



# The Spire

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

March 2023

## Dear Friends,

The season of Lent has arrived. It is the third Lent that we will experience without a full-time pastor leading us. Throughout these last 28 months, we have continued to prepare for the day that we are able to welcome a new pastor. To continue our preparations, many people have been busy in a variety of ways.

A few weeks ago, a meeting was held with members of WELCA and the Thrift Shop. The goal was to discuss how to better utilize rooms 10 and 2000. The cleanup process has started with the help of volunteers from WELCA and the Thrift Shop. The re-organizing and removal of unneeded items in the large closets in the back of the room has given more space for storage. The Thrift Shop Boutique in room 10 now has an area for storage week to week. Every effort is being made so that each group using room 10 has productive, uncluttered storage. There are now no boxes lining the walls or under tables. Both outside groups using room 10 have assisted in the clean-up. TOPS is in the process of going through items they have in the closet and will be discarding what they no longer use. AA has helped to clean up their items left in the kitchen area. The kitchen has been cleared of items that no one has claimed ownership of. By the end of the month, we expect the kitchen to be clutter-free. As the clean-up in room 10 is completed, we will be looking at cleaning up some areas in room 2000.

Other areas of the church have been cleaned up as well. The pastor's office had five file cabinets relocated to other parts of the church. Book shelves were removed, and books were re-distributed and given away. The church office is also being looked at to see how it can be more functional. For those of you have been in the office, there are a lot of telephone wires and computer cables that need to be looked at to determine what is still active and necessary and what is outdated. That will be examined by professionals to assure us that we are doing the right thing.

But lots of areas still need attention. The Christian Education office at the south end of the second floor in Steinbicker Hall has file cabinets filled with mostly outdated material that needs to be reviewed before it can be thrown away. The Library needs to be organized into a more organized and functional space.

These are not the only areas around the church that need some attention. Can you help out? Let the church office know if you have some time to spare to offer. Do you have some new ideas of how to make better use of our space? We hope that you will share those with us.

Hans Vogel



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
3384 ISLAND ROAD, WANTAGH, NEW YORK 11793

# 2023 Easter Flower Memorials

Dear Friends,

Easter Sunday is on April 9 this year. Soon it will be time to plan for the adorning of the Church. There will be the usual altar flowers along with assorted spring flowers. The decorations, as memorials, will be listed in the Easter Sunday 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. Kindly have all submissions in no later than **Friday, March 31.**

Sincerely,  
Della Rao  
Parish Administrator



Christ Lutheran Church  
2023 Easter Flower Memorials  
3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Easter flowers.      Offering Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Please print below **exactly as you'd like to appear in the bulletin:**

- in Thanksgiving to God.
- in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_
- in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

## General Memorial

In Memory of: **Bob Rath**

Given by: *June and John Fahey*

## Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Bob Rath**

Given by: *Lynn and Leroy Deere*

In Memory of: **Bob Rath**

Given by: *Emmy Grenzic*

In Memory of: **Bob Rath**

Given by: *Lilly Ann Munnich*

In Memory of: **Bob Rath**

Given by: *Kathryn Riese*

In Memory of: **Bob Rath**

Given by: *Corinne and Jim Thurau*

## Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: **Nathaniel Wynn**

Given by: *Claudia and John Gross*

## GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

### March Birthdays

5: Bill Henderson

6: Jennifer Proce

7: Scarlet Fire Reed

9: Charlie Kuchynskas

9: Allison Michelle Banz

12: Jessica Hasteadt

13: Amy Kuchynskas

19: Joan Drake

19: Jean Leib



21: Elyzabeth Kuchynskas

21: Gabrielle Scibelli

21: Gus Raitz

26: Mary Wagner

28: Kaylee Hope Franz

30: Lynn Hasteadt

## March Anniversaries

14: Emily and Dan Bloomfield

11: Carolyn and Arnold Howard

**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

- **Spring is near!** We are excited to see our property “in full bloom” in just a few weeks. Speaking of blooms, our **Easter flowers** were recently ordered from our friends at Borella Nursery. Thank you to **Lilly Ann Munnich** for coordinating again this year. **Volunteers are needed** to help prepare the flowers on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please speak with Lilly Ann if you’re available to lend a helping hand.
- **Easter Memorials:** Have you submitted your Easter flower memorials? If not, please submit your form and donation to the Church office no later than **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**. A form is included on the cover page of your Spire.
- **Coffee Hour:** The sign-up sheet for April-September 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!
- **Spring Fundraiser:** The Church will be having a fundraiser this Spring! We have partnered with **White Post Farms** for a Spring bake sale. These items will be ready for you to enjoy just in time for Easter. Please see the enclosed order form in your Spire. All orders must be received by **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**. You will receive confirmation from the Church office. Thank you for participating and supporting our church mission!
- **Tech Literacy Workshop:** If you are interested in attending the Spring Tech Literacy Workshop, please



contact Della with your **weeknight (5:00-6:00PM, Monday-Thursday) availability**. Thank you!

- **Community Involvement:** Volunteers are welcome to represent Christ Lutheran at the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce **St. Patrick's Day Parade**. The Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00PM**. If you'd like to participate, please contact the Church office.
- **Church Cleanup:** Thank you to all of the volunteers who continue to assist in our cleanup effort. We are especially thankful to **Vinny Ciro and all our Retirees** for their continued help. **Volunteers are always welcome**. Youth volunteers who require service hours for church or school are also welcome. Please contact the Church office for more information.
- **Save the Date: Holy Week services are coming up next month!** We are happy to announce that **Pastor Martin Nale** will preside at all services. Please see page five of your Spire for service times. If you are available to serve as a Worship Assistant at any of our Holy Week services, please inform the Church office no later than **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## CLC Youth News

- **Registration for the 2023-2024 year at The Christian Nursery School is open!** Spots are limited and filling quickly. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please call the Nursery office at (516) 679-8425 or email the Director, Dana Antonette, at [cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org). **Stay tuned for updates on the 2023 Summer Program**. Join our family today!
- **Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) Day is celebrated on Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. We are immensely grateful for the blessing that is our students, staff, and families. Thank you for all that you do!
- **The Annual Easter Egg Hunt returns on Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>!** Thank you to **John and Jessica Heron** for coordinating again this year. If your family would like to participate, please submit the form included in your Spire to the Church office by **Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**.
- **CLC Family Basketball** is a great, new opportunity for our young families to get to know one another. Thank you to **James Sheridan** for coordinating! The group meets every Wednesday from 6:00-8:00PM in the Steinbicker Hall gym. No need to sign up; just come by! If you'd like to lend a hand or to learn more, please email James at [jmbsheridan@gmail.com](mailto:jmbsheridan@gmail.com).
- We have made the difficult decision not to host **Vacation Bible School** this summer. If you are looking

for a wonderful alternative, we encourage you to learn more about our Nursery School's Summer Program.

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- Last year, there was an observable discrepancy between attendance at the 9:00AM Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday services, versus the 11:00AM services. Council discussed and determined that the low attendance at the latter services did not merit holding 11:00AM services this year. To accommodate everyone to the best of our ability, Council approved holding **one 10:00AM service on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday**.
- Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday Tenebrae services will be held at 7:30PM as per usual.
- **Worship & Music:**
  - A new set of Easter banners has been donated to the church in memory of Lynn Geestmann Cerra.
  - Lenten Devotionals will be sent out again this season. Each week will feature music and a brief pastoral reflection. Devotionals will be sent out via email and posted on Facebook and YouTube. Thank you to Nicole Nicholson and our visiting pastors for coordinating!
- **Nursery Board:**
  - Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is underway. Our totals are ahead of this time last year. Spots are limited and filling quickly.
  - Plans are being made for the 2023 Summer Program, with further details to follow.
  - The Nursery School will share details of the Church's Spring Fundraiser and the Easter Egg Hunt with all families.

## ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Chili with Beans - Cream of Mushroom Soup - Dish Soap  
Facial Tissues - Ketchup & Mustard - Laundry Soap  
Oil 48 oz. - Saltines - Spam

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

## PARISH OUTREACH

**Easter Flowers:** Volunteers are needed to help prepare our Easter flowers on Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Please speak with Lilly Ann Munnich if you can help.



**Easter Baskets:** Lutheran Social Services is asking for your help creating Easter baskets for those experiencing food insecurity. The baskets will be distributed by the New Life Center. Please see the flyer enclosed in your Spire for a list of needed items. Your donations can be left in the loggia; please mark them as "Easter Baskets." Volunteers are also welcome to help assemble the baskets. Thank you!

**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.

follow in the coming weeks. We are grateful to the Worship & Music Committee, which recently approved our proposal to have a uniform ending time for class each week. This will allow us to fully complete each of our lessons, which our students so appreciate. As always, we kindly remind our parents to let us know ahead of time if their child will be absent. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

**Confirmation:** In February, our eighth-grade class participated in a two-part lecture series on Martin Luther and Lutheranism. These were held on Zoom. We are happy to say they were a success. Our seventh and eighth-grade classes have now fully resumed meeting weekly on Sunday mornings. We highly encourage all parents, in accordance with our attendance policy, to inform us if their child will be absent, so that the appropriate work can be made up. Students who have outstanding work should see Ms. Della as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

**Holy Week Services:** This year, **Jim Spiegle** will once again coordinate the Passion Reading with our youth. Please keep your eyes and ears open for details. All current Confirmation students who **are not available** to serve as an Acolyte at any of the Holy Week services should notify the Church office no later than **Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## THRIVENT FINANCIAL

**To Members of the Congregation:** On March 1<sup>st</sup>, Thrivent and WELCA plan to assemble and ship **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief** to help people who are victims of natural disaster or political upheaval. Each kit consists of a dark-colored bath towel, two bath-size (4-5oz.) bars of soap, a toothbrush, a strong comb, and a nail clipper. We are asking all who are able to contribute. **Donations of all items are still being accepted, especially bars of soap.**

We are immensely grateful to Thrivent for generously providing a \$250 stipend for the purchase of items needed to complete the kits. All donated items may be left in the designated boxes in the loggia or narthex. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please send a check made out to WELCA to the Church office. Kindly have all donations in no later than **Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for all the help you can provide to this worthwhile project.

**To All Thrivent Members:** Be sure to check if you have Choice Dollars. These can be directed to Christ Lutheran Church, The Christian Nursery School, or another charitable organization on Thrivent's register. It only takes a minute to make a world of difference. Visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com)



## PRAYER LIST

*We Remember Especially...*

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart  
Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo  
Marge Dahlberg - Joan Drake - Joanne Drenckhahn  
Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman  
Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan - Bill Henderson  
Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard - Suzanne Marshall  
Janet McShea - William McShea - Bill Miller  
Marilyn Miller - James Pallas - Barbara Proce - Gary Proce  
Catherine 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 - 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.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School:** Lent is here! We are excited to teach our students all about the meaning of this sacred season. We continue to be so impressed with the work of our students. They show so much enthusiasm in our lessons, actively participating in activities, asking questions, and working well together. Preparations have also begun to distribute bibles to our second-graders this Spring, with details to



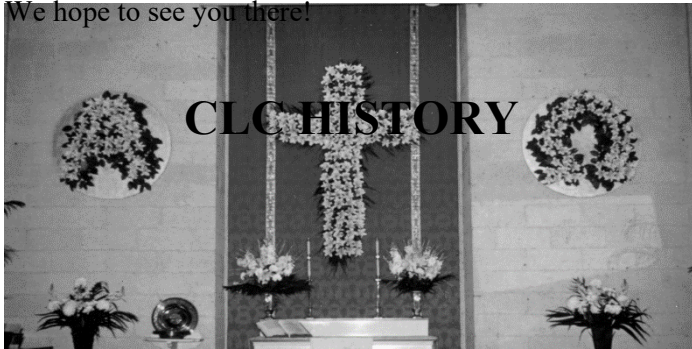
or call 1-800-Thrivent to direct your Choice Dollars today. **All selections must be made by March 31<sup>st</sup>.** Don't miss out on the opportunity to support a cause you believe in!

## WELCA

WELCA has been hard at work this past month preparing **Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief.** We wish to especially thank **Regina Coons and Jan Eastlund**, who have worked so hard collecting towels, soap, and other hygiene items. Thank you too to everyone who contributed, as well as Thrivent Financial for the \$250 stipend to use as needed to complete or ship the kits. **At our March meeting, which will be held on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00PM in Room 2000,** we will assemble the kits. As always, all ladies are welcome to join us!

**Bible Study:** The WELCA Conference Bible Study will resume this month! Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00AM.** We will meet at St. David's in Massapequa Park (please use the door/ramp at the Lake Shore Drive entrance). Our source material is parts one and two of *Gather Magazine's* four-part study of the Ten Commandments. If you have any questions, feel free to email Joyce Anderson at [daisyjoyce7@yahoo.com](mailto:daisyjoyce7@yahoo.com); for day-of questions, text or call Carol Scheuer at (516) 672-6344.

We hope to see you there!



Pictured above is our beautiful Easter flower display from 1968. You can be a part of this continuing tradition by volunteering to prepare this year's Easter flowers. Speak with Lilly Ann Munnich to learn more!

## FROM THE KNITWITS...

We've got something to explore... As I was delivering two bags of hats to 1 in 9: The Long Island Breast Cancer Action Coalition in Hewlett this week, I met with Gerry Barish, the

Coalition's Director. She was so grateful for our donation, as she was running out and giving out hats sparingly. Gerry asked some of her survivors if they knew how to crochet or knit in order to increase the supply. So, she's starting a "satellite" Knitwits group with her clients. Needless to say, I volunteered some yarn for them! Hewlett House offers many services to support those in need. It's a wonderful organization, which the Knitwits have donated to for fifteen years. The angels abound!

- Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663

## DON'T FORGET TO...

**Set your clocks ahead one hour!** Daylight Savings Time begins on **Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.** Helpful Hint: All "smart devices" do this automatically. Enjoy the added sunshine!

## HOLY WEEK 2023



*Our Holy Week worship schedule is as follows:*

**Palm Sunday: 10:00AM Service\***

*This is our only worship service for the day.*

**Maundy Thursday: 7:30PM Service**

**Good Friday: 7:30PM Tenebrae Service**

**Easter Sunday: 10:00AM Service\***

*This is our only worship service for the day.*

All services will be livestreamed on Facebook and uploaded to YouTube on the following business day.

## THANK YOU TO...

Dear Ms. Claudia Gross, WELCA,

Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your generous gift of \$600.00 to **The INN**, in response to our recent appeal.

Your generosity is truly appreciated. This gift will be used to provide food, shelter and supportive services for hungry and homeless Long Islanders.



Your kindness and concern inspire The INN's staff and volunteers to continue our efforts to care for all those who come to us for assistance. We are truly blessed to be able to include you among our family of friends... Thanks again for all you do and for your remarkable thoughtfulness. Please continue to take the best of care!

Sincerely,  
Jean Kelly  
Executive Director

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Dear Friend of the **USO**:

I want to thank you personally for the generous donation you recently made to support our men and women in uniform, who bravely protect us every day.

Your generous gift of \$600.00, made on December 16, 2022 means so much to our military members and their families—and it will make a real difference in their daily lives. You help keep America's service members strong and connected to family, home and country throughout their service to our nation. You also provide much-needed support to their families, who are anxiously waiting for them to return home.

Because of you, an exhausted soldier has a comfortable place to rest for a few hours in a strange airport before the next journey. Because of you, a Marine in the field has been able to read their child a bedtime story, and a sailor coming home has made a successful transition to civilian life.

From all of us at the USO, and from our service members and their loved ones, thank you for your generosity.

With My Warm and Heartfelt Gratitude,  
JD Crouch II  
CEO & President

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Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

With heartfelt gratitude, I thank you for your generous donation to the **National Ovarian Cancer Coalition**. Your gift of \$385 ensures that NOCC can continue to serve our teal community from coast to coast through critical programming and support services. You are making a meaningful impact, from increasing early awareness about the disease to providing resources for survivors and their families, from bringing the community together through hope and support, to funding life-saving research.

For 30 years, the NOCC family has worked tirelessly with one goal in mind: to prevent and cure ovarian cancer and improve the quality of life for survivors and their families. Our mission is fulfilled through programs and services like complimentary meal delivery to anyone in treatment, access to professional mental health counseling, financial assistance, and critical education to improve health outcomes. We envision a future where no person loses their life to ovarian cancer, and we thank you for being a part of this vital effort.

We are so very thankful for your dedication to our cause and for bringing us one step closer to a cure. As our anthem reads, "Together we are strong, and we will never back down!"

Sincerely,  
Melissa Aucoin  
Chief Executive Officer  
National Ovarian Cancer Coalition, Inc.

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To Our Friends at Christ Lutheran Church & The Knitwits,

On behalf of **Nassau University Medical Center's** Pediatric and Physical Rehabilitation Units, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your annual donation of handmade blankets, books and cold weather accessories on December 14, 2022. Your consistent kindness and support each month has provided comfort and extra smiles to those hospitalized and their families. 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 generosity and strength of our caring community. Your contribution exemplifies the strong compassion of the people we serve.

We hope you remain involved with the hospital and continue to support our work and efforts. We can be reached at (516) 572-5841 to set up a date and time for donations throughout the year. Once again, we thank you for your support. Wishing you a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,  
Heather Spanfelner, BS-ATH, RYT  
Activities Specialist II  
Michele Silvestri, ATR-BC, LCAT  
Director of Therapeutic Recreation



# THIS ASH WEDNESDAY, DISCOVER THAT LENT ISN'T WHAT YOU THINK IT IS

*This article is written by Scott Gunn for Fox News.*

Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, a season kept by millions and millions of Christians around the world. This season has a bad reputation. Too many people think of Lent merely as a time for intentional misery. People give up chocolate or stop watching a favorite TV show or some other form of self-inflicted hardship. But there's more to Lent than meets the eye.

The season of Lent began almost 2,000 years ago primarily as a time to prepare for Easter. Those who were to be baptized were prepared during this time. In the early centuries of the church, those who committed grievous sins were separated from the body of the faithful. During Lent, they could make amends and be restored to the church.

As we dig into Lent, we discover that the foundation of the season is built on deep joy. Making amends is hard work, but the resulting reconciliation is an occasion for true gladness.

The Bible teaches us again and again that there's always a second or third or hundredth chance to turn to God. And each time we turn to God, there is rejoicing in heaven. So if Lent helps us find our way to God again, there is gladness in our hearts and in heaven.

You may wonder how Lent got to be the way it is today. This season invites us to cast aside the things that keep us from following Jesus, and to embrace those things that help us along our journey.

So in Lent, I might give something up not to make myself miserable, but rather to take away a distraction from what is truly important. I might also give something up if this act helps me realize that I'm dependent on God alone and not on chocolate, or coffee, or TV. Misery for its own sake should not be the point.

Lent is also about taking things on. You might like to spend a little more time reading and studying the Bible. Maybe you'll read one of the Gospels or some other part of the Bible. Lent is also a great time to work on our habits of prayer. Scripture and prayer help us on our journey as followers of Jesus, so that's why we might take something on.

I wish we could rebrand Lent. Maybe someone will come up with an ad campaign to help us all see that Lent is,

actually, the opposite of miserable. We can enjoy the gift of a whole season to focus on turning to Jesus, and nothing could be more joyful than that!

Part of Lent is taking an honest look at ourselves – what we have done wrong or ways we can use the gifts God has given us. A brutally honest self-examination is not very fun, but the Good News is that God loves us even when we make mistakes and offers us a path to start over. We begin by saying we're sorry, and then we make amends. It's not easy, but this grace-filled work can help us see that there's hope for us and for our world.

As always, the first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday. That's today.

Not surprisingly, the distinguishing feature of Ash Wednesday is the imposition of ashes. Small ashen crosses are drawn on the foreheads of worshipers as the priest says, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." It's a solemn moment.

This symbol of the cross on our foreheads reminds us Christians that we are marked as Christ's. The symbol of dusty ashes also reminds us that this earthly life is brief. All of humanity has one thing in common: one day we will all die. We will all turn to dust.

But this reminder isn't meant to terrorize us. Instead, it is an invitation to use the gift of this life well. God has given us so many blessings, including life itself. How shall we use these gifts?

Maybe you've never tried to observe Lent before. It's never too late! Find a church that observes Ash Wednesday today, if you can. Hear the call to change, to renew. Receive the reminder that earthly things do not save us.

Then throughout the season, I encourage you to read some Scripture. You could read any of the Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke or John. The psalms are also wonderful testimonies of God's grace and mercy, and you could read some or all of the psalms.

Try to pray at least once every day. If you're not sure what words to say, you can find prayers already written. Or you can just talk to God and say what's on your mind and in your heart.

May your Lenten journey be blessed with the deep joy of turning to God.





# PROPERTY REPORT – MARCH 23

Our **Volunteer Retiree Group** continues to perform any maintenance and/or improvement items on the “Office” To-Do list, or that we are notified about or uncover ourselves, and can accomplish without professional help.

Our recent activities have included:

- Winter has curtailed any further Cement patching and trim painting until spring.
- **Parking lot** intrusion is occurring due to the lack of proper lighting. We replaced a bad lamppost light bulb (PIM\$12) and we ordered and installed a **new motion/spot light arrangement** (PIM\$49) on the back corner pole, all controlled by the basement time clock.
- We lubricated the **Room 10 North Storeroom door** catch to operate properly. We tightened the hinges and installed a “stop” on the door to ease the closing and prevent the latch overstrike.
- We braced and riveted an aluminum ladder step found to be cracked.
- We removed the flag from the pole in preparation for a storm and replaced it after.
- We **refurbished the lawn tree Christmas light strings**, ready for next year.
- For preventive maintenance, we re-adjusted the **North Rooftop Fan** pulley and installed a new belt before adjusting the tension.
- We **re-cemented** a couple of **loose floor tiles** at the top of the north stairway.
- **We refastened a loose threshold molding** under the Upper Thrift Shop door.
- We responded to a **Saturday Thrift Shop, “No Heat- Dead Thermostat”** and replaced the batteries restoring both.
- In spite of having our “Heat lamps” in place, we uncovered **FROZEN Hot and Cold pipes in the upper Room 30 bathroom** in 10/20 during the very cold weather. We identified (and labeled) the valves feeding this area and closed them, anticipating a thaw and possible split pipes. When checked the next day, all was fine and we had avoided a split pipe situation.
- We initiated a search of the building plumbing plans to identify and label all the valves and their functions as time permits.
- We responded to a **“can’t lock” report on the back Room 10 door**. We disassembled the latching mechanism and a simple cleaning and lube with WD40 fixed the problem.
- We continued our clean up of the lower shop area.
- **We continued the spraying of the mildew in the Parsonage basement.**
- We purchased and installed better **ceiling lights in the parsonage boiler room.**
- We also installed a new **LED Ceiling fixture in the Parsonage Laundry room.**
- Upon request, we installed a **new electrical outlet** in the altar guild closet to charge the **Sanctuary I-Pad device.**

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 TO DO

See Roger, Bill, Craig, Gene, Bob H, or Vinny 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. **(DELAYED)**
- \* Cleanup and clean out the lower shop area. **(WKG)**
- \* Cleanup and clean out Room 100.
- \* Prepare the Christmas window spotlights for next year.
- \* Prepare the lawn tree Christmas tree light strings for next year. **(CMPLT)**
- \* 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.**
- \* Prepare and paint the **Front Education building entrance trim. (Spring)**
- \* **Touch-up the Room 10/20 trim,** missed by the painters and paint the new flagpole light socket (spring)
- \* Prepare/**paint the rusting "Loggia - Yard" steel door frame**
- \* 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.
- \* **Re-spray the rusting rooftop A/C Ducts** with Aluminum Rustoleum ©.
- \* Cement1 loose floor tiles at the top of the North Steinbicker staircase.**(CMPLT)**

2023 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, March 5, 2023 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Eric Juergens John Gross	B. Rath's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	LSA/Nursery Board
Sun, March 12, 2023 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	Bell Choir
Sun, March 19, 2023 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens	D. Ohlander's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	The Hasteadt & Veltri Families
Sun, March 26, 2023 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	John Gross Craig Sparke	B. Rath's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath	Danielle Adams

2023 WORSHIP DATES	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
March 5, 2023	Gracie Franz	Barbara Stone
March 12, 2023	James Heron	Nancy Pisani
March 19, 2023	Eily Kuchynskas	Dee Bloomfield
March 26, 2023	Madelaine Murphy	Dee Bloomfield

\*Communion Assistants are needed - Please contact the Church office if interested. There are no greeters until further notice.

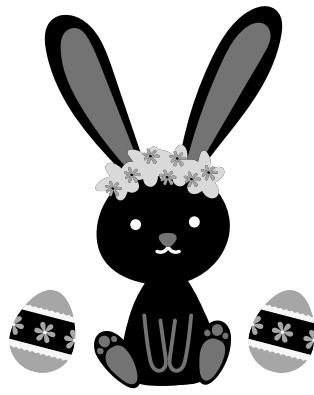
**Attention Altar Guild Members, Communion Assistants, and Ushers:**

Please inform the Church office by Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> if you are available to serve at any of the Holy Week services.

**10AM Palm Sunday - 7:30PM Maundy Thursday - 7:30PM Good Friday - 10AM Easter Sunday**

Parents of Acolytes should inform the Church office by Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> if they are not available for any of the services.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	1	2	3	4
9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 8pm - Council Meeting @	7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 6pm - CLC Family Basketball 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	10am - TOPS: Rm. 10	9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL  
***EASTER EGG HUNT***

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 2023, 10:00 AM - SHINE ONLY

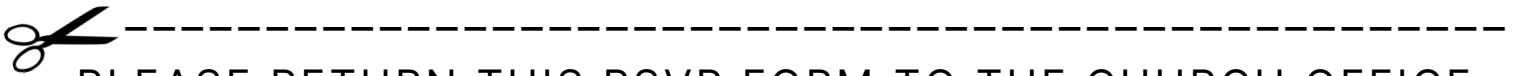
MEET OUTSIDE STEINBICKER HALL (ISLAND RD. ENTRANCE)

ALL CHILDREN AGES 3-THIRD GRADE WELCOME!

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BASKET.

EGG HIDING: AGES FOURTH GRADE AND UP

SATURDAY, APRIL 8, 9:00 AM - EGG HUNT



PLEASE RETURN THIS RSVP FORM TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

**NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023.**

3384 ISLAND ROAD, WANTAGH, NEW YORK 11793

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

# OF CHILDREN: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_





Christ  
is  
Risen!  
Alleluia

# Easter Baskets

Easter is a joyous and glorious time for us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. For many, that joy is overshadowed by a feeling of hunger.

It is our purpose, at the **New LIFE Center – Long Island**, to care for and uplift our neighbors and we invite you to participate in building up the body of Christ.

We are asking for your help in providing Easter Food Baskets for the hungry. These baskets are much more than food. They are a visible sign that carries the message of Christ's love and concern.

Please help by donating any of these suggested items:

Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownie	Mac and Cheese/Spaghetti Sauce
Juice/Assorted Drinks	Chef Boyardee/Chili/Canned Meat
Sugar/Flour/Condiments	Mashed Potatoes
Cookies/Candys/Snacks	Pudding/Jello
Cereal (Hot and Cold)	Napkins
Pancake Mix/Syrup/Jelly	1-2 Lb. Bag or Boxed Rice
Coffee Regular/Decaf/Instant	
Tea/Hot Chocolate/Parmalat Milk	

**Fresh or Frozen/Turkey/Ham/Chicken**

**In lieu of food donations, store Gift Certificates would be appreciated.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF FOODS BASKETS ARE TO BEGIN MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>**

**AND WILL CONTINUE UP UNTIL EASTER**

**Lutheran Social Services of New York  
New LIFE Center – Long Island**

**516-483-3240  
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# White Post Farms

## 2023 Spring Bake



Hop into Spring with a  
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# White Post Farms 2023 Spring Bake

Christ Lutheran Church  
Wantagh, New York  
Spring Fundraiser

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

All orders must be received no later than Sunday, March 26. We cannot accommodate orders received after this date.

Please make all checks out to Christ Lutheran Church and include "Spring Fundraiser" in the memo.

Orders may be dropped off at the Church office or mailed to 3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793.

All orders will be available for pickup the weekend of Easter Sunday, April 9. The Church office will contact you with details.

## Classic Pies 42+ Oz. Each

Item	Price	Qty.	Cost
Apple	\$25		
Apple Crumb <small>Best Apple Pie In America 2015</small>	\$25		
Cherry	\$25		
Blueberry Crumb	\$25		

## Cream Pies 42+ Oz. Each

Blueberry Cream <small>Best Blueberry Cream Pie In America 2017</small>	\$25		
Banana Cream <small>Best Banana Cream Pie In America 2017</small>	\$25		

## Gluten Free Options 12+ Oz. Each

Original Banana Bread	\$10		
Garden Zucchini Bread	\$10		

## Dips 16+ Oz. Each

Creamy Spinach	\$15		
French Onion	\$15		

## Jumbo Breads 24+ Oz. Each

Item	Price	Qty.	Cost
Carrot Cake With Icing	\$15		
Original Banana	\$15		
Banana Nut	\$15		
Lemon Crumb With Icing	\$15		
Hot Chocolate & Oreo Cookie	\$15		
Old-Fashioned Pound Cake	\$15		

## Cookies 12+ Oz. Each

Chocolate Chip Cookies	\$10		
M&M's Cookies	\$10		



**We Look Forward to Hosting another Great Fundraiser For Your Organization!**



# Nursery School News, March 2023



Winter seems never-ending with all this cold and dreary weather. Luckily, love kept us all warm and cozy in the classrooms. The classrooms were bursting with hearts, Valentines' Day cards and crafts the children made! All the children participated in a Valentine's Day party where they enjoyed some sweet treats and passed out cards to each other. They serenaded their parents with some beautiful Valentine's Day songs that they learned this month.

Music and Movement classes are in full swing. The children are loving the time spent using instruments, singing, dancing and moving their bodies to the beat of the music.

The children were very busy this month learning all about hibernation and our friend the groundhog. We made some great predictions about whether or not the groundhog will see its shadow and if winter will end early this year. The four-year-olds learned what a prediction is and how to make an educated one.

With Dental Awareness month taking place in February the children learned how important it is to care for your teeth. We spoke all about how important it is to limit sweets, eat healthy and brush, brush, brush! We welcomed a very special visitor, Dr. Erica Anand, a Pediatric Dentist in Merrick. Dr. Erica and her dental hygienists showed the children how to brush their teeth and gave us all some special tools to make sure we are doing the best job at home brushing!

All that brushing is getting our smiles ready for picture day! A second picture day will take place in March. Our four-year-old students will have their cap and gown graduation photos taken and new Spring photos of all the children will be taken. We are so excited to show off all those beautiful smiling faces.

Don't forget, it is open enrollment for the 2023-2024 school year. We are excited to announce that we have added an afternoon option for our three-year-old program this year, since our morning classes are full and there is a wait list. Our four-year-old program has one spot left! We have added the option for a kindergarten readiness program to our four-year-old program, which offers an extended day for those children. Feel free to call the Nursery School office at 516-679-8425 or email us at [cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org) for more information, or to set up a tour.

Also, please visit our website <https://clcwantagh.org/cns.html> to get more information on the classes we offer. Our classes are filling up quickly this year, so please don't wait.

Starting at the end of March, we will have open enrollment for Summer Program. More information can be found on the website as it gets closer to registration.

**Christ Lutheran Church**

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## March 2023

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### Coming in March...

March 1<sup>st</sup>: WELCA Meeting, 1:00PM, Room 2000

March 4<sup>th</sup>: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10:00AM-2:00PM

March 5<sup>th</sup>: Lutheran Schools Association (LSA) Day

March 9<sup>th</sup>: Cancer Support Group, 10:00AM, St. Frances Church

March 9<sup>th</sup>: Finance Meeting, 5:00PM

March 12<sup>th</sup>: Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13<sup>th</sup>: Worship & Music, 7:00PM and Council, 8:00PM

March 16<sup>th</sup>: April Spire, Worship Assistant (Holy Week) Deadlines

March 17<sup>th</sup>: Happy St. Patrick's Day!

March 19<sup>th</sup>: Wantagh St. Patrick's Day Parade, 2:00PM

March 21<sup>st</sup>: WELCA Bible Study, 10:00AM, St. David's Church

March 23<sup>rd</sup>: April Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

Wednesdays: CLC Family Basketball, 6:00PM-8:00PM, Steinbicker Gym

Bell Choir, 7:00PM and Adult Choir, 8:00PM

