

The Spire

The Newsletter of
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY
Website: www.CLCWantagh.org

June 2022

Dear Friends,

It's June. Time to slow down a little and enjoy all the outdoor activities that Long Island has to offer. But do we actually take the time to think about slowing down? In my case, I usually find myself thinking about this around the middle of August. Then I regret that I let too much time pass to do anything about it.

Is our congregation going to slow down during the summer? Although the work on the parsonage has been completed, there are many things that still need to be done. The Call Committee continues its work to find the right candidate to be our next Pastor in partnership with the Bishop's office. Supply pastors will continue to lead worship through most of the summer. Arrangements have been made to have these guest pastors lead us in worship into early August. We had decided to wait until we had a clearer indication of how the call process was going before we sought additional supply pastors. At this point we will try to have sufficient coverage through the end of September. Should we find a new Pastor sooner than that, we would cancel those supply pastors. We should be so lucky to be in that position.

June is also the time when our regular Nursery School program finishes its school year and prepares for summer camp during the month of July. But before that happens, we still have our Vacation Bible School program. Before you know it, its time to welcome back our three- and four-year-olds for the new school year. This summer, the Nursery School Board and the Church Council will address the issue of making our facilities more secure for our teachers, our staff and volunteers, but most importantly, the safety of our young students. In recent days, we have seen how easy it is to get into a school and have our safety compromised. We cannot afford to take this issue lightly. There have been numerous suggestions as to how we can best improve our security safely and legally. Keep in mind that anything that we do must meet fire department code.

There are other projects that we will try to accomplish in our "less busy" time. We anticipate having much needed concrete work done around the property, but most importantly the steps to Steinbicker Hall.

On a fun note, we hope that many of you will join us to march in the 4th of July parade or to cheer us along the parade route as we march up Wantagh Avenue. For more information, please contact the Church office.

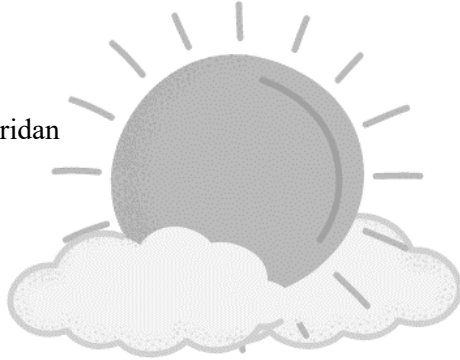
Despite the busyness of our lives, remember to take advantage the sunny days ahead, the cool ocean breezes off the south shore and a slower pace until we gear up again for a busy fall.

Hans Vogel

GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

June Birthdays

4: Danette Fitzgerald
4: Joseph Scibelli
6: June Anderson Fahey
19: Nancy Gephardt
19: Breanna Bowdish Sheridan
19: Joseph John Corrison
23: Margaret Lorenzen
29: Margaret Dahlberg
29: Ralph Pollock



June Anniversaries

23: Lynn and Keith Franz
27: Margaret and Jim Bloomfield
29: LuAnn and Joseph Corrison

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.

Good News

Thank you to all who participated in our Spring Celebration. We had a wonderful turn-out for Pastor Martin and Elaine's retirement celebration. Bishop Egensteiner was so impressed with our remodeled Parsonage, as was everyone who joined us for a tour. He deeply enjoyed leading us in worship, and we hope to host him again soon. A special thanks to all who worked so hard to put together a lovely continental breakfast! It was a great day for fellowship!

Our Church cleanup is well underway. We have made a lot of progress, but there is still much to do. Volunteers are appreciated. Please contact the Church office if you are able to lend a hand.

New security measures are being put into place for Steinbicker Hall. Going forward, all who access Steinbicker

must sign in **and** out with the Church office. There is a sign-in book at the front desk. We appreciate your prompt cooperation.

CLC Youth News

We are looking forward to Pentecost Sunday, and the celebration of First Communion. Five children will be welcomed as our newest Disciples. **We thank WELCA** for hosting our reception, and our first official coffee hour of 2022!

Spots are still available! Vacation Bible School will be held from **June 27th-30th**. Our theme this year is Making Waves. We are looking forward to a beach-themed four days with the kids in our community. **A registration form is enclosed in your Spire.** Please consider helping out. If you would like to be involved in this special week, please reach out to Jess or John Heron at (516) 633-9518, or email jheron423@yahoo.com.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

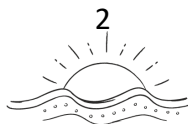
a. The Church Council thanks **Optimus Primers of Wantagh**, who graciously donated the power-washing of the Parsonage and painting of its shutters.

b. Boy Scout/Eagle Scout project recommendations are being requested for next year. H. Vogel will act as a liaison between the Church and the Scout Troop Master to discuss plans.

c. Building & Property Concerns: There is continued discussion regarding security measures. Suggestions have been discussed between Council, the Nursery Board, and the Parish Administrator; these include the installation of a security system, creation of a policy for distribution of entrance keys, and visitor protocols, especially during school hours to ensure the safety of students and staff.

d. The following proposals have been approved:

- Proposal from Leak Stoppers Inc. to repair the Church roof leak. Total cost: \$5,900
- Proposal from Freeport Garage Door Co., Inc. to replace the damaged Parsonage garage door. Total cost: \$2,525
- Proposal from LI Mason and Concrete to repair and partially replace the Steinbicker front steps. Additional monies needed for estimated masonry work to be approved by WELCA.



- Installation of slide locks on Steinbicker Hall/Nursery School entrance doors (near library), to be locked during school hours only.

e. Christian Education:

- We are so proud of the five children who will make their First Communion on Pentecost Sunday: Vivian Heron, James Kennah, Katie Kuchynskas, Jackson Martini, and Michael Murphy. God Bless You!
- Sunday School classes concluded for this school year on May 22nd. We look forward to seeing the children again this fall (and of course, during service in the summer)!
- Confirmation classes will end in June.

h. Nursery School:

- Registration for Summer Program and the 2022-2023 schoolyear is underway.
- Congratulations to all of our 2022 graduates. We look forward to seeing our returning students at Summer Program and in September!

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.

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Campbell's Cream of Mushroom of Soup - Canned Fruit
Canned Chicken - Canned Salmon - Chili with Beans
Cooking Oil - Jell-O - Juice - Pudding Mix - Salad Dressing
Spaghetti

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

WELCA

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 1st at Villa D'Aqua. We look forward to celebrating at our anniversary luncheon! We had such a good time and everything was so delicious last year. It should be just as much fun this year. Bon Appetit!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School: Sunday School classes ended for the summer on May 22nd. We are already looking forward to the fall. We would especially love to bring in new students and teachers. **First Communion** will be held on June 5th. We congratulate our wonderful candidates, who worked so hard this year! To learn more about Sunday School or to enroll for next year, please speak with our Christian Education Coordinator, Della Rao, or speak with co-coordinator Claudia Gross.

Confirmation: If you would like to enroll your child in the Confirmation program, please contact our Christian Education Coordinator, Della Rao, or speak with co-coordinator Roxanne Toomey. Completion of the program is **required** in order to receive Confirmation.

FROM THE KNITWITS...

There is a mystery out there! To my surprise, Barbara Rath came up to me at the Thrift Shop and said, "Lil, I have



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

- Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - Andrew Blitz
James Cathcart - Danielle Chillemi - Donna Chillemi
Regina Coons - Sal Costanzo - Marge Dahlberg
Mike Dauth - Charlie Fisher - Travis Gentile
Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Joe Hanna
Barbara Hess - Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea
William McShea - Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller
James Pallas - Roberta Pfister - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce
Bob Rath - Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly
Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice
Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan - Natalie Stone
James Toomey - Laura Vogel

something for you.” She handed me two bags with 20 hats and four lap robes that some mysterious angel secretly dropped off. They are beautifully knitted by someone’s angelic hands. Whoever you are, I say “thank you” from the bottom of my heart. P.S.: If you need yarn, I have some for you. Send a coded message!

Another angel has joined us in our work. Carole Vitale, who generously gives her time at Thrift, has a friend, Hermie, who loves to knit. She wanted something to do and has joined our ranks. She creates beautiful blankets, hats, and sweaters for babies. I’m pleasantly surprised when Carole hands me some of Hermie’s treasures. She is so generous with her time and talent. I say “thank you” to you, Hermie, from the bottom of my heart!

My thanks again to Doris Ohlander for her baby hats, Jan Eastlund for her many hats of all sizes, Norma Mantay for her baby blankets, and to Jeri Hallgren for her lap robes.

Join us! We are so blessed with angels near and far!

- Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663

CLC HISTORY



Just a few weeks ago, we had the opportunity to celebrate our history in real time. After two years of waiting, we were finally able to recognize the decades of dedicated service of Pastor Martin Nale and Elaine DiChiara, who both retired during the pandemic. Pastor Martin and Elaine both showcase so much of what makes CLC special: service to others, compassion, kindness... did we mention service? Though they are missed, their rest and relaxation is well-earned. Pastor Martin and Elaine: “Thank you” is not enough!

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 **June 4th.**

Donations to the thrift shop are always accepted. We appreciate your contributions.



Father's Day 2x4 Sunday

Have you started searching for the perfect Father’s Day gift yet? Are you looking for a special way to honor your father, grandfather, or a paternal 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 “Father’s Day 2x4 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 Father’s Day, and displayed in the Narthex. All proceeds will be donated to Habitat for Humanity for the purchase of supplies to build homes on Long Island.

If you’d like to be part of this special tradition, please enclose the tear-off form below with your donation to the Church office **by Sunday, June 12th.** Checks may be made out to Christ Lutheran Church; please indicate “Father’s Day 2x4 Sunday” in the memo. Thank you!



Father's Day 2x4 Sunday
June 19, 2022

Envelope # _____

Given By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

of Donations: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return to the Church office by Sunday, June 12th.

3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793

PROPERTY REPORT – JUNE 2022

Our **Aging Retiree Group** continues to perform the maintenance and improvement items on the “Office” To-Do list, that we can accomplish ourselves and those issues we uncover.

Our recent activities have included:

- We searched the property for any **remaining florescent tubes and bulbs** and **discarded over 200** of them on the 5/15 TOH “Stop” program date.
- **A leak was reported near the organ/piano** under the flat roof area. We called the roofer who did extensive work, tarring and flashing under and around the area and the sloped ductwork, and sealing all the duct seams and postholes. Additional work proved necessary after the next rain as the leak persisted. A 20X20 section under the South A/C unit will now be replaced, necessitating jacking-up the A/C unit to get the material under, and sealed.
- The mid-April rain/wind also took down a large branch on the pair tree by the thrift shop, which we cut and tied for TOH P/U. The winds also damaged the rear yard stairway cover, which we managed to repair.
- We moved all the Paper/Plastic cleaning supplies from the Christian Ed room to Room 100 where they belong.
- We moved many items from the Loggia, to proper storage elsewhere.
- We took the hoses from storage and **activated the Lawn Sprinklers** at the Church and Parsonage. At the Parsonage, we ordered and replaced broken PVB parts and excavated to replace two Heads, broken off and missing, probably from the porch construction.
- We tested ALL the 10-year Education Building’s Smoke detectors and found them responding fine. We installed two (2) new 10-year detectors in the north and south hallways outside the gym and another unit in the Steinbicker kitchen. The remaining detectors (10,20,2000) tested fine.
- We ordered and installed new 2X4 ceiling light covers in the Loggia.
- We removed the Snowmelt containers and shovels to proper storage.
- We removed the Flower stands to proper storage.
- We disassembled and prepared numerous Parsonage items, in the Garage and Basement, for two special TOH P/U days.
- We activated the rooftop A/C units and changed the filters.
- We installed and secured the Lawn Canopy for the Bishop visit.

THINGS TO DO

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

- *Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- ***Power Wash** the front Steinbicker stairway, north 10-20 wall, etc “greens”,
- *Scrape and Paint the white/bare **trim above the Library and 2000 kitchenette.**
- *Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker. Stones to pit?, Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor.
- *Repair numerous **Cement issues** around the property. (Stairs, Pointing, Washes, loose items, price professional intervention?). (**Summer Break**)
- *Prepare/Paint the outside **Room 20 North window** frame. (Wkg?).
- ***Research and arrange** for a “Seal coating” and re-stripping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. (Wkg-Spring?)
- * Touch up **Roof top A/C duct “Rust spots”** with Silver paint on hand.
- * Re-tar around the intermittent leaking south most sanctuary AC duct.(**Cmplt**)
- * Investigate the Education Building telephone intercom feature for erratic operation or replace the system.
- * Cleanup and clean out the shop area, Room 100, and the rear Shed area.
- * Gather and discard all the “old” latex paint for the next “STOP” date.
- * Investigate and strengthen the **Altar screen Filigree panels** which are showing signs of looseness and cracking.
- * Remove the old florescent tubes to the next TOH “Stop” date. (**Cmplt**)
- * Purchase and replace the seven old light covers in the Loggia. (**Cmplt**)

Research for Potential Projects

- * Research/Report on the possibility of **Siding on the 10/20 building.**
- *Research the installation of white vinyl ornate trim covering (Pilasters/Door Surrounds) in the **front area outside the Sanctuary** in lieu of continuous peeling and painting.
- * Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary.**
- * Research the replacement of the wine stained **Altar Carpeting.**
- *Research extending the **lawn sprinklers** to cover the East side of Steinbicker **after grass restoration.**
- * Research the possibility and costs to **refurbish the Original Steeple Bell and Cradle.**



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ Lutheran Church + Wantagh, New York

MONDAY, JUNE 27TH - THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH, 2022

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Registration Fee: \$30/Child

Dear Parents,

Summer is coming! This year, we will "Make Waves" at Vacation Bible School, and we would love for your child(ren) to come along!

On this beach-themed adventure, we'll meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more! It's going to be a lot of fun... *but it would be more fun with you there!*

- ★ The registration and medical forms deadline is **June 17th**. Spots fill quickly, so **register today!**
- ★ Children must have passed their 3rd birthday on or before January 1, 2022 **and be potty trained.**
- ★ If you have any questions, please call the Church office at (516) 221-3286.

Please complete the registration form below (one per family) and the medical form (no doctor's report required) and include your check payable to: **CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH**. Please put "VBS" in the memo.

Mail completed applications to: Christ Lutheran Church - 3384 Island Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION - 2022

Child's Name	Age	DOB (MM/DD/YY)	Please circle your child's '21-'22 grade level.
1)			None Nursery K 1 2 3 4 5
2)			None Nursery K 1 2 3 4 5
3)			None Nursery K 1 2 3 4 5
4)			None Nursery K 1 2 3 4 5

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Address: _____ City/Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Signature: _____

I do not authorize any photos/videos of my child to be published online or in print.

Church Membership (Circle all that apply).

Christ Lutheran St. David's Lutheran
 St. Frances de Chantal St. William the Abbot
 Wantagh Memorial Cong. Our Redeemer
 St. John Lutheran, Bellmore St. Jude's Episcopal
 Grace Episcopal St. Barnabas
 Maria Regina Grace Lutheran, N. Bellmore

Other: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Amount Paid: \$_____

Cash Initials: _____
 Check

I would like to **volunteer** my time to assist with VBS!

I would prefer to assist in this area:

- Bible Teacher
- Crafts
- Games
- Snack
- Music
- Wherever Is Needed
- Floater/Fill-In

Please indicate your availability.

- Every Day
- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

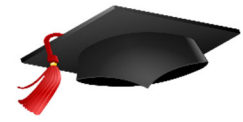


Please check here if you will require proof of service hours.

**If you are interested in attending
Vacation Bible School, please mail
this form in to the Church office. A
medical form will be sent to you
upon receipt.**

2022 WORSHIP DATES	USHER	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
Sun. June 5, 2022 Pentecost Sunday 9:00 AM Service (Red) FIRST COMMUNION COFFEE HOUR: HOSTED BY WELCA	E. Juergens	D. Ohlander's Group	H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn
Sun. June 12, 2022 1st Sunday After Pentecost/Holy Trinity 9:00 AM Service (White)	J. Gross	B. Rath's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath
Sun. June 19, 2022 2nd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	C. Sparkke	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald
Sun. June 26, 2022 3rd Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	R. Ahearn	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Fehey B. Henderson R. Ohlander D. Ohlander M. Soethout
Sun. July 3, 2022 4th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	R. Ohlander	B. Rath's Group	H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn
Sun. July 10, 2022 5th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	E. Juergens	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath

*THERE ARE NO ACOLYTES/CRUCIFIERS OR GREETERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



Nursery School News

June



May was an amazing month here at the nursery school. The weather has been warming up and the children are enjoying all the time they are having outside! They love exploring nature and admiring all the new flowers blooming, birds chirping and the beautiful nature all around them. The four-year-old classes are observing a momma bunny prepare a nest for her babies right from their classroom windows! We hope to get a glimpse of the babies before the school year ends!

The children loved showering their special ladies with wonderful Mother's Day gifts that were made with love. All the children brought home flowers, handmade cards and gifts from the heart to show their Moms how much they love and appreciate them. The four-year-old classes sang for their Moms outside. They enjoyed a special day of "Muffins with Mom", where the children had the opportunity to serve their mothers' for a change.

We ended the month with a "Red, White and Blue Bash" before Memorial Day! All the children dressed in red white and blue and enjoyed a picnic on school grounds where they had special red and blue ices!

The children in the nursery school are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their butterflies! Every class has their own cups of caterpillars that have finally transformed into a chrysalis. Each day they visit the cups that once contained caterpillars and wait for a butterfly to emerge. Once the butterflies finally exit their chrysalis, the entire school will release them together. While we wait, we are filling our classrooms with beautiful caterpillar and butterfly crafts.

Our four-year-old classes are excited to participate in field day. This is our second year doing field day. It was a big hit enjoyed both by the children and staff! Field day will take place on Tuesday June 7th.

It feels like just yesterday the children were entering the building for the first day of school and now we are preparing for the last! The last day for our two-year-old program will be on June 2nd and 3rd. The children in our three-year-old program will have their moving up ceremony on June 8th and 9th. And last but not least, the children in the four-year-old program will have their graduation ceremony on June 15th.

Summer Program

There is still availability in our summer program. Please visit the website <https://www.ChristianNurserySchoolWantagh.org> for all the information and forms that are needed to register.

September Enrollment

We have limited space in our classes for September. 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.

We look forward to hearing from you!!

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CONTAINS TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL

June 2022

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Please return this sheet to the address above.

Coming in May...

- May 4th: 1:00 PM ~ WELCA Meeting
- May 7th: 10:00 AM~2:00 PM ~ Thrift Shop Saturday
- May 8th: 9:00 AM ~ Mother's Day Caring Sunday
- May 9th: 7:00 PM ~ Worship & Music Meeting
8:00 PM ~ Council Meeting
- May 12th: Finance Meeting ~ Time TBD
- May 22nd: Spring Celebration ~ Begins 9:00 AM (See Flyer)
- May 25th: June Spire Mailing ~ Time TBD
- May 29th: No Christian Education Classes
- May 30th: Memorial Day ~ Church Office Closed



*Stay tuned for updates on Memorial Day Parade.

Wednesdays: 7:00 PM ~ Bell Choir

8:00 PM ~ Adult Choir