



# The Spire

The Newsletter of  
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY  
Website: [www.CLCWantagh.org](http://www.CLCWantagh.org)

## February 2024

Dear Friends,

A new year comes with resolutions, decisions that need to be made, but most of all there has to be hope. One month into the new year and many of us have already blown past those resolutions that we made about a month ago. We have also had to make some decisions so far this year, some simple like what sweater to wear or some more serious ones that might affect our health and well-being. All of us have hope, in one form or another. As a congregation, we hope that 2024 will see a happy conclusion to the lengthy call process. We hope that our congregation can welcome back many of our congregants that have been away for too long because of a variety of circumstances. Most of all, we hope that with the arrival of a new Pastor our already strong ministries can grow even stronger and that we have many new opportunities to expand our ministry even further into our community.

As you heard me tell you at the Annual Meeting, 2023 was another good year despite the fact that we have been without a regular Pastor for over three years. Many congregations, even in our vicinity, are struggling to keep their Church alive. Some are faced with going from a full-time Pastor to part-time ministry. But still they hope that even under those circumstances they can keep the Church they love going in one form or another. Yes, there are always difficult decisions to be made for a Church, but ultimately we live in hope that whatever we decide it is in the best interest of our Church.

Whatever happens, no matter how long it takes, I urge you to always live in hope that better days are still in front of us. It's all we have until our next Pastor comes to lead us into the future.

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 mailing? If so, please call Jeri Hallgren at 516-519-2510. Thank you!



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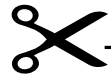
# 2024 Easter Flower Memorials

Dear Friends,

Easter Sunday is on March 31 this year. Soon it will be time to plan for the adorning of the Church. There will be the usual altar flowers along with assorted spring flowers. The decorations, as memorials, will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin. The suggested amount of the gift is \$15.00. Please complete the form below and return it, with your check, to the Church office. Kindly have all submissions in no later than **Tuesday, March 25.**

Sincerely,  
Della Rao

Parish Administrator



Christ Lutheran Church  
2024 Easter Flower Memorials  
3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793

I am enclosing \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the Easter flowers. Please select:  Cash  Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of Memorials: \_\_\_\_\_ Offering Envelope #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Please clearly print below **exactly as you'd like your memorials to appear in the bulletin:**

in Thanksgiving to God.

in Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

in Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given By: \_\_\_\_\_

# PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

## General Memorial

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

*Given by: Kathy & Fred Ackermann and Family*

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

*Given by: John and Jan Eastlund*

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

*Given by: June & John Fahey*

In Memory of: **Robert Cerra**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **Gladys Doherty**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **George Haab**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **Richard Mayer**

*Given by: Claudia & John Gross*

In Memory of: **Bob Freyer**

*Given by: Linda & Bob Jarvis*

In Memory of: **Robert Cerra**

*Given by: Jennifer, Craig, and Hannah Proce*

In Memory of: **Gladys Doherty**

*Given by: Jennifer, Craig, and Hannah Proce*

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

*Given by: Robert & Joyce Steinmetz*

## Music Ministry Memorial

In Memory of: **Jerry Cardone**

*Given by: Jeri Hallgren*

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

*Given by: Jeri Hallgren*

In Memory of: **Jerry Grieser**

*Given by: Jeri Hallgren*

## Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

*Given by: Eleanor Freyer*

In Memory of: **Robert Cerra**

*Given by: Jeri Hallgren*

In Memory of: **William Schindler**

*Given by: Jeri Hallgren*

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

*Given by: Norma Mantay*

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

*Given by: Doris & Roger Ohlander*

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

*Given by: Doris & Roger Ohlander*

In Memory of: **George Haab**

*Given by: Doris & Roger Ohlander*

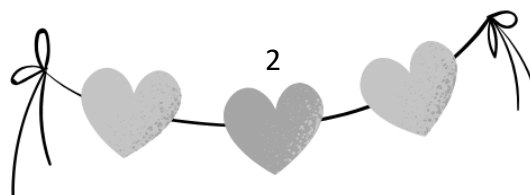
In Memory of: **William Richard Schindler**

*Given by: Doris & Roger Ohlander*

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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



## Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: **Frank Ernst**

Given by: **Kathy & Fred Ackermann and Family**

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

Given by: **Regina Coons**

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: **Regina Coons**

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

Given by: **Lynn Deere**

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

Given by: **Doris Gannon**

In Memory of: **Robert Cerra**

Given by: **Lilly Ann Munnich**

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

Given by: **Lilly Ann Munnich**

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: **Lilly Ann Munnich**

In Memory of: **Waitstill (Pat) Gardella**

Given by: **Lilly Ann Munnich**

In Memory of: **Robert Harter**

Given by: **Lilly Ann Munnich**

In Memory of: **Marge Dahlberg**

Given by: **Barbara & Roy Stone**

In Memory of: **Robert Freyer**

Given by: **Barbara & Roy Stone**

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## GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

### February Birthdays

15: Kaitlyn Kuchynskas

21: Steven Joseph Achatz

22: Kyliana Corrison

23: Charles Juergens

24: MacKenzie Murphy

27: Freya Schmitt

28: Elianna Rose Feder

28: Elise (Henderson) Sheridan



### February Anniversaries

11: Lisa and Michael Soethout

14: Thitporn and Ralph Pollock

**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.**

### Congratulations!

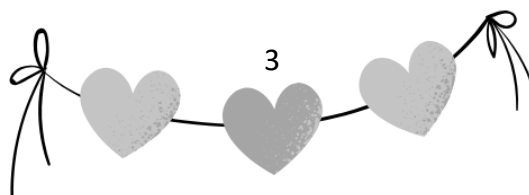


Barbara and Roy Stone are thrilled to announce the birth of their grandson, **Tripp Roy Stone**, born on January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 to Shaun and Nicole Stone.

### Good News

- **2023 Congregational Christmas Card:** The 2023 Congregational Christmas Card raised **\$385 for the Lutheran Social Services New Life Center**. Thank you to all those who contributed to our collection by sending in their thoughtful Christmas wishes for our congregation:

- **Kathy & Fred Ackermann and Family**
- **Vinny & Terri Ciro**
- **Regina Coons**
- **Jan and John Eastlund**
- **Doris Gannon**
- **Claudia & John Gross**
- **Bob & Lynn Hasteadt**
- **The Juergens Family**
- **Jean Leib**
- **Norma Mantay**
- **Pastor Martin & Heidi Nale**
- **Nancy & Allen Pisani**
- **Rich & Sharon Speckmann**
- **Barbara & Roy Stone**



- **United States Postal Service**
- **Wantagh Abbey Funeral Home**
- **Save the Date: Lent is Near!** While it seems as if we celebrated Christmas only a moment ago, the time has come for us to prepare for the season of Lent. **Ash Wednesday worship service will be held on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM.** Our popular **Lenten devotional series**, a collaboration with local pastors and our Music Director, Nicole Nicholson, will return this year! Devotionals will be sent out weekly via email, and also posted on our Facebook and YouTube pages.
- **Save the Date! The Wantagh St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.** Volunteers are invited to represent Christ Lutheran by marching or driving with us. If you would like to participate, please contact the Church office, or speak with Della Rao by **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Make sure to wear green!
- **Save the Dates!** Holy Week falls on **March 24<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>** this year. Worship times will be announced soon. Keep an eye on the bulletin, online, and in the March Spire.
- **Worship Assistants Needed!** On Christmas Eve, we were very grateful to have **Jim and Emma Bloomfield** step up to fill an usher vacancy at the 8PM service. While our church is fortunate to have many dedicated worship assistants, new volunteers are appreciated! No prior experience is needed, and we are happy to train you. If you would like to serve as a Communion assistant, altar guild member, usher, or counter, please contact the Church office for more details. Thank you!
- **Altar Flowers:** The Worship & Music Committee would like to form a group of volunteers to pick up our altar flowers from neighborhood markets, maintain them during the week, and set them up for Sunday service. If you are interested in lending a hand, please speak with **Claudia and John Gross**. Thank you!

## CLC Youth News

- **Boy Scout Sunday: Boy Scout Sunday will be celebrated this year on February 4<sup>th</sup>.** This is an annual date of recognition of the social and spiritual contributions of Scouts and Scout Alumnae throughout the United States. We at Christ Lutheran are sincerely grateful for the commitment to serving God and others continually shown by our Scouts, all Scout leaders and volunteers, and their families. Our congregation is indebted to you! The rosters of our Scout Troops are included with our gratitude in this edition of the Spire.
- **2024 Easter Egg Hunt:** Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will return this year! **Save the date for Saturday,**

- **March 30<sup>th</sup>.** An RSVP form is included on page 8 of your Spire. **Would you like to lend a hand in filling the 1,600 Easter eggs needed for this fun event?** Church families and organizations are welcome to pitch in. The eggs and treats will be provided for you. If you are willing and able to lend a hand, please speak with **Claudia Gross or Della Rao**. Thank you for your help!
- **Registration for the 2024-2025 school year at The Christian Nursery School is now open!** Very few open spots and waitlist slots remain. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please call the CNS Director, Dana Antonette, at 516-679-8425.

## 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 February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** 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.

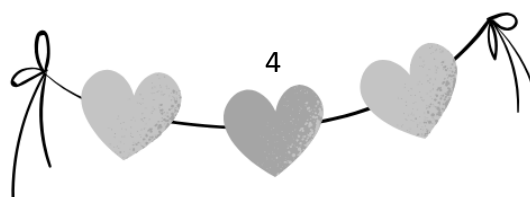
## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Outreach:

- **Congregational Christmas Card:** \$385 was raised and donated to the L.S.S. New Life Center food pantry.
- **Benevolence Fund:** Two donations of \$258.32 each were sent to Birthright and the John Theissen Children's Foundation (3% allocation for 2023).
- **Birthright:** Della is contact with a representative from the Wantagh Birthright center to have a special collection of maternity and baby items in the Spring.

### Old Business:

- **2024 Budgets:** Council recommended that the drafted 2024 budgets be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.



- **Snow Removal:** Council approved the 2024 operating contract with South Shore LI Contracting, who will be paid per service rendered as in previous seasons.
- **Eagle Scout Project:** The CLC Prayer Garden project has been formally approved by the Boy Scout Council. Fundraising plans will be announced soon.

#### New Business:

- **Volunteers Needed:** New worship assistants (Altar Guild, Counters, Ushers, Communion Assistants) are needed. Sign-up sheets will be made available. We are also hoping to create a volunteer group for altar flowers.
- Council thanked **Hans Vogel** for his six years in leadership as President. His term ends on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### Nursery Board:

- **Enrollment:** 79 students are currently enrolled.
- **Registration:** Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. Many of the spots have already been filled! Call the Nursery office for more information.

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **Christian Education will not meet on February 18<sup>th</sup>.**
- **Sunday School:** It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the school year! Our students have made great strides in learning about the Gospel, and learning to read the Bible. We are, as always, very proud of them!
- **Help Wanted!** We are seeking **teaching assistants** to assist with our growing Sunday School classes. Youth and young adults seeking service hours are welcome! You do not need to be available every Sunday. Please see a Christian Education Committee member or speak with Claudia Gross or Della Rao for more information.
- **Confirmation Program:** In the eighth-grade, our first semester of the year has ended, and we've moved onto second half of our school year! Soon, it will be time to prepare for an incoming group of seventh-graders. Our current sixth-graders will be transitioning to Pre-Confirmation lessons soon. **Recommendations for Spring service projects are welcome!** Please speak with any member of the Confirmation Team to share.

## CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

**Homebound Communion:** Did you know that we offer Communion for the homebound? 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. **Homebound ashes will also be available upon request.**

**Personal Care Kits:** We encourage all who are able to give toward our Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please send in your donations by **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. See "Thrivent" for additional information and a list of items.

## WELCA

**WELCA mourns the losses of longtime member Marge Dahlberg, and Bob Freyer, husband of Eleanor Freyer.** Although it is already February, WELCA is gearing up for its first official meeting of the year! Please join us on **Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 1PM in Room 2000**. At our February and March meetings, WELCA plans to help fill Easter eggs for our Annual **Easter Egg Hunt**. We invite all church organizations to do the same! The next **WELCA Conference Bible Study** will be held on **Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 10AM at St. John Lutheran Church in Bellmore**. On-street parking is available; please use the entrance under the staircase. Leading us is Pastor Perry Kirschbaum. As always, new members are welcome to join!

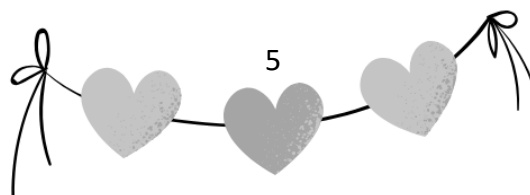
**Personal Care Kits:** On March 6<sup>th</sup>, WELCA and Thrivent will assemble and ship Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please consider giving to our collection by **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. See "Thrivent" for more information.

## THRIVENT FINANCIAL

**To Members of the Congregation:** On March 6<sup>th</sup>, WELCA and Thrivent plan to assemble and ship Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. The kits will be distributed to victims of natural disaster and political upheaval. We are looking to members of the congregation to donate the following items by **Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**:

- **Bath towels (dark colors preferred)**
  - *In previous years, we have found lightweight bath towels at Walmart for \$2-\$3. These are especially needed!*
- Bath-size soap bars
- Toothbrushes
- Wide-tooth combs
- Nail clippers
- Monetary donations (cash or check payable to WELCA) for the purchase of items

We have applied to **Thrivent Financial** for financial assistance to ship the kits and to purchase additional needed items to complete them. All item donations may be left in the designated box in the loggia. Please give or mail all



monetary donations to the Church office. Thank you for any help you can give to this worthwhile project.

**To All Thrivent Members:** Be sure to check if you have Choice Dollars. You can direct these to our Church, Nursery School, or another charitable organization on Thrivent's register. It only takes a minute. Call 1-800-Thrivent, or visit [thrivent.com](http://thrivent.com) to begin. **Be sure to do this by March 31<sup>st</sup>**, or you will lose this valuable opportunity to direct Thrivent funding to a cause you believe in.

## FROM THE KNITWITS...

It is with a heavy heart that I tell you of the passing of one of our Knitwits, **Pat Gardella**, at 102. I was introduced to her by her good friend, Ruth Kollar. Pat wanted to crochet for us during Covid in 2020. I would bring her yarn and go back weeks later to pick up the most beautiful blankets she created. She always had something for Thrift waiting for me. This went on for three years. She will be missed by so many. Certainly, I will miss our chats as I visited for pickup and delivery. I was blessed to know her and call her a friend. God Bless You, Pat. Again, if you need yarn, needles, or hooks, I have plenty for you. If you know of someone who would like to knit or crochet for us, I have yarn and patterns for them. Just like with Pat, I can pick up and deliver if necessary. Many thanks!

- Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663

## CLC HISTORY



*Pictured is one of our early Scout troops. We wish all our Scouts, leaders, and families a happy Boy Scout Sunday!*

## BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

**Members of the Christ Lutheran Church Congregation,** I wish to thank the church and our members who ordered Scout wreaths this past Christmas. The wreaths help offset the costs of providing the scouting program to our youth which includes events, equipment, awards, camping, etc. The Scouts work very hard decorating the wreaths and have a fun time "creating" their designs. On behalf of the adult leaders, youth members and myself, we thank you for your

support, as without you we would not be able to have a troop or pack. A special thank-you to **Hans, Barbara, Nancy, and Della** for the "extra" time that they spent working with me this past year to help our youth and our strong Scouting units. This year, we have three Eagle Scout projects slated to begin after Church Council approved them over the past few months. You will begin to see work on them in the Spring, with a prayer garden being built and lights installed on the exterior of the Sanctuary. There will also be technology upgrades to Room 10, to allow for classroom instruction, movie nights, and entertainment. I've included a listing of our Cub Scout Pack 191, Troop 656-B and our female Troop 656-G. **Our Scouting units have been providing collectively over 130 years of service to our church, community, and our youth.** This tremendous relationship allows us to further our mission each and every year. I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge our Scout leaders and parents who are going to great lengths to see our programs succeed: **Cubmaster Luke Feder – Pack 191; Scoutmaster Jim Bloomfield – Troop 656-B, and Scoutmaster Neil MacDermott – Troop 656-G.** Thank you again for your continued support.

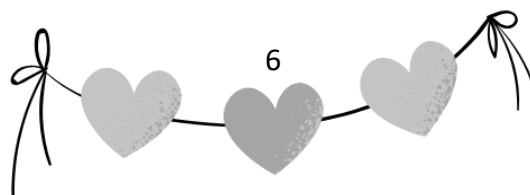
*Sincerely, Dee Bloomfield*



## Cub Scout Pack 191: Chartered August 1, 1954 70 Years of Service

**Adult Leaders:** Christopher Abel, Dorothy Bloomfield, James Bloomfield, Fran Bruno, Corinna Divver, Paul Divver, Luke Feder, Charleen Fichtl, Eric Fichtl, Michael Kelly, Chris Kugler, Hoyan Lam, Renee MacDermott, David Messer, Pr. Martin Nale, Antonio Pires, Maria Totten, and Maribeth Widelo

**Youth Members:** Brody Abel, Xander Abel, Jordan Akturk, Koray Akturk, Dominick Andriano, Nicholas Andriano, Johnny Anthanasopoulos, Chase Balbuena, Luke Boehm, Jacob Brown, Tyler Clift, Harry Corsentino, Adam Cutrone, Matthew DePaola, Matthew Feder, Christopher Fichtl, Isabella Fichtl, Dylan Flaherty, Robert Fox, Michael Gao, Connor Gilmor, Michael Healy, Michael Heron, Finnley Horn, Steven Hyland, Dylan Jonker, John Paul Kampfer, Angelo Koskinas, Logan Kugler, Joseph Lapidus, Dominic Lerro, James Lindner, Landon Lindner, Eric MacDermott, Kellan MacDermott, Jodh Malik, Jack Meinck, Luke Messer, Matthew Minicus, Jordin Nezamoodeen, Zachary Papier, Zachary Pellegrino, Cody Pierce, Adriano Pires, Max Reed, Joshua Ross, Kyle Ross, Brett Schnitzer, Anthony Segal, John Sottnik, Jacob Soybelman, James Stivali, Michael Travers, Nicholas Vergara, Andrew Widelo, Christopher Widelo, Michael Wildes, and Sean Winters





**BSA Troop 656: Chartered May 1, 1963  
61 Years of Service**

**Adult Leaders:** Dorothy Bloomfield, James Bloomfield, Margaret Bloomfield, Corinna Divver, Paul Divver, Stefanie Fields, Thomas Fields, James Giovanniello, Michael Kelly, Paul McNamara, Choi-Fung Mei, Peter Mei, Pr. Martin Nale, John Neverka, Margaret Neverka, and Cassy Santomauro

**Youth Members:** John Bloomfield, Ryan deHaan, Andrew Divver, Zachary Dyckman, Alexander Fichtl, Liam Fields, Benjamin Fioribello, Joseph Fioribello, James Giovanniello, Charles Hartmann, Logan Iacona, Lucas Iacona, Ethan Kugler, Anthony LaMuro III, Christopher Lerro, Aiden MacDermott, Charlie McDermott, Ethan Mei, Ryan Mei, Daniel Ober, Nicholas Pellegrino, Tyler Santomauro, and Aidan Towey



**BSA Scout Troop 656-G: Chartered February 1, 2021  
Three Years of Service**

**Adult Leaders:** Dorothy Bloomfield, James Bloomfield, Margaret Bloomfield, Corinna Divver, Paul Divver, Stefanie Fields, Thomas Fields, Michael Kelly, Neil MacDermott, Paul McNamara, Choi-Fung Mei, Peter Mei, and Margaret Neverka

**Youth Members:** Carrie Bliss, Emma Bloomfield, Mary Bloomfield, Lauren deHaan, Grace Fields, Madison Gao, Juliet Kelly, Nicole Kelly, Rielyn MacDermott, Mave Martin, and Victoria Odwazny

**SUPPORT A SCOUT! BOTTLE DRIVE!**

Help support Eagle Scout Candidate **John Bloomfield** as he fundraises for his Eagle Scout Project here at Christ Lutheran Church. John is collecting recyclable bottles and cans. If you prefer, you may also contribute a monetary donation (cash or check made out to BSA Troop 656; please put "John's Eagle Project" in the memo). If you would like to **donate digitally**, please scan the QR code included in this blurb or search @eagleprojectjohn656 on Venmo. **Donations may be dropped off at 2299 Willow Street in Wantagh by March 1<sup>st</sup>.** Please see Dee or Jim Bloomfield with any questions. Thank you for your support.



**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 - Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman  
Bill Gilmor - Barbara Grieser - Emmy Grenzic  
Theresa Heenan - Pr. John Hopkins - Arnold Howard  
Irene Knapp - Ruth Kollar - 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

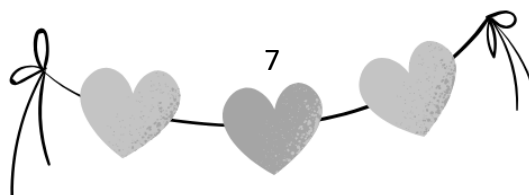
**REMINDER:** To add a name to our prayer list, please contact the Church office. Names remain on the list for six weeks per request, unless specified that it is a long-term request. Please be sure to apprise the Church office of any updates or changes.

**THANK YOU TO...**

Dear Christ Lutheran Church,  
We greatly appreciate your support of the **John Theissen Children's Foundation**. Thank you for your generous donation of \$258.32 made on December 31, 2023. Since 1992, the John Theissen Children's Foundation has collected over 1,000,000 new toys during our annual holiday toy drive. We have donated them to sick and needy children in hospitals and childcare facilities across Long Island. The financial donations we receive enable us to purchase recreational and therapeutic equipment for hospitals, childcare centers, and treatment facilities. In addition, we can provide sick children with special wishes and help their families with medical expenses. Our aim is to bring smiles to the faces of these children. The generosity of others helps us to accomplish this goal. On behalf of the John Theissen Children's Foundation, we thank you.

*Sincerely, John Theissen, Executive Director*

Dear Christ Lutheran Church,  
Thank you for your gift of \$600 to **Lutheran Disaster Response**. As a church, we believe that God's grace is freely given to us. This brings us peace and hope. It makes a difference in our lives. Through your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA you share this amazing grace with others and help people around the world feel the transformational power of God's love. Your Spirit-filled generosity helps families and communities reeling from disasters. No matter the variety of disaster, no matter the variety of need, your





gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response enable people to rebuild their lives and livelihoods now and far into the future. Thank you for your gracious gifts. The glory of God shines through you.

*In Christ, Amanda White, Dir., Congregational Generosity*

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your contribution of 9lbs. 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 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*

## 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 at least 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, please call the Church office. Any additional questions or concerns can be addressed directly with our Treasurer, Barbara Stone. Thank you for being a part of our church community!

## SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY!

- The **Memorare Knights of Columbus** invite you to participate in their **Community Blood Drive**, to be held at their Banquet Hall (2183 Jackson Avenue, Seaford) on **Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**. Appointments are encouraged; please scan the QR code in this blurb or visit the web address listed here:



[donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/311638](http://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/311638).



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

## EASTER EGG HUNT

All neighborhood children ages three through third grade are welcome to join us for this fun event!

**Date/Time: Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM**

**Rain Date/Time: Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, 10:00AM**

We will notify attendees if we postpone due to the weather.

**Location: Steinbicker Hall & Church Lawns**

Street Address: 3384 Island Road, Wantagh

**Egg Hiding: Morning of Egg Hunt, 9:00AM**

Volunteers ages fourth grade and up are welcome to help!

This year, we are asking for the help of our church families and organizations with filling the 1,600 eggs to be hidden! We will supply the eggs and the treats for you.

If you would like to participate in this “eggcellent” spring event, please submit the RSVP form below to the Church office by **Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**. We “hop” to see you there!



CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH'S ANNUAL

## EASTER EGG HUNT

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- My child attends Sunday School at Christ Lutheran Church.
- My child attends or attended The Christian Nursery School.
- I would like to learn more about your youth programs!

### The following children will participate in the egg hunt:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to help hide the eggs.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like to help prepare the eggs.

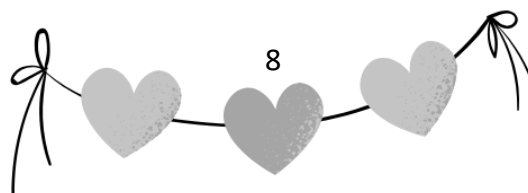
If your organization would like to help, please specify:

- My child has a food allergy that you should be aware of.

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

- Please check if you **do not** wish for images of your child to be shared on our Church & School website and social media pages.

**Please return this form by Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



# PERSONAL CARE KITS

Include the following items in each Personal Care Kit:



**x1**

One light-weight bath-size towel (between 20"×40" & 52"×27"), dark color recommended



**x2**

Two bath-size bars (4 to 5 oz.) of soap, any brand, in original wrapping



**x1**

One adult-size toothbrush in its original packaging\*



**x1**

One sturdy comb, remove packaging



**x1**

One metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging



Wrap all the items in the towel and tie securely with ribbons or yarn.

\*Toothbrush multi-packs may be used by sealing an individual toothbrush in a business-size envelope; no plastic bags or wrap



## PROPERTY REPORT – FEB 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 activated the Room 30 wall heater to reduce a freeze situation.
- We completed the Christmas Decorations with the Rear Candles and bows, and the Bell stand garlands.
- We replaced all the Advent Candle Wicks after Advent.
- We repaired a Nursery School “drying rack”.
- **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 replaced the broken blind in the lower slop sink/storage area and installed a new one in the adjacent classroom.
- We replaced a broken slat in a main floor east-side classroom.
- We lubricated all the Chair caddies in the Gym and Thrift Shop carts.
- We replaced the broken Sanctuary window Spotlight switch and removed the spotlights to Loft storage after Christmas.
- We fabricated and stained a Bell music table riser.
- We vacuumed, cleaned the filter, and winterized the Thrift Shop A/C unit.
- We re-filled all the Rear and Altar Candles after Christmas.
- We monitored the **Ed. Building Gutter Cleaning (PIM \$600)** which eliminated the flooding issue.
- We replaced the batteries in the Thrift Shop Thermostat.
- We “properly” stored the candlelight cups and candles for next year.
- We removed much spilled candle wax from numerous Sanctuary Chairs.
- We called “Liberty Water” to identify/test the street valve for needed Parsonage plumbing work. We will have Quinn, the plumber (826-3253), repair/replace the Meter valves in the near future.
- We removed all of the Sanctuary Christmas Decorations, packed and boxed everything and returned them to storage. We also removed the lawn manger figures and ELCA tree lights and moved them to storage. We checked and packed all the tree lights ready for next year. We thank Bob Hasteadt for purchasing some LEDs to supplement our lights next year.
- We repaired a dislodged and bent overhead door bracket on **the Ed Bldg entrance**.
- We removed and spread Snowmelt for the first “Snow” from the steps and walkways.

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 weathered 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.**
- \* Repair/Replace the Parsonage Water shut off valves. Quinn (WKG)
- \* Clean-out the “High” gutters on the East side of the Education Building. (CMPLT)
- \* Lubricate the bearings on the Gym South loft exhaust fan. Vacuum the grill.
- \* Lubricate the Casters on the Gym Chair racks. (CMPLT)
- \* Arrange for new carpeting in the Altar area, WELCA Project.
- \* Investigate A/C to the main classrooms in the Education Building. (WKG)

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2024 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2024 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, February 4, 2024 5 <sup>th</sup> 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 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD 9:00AM Service (White)	John Gross Craig Sparke	B. Rath's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	G. Franz	Elaine DiChiara	Regina Coons & Norma Mantay
Wed, February 14, 2024 ASH WEDNESDAY 7:30PM Service (Purple)	Robert Ahearn John Gross	ALL GROUPS		M. Murphy	Nancy Pisani	N/A
Sun, February 18, 2024 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	G. Franz	Barbara Stone	Personnel Committee
Sun, February 25, 2024 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Eric Juergens John Gross	D. Ohlander's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	<u>Open</u>	Dee Bloomfield	Jeri Hallgren
Sun, March 3, 2024 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	B. Rath's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath	G. Franz	Elaine DiChiara	Nursery Board
Sun, March 10, 2024 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	M. Murphy	Nancy Pisani	The Murphy Family
Sun, March 17, 2024 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	John Gross Craig Sparke	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	G. Franz	Hans Vogel	<u>Open</u>

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL THIS MONTH AS WE DETERMINE HOLY WEEK AVAILABILITY. WE APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE!**

**NEW WORSHIP ASSISTANTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME! NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY. CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO LEARN MORE.  
CURRENT WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SHOULD CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE IF THEY NEED TO MAKE A CHANGE TO THEIR ASSIGNMENT. 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
28 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	29 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	30 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	31 1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	1 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy	2 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	3 10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
4 Boy Scout Sunday 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	5 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	6 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	7 1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	8 Finance Meeting 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy	9 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	10 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
11 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	12 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 7pm - W&M/Council Meeting	13 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	14 Ash Wednesday Happy Valentine's Day! Spire Submission Deadline 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7:30pm - Worship	15 No Tech Literacy 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10	16 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	17 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
18 No Christian Ed 9am - Worship	19 Church Office Closed Presidents' Day 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and	20 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	21 9:30am - Spire Mailing Rm. 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir	22 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy	23 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	24 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
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# Nursery School News: February 2024



January brought us colder temperatures and crafts that were winter white. As the temperatures dropped things really heated up in our classrooms. Snowmen filled many of the classrooms as it became abundantly clear that winter was indeed here. The children decorated their classrooms with all things winter, including snowmen, winter animals, hats, and mittens.

In our pre-nursery program, the children are taking great strides in socialization. They are really mastering playing with each other and sharing. They enjoyed doing some winter-themed projects and learning some fun winter songs. It is such a pleasure to watch these little ones grow throughout the year.

The three-year-old classes were busy making snowmen, matching mittens, and other fun winter projects to decorate their classrooms. They continue learning their colors, shapes, and how to spell their names. The goal is that they know all their colors, shapes, and how to spell their names by June. They have also started cutting and following the directions on how to hold scissors and use their helping hand.

In our four-year-old classrooms, we rang in the new year with some resolutions and a little New Year's celebration. Then it was full steam ahead into our letters, numbers, and winter fun. The children are continuing to master all the letter sounds and recognition of all the letters for kindergarten. They have been working diligently and it shows. The children are well on their way to being kindergarten ready. They listen and execute 4-5 step directions in a large group to make some beautiful projects. Some of the projects included snowmen, complete with falling snow, and a unit on penguins. The Kindergarten Readiness Program has been a wonderful addition to our program. The children are really benefiting from the extended day, and we are confident that they will be ready for the longer kindergarten schedule that awaits them in September.

January is the month we do our assessments of the children to see where they stand and what needs to be done to get them ready for the following year. All the children were on target and meetings were available for the parents to come to speak with the teachers and address any concerns they might have.

**Open enrollment for all programs for the 2024-2025 school year began on January 17<sup>th</sup>. We are excited to say that some of the classes are full already. We have a variety of programs to offer children at the two-, three, and four-year-old levels. Please feel free to reach out to me at [CNSdirector@clcwantagh.org](mailto:CNSdirector@clcwantagh.org) for any further information on our programs, a tour of our school, or to register your children.**

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## February 2024

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### Coming in February...

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM-2PM

February 4<sup>th</sup>: Boy Scout Sunday

February 7<sup>th</sup>: WELCA, 1PM, Room 2000

February 8<sup>th</sup>: Finance Meeting, Time TBD

February 12<sup>th</sup>: Worship & Music/Council Meeting, 7PM, Room 2000

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday, 7:30PM Worship Service Lent Begins

February 14<sup>th</sup>: Happy Valentine's Day! March Spire Submission Deadline

February 18<sup>th</sup>: No Christian Education

February 19<sup>th</sup>: Presidents' Day, Church Office Closed

February 21<sup>st</sup>: Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

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

Thursdays: Tech Literacy Workshop, 5PM, Room 2000

Fridays: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM



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