through our work sits at odds with our faith. We don't earn the blessings God freely pours into our lives. Every good and perfect gift comes from our generous heavenly Father (James 1:17). It's from the fullness of his grace we receive one blessing after another (John 1:16)—not from the rewards we believe are owed us. This doesn't mean we should stop celebrating Mother's Day. Appreciating the mothers and mother figures in our lives is a good and right thing (Ex. 20:12). But what if we flipped the "I deserve" narrative on its head and allowed God to deeply impress on our hearts that every gift in our lives is wholly and completely an outpouring of his grace? That we have laundry to fold, dinner tables to set, and beds to make is an undeserved blessing from God. That we have children to raise, minister to, and share the Word with is an undeserved blessing from God. That we are equipped with grit and grace for this calling of motherhood is an undeserved blessing from God. When we understand just how undeserving we are and yet how much we've received, we're filled with a deep awe and a holy reverence for God. From this fullness we can take our eyes off ourselves and turn them toward Jesus (Heb. 12:2). From this fullness we're freed from self-righteous pride and simmering discontent as we live out our calling—even when our work goes unnoticed. From this fullness we're empowered to serve as the living water of God's Spirit flows through us rather than trying to pour out from broken cisterns (John 7:38; Jer. 2:13).

This Mother's Day, may we let God change the narrative in our minds from "I deserve" to "Even though I don't deserve." May we remember that while Mother's Day rolls around once a year, we have the stunning privilege of celebrating the undeserved grace of being daughters of the King every single day.



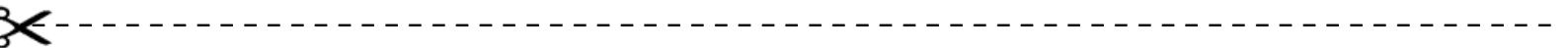
The Festival Day of Pentecost

"They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them."

- Acts 2:3-4

On **Sunday, May 28**, we will celebrate the Festival Day of Pentecost. The Liturgical color for Pentecost is **red**. The color red symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit given to the Disciples, which fueled the beginnings of the Church. **This year, the Worship & Music Committee will continue our tradition of adorning the Sanctuary with red geraniums.** Geranium memorials will be printed in the Pentecost bulletin. Following the service, the geraniums will be planted in our Church gardens.

If you would like to participate, please fill out the form below and return it to the Church office with your donation no later than **Sunday, May 21**. We look forward to sharing this glorious day with you!



Christ Lutheran Church Pentecost Geraniums

Please order _____ 4" red pot geraniums at **\$8 each**.

I am enclosing \$_____ **Envelope #** _____ **Phone Number:** _____

Given by: _____

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

I wish to give my geraniums (please check all that apply):

- In Thanksgiving to God
- In Honor of the 2023 First Communion Class
- In Honor Of: _____
- In Memory Of: _____

***You may attribute more than one memorial to a plant.**

Please make all checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and put **geraniums** in the memo.
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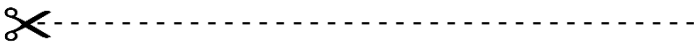


Mother's Day Caring Sunday

Have you started searching for that great Mother's Day gift yet? Are you looking for a special way to honor or remember your mother, grandmother, or a maternal figure in your life? Why not try something different and meaningful this year?

Christ Lutheran is providing a unique opportunity to show your love. It is called "Mother's Day Caring Sunday." For a donation of **\$5.00 per person**, the names of those being honored and remembered will be listed in the worship bulletin on Mother's Day, and displayed in the Narthex. **All proceeds will be donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.**

If you would like to be part of this special tradition, please enclose the tear-off form below with your donation to the Church office by **Sunday, May 7th**. Checks may be made out to Christ Lutheran Church; please indicate "Mother's Day Caring Sunday" in the memo. Thank you!



Mother's Day Caring Sunday
May 14, 2023

Envelope # _____

Given By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

of Donations: _____ Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return to the Church office by Sunday, May 7th.

GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

May Birthdays

- 1: Eunice Rischan *Happy 102nd!!*
- 7: Terry Ciro
- 8: Matthew Soethout
- 10: Leroy Deere
- 11: John Gross
- 14: Eleanor Freyer
- 14: Jeri Hallgren
- 16: Dee Bloomfield
- 21: Cathy Fitzgerald
- 27: Ashley Ahearn
- 30: Lorell Ahearn
- 30: Kirsten Duprez



May Anniversaries

- 5: Maureen Raitz and Ron Fretz
- 28: Kirsten and Fred Duprez
- 30: Kristen and Tom Bloomfield

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

Congratulations!



John Reardon is happy to announce the marriage of his son, Connor to Maria Brzezinski, which took place on April 14th.

Thank You!

We are so grateful for the commitment and cooperation of everyone who contributed to our Holy Week worship:

- o Pastor Martin Nale, who led all of our worship services

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- Nicole Nicholson, Music Director
- Kamelija Galijan-Curry, Organist
- All Members of the Adult and Bell Choirs
- Parker Balduf, for his beautiful French Horn playing
- The Worship & Music Committee
- All of our Worship Assistants (Acolytes, Altar Guild, Communion Assistants, Counters, and Ushers)
- Jim Spiegle, and All Our Readers
- Our Retirees, who helped to prepare the Sanctuary
- Borella Nursery, for providing our Easter flowers
- Lilly Ann Munnich, Easter Flower Coordinator
- The Gross and Proce families, who donated our Easter bulletin in memory of Lynn Geestmann-Cerra
- The Gross and Proce families, who donated our new set of Easter banners in memory of Lynn Geestmann-Cerra
- *And all those who, by their presence and good works, make Christ Lutheran a vibrant worship community!*

Good News

- **Bel Canto Spring Concert:** The Bel Canto Chorale returns to Christ Lutheran for their Spring concert! All are invited to join us on **Sunday, April 30th at 3:00PM**. The suggested contribution is \$20 per guest.
- **Mother's Day:** Mother's Day falls on **May 14th** this year. We will continue our tradition of "Mother's Day Caring Sunday." All proceeds from these special memorials will be donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. If you would like to participate in Mother's Day Caring Sunday, please submit the form on page two of your Spire by **Sunday, May 7th**.
- **Pentecost Geraniums:** Pentecost Sunday falls on **May 28th** this year. We will continue our annual tradition of adorning the church with red geraniums in joyful celebration. If you would like to honor someone with a Pentecost geranium memorial, please submit the form on page one of your Spire by **Sunday, May 21st**.
- **Spring Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone who ordered delicious treats from **White Post Farms** for our Spring Fundraiser. We raised a total of **\$295** for our Church! Special thanks to **Regina Coons, Claudia & John Gross, and Barbara & Roy Stone**, who picked up, sorted, and organized all the orders.
- **Coffee Hour:** The sign-up sheet through Labor Day of this year is now open. If you would like to volunteer to host a Sunday, please contact the Church office or speak with Jan Eastlund. Find a friend and lend a hand!
- **Tech Literacy Workshop:** The Tech Literacy Workshop has started its Spring session! It is held on **Thursdays, 5-6PM in Room 2000**. All are welcome!

- **Community Involvement:** The Kiwanis Club of Wantagh has invited Christ Lutheran to participate in the **Seventh Annual Wantagh Festival!** The festival will be held on **Saturday, May 20th** (rain date Sunday, May 21st) **from 10AM-5PM at the Wantagh LIRR Station**. Proceeds from the festival help fund the Kiwanis Club's many community support programs. Please see Della if you wish to participate. A flyer for this event is included in your Spire. Please come on by!
- **Fourth of July Parade:** The time has arrived to begin our preparations for the Wantagh Fourth of July Parade! Please see George Balduf, Della, or Hans if you would like to be involved this year. All are welcome!

CLC Youth News

- **Registration for the 2023-2024 school year and the 2023 Summer Program at the Christian Nursery School are open!** If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please call the office at (516) 679-8425 or email the Christian Nursery School Director, Dana Antonette, at cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org.
- Our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** was held on Saturday, April 8th. It was a huge success! Our volunteers filled and hid **over 1,600 eggs** around the Steinbicker lawn. Thank you to **John & Jessica Heron** for coordinating!
- We are so happy that flower season is finally here! Thank you to **our Scouts**, who have planted beautiful blooms all around the Church property. If you are interested in receiving information about Scouting for your child, please speak with Dee or Jim Bloomfield.
- Congratulations to Sunday School students **Makayla Adams, Eleanor Juergens, Dylan Kennah, and MacKenzie Murphy**, who are receiving their Bibles at worship services in April and May. We also pray for **Natalie Haines**, as she prepares to receive her First Communion on Pentecost Sunday. God Bless You All!

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Spring Fundraiser with White Post Farms netted a \$295 profit. Thank you to all who participated!
- Pastor Martin Nale is receptive to leading our Incoming Members Orientation Class. Further details to follow.
- **Worship & Music:**
 - Our weekly Lenten devotionals netted a total of 595 views on YouTube (152 for LR#1, 102 for LR#2, 152 for LR#3, 113 for LR#4, 76 for LR#5). Thank you to Nicole for organizing!



- 123 people attended Easter Sunday worship. Pastor Martin's Sermon was very moving. Many thanks to our incredible Music Ministry!
- **Christian Education:**
 - The last day of Sunday School will be May 21st.
 - Makayla Adams, Eleanor Juergens, Dylan Kemnah, and MacKenzie Murphy will receive their Bibles during worship at the end of April.
 - Natalie Haines is on track to receive her First Communion on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th.
 - J. Spiegle will assume teaching the 8th-grade Confirmation class from D. Rao in the coming weeks for his "Making Good Choices" unit.
 - Our Confirmation Program assembled a total of 26 baskets and bushels of food for their Easter service collection. A total of 310 pounds of food was donated to the New Life Center.
- **Nursery Board:**
 - 70 children are registered for the 2023-2024 school year. Summer Program registration is going well. There are a few spots remaining.
 - Information was sent out on the Church Facebook page and via email to advertise an open teacher's aide position in the Summer Program. An aide spot may also be available for the school year. Please contact the Church or the Nursery Office for further information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School: Another wonderful year of Sunday School is coming to a close. We are so proud of the amazing achievements we have witnessed in the classroom, and those we can celebrate with the congregation. Our year-two students, Makayla, Eleanor, Dylan, and MacKenzie, are in the process of receiving their Bibles. On Pentecost Sunday, Natalie Haines will receive her First Communion. **Our last day of Sunday School for this year will be on Sunday, May 21st.** We wish all our students a restful and fun-filled summer. See you in church!

Confirmation: As we round the corner toward the end of the school year, we are so proud of the progress our Confirmands have made. We are particularly grateful to all the students who participated in our Easter collection for the Lutheran New Life Center, and to the parents who lent helping hands as well! As we prepare to close the year, if any students are missing work, **now is the prime time** to make it up. We are always willing and able to help. We look forward to finishing this year strong!

PARISH OUTREACH

Easter Flowers: Thank you to everyone who delivered Easter flowers to our shut-ins. We appreciate your kindness.

Easter Baskets: Thank you to everyone who generously contributed to our collection of food items for the Lutheran Social Services New Life Center. Special thanks to **Kyler Biesma, Gracie Franz, and Madeline Murphy**, who created Easter baskets and bushels full of food. We are proud to say that a total of **310 pounds of donations** were collected, which will be used to feed our neighbors in need!

Homebound Communion: Did you know that we offer Communion for the homebound? Whether it's 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.

WELCA

Just as Spring is a time of renewal, we welcome this Easter season to renew our commitment to Christ in our words, actions, and service to others. Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 1:00PM in Room 2000**. The details of the next WELCA Conference **Bible Study** will be printed in the worship bulletin and sent out via email soon. All ladies who would like to join us are welcome!

THRIFT SHOP

Our thrift shop is open on Fridays, 9AM-3PM, and the first Saturday of each month, 10AM-2PM. **The next "Thrift Shop Saturday" is on May 6th.** Donations are always accepted and 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.** Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!
 Canned Stewed Tomatoes - Coffee (Regular) - Cookies
 Cooking Oil - Cream of Mushroom - Dinty Moore Stew
 Dish Soap - Evaporated Milk - Fruit Juice - Italian Dressing
 Ketchup - Mayonnaise - Pasta (Elbow, Penne) - Toothpaste
 Wide Egg Noodles
Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

THANK YOU TO...

Dear Friends,



A thousand thank-you's wouldn't be enough to thank Dee Bloomfield, Lorell Ahearn, June Fahey, Kerry Dunn, and Jennifer Trzcinski for helping to place and plant all the flowers for Easter Sunday. Many thanks to all those who either picked up their plant or delivered to those at home. It truly was a team effort by so many.

With Sincere Appreciation, **Lilly Ann Munnich**

Dear Knitwits Ministry,

We wish to thank you for your donation of baby blankets and hats to the Life Center of L.I. Please know that we truly appreciate your willingness to support the life-saving work of our four pregnancy care centers, located in Deer Park, Hempstead, Massapequa, and Smithtown. With the help of benefactors like you, we are able to promote life and uplift those who need our care at a difficult time, particularly those struggling with an unplanned pregnancy, as all our services are offered free of charge. We thank you, because we could not do what we do without your help. In these uncertain times, it is especially gratifying to receive your kind assistance which is used to benefit and women and men we strive to educate and prepare to be responsible mothers and fathers. It is a gift to the entire community of Long Island to encourage life-affirming choices. The Life Center of Long Island is thankful for the encouragement your funding has provided as we continue our vital mission "to promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life from conception to natural death." We invite you for a tour of any one of our centers so we can share more of the mission of the Life Center with you.

Blessings, **Gloria Schreiber**, Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your contribution of [310] lbs. of food. 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

CLC HISTORY



A group of Sunday School students work together on an art project, 1974. Do you recognize any familiar faces?



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart
 Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo
 Kristi Mullally Crocitto - Marge Dahlberg - Joan Drake
 Joanne Drenckhahn - Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile
 Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor - Barbara Grieser
 Theresa Heenan - Pastor John Hopkins - Arnold Howard
 Carolyn Howard - Pastor John Krahn - Suzanne Marshall
 Janet McShea - William McShea - Bill Miller
 Marilyn Miller - James Pallas - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce
 Catherine Rao - Terri Rao - John Reardon - Emmett Reilly
 Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer
 Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan
 Joseph Rizzo - Doris Spiegle - Natalie Stone
 James Toomey - Bonnie Toriello - Laura Vogel

REMINDER: To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the Church office. It will remain on the list for six weeks per request.

HELPFUL REMINDERS

- Our Parish Administrator, Della Rao will be away on vacation from **Sunday, May 28th through Sunday, June 11th**. We will have limited Church office coverage during that time. Temporary office hours will be made available as soon as possible. Normal operations will resume June 12th. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- **Pentecost Sunday** is May 28th. We will hold a standard **9AM** worship service, which will be livestreamed. The worship link will be emailed out on **Tuesday, May 30th**.
- The Church office will be **closed on Monday, May 29th** in observance of Memorial Day.



PROPERTY REPORT – MAY 2023

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

Our recent activities have included:

- **Low heat on the North end of the Sanctuary** had us on the roof once again. Having previously Replaced/Adjusted belts, aligned, and tightened a **loose and wobbling fan pulley**, we were surprised to see the belt off once again. Upon closer inspection, we discovered a “Split” fan pulley to be the problem. We ordered a replacement and aligned the pulleys before replacing the Belt and adjusting the tension. We also adjusted the fans speed for optimized blowing strength.
- Tightened loose “play furniture” items in a couple of Nursery school classroom.
- Responded to a “**Smoking**” power strip in the Parish Administrator’s area. We replaced the strip and cautioned against using any Electrical Heating devices.
- We responded to a “No heat” situation on the main floor of the Education Building. Investigation revealed that due to the excessive heat in Della’s area the Floor’s thermostat prevented the rest of the floor’s heat to activate automatically all week.
- On a recent Saturday, we uncovered the “**Split A/C unit**” in **Pastor’s office** pumping heat up over 80 Deg! We replaced the remote’s batteries and shut it down. On another early Tuesday visit; we uncovered the **Treasure’s office “Split A/C unit”** pumping heat over 80 Deg! Upon investigation, we found the timer set to activate at 8AM daily! We have since **reset all three Split A/C units** for manual operation and revisited the office heating guidelines with those involved. We also reprogrammed all the property’s thermostats for the daily and weekend occupancy needs. **Please note: Never place a thermostat on “permanent” hold.**
- We checked, re-tightened, and repaired, as needed, all the Sanctuary side Toilet seats, TP holders, and the Faucets for proper operation.
- We initiated a cleanout and organization of the **office “Property Drawer”**.
- We re-taped a damaged stair tread “Bull Nose” edge to prevent problems.
- We Surveyed the Gym Kitchen and Bathroom for and leaks or issues.
- We installed new “Door stops” on the lower Ed Building Bathroom doors.
- We re-secured a dislodged “**handle set problem**” on a lower classroom door.
- We temporarily changed the corner signboard for the 10AM Services.
- We assisted with the **Easter Week preparations**. Hooks, Banners, Stands, Etc.
- We investigated a rear yard “Gate” and “lock” issue after a report to the police involving the Landscaper entry for their Spring clean up. Found all secure.
- An “old” fence connector issue was reconnected, and parsonage rear gate adjusted.
- We sprayed the Floor/wall seam in the Steinbicker boiler room with “Flex seal”.
- We continued a cleanout and straightening up of the lower .Boiler room/Shop area,
- We re-secured and “Flex sealed” the front sanctuary gutter.
- We re-secured a “hanging” Ed Building ceiling light cover.

Retirees

RESEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LONG RANGE PROJECTS

- * Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary.**
- * Research the replacement of the wine stained **Altar Carpeting.**
- * Research extending the **lawn sprinklers** to cover the East side of Steinbicker **after grass restoration.**
- * Research the possibility and costs to remove and **refurbish the Original Steeple Bell and Cradle.**

MISCELLANEOUS THINGS NEEDING WORK

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

- *Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- ***Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker.** Stones to pit?, Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor. “Scout Project?”
- *Repair numerous **Cement issues** around the property. (Back walk, Pit wall, Pointing, Washes)
- * Price **professional intervention** to repair a rear yard broken and sinking sidewalk square,
- ***Research and arrange** for a “Seal coating” and “re-striping” of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. **Some Parking lot Patching is also now needed.**
- * Cleanup and clean out the lower shop area. (WKG)
- * Prepare the Christmas window spotlights for next year. (WKG)
- * Investigate and strengthen the **Altar screen Filigree panels** which are **showing signs of looseness and cracking.**
- * Prepare and paint the **Education building’s Front entrance trim.**
- * **Touch-up the Room 10/20 trim,** missed by the painters and paint the new flagpole-light socket.
- * Prepare/**paint the rusting “Loggia-Yard” steel doorframe and door.**
- * Re-paint the “**Blue Drop-Off” curbs.**
- * Prepare/**paint all the steel window header mantles** on the Sanctuary building.
- * Prepare/**paint the Room 2000 back door frame and rear shed frame.**
- * Spray additional “Flex-Seal” on the Southeast and South wall bases of the Ed. Building to prevent further leakage. (CMPLT)
- * **Re-spray the rusting south rooftop A/C Ducts** with Aluminum Rustoleum ©.
- * Investigate and tighten all loose toilet seat covers. (CMPLT)
- * Install new Doorstops on the lower bathroom doors. (CMPLT)
- * Re-secure and waterproof (Flexseal) the front Sanctuary Gutter. (CMPLT)
- * Re-secure many loose tiles in the Education building, Loggia, Counting room, etc.
- * Install newly purchased **Manual wall soap dispensers** in all the bathrooms.
- * Reconfigure and install additional outlets in the NS Office. (WKG)
- * Activate the roof top A/C units and change the filters.
- * Activate the Lawn sprinklers for the Church and Parsonage.



Spring Concert

**Presented by the Bel Canto Chorale
at Christ Lutheran Church**

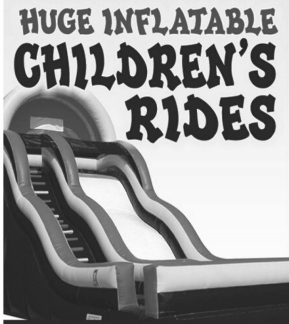
Nicole Nicholson, Musical Director Accompanist, Kamelija Gelijan-Curry

**Sunday, April 30, 2023 at 3 p.m.
3384 Island Road, Wantagh, NY 11793**

**Bel Canto Chorale sings Karl Jenkins'
The Armed Man, A Mass for Peace, and
a medley from Les Miserables**



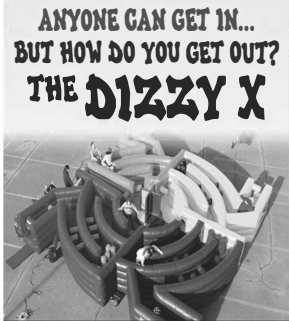
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MAY/JUNE 2023 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2023 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, May 7, 2023 5 th Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	Kyler Biesma	Barbara Stone	Eileen Colton
Sun, May 14, 2023 6 th Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens	B. Rath's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	Gracie Franz	Dee Bloomfield	Sunday School
MOTHER'S DAY CARING						
Sun, May 21, 2023 7 th Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	John Gross Craig Sparke	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	Charlie Kuchynskas	Barbara Stone (Tentative)	Mailing Committee
Sun, May 28, 2023 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:00AM Service (Red)	Robert Ahearn John Gross	D. Ohlander's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath M. Soethout	Madeline Murphy	Open	Claudia & John Gross
Sun, June 4, 2023 1 st Sun. After Pentecost THE HOLY TRINITY 9:00AM Service (White)	Eric Juergens Craig Sparke	B. Rath's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	Eily Kuchynskas	Dee Bloomfield (Tentative)	D. Ohlander's Altar Guild Group
Sun, June 11, 2023 2 nd Sun. After Pentecost 9:00AM Service (Green)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	Kyler Biesma	Dee Bloomfield	Open - Please see Jan Eastlund to volunteer.

IF YOU NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	1 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 8pm - Council Meeting @	2 4pm - S.U.J. Annual Meeting 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	3 1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 6pm - CLC Family Basketball 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	4 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Finance Meeting 5pm - Tech Literacy	5 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	6 10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
7 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	8 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 7pm - Worship & Music 8pm - Council Meeting @	9 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	10 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 6pm - CLC Family Basketball 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	11 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy	12 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	13 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
14 Mother's Day 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	15 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and	16 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	17 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 6pm - CLC Family Basketball 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	18 Spire Deadline 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy	19 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	20 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
21 Wantagh Festival 9am - Sunday School Last 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	22 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and	23 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	24 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 6pm - CLC Family Basketball 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	25 9:30am - Spire Mailing Rm. 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy	26 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	27 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
28 Pentecost Sunday 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	29 Memorial Day Office Closed 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and	30 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	31 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 6pm - CLC Family Basketball 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	1 1	2 2	3 3

May Nursery School News



We are happy to welcome the month of May with sunny skies and warmer weather! April was such an exciting month here at the Nursery School. The children are loving the time they get to spend outdoors exploring nature and the flowers blooming all around them.

April was a short but very busy month for all of the classes. They were busy learning about all the beautiful things Spring will bring us. The children made beautiful Spring decorations, flowers, rainbows and butterflies for their homes and their classrooms.

All the classes learned about Palm Sunday and Easter. We want to give a very special thank you to Mrs. Lilly Ann Munnich and Miss Della Rao for being our special guests at the Nursery School. The children enjoyed their lesson in the church by Lilly Ann who read them a wonderful story of "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle. The children were captivated by the puppet and loved feeding the caterpillar throughout the story. Della shared the story of Easter to children on a level that they could understand. All the children celebrated Easter in their classes with a party filled with yummy treats, hidden easter eggs and baskets! Our three-year-old and four-year-old classes surprised their parents with some adorable Easter songs at dismissal!

The Summer Program registration is in full swing. We still have some spaces still available. We are all anticipating another wonderful Summer.

May will be an exciting month. It is our last full month of school and there will be many things to accomplish. Both the three-year-old classes and four-year-old classes will be learning about all the Spring changes, like how a seed becomes a flower and how a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. They will actually see the changes that occur during a butterfly life cycle in their own classrooms with real live caterpillars. We will celebrate Mother's Day with our annual "Muffins with Mom" and "Mother's Day Tea" events. Mother's Day is a special holiday that the children will be preparing for. They will all make wonderful presents to give to their special moms.

Another busy month will fly by and before you know it, it will be June! If you are interested in either our Summer Program or registering for our fall semester, check out our website for some additional information and registration forms. Some of our classes for the 2023-2024 school year are already filled and a wait list has started so please contact us immediately if you are interested in joining our wonderful program. If you or someone you know is 18-years-old or older and is interested in working the Summer Program please let us know. We are always eager to work with new people who share our love of children.

Wishing all the mothers out there a very Happy Mother's Day!

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Coming in May...

May 3rd: WELCA Meeting, 1PM, Room 2000

May 6th: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM-2PM

May 8th: Worship & Music, 7PM and Council, 8PM

May 14th: Mother's Day Caring Sunday, 9AM

May 20th: Kiwanis Club Wantagh Festival, 10AM-5PM, Wantagh LIRR Station

May 21st: Last Day of Sunday School

May 28th: Pentecost Sunday Worship Service, 9AM

May 29th: Memorial Day - Church Office Closed

Wednesdays: CLC Family Basketball, 6PM-8PM, Steinbicker Gym

Bell Choir, 7PM and Adult Choir, 8PM

Thursdays: Tech Literacy Workshop, 5PM-6PM, Room 2000

Fridays: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM



May 28th-June 11th: Parish Administrator's Vacation ~ Limited Office Hours (TBA)