



The Spire

The Newsletter of
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY
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January 2023

Dear Friends,

Christmas seems to have come and gone all too quickly. The new year is here and once again we fall into familiar patterns now that all the parties, celebrations and family gatherings are in the rearview mirror.

What does the new year look like? How much longer will we wait to find our next pastor? At this point in time we have gotten commitments for guest pastors to fill our pulpit until the end of April. Pastor Nale will be with us during Holy Week as well as Easter Sunday. One pastor asked me why I was asking him to come and supply preach for us months ahead of time. I told him that, with a growing number of pastors retiring and so many congregations vacant already, I could not afford to be complacent. I hope that we are able to tell those pastors that we won't need them to come. But it is still important to be prepared, no matter what happens.

Later this month, our congregation will meet to discuss both the past year as well as the days ahead at the annual meeting. We hope that you will attend that meeting and share your thoughts about the future of our congregation.

Hans Vogel

See Inside for Important Information re:
The 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting

THE 2023 ANNUAL MEETING

Save the Date! The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held after service on **Sunday, January 22nd**.

Reports are due no later than Friday, January 13th. Please speak with Council or with the Church office if you have any questions.

Year-end reports are required from the following:

Building/Property - Christian Education - Evangelism

Fellowship - Finance - Fundraising - Nursery Board

Outreach - Pastor/Parish Relations - Personnel

Social Media - Stewardship - Thrift Shop

Transition - Worship & Music - Youth - WELCA

Altar Guild - Counters

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

This constitutes the second official written notice of the 2023 Annual Congregational meeting.

COUNCIL POSITIONS OPEN!

Have you considered taking on a leadership role in our congregation? The Congregational Council is comprised of members like you who work together for the common good of the church. **There are currently four open Council positions.** If you are interested in answering the call to serve, please speak with any current Council member.

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Margaret Lorenzen**

Given by: **Doris & Roger Ohlander**

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Margaret Lorenzen**

Given by: **Claudia & John Gross**

In Memory of: **Violet Olsen**

Given by: **Robert Cerra**

Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: **Dominick Bove**

Given by: **Nancy & Allen Pisani**

In Memory of: **Rosemarie Dunne**

Given by: **Deborah Dunne Sousa**

GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

January Birthdays

6: Jennifer Vizina

11: Barbara Rath

11: Alisa, Jayme, and Valerie Batcher

13: Sarah Ann Gephardt

29: Elizabeth McGuinness

January Anniversaries

9: Cheryl and Eric Feder

11: Doris and Roger Ohlander



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

- Happy New Year! Exciting events, ideas, and projects abound for our church in 2023. The best opportunity for

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you to hear about them and to share your thoughts is the **Annual Meeting, to be held on January 22nd**. We highly encourage all who are able to attend!

- Progress continues to be made on several of our maintenance and safety projects. Anyone who has visited Steinbicker Hall recently may have noticed that our Ring doorbell was malfunctioning. We are now happy to say that a new Ring doorbell has been installed and is working beautifully. **Thank you to Vinny Ciro** for helping out! Final repairs on the Steinbicker entrance doors will be completed shortly. We are also in the process of scheduling a detailed cleaning of the Steinbicker stoop. Thank you to our friend Dimitri at **Optimus Primers of Wantagh**, who donated the exterior painting of the parsonage back in the Spring, and has once again offered his services at no cost to us. And, speaking of the parsonage, a beautiful new garage door was recently installed by **Freeport Garage Door**.
- This Christmas season was our first without major modifications or restrictions since the pandemic began. It has been wonderful to safely celebrate with the congregation. On December 11th, we welcomed back the **Bel Canto Chorale** for a Christmas concert and reception. Attendees were treated to beautiful sounds of the season, under the direction of our very own **Nicole Nicholson!** If you are interested in joining Bel Canto as a singer, please speak with Nicole. Rehearsals for their Spring concert begin soon. On December 18th after worship service, members of the congregation participated in our annual tradition of decorating the Sanctuary. A new tradition was also born this day, as we hosted our first annual Christmas Cookie Sampler Hour! **Thank you to Jan Eastlund**, who helped to plan this wonderful fellowship activity. On Christmas Eve, two worship services, at 5:30PM and 8:00PM, were led by Pastor Nale. Both services were recorded so that those who are unable to worship in person could participate virtually. If you would like to participate in our Christmas celebrations, there is still time! On New Year's Day at 9:00AM, we will hold a Lessons and Carols service in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. **Thank you to Nicole Nicholson and Roxanne Toomey** for coordinating!
- Happily, we have had to make adjustments during recent services to accommodate for a larger turnout! In the last Spire, it was reported that our ushers, now in teams of two, would begin passing the offering plate. After some discussion, it was decided to defer this practice out of an abundance of caution for limiting the spread of germs. Instead, we now have placed the

offering baskets at the entrances to the center aisle for everyone's convenience. Our return to continuous Communion has gone well, with many members volunteering to help. **Spots for January are open; please contact the Church office to volunteer.**

- **We Make an Impression:** On December 4th, **Pastor Mietlowski**, the Assistant to the Bishop, led worship service for our congregation and took the time to hear some of our concerns. While many of us have questions over the timeline for receiving a new Pastor, Pastor Mietlowski assured us that we are in a good place and that the right candidate will be found. Later, Pastor Mietlowski shared a beautiful post and some pictures he took with our congregation over on his Facebook page. He is very impressed with how active, engaged, and welcoming our faith community is. We are grateful to him for his kind and encouraging words!
- **We Make a Difference:** Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Christmas season outreach projects. Twenty-four care satchels were lovingly delivered to the Seafarers, and several books and Mr. Mittens items and for the children at NUMC were collected. Your compassion is a wonderful gift. Thank you to all of our coordinating volunteers!
- **Community Involvement:** We had a wonderful time at the **Wantagh Winter Wonderland Fair** over Thanksgiving weekend. It was great to get to know some new faces and see familiar friends from our congregation. We look forward to the next one!
- **Condo Raffle:** Congratulations to **John Leib**, brother of Nancy Pisani, who won a seven-day stay at Hans and Laura Vogel's Orlando, FL condo. Enjoy all the sunshine! To those who did not win, thank you for participating, and please try again next year!
- **Tech Literacy Workshop:** After some input from the congregation, the Tech Literacy Workshop was postponed. We hope that this scheduling change will allow for more members to attend. Please stay tuned for our new meeting dates and times, which will be finalized shortly.

CLC Youth News

- Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas wreath from the Scouts during their annual wreath sale. We are thankful as always for these beautiful adornments to the Church entrances and our homes.
- On December 11th, our Christian Education Program students put on a beautiful Christmas Pageant during service. Members and visitors alike were so impressed



with their production of “Christmas in Bethlehem.” Thank you to all of the children and families involved, and especially to **Jessica and John Heron, Directors, and Nicole Nicholson, Music Director!**

- Students of The Christian Nursery School were hard at work throughout December learning Christmas songs and stories. They put on their own Pageant shortly before the Christmas break, which was a beautiful success. **Thank you as always to our dedicated Nursery staff!**

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

- **2023 Budget:** The proposed budget was reviewed and will be recommended at the January Council meeting.
- **Steinbicker Doors:** The Steinbicker entrance doors are in the process of being repaired. The Steinbicker entrance lock was changed, with new keys distributed as needed.
- **Steinbicker Stoop:** The Steinbicker stoop will be repaired pro bono by Optimus Primers, weather permitting.
- **Worship & Music:** Plans for Christmas services are in the process of being finalized.
- **Christian Education:** A representative of Council and the Christian Education Committee met with Pastor Mietlowski for Synod’s guidance on the direction of Sunday School and the Confirmation Program. Pastor Mietlowski was incredibly impressed with the curriculum we’ve developed. With the support of Synod, Council made a motion to support the Christian Education Committee and their teachers. Conferences with Confirmands and their parents will be held in January.
- **Open Positions:** Regina Coons’ and Bill Henderson’s terms on Council will conclude this year. They are unable to run for another term per the Constitution & Bylaws. We thank them for their years of faithful service to our church. With their retirements, we now have four positions to fill on Council.
- **Lights of Love:** \$285 was collected and donated to Good Shepherd Hospice of Long Island.
- **Congregational Christmas Card:** Proceeds will be donated to Lutheran Social Services New Life Center.
- **Mission Support:** Council voted to allocate the 3% of Mission Support to the John Theissen Children’s Foundation, which is based here in Wantagh.

- **Nursery Board:** Beginning in September 2023, an extended-day kindergarten readiness program will be offered to four-year-old students.

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 on January 7th.** Donations are always accepted and appreciated!

ST. JOHN’S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Cold Cereal - Cooking Oil - Hot Cereal - Crackers
 Pudding Mix - Coffee - Tea Bags - Progresso Soup
 Egg Noodles - Spaghetti - Chef Boyardee - Tuna Helper
 Instant Mashed Potatoes - Chicken Broth - Canned Chicken
 Stewed Tomatoes - Canned Salmon
Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart
 Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo
 Marge Dahlberg - Mike Dauth - Joan Drake
 Joanne Drenckhahn - Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile
 Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Joe Hanna
 Bill Henderson - Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard
 Jennifer Kenning - Elaine Quigley Levano - Norma Mantay
 Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea
 Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller - James Pallas - Barbara Proce
 Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Bob Rath - Emmett Reilly
 Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer
 Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan
 Christopher Schwarz - Doris Spiegle - Michael Steadman
 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.



WELCA

The ladies of WELCA met on December 7th for their Christmas celebration. As it was Pearl Harbor Day, it was especially poignant when we received a thank-you letter from the Northport Veterans Hospital for the Knitwits' donation of blankets. We would also like to thank the congregation for their continuous support of our church's many outreach projects. As we enter the new year, we look forward to all of the new and familiar ways in which we may support each other, our community, and the world. **WELCA will not hold a meeting in January.** We look forward to our meeting in February. All ladies are welcome!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School: Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that we are now halfway through the school year. Our Sunday School students have been such a delight. During the course of the year thus far, we have gained two new students in class, and one new student who meets during the week for First Communion instruction. It's wonderful to see so much interest in our faith from our young children. They are engaged in every class and love to do art and puzzle activities based on the day's lesson. Students were sent home over the Christmas break with an activity packet full of ways to keep them busy, all while learning the true reason for the season. January is a tricky month with class dates, so we encourage parents to stay on top of their emails. Registration is always open and always free! To learn more, please speak with Claudia Gross or Della Rao.

Confirmation: Ahead of receiving Progress Reports, all Confirmation Program families will participate in one-on-one meetings with our staff. The goal of these meetings is to review each child's progress, areas that may need improvement, and any questions parents may have. Parents will receive further information about these meetings very soon. We are very excited to mention that we are now offering a **home-based Confirmation study program** for older students, or for students who cannot participate in the traditional program model. There are [specific guidelines](#) for who qualifies for this program, but if you believe this may be an option for you or your child, please speak with Della Rao. For general inquiries, please speak with Della Rao or Roxanne Toomey.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thank you to all the people who donated items for the Christmas satchels for the Seafarers. Thanks also to those who worked on assembling the twenty-four care satchels that went to the unseen essential workers who will not be home with their loved ones for Christmas. **We are very grateful to Thrivent** for giving us \$250 to purchase missing items so we could complete the satchels.

We also want to send our condolences to the family of **Margaret Lorenzen**. Margaret was responsible for establishing a branch of Thrivent at Christ Lutheran Church. Because of her, our church was involved in many outreach programs that helped organizations such as Lutheran Disaster Relief, The Interfaith Nutrition Network, the U.S.O., Tunnel to Towers Foundation, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, families in our congregation who had serious medical problems and no health insurance, the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church, and so many others. We are so thankful for her many years of service to Christ Lutheran Church and for helping to make us better Christians. We will miss her and her quiet leadership. Rest in Peace, Margaret.

PARISH OUTREACH

Flower Deliveries: Volunteers are needed to help deliver flowers to our homebound members. If you are able to assist, please contact the Church office. 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.

Thank You: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our winter outreach projects. Twenty-four care satchels for Seafarers were assembled. We also collected many books and winter weather items for the children at Nassau University Medical Center. Please keep a look out for future projects. Your support allows us to work miracles!

FROM THE KNITWITS...

Once again, an angel appeared! Aunt Carmen, John Heron's aunt, gave us four large and beautiful red, white, and blue lap robes for the veterans. The vets especially love the



patriotic blankets! We thank her again as she has donated blankets previously. God's work is in our hands.

We also thank Victor Courtien, who helped us before with yarn, for his generous donation of baby yarn. We have a Knitwit that only likes to work with baby yarn to make fabulous baby hats, sweaters and blankets. She thanks you, Vic, as do we! As always, if you would like to help or know someone who would, I have yarn!

- Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663

CLC HISTORY



Coffee Hour seemed a bit more formal in 1947! Do you recognize any familiar faces? Let the Church office know!

2022 CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD

The following friends of Christ Lutheran Church sent Christmas wishes, which were lovingly displayed in our Sanctuary for all to read. Proceeds from this year's Congregational Christmas card, totaled at **\$295**, will be donated to the Lutheran Social Services New Life Center.

Office of the Bishop, Metropolitan New York Synod

Kathy & Fred Ackermann and Family

Terry & Vinny Ciro - Regina Coons - John & Jan Eastlund

Doris Gannon - Nancy Gephardt - Claudia & John Gross

Lynn & Bob Hasteadt - The Juergens Family - Jean Leib

Norma Mantay - Pastor Martin & Heidi Nale

Doris & Roger Ohlander - Dottie Sparke - Barbara Stone

DON'T FORGET TO...

Please fill out a Communion card once per year. Cards are always kept in the Sanctuary. Your card may be left in the offering baskets during worship. If you do not have an envelope number to record your contribution, please contact the Church office or speak with Barbara Stone. Thank you for your cooperation!

THANK YOU TO...

Dear Lilly Ann Munnich and The Knitwits,

On behalf of the Northport (632) patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your donation of 10 afghans.

It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving Veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events.

Thank you for your continued support and advocacy.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Pohl, Voluntary Service Specialist

Dear Friends at Christ Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Good Shepherd Hospice, the staff, the patients and families we serve, allow me to express my appreciation for your most generous gift of \$285 on 12/6/2022 towards our 22nd annual Lights of Love event.

Good Shepherd Hospice cannot stop the natural progression of an illness, but by our efforts we hope to assist the patient to maintain a quality of life that is acceptable to them and to support the family during and after the loss of a loved one.

Your caring generosity will help Good Shepherd Hospice continue to provide care and compassion to more than 400 individuals and their families on a daily basis across Long Island who choose to spend their closing days with dignity and comfort brought to them by Good Shepherd Hospice and its compassionate team of caregivers.

Sincerely,

Kim Kranz, RN, MS, President



SEIZE THE MORNING: NEW HABITS FOR THE NEW YEAR

Excerpts of article by David Mathis for Desiring God.

Is there any single habit more important than getting your soul regularly within earshot of God? Right there with the basic natural habits we cannot avoid — breathing, eating, sleeping — one supernatural habit stands at the fountainhead of all others for our spiritual life and health and growth in a new year: hearing God’s voice in his word.

Vital as prayer and fellowship are, all spiritual life and health and growth begins, just as creation, with the word of God (Genesis 1:3). Is there anything more fitting, then, for starting every day in the new year than the word of God?

The Bible never commands the modern “quiet time.” Nor does it specify that we must read our Bibles first thing in the morning. In fact, the concept of Christians having their own copy of the Scriptures for private reading is a fairly recent phenomenon in the history of the church. So, here at the outset of the year, we’re not talking mainly about an obligation but an opportunity. For Christians, getting our souls within consistent earshot of God’s voice in his word is as basic as sleeping and eating and even breathing. Our fully human Savior himself said, quoting Deuteronomy 8:3, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). If Jesus needed his Father’s revealed words for daily human living, how much more his fallen brothers?

What we do each morning in the first fifteen to thirty minutes of our day is doubly revealing: it reveals both where our treasures really lie, as well as the trajectory of desires and decisions that will direct the day and, over time, our life. Therefore, while the Bible does not command morning devotions, all Christians would do well to consider starting each day in the Book. What baby steps might you take, along with these suggestions below, toward a new-year’s resolve to be in the Bible more next year?

AUDIT YOUR MORNING HABITS

Alexander Hamilton famously wrote, “Man is very much a creature of habit.” And perhaps especially so first thing in the morning. The relatively new “science of habit” can help us with this. As Jerome Groopman explains, writing on habits in *The New Yorker*, and quoting author Wendy Wood, Our minds have “multiple separate but interconnected mechanisms that guide behavior.” But we are aware only of our decision-making ability — a phenomenon known as the “introspective illusion” — and that may be why we overestimate its power. In other words, because our conscious thoughts direct only a limited

amount of our behaviors — and we are, unsurprisingly, very conscious of our consciousness! — we tend to overestimate our willpower. New-year’s resolves, apart from the formation of new habits, likely will not become new-year realities. A great place to start is with being honest about what your current habits are. Ask yourself, What are my morning habits? What do I typically do in those first fifteen minutes to half hour each day? What is my morning routine, not ideally but practically? What’s the sequence of what I actually do first thing in the morning?

IDENTIFY THE COST

New habits typically don’t come easily. They aren’t “free.” There is some attendant cost. New habits that really matter don’t just typically thread into your current ones. They must displace the old. According to Groopman, “the key lies not in breaking a habit through willpower but in replacing one habit with another.” With regard to your mornings, make conscious decisions to change tangibles in your world that will guide your subconscious. So ask, How can I get into the word of God in those first moments of each day? What needs to wait until later in the day, or go away altogether, to make space for what’s more important?

CREATE BARRIERS TO THE BAD

After identifying the bad habits keeping you from what’s more important, make concrete plans against them. Create “friction” between the bad habits of checking email or getting sidetracked in texts or notifications. Or turning on the TV. Or reading something else less important. Make them inconvenient. Take steps to remove or keep yourself from whatever is keeping you from the Bible.

INCENTIVIZE THE GOOD

Reading the Bible is not a chore, and there’s no virtue in making those moments as unpleasant as possible. Identify an inviting space, consider conducive sounds (whether silence or beloved soundtracks), and “treat yourself,” within reason, to solidify the habit of coming first to God’s word in the morning. In doing so, of course, we want to develop a palate that increasingly tastes and enjoys God’s goodness in his word so that the real incentive and greatest reward is knowing and enjoying him.

For those of us who are serious, especially here at the outset of a new year, about making daily and consistent access to God’s word vital in the new year, and the rest of our lives, we look, in and through our efforts and strategies, to God himself as the one who gives the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7), if it is real growth. He is the one who grows our faith (2 Corinthians 10:15) and his church (Acts 6:7; 12:24; 19:20) through his word, and the one who stands ready to have his gospel word bear fruit and grow in our lives (Colossians 1:6, 10).



PROPERTY REPORT – JAN 2023

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.
- We placed the Manger cutouts and spots on the lawn in time for Christmas.
- We installed and tested the Sanctuary door Christmas light bars, and set the timer.
- We placed the Sanctuary “Window Spotlights” after the final lawn cleanup.
- We activated the “Freeze” lamp fixtures in the 10/20 area to prevent frozen pipes and activated the 300-bathroom wall heater on low.
- We removed the “lamb” banner to storage and activated the Christmas card banner.
- We staged all the Snowmelt material and shovels at the entrance doors.
- **We thank the Scouts for their thorough fall cleanup** and bagging of the leaves. We moved many bags (25-30) to the curb for TOH pick-up on Wednesday, BUT the bags were gone Tuesday with the regular Garbage, INCLUDING the many remaining bags (20-40) left along the fence for the following week??? We thank the TOH for this effort above and beyond.
- We investigated the “**Pulpit Microphone**” thumping and crackling issue. We adjusted the microphone end cap but suspect the Pulpit connector to be the culprit. It is fastened directly to the pulpit and all vibrations are amplified, and movements cause the base connector to crackle. We sprayed the connector contacts to reduce the Crackle and cushioned the base, which we hope will reduce the Thump.
- We investigated a Sunday “no-heat” issue from the **North Roof Top unit**. We found the fan belt dislodged, stretched, and frayed causing the unit to shut down via the heat limit sensor. We replaced the belt and adjusted the tension, restoring the heat. We feel this belt failed because we did not “readjust” (after a month) the new belt we installed in our last pulley replacement maintenance back in April 2022.
- We installed the eight (8) Boy Scout Christmas wreaths at all the entrance doors.
- We determined that the corroded and **leaking faucet in the Library** required a new unit, which we ordered and installed. The 2” Trap wall-pipe was also rusted through and leaking and had to be replaced.
- We closed the Thrift Shop A/C unit for the winter.
- We moved Decorations and ladders in preparation for decorating the church, and assisted with the hangings and Tree. We installed a new Power Switch on the Christmas tree.
- At NS request, we reprogrammed the lower level thermostat for new school hours.
- We replaced a broken spotlight socket in front of the Steinbicker stairs.

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, Bob R, 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 (WKG))
- * 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. **(Council - DELAYED)**
- * Cleanup and clean out the lower shop area. **(WKG)**
- * Cleanup and clean out Room 100.
- * 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 and **paint** the rusting “Loggia - Yard“steel door frame
- * Prepare and **paint** all the steel window header mantles.
- * Prepare and **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 leakage.
- * Install the sanctuary light bars and set the timer. 7A-11A, 4P-12M. **(CMPLT)**
- * Install lawn Manger cutouts and spotlights before Christmas. **(CMPLT)**
- * Install Sanctuary window spotlights. **(CMPLT)**

2023 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun. January 1, 2023 First Sunday of Christmas LESSONS AND CAROLS 9:00 AM SERVICE* *No Communion* (White)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	B. Rath's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath	<u>Open</u> - Speak with Jan Eastlund if available.
Sun. January 8, 2023 The Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 AM Service (White)	Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	The Ciro's
Sun. January 15, 2023 2 nd Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 AM Service (Green)	John Gross Craig Sparke	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson R. Ohlander D. Ohlander M. Soethout	Mailing Committee
Sun. January 22, 2023 3 rd Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 AM Service (Green)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	B. Rath's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	<u>Open</u> - Speak with Jan Eastlund if available.
ANNUAL MEETING				
Sun. January 29, 2023 4 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 AM Service (Green)	Eric Juergens John Gross	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath	<u>Open</u> - Speak with Jan Eastlund if available.
Sun. February 5, 2023 5 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00 AM Service (Green)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	<u>Open</u> - Speak with Jan Eastlund if available.

2023 WORSHIP DATES	ACOLYTE	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
January 1, 2023	Charlotte Heron	No Communion During Service
January 8, 2023	Charlie Kuchynskas	Open
January 15, 2023	Gracie Franz	Open
January 22, 2023	James Heron	Open
January 29, 2023	Eily Kuchynskas	Open
February 5, 2023	Madeline Murphy	Open

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>9am - Lessons & Carols</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p> <p>2</p>	<p>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>3</p>	<p>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10</p> <p>7pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>8pm - Adult Choir</p> <p>4</p>	<p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</p> <p>5pm - Finance Meeting</p> <p>5</p>	<p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10</p> <p>7pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>6</p>	<p>10am - Thrift Shop Saturday</p> <p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>7</p>
<p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:15am - Confirm</p> <p>8</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p> <p>7pm - Worship & Music</p> <p>8pm - Council Meeting @</p> <p>9</p>	<p>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>10</p>	<p>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10</p> <p>7pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>8pm - Adult Choir</p> <p>11</p>	<p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</p> <p>12</p>	<p>Year-End Reports Due</p> <p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10</p> <p>7pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>13</p>	<p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>14</p>
<p>Confirmation: See Teacher</p> <p>No Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:15am - Confirm</p> <p>15</p>	<p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p> <p>16</p>	<p>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>17</p>	<p>Spire Submission Deadline</p> <p>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10</p> <p>7pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>8pm - Adult Choir</p> <p>18</p>	<p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</p> <p>19</p>	<p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10</p> <p>7pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>20</p>	<p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>21</p>
<p>ANNUAL MEETING</p> <p>NO CHRISTIANED</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>22</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p> <p>23</p>	<p>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>24</p>	<p>9:30am - Spire Mailing Rm.</p> <p>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10</p> <p>7pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>8pm - Adult Choir</p> <p>25</p>	<p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</p> <p>26</p>	<p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10</p> <p>7pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>27</p>	<p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>28</p>
<p>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:15am - Confirm</p> <p>29</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p> <p>30</p>	<p>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p> <p>31</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>



Nursery School News: January 2023

All our elves were very busy at the North Pole in December. In the pre-nursery program, they filled Santa's workshop with a variety of projects. Handprint wreaths and Christmas trees adorned our halls. They created beautiful Christmas crafts for their homes and made ornaments as gifts for their loved ones to treasure for years to come. They finished off 2022 with a big Christmas party with lots of snacks and songs.

The nursery children were equally busy this month filling our walls with all things Christmas. They made ornaments to take home, Christmas gifts for their families, as well as many other crafts that brighten up their classrooms. Of course, their party was a huge success. They had a beautiful sing-along in their classrooms for their parents the last day of classes and did a wonderful job.

As the children get older, the things they can do increase. The fours were super busy learning the real meaning of Christmas as well as making lots of fun Christmas decorations. In the four-year-old class, we made a Christmas countdown Santa, a Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer hat, ornaments that decorated our classroom, invites to our pageant, and many other Christmas themed projects. The fours put on a beautiful pageant in the church that was Broadway worthy.

All the children loved our special visitors that came straight from the North Pole! Santa took some time out of his very busy schedule to wish all the children here a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!! Mrs. Claus was busy looking over the elves but made sure to send Santa in with some candy cane gifts and magical reindeer food for all!

Come Join Our School Family Today!! There is still one opening in our two-year-old class. This class meets Tuesday/Thursday from 9:30-11:30.

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year starts Wednesday, January 11th for in-house families and Wednesday, January 18th for those not yet attending. We are excited to say that we have added a kindergarten readiness program as an extended day option for 4-year-old class. We have added some afternoon classes to accommodate our growing numbers as well. Please tell all your friends and neighbors what a wonderful nursery school program we have here at The Christian Nursery School. They can schedule a tour by contacting me at 516-679-8425 or emailing me at cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org. All information is on our website www.clcwantagh.org/cns.html.

We Wish Everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Coming in January...

January 1st: Happy New Year! Lessons & Carols Service, 9:00AM

January 2nd: New Year's Day (Observed), Church Office Closed

January 5th: Finance Meeting, 5:00PM

January 7th: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10:00AM-2:00PM

January 9th: Worship & Music, 7:00PM and Council Meeting, 8:00PM

January 13th: Year-End Report Submission Deadline

January 16th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Church Office Closed

January 18th: February Spire Submission Deadline

January 22nd: 2023 Annual Congregational Meeting, After 9AM Service

January 25th: February Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

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

Stay tuned for an updated schedule of our Tech Literacy Workshop!

