

The Spire: December 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy New Year!

As Lutheran Christians, our lives are shaped by the church year which begins with this, the First Sunday of Advent. In the three-year lectionary cycle of Sunday lessons, the Gospel readings for Year A will focus on the Gospel According to Matthew. (Fun facts: Year B focuses on Mark while Year C - which we just concluded - focuses on Luke; do you notice a pattern?)

I rather like Advent's invitation to a new year, a time to take stock of our spiritual lives and to make resolutions designed to enrich our lives in the faith. How will you strive to grow in faith and ministry this year?

- Is there a theme (e.g., hope, generosity, forgiveness, compassion) that would support your ongoing faith formation this year?
- Would you benefit from renewed use of one or more faith practices? How can you be more intentional about praying, reading the Bible, observing the sabbath, or caring for your neighbors?
- Would you benefit from devotional readings? Here are a few books that I've found to be helpful/insightful:
 - *The Book of Joy* by His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, of blessed memory
 - *Love is the Way* by former Episcopal Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry
 - *How We Learn to be Brave: Decisive Moments in Life and Faith* by the Episcopal Bishop of Washington, Mariann Edgar Budde
 - *Dancing in the Darkness: Spiritual Lessons for Thriving in Turbulent Times* by the Rev. Dr. Otis Moss III, Senior Pastor, Trinity UCC, Chicago
 - *Just Wondering, Jesus: 100 Questions People Want to Ask* by Tom Ehrich

Wishing you a most meaningful and blessed Advent.

Yours in faith and hope,
Pastor Sue Sprowls



Christmas Flower Memorials

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given... And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
- Isaiah 9:6

Dear Friends,

The Season of Advent is upon us. Soon, it will be time to decorate our Sanctuary with trees, wreaths, garland, and poinsettias as we prepare to celebrate Christmas. This year, we will continue our tradition of honoring our loved ones with Christmas flower memorials. These memorial gifts will be displayed in the narthex and listed in our Christmas bulletin. The suggested contribution is **\$15 per memorial**. If you wish to participate, please complete the form below and return it to the Church office with your donation **no later than Thursday, December 18**.



Christ Lutheran Church Christmas Flower Memorials

I am enclosing \$_____ for a Christmas flower memorial.

Number of Memorials Requested: _____

Please indicate: ☐ Cash ☐ Check Please make all checks out to Christ Lutheran Church.

Envelope # _____ Phone Number: _____

Given by: _____

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

I wish to give this memorial (select all that apply- please number if they are separate memorials):

☐ In Thanksgiving to God.

☐ In Honor Of: _____

☐ In Memory Of: _____

Please return this form with your contribution no later than Thursday, December 18.

3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793



O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Save the dates for Christmas worship!

Longest Night (a service for grief during the holidays):
December 21st at 5PM, at Our Redeemer L.C. Seaford

Christmas Eve: 5:30PM and 8:00PM, at Christ Lutheran

Christmas Day: 10:00AM, at St. David's L.C. Mass. Pk.

Our Christmas Eve worship services will be led by Pastor Susan Sprowls. Both services will be uploaded to Facebook and YouTube for those who wish to participate from home.

THE 2025 CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD

This year, we welcome back the annual tradition of the Congregational Christmas Card. Spare the expense on postage, and send one card with your Christmas wishes for the whole congregation. Your card will be lovingly displayed on our card holder in the Sanctuary for all to read. As in previous years, we ask that those participating kindly send a contribution which we may use to help those in need. Please send your card and contribution to the Church office by **Tuesday, December 23rd**. Our mailing address is 3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793. Thank you!

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Charles, Muriel, and Otis Weibert**

Given by: **Carol & Jeff Shoemaker**

Give online today with Vanco! Scan this QR code with your smartphone's camera or visit this link: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZEAF>.



GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

December Birthdays

1: Roxanne Toomey

2: Kathy Ackermann

2: Lois Fogal

3: Lyndsay Mae Franz

9: Roger Ohlander

10: Keith Biesma

10: Gracie Franz

25: Pete Bloomfield

25: Eileen Colton

27: John James 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

- **Condo Raffle:** The annual condo raffle is now open! For \$5 per ticket, try your luck to win a seven-day stay in Orlando! Thank you to Hans & Laura Vogel for donating. The winner will be called on **December 14th**. To enter, see Barbara Stone during coffee hour, or contact the Church office.
- **Christmas Memorials:** Christmas flower memorials are now being accepted. A memorial form is included in your Spire. Please submit your memorials no later than **December 18th**.
- **Winter Collections:** Items continue to be collected for the Seafarers Christmas at Sea care satchels and for Mr. Mittens, which benefits the pediatric unit at NUMC. We are currently most in need of: men's socks, men's medium or large hoodies, knit hats/scarves (no fringe or pom-poms), and children's winter weather items. Donations may be placed in the designated boxes in Room 2000 and the narthex. We appreciate your generosity.

CLC Youth News

- **Christmas Pageant:** CLC's Christmas Pageant will be held during worship service on **December 21st**. If your child would like to participate, please speak with Claudia Gross or Della Rao. All children are welcome!
- **Scouts:** The Scouts held their annual fall cleanup of the church grounds on Saturday, November 23rd. Thank you to all who participated!

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The Rev. Susan F. Sprowls, Interim Pastor • Roxanne Toomey, Deacon

Nicole Nicholson, Director of Music • Kamelija Galijan-Curry, Organist

Dana Antonette, Director, The Christian Nursery School • Della Rao, Parish Administrator/Christian Education Coordinator



COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

General Updates

- **Bishop Foster's Installation:** Bishop Foster will be installed on Saturday, November 22nd at 1PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in NYC. Confirmed attendees from CLC include Pastor Sprowls, Hans Vogel, and Roxanne Toomey.
- **Centennial Kickoff:** The kickoff for Christ Lutheran's centennial celebration will be held on Wednesday, November 26th (Thanksgiving Eve), beginning with a prayer service in the chapel of St. John of Jerusalem at 6PM. Celebrations will continue with a full worship service at Christ Lutheran at 7:30PM.
- **Christmas Decorating:** Thank you to the Retirees, who will be decorating the Sanctuary for Christmas throughout the season of Advent.
- **2026 Budget:** B. Stone and H. Vogel will be meeting with the Personnel committee to have preliminary discussions regarding the 2026 Operating Budget.
- **Constitution:** The church constitution is currently being updated to reflect recent changes implemented by the Synod. Pastor, Kirsten Duprez, and Claudia Gross are working on this project. It will be available to the congregation by Christmas for review ahead of the annual meeting (in fulfillment of the thirty-day minimum comment period).

Nursery Updates

- **Closings:** The Nursery School will not hold classes on November 11th (Veterans Day) and November 27th-28th (Thanksgiving).
- **Picture Day:** Picture Day will be held on November 17th-19th.
- **Thanksgiving Concert:** Students will be performing in the Sanctuary on November 26th.

Christian Education Updates

- **Bible Literacy:** Students were each given a folder containing a Bible Literacy packet. Each week, we review the parts of the Bible, the writer of that week's Gospel, and complete a vocabulary activity. Students are then allowed to choose between a word search or a coloring activity (geared toward the younger students).

Outreach Updates

- **Seafarers:** Items continue to be collected and satchels assembled ahead of their pickup in mid-December. Sunday School students are participating by writing out cards to include in the satchels. Thank you to our project partners, New Vision Pioneers and LuHi.
- **St. John's Food Pantry:** Weekly announcements continue to be made encouraging donations of food and personal care items amidst the government shutdown.

Music Ministry Updates

- The Bell Choir will be performing a feature piece, "We Gather Together," on Sunday, November 16th.
- We are also working on organizing participation from members of the Music Ministry in the upcoming Interfaith Service on Sunday, November 23rd at 3PM at Saint Frances de Chantal. Nicole has been in contact with Alfred at Saint Frances, and if logistics can be

coordinated, our Bell Choir may perform as part of this special service.

- Nicole and Roxanne are collaborating on the Prayer Service at Saint John of Jerusalem for our Centennial Kick-Off. The Choir will be preparing a Taizé-style piece for this special service.
- Both the Adult Choir and Bell Choir will participate in our Thanksgiving Eve Service, offering special music to enrich the celebration.
- Nicole plans to meet with Pastor later this week or early next week to begin planning music for Advent. The service music will be updated to reflect the new liturgical season.
- The Bell Choir continues to meet weekly on Wednesdays at 7PM, followed by Choir rehearsal at 8PM. New members are always welcome to join either group.
- Efforts are also underway to regroup the Youth Choir. Conflicting schedules and recent illnesses have prevented rehearsals over the past few weeks, but Nicole is hopeful the group will be able to prepare a piece for later this month and another selection for Christmas.
- Nicole is coordinating with choir members to determine who will be able to participate in each of the Christmas Eve services. She will plan the music accordingly.

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 December 6th.**

Please note that the Thrift Shop will be closed on Friday, December 26th in observance of Christmas.

Donations are appreciated! We kindly ask that donations are not left in Room 10, as other groups use that space. For your convenience, a donation shed is available for your use outside of Thrift Shop hours. **Please be sure to place your donations in the shed, not outside of it, as we cannot guarantee they will be brought inside right away.** If you are making a sizeable donation (quantity or very large items), please call the Church office ahead of time. **We are not able to accept donations of books, car seats, cribs, or mattresses at this time.** 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Sunday Schoolers are very excited to present their annual Christmas Pageant on December 21st. Practices will be held during class time so as not to cause any scheduling conflicts. We hope to see you there!

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Pastoral Care: Are you or a loved one homebound and interested in receiving a pastoral visit during the holiday season? Scheduling is underway, and we encourage you to contact the Church office to set up a visit.

Christmas Flowers: The Church office would appreciate assistance in delivering Christmas flowers to the shut-ins. If you will be available after the 8PM service on Christmas Eve or any day thereafter before the New Year (with the exception of Christmas Day), please contact the office.



THRIVENT

To all members of the congregation: This year our church is once again preparing to make Christmas at Sea care satchels for the Seafarers. This year, we have had immense help from the New Vision Pioneers, a community group of retired phone company workers. We thank Joan Doster and Linda Notarnicola from our church who brought this project to the attention of the Pioneers. Special thanks to Diana Carrante for all her energy and leadership in collecting the items and putting together a team to assemble the satchels. Another new partnership is with the students of LuHi. Nicole Nicholson will ask her students to collect the items to add to those we have collected and assemble the satchels for pickup in December. Thrivent has been very generous and provided some seed money to help purchase missing items. We are very grateful to them. At this point, we most need donations of men's medium and large hoodies, thermal or sports socks, and knit hats or scarves (no fringe or pom-poms, please), to help these essential workers get through the holidays with some Christmas spirit. Boxes for the Seafarers are in Room 2000 for any donations of the items above or for money. Thank you to all who donate.

WELCA

WELCA will have its next meeting on **Wednesday, December 3rd at 1PM in Room 2000.** We will be holding our Christmas celebration and working on the Christmas at Sea care satchels for Seafarers. All ladies are welcome.

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

As SNAP and other benefits are being reduced or rescinded, donations of food and personal care items are needed now more than ever. Please place donations in the box in Room 2000. Needed items include beef/chicken stew, canned chicken, cooking oil, coffee, corned beef hash, noodles, hot cereal, hot chocolate, ketchup, mustard, pancake mix & syrup, toilet paper, peanut butter & jelly, salad dressing, birthday cake items, shelf-stable milk, facial tissue, paper towels, shampoo, toothpaste, and feminine hygiene items. Please check the expiration dates before donating.

CLC CENTENNIAL

The celebration has begun! On Thanksgiving Eve, November 26th, our church began its centennial celebration with a prayer service led by Roxanne Toomey, Nicole Nicholson, and Barbara Stone at St. John of Jerusalem Chapel, where Christ Lutheran Church held its first service on Thanksgiving Day 1926. There were 32 people present for the prayer service and one visitor who came into the chapel. Ruth Kollar rang the chapel bell to signal the start of the service and she also rang it when the service had ended. Thank you to Eric Weibolt for working with us and preparing for this service. Following the prayer service, a worship service was held at Christ Lutheran Church. Invites were sent to our neighboring Lutheran church families to participate in this service. Pastor Sue Sprowls, along with Pastor John Hickey and Pastor Rebecca Sheridan led this service. Also attending the service were Pastor Andrea Hickey and Pastor Martin Nale. The festivities continued with fellowship and desserts. It was great to have the opportunity to share this fellowship with members of other congregations. Thank you to the Committee for all their hard work. Watch the next Spire for upcoming events!



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Judy Angeloch, Kathleen Cardone, Becky Carlson, Regina Coons, Sal and Sue Costanzo, Alison Daurio, Joan Drake, Kelly Dempsey, Lynn Deere, Logan Dunne, Doris Gannon, Betty Gibberman, Bill Gilmor, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Grieser, Theresa Heenan, Arnold Howard, Ruth Kollar, Susan & George Kremer, Jean Leib, Chris Mantay, Mary Ellen Massaro, Janet and William McShea, Marilyn Miller, Lilly Ann Munnich, John Nittoli, James Pallas, Barbara and Gary Proce, Catherine, Terri and Della Rao, John Reardon, Emmett and Rose Reilly, Ann and Barbara Reimer, Della Dorn Rice, Bob Rimbo, Kay Riese, Anne Scheirer, Joseph Arthur Skorupski, Donna Smith, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Nancy Valenti, Laura Vogel. *To update a name on the prayer list, please contact the church office.*

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 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 this church community!

THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date! The 2026 Annual Meeting will be held after 9AM worship service on **Sunday, January 25th.** Church committees and organizations are encouraged to begin compiling their 2025 Annual Reports **now**. Please speak with a Council member if you have any questions. Annual Reports **must** be submitted to the Church office by **Friday, January 16th.** Reports are required from the following:

Building/Property	-	Christian Education	-	Evangelism
Fellowship	-	Finance	-	Fundraising
Nursery Board	-	Outreach	-	Pastor/Parish Relations
Personnel	-	Social Media	-	Stewardship
Thrift Shop	-	Transition	-	Worship & Music
Youth	-	WELCA	-	Altar Guild
Counters	-		-	

In order to hold the Annual Meeting, a minimum of ten percent of the Church membership must be in attendance. Christian Ed. classes will not be held on this day. Please do all you can to be available. ***The future of Christ Lutheran depends upon decisions made here!*** This constitutes the **second** official written notice of the 2026 Annual Meeting.

THE TWELVE PRAYERS OF CHRISTMAS

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

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

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

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

1. A Partridge in a Pear Tree

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

2. Two Turtledoves

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

3. Three French Hens

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

4. Four Calling Birds

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

5. FIIIVE GOOOOLLLDEN RIIIIINGSSSS!

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

6. Six Geese a-Laying

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

7. Seven Swans a-Swimming

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

8. Eight Maids a-Milking

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

9. Nine Ladies Dancing

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

10. Ten Lords a-Leaping

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

11. Eleven Pipers Piping

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

12. Twelve Drummers Drumming

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

Merry Christmas!



DECEMBER 2025/JANUARY 2026 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Date/Description	Altar Guild	Comm. Assistant	Counters	Ushers	C.H. Hosts
Sun, December 7, 2025 2 nd Sunday of Advent 9:00AM Service (Blue)	B. Rath's Group	Dee Bloomfield	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	M. Murphy Ml. Murphy	Barbara Stone, Dee Bloomfield, Nancy Gephardt, BJ Gilmor
Sun, December 14, 2025 3 rd Sunday of Advent 9:00AM Service (Blue)	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	Dee Bloomfield	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath G. Veltri	J. Gross C. Sparke	Music Ministry
Sun, December 21, 2025 4 th Sunday of Advent 9:00AM Service (Blue) CHRISTMAS PAGEANT	D. Ohlander's Group	Barbara Stone	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund H. Vogel	R. Ahearn J. Gross	<u>Open</u>
Wed, December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve Service #1 5:30PM Service (White)	All Groups	<u>Open</u>	N/A	J. Gross C. Sparke	N/A
Wed, December 24, 2025 Christmas Eve Service #2 8:00PM Service (White)	All Groups	Barbara Stone	N/A	H. Vogel	N/A
Sun, December 28, 2025 Lessons & Carols 9:00AM Service (White)	B. Rath's Group	N/A- Service of the Word	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	R. Ahearn	<u>Open</u>
Sun, January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00AM Service (White)	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	Dee Bloomfield	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	J. Gross C. Sparke	<u>Open</u>
Sun, January 11, 2026 The Baptism of Our Lord 9:00AM Service (White)	D. Ohlander's Group	Elaine DiChiaro	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath G. Veltri	R. Ahearn J. Gross	The Schmitt Family

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
<div>30</div> <div></div>	<div>1</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>2</div> <div>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>3</div> <div>1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>4</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>5</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
<div>7</div> <div>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship</div>	<div>8</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>9</div> <div>7pm - Council Meeting 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>10</div> <div>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>11</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Sealers Pick-Up 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>13</div> <div>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
<div>14</div> <div>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship</div>	<div>15</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>16</div> <div>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>17</div> <div>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>18</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>19</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>20</div> <div>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
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<div>28</div> <div>No Sunday School 9am - Lessons & Carols</div>	<div>29</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>30</div> <div>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>31</div> <div>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>1</div> <div>Church Office Closed Happy New Year! 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div>	<div>3</div> <div></div>

Nursery School News: December 2025



In November, all the children at the Nursery School learned that we should be thankful for the wonderful things God has given us. They learned about the first Thanksgiving and why we celebrate this terrific holiday. The children discussed the importance of family, what it means to be thankful, and what they are thankful for.

The two-year-old classes' color of the month for November was brown. They enjoyed themselves making all kinds of fall crafts, like leaves, turkeys, and scarecrows. The number of the month was two, and the shape of the month was a square. We are excited to announce that we have a total of 31 children registered in the two's program this year.

In the three-year-old class, students worked hard on their Thanksgiving book, *Thank You God For All Your Wonderful Gifts*. Each child gets a page to show all the things they are thankful for; their mom, dad, brothers and sisters, friends, ice cream, cookies, and of course their toys. Then each child has a chance to bring the book home to show their family and friends. It is such an enjoyable activity for everyone. They have been very busy making crafts to decorate the classrooms and their homes. Beautiful Indian corn, colorful turkeys and funny scarecrows can be found all over the walls. This year, we were able to bring back our afternoon three-year-old class and have a total of 39 children enrolled in the program.

Meanwhile, the four-year-old class prepared for their Thanksgiving Feast. The children bring in all kinds of goodies, such as pumpkin bread and corn muffins, to enjoy with one another. To show how thankful they are to have such a wonderful family, they make beautiful Thanksgiving keepsakes for their parents. The children also get to share with their parents the Thanksgiving cookbook that they created as a class that is filled with their expert advice on how to cook a turkey! To end the celebration, the children entertain their parents at pickup dressed up in Thanksgiving hats they made themselves. Even with UPK being available for free, we still have a great group of 12 children.

All of the children in the 3- and 4-year-old classes put on a quick performance with a little singing and dancing of their Thanksgiving songs that they have been so busy practicing.

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

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**CONTAINS TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL* *

December 2025

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

Coming in December...

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

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

December 9th: Council Meeting, 7PM, Room 2000

December 21st: Sunday School Christmas Pageant, During Worship Service

December 21st: Gentle Christmas Service, 5PM, Our Redeemer Seaford

December 24th: Christmas Eve~ Office Closed, Services at 5:30PM & 8:00PM (CLC)

December 25th: Christmas Day~ Office Closed, Service at 10AM, St. David's Mass. Park

December 26th: Thrift Shop Closed

December 28th: Lessons & Carols; No Christian Education

