



The Spire

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

March 2021

Fellow Ministers,

It has been my joy to be your Interim Pastor for over a month now. My time at Christ Lutheran will be upwards of a year, as you seek to call a permanent pastor to replace the retired Pastor Martin Nale. Unlike Pastor Nale, I have been hired only half time. This was mainly my choice, since I am retired.

During my time with you, I am your pastor. Should you ever need me for anything, my cell number is 631-720-6179. This makes me available for you to contact me at any time. I am also in the process of calling all of the families of the church and have called over 100 families already.

I would like to ask you to do a very important thing. Please join me in praying daily for our church. Prayer is powerful, and God blesses prayer. As you pray daily for the well-being of your family, please also pray for the well-being of Christ Lutheran. Pray that God will bless our worship services to his glory. Pray for our sick and shut-ins, those that are lonely and hurting in any way; pray for individual members that you know, as well as those you don't. Pray for our church leaders and that God will be sending us a wonderful new pastor to shepherd our congregation. And may I also invite you to pray for me as I serve you.

I cannot stress enough the importance of worshipping regularly and receiving Holy Communion. For those who because of physical conditions are currently staying away from in-person worship, each week we provide two opportunities for you to join our worship. Worship is available on Zoom every Sunday at 9 AM. The link is emailed to you on Saturday. Secondly, a YouTube link is also emailed to you on Sunday by 5 PM or earlier. Let the church office know your email address if you do not receive either of these. Also, provide us the email address of family or friends who might also benefit from our online services.

Finally, our tithes and offerings are needed for God's ministry at Christ Lutheran. We are facing a large deficit of over \$20,000 in our yearly budget. We also have over \$100,000 worth of repairs and updates needed for our parsonage and other church buildings. Your weekly and generous offering is essential for our financial health. Those not in church on any given Sunday, please mail your weekly offerings to the church. Thank you for every gift given in worship of our Lord.

God loves you and so do I,

Pastor Krahn

Parish Register

MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: Charles & Doris Breusch
Given by: the Bonnici, Breusch, Horesta & Leveroni Families

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Jennifer, Craig & Hannah Proce

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Claudia & John Gross

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Regina Coons

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: June & John Fahey

In Memory of: Rosemarie Dunne
Given by: Janice & John Eastlund

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Doris Gannon

In Memory of: Rosemarie Dunne
Given by: Doris Ahrens & Family

In Memory of: Rosemarie Dunne
Given by: John Ericson & Jaine McCarroll

In Memory of: Louise Germani
Given by: Jennifer, Craig & Hannah Proce

In Memory of: Louise Germani
Given by: Claudia & John Gross

In Memory of: Robert Leun
Given by: Claudia & John Gross

Sanctuary Memorial Fund

In Honor of: Regina Coons' Birthday
Given by: Margaret Dahlberg

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Margaret Dahlberg

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Lilly Ann Munnich

In Memory of: Richard J. Palumbo
Given by: Nancy & Allen Pisani

Property Improvement and Maintenance Memorial Fund

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Jeri Hallgren

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Doris & Roger Ohlander

In Memory of: Edwin Golde
Given by: Norma Mantay

Bell Memorial Fund

In Memory of: Kenneth Deere
Given by: Barbara Stone

Prayer List

The following people are on our Prayer List. We remember them in our prayers ~

Jose Alves, Tom Anderson, Ellen Bacotti, Debbie Becker, James Cathcart, Danielle Chillemi, Donna Chillemi, Ann Curtis, Marge Dahlberg, Mike Dauth, Ann Fisher, Charles Fisher, Travis Gentile, Betty Gibberman, Barbara Grieser, Mary Lynn Kirby, Florence Kirch, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, Gary Proce, Barbara Proce, Eunice Rischan, George Steele, Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Saul Wein, Kathy Wicks, Karen Klose, Jimmy, Kay Charon, Jerry Fitzgerald, Louise, Joan Drake, Suzanne Marshall, Elise Sheridan.

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list who is in need of prayers, please call the church office at 221-3286 or email church@clcwantagh.org.

Good News & Blessings. . .

March Birthdays

3/3 **Christopher Malfatti 14th**
3/5 **Bill Henderson**
3/6 **Jennifer Proce**
3/7 **Scarlet Fire Reed 5th**
3/9 **Sara Reed 32nd**
3/9 **Allison Michelle Banz 15th**
3/9 **Charlie Kuchynskas 12th**
3/11 **Nora Ann Segur 13th**
3/12 **Jessica Hasteadt**
3/13 **Amy Kuchynskas**
3/15 **Jack Conrad Thompson 10th**
3/19 **Joan Drake**
3/19 **Bob Rath**
3/19 **Jean Leib 91st**
3/21 **Elyzabeth Kuchynskas**
3/21 **Gus Raitz**
3/21 **Gabrielle Scibelli 21st**
3/26 **Mary Wagner**
3/28 **Kaylee Hope Franz 17th**
3/30 **Lynn Hasteadt**

Anniversaries

3/13 **Dan & Emily Bloomfield 11th**
3/16 **Carolyn & Arnold Howard 35th**

CLC Youth

In person Confirmation classes resumed on February 7th. Please speak with Pastor Krahn or contact the church office if you would like to enroll your child: call 221-3286 or email church@clcwantagh.org.

All children in the neighborhood are welcome to come to the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, only on a clear day, to make it an outdoor, safely distanced event. *Masks will be required and we ask that you complete and return the clipped reservation form from the flyer below by Friday, April 1st.*

If you have any news item you would like to share, send to church@clcwantagh.org or by post: 3384 Island Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793.

A note from the Knitwits ~

Since a number of our Knitwits have moved or are unable to help any longer, more hands are needed to continue our work. For those who want to help and already know how to knit or crochet, there are kits in the back of the church. Just take one. If you know anyone who would like to help, please encourage them to do so. If you need yarn, needles or hooks, let me know. My thanks to all who have helped and to those who will:)

Oh the weather outside is frightful,
But this yarn is so delightful,
And since we've no place to go.....
Another row, Another row, Another row
Lilly Ann Munnich

516-826-3663

Do you have a passion for Christ's congregational history and preserving it?

We would love volunteers to assist with our sorting and archival process in the transition period and beyond. Candid photographers of church life and witness would also be most welcome! Please contact the church office for more information: call 221-3286 or email church@clcwantagh.org.

A BIG THANK YOU:

This last year has caused a tremendous strain on local food pantries. There has been a great increase in the number of people needing help to put food on their tables. At the same time, the source of much of the food for the pantries has dried up. Many churches and temples have been closed or the numbers of people attending have been significantly reduced so the donations are way down. Thank you to all who have made donations of food or money to help their neighbors. The list of items most needed are listed below in the Spire, but all non-perishable food items are appreciated.

Should you need food, please call the church office at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Merrick (516-379-3858) to arrange to receive needed items. Also, Debbie's sharing table is open during the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Merrick is in need of the following items:

Hash, canned stewed tomatoes, Evaporated milk, pancake syrup, dish soap, facial tissues, Coffee, egg noodles, stew, salad dressing, cooking oil (48 oz).

The collection bins are in the hallway outside the Library. Please check your donations for expiration dates. **Thank you. All donations are very much appreciated.**

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

**TO THRIVENT MEMBERS – FREE MONEY
TO CHURCH FOR JUST A CALL –
DEADLINE March 31st**

As always, please remember to designate any “Choice Dollars” you may have. (You can help our congregation in a big way!) Eligible Thrivent members are designated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums, contract values and Thrivent Financial volunteer leadership. Choice Dollars can be directed to our church or other enrolled organizations. It is easy to make your designation:

1. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice,
or

2. Call 800-Thrivent (1-800-847-4836)
and say “Thrivent Choice”

Then select the organization where you want the money directed.

Remember: the deadline is March 31st.

February Church Council Highlights

Congratulations to the newest member elected to our Council at the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 31st - **Jeri Hallgren.**

Returning Council members are **Regina Coons, Kirsten Duprez, Cathy Fitzgerald, Jerry Fitzgerald, Claudia Gross, Don Haines, Bill Henderson, Nancy Pisani, James Spiegle and Hans Vogel.**

Going off Council is **Bob Hasteadt.** We thank him for his past service. It is truly appreciated.

In-person **Confirmation** classes resumed on February 7th.

Pastor Krahn discussed way for Christ to move ahead boldly during its transition period and years to come.

REMINDER

**Our Thrift Shop is open:
Fridays - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Ten Proven Ways to Kill Your Church
The Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn

- 1) Attend only when you absolutely feel like it.
- 2) When you do attend, find fault with something.
3. Do not give generously to the Lord's Work.
- 4) Only make your regular weekly offering on the Sundays you actually attend.
- 5) Volunteer for nothing.
- 6) Do not pray daily for God to bless your church and its ministry.
- 7) Do not read your Bible regularly and never attend a church Bible study.
- 8) If you do not like something the pastor of the church leaders are doing, do not tell them, but tell everyone else of your displeasure.
- 9) Never invite an unchurched person to your church.
- 10) Never ask the Lord, “What do you want me to do as a member of my church?”



January 21, 2021

Christ Lutheran Church
3384 Island Road
Wantagh, New York 11793
Attn: Regina Kuhl

To Our Dear Friends of Christ Lutheran Church and the Knitwits;

On behalf of Nassau University Medical Center's Pediatric and PM&R inpatient services, we would like to extend a special thank you for your donation of handmade blankets, hats and books for the patients on December 3, 2020 and continued support of our program. We deeply appreciate your generosity.

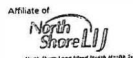
Nassau University Medical Center is a teaching hospital that has been a primary source of medical care for millions of Nassau County residents since 1935. We are committed to providing the best possible care to the residents of Long Island and recognize the importance of the generous support from our caring community. Your contribution exemplifies the strong caring and compassion for the people we serve.

We hope you remain involved with the hospital and continue to support our work and efforts. Once again, we thank you for your support and wish you a happy and healthy 2021.

With Appreciation,

Heather Spanfelner, BS-ATH, RYT
Activities Specialist I

Michele Silvestri, ATR-BC, LCAT
Director of Therapeutic Recreation



ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

"St. John's Early Childhood Center"



1 Van Roo Avenue, Merrick, New York 11566
Church Office Tel. No. 516-379-3858 • Fax No. 516-379-3681
E.C.C. Office Tel. No. 516-378-4ECC (4322)
[Website: stjohnmerrick.org • Email: stjohnmerrick@netzero.net]

✱ The Rev. Perry J. Kirschbaum, Pastor ✱

Mrs. Kathy Leich, E.C.C. Director

February 22, 2021

Christ Lutheran Church
3384 Island Road
Wantagh, NY 11793

To the congregation of Christ Lutheran Church

Once again as a congregation you have overwhelmed us with your generosity in sending us such a large gift for our Social Ministry work. We are very thankful for your thoughtfulness. Such a gift will allow us to do many things for those who need our help.

During this difficult time, everything has to be done differently and much thought has to be put into planning out each project. We are grateful for the ladies from your church who faithfully come to help us with cooking for the soup kitchen, as some of our committee are not comfortable working inside the church with others at this time. We are careful to wear masks and gloves and social distance when cooking for the soup kitchen. We have had to change our entrees recipes that we prepare for the soup kitchen since they do not have sit down meals, nor do they use their ovens. So what we make has to be fully cooked and able to be boxed for distribution. We made turkey tetrazzini for three months now but in the months to come we will be making our tuna pasta salad.

In an effort to lift the spirits of the soup kitchen's guests, we prepared a special poem and prayer for the Martin Luther King day entrée container. Valentines made by the children of the Sunday School were attached to the box in February. In March the children will provide Irish soda bread which they will bake to go with our entrée.

We try to be extra generous in giving out food to our pantry clients knowing that they are having a difficult time, not only because of the pandemic, but because of the weather. It is not easy for the older people to get around with so much snow lingering on the ground.

Again let me express our extreme thanks for your generosity and for keeping our social ministry work in mind when you have various events. Working together we can do great things.

May your congregation have a Lenten season full of blessing and hope as we look forward to the great festival of Easter.

Sincerely,

Carol Schmidt, Chairman
Social Ministry Committee

PROPERTY REPORT – MAR 2021

Our **Small Aging Retiree Group** has resumed our pre-Pandemic activities. We have now caught up with most of the items on the To-Do list.

Our activities recently have included:

- We changed a “T8-U” florescent bulb in the 2000 bathroom and re-ordered.
- We replaced, and/or filed the hard rubber tips on a few doorstops.
- We ordered and installed a **locking mailbox** outside the Steinbicker entrance and located a key on the inside doorframe, and key box.
- We replaced a few **chirping smoke detector batteries** in the Education building and 10/20 area and re-ordered batteries. We remounted one smoke detector. We are researching the installation of extended life Detector/CO units with long life batteries.
- We tested and re-lamped, as required, the ELCA Christmas Lawn tree light strings and returned them to storage. We re-ordered more bulbs.
- We responded to some loose floor tiles in a NS classroom and the Loggia and re-secured them. We **thank Bob Rath** for re-tiling the 10/20 upper landing and threshold and middle landing of the thrift shop stairway.
- We **thank the Eagle Scout project of Hayden Naitra**, for the **new shed** to accept Thrift Shop incoming items. The overgrown corner shrub was removed and bagged by the scouts and the retirees moved the waste bags to the curb for TOH.
- We checked on a few of the **recent education building inspection items** and found the Sanctuary Water Heater is working, but beyond its life cycle, The Sacristy sink **is not** leaking, a hands-free soap dispenser is **functioning properly**, and a long running main floor toilet Flushometer requires professional intervention when available.
- We purchased new easy to open **Plastic Towel Holders** for all the bathrooms to replace the old rusting ones (PIM\$108). They have all been installed with keys within reach.
- We **thank Christian DeRuiter**, our new Church Business Administrator for arranging for the long over due **Fire Extinguisher Inspection and Tagging**.
- We also **thank Pastor Krahn** for touching up the paint on his **office door**.
- We hung a couple of pictures in lower level Sunday school rooms.
- We responded to a **low heat** condition in 10/20 and found the **#2 Sanctuary boiler off** with no pilot. We were unsuccessful in lighting the pilot and called the plumber, (Bill Quinn 826-3253) who changed the thermocouple and master relay, restoring the boiler operation and full heat for the Friday Thrift Shop.
- The Steinbicker **office thermostat** was found in **“SYSTEM OFF”**. We restored it to “Heat”. We do not know who touched this thermostat, but the Nursery School Teachers and Children had to keep their coats on in the 62-degree classrooms. **Please note: Thermostats anywhere should not be adjusted, except by those familiar with their operation. These are seven-day thermostats, programmed for all the activities scheduled in their areas.**

Retiree Group

THINGS TO DO

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

- *Clean the ceiling light covers in room 10.
- *Need **inspection and tagging of all Fire Extinguishers.** (CMPLT)
- *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 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?).
- *Prepare/Paint the outside **Room 20 North window** frame (Professional?).
- *Clean and refurbish the vinyl replacement windows all around checking for smooth operation, weather stripping and locking capability. (Wkg)
- ***Research and arrange** for a “Seal coating” and re-stripping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. (Spring)
- * Touch up the Roof top Air duct “Rust spots” with Silver paint on hand.
- * Refurbish **Communion tables** and replace the “red” felt shelf covers.
- * Replace the broken **NS window** track hardware during February break.
- * Install a mailbox outside the Steinbicker entrance. (CMPLT)
- * Repair the thrift shop entrance door threshold. (CMPLT)
- * Replace all the Smoke and CO detectors with new long life units.

Research for Potential Projects

- * Research and 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 continuously painting.
- * Research the possibility of new lighting for the Sanctuary.
- * Research the replacement of the wine stained Altar Carpeting.
- * Research extending the lawn sprinkler to cover the East side of Steinbicker after grass restoration.
- * Research installing Solar panels for electric on the Steinbicker building.
- * Survey and Research all cement sidewalks, steps, ramps, and washes for professional intervention.
- * Research having the lower two Steinbicker NS classroom Floor tiles removed, floor sealed and re-tiled. (NS issue)

The next step our congregation has to take in calling a permanent pastor is to form a subcommittee of the Transition Task Force to conduct a congregational Mission and Ministry Assessment. Once that is completed, we can proceed with the call process where we consider candidates for our permanent pastor.

The responsibilities of this subcommittee, to be known as the Assessment Team (“the Team”), are listed below. If you are interested in participating in this process, please let a member of the church council know or call the church office at 516 221-3286. We hope to get started as soon as possible. The events and meetings described below will be held in person or on Zoom, or a combination of both based on the decision of the team and as safety considerations allow.

CONGREGATION MISSION AND MINISTRY ASSESSMENT

Past – Present – Future Ministry

Conduct a History of our Church Sunday (recommended)

Invite the congregation to a **History Event following Sunday morning worship**. Plan for a two-hour event. Invite everyone; provide drinks, food, and a comfortable space to gather.

What you’ll need:

- Hospitality: food and drinks
- Cups, plates, napkins, utensils
- Tables, preferably circular, marked by decade, with three sheets of large poster paper at each table
- Large poster board (Post-its works really well), markers, dark bold colors

Appoint a recorder to write, and a reporter to share your findings as you begin.

Discovering the Decades – Those attending will breakout into groups based on the decade they joined the congregation

- On the first sheet of paper, as a group, list: What, of significance, was happening in the WORLD?
- On the second sheet of paper, as a group, list: What was happening in RELIGION?
- On the third sheet of paper, as a group, list: What was happening with THIS CONGREGATION? For this particular question, consider building/construction dates, struggles, new leadership, neighborhood connections, etc.—all aspects of your story.

Sharing the Story

- Post each of the decades results around the room
- Share each of the decades with the whole group
- Questions to think about:
 - Are there any significant events missing?
 - What are common themes? • What strikes you?
 - Do you see any particular impact of leadership?
 - What influence did personalities have on the community?
 - What impact did the community needs, or culture have on the congregation?
 - What impact did the congregation have on the community?
 - What role has the congregation taken on for the community and for individuals?

Introduce the CONGREGATION ASSESSMENT SURVEY (CAS)

The **Congregation Assessment Survey**, or CAS for short, is a congregation-wide survey that provides an in-depth look at the experiences, perceptions, and aspirations of a congregation. The CAS will provide a meaningful picture of your congregation and is an assessment instrument that can help your congregation:

- Measure the level of satisfaction and energy in the church.
- Identify the critical success factors for improving organizational climate.
- Discover what the congregation hopes to do and accomplish in the future.

- Gauge readiness for change.
- Uncover potential resources you may be missing.
- Prepare for a search for your next pastor.

The Team will determine how best to distribute the survey to get maximum participation from the congregation

Review the results of the CAS during a gathering of the Council, the Transition Task Force, and the subcommittee. The CAS provides support for the team preparing the Ministry Site Profile, as well as providing invaluable perspective to the Call Committee as we seek our next pastor.

Give a **summary report** to the congregation on the results of the CAS.

CONGREGATION ASSESSMENT SURVEY (CAS)

Define and Research the Demographics of the Community

There are numerous sources available to conduct this research. The ELCA provides the following resources, at no charge to you and included in your congregation's Mission Support. **This tool is designed to help ELCA congregations gain a general understanding of their community and to plan their mission using that information.**

The website link is: www.elca.org/research

There is a box "**Demographic Reports**" on the lower right-side margin. Click on "View Now."

You will need the synod code, which is 7C, and your congregational ID number. This number can be obtained by finding your congregation's parochial report (Form A) in your church files. If you still cannot find it, call the Metropolitan New York Synod Office, and ask for assistance.

Conduct a COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROBE (CAP)

Two members of the Team or the Council make two separate appointments with two local town officials. In our experience, two of the following persons are best: a local school principal, a local chief of police, a local town mayor or supervisor, a council member, or the leader of the local chamber of commerce.

Call to ask for an appointment, indicating you are from a local church and are in the process of searching for a new pastor, and seeking their input about the greatest needs in the community. You would like 15 minutes of the person's time.

Two of you go to the meeting, and at least one of you takes notes. During the conversation, you ask the following questions:

- In your experience, what do you see as the top two or three problems in our community?
- Whom do you see working on those issues?
- Do you have any concerns about our community as you look into the future, and if so, what are they?
- What could our church do to help improve the quality of life in our community?
- When we call a new pastor to our church, could we bring them in to meet you?

Immediately following the conversation, do the following:

- Write and mail a handwritten note thanking the official for their time and input.
- Write up your notes of the conversation and review them with your partner, in order to determine if you both heard the same information.
- After you have conducted both conversations, provide a verbal update to the congregation on the following Sunday, and make your written notes available to the congregation, especially the MSP team.

In our experience, every congregation that has engaged in this kind of Community Assessment Probe, reports that it is one of the most eye-opening experiences. The rewards of this exercise cannot be adequately expressed.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT PROBE (CAP)

Conduct a “Play It Forward” Sunday (recommended)

Invite the congregation to a “**Play It Forward**” event following Sunday morning worship. Plan for a two- hour event. Invite everyone; provide drinks, food, and a comfortable space to gather.

What you’ll need:

- Hospitality: food and drinks
- Large, open wall space
- Half-sheet pieces of paper
- Cups, plates, napkins, utensils
- Large pieces of paper
- Pens for everyone
- Tables and chairs
- Markers, dark/bold colors
- Post-it flags

With God, All Things Are Possible

- Give each individual a half sheet of paper, with the words: “If this congregation truly believes that with God, all things are possible, in the next three years I would see...”
- Have each person write an answer, post their answers on a wall, and then share their vision with everyone gathered
- Give everyone five “post-it flags,” instructing them to choose their top five priorities or preferences
- Tally the responses and review the top five priorities that have emerged
- Reflect on these questions:
 - How do the priorities fit with critical success factors?
 - How do the priorities fit with the community needs assessment?
 - What kind of opportunities do these provide?
 - What threats are there to making these happen?

Wrap-Up/Draft of Mission Site Profile (MSP)

- Explain that the Team will create the profile, based on the information gathered
- Establish the date of MSP draft review with congregation
- Thank everyone for their time. Close with Prayer.

Release the draft version of the MSP on a Sunday and seek feedback from the congregation.

Also, begin to collect suggestions for questions that the Call Committee might ask a potential candidate, based on the MSP.

The Team will meet throughout the Transition process and will spend time filling out the MSP form. Following the “Play It Forward Event,” the Team releases a first draft copy of the MSP to the entire congregation, requesting feedback. The congregation is given one week to respond with their suggestions, thoughts, or reflections.

After the week of input, the Team can revise the document. The final report should be submitted to the entire council for its review and possible revision, and also be made available to members of the Call Committee. After the MSP has been approved by the congregation council, a copy shall be sent to the Assistant to the Bishop and submitted to the ELCA database. The Assistant to the Bishop may consult with the Call Committee to review the completed MSP, discuss the hopes and vision of the congregation, and answer any remaining questions about the process.

zoōm

1. Verb - move or travel very quickly.
2. Verb - (of a camera) change smoothly from a long shot to a close-up or vice versa.
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Since the pandemic hit in 2020, a popular definition has become “a cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others.”

If you have missed coming to church to worship or socializing at weekly coffee hours or participating in church meetings, we would like to invite you to try connecting to these activities through the use of zoom. If you have a computer or tablet or smart phone or a smart tv, you can take advantage of this chance to reconnect with your church. If you don't know how to get started, you can call the church office (516-221-3286) to arrange to meet someone to show you or to talk you through the simple steps on your phone. It can be as easy as just clicking on a few buttons. You can arrange a one-on-one training session at a time when a service or meeting is not occurring so you can take your time and ask questions on using zoom.

A quick preview:

Each week on Saturday you will receive an e-mail that has the following information in it. In most cases, all you have to do is click on the underlined link.

Topic: Christ Lutheran Sunday Worship

Time: 9:00 am Sunday

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/5711598855?pwd=UjZOWXlGUhY1RjUyt6NjFtN2Jxdz09>

Meeting ID: 571 159 8855

Passcode: 1324354

After opening that link, you will see a new screen which has a tab “Launch meeting”. Click on that tab. A new screen with your name will appear on top. If there is a black section on the bottom that says “start video” click on that. If not, just click on the bottom of the screen until that message appears, then click on “start video”. You should see a picture of yourself and any other participants who have joined the meeting. When the meeting or service is over, you can click on the tab that says “leave meeting” and then close zoom.

We hope if you can't come to church in person, that you will join your friends at Christ Lutheran on-line. Don't hesitate to call the church office to ask any questions: 221-3286.

**Christ Lutheran Church
3384 Island Road
Wantagh, NY 11793**



Easter

2021 Easter Flower Memorials

Dear Friends,

Easter is on **Sunday, April 4** this year. Soon it will be time to plan for the adorning of the Church. There will be the usual altar flowers along with Easter lilies and assorted spring flowers. The decorations, as memorials, will be listed in the Easter Day bulletin.

The suggested amount of the gift is \$15.00. Please complete the form below and return it, with your check, to the Church office. **The deadline, to be included in the Easter bulletin, is Friday, March 26.**

Sincerely,
Christian DeRuiter
Church Business Administrator



**Christ Lutheran Church, 3384 Island Road, Wantagh, NY 11793
2021 Easter Flower Memorials**

I am enclosing \$_____ for the Easter Flowers Offering Envelope No. _____

*****Please PRINT below as you wish it to appear in the bulletin*****

GIVEN BY: _____

() In Thanksgiving to God

() In Honor of:

() In Memory of:



My name _____

Address _____

Please make checks payable to: Christ Lutheran Church

Deadline: Friday, April 3, 2020.

Christ Lutheran Church's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

☺ Shine Only ☺

Saturday, April 3, 2021

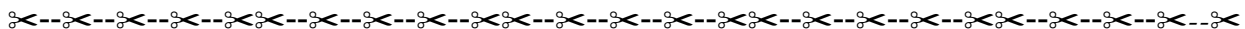
10:00 AM

For ages 3 through 3rd grade
Meet Outside Steinbicker Hall
(Island Road Entrance)

Bring your own
Basket.
Masks required.



EGG HIDING (Ages: 4th grade & up)
Saturday. April 3-9:00 a.m. through Egg Hunt



Please return the following reservation form to the church office, so we can know whom to welcome.

Name _____ Phone/cell # _____

Return by April 1 to:
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Christ Lutheran Church Calendar for March 2021

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MARCH 2021 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	Flower Delivery	Acolytes & *Crucifers	Counters	Greeters	Coffee Hosts
	9:00						
Sun., March 7, 2021 3 rd Sunday in Lent 9:00am Worship (Purple)		B. Rath's Group			J. FITZGERALD J. Eastlund J. Eastlund		
Sun., March 14, 2021 4 th Sunday in Lent 9:00am-Worship (Purple) Daylight Savings Time		E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group			R. OHLANDER B. Henderson M Soethout J. Fahey		
Sun., March 21, 2021 5 th Sunday in Lent 9:00am-Worship (Purple)		D. Ohlander's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		
Sun., March 28, 2021 Palm Sunday 9:00am-Worship (Scarlet)		B. Rath's Group			R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath		
Sun., April 2, 2021 Easter Day 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am-Worship (White)		All Groups			J. FITZGERALD J. Eastlund J. Eastlund		



Nursery School News

March 2021

As the temperatures dropped things really heated up in our classrooms. The children decorated their classrooms with all things winter, including snowmen, winter animals, hats and mittens.

In our pre-nursery programs, the children are taking great strides in socialization. They are really mastering playing with each other and sharing. They enjoyed doing some winter themed projects and learning some fun winter songs.

The threes were so busy making snowmen, matching mittens and other fun winter projects. They have become very adept at spelling their names, and are working on their scissor skills. They have mastered their colors and shapes and are beginning to work on recognizing their last names.

In our four-year-old classrooms, we rung in the new year with some resolutions and a little new year's celebration. Then it was full steam ahead into our letters, numbers and winter fun. The children are continuing to master all the letter sounds and recognition of all the letters for Kindergarten. They have become experts at cutting and can now follow 4-5 step directions. They have been working diligently and it shows.

In January we also had our picture day. Everyone looked wonderful and it was a huge success.

January is the month we do our assessments of the children to see where they stand and what needs to be done to get them ready for the following year. All the children were on target and meetings were available for the parents to come to speak with the teachers and address any concerns they might have.

Open enrollment for all our nursery programs started on January 9th 2021, for our 2021/2022 school year. We have a variety of programs to offer 2's, 3's and 4 year olds. Please feel free to reach out to me at CNSdirector@dcwantaagh.org for any further information on our programs, or to register your children.



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Coming in **March**

Mon., March 8 – Council Meeting

Sun., March 14 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Wed., March 17 – Spire Deadline

Thurs., March 25 – Spire Mailing

Sun., March 28 – Palm Sunday Worship ~ RSVP appreciated