

The Spire

The Newsletter of
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY
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April 2024

Dear Friends,

We are now in the Season of Easter, the 50 days leading to the Day of Pentecost. We continue to celebrate the new life that Christ has given us with his death on the cross.

Our focus should now be on the gifts of Discipleship that we received through Baptism*:

- to live among God's faithful people;
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper;
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed;
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus;
- to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Who doesn't want to see Peace around the world? Who doesn't want to help their neighbor? Who doesn't want to speak out on misjustice?

Yes, these are high ideals, which we honestly cannot always easily obtain. But by trying to be the best Christian you can be, you do make the world a better place to live in, even if it is only in our little world of Wantagh. Everyone is capable of putting words and deeds into positive actions.

We have many people in this church that exemplify these traits, and I am in awe of them. They go out of their way to do for others and do not seek praise. Even simple kindnesses, like calling a shut-in to say hi (and I know about this-thank you to the individuals who call my mom!), show you live the word of Christ and pay it forward.

As we look towards the Day of Pentecost and our longest liturgical season, we remember that we are all disciples of Jesus. We should aim to be the best Christians we can be. Pay more attention to what Jesus teaches us every week in our Bible readings. There are still many more lessons to be learned.

Blessings in Christ,

Nancy Pisani

*From *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, p. 236



Holy Week Worship Schedule

March 24th-31st, 2024

Palm Sunday: 9:00AM Service

Maundy Thursday: 7:30PM Service

Good Friday: 7:30PM Tenebrae Service

Easter Sunday: 9:00AM Service

All worship services will be led by Pastor Martin Nale. Services will be livestreamed on Facebook and uploaded to YouTube on the next business day.

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Hani Medjid**

Given by: Claudia & John Gross

In Memory of: **Anita Van Tronk**

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In Memory of: **Anita Van Tronk**

Given by: Jennifer, Craig, and Hannah Proce

In Memory of: **Irene Knapp**

Given by: Barbara Rath

In Memory of: **Robert E. Freyer**

Given by: Robert & Judith Swanson

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GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

April Birthdays

9: Carolyn Scibelli

10: Rosemary Schwinn

14: Mary Margaret Bloomfield

20: Wayne Wagner

20: Jenn Ackermann

22: Arnold Howard

28: Doris Gannon



April Anniversaries

26: Jennifer and Craig Proce

27: Jennifer Vizina and Keith Biesma

29: Claudia and John Gross

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.

Good News

- **Community Involvement:** Thank you to everyone who participated and came out to support us during the **St. Patrick's Day Parade**. With a crowd of 75,000, it was great publicity for our church. We had a great time!
- **Holy Week:** Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who have contributed their time and talent to our Holy Week worship and the Annual Easter Egg Hunt. **As this edition of the Spire has been sent out early to accommodate for the Easter holiday**, our Holy Week worship times are posted above. And, as always, we encourage all who are interested to **volunteer as a worship assistant**.
- **Mother's Day Caring Sunday: Save the Date!** Mother's Day Caring Sunday will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 12th**. All proceeds from our special

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Dana Antonette, Director, The Christian Nursery School • Della Rao, Parish Administrator/Christian Education Coordinator



memorial collection will benefit the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. A memorial form is included in this edition of the Spire. Please see the form for details.

- **Cradle of Care:** Christ Lutheran Church has partnered with **Birthright of Wantagh** for a special Mother's Day collection of maternity and baby items. Please see the flyer included in this edition of the Spire for details. Please send donations in by **Sunday, May 5th**.
- **Fourth of July Parade:** The time has arrived to begin planning for this year's Fourth of July Parade! Our first planning meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 11th at 5:30PM** in Room 2000. All are welcome to participate! Marchers, **especially youth marchers**, are needed. You do not have to be present at the meeting to lend a hand. If you would like to be involved, please speak with **George Balduf or Della Rao**. Help us to defend our "most creative" title and, most of all, represent our church!
- **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

- **2024 Easter Egg Hunt:** Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt will return this year! **Save the date for Saturday, March 30th**. All families are welcome to participate!
- In collaboration with church volunteers, our Nursery School students were treated to a special lesson on the significance of Easter and Jesus' wonderful love for us. Thank you to **Lilly Ann Munnich and Della Rao** for leading us in story time and a fun, faith-filled activity!
- In-house registration for the **2024 Summer Program** is underway! Spots are filling quickly, so we encourage you to sign up soon and spend the summer with us! Contact Dana Antonette at 516-679-8425 to learn more.
- Registration for the **2024-2025 school year** at The Christian Nursery School is open! Very few open spots and waitlist slots remain. If you would like more information or to schedule a tour, please call 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 April 6th. Please note that the Thrift Shop will be closed on March 29th in solemn observance of Good Friday.** 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:

- **116 health kits** were sent to Lutheran World Relief.
- **Easter cards** have been purchased for the shut-ins.
- **Easter Baskets:** Food donations are being collected for the Lutheran Social Services New Life Center pantry.
- **Birthright:** A maternity and baby item collection will be held in April for the Wantagh Birthright center.
- **Mother's Day Caring Sunday:** Memorial donations will be collected for the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition. A form will run in the April and May Spires.

Worship & Music:

- **Holy Week:** Preparations are underway. Please inform Della of any further bulletin updates or supplies needed.

Christian Education:

- **Sunday School:** Sunday School will host coffee hour on Palm Sunday, March 24th. A letter went home encouraging families to participate in this and all our Holy Week worship services and activities.
- **Confirmation:** Our first planning meeting for the 2024-2025 school year was held. Curriculum materials are in the process of being ordered.
- **Recess:** Confirmation will not meet on March 24th or 31st. Sunday School will not meet on March 31st only.

Nursery Board:

- **Safety:** Staff members completed their AED, CPR, and choking certification through the Red Cross.
- **Registration:** 31 students are enrolled for the 2024 Summer Program, and 86 students are enrolled for September.



- **Signage:** The Nursery Board is researching the possibility of installing signage along Wantagh Ave. to direct more public attention to and advertise our school.
- **Spirit Week:** Students celebrated Spirit Week the first week of March.
- **Closings:** The Nursery School will be closed on March 28th, 29th, and April 1st for Easter recess.
- **Fundraising:** The cookie dough fundraiser netted a profit of \$293.

Property:

- **Flooring:** The worn-down flooring in two Nursery School classrooms will be replaced on April 23rd.
- **Altar Carpet:** The new altar carpet has been ordered and will be installed shortly.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- **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.
- **Spring Service Project:** Thank you to everyone who donated food items to our Easter baskets for the Lutheran Social Services New Life Center food pantry. We are also grateful to **Jan Eastlund** for her collaboration on this outreach project. Our neighbors experiencing food insecurity thank you for your help!

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Personal Care Kits: Thank you to everyone who contributed to our collection of hygiene items. A total of **116 personal care kits** were sent to Lutheran World Relief!

Shut-Ins: Volunteers are welcome to help us deliver Easter flowers to our shut-ins. A sign-up sheet will be in the library and in Room 2000 during all Holy Week worship services.

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.

Birthright: We encourage all who can to give toward our collection of maternity and baby items for Birthright of Wantagh. Please send donations in by **Sunday, May 5th**. See the flyer in this edition of the Spire for further details.

WELCA

WELCA felt very “lucky” to meet during our March meeting. On the agenda was the completion of our Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. We are happy to report that a total of **116 kits** were made with your contributions. During April and May, we encourage you to participate in our collection of maternity and baby items for **Birthright of Wantagh**. Help us to support low-income mothers here in our community!

Also in March, the new **altar carpet** was installed! Thank you to **Vinny Ciro and Carpet Depot of Wantagh** for coordinating on this project. We hope our donation will see a lot of love and use!

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 3rd at 1PM in Room 2000**. As always, all ladies are welcome!

The next WELCA Conference Bible Study will be held on **Wednesday, April 17th at 10AM**. Weather permitting, we will meet at Cedar Creek Park (our backup location is St. David’s Lutheran Church in Massapequa Park). Leading this month’s study is Pastor Micah Stumme. Please join us!

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

To Members of the Congregation: On March 6th, WELCA and Thrivent members met and assembled personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief. It was very successful. We were able to put together 33 more kits to supplement the 83 kits that were shipped in February. The kits will be given to people who are victims of natural disasters or political upheaval. Last year, Lutheran World Relief sent 123,920 personal care kits to countries around the world, including Ukraine, Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominican Republic, Mali, Tanzania, and Turkey. Thank you to all who donated the items for the kits as well as those who took time preparing and packaging them. A special thanks goes to **John Eastlund** for delivering them to Baltimore, MD. Thanks also go to **Thrivent** for providing \$250 seed money to purchase some of the additional items needed for the kits.

To All Thrivent Members: Be sure to check if you have Choice Dollars. You can direct these to our church or nursery school, or to another charitable organization on their register. It only takes a minute. Call 1-800-Thrivent or direct them online at Thrivent.com. If you don’t do this by **March 31st**, you will lose the opportunity to direct Thrivent’s money to a cause you believe in.



FROM THE KNITWITS...

Please take the time to read the several thank-you letters we have received recently. Your contributions and support allow us to further the mission of several organizations doing good here in our community. As always, if you would like to knit or crochet for us, or would like to donate supplies, please let me know. If you need yarn, please call me at 516-826-2663.
- Lilly Ann Munnich



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Kathleen Cardone - Becky Carlson - James Cathcart
Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo - Sue Costanzo
Audrina Crochitto - Joan Drake - Ronnie Fairclough
Travis Gentile - Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor
Emmy Grenzic - Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan
Pr. John Hopkins - Arnold Howard - Steven Koch
Laura Koenig - 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
Kay Riese - Eunice Rischan - Doris Spiegle - Natalie Stone
James Toomey - Hilde Uccellini

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 Friends,
A special thank you to all who donated to the **American Heart Association** Bike 100-Mile Challenge in February. We raised \$525 for the American Heart Association. I rode 164 miles outside and 66 miles inside on the Peloton. Thank you so much for donating to this worthy cause.

Sincerely, Pastor Martin Nale

Dear Christ Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your donation of sixteen boxes of books for **Book Fairies**. The books will go directly to high-need schools and community outreach programs across Long Island and the five boroughs, directly impacting literacy rates in local neighborhoods. In just eleven short years, Book Fairies has donated over 4.4 million books to more than 550 organizations in disadvantaged communities. With one in four children growing up without learning how to read, it is imperative that we give children the resources they need to learn and grow. Thank you for your support of our mission and your generous donation of

books. We welcome any consideration of financial support now or in the future to help us to continue our mission of removing books as a barrier to achieving literacy. Because *all* children deserve access to books so they can learn, grow, and thrive!

Sincerely, Eileen Minogue, Executive Director

Dear Knitwit Members,

The Life Center of Long Island is most grateful for your donation of beautifully handmade baby blankets. Please know that we truly appreciate your willingness to support the lifesaving work of our pregnancy care centers. Our goal at the Life Center is to empower pregnant and parenting women by providing them with the resources required to take care of themselves and their children. It is essential that pregnant women choosing life have access to much-needed support services. Consistent with the mission of the Life Center to promote, encourage, and foster public sentiment and respect for the dignity of human life, we strive to encourage life-affirming choices and behaviors as we prepare our clients to responsible mothers and fathers. Through your generosity, you are making it possible for us to continue our work at the Life Center in helping all members of our community.

Sincerely, Gloria Schreiber, CEO

Dear WELCA of Christ Lutheran Church,

On behalf of the **Tunnel to Towers Foundation**, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution of \$600. Our foundation was started in memory of Firefighter Steven Stiller, who sacrificed his life while saving others on September 11th, 2001, after strapping 60 pounds of gear on his back and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers. Since the founding of the Tunnel to Towers Foundation, the Stiller family has been inspired by good people like you who have joined us to show our heroes and the loved ones they have left behind that we will *never forget*. Because of you, our foundation is able to continue our mission to "do good." Through your generosity, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation has been helping America's heroes by providing mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families with young children, and by building specially adapted smart homes for catastrophically injured veterans and first responders. We are also committed to eradicating veteran homelessness and helping America to never forget 9/11. On behalf of America's heroes, thank you so much for your support. Let us do good!

*Warmest Regards, The Stiller Family
and Tunnel to Towers Foundation*

To Our Dear Friends the Knitwits,

On behalf of **Nassau University Medical Center**, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for your



continuous support of the inpatient pediatric and physical rehabilitation units with your annual donation of handmade blankets, hats, and shawls. Your kindness and support have provided comfort and extra smiles to those hospitalized and their families. We deeply appreciate your generosity. Nassau University Medical Center is a teaching hospital that has been a primary source of medical care for millions of Nassau County residents since 1935. We are committed to providing the best possible care to the residents of Long Island and recognize the generosity and strength of our caring community. Your contribution exemplifies the strong compassion of the people we serve. We hope you remain involved with the hospital and continue to support our work and efforts. Once again, we thank you for your support.

Sincerely, Heather Spamhelner and Michele Silvestri

CLC HISTORY



Happy 84th Birthday! After six years of planning and construction, a dedication was held for our original church building on April 17th, 1940. Just fourteen years later, an expanded sanctuary and Steinbicker Hall were built to accommodate a growing neighborhood and membership.

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!



Mother's Day Caring Sunday

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 maternal figure in your life? Why not try something different and meaningful this year?

Christ Lutheran is providing a unique opportunity to show your love. It is called “Mother’s Day Caring Sunday.” For a donation of **\$5.00 per person**, the names of those being honored and remembered will be listed in the worship bulletin on Mother’s Day and displayed in the Narthex. **All proceeds will be donated to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.**

If you would like to be part of this special tradition, please enclose the tear-off form below with your donation to the Church office **by Sunday, May 5th**. Checks may be made out to Christ Lutheran Church; please indicate “Mother’s Day Caring Sunday” in the memo. Thank you!

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Mother's Day Caring Sunday

May 12, 2024

Envelope #: _____ Phone #: _____

Given By: _____

In Honor Of: _____

In Memory Of: _____

of Donations: _____

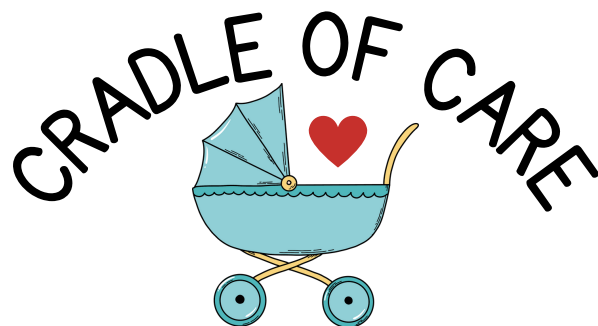
Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Please return to the Church office by Sunday, May 5th.

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In Partnership with Birthright of Wantagh

The mission of Birthright is to provide compassionate care and tangible support to women experiencing an unplanned pregnancy who have chosen to keep their child. Because of Birthright, low-income mothers and their young children across Long Island and around the world have access to basic comforts, clothing, hygiene items, housing and medical referrals, and a supportive community of volunteers. During the month of April, Christ Lutheran will collect the items below for the Wantagh Birthright center. Monetary donations (cash or checks made out to Christ Lutheran Church) for the purchase of these items will also be accepted. Please kindly consider contributing:

Bath Items and Accessories

Creams, Lotions, Shampoo, Soap, Wash Cloths, Hooded Towels, Etc.

Binkies, Teething Toys, Etc.

Diapers (Sizes 5-7 Preferred)

Clothes

Maternity Clothes, All Sizes, New or Gently Used

Boys and Girls, Sizes NB-24 Months, New or Gently Used

Boys and Girls Shoes and Socks, Sizes NB-24 Months, New or Gently Used

Housewares

Baby Bottles

Crib Sheets

Toys (Stuffed Animals for Newborn Layette Sets)

All donations may be dropped off at the Church office or the narthex. Online shopping (Amazon, Target, etc.) orders or monetary donations may be mailed to us. Our mailing address is 3384 Island Road, Wantagh, New York 11793. **We would appreciate receiving all donations by Sunday, May 5.**

The Wantagh Birthright center serves an average of 30 women per month, many of whom visit the center for supplies more than once per month. Through your donations, Birthright is able to provide them with sustainable assistance. **If you would like to volunteer at Birthright, please email Brittany Bufinsky at wantagh@birthright.org.**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

PROPERTY REPORT – APRIL 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 were unable to remove all the “**Wax Stains**” from numerous Sanctuary Chairs and found the Fabric (to re-cover) has been discontinued with no remnants to be found anywhere. We swapped the worse chairs to less visible locations. We asked that “**DRIPLESS CANDLES**” be purchased before the next candlelight service.
- We burnished a dripping Chalice Spout and tightened an Altar Candle wick top.
- We had Quinn, the plumber, come to replace the **Loggia Motor/Pump** located in the Education Building boiler room restoring the heat to this zone. (PIM\$382)
- We recommended and obtained bids to cover the floor tiles, in the lower NS classrooms, with new “**Vinyl planking**”. The Nursery School will schedule installation during the April school break.
- We determined that a new type Window A/C **unit** could be used in the Nursery School classrooms. This is the less expensive solution to the A/C issue, and addresses the sound and security issues voiced. **We thank Roy Stone** who has volunteered to install the needed electrical outlets adjacent the windows.
- We sprayed twice more, the residual mold in the Parsonage basement boiler room caused when a pipe valve leaked a few months back. We will Shellac over it when the product is available.
- We re-initiated a **cleanout of the C/E room** emptying and removing three old file cabinets while boxing the contents for others to look at.
- Vinny arranged bids and approval to replace the shattered first floor **Parsonage Shower door**. It was completed by **GCS Glass (516-494-4096)** for \$900 PIM.
- An **Altar platform carpet proposal** received from Carpet Depot was presented to WELCA to pick the color and arrange the replacement. We removed the railings, Pulpit, Altar, and furniture and the job was completed on March 10th. We restored everything tightening the altar legs, and re-gluing and screwing the platform chairs.
- We replaced a cracked electrical outlet under the Altar.
- We replaced a few **damaged ceiling tiles** in the lower Ed Bldg bathrooms.
- We re-taped a damaged stairway tread nose on the loggia/Ed Bldg south end.
- We accessed and caulked the **old drafty duct cover** from the counting room.
- We replaced a broken **blind slat** in the counting room.
- We moved numerous book boxes to the curb for the “Book Fairy” pickup.
- We replaced the dim bulbs with bright LEDs in the three Parsonage lamppost lights, repairing one socket. We trimmed the surrounding shrubs for better lighting.
- We cleaned out the “Narthex Usher Closet” disposing of many old unneeded items and old hymnals.
- We cleaned out the old books and hymnals in the Loggia closet for TOH trash.

- We investigated “No Heat” from the south roof top unit and initially found no problem. We tightened the Fan belt but uncovered the heating unit was cutting out after initially running fine. We will call for a service visit.
- We changed all the Wall clocks and Telephones for the time change.
- We extended the front gutter run-off pipe to prevent further sidewalk erosion.

Retirees

NEED RESEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LONG RANGE PROJECTS

- * Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary.**
- * Research a possible upgrade to the Sanctuary sound system. (Wkg)
- * 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 Power Pole in 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.(CMPLT)
- * 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.
- * **Replace the water damaged ceiling tiles in the lower “east” bathroom.(CMPLT)**
- * Lubricate the bearings on the Gym South loft exhaust fan. Vacuum the grill.
- * Arrange for new carpeting in the Altar area, Referred to WELCA. (CMPLT)
- * Investigate A/C for the main classrooms in the Education Building. (WKG)
- * Arrange for new vinyl planking for the floors in the lower classrooms. Referred to the NS to schedule during the April school break.

APRIL/MAY 2024 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2024 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, April 7, 2024 Second Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath G. Veltri	M. Murphy	Elaine DiChiara	Music Ministry
Sun, April 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Eric Juergens Craig Sparke	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	G. Franz	Dee Bloomfield	Dee Bloomfield, BJ Gilmor, and Barbara Stone
Sun, April 21, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	John Gross Roger Ohlander	B. Rath's Group	J. Fahney B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	M. Murphy	Hans Vogel	George Balduf
Sun, April 28, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Robert Ahearn Eric Juergens	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	G. Franz	Barbara Stone	Lynn & Bob Hasteadt
Sun, May 5, 2024 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White)	Eric Juergens Craig Sparke	D. Ohlander's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath G. Veltri	M. Murphy	Elaine DiChiara	Mailing Committee
Sun, May 12, 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9:00AM Service (White) MOTHER'S DAY CARING SUNDAY	Robert Ahearn John Gross	B. Rath's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	G. Franz	Dee Bloomfield	Christian Education Program
Sun, May 19, 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY 9:00AM Service (Red)	Eric Juergens Roger Ohlander	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Fahney B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	M. Murphy	Nancy Pisani	Adult Choir (Tentative)

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
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Nursery School News: April 2024



March started with Lutheran Schools Association Spirit Week. The Nursery School was so excited to be able to return to the church and have the children sing on March 3rd. It was a wonderful opportunity to have the school and the church come together as one and participate in service together. After, the families of the Nursery School enjoyed the coffee hour that was hosted by the Nursery School Board. Everyone had nothing but great things to say. During the week, LSA celebrations continued. First was "Dress to Impress Day," where the children dressed their best and had their pictures taken for Picture Day. Next was "Crazy Sock Day," where the children had fun wearing mix matched socks, wild print socks and socks pulled up to their knees! Wednesday was everyone's favorite day, "Pajama Day!" The children and the staff all enjoyed coming to school in their comfy pajamas. Thursday was "Sports Day," where the children dressed in their favorite sports team. We ended the week with "Spirit Day" and everyone dressed in blue, which is our school color!

The children put on their super star smiles for Picture Day! Lifetouch photographers did such an amazing job! They captured so many beautiful individual pictures and sibling portraits. The four-year-old class took their graduation photos in their caps and gowns. The parents were all very happy with the results!

From there, it was right into preparation for St. Patrick's Day. The children were fluttering with excitement over catching a Leprechaun. The four-year-old classes tried their hardest with some very creative leprechaun traps that were made in class. Those pesky little fellas did cause mayhem, but we forgave them since they left behind some sweet treats! There were plenty of green and rainbow projects everywhere that went home with the children to decorate their houses. All the children had a blast at their St. Patrick's Day party while enjoying some yummy green bagels!

We ended the month with many special visitors. All the classes learned about Palm Sunday and Easter. We want to give a very special thank you to Mrs. Lilly Ann Munnich and Miss Della Rao for being our special guests at the Nursery School. The children enjoyed their lesson in the church by Lilly Ann, who read them the wonderful story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. The children were captivated by the puppet and loved feeding the caterpillar throughout the story. Della shared the story of Easter with the children on a level that they could understand. All the children celebrated Easter in their classes with a party filled with yummy treats, hidden easter eggs and baskets! Our three-year-old and four-year-old classes surprised their parents with some adorable Easter songs at dismissal! The children loved their special treats left by the Easter Bunny himself!

Summer Program Registration Has Begun!

The Summer Program will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for 5 weeks. The program will begin on Tuesday, June 25th and end on Thursday, July 25th. Additional information, including the registration form, can be found on our website. As always, each child will receive a complimentary Nursery School T-Shirt which they will receive before camp starts.

Don't forget that it is open enrollment for the 2024/2025 school year. Many of our classes are full, but we do have some availability. Feel free to call the Nursery School office at 516-679-8425 or email us at cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org for more information or to set up a tour. Also, please visit our website at <https://www.christiannurseryschoolwantagh.org/> to get more information on the classes we offer. Our classes are filling up quickly this year so please don't wait.

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Coming in April...

April 1st: Easter Monday, Church Office Closed

April 3rd: WELCA Meeting, 1PM, Room 2000

April 4th: Finance Meeting, 5PM

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

April 8th: W&M/Council Meeting, 7PM, Room 2000

April 11th: St. Frances Cancer Support Group, 10AM, Rm. 11 School Building

April 11th: Fourth of July Planning Meeting, 5:30PM, Room 2000

April 17th: May Spire Submission Deadline

April 17th: WELCA Bible Study, 10AM, Cedar Creek Park

April 21st: Spring Recess, No Christian Education

April 24th: May Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000

