

Dear Friend:

I have been asking everyone who loves the Lord's church at Christ Wantagh to pray God's blessing on our church every day. Many of you have joined me in this most important endeavor, and it is bearing fruit. Our attendance has increased markedly since the beginning of the year. And many of you have increased your donations to the Lord's ministry.

Now that more and more of our members are being vaccinated, those who have not been attending church because of the pandemic should be returning. We miss you and you need to receive Holy Communion regularly and join our worship of the good Lord. Introduce yourself to me this coming Sunday at 9 am.

Please join me in prayer that at least two of you reading this will volunteer to teach Sunday School. Talk it over with God. With two teachers, you can take turns teaching our young children. Sunday School will take place from 9 am until 9:40 am so that the teacher can rejoin the service and receive Holy Communion.

We need to do major work in our parsonage getting it ready for the next pastor. This will cost tens of thousands of dollars. We are asking all of our members to make a generous contribution to help offset this expense. Recently one of our senior citizens gave our church a check for \$1,000 from the \$1,400 she just received from the government relief effort. We are grateful for her generosity. Please complete the pledge slip below and return it in your offering envelope. Also write "**Parsonage"** on your check when you make a donation.

God loves you and so do I, Pastor Krahn

#### Parsonage Refurbishing Pledge

Over the next six months, I/we pledge a total of: \$\_\_\_\_\_to the Parsonage Refurbishing Fund. We understand these gifts are to be over and above our regular offerings.

## Parish Register MEMORIALS

## **General Memorial**

In Memory of: Alice Fredrikson Given by: Janice & John Eastlund

In Memory of: Rosemarie Dunne Given by: Patrice & Robert Calnen

## Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: Donald Reuter, Jr. Given by: Kathy & Fred Ackermann and Family

In Memory of: Caolan Joy Given by: Nancy & Allen Pisani

# Property Improvement & Maintenance Memorial

In Honor of: Doris Gannon's birthday Given by: Margaret Dahlberg

## **Easter Memorials**

In Memory of: Rose & Irving Gainer Given by: Carole, Raymond, Nicholas and Tlffani Padula

In Memory of: Fred, John, Mom, Pop, Marion and Conrad Given by: Kay Riese

## 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, Joan Drake, Suzanne Marshall, Elise Sheridan, Flynn James, Carol Gallagher, George Balduf.

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 221-3286 or email church@clcwantagh.org.

## Good News & Blessings...

# Congratulations to Marge Dahlberg and family on the birth of her first great grandchild, Samantha Joann Thomsen!

Many thanks for the gift of Palm Branches on Passion/Palm Sunday, given by the Leib family in loving memory of Ken Leib, John & Adele Reinke and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Leib.

We thank the following people, who read at the Tenebrae Service on Good Friday evening: Deacon Roxanne Toomey, Pastor Krahn, Eric Juergens, Barbara Stone, Nicole Nicholson. Director - Jim Speigle Lighting - Jim Boniello Acolyte - Ava Porth, Confirmation Student

We thank Nicole Nicholson, Director of Music, Chris Sahar, Organist, the Senior Choir, and the Bell Choir for their beautiful music during the Easter season! Also our guest instrumentalists: Hannah Proce on xylophone and Sarah Baker on French horn.

The Easter worship bulletins were a gift from Claudia & John Gross and Jennifer, Craig and Hannah Proce in loving memory of Caroline & John H. Gross and Emilie & Peter Geestmann and Lynn Geestmann Cerra.

The two new white hanging banners on the sanctuary walls were a gift given in memory of Lynn Geestmann Cerra by Robert Cerra.

#### May Birthdays

- 1 ~ Eunice Rischan
- 1 ~ Matthew Newhall
- $4 \sim Nicholas \ Michael \ Banz \sim 17^{th}$
- 6 ~ Lisa Fogal
- $8 \sim Matthew Soethout \sim 20^{th}$
- 10 ~ Leroy Deere
- 11 ~ John Gross
- 11 ~ Mike McGuiness
- 14 ~ Jeri Hallgren
- 16 ~ Dee Bloomfield
- 16 ~ Cynthia Jones 98<sup>th</sup>
- 21 ~ Cathy Fitzgerald
- 23 ~ Dan Bloomfield
- 27 ~ Ashley Ahearn
- 28 ~ Gizelle Newhall
- 30 ~ Kirsten Duprez
- 30 ~ Lorell Ahearn

#### May Anniversaries

- 5~ Maureen (Raitz) & Ron Fretz 14<sup>th</sup>
- 28 ~ Kirsten & Fred Duprez ~  $37^{th}$
- 31 ~ Sandie & Julian Reed ~ 18th

If you have any news item you would like to share, send to <u>church@clcwantagh.org</u> or by post: 3384 Island Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793. You may also give it to Pastor Krahn.

## CLC Youth

#### IT WAS TRULY AN EGGSCEPTIONAL DAY

On Saturday, April 3rd, on a beautiful sunny day, about 50 excited children scurried all over the lawn at church searching for the 1200 colorful Easter eggs that the Easter Bunny hid in the bushes, and lawn at CLC. Family and friends egged them on. Amid laughter and giggles, the children scrambled around and it is reported that every egg was found. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny had a lot of help from his assistant bunnies from the Heron family. Much thanks to Jessica and her family for bringing back this wonderful CLC tradition and making it better than ever.

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Vacation Bible School will be held Monday through Thursday, June 28-July 1 – 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon.** For more information, please email Jessica Heron at <u>jheron423@yahoo.com</u> or call her at 516-633-9518.

## April Church Council Highlights

Pastor Krahn will be initiating a weekly 3 minute devotion for Wednesday evenings via the church's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

Our bells have been sent to Schulmerich for refurbishment.

Thanks to Jessica Heron and her **committee of** volunteers, the Easter Egg Hunt was a big success. It was attended by 50 children, who collected 1,200 candy-filled eggs!

Pastor is teaching Small Catechism to the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Sunday mornings, from 10:15 to 11:00am.

4<sup>th</sup> graders will be receiving First Communion on the Day of Pentecost: Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> this year.

Bibles will be given to the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders in the coming weeks during a Sunday service.

Reservations are being taken for 3 to 5 year olds Summer Program, at our Christian Nursery School. The program runs from July 5<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Dana Antonette at 516-679-8425.

#### 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

#### LOOKING FOR HELP FROM THE CONGREGATION FOR A JOINT WELCA/THRIVENT PROJECT

WELCA is planning to make Personal Care kits for Lutheran World Relief at a meeting in April. Items especially needed are bath-sized bars of soap, adult toothbrushes in original packaging and dark bath towels. 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. Members of the congregation can help by donating any of these items this month and placing them in the box across from the library. Monetary donations can be given to the office to help purchase items or to pay for shipping.

Thank you to Thrivent for providing \$250 seed money for this event to help with the mailing and to purchase items needed to help complete kits.

From the Transition Team: The Assessment Team will be meeting in the near future. You will be receiving via email and USPS mail a Congregational Assessment Survey. This is to evaluate what everyone wants in a new pastor.

We need EVERYONE to complete the survey and return it as soon as possible.

## REMINDER

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

We welcome Elaine DiChiara to our team of volunteers!

#### BEQUESTS

How Will You Distribute God's Money?

God calls upon us all to make use of the gifts he bestows upon us in both our life and beyond it at our death. It is both appropriate and right to remember Christ Lutheran in your Will. Through your Will you can return a portion of what is left after you die to Christ Lutheran as your contribution towards the continuation of its ministry. Many others have done this before you. A suggested amount is the Biblical tithe, or 10% of your estate. Those without children might well consider more. Please speak with Pastor (631-720-6129) on how you might provide for Christ Lutheran's future.

A new monthly series: Christ Lutheran Wantagh History



Susan Beck designed and created the Easter altar frontal for the Geestmann Family, in memory of Peter Geetsmann. Design elements include:

<u>Boat</u> - a symbol for the church; the music clef staff on the boat represents the first few notes of "A Mighty Fortress."

Loaves & Fishes - Jesus feeding the 5,000 with loaves and fishes

<u>Butterflies</u> - symbol for the Resurrection <u>Calla Lily</u> - symbol of Resurrection that transitions into flames for the giving of Holy Spirit on Pentecost Flames - symbol of Pentecost - flames in the form of initials P.G. (Peter Geestmann), whom the frontal memorializes.

If you have a treasure of Christ's rich history you'd like to share, please email <u>church@clcwantagh.org</u>.

## **PROPERTY REPORT – MAY 2021**

Our **Small Aging Retiree Group** has resumed our Pre-Pandemic activities and has now caught up with most of the items on the To-Do list. Our activities recently have included:

- With council approval, we have completed the **replacement** of all the old **Smoke detectors and CO units,** wherever they existed, with new 10-year extended life and battery units. We also purchased units to install in the Parsonage at the appropriate time. New units are now installed throughout the Education Building, in Room 2000, the 2000 hallway and the 10/20 building.
- We continued our building wide **vinyl window refurbishment** project in Room 2000 and Room 10 Cleaning the accessible Glass and lubricating the accessible sashes. We thank Doris O for washing, ironing, and hanging the Room 10 curtains.
- We serviced the **Snow Blower** for storage with new oil, cleaned plug and a carburetor cleaning. We used sta-bil, WD40, and Silicon spray for protection
- We purchased and installed **2-new outside lamppost fixtures on the posts** along the parsonage parking lot fence.
- We replaced a flashing lower bathroom U-Bent florescent bulb.
- We ordered additional **mini screwdrivers** to replace those that have "disappeared". These items are needed to open the battery compartments to **remove the bad batteries** from the hands free units and are kept nearby.
- We monitored the refurbishment of **two "Flushometers"** in the main floor bathrooms. We thank Chris for calling our plumber, **Bill Quinn 826-3253**.
- We moved a parking lot bumper allowing easier access to the storage sheds.
- We purchased paint and refreshed the Room 2000 hallway entrance.
- We monitored a property wide "energy survey" by a PSEG contractor, and we await their findings and recommendations.
- We replaced the middle Flagpole spotlight and re-positioned the flag halyard.
- We repaired the leaking front gutter seam with "Flexseal".
- We re-secured the South basement window cover, dislodged by wind.
- We re-secured a couple of tiles in the counting room.

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 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**)

\* 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.

\* Refurbish Communion tables and replace the "red" felt shelf covers. (Wkg)

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

\* Replace all the Smoke and CO detectors with new long life units. (CMPLT)

\* Replace the two Parsonage side "Lamp Post" light fixtures. (CMPLT)

\* Repair the leaking "Gutter Seam" in front of the Sanctuary windows. (CMPLT) \*Arrange for plumber to restore two flushometers in the main hall bathrooms.(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 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 installing Solar panels for electric on the Steinbicker building.

\* Survey and Research all cement sidewalks, steps, ramps, and washes for professional intervention.

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

#### May 2021 Calendar Christ Lutheran Church Wantagh



MAY 2021 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS 9:00	ALTAR GUILD	Flower Delivery	Acolytes & *Crucifers	Counters	Greeters	Coffee Hosts
Sun., May 2, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter 9:00 am - Worship (White)		E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group			J. FITZGERALD J. Eastlund J. Eastlund		
Sun., May 9, 2021 6th Sunday of Easter 9:00am-Worship (White)		D. Ohlander's Group			R. OHLANDER B. Henderson M Soethout J. Fahey		
Sun., May 16, 2021 Ascension of Our Lord 9:00am-Worship (White)		B. Rath's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		
Sun., May 23, 2021 Day of Pentecost 9:00am -Worship (Red)		E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group			R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B.Rath B. Rath		
Sun., May 30, 2021 The Holy Trinity 9:00am-Worship (White)		D. Ohlander's Group			J. FITZGERALD J. Eastlund J. Eastlund		



Have you started searching for that great Mother's Day gift yet? Are you looking for a special way to honor or remember your mother, grandmother or a special woman in your life? Why not try something different and meaningful this year?

CLC is providing a unique opportunity to show your love. It is called "Mother's Day Caring Sunday." For each donation of \$5.00, the names of those being honored and remembered will be listed in the Sunday bulletin on Mother's Day and a listing of the names will be posted in the Narthex. All money collected in this way will be donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.

If you are interested, please fill out the tear-off sheet below and return to the Church office by Friday, April 30. Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and indicate on check "Mother's Day Caring Sunday". Thank you!

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Env. #	MOTHER'S DAY CARING SUNI MAY 9, 2021	DAY
Donation given by:		
In Honor of:		
In Memory of:		
# of Donations:		
Amount Enclosed: \$		

Please return form and check by Friday, April 30 to Church office - 3384 Island Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793

## The Festival Day of Pentecost May 23, 2021

The color "red" symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit given to the disciples on Pentecost Day as it is recorded in the second chapter of Acts.



On Sunday, May 23, 2021, we at Christ Church will celebrate Pentecost Day and at the same time First Communion Sunday for our fourth grade Sunday School Class, who will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion for the first time. The Worship & Music Committee would like, once again, to adorn the church and church grounds for this day with red geraniums. These plants will be arranged in the Sanctuary for the morning service and thereafter be planted outside in the church gardens. If you would like to participate, please fill out and return the form below by Monday, May 17, 2021. Thank you!

Christ Lutheran Church "Pentecost Geraniums" 3384 Island Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793

Yes, please order \_\_\_\_\_ (how many) 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" pot RED geraniums at \$5.00 each.

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ Envelope No. \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Please list my geraniums:

\_\_\_\_\_ In thanksgiving to God.

In honor of the 2021 First Communion Class

In memory of:



Please make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church Deadline: Monday, May 17, 2021



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Christ Lutheran Church 
A Wantagh, New York Monday, June 28—Thursday, July 1, 2021
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM — Registration: \$30.00/child

Dear Parents,

This year's Vacation Bible School will be an exciting time for our children. There's a "God's Wonder Lab" adventure awaiting us and we would like your child/children to come along! On this adventure, we'll also meet new friends, do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks and more! It's going to be fun, but it would be more fun with you there! Masks will be worn and social distancing will be in place. For more information on CoVid precautions, visit: https://www.christiannurseryschoolwantagh.org/reopening-plan.

*The registration* & medical forms deadline is <u>Friday, June 18</u>. To avoid disappointment, register now.

➡ If you have any questions, please call the church office at 516-221-3286.

All children must have passed their third birthday on or before January 1, 2021 (and be potty trained). Please complete the registration form below (<u>one per family</u>) and the medical form (no doctor report required) and include your check payable to <u>Christ Lutheran Church</u>.

Completed applications should be sent to: CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH 3384 Island Road Wantagh, NY 11793 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION – 2021 The Rev. Dr. John H. Krahn, Interim Pastor

Child's Name	Age	Birth Date Month/Day/Year	Please circle your child's 2020/2021 school grade
1.			None Nur K 1 2 3 4 5
2.			None Nur K 1 2 3 4 5
3.			None Nur K 1 2 3 4 5
4.			None Nur K 1 2 3 4 5

Parent/Guardian's

Name (Please Print)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Email

\_\_\_\_\_I do NOT authorize any photos/videos of my child to be published online or in print.

Parent/	Guard	lian's

Signature _			
Membership:	□ Christ Lutheran □ St. David's Lutheran □ St. Frances de Chantal □ St. William the Abbot □ Wantagh Memorial	□ Our Redeemer □ St. Jude's Episcopal □ Grace Episcopal □ St. Barnabas □ Maria Regina	
	Congregational St. John Lutheran, Bellmore	Grace Lutheran	

□ I would like to volunteer some of my time to assist with the program. I would prefer to assist in this area:

- □ Bible Teacher
- $\Box$  Crafts
- □ Games
- □ Snack
- □ Music

*I can help:* Every Day  $\Box$ Only these days: M $\Box$  Tu $\Box$  W $\Box$  Th $\Box$  Fr $\Box$ 

□ Put me wherever you need me

□ Floater (fill in as needed)

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Date Received	
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## FATHER'S DAY, JUNE 13, 2021 2X4 SUNDAY

**MAKE FATHER'S DAY SPECIAL!** Have you started searching for that special Father's Day gift yet? Are you looking for a way to honor or remember your father, grandfather or a special man in your life?

We are providing you with a unique opportunity to show your love. It is called 2x4 Sunday. For each donation of \$5.00, the names of those being honored or remembered will be listed in the Sunday bulletin on Father's Day and a listing of the names will be posted in the Narthex. All money collected will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity to purchase supplies for the homes that are being built in the Suffolk area.

If you are interested, please fill out the tear-off sheet below and **return to the Church office by Sunday, June 6**. Make checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church and indicate on memo line donation is for 2x4 Sunday. Thank you!

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Donation Given By:		
In Honor of:		
In Memory of:		
# of Donations:		
Amount Enclosed:\$		

Please return form and check to Church office - 3384 Island Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793 by Sunday, June 6.



## April Nursery School News

March was such a busy month filled with learning and celebrations at the Christian Nursery School! We celebrated Lutheran School Association Spirit Week at the nursery school. We started the fun off withSports Day where the children dressed in their favorite sports team. Nextup was Pajama Day! I can't think of a better way to spend the day but in cozy pajamas with some good friends. The children enjoyed a class of "Music and Movement" where the children all got up and danced their little hearts out! They truly enjoyed making music with their hands and instruments! We ended the week off all wearing blue and enjoying some yummy ice cream treats topped with blue sprinkles!



On St Patrick's day we all wore green and brought home many leprechaun, rainbow, and shamrock crafts. We had class parties and enjoyed green bagels and many green treats! The children had a special little visitor too! A pesky, little,mischievous fella! We tried to catch him in a leprechaun trap but he managed to get away; but not without getting into some trouble first! The children were excited to see the mischief our leprechaun friend had gotten into. From tiny footprints on the floor to messes on the desks!

Now that Spring is here and the nicer weather is upon us, the children love getting outside to play and explore the nature God has created that surrounds them everyday.

We ended the month learning the true story of Easter. The children enjoyed hearing stories all about Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. They created beautiful crafts to take home of Crosses, Easter Eggs and lots of Bunny pictures. Each class celebrated with an Easter party filled with sweet treats and yummy pizza. They all learned new holiday songs that they were so proud to sing for their loved ones at dismissal. The children were beaming with excitement while they hunted for Easter eggs and Easter baskets with their classmates.! It was a beautiful fun filled way to end the month and begin the celebration of Easter.



#### Christ Lutheran Church

3384 Island Road Wantagh, NY 11793 Church (516) 221-3286 Nursery School (516) 679-8425 www.CLCWantagh.org

Electronic Service Requested

#### \*\*CONTAINS TIME SENSITIVE MATERIAL\* \*

## May 2021

If you do not wish to receive this mailing, Please return this sheet to the address above.

## Coming in May. . . .

- Sun., May 9 Mother's Day
- Mon., May 10 Council Meeting
- Wed., May 12 SPIRE Deadline
- Thurs., May 20 SPIRE Mailing
- Sun., May 23 Day of Pentecost ~ First Communion  $\ensuremath{\textbf{Sunday}}$
- Mon., May 31 Memorial Day: Church Office/Nursery School closed