



The Spire

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Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY
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January 2024

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! A new year brings renewed hope that the days ahead will be better than ever before. We all know that 2023 was a challenging year for us as a church, as was 2022, and 2021 and 2020. But now we are starting a new year, and our hope is that we will finally be able to call a permanent pastor. Although the last few years have been challenging we can be proud of the things that we have accomplished.

Without a permanent pastor we have still been able to worship every Sunday since Pastor Nale retired. Our Thrift Shop is taking in more merchandise each week than it can sell. Our Nursery School has more students than when we had a pastor. Our church had great visibility in our community by participating in the Wantagh Chamber of Commerce Winter Wonderland. And yet, we hope for better days in 2024.

How can we personally make this a better year at Christ Lutheran Church? Most importantly, we must continue to believe that a new pastor will be called this year to lead the ministries of our congregation to even higher heights. In the absence of a pastor, our lay leadership has filled the void in many, but all, places to keep our congregation viable and strong. But leadership needs to continually evolve in order to keep our church functioning. Later this month at our congregational meeting we will need to fill some vacant positions on the Church Council. Can we count on you to step up to the challenge?

Hans Vogel

Attention: We are looking for volunteers for picking up The Spire at the Church Office and delivering it to the Wantagh Post Office (Park Ave.). Are you available one Wednesday per month from 10:30AM-2:30PM to help us with our bulk bailing? If so, please call Jeri Hallgren at 516-519-2510. Thank you!

THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date! The 2024 Annual Meeting will be held after 9AM worship service on **Sunday, January 28th**. Church committees and organizations should be in the process of completing their 2023 Annual Reports. Please speak with a Council member if you have any questions. Annual Reports **must** be submitted to the Church office **by 3PM (end of day) on Friday, January 19th**. Reports are required from:

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 Ed. 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 **third official written notice of the 2024 Annual 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. If you are interested in answering the call to serve, please speak with any current Council member.

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Leroy Deere**

Given by: **Doris Gannon**

In Honor of: **MacKenzie Murphy**

Given by: **Michael Murphy**

Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

Given by: **Norma Mantay**

In Memory of: **Leroy Deere**

Given by: **Doris & Roger Ohlander**

In Memory of: **Leroy Deere**

Given by: **The Rath Family**

In Memory of: **John Loeber Sr.**

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Given by: **Kathryn Riese**

Start the new year off by trying Vanco!

Give today by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone's camera, or visit this link:

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-ZEAF>.



GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

January Birthdays

6: Jennifer Vizina

11: Barbara Rath

11: Alisa, Jayme, and Valerie Batcher

13: Sarah Ann Gephardt

23: Carole Padula

29: Elizabeth McGuinness



January Anniversaries

9: Cheryl and Eric Feder

11: Doris and Roger Ohlander

Would you like to include a birthday or anniversary in the Spire? All are welcome! Please call or email the Church office with the name(s) and date(s). Please do so no later than 30 days before your celebration.

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Hans Vogel, President • Roxanne Toomey, Deacon • Nicole Nicholson, Music Director • Kamelija Galijan-Curry, Organist
Dana Antonette, Director, The Christian Nursery School • Della Rao, Parish Administrator/Christian Education Coordinator



Good News

- **Seafarers:** A total of **43** Christmas at Sea care satchels were assembled and donated to Seafarers International. **Thank you to:** Regina Coons, Jan and John Eastlund, Jim Spiegle, the Biesma and Kuchynskas families, and all who contributed donations to this worthwhile cause.
- **Condo Raffle:** Congratulations to this year's winner, **Gabrielle Balduf!** Our condo raffle raised **\$575** for church activities this year. Thank you as always to **Hans and Laura Vogel** for donating our grand prize!
- **Thank you to** everyone who contributed their time and talent to our wonderful Christmas worship this year:
 - Pastor Martin Nale
 - The Adult and Bell Choirs
 - Parker Balduf, Accompanist (French Horn)
 - Kamelija Balijan-Curry, Organist
 - Nicole Nicholson, Music & Pageant Director
 - Regina Coons
 - Jan Eastlund
 - Claudia and John Gross
 - The Retirees: Bob Hasteadt, Bill Henderson, Roger Ohlander, Craig Sparke, and Gene Veltri (We missed you, Vinny Ciro! Get well soon!)
 - Roxanne Toomey, Lessons & Carols

CLC Youth News

- Thank you to everyone who purchased a Christmas wreath from **BSA Troop 656**. We are happy to report that a total of **~\$2,500** was raised to support troop activities this year. Congratulations to our Scouts, troop leaders and families, and Dee and Jim Bloomfield.
- On December 17th, our Sunday School students put on a beautiful production of **“Christmas in Bethlehem.”** **Thank you** to all of the family members and volunteers who supported our show, and of course, our wonderful cast! We are especially grateful to our Pageant Director, **Nicole Nicholson**, who continues to go above and beyond to enhance the worship experience at church.
- Our **Christian Nursery School** students could be heard throughout the month of December joyfully practicing Christmas songs for their annual Pageant, which was held on December 21st. On December 20th, the school had a very special visitor, **Santa Claus!** **Thank you to Officer Rob Garofalo of the Nassau County P.D.,** who provided a VIP police escort from the North Pole.

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 will be held on January 6th.** Donations are appreciated! For your convenience, donations may be left in or adjacent to the donation shed next to the Thrift Shop. **No cribs or mattresses, please.** If you are unsure of whether we can accept an item, please call the Church office to be connected with a Thrift Shop coordinator. Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!

Canned Fruit - Canned Mixed Veggies
Canned Chicken/Salmon - Coffee - Chicken Noodle Soup
Complete Pancake Mix & Syrup - Dinty Moore Stew
Dried Beans - Mac & Cheese - Mayo - Peanut Butter & Jelly
Spaghetti - Sauce
Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS CARD

We are happy to announce that St. John's Food Pantry has been chosen as the recipient of the proceeds from this year's Congregational Christmas Card. As Christmas wishes continue to come in, we will report the fundraising total and our kind contributors in the February edition of the Spire.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Please see page 2 of your Spire for information regarding open Council positions. We invite you to serve with us!

Outreach:

- **Congregational Christmas Card:** Funds from this year's Congregational Christmas Card will be donated to **St. John's Food Pantry** in Merrick.
- **Benevolence Fund:** The 3% Benevolence Fund donation for 2023 will be split equally between **Birthright** of Long Island, and **The John Theissen Children's Foundation** here in Wantagh.
- The following outreach projects of our church reported fundraising totals:
 - Food Drive: **795 items and \$287** - Assorted Food Pantries, The INN's Thanksgiving dinner
 - Lights of Love: **\$290** - Good Shepherd Hospice
 - Turkey Envelopes: **\$55** - Lutheran Social Serv.
 - Seafarers: **43** Christmas at Sea care satchels
 - Winter Wonderland: **\$293** in raffles and sales
 - Condo Raffle: **\$575** in ticket sales



New Business:

- **Church Sound System:** Council approved an estimate and a budget for upgrades to the church's sound system. This project will be coordinated with **Music Trends**.
- **Altar Carpet:** Council approved preliminary plans for the church altar carpet to be replaced. WELCA will contribute funding to cover the full cost of this project.
- **Eagle Scout Project:** Council approved an Eagle Scout project proposal for the design of a media space in Room 10, which includes a smart TV and whiteboards.

Nursery Board:

- **Enrollment:** 79 students are currently enrolled.
- **Registration:** In-house registration for the 2024-2025 school year will be held on Wednesday, January 10th.
- **Holiday Recess:** The School will be closed Monday, December 25th-Monday, January 1st.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Sunday School:** We are so proud of all our students who participated in the Christmas Pageant. We had so much fun working together and learning our Christmas songs. At the end of the Pageant, students were gifted Christmas goodie bags and enjoyed some festive cookies during Coffee Hour. **Sunday School will not meet on December 24th or 31st. We will return on January 7th.**
- **Help Wanted!** Ms. Claudia is seeking an enthusiastic **teacher's aide** to volunteer with the growing Little Lambs and Lower-Level class. Youth and young adults seeking service hours are welcome! See a Christian Education Committee member for more information.
- **Confirmation Program:** Our eighth-graders will be concluding their study of The Ten Commandments in early January, and will transition to their unit on The Apostle's Creed after that.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

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.

Shut-Ins: Thank you to all who volunteered to deliver Christmas flowers to our shut-ins. It is very appreciated!

WELCA

We closed out the 2023 year with our December "Christmas Meeting." A wonderful time was had by all who attended! **WELCA does not hold a January meeting.** We look forward to seeing all our members at the February meeting! Looking for a worthwhile activity in the new year? New members are always welcome! See Lilly Ann Munnich, or any current member of WELCA for more information. The next **WELCA Conference Bible Study** will be held on **Thursday, January 18th at 10AM.** We will meet at St. David's Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park. Please enter from the parking lot and use the door at the ramp. The leader for the day will be Pastor Micah Stumme.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

For many years, our congregation has supported the ministry of Seafarers International House, which supports merchant mariners around the world. Each year, we collect and package items, which are given as Christmas gifts to crewmembers of visiting ships by port chaplains. In December, our Confirmands, their families, and friends from the congregation assembled 43 Christmas at Sea care satchels. Each of our care satchels included one sweatshirt, one t-shirt, three pairs of socks, one knitted winter cap, one coordinating scarf, one can of nuts or a large chocolate bar, and a Christmas card from a member of our church. Thank you to all who have continued to support this project. We look forward to another year full of successful ministry!

THANK YOU TO...

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 \$290 on December 8th, 2023. 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 the dignity and comfort brought to them by Good Shepherd Hospice and its compassionate team of caregivers.

Sincerely, Kim Kranz, RN, MS, President



Dear Friend,

Thank you for your contribution of 86 lbs. of food. Your donation is helping **Lutheran Social Services of New York** to serve more than 5,000 individuals in need every day. Your continued support of the work we do through this compassionate gift ensures that we can continue to fulfill our mission of encouraging and helping all people to reach their full potential. We are blessed for you and countless others who have supported our ministries, giving us the resources to assist our neighbors in need to improve their lives. Gifts such as yours help to improve the lives of our neighbors in need. Thank you for the commitment you have shown to our program over the years; you make lives better every day through our shared mission of service.

Sincerely, Damyn Kelly, JD, Ph.D., President & CEO

Merry Christmas! I used to go to Christ Lutheran when I was a kid. I now live in Florida. I have many wonderful memories. Praying for you all! 😊 - John McNeice

Please Note: This letter was received prior to the death of Margaret Dahlberg on December 14, 2023. It is printed with the hope that it brings comfort to her friends at church.

Dear Members of Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you for the many cards, calls, prayers, and thoughts for our Mom, Margaret Dahlberg. They always lift her spirits and brighten her day. Christ Lutheran, and the friends Mom made while a member, will always have a special place in her heart. May His love shine in all your homes this season!

- Debbie Jones, Catherine Boyer, and Virginia Dahlberg

2024 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

2024 Christ Lutheran Church calendars, courtesy of our friends at **Wantagh Abbey & Bellmore Funeral Home**, are now available! Complimentary copies of the calendar will be kept in the Sanctuary and in the Church office. If you would like to have a certain number of calendars set aside, please contact the Church office.

ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER?

What does it mean to be an active church member? The Constitution and By-Laws of Christ Lutheran Church define an **active member** as one who, *during the last three years* (not including the present year), has done **both of** the following:

- “Communed in this congregation or received Communion from Christ Lutheran Church’s Pastor(s);
- “Made a contribution of record to this congregation.”

Please fill out a Communion Card once a year. These cream-colored cards are kept in the church pews. You can place your completed card in the offering basket during worship service, or hand it to an usher. **Please also be sure that your monetary contributions are being recorded.** If you do not know your envelope number, or are not sure if you have one, call the Church office and leave a message for the Membership Committee. Any additional questions or concerns can be addressed with our Treasurer, Barbara Stone. Thank you for being a part of our church community!



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Becky Carlson - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart
 Danielle Chillemi - Vinny Ciro - Sal Costanzo
 Sue Costanzo - Audrina Crochitto - Joan Drake
 Joanne Drenckhahn - Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile
 Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmore - Barbara Grieser
 Emmy Grenzig - Theresa Heenan - Pr. John Hopkins
 Arnold Howard - Irene Knapp - Ruth Kollar
 Pr. John Krahn - Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea
 William McShea - John Miller - Marilyn Miller
 Lilly Ann Munnich - John Nittoli - James Pallas - Jim Pawl
 Barbara Proce - Gary Proce - Catherine Rao - Terri Rao
 Emmett Reilly - Rose Reilly - Ann Reimer
 Barbara Reimer - Della Dorn Rice - Helga Richert
 Kay Riese - Eunice Rischan - Doris Spiegle
 Natalie Stone - James Toomey

REMINDER: To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the Church office. Names remain on the list for six weeks per request, unless specified that it is a long-term request. Please be sure to apprise the Church office of any updates or changes.

CLC HISTORY



Pictured is a bustling Coffee Hour in the early 2000’s. There are still some open spots to host Coffee Hour in 2024. Please see Jan Eastlund if you would like to host.



PROPERTY REPORT – JAN 2024

Our Volunteer Retiree Group continues to perform the maintenance and/or improvement items from the “Office” To-Do list, Seasonal activities, or things we find ourselves, and can accomplish without professional help.

Our **recent activities** have included:

- We **drained and charged two Expansion tanks in the Ed Building boiler room.**
- We investigated the **Sanctuary Boiler room Expansion tank** to identify a means to drain. It has never had any maintenance, since installation. Calling Quinn.
- We completed, the ELCA lawn tree Christmas lights, and Manger figures..
- We placed the **North Sanctuary Wreath.**
- We **thank the Scout organizations** for the November yard cleanup. We were happily surprised to find the **50-60 leaf bags** gone when we went to place them at the curb for the Wednesday P/U. The Scouts had put them out for Tuesday.
- We prepared for Advent/Christmas by activating the **Flower stands** and the **Advent Wreath** and filled the Advent and rear Candles with oil.
- We got a start on the Christmas Season by assembling and placing the **“New” Sanctuary tree with Star** and the heavy wrought iron back candle stands, as well as the Entrance door light bars on the timer. We **removed the Christmas items from the old Choir Loft and Christmas closet** and set-up the platform and Front Manger figures, Put up the Wreaths on the windows, the North Wall decorations, and installed the Stairway Garland/Lights.
- We activated the anti-freeze lamps in and under the 10/20 stairway area.
- At a neighbor’s request, we adjusted the side **Parsonage Garage motion light** to reduce shining into the rear house bedroom.
- We placed new **cricket traps** in the boiler rooms and shed areas.
- A Split off Peach Tree Branch was cut it by **Craig** and prepared it for TOH P/U.
- We removed “Mr. Mittens” and the “Seafarer’s Box” to choir loft storage.
- Following the landscaper’s final cleanup (MCJ 379-6506), we installed the newly rewired **outside window spotlights** for use on **Christmas Eve.**
- When the **first Advent Candle** refused to light, we investigated and determined that a new **Wick** was required BUT after filling to the proper level, all was good. We will still replace all the wicks after Advent.
- We replaced a broken Sanctuary-**Loggia Door Stop** and rubber rubber tip.
- We set the Sanctuary Thermostats for Wednesday Choir rehearsal heat. We also set the room 2000 thermostat for Wednesday Choir, Thursday Technology, Friday Thrift Shop, and specials such as WELCA, Thrift Shop Christmas Party, Council Meeting, etc... **NOTE: it is NEVER acceptable to place a thermostat on HOLD! “USE THE ARROWS” up/down to handle all special heating needs if not programmed. Tell us when you need heat so we can program it for you.**
- We set the basement Thermostat for school time schedule.
- We activated the Parsonage heat and met the Liberty Meter Changer.

Retirees

RESEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LONG RANGE PROJECTS

- * Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary.**
- * Research a possible upgrade to the Sanctuary sound system.
- * Research a possible refurbish of the Education Building Main Floor Bathrooms.
- * Research a possible refurbish of the two Room 10 Bathrooms.
- * Research replacing the rear yard Stairway cover.
- * Research the possibility and costs to remove and **refurbish the Original Steeple Bell and Cradle.**
- * Research installing AirConditioning in the main Ed. Building classrooms.(Wkg)
- * Investigate installing a pole for power to the far Parking lot area for **Security.**

MISCELLANEOUS THINGS STILL NEEDING WORK

- * Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- * Repair numerous **Cement issues.** (Back walk, Pit wall, Pointing, Washes)
- * Price **professional intervention** to repair a **rear yard** broken and sinking **sidewalk square. !!!**
- * Investigate and strengthen the **Altar screen Filigree panels** which are **showing signs of looseness and cracking.**
- * **Power Wash** the “Greens”, especially on the Sheds beyond the parking lot.
- * Re-Seal the old office Duct Work to eliminate winter drafts.
- * Check for **loose stair treads** on the Room 10 and 20 stairways and re-glue.
- * **Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker.** Stones to pit? Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor. Extend the Sprinkler system into to the area.
- * Rebuild, once again, the rotting Front Sanctuary Planter Boxes.
- * Complete the Painting of the Thrift Shop incoming shed.
- * **Replace the Parsonage/Parking Lot “Post and Rail” fencing.**
- * Check/reset coverage of the flagpole Sprinkler head. Zone 1/North of walkway.
- * Touch-up the “Rust areas” on the outside fire escape.
- * Drain and charge the two Education Building **boiler Expansion tanks.(CMPLT)**
- * **Replace the water damaged ceiling tiles in the lower “east” bathroom.**
- * Replace the Parsonage Water shut off valves with Ball valves. Liberty/Quinn
(WKG)
- * Clean-out the “High” gutters on the East side of the Education Building. (WKG)
- * Investigate draining the Expansion tank in the Sanctuary Boiler room.(WKG)
- * Lubricate the bearings on the Gym South loft exhaust fan. Vacuum the grill.
- * Lubricate the Casters on the Gym Chair and Table racks.
- * Arrange for new carpeting in the Altar area, WELCA Project.

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

| 2024 WORSHIP DATES | USHERS | ALTAR GUILD | COUNTERS | ACOLYTE | COMM. ASST. | COFFEE HOUR HOST(S) |
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| Sun, January 7, 2024 BAPTISM OF OUR LORD 9:00AM Service (White) Last day of Christmas decorations. | John Gross Craig Sparkke | E. Colton & L.A. Munnich's Group | D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath | M. Murphy | Elaine DiChiara | The Rath & Baker Families |
| Sun, January 14, 2024 2 nd Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green) | Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander | D. Ohlander's Group | J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald | G. Franz | Dee Bloomfield | The Ohlander & Franz Families |
| Sun, January 21, 2024 3 rd Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green) | Eric Juergens John Gross | B. Rath's Group | J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander | M. Murphy | Barbara Stone | Lorell Ahearn, Kirsten Duprez, & Nancy Pisani |
| Sun, January 28, 2024 4 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green) ANNUAL MEETING | Craig Sparkke Robert Ahearn | E. Colton & L.A. Munnich's Group | R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel | G. Franz | Nancy Pisani | Council |
| Sun, February 4, 2024 5 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green) BOY SCOUT SUNDAY | Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens | D. Ohlander's Group | D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath | M. Murphy | Dee Bloomfield | Boy Scouts |
| Sun, February 11, 2024 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 9:00AM Service (White) | John Gross Craig Sparkke | B. Rath's Group | J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald | G. Franz | Elaine DiChiara | Regina Coons & Norma Mantay |

NEW WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

VOLUNTEERS ARE APPRECIATED AS WE APPROACH THE "BUSY" SEASONS OF LENT AND EASTER.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LEND A HAND. NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

IF YOU NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE TO YOUR ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE INFORM THE CHURCH OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO HOST A COFFEE HOUR, PLEASE CALL JAN EASTLUND AT 516-781-0491.

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p>31</p> <p>Church Office Closed</p> <p>Happy New Year!</p> <p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p> | <p>1</p> <p>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow</p> <p>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</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>Finance Meeting Time TBD</p> <p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</p> <p>5pm - Tech Literacy</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 - W&M/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>5pm - Tech Literacy</p> | <p>12</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>9am - 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>Spike 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>5pm - Tech Literacy</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>9am - Sunday School</p> <p>9am - Worship</p> <p>10:15am - Confirm</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 - Spike 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>5pm - Tech Literacy</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 - Worship</p> <p>10am - 2024 Annual Meeting</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>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10</p> <p>7pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>8pm - Adult Choir</p> | <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> |

Nursery School News: January 2024



Our little 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 2023 with a big Christmas party with lots of sweet treats and Christmas music.

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 blast. They had a beautiful singalong 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 four-year-olds were super busy learning the true meaning of Christmas as well as making lots of fun Christmas decorations. We made a Christmas count-down Santa, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer hat, ornaments that decorated our classroom, invites to our pageant, and many other Christmas themed projects. The best part of our December traditions in the four-year-old classroom is the Christmas Pageant. The children put on a beautiful pageant in the church that was Broadway worthy. We couldn't be prouder of them! They were amazing!

All the children loved our special visitor 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. Registration Begins Soon!

Registration for the 2024/2025 school year starts Wednesday, January 10th for in-house families and Wednesday, January 17th for those not yet attending. 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, christiannurseryschoolwantagh.org.

We Wish Everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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Coming in January...

January 1st: Happy New Year! Church Office Closed

January 4th: Finance Meeting, Time TBD

January 6th: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM-2PM

January 8th: Worship & Music/Council Meeting, 7PM

January 15th: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Church Office Closed

January 17th: February Spire Submission Deadline

January 24th: Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

January 28th: The 2024 Annual Meeting, After 9AM Worship Service

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

Thursdays: Tech Literacy Workshop, 5PM, Room 2000

Fridays: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM

