



# The Spire

The Newsletter of  
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY

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## July 2022

Dear Friends,

Half of the year is complete. A lot has been accomplished, but there is more yet to be done in the second half of the year. At the June Church Council meeting, I was able to report that the work on the parsonage was completed. The last items on the punch list were completed by our contractor on June 9<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Egensteiner was with us on May 22<sup>nd</sup> to bless the newly renovated parsonage, and we also celebrated Pr. Nale's and Elaine DiChiara's retirements after a long pandemic delay. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, Pr. Christopher Mietlowski led us in worship as five young members of our congregation received their First Communion.

Members of the congregation continue to work quietly to get rid of the clutter that has accumulated over the years as we prepare for the arrival of a new pastor. Each Sunday we are fortunate enough to be led in worship by veteran pastors who help keep us moving towards filling our pastoral vacancy.

One issue that was resolved at the last meeting of the Church Council was improving our security, especially as it relates to our nursery school. This issue has been discussed over the last several months. During those months, we have heard almost on a daily basis, another shooting taking place in a school, a Church, a shopping mall and other public places. Those new security guidelines that were approved by the Council are included in this Spire. We hope that you will understand that these measures were taken to protect those that are in our building, especially the two-, three- and four-year-olds that come to our Church every weekday. It will take some getting used to. We hope that you will cooperate with these new procedures, because without your cooperation, this will not work. The Church Council also approved consulting with a security specialist to determine how we can make our property more secure with the use of technology. That process is currently in progress.

The annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade is but days away. Make sure to look for the Christ Lutheran float as it moves up Wantagh Avenue or as it passes in front of Steinbicker Hall. Thanks to all who have participated and to those of you cheering everyone on.

Enjoy the lazy, hazy days of summer. See you in Church.

Hans Vogel

# **Christ Lutheran Church Security Plan**

## **Steinbicker Hall:**

1. A camera doorbell will be installed. Any staff or volunteers present will be able to see who is at the door by looking at monitor in the Church office (to be installed in the near future).
2. ALL persons MUST ring the doorbell be let in during school hours.
3. They must then sign in at the Church Office. They will be given a laminated pass to be in the building. People will also need to sign out when they leave.
4. NO ELECTIVE work is to be done in Steinbicker or on the playground during school hours. This means that the Pastor, the Parish Administrator, the Nursery School Director, the Teachers and the students are to be the ONLY people present in the building during school hours unless otherwise approved.
5. If EMERGENCY work needs to be done during school hours (such as a clogged toilet), then only people relating to the work will be allowed to be present.
6. The front door of Steinbicker is to remain locked and closed during school hours.
7. The door in the pass through (aka loggia) to the Sanctuary and the library will be bolted and locked during school hours as well.
8. If the Nursery School needs to use the Sanctuary (such as rehearsals, pageants or graduation), the Nursery School Director will inform the Parish Administrator. In turn, she will send an email to the entire congregation to inform them. The Sanctuary will be a de facto Nursery School those days, and NO ONE else should be in the Sanctuary.
9. If volunteers come in to work on projects when school is in session, such as folding the bulletins or the Spire, that work will be done in Room 2000. The Parish Administrator will see that all needed items are accounted for in Room 2000.
10. If ANYONE is working in the church office, all office doors are to be kept unlocked.
11. IF the Parish Administrator is absent for any reason, we will attempt to provide some coverage. (a plan is being worked on)

## **Sanctuary:**

1. The Narthex door to Rooms 10 and 20 is to remain locked. If the door is opened for use by the Thrift Shop, it is the responsibility of the Thrift Shop staff to lock the door at the end of the day.
2. The last person to leave the church is to lock the doors, and make sure that BOTH doors are closed and locked.

## **Throughout the Church Property:**

1. All doors are to be checked and locked daily at the end of the day. A security check will be done by the Parish Administrator prior to the of their shift
2. Pending the approval by the church council, cameras will be installed at selected entrances/exits of the property. Monitors for these cameras will be located in the Church Office. (to be installed in the near future).
3. Gates to the playground should remain closed at all times.

Upon approval by the church council, these security guidelines will be implemented. These guidelines are subject to change, as the situation warrants. Any changes must be presented to the church council for their consideration and approval.

Date approved by church council: June 13, 2022

# PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

## Sanctuary Fund

In Honor of: **Kaitlyn Kuchynskas**

Given by: **Louise Kuchynskas**

## GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

### July Birthdays

1: Connor Reardon

5: Kevin Glenn

5: Mickey Wehr

8: Stephanie Nale

18: Jennifer Trzcinski

31: Pastor Martin Nale



### July Anniversaries

1: Nancy and Allen Pisani *Happy 10 Years!*

10: June and John Fahey

12: Heidi and Pastor Martin Nale

**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

**Our new security protocols have gone into effect. As a reminder, anyone entering Steinbicker Hall must sign in and out with the Church office.** The full list of protocols

is posted on the narthex bulletin board. If you have any questions, please speak with a member of Council.

**The repair of the Steinbicker steps** will be completed this month. Specific dates will be confirmed soon. The Church office will send out a notification via email.

Our Fourth of July Parade preparations are in full swing! Our float's theme this year is "One Nation Under God." We are excited for everyone to see our design. **The parade will be held on Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10 AM, and will follow its usual route. We would love your support!**

With summer underway, we are taking the opportunity to push forward with our **Church cleanup**. Volunteers are welcome! Please speak with the Church office if you're able to lend a hand.

**Regina Coons** would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and support during her recovery. She is very glad to be back!

**Elaine DiChiara** truly appreciated the special tribute for hers and Pastor Martin's retirements. It was a wonderful day with the Bishop presiding over the service, and the blessing of the parsonage. She thanks all the people involved in making it a very special celebration!

## CLC Youth News

Congratulations to The Christian Nursery School's Class of 2022! We pray for all of your exciting adventures in kindergarten and beyond. "Well done" to director Dana Antonette and staff!

We are disappointed to announce that Vacation Bible School has been cancelled this year due to low enrollment. We are looking ahead to next year, and are confident it will be as successful as ever. We hope you will join us!

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

a. Starting this summer, our offertory collection during worship service will have a slight change. The collection plate will now be passed around during service.

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b. There will be no coffee hour until further notice.

c. Roxanne Toomey will lead us in worship on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

d. Mother's Day Caring Sunday collected \$385 in donations for The National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

e. The proposed Church security plan was reviewed and approved by Council. All doors will continue to be checked and locked at the end of the day. A security check will be done by the Parish Administrator prior to the end of her shift.

f. Save the Date! **Rally Day** will be held on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

g. Building and Property:

- LI Mason will begin work on the Steinbicker steps in early July. The scope and dates of work will be confirmed soon.
- The parsonage remodel is officially complete.
- A new garage door for the parsonage has been ordered.

h. Christian Education:

- Thank you to **Cathy Ackermann** for making chocolate crosses for First Communion. The children loved them!
- Due to low enrollment, Vacation Bible School has been cancelled this year.
- Curriculum planning has begun for the 2022-2023 schoolyear.
- Registration is open for the 2022-2023 schoolyear, for Sunday School and the Confirmation Program.
- Parents of our "Little Lambs" will be hearing from Sunday School over the summer regarding registration.
- We welcome all volunteers who would consider teaching Sunday School. Please speak with our Coordinators, Della Rao and Claudia Gross, for details.

i. Nursery School:

- Our Teacher Luncheon was held on June 15<sup>th</sup>, following the graduation ceremony. We are grateful to our staff for all the hard work they put in this year!
- Staff salaries for the 2022-2023 school year were discussed and approved by Council.
- The 2022 Summer Program begins on July 5<sup>th</sup>. There are currently 36 children enrolled.

- Registration is still open for the 2022-2023 school year. Spots are filling quickly!



## PRAYER LIST

*We Remember Especially...*

Debbie Becker - Ellen Bello - Bud Bilewich

James Cathcart - Danielle Chillemi - Eileen Colton

Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo - Marge Dahlberg

Mike Dauth - Joan Drake - Charlie Fisher - Travis Gentile

Betty Gibberman - Barbara Grieser - Joe Hanna

Barbara Hess - Arnold Howard - Carolyn Howard

Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea - William McShea

Bill Miller - Marilyn Miller - James Pallas - Roberta Pfister

Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Anthony Michael Rao IV

Catherine Rao - Bob Rath - Sheila Reeves - Emmett Reilly

Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer - Barbara Reimer

Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert - Eunice Rischan

Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Laura Vogel

**REMINDER: To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the Church office. It will remain on the list for six weeks per request.**

## ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

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

Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.



## WELCA

Our Anniversary Luncheon was a success. We enjoyed great fellowship and a great meal, thanks to Villa D'Aqua. WELCA will not have a formal meeting this month. We will work with Thrivent to make layettes for Lutheran World Relief later this summer. Dates will be announced soon. Have a safe and happy summer!

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**Sunday School:** Curriculum planning has begun for the 2022-2023 school year. We will be finalizing class lists soon. If you would like to register your child as a new student this year, please speak with our Coordinators, Della Rao and Claudia Gross. Returning students do not need to re-enroll. We are currently in need of teachers. Please consider volunteering your time to this rewarding ministry.

**Confirmation:** Curriculum planning is also underway for the 2022-2023 Confirmation Program. All children who have previously received First Holy Communion and who will be entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above this fall are invited to register. Returning students do not need to re-enroll. All Confirmation candidates are required to complete the full program to be Confirmed. To register, or if you have questions, please speak with our Coordinators, Della Rao and Roxanne Toomey.

## THRIFT SHOP

Our thrift shop is open on Fridays, 9AM-3PM, and the first Saturday of each month, 10AM-2PM. **We will not have Thrift Shop Saturday in July, in observance of Independence Day.** Donations to the thrift shop are always accepted. We appreciate your contributions.

## THRIVENT FINANCIAL

WELCA and Thrivent will work together later this summer to put together layettes for families who are victims of natural disaster or political unrest. Dates will be announced soon. **We will be looking to the congregation for donations of needed items, help assembling the kits, or funds to ship them.** Thank you!

## CLC HISTORY



The gloomy weather didn't stop us from showing our patriotic spirit at last year's Fourth of July Parade! We're looking forward to another strong showing this year... and hopefully, the sun will have a strong showing too!

*Photos originally published by the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce.*



## FROM THE KNITWITS...

Although the summer months are ahead, please keep those hooks, looms, and needles working away. If you need more yarn, just give me a call and I will get it to you! Please see the letter below, which shows how much these items are appreciated. - Lilly Ann Munnich, (516) 826-3663

*Dear Knitwits,*

*Thank you for the lovely crocheted (red, white, and black) afghan that was given to my husband while he was in NUMC after a fall, in which he cracked his skull and the top of his humerus (largest bone in the upper arm). After three weeks, he was released, and the afghan came home with him. He now puts it around his shoulders to keep warm. It will take him a long time to recover from his fall, but he will always be reminded of your kindness.*

*Sincerely,*

*Louise Van Hoosen*

## FROM THE OFFICE DESK...

The Church office will be **closed** on July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day. We will be open as usual the following day.

Did you or a loved one celebrate a graduation or moving up ceremony this year? We would love to recognize yours or their achievements during worship service. Please give us a call or send an email!

The Pastor's office currently has a large set of National Geographic books that we would like to donate. They are a bit outdated, but are otherwise in terrific condition. If you, someone you know, or an organization you're familiar with would like them, please give us a call or send an email.

We've noticed a few occasions now when mail, packages, and other items are dropped off and left in front of the Steinbicker doors. As a suggestion, please leave any drop-offs for the **Church office** in our mailbox, or make a drop-off during office hours. We would like to do our best to prevent any items from being ruined by bad weather, or otherwise "disappearing." Thanks for your cooperation!

## A PRAYER FOR UNITY



As we celebrate our nation's independence, let us reflect on these words from the "All Creation Sings" hymnal:

"Holy God, out of your great love for the world, your Word became flesh to live among us and to reconcile us to you and to one another. Rekindle among us the gift of your Spirit so that we seek to live in **unity with all people**, breaking down the walls that divide, ending the hostility among us, and proclaiming peace to those who are near and to those who are far away; through Christ Jesus, in whom we all have access in the one Spirit to you, both now and forever. Amen."

## DID YOU KNOW...

- ★ Paul Revere's famous "one if by land, two if by sea" signal, which heralded the arrival of British troops and the start of the Revolutionary War, was made from the steeple of a Boston Church.
- ★ The Battle of Springfield, in 1780, was the last major battle in the North. American troops neared disaster when they ran out of the paper wadding needed to load their guns. A Presbyterian minister, James Caldwell, ran to his Church, and brought back a pile of old hymnals to use. The patriots went on to win the battle.
- ★ Major General Peter Muhlenberg, the son of a prominent Lutheran minister and a Pastor himself, ripped off his clerical robes after one of his Sermons to reveal the uniform of the Virginia militia. He was one of many "fighting parsons," as they were called; clerical men who took up arms, and who preached that fighting against a tyrannical government was a righteous cause. Muhlenberg went on to command one of the brigades at the Battle of Yorktown, before retiring with distinction in 1783.

# PROPERTY REPORT – JULY 2022

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

Our recent activities have included:

- The **leak that was reported near the organ/piano** under the flat roof area has been resolved after the Roofer’s extensive work on, around, and under the ductwork and re-roofing a 20X20 section under the South A/C unit, which required raising the A/C unit to get the material underneath, and sealed. **(PIM \$8,360)**
- We wish to thank “**Optimus Primers**”, a Wantagh Chamber of Commerce partner for their generous donation of the paint and Labor to power wash the Parsonage and refinish the Shutters and lamppost.
- We fabricated a new part for, and **reactivated the top latch** on the **Loggia/Sanctuary door**. We also **installed a new latch** on the Loggia side to enable the Nursery School to activate their school time security procedures. We touched up the door paint. We also **reversed the door lock on the library door**, preventing access to the loggia except by a key, again for the NS security issue.
- We activated the Thrift Shop and Room 2000 wall A/C units.
- We repaired a leaking sight glass washer on the Room 2000 coffee pot.
- We **re-secured the loose railing** posts on the thrift shop porch with hydraulic cement.
- We initiated a “major” **clean out of the rear yard storage shed**, Re-hanging many items, Re-imagining an old shelving unit, Removing trash to the garbage, Moving “Fair” items to the Gym, and **repairing the heavy sliding door to operate smoothly and easily**.
- We **uncovered “Sewage” spraying from the south wall Vent pipe** on the education building. The Sewer Rooter Company cleared the **paper/roots** in about two hours, and the bathrooms were opened in time for Nursery School, the next morning. **(PIM\$1,848)**
- We replaced a missing tilt window bracket in a lower NS classroom.
- We repaired **an unreported broken door check** on a lower NS classroom pit door and re-secured all the other “Pit” door checks.
- We installed a locking door handle on the rear Parsonage Garage door.

Retiree Group

## THINGS TO DO

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

- \*Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- \***Power Wash** the front Steinbicker, north 10-20 wall, etc “greens”,
- \*Scrape and Paint the white/bare **trim above the Library and 2000 kitchenette.**
- \*Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker. Stones to pit?, Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor.
- \*Repair numerous **Cement issues** around the property. (Stairs, Pointing, Washes, loose items, price professional intervention?) (**Summer Break?**)
- \*Prepare/Paint the outside **Room 20 North window** frame. (\$\$\$Wkg?).
- \***Research and arrange** for a “Seal coating” and re-striping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. (\$\$\$Wkg?-**Summer Break?**)
- \* Touch up **Roof top A/C duct “Rust spots”** with Aluminum paint.
- \* Investigate the Education Building telephone intercom feature for erratic operation or replace the system.
- \* Cleanup and clean out the lower shop area, and Room 100.
- \* Cleanup and clean out the rear Shed area. (**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.**

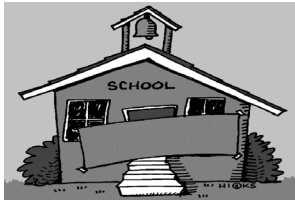
## Research for Potential Projects

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

2022 WORSHIP DATES	USHER	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS
Sun. July 3, 2022 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green) WORSHIP LED BY ROXANNE (NO PASTOR)	R. Ohlander	B. Rath's Group	H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn
Sun. July 10, 2022 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	E. Jurgens	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath
Sun. July 17, 2022 6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	J. Gross	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald
Sun. July 24, 2022 7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	C. Sparke	B. Rath's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson R. Ohlander D. Ohlander M. Soethout
Sun. July 31, 2022 8 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	R. Ahearn	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn
Sun. August 7, 2022 9 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost 9:00 AM Service (Green)	R. Ohlander	D. Ohlander's Group	R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath

\*THERE ARE NO ACOLYTES/CRUCIFERS, COFFEE HOSTS, OR GREETERS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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9am - Worship						



# Nursery School News July



June is always a bittersweet month here at the Nursery School. We get to celebrate the end of year parties, stepping up ceremonies and Graduations. Some children will end the school year and return to us in the fall but the children in our 4-year-old program will be moving on to kindergarten! It is always such a blessing to have this time with them and watch them grow. They enter the school year shy children who are a little unsure of the world around them. By the time they leave here in June, they leave with more confidence, experiences, knowledge and friendships than they entered with. We wish we could keep them here forever but we will keep a special place for them in our hearts and wish them the very best in kindergarten!

The 2-year-old program ended on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. They had a terrific time at their end of the year parties where they enjoyed some sweet treats and some yummy desserts!

The children in the 3-year-old program looked absolutely adorable at their stepping up celebrations on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The children sang songs for their families that they learned throughout the school year and celebrated with a party in their classroom.

The 4-year-old program celebrated their pre-k graduation on June 15<sup>th</sup> where they knocked it out of the park! They were the picture of perfection dressed in their caps and gowns and singing for their families.

Our Summer program is set to start on July 5<sup>th</sup> and it is a packed group! We look forward to spending the summer with them! The children will have lots of fun activities scheduled with so many crafts to create, songs to sing and memories to be made!

## September Enrollment

If you or someone you know is looking to join our school in the fall, there is limited space available so please do not wait. If you have any questions or would like to set up a tour, please feel free to reach out by email at [CNSDirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:CNSDirector@clcwantagh.org). Please visit the website at <https://www.ChristianNurserySchoolWantagh.org> for all the information and forms that are needed to register.

**We look forward to hearing from you!!**

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## Coming in July..

- July 4<sup>th</sup>: Church Office Closed ~ Independence Day
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 AM ~ Wantagh's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July 5<sup>th</sup>: Nursery School Summer Program Begins
- July 7<sup>th</sup>: 4:00 PM ~ Finance Meeting
- July 11<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 PM ~ Worship & Music Meeting  
8:00 PM ~ Council Meeting

Stay tuned for choir updates!

