



# The Spire

The Newsletter of  
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY  
Website: [www.CLCWantagh.org](http://www.CLCWantagh.org)

## June 2023

**Dear Friends,**

Doesn't it seem like we just put the Christmas decorations away? Fast forward, and we are just a few weeks away from the Fourth of July Parade. Yet here we are, 31 months after Pastor Nale retired. Throughout this time, we have been served by many dedicated pastors who have helped our congregation maintain a small sense of normalcy. I get asked often when we can expect to have a permanent pastor again. If I knew the answer to that question, I would probably be working in Albany or Washington D.C.

At the Synod Assembly, I heard Bishop Egensteiner tell the audience that only about four percent of candidates seeking a call are interested in coming to New York. The greatest concern seems to be the high cost of living in the Metropolitan New York area for a young family. The number of men and women attending seminary is also lower than it has been in the past. But instead of feeling a sense of pessimism, I was reassured that a candidate for our vacancy is not that far away. I have no reason to doubt that.

Our congregation has always had a sense of mission beyond our four walls on Church Road. Our Annual Country Fair raises money for a variety of charitable causes, locally, regionally and nationally. Of the nearly 200 congregations of the Metropolitan New York Synod, our congregation ranked number ten in Mission Support giving. On Mother's Day and Father's Day, many of us contribute to important charitable causes through the church. It's all a part of who we are. We can be proud that we don't concern ourselves only with our wants and needs, but care about so many vital ministries that value our help.

Where do we stand currently? We hope to have a candidate for the Call Committee to consider soon. Until that happens, our pulpit will be filled every Sunday until Rally Day in September. Perhaps we won't need supply pastors through that time, but at least we are prepared in case we do. I encourage you to remain positive about our congregation. Despite some challenging problems during this vacancy, we have been able to weather the storm thus far. Don't get dismayed now.

Hans Vogel

## **IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

The Parish Administrator will be away on vacation from May 28<sup>th</sup>-June 11<sup>th</sup>. We will have limited Church office coverage during this time. To contact the Church office, leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. **Our normal operating hours will resume on Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your patience!

\*Please note that the Church office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

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## Coming in May...

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: WELCA Meeting, 1PM, Room 2000

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM-2PM

May 8<sup>th</sup>: Worship & Music, 7PM and Council, 8PM

May 14<sup>th</sup>: Mother's Day Caring Sunday, 9AM

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

May 21<sup>st</sup>: Last Day of Sunday School

May 28<sup>th</sup>: Pentecost Sunday Worship Service, 9AM

May 29<sup>th</sup>: 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



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