

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It has been nearly five months since I have been serving our Lord and you as your Interim Pastor. It has been my pleasure, and the Lord has blessed our time together. Although I am only officially working half time, I am doing my best to cover all of the main functions of a full time pastor. This includes doing all of the worship services, taking Holy Communion to the home bound, teaching confirmation and first communion, writing weekly news emails, conducting funerals, and speaking regularly to those who are ill and hurting. I have also made nearly 300 telephone calls letters to members. I am pleased to say that God has blessed our prayers and these efforts. Our Sunday attendance has increased 45% since last fall. Our giving is keeping pace with our budgetary needs, and over \$27,000 has been donated to our parsonage refurbishment fund.

This summer we hope to begin to refurbish the parsonage and to do other much need capital improvements on other parts of our campus. We also hope to do a congregational assessment to plot our future as a parish and to determine the qualities we are seeking in a new, full time pastor. Hopefully, we will have our next pastor by the early part of next year. I wish to thank the members of the task force who have worked tirelessly on our behalf. I also wish to thank those who have agreed to serve on the Assessment and Call Committee.

One of the large challenges we face in the future is meeting the increased expense of a full time pastor. In the fall, the Church Council will need to decide how we will accomplish this.

Wishing you a nice summer of renewed activates. Both the Lord and I look forward to greeting you at worship at 9 am every Sunday this summer.

God loves you and so do I, Pastor Krahn

## Parish Register

## **General Memorial**

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

In Memory of: Kenneth Sparke Given by: Doris Gannon

In Honor of Margaret Lorenzen's Birthday Given by: Regina Coons

In Honor of: Marge Dahlberg's Birthday Given by: Regina Coons

# Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: George Parker Given by: Norma Mantay

In Memory of: Kenneth Sparke Given by: Nancy & Robert Sparke

## Good News and Blessings

July Birthdays....

Connor Reardon 27<sup>th</sup>
 Kevin Glen 15<sup>th</sup>
 Mickey Wehr
 Stephanie Nale
 Wilma Motley
 Jennifer Trzcinski
 Benjamin Feder 8<sup>h</sup>
 Maximus Alexander Newhall 11<sup>th</sup>
 Louise Deely
 Lilly Ann Durkin 21<sup>st</sup>
 Pastor Martin Nale

July Anniversaries...

- 1 Nancy (Leib) & Allen Pisani
- 7 Michael & Shay Cusick 17th
- 10 June & John Fahey 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 12 Pastor Martin & Heidi Nale 23<sup>rd</sup>
- 21 Elizabeth & Michael McGuiness 42<sup>nd</sup>

#### August Birthdays...

- 1 Ava Charlotte Glenn 13th
- 1 Carolyn Howard
- 3 Deborah Hesse
- 4 Bob Hasteadt
- 6 Ruth Kollar
- 6 Heidi Nale
- 9 Jerry Fitzgerald 71<sup>st</sup>
- 9 Michael Fitzgerald 36th
- 12 Abigail Grace Bloomfield 9<sup>th</sup>
  14 Kay Riese
  16 Zachery Knox Kollar 9<sup>th</sup>
  17 Gabrielle Soethout
  18 Lilly Ann Munnich
  18 Dominique Piazza 23<sup>rd</sup>
  20 Katherine Dawn Wehr 16<sup>th</sup>
  21 Terry Schmidt
  24 Robert Thomas Bloomfield 8<sup>th</sup>
  24 Arleen Dotzler

#### August Anniversaries...

- 2 Laura & Hans Vogel 41 st
- 5 Cathy & Jerry Fitzgerald 48th
- 5 Melissa & Matthew Gallagher 15th
- 6 Carolyn & Joseph Scibelli 27<sup>th</sup>
- 11 Lauren & Kevin Glenn 16<sup>th</sup> 13 Lindsey & Kenneth Massaro 11<sup>th</sup> 17 Mary & Gus Raitz 47<sup>th</sup>

## CLC Youth

During service on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, the following children received their <u>New Adventure Bibles for</u> <u>Children</u>.

This new Bible will make it easier for the children to read understand:

Jake Genovese Natalie Haines James Heron Vivian Heron James Kemnah Michael Murphy Nicholas Roman

<u>New Adventure Bibles</u> are available for sale at \$20 apiece to encourage families to read and grow in Scripture together.

**On Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, James Heron received First Holy Communion** during worship service. Congratulations to James and the Heron Family!

On **Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Angel Ventura was Baptized** during worship.

On **Sunday**, **June 6**<sup>th</sup>, BJ Gilmore's granddaughter **Kinsley Migliore was Baptized**, also during worship. Welcome to our Family of Christ, Angel and Kinsley!

Many thanks to Doris Ohlander and Norma Mantay for their ministry in sewing names and dates of Baptism for the Little Lambs banner in the sanctuary.

A special thank you to Lilly Ann Munnich for her new ministry in knitting blankets for each child baptized.

#### **GRADUATE RECOGNITION**

On Sunday, June 27, 2021 we recognized our High School & College Graduates. Congratulations to all!

Name of Graduate: Grace Ackermann

<u>Graduated from</u>: Wantagh High School <u>College Attending</u>: Binghamton University <u>Career/Work after graduation</u>: Pre-medical studies

#### Special Awards, etc:

Vice President National Honor Society National English Honor Society President World Language Honor Society School Honor Roll Seal of Biliteracy Two time All Conference Girls' Varsity Bowling President of Italian Club President of Art Club

#### Name of Graduate: Sarah Baker

<u>Graduated from</u>: Seaford High School <u>College Attending</u>: SUNY ESF (Environmental Science and Foresty) Syracuse

#### Special Awards, etc:

Seaford H S music award for excellence outstanding band performance U. S. Navy distinguished scholar award Member of National Honor Society Member of Tri-M Music Honor Society

#### Name of Graduate: Hannah Proce

<u>Graduated from</u>: Harborfields High School <u>College Attending</u>: University of South Carolina <u>Career/Work after graduation</u>:

Double major: Marketing and Sports Management Double minor: International Business and Dance Hoping to become a Radio City Rockette after graduation, then working for Madison Square Garden in Marketing and Sports Management

#### Special Awards, etc:

- High School Musicianship Award
- School Winner 2020 National Heisman High School Scholarship
- 2021 Prudential Spirit of Community Honoree and President's Volunteer Service Award Winner
- 2021 Girl Scouts of Suffolk County's Past Presidents Scholarship Winner
- James T Brennan Memorial Scholarship
- PTA Scholarship
- HACEF Wall of Honor Scholarship
- College Marketing Award
- Tri-M Honor Society Award
- Yearbook Outstanding Service Award
- Suffolk County Executive Public Service Award
- Alan P. Brief Scholarship
- Jason S. Griesing Memorial Scholarship

#### Name of Graduate: Robert G. Rice V

<u>Graduated from</u>: Wantagh High School <u>College Attending</u>: Nassau Community College

Career/Work after Graduation: Majoring in Computer Tech

**Special Awards, etc**: Wantagh High School Track Team Captain

### Prayer List

The following people are on our Prayer List. We remember them in our prayers ~ Jose Alves, Tom Anderson, Ellen Bacotti, Debbie Becker, James Cathcart, Danielle Chillemi, Donna Chillemi, Ann Curtis, Marge Dahlberg, Mike Dauth, Travis Gentile, Betty Gibberman, Barbara Grieser, Mary Lynn Kirby, Florence Kirch, Janet & William McShea, James Pallas, Gary Proce, Barbara Proce, Eunice Rischan, George Steele, Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Saul Wein, Kathy Wicks, Karen Klose, Jimmy, Kay Charon, Jerry Fitzgerald, Suzanne Marshall, Elise Sheridan, Flynn James, Carol Gallagher, George Kremer, Alex & Meg Edwards.

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list who is in need of prayers, please call the church office at 516-221-3286.

# A Note of Thanks from the Knitwits.....

Once again, I'm thanking our angels far and wide.... Thank you **Barbara Schenke**, who continues to knit baby blankets and chemo hats for us. I certainly appreciate all her efforts. She does beautiful work. Thank you Linda **Boniello** for delivering them to church. I want to thank **Doris Ohlander** and **Norma Mantay** who hand me baby hats and blankets each week at church. It's become a ritual.

I can't forget **Jeri Hallgren** for all the lap robes she has created! thank you for your talent that help so many.

Thanks to **Ruth Kollar's friend**, **Pat Gardella**, who is constantly making beautiful lap robes. She is a machine.

If you would like to help or know someone who likes to crochet or knit to help others, I have yarn, hooks and needles for you!!

We are truly grateful for all the donations we have received. So many will be helped and feel loved.

Truly there are angels all around us far and wide.

I'm looking for more angels...call me...

Lilly Ann Munnich 516-826-3663.

#### Farewell Event Planning Committee Forming

The pandemic prevented the congregation from being able to wish Pastor Nale and Elaine Godspeed, as they started a new chapter in their lives.

If you would like to join a committee in planning this event, please contact Christian at the church office: 516-221-3286.

#### June Church Council Highlights

Parsonage Refurbishing Fund has received gifts and pledges in excess of \$30,020 thus far. Thank you to all who have given and pledged so generously to date!

Attendance in church has been steadily increasing: 70 joined Worship on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup> alone.

Christian Education concerns: Sunday School needs at least 2 teachers and Confirmation needs at least 1 teacher.

Awaiting further CDC guidelines, so we can continue to comply with their recommendations. Outside "Fellowship" guidelines being explored.

Vacation Bible School - June 28-July1. Applications still being accepted, they are looking for teachers and aides.

Committee being formed to celebrate Pastor Martin and Elaine DiChiara's retirements.

Wantagh July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade (held on Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>) discussed. See article elsewhere in this edition of the SPIRE.

A Fall Country Fair is being planned. Hans and Laura Vogel donated use of their Orlando condo for one week as a prize for the Fall Fair.

WELCA donated \$2,000 to the Parsonage Refurbishment Fund and made and donated 80 health care kits.

Mother's Caring Sunday raised \$305 for the Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

TOPS, AA and now Al-Anon will soon be using Room 10 again for their meetings.

The Parsonage will be opened for the next few weeks. A punch list entitled "Christ Lutheran Church Wantagh: Update and Repair Parsonage" is on the coffee table in the living room for your convenience.

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

Facial tissues, juice, Dish soap, cookies, coffee, egg noodles, wide, canned tomatoes, cooking oil (48 oz), stew, chili with beans, salad dressing, mayonnaise The collection bins are in the hallway outside the Library. Please check your donations for expiration dates. Thank you. All donations are very much appreciated.

**Should you need food,** please call the church office at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Merrick (516-379-3858) to arrange to receive needed items.

## THRIVENT FINANCIAL THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

WELCA and a Thrivent Christian Action Team worked together to collect items for Personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. The kits are sent to areas of the world that suffer from natural disasters (such as Hurricane Katrina or the Haitian earthquake) or political unrest. On June 9th, a dozen members of WELCA and Thrivent assembled 80 kits consisting of a bath towel, some soap, a comb, nail clippers. and toothbrush. Thank you to all the members of the congregation who contributed items or funds to help purchase needed items or mail the kits. Thanks to everyone who assembled kits. We were especially happy to welcome two new people, Vera Mittwoch and Terry Ciro to our assembly project. A big thank you also goes to Thrivent for providing \$250 seed money for this project and to John Eastlund for providing logistical support.

Note that each Thrivent member who has a life insurance policy or annuity can sponsor 2 Christian Action teams a year. Members who have an investment product (mutual funds), can sponsor one per year.

Please keep these opportunities in mind when planning any events. If you need any assistance in setting up a Christian Action Team, please contact Pastor, Joan Drake or Jan Eastlund.

### REMINDER

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

#### The Christ Lutheran Church Volunteer Tradition continues

Recently, a CLC volunteer team set up the outdoor canopy for the summer use by the Christian Nursery

School's summer program, Vacation Bible School, retirement parties and other events...



...and most especially the Thrift Shop volunteers and their stock!



Thank you!!

#### Christ Lutheran Wantagh History: Strawberry Festival 1978

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#### Wantagh July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade: Marching Forth from History

The parade will be held on **Saturday, July 3rd**, starting **10 am**. We wil be gathering behind the stores in the Park Avenue parking lot.

The CLC contingent will be lead by Christian Nursery School families, followed by patriotic music recorded by Music Director Nicole Nicholson of our adult and bell choirs, as well as Church Business Administrator Christian DeRuiter and Church Council member Jerry Fitzgerald,in military uniform and gear of the American fighting man through the years. Pastor Krahn will be marching, handing out invitations to visit our church. Bottles of water stickered with our new CLC logos will be given to marchers as they pass by the church on Island Road.

Bringing up the rear will be vintage cars driven proudly by our members.

Please call the church office at 516-221-3286 if you can come and join the fun!!



BEQUESTS When Will You Be Knocking at the Pearly Gates?

No one knows when they will be called to heaven. So everyone should be ready spiritually and in every other possible way. Therefore, whatever age we are and however little or much we possess, good planning encourages us to make a Will. With a Will, so many things can be done. Minor children and other loved ones can be provided for as we would wish. Please also consider Christ Lutheran part of your family to be remembered. It is a way to witness to your love for our Lord, and it is a way to continue to keep Christ Lutheran strong for its future. If you need help with this, please call and speak to Pastor Krahn (631-720-6179).

## **PROPERTY REPORT – JULY 2021**

Our **Small Aging Retiree Group** has resumed our Pre-Pandemic activities and have now caught up with most of the items on the To-Do list that we can accomplish ourselves.

Our activities recently have included:

- We activated both of the Roof Top A/C units and switched the Sanctuary Thermostats to cool (71 Sundays). We also cleared out the critter signs, changed the eight (8) filters, and adjusted the two (2) fan belts. We purchased new filters for the future and placed them into the shed. We temporarily restored the heat for the cool Memorial W/E Sunday.
- We are still awaiting the findings and recommendations from the property wide "energy survey" by a PSEG contractor.
- We are still waiting for "Best Buy" to fix the **Parsonage Ice issue**.
- We opened the Church and Parsonage Lawn Sprinklers and Controllers.
- We moved the flower stands to storage after Easter use, took them out again for Pentecost Geraniums, and again stored them when done. We **thank Lilly Ann** for her plantings in the boxes, flag base and elsewhere.
- We moved the six altar candles into the library cabinet and placed the heavy stands back in the Altar guild closet. We **thank Jim Spiegle** for assuming the Candle oil re-filling function.
- We replaced a few Fluorescents on the education buildings main floor and reset others not functioning in the hot/humid weather.
- We replaced the broken Loggia/Sanctuary doorstop.
- We shut down the boilers in the Steinbicker and Sanctuary boiler rooms.
- We **drained** the water from Boiler #2's **expansion tank** and recharged.
- We carried the "Tent" components from beyond the parking lot and assembled it on the lawn for use by the NS Summer and VBS programs.
   We thank all who helped in it's assembly; Vinny C, Hans V, Jerry F, Craig S, Roger O, Bob R, John G, and John E. We could not have done it without your help. A Special thanks to John Gross for purchasing the new "Bungee Balls" to secure the top to the rails.
- We cleaned the outside of the Room 2000 entrance doors.
- We initiated the **painting of the Wrought Iron railings** as weather and traffic permits. The Room 2000 entrance is complete, and the Sanctuary half done.

Retiree Group

### THINGS TO DO

See Roger, Bob R, Bill, Craig, or Bob H. if you can help: \*Clean the ceiling light covers in room 10 and 2000.

\*Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.

\*Power Wash the front Steinbicker stairway, north 10-20 wall, etc "greens",

\*Scrape and Paint the white/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?).

\*Prepare/Paint the outside **Room 20 North window** frame (Professional?). \*Clean and refurbish the vinyl replacement windows all around, checking for smooth operation, weather stripping and locking capability. **(WKG)** 

\***Research and arrange** for a "Seal coating" and re-striping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. (**Spring**?)

\* Activate **roof top A/C** units and coordinated Thermostats. **(CMPLT)** 

\* Activate the church and Parsonage lawn Sprinkler systems. (CMPLT)

\* Touch up the Roof top Air duct "Rust spots" with Silver paint on hand.

\* Re-tar around the intermittent leaking south most sanctuary AC duct.

\* Replace the broken **NS window** track hardware during a NS break.

\* Drain/charge the Boiler #2 expansion tank when the heat is shut off.(CMPLT)

### **Research for Potential Projects**

\* Research and report on the possibility of Siding on the 10/20 building.

\* Research the installation of white vinyl ornate trim covering (Pilasters/Door Surrounds) in the front area outside the Sanctuary in lieu of continuously pealing and painting.

\* Research the possibility of new lighting for the Sanctuary.

\* Research the replacement of the wine stained Altar Carpeting.

\* Research extending the lawn sprinkler to cover the East side of Steinbicker after grass restoration.

\* Research having the lower two Steinbicker NS classroom Floor tiles removed, floor sealed and re-tiled; Or Carpeted over. (NS issue)



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May 12, 2021

Lily Ann Munich 306 St. Marks Avenue Bellmore, NY 11710

Dear Lily Ann,

Thank you and the "Knitwits" for the gift of hand-knit items to the Life Center of Long Island. You may not realize it, but you've done much more than make a blanket or hat.

When we give an expectant mother a hand- made blanket, sweater, or hat it creates a connection to her baby which she may not have acknowledged before. Clients are touched that a stranger cares enough about them and their pre born child to create such a thoughtful gift.

It is a gift that is received with an unwritten message that says, "We are with you, and we're in this together." That speaks volumes when the days are difficult, and they're feeling overwhelmed by an unplanned pregnancy.

Thank you again for walking with us as hearts are being touched and lives are being saved. You are making a difference – a big difference – and we appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

Gloria Schreiber

Gloria Schreiber Chief Executive Officer



JULY 2021 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS 9:00	ALTAR GUILD	Flower Delivery	Acolytes & *Crucifers	Counters	Greeters	Coffee Hosts
Sun.,July 4, 2021 6th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		E. Colton/L.A. Munnich'sGroup			R. OHLANDER B. Henderson M. Soethout J. Fahey		
Sun., July II, 2021 7th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		D. Ohlander's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		
Sun., July 18, 2021 8th Sunday after Pentecost/ 9:00am - Worship (Green)		B. Rath's Group			R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath		
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Sun., August 8, 2021 11th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		B. Rath's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		
Sun., August 15, 2021 12th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		E. Colton/L.A. Munnich'sGroup			R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath		
Sun., August 22, 2021 13th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		D. Ohlander's Group			J. FITZGERALD J. Eastlund J. Eastlund		
Sun., August 29, 2021 14th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		B. Rath's Group			R. OHLANDER B. Henderson M. Soethout J. Fahey		

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# Nursery School News June

June is always a bittersweet month for teachers. We are given the opportunity to see all the hard work and care we have put into our students and feel a sense of pride. They are not the same small children they came to us in September as. They are now a little bit taller, more confident, more outgoing and of course so much wiser. They know their ABC's and 123's and have made so many friends and memories along the way here at the Christian Nursery School. June is a time where a teacher gets to take pride in the small child that they helped to mold and grow. We have spent the last 10 months watching them grow, mature, learn, laugh and even cry. For those that we get to see again in September it is a blessing to get to watch them do all these things all over again; but for those that move on to the next chapter and head to kindergarten it can a sad moment where we selfishly wish they could stay here forever. These children are like the caterpillars that we raised in class and then released when they turned into beautiful butterflies. It is now time to watch our beautiful Pre-Kindergarten class fly off into the next chapter of their childhood.

The 2020/2021 school was not the most conventional school year but with such an amazing staff of women who genuinely love each and every one of the children here, and such dedicated and understanding parents; together we were able to move forward and make this school year an amazing one for these children.

From stepping up ceremonies for our three-year-old classes, field day celebrations and Graduation ceremonies for our pre-kindergarten classes. I can honestly say the children at the Christian Nursery School had an amazing school year.

So, it is with a heavy heart and a huge smile that we say goodbye to another school year and look forward to an even greater year next year! Wishing you all a very safe and healthy summer!

#### September Enrollment

We still have a few spaces available for September.

Feel free to call for a tour or visit us on our website for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you!



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## July/August 2021

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## Coming in July and August . . .

Sat., July 3 – Wantagh July 4th Parade

Mon., July 5 - Church Office Closed

Tues. - Thurs. - July 6-8, 13-15, 20-22 & 27-29 - Nursery School Summer Program

Sun., July 11–Special Congregation Meeting

Mon., July 12 - 7:00pm - Worship & Music Meeting

8:00pm - Council Meeting

#### Fri., August 13 - SPIRE Deadline

Thurs., August 26 - SPIRE Mailing