



The Spire

The Newsletter of
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY
Website: www.CLCWantagh.org

October 2023

Dear Friends,

The end of this month brings us to an anniversary that I never thought we would achieve. By the last Sunday of the month we will have reached three years since the retirement of Pastor Nale. There won't be any need for candles or cake to commemorate this auspicious occasion. This vacancy period has been challenging for all of us in many different ways. The Call Committee has met, but has only had two candidates to consider after all of this time. The lack of qualified candidates is evident.

Recently, online ads were placed on Indeed.com and Linked-In. Other online opportunities are being explored, in order to spread our reach as far as possible to find potential candidates for the Bishop Office's consideration. So far none of the respondents were worth any further consideration.

I work with several other churches, some of which are also vacant or are about to become vacant. These congregations are experiencing the same frustrations that we are. Demand far exceeds supply.

In the meantime, we must continue to keep working at what we do best. We must continue to serve the community through the important ministry of the Thrift Shop. We must remain diligent in providing the best education possible through our Nursery School. Even without a regular Pastor, we must continue to educate our young children in Sunday School and prepare them for the future through our Confirmation Program.

One ministry of Christ Lutheran Church that helps us to stand out from other churches is our music ministry. Every supply pastor that we have had over the last three years has commented to me how impressed they have been with our Bell Choir and the Adult Choir and the leadership of Nicole Nicholson. It might be the difference-maker in having a Pastor decide to come to our church.

For the time being, we must remain positive. When we think things can't get any worse, the right candidate might actually come to us. That's what keeps me going.

Hans Vogel

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THE 27TH ANNUAL


Country Fair

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
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JOIN US FOR:

RAFFLE BASKETS FULL OF GREAT PRIZES
BEAUTIFUL HANDMADE ITEMS
CHRISTMAS GIFTS, DÉCOR, & MORE
BOUTIQUE ACCESSORIES & COSTUME JEWELRY
HOMEMADE DESSERTS FOR SALE
THE ANNUAL "COOKIE WALK" (SATURDAY ONLY)
THE ANNUAL "TOOL TIME" TABLE & SALE
DEALS & STEALS AT OUR THRIFT SHOP

**PLUS... ENTER OUR VACATION RAFFLE TO WIN
A 7-DAY CONDO STAY IN SUNNY ORLANDO!
ONLY 10 MINUTES AWAY FROM DISNEY WORLD!**

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IN ADDITION TO OUR MINISTRIES, PROCEEDS WILL SUPPORT:

**The Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN) • Lutheran Disaster Relief
Tunnel to Towers Foundation • U.S.O. (United Service Organizations)**

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PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Carolyn Howard**

Given by: *Jan and John Eastlund*


In Memory of: **Carolyn Howard**

Given by: *Claudia & John Gross*

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In Memory of: **Carolyn Howard**

Given by: *Jeri Hallgren*



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GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

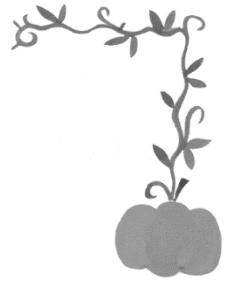
October Birthdays

- 3: Della Rao
- 5: Nicholas Adams
- 7: Abigail Katie Stone
- 10: Danielle Hesse
- 12: Megan Colton
- 13: Tiffani Padula
- 18: Travis Gentile
- 20: Claudia Gross
- 22: Lily Anne Bloomfield
- 23: Heather Sheridan



October Anniversaries

- 4: Jenn & Fred Ackermann
- 19: Kathy & Fred Ackermann, Sr.
- 19: Julie & Charles Fisher
- 21: Elise & James Sheridan



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!



Carole Padula is happy to announce the marriage of her son, Nicholas Padula, to Shannon Oringer, which took place on September 30, 2023.

Good News

- **Save the Date! The 27th Annual Country Fair will be held on Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st, 9AM-3PM each day, rain or shine. Please share the flyer on the front page! If you would like to help...**
 - **Donate a Raffle Prize:** Contact the Church office or speak with a Fair Committee member.
 - **Donate Jewelry:** Jewelry donations may be left on the loggia table or dropped off at the Church office. Please label "For Fair." Please see Doris or Roger Ohlander for questions.
 - **Donate Cookies:** Our Cookie Walk will be held on Saturday only. All cookies are welcome; please label your cookies with what kind they are and if they contain nuts. Please also indicate if you would like your container to be returned to you. Donations may be dropped off at the Church office on Thursday, October 19th or Friday, October 20th from 9AM-3PM. Please see Jan Eastlund for questions.
 - **Volunteer at the Fair:** Please submit the volunteer form included in your Spire!

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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



- **Save the Date!** Wantagh's 5th Annual **Winter Wonderland Fair** will be held on **Saturday, November 25th from 12:30-5:30PM** at the Wantagh Train Museum. We are once again looking for volunteers to participate in this fun event. Please see Della Rao or Hans Vogel if you'd like to lend a hand.
- **2023-2024 Coffee Hour:** There are many open Sundays available to host. We encourage you to consider hosting. As we all benefit from the fellowship Coffee Hour provides, we also benefit from lending a helping hand. Please see Jan Eastlund to volunteer.
- **Bloomin' 4 Good:** Our friends at **Stop & Shop in North Bellmore** have once again selected our outreach ministry to benefit from this program. During the month of October, please visit the store and purchase a **Bloomin' 4 Good bouquet**. One dollar from every sale goes directly to Christ Lutheran Church. Thank you!
- **Seafarers:** It's that time of year again! Collections have begun for our annual partnership with the Seafarers Christmas at Sea program. We are looking to the congregation for help with acquiring items and assembling our care satchels. Please see the "Christian Outreach" and "Thrivent" sections for further details.
- **Coffee Hour:** There are several upcoming Sundays which do not have a Coffee Hour Host. Council determined that cash donations/monies from the Fellowship Fund will be used to purchase the items needed to continue Coffee Hour in the absence of a host. Jan Eastlund will receive the funds for the purchase of these items.
- **Service Updates:** Nicole Nicholson worked with Della Rao on expanding the liturgy and the worship bulletin with the parts of the service previously omitted during the pandemic. These changes went into effect on Rally Day. Nicole made an announcement at service to review. All went smoothly.
- **Presentation of the Lambs:** Five children were eligible to receive lambs on Rally Day, of which four families attended. Per the request of Pastor Klose, Della Rao led the presentation.
- **Worship & Music Calendar:** Claudia Gross, Nicole Nicholson, and Della Rao are finalizing the calendar.
- **Organization Chart:** Claudia Gross and Della Rao are working with Vinny Ciro to complete the Church Organization Chart. Thank you to Vinny for your help.

Christian Education:

CLC Youth News

- On September 3rd, **Austin Wesley Henry** was welcomed into the family of Christ through the gift of Baptism. Congratulations to his parents, sponsors, and loved ones. May God Bless You, Austin!
- Our Christian Education Program is holding a **Fall Food Drive** in October. Please see the "Christian Education" section of your Spire for more information.
- The Christian Nursery School will soon hold their **Thanksgiving Fundraiser** with White Post Farms! An order form will be shared online, during worship, and in the November Spire. Thank you for your support!
- BSA Troop 656 is preparing for their Annual **Christmas Wreath Sale!** Ring in the Christmas season while supporting our church's youth. Please see the tear-off form included in your Spire for more information. Thank you for your generosity!
- Planning has begun for our **Sunday School Christmas Pageant!** If your child would like to participate, please speak with our Music Director, Nicole Nicholson.

- **Registration:** The registration form for Sunday School and the class agreement form for Confirmation has been updated. Della Rao consulted with Dana Antonette and Nicole Nicholson on this process. An image and sharing permissions clause has been added.
- **Curriculum:** Della Rao developed age-appropriate weekly worksheets for Sunday School, so that we may further encourage students at all levels to learn to read the Bible.
- **Classrooms:** Thanks to Claudia Gross and Della Rao for setting up the classrooms and replenishing supplies.
- **Confirmation Program:** This year, Nicole Nicholson will serve as Program Coordinator. She will collaborate with Della Rao. Nicole will advise on content, and Della will handle logistics. The Team continues to work together on instructional development. We are very pleased with our progress.
- **Confirmation Service:** Jennifer Vizina requested that longtime family friend, Pastor Marsh Drege preside for the Confirmation of her son, Kyler. This would push Confirmation to Sunday, December 10th. The Confirmation Team is in full support of this request.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Worship & Music:

Nursery Board:

- **Room Numbers:** Dana Antonette and Vinny Ciro are consolidating the classroom numbers so that they are



easier to follow for staff and the cleaning company. Della Rao will relay this information to the cleaners.

- **Cleaning:** Dana Antonette and Della Rao continue to work with the cleaners on a classroom cleaning schedule, to accommodate for the longer school day.
- **Summer Program:** Summer Program was a big success. 40 children attended, which was maximum capacity. It was suggested that we research air conditioning ahead of next year, which would allow us to utilize additional classrooms and have more students.
- **Registration:** The new school year began with 76 children enrolled, compared to 52 in 2022.
- **Staffing:** Two new teacher's aides were hired this school year. Three aides left, which leaves one open position remaining. Dana Antonette continues to interview candidates.

Council:

- **Fourth of July Parade:** Special thanks to everyone who participated in the Fourth of July Parade. We especially thank George Balduf, Vinny Ciro, Bob Hasteadt, Roger Ohlander, Della Rao, and Craig Sparke, who helped to put our float together. We are proud of all who worked together to earn the **Most Creative Float Award** for the second year in a row!
- **Pastoral Vacancy:** Nicole Nicholson and Hans Vogel proposed developing a job posting for the Pastor's position on LinkedIn and Indeed, which Council approved. They will both work with Della Rao on finding additional platforms to advertise the position. The applications of suitable Pastoral candidates will be forwarded to the Synod Office for consideration.
- **Correspondence:** Council received a request from Jennifer Vizina regarding her son, Kyler's school fundraiser for a marching band trip to Paris. Council permitted Jennifer to distribute flyers and solicit sales of plants from White Post Farms during Coffee Hour.
- **Annual Floorcare:** The annual floorcare (waxing and sealing) was completed successfully in early August. Thank you to our friends at **Pronto Cleaning & Maintenance** for a job well done. Council recommended that this project continue to be completed each summer.
- **Steinbicker Stoop:** The Steinbicker stoop was repaired successfully. The stoop was acid-washed, had minor joints repaired, and two stones replaced. Thank you to our friends at **GenStar Masonry** for a job well done. Thank you as well to **WELCA** for funding this project.
- **Landscaping/Tree Trimming:** The annual summer shrubbery trimming and tree trimming were completed

successfully. Some small trees which created obstructions were removed. Thank you to our landscaper, **Duran**, and to **Empire Tree Service** for a job well done.

- **Security:** R. Ahearn reported that a total of sixteen cameras have been installed around the property. Staff were verbally informed of what to do if a security incident occurs. A written protocol will also be provided. Two additional surveillance monitors will be installed in the Church and Nursery offices.
- **Computers:** Vinny Ciro has been working with the Church office to assess our computer system. He reported that Pastor's computer is running slowly due to very little RAM storage. He requested that we investigate having additional RAM installed. Council will investigate as requested ahead of our next meeting.
- **Property:** Missing/defective rubber tips on the tables and chairs in Room 2000 were replaced. A chair storage cart in Steinbicker Hall was repaired, with two new support casters installed. Property requested permission to remove the Steinbicker kitchen's dishwasher to build a tool storage cabinet, which Council approved.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Our **Presentation of the Lambs** was held during worship service on Rally Day, September 10th. **Congratulations to Nicholas Adams, Charles Juergens, Tyler Page, and Freya Schmitt, and to their families.** We look forward to supporting you in all stages of your spiritual journey!
- **Sunday School** classes began on September 10th. We are so thrilled to have these bright, enthusiastic children back in the classroom. Registration for the new school year is still open! Please see our Sunday School Coordinators, Claudia Gross and Della Rao, for details.
- **The Confirmation Program** also resumed for the school year on September 10th. Welcome back, Gracie, Maddie, Charlie, and Kyler!
- **New students and volunteers** are always welcome! For more information, please speak with our Christian Education Coordinator, Della Rao.

FALL FOOD DRIVE

The **Christian Education Program** is holding a Fall Food Drive in the month of October. Proceeds benefit local food pantries, including St. John's Food Pantry in Merrick. We encourage you to donate the following needed food items:

- Cranberry Sauce



- Stuffing Mix
- Turkey Gravy
- Canned Yams
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea
- Cake, Brownie, and/or Jell-O/Pudding Mix and Icing
- Cookies and/or Crackers
- Canned Beans and/or Chili with Beans
- Canned Peas, Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit and/or Fruit Cocktail
- Tuna Helper
- Hash
- White Rice (1/2-lb. bag)
- Sugar (1-lb. bag)
- Parmalat Milk
- Pancake Mix and/or Syrup
- Oatmeal
- Canned Chicken and/or Salmon/Fish
- Stew
- Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut Butter and/or Jelly
- Boxed Cereal
- Napkins
- **Thanksgiving Turkeys (Please see Jan Eastlund)**
- All Other Non-Perishables

All donations for the Fall Food Drive can be left in the designated box in the loggia. **Monetary donations** (cash or checks payable to Christ Lutheran Church), and **grocery coupons** for the purchase of **Thanksgiving turkeys** and other needed items will also be accepted. Please submit these donations to the Church office and label them as “Fall Food Drive.” **We would appreciate receiving all donations by Tuesday, October 31st.** For questions, please see Jan Eastlund, Della Rao, or Roxanne Toomey. Thank you very much for your generosity towards our neighbors!

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Bloomin’ 4 Good: Please consider purchasing a Bloomin’ 4 Good Bouquet this month from the North Bellmore Stop & Shop. \$1 from every bouquet sold benefits our ministry.

Country Fair: Volunteers are welcome to assist us as we prepare for one of our most successful fundraisers of the year. Proceeds benefit our ministries, as well as the INN, Lutheran Disaster Relief, the USO, and Tunnel to Towers. Please see the “Good News” section of your Spire for details. Thank you for your help!

Fall Food Drive: Please consider participating in the Christian Education Program’s Fall Food Drive by making a monetary donation, or by donating non-perishable food.

Homebound Communion: Did you know that we offer Communion for the homebound? Whether it’s due to a temporary illness or injury or a long-term situation, this option is available to you. If you or a loved one is interested in receiving Communion at home or at a care facility, please contact the Church office. You may also contact **Pastor Krahn** at (631) 720-6179, or **Roxanne Toomey** at (516) 728-7810.

Seafarers: Preparations are underway for the Christmas at Sea Program! Since 1873, Seafarers has provided mariners around the world with emotional, spiritual, and tangible support. This year, our congregation continues its tradition of assembling **care satchels** for these often-overlooked essential workers. Items for donation may be purchased in-person and dropped off in the Seafarers box in the Narthex. If you prefer, you may also shop online and list Christ Lutheran as the delivery address. Seafarers has an Amazon wish list, which you can access by visiting sihny.org/christmas-at-sea and clicking “Christmas at Sea wish list” (items ordered through the wish list will be directly delivered to Seafarers International). Monetary donations are also accepted; please make all checks out to Christ Lutheran Church with “Seafarers” in the memo.

Please consider donating the following needed items:

- One sweatshirt, hooded or unhooded, size M, L, or XL
- One T-shirt, size M, L, or XL
- Three pairs of socks, gym or thermal
- One knitted winter cap (no pom-poms)
- One coordinating-optional scarf (no pastels or fringe)
- One can of nuts, chocolate bar, or healthy snack bar

As they did last year, our Sunday School will participate in this project by writing out Christmas cards to place in the care satchels. Donations of cards are welcome (blank inside preferred). Thank you for your generous contributions!

WELCA

Preparations are well underway for the **Country Fair!** We hope everyone will join us on Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st. In addition to the ministries here at Christ Lutheran, proceeds will support Lutheran Disaster Relief, The USO, The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network), and the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Thank you to all who have volunteered their time, treasure, and talent to this successful fundraiser. We pray it is our best year yet!

WELCA’s next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 4th at 1PM** in Room 2000. The next WELCA Conference Bible Study will be held on **Monday, October 16th at 10AM** at field five of Cedar Creek Park (rain location, Faith Lutheran Church in Syosset). We will continue our discussion on holy places, focusing on the sanctuary as a holy place. All ladies are welcome to join!



Save the Date! WELCA's next luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, November 1st**. Formal invitation to follow.

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" is October 7th. We will also be open on both days of the Country Fair: Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st.** We encourage you to attend!

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 Cocktail - Chef Boyardee - Coffee
Cold Cereal - Cooking Oil - Crackers - Egg Noodle
Instant Potatoes - Jelly - Peanut Butter - Penne - Ravioli
Spaghetti - Spam - Stew - White Rice (1-lb. Bag)
Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

Please consider donating to the Christian Education Program's **Fall Food Drive**. Proceeds will benefit our neighbors who depend on this vital ministry. Thank you!

FROM THE KNITWITS...

I have finally returned to church. My hope is to be back fulltime soon! I am so grateful to so many who have kept their needles, hooks, and looms going while waiting for my arrival. Lap robes from Jeri Hallgren; baby hats from Doris Ohlander; neo-blankets from Norma Mantay; baby sets from Hermie; blankets and adorable American Girl crochet outfits left for me at Thrift (thank you to Barbara Rath for saving them for me!). It is a treasure trove! We now have Jan Eastlund and Norma Mantay getting a head start on hats and scarves for the Seafarers! Thank you for all the prayers and support during this difficult time. It means so much to me. God's blessings to all of you! Again, need yarn? I have it! 😊 - Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

We are once again looking for everyone's support for the **Cookie Walk** that will take place during the second day of the Country Fair, Saturday, October 21st. Please start looking up your favorite recipes and get ready to help make the Fair a success. You can bring your donated cookies to

the Church office on Thursday, October 19th or Friday, October 20th from 9AM-3PM. They can also be delivered to Steinbicker Hall on the morning of Saturday, October 21st. The sale will start at 9AM, so please bring them early! Your donations are greatly appreciated. The outreach programs that will benefit from the Country Fair are the Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN), Lutheran Disaster

Relief, the USO, and the Tunnel to Towers Foundation. Proceeds will also help support future CLC ministries.

In the past, **Thrivent Financial** has been very generous to us in providing \$250 in start-up funding for each of our Country Fairs. We are planning to apply for their assistance again this year.

Further details about the Fair are elsewhere in the Spire. We are hoping that all members of the congregation will support this worthwhile and fun event.

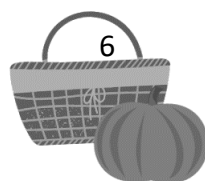
🚢 *Support the Christmas at Sea Program of the Seafarers International House (SIH).* For several years, our congregation has supported the ministry of the Seafarers International House, which serves mariners around the world by providing spiritual, emotional, and tangible support. Seafarers spend long stretches of time away from family, friends, and community, and sometimes need assistance finding adequate housing, medical care, food, transportation, and counseling services. The holiday season can be especially lonely far away from home, while at sea or in a foreign land. Every year, our congregation collects items for care satchels that will be gifted to crew members of visiting ships by port chaplains. Please consider donating:

- o One sweatshirt, hooded or unhooded, size M, L, or XL
- o One T-shirt, size M, L, or XL
- o Three pairs of socks, gym or thermal
- o One knitted winter cap (no pom-poms)
- o One coordinating-optional scarf (no pastels or fringe)
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This year, our Knitwits are contributing handmade hats and scarves for the care satchels. If you would like to make some, please see Jan Eastlund or Lilly Ann Munnich for fabric and a pattern.

As they did last year, our Sunday School will participate in this project by writing out Christmas cards to place in the care satchels. Donations of cards are welcome (blank inside preferred).

Items for donation may be purchased in-person and dropped off in the Seafarers box in the Narthex. If you prefer, you may also shop online and list Christ Lutheran as the delivery address. Seafarers has an Amazon wish list, which



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We will be applying for a \$250 grant from **Thrivent Financial**, which will be used to purchase items needed to complete the care satchels. On behalf of the essential workers who have helped us to get through the pandemic and supply chain issues, thank you for bringing the joy of Christmas to those who cannot be home with loved ones.

Lastly, we would like to send our best wishes to Joan Drake as she moves to her new home in Florida. Joan was a founding member and officer of our branch of Aid Association for Lutherans, which later became Thrivent. Because of her hard work, our church became involved in many activities, such as plant sales, health fairs, defensive driving classes, and other outreach programs that helped organizations including Lutheran Disaster Relief, The INN, The USO, Tunnel to Towers, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, the ministries of Christ Lutheran Church, and so many others. We are so thankful for her many years of service to Christ Lutheran Church, and for helping to make us better Christians. We will miss her and her quiet leadership. Joan, enjoy the sunshine, warm weather, and family, and keep in touch with your friends here at Christ Lutheran.



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Becky Carlson - Ellen Bello - James Cathcart
 Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo
 Sue Costanzo - Margaret Dahlberg - Joan Drake
 Joanne Drenckhahn - Bob Freyer - Travis Gentile
 Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor - Barbara Grieser
 Theresa Heenan - Pr. John Hopkins - Arnold Howard
 Ruth Kollar - Alice Li - Suzanne Marshall - Janet McShea
 William McShea - John Miller - Marilyn Miller
 Lilly Ann Munnich - John Nittoli - James Pallas
 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. If you would like for a name to remain on the list long-term, please be sure to follow up with the Church office six weeks after your first request.

CLC HISTORY



Pictured is a classroom in Steinbicker Hall, from the “First Day of Class” in 1974. We are so happy our Christian Education and Nursery School classrooms are full again!

HELP WANTED!

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
9AM-3PM EACH DAY - RAIN OR SHINE!

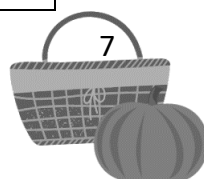
Volunteers are needed as we host one of our most successful fundraisers of the year. If you would like to lend a hand, please return this form to Regina Coons, Kirsten Duprez, Lilly Ann Munnich, or Barbara Rath by **Sunday, October 15th**. You can make the Fair a resounding success!

I/we would like to contribute my/our time and talent by:

- _____ Selling raffle tickets on **Friday, October 20th**
- _____ Selling raffle tickets on **Saturday, October 21st**
- _____ Donating an item or craft to be sold
- _____ Cleaning up on **Saturday, October 21st at 3PM**
- _____ Giving other help or suggestions (please specify):

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

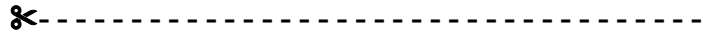




Lights of Love

On All Saints Day, the church commemorates the lives of extraordinary people now entrusted to God's heavenly care. This year, we continue our tradition of honoring our own departed loved ones with our Lights of Love tribute. This year, All Saints Day and Lights of Love will be observed at the 9AM worship service on **Sunday, November 5th**.

For a donation of **\$5 per name**, your loved one's name(s) will be listed in the bulletin and displayed in the narthex. All proceeds will be donated to Good Shepherd Hospice of Long Island. To participate, please return the cut-off form below with your donation to the Church office no later than **Wednesday, November 1st**.



Lights of Love

Lights of Love: Sunday, November 5, 2023

Proceeds Collected for Good Shepherd Hospice of LI

Envelope #: _____

Given By: _____

In Memory Of: _____

Total Enclosed (**\$5 Each**): _____

PLEASE RETURN BY WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST.

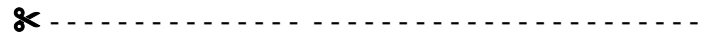
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Scout Troop 656 CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE



It's the most wonderful time of the year!

Ring in the Christmas season with a fresh, decorated wreath! The proceeds from this fundraiser allow our Scouts to defray the costs of their activities in the year ahead. Your contribution makes a beautiful gift for you or a loved one, and a lasting one for our church's youth! If you are interested in purchasing a wreath, please submit the cut-off form below with your payment to the Church office by **Sunday, November 19th**.



Scout Troop 656 CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Number of Wreaths: _____ (**\$25 per Wreath**)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please make all checks out to BSA Troop 656.

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT DEE
BLOOMFIELD AT 516-369-3981.

PLEASE RETURN BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH.



Thank you for supporting our youth!





Park at Wantagh
High School
Take the
Trolley

WINTER WONDERLAND

Sponsored by:

John Theissen Children's Foundation

Swag
Bags to
First 500
Families

Saturday November 25th 12:30-5:30 PM

**Wantagh Preservation Society
1700 Wantagh Avenue, Wantagh**

Featuring Entertainment By:

Wantagh American Legion Pipe Band
The Jewel Tones, Show Stompin' Irish Dance, Spotlight Studios
and Platinum Performance Dance Academy

**The Wantagh
Preservation
Museum
will be Open**

**Holiday Lighting Ceremony
Santa Claus, The Grinch, Holiday Shopping**

**Please Bring a
New Unwrapped
Toy for
The John
Theissen
Children's
Foundation**

Apparel, Art, Jewelry, Books, Gifts, Home & Holiday Decor,
Toys, Homemade Handcrafted Treats, Wantagh Wear, and more!

Food and Beverages:

Pies-on Wheels - Pizza Truck, Simply Greekalicious Food Truck
Mama's Custom Cookies, Guac Shop - Hot Cocoa/Cider

Thank You to ALL of our Sponsors and Members

If you would like to participate, please contact the Church office **no later than Friday, November 17**. We will begin planning our table and setting details for the day-of shortly, so the sooner, the better!

PROPERTY REPORT – OCT 2023

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:

- Following the **Sanctuary floor Sealing work**, we arranged and re-fastened the chairs in rows to follow the “before” configuration as best as we could remember.
- After the **North Roof top A/C** failed during a Sunday service, we discovered that the Fan Belt came off the pulleys. It was our fault in that the belt wasn’t retightened a month after a new one was last installed. We installed and “Aligned” a new belt which we will retighten, when we prepared the roof units for the “Heat” season.
- Following the **floor waxing in room 2000**, to prevent scratching, we ordered and installed numerous missing vinyl chair and table “**Feet**”. We followed up with the **Gym and Education building** tables and chairs and while Room 10 was not waxed, we also checked and installed Chair and Table feet as needed.
- We re-directed two **South Side ceiling A/C vents** to reduce Piano Music chaos.
- We re-secured, once again, the Soap Dispenser in the Room 2000 kitchenette.
- We moved numerous winter sale items from the Thrift Shop to temporary storage in the Parsonage garage, then back into Room 2000 for the Labor Day W/E sale.
- A **new desk unit**, for Della’s area, was assembled by **Vinny and Gene**.
- **Vinny and Gene** also dismantled the **Computer enclosure** in Della’s area after moving, reconnecting, and securing the Computer on the new desk.
- We surveyed the office area power to ensure no overloading would occur if a new outlet were installed in **Office 2, behind the Treasurer’s desk**. **Vinny, Craig and Bob H** installed the outlet, tapping into an adjacent one in the same wall.
- We replaced the dead battery in the Parsonage Garage door outside opener.
- We uncovered a **Broken Swivel on a Chair Rack in the Gym**. To prevent floor damage, we emptied the rack and removed the swivel. We ordered replacements and installed a new pair to the rack before restacking all the chairs.
- We replaced a chirping 10-year **Smoke Detector** in a lower classroom with a spare on hand. We also applied-for and received a Warranty replacement.
- We **repaired the “frozen” bottom latch on the Room 10 rear exit door**.
- We prepared and moved some “Men’s” Table Fair Items to the Gym closet area.
- We “**Burnished**” a wine Chalice, which was “Dripping” excessively.
- We surveyed all the **Blinds in the Education building** for knotted cords and broken slats. **We will repair one and replace one when time/access permits**.
- We thank **Bill Henderson** for removing all the weeds overgrowing in the rear yard behind the fence adjacent the Cellar Stairway.

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.**

MISCELLANEOUS THINGS STILL NEEDING WORK

See Gene, Bill, Craig, Roger, Vinny, or Bob H. if you can help:

- * 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,**
- * Cleanup and clean out the lower Shop area and Property drawer. (WKG)
- * Investigate and strengthen the **Altar screen Filigree panels** which are showing **signs of looseness and cracking.**
- * Add electrical outlet in Office 2 to eliminate one extension cord. (CMPLT)
- * Repair the **bottom latch on the rear room 10-exit door.** (CMPLT)
- * Re-Seal the old office Duct Work to eliminate 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. **“Scout Project?”** Extend the Sprinkler system into to the area.
- * Rebuild, once again, the rotting Front Sanctuary Planter Boxes. **(Scout Project?)**
- * Complete the Painting of the Thrift Shop incoming shed. **(Scout Project?)**
- * Install a pole for power to the far Parking lot area for **Security.** **(Scout Project?)**
- * Replace the Parsonage/Parking Lot “Post and Rail” fencing. **(Scout Project?)**
- * Check/reset coverage of the flagpole Sprinkler head. Zn1/North of walkway.
- * Touch-up the “Rust areas” on the outside fire escape.
- * Electro spray” all the Sanctuary Microphone connections. In-line, Floor, Wall jacks.
- * Winterize the Roof A/C’s -Vacuum- Check Belts- Check Filters.
- * Prepare and Gas Snow Blower, Stage Snow melts and Shovels at entranceways.
- * Replace a **“Blind Slat”** in a main floor classroom. East classroom/South window.
- * Purchase/Replace (38.5”) the broken Blind in the lower NS Storage/Slop sink area.

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2023 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2023 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, October 1, 2023 18 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00AM Service (Green)	Eric Juergens John Gross	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	<u>Open</u>	Barbara Stone	<u>Open</u>
Sun, October 8, 2023 19 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00AM Service (Green)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	B. Rath's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	M. Murphy	Hans Vogel	Hans Vogel
Sun, October 15, 2023 20 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00AM Service (Green)	Roger Ohlander Eric Juergens	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath M. Soethout	C. Kuchynskas	Elaine DiChiara	The Biesma/Vizina Family
Sun, October 22, 2023 21 st Sun. After Pentecost 9:00AM Service (Green)	John Gross Craig Sparke	D. Ohlander's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	K. Biesma	Barbara Stone	Lorell Ahearn, Kirsten Duprez, and Nancy Pisani
Sun, October 29, 2023 REFORMATION SUNDAY 9:00AM Service (Red)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	B. Rath's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	M. Murphy	Nancy Pisani	Bell Choir
Sun, November 5, 2023 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 9:00AM Service (White)	Eric Juergens John Gross	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	G. Franz	Elaine DiChiara	Terry & Vinny Ciro
Sun, November 12, 2023 24 th Sun. After Pentecost 9:00AM Service (Green)	Craig Sparke Robert Ahearn	D. Ohlander's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath M. Soethout	K. Biesma	Nancy Pisani	Dee Bloomfield, BJ Gilmor, and Barbara Stone

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

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fi	Sat
<p>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</p>	<p>Parish Admin. Out of Office 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>Parish Admin. Out of Office 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Finance Meeting 5pm - Tech Literacy</p>	<p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>
<p>No Christian Education 9am - Worship</p>	<p>Church Office/CNS Closed 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and 7pm - Worship & Music 8pm - Council Meeting @</p>	<p>7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>CNS Back-to-School Night CNS Closed (Field Trip) 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy</p>	<p>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>
<p>9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>Spire Submission Deadline 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>Country Fair Set-Up: Gym 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</p>	<p>Country Fair Set-Up: Gym 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10 5pm - Tech Literacy</p>	<p>CNS Closed (PD Day) COUNTRY FAIR 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>COUNTRY FAIR 9am - Thrift Shop 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>
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<p>Reformation Sunday 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>Fall Food Drive Donations 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>Fall Food Drive Donations 7:30pm - BSA O.O.T.Arrow 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>	<p>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</p>

Nursery School News: October 2023

On September 11th the Nursery School opened the front doors and welcomed the children back into the school building! The halls were once again filled with smiling faces and children's laughter. There were some old friends returning who we were happy to see again, and some new friends that were just starting that we were eager to meet. We have two new teachers' aides this year! We are excited to welcome Ms. Christina in the three-year-old program and Ms. Sydney to our Pre-Nursery class. Since we have expanded our Pre-Nursery class to accommodate our growing school, we are in need of some extra caring hands and a friendly smile; if you happen to know someone, please send them our way.

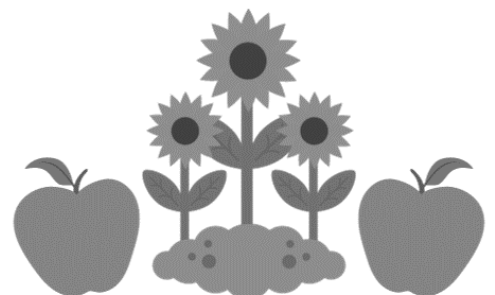
There are so many wonderful things happening in the month of October at the Nursery School. Picture day is scheduled for October 2nd and 3rd to capture all of the beautiful smiling faces here. We are excited to take the White Post Farms trip again this year on October 11th. We encourage all the students to come and spend the day at the farm with us. The children will enjoy a hayride, pumpkin picking and all the amazing animals. Grandparents and siblings are always welcome to join in on the fun at the farm!

Back to School Night will be held in person on Wednesday, October 11th. This night gives the parents the opportunity to speak with the teachers and see what a day in the eyes of their children are like. The parents love seeing all the wonderful masterpieces their children have been hard at work on decorating the halls and walls of their classrooms.

The teachers at the Nursery School will be attending the annual Lutheran Schools Association Conference on Friday, October 20th. This is a virtual meeting where the teachers sit in on some very informative workshops and speak with other teachers for support, offer advice and some guidance to one another.

The children and staff are looking forward to baking for the Church's Country Fair again. We hope you come by and pick up some of the tasty treats they will have out for everyone to enjoy!

The Nursery School is still accepting applications for enrollment this year. While all of the 2- and morning 3-year-old classes are full, we do still have availability in our afternoon 3-year-old class and our morning 4-year-old class. There are limited spaces available. Please spread the word about our wonderful Nursery School. If anyone is interested in registration, please contact me as soon as possible. The Nursery School office phone number is 516-679-8425, you can also reach me by email at cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org. You can also check us out on Facebook at: The Christian Nursery School at Christ Lutheran Church.



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Coming in October...

- October 2nd & 3rd: Parish Administrator Out of Office
- October 4th: WELCA Meeting, 1PM, Room 2000
- October 5th: Finance Meeting, 5PM, Pastor's Office
- October 7th: Thrift Shop Saturday, 9AM-2PM
- October 8th: No Christian Education Classes
- October 9th: Indigenous Peoples/Italian Heritage Day - CNS/Office Closed
- October 9th: Worship & Music, 7PM & Council Meeting, 8PM
- October 11th: CNS Back to School Night
- October 17th: November Spire Submission Deadline
- October 18th & 19th: Country Fair Set-Up, Gym
- October 20th & 21st: The 27th Annual Country Fair, 9AM-3PM
- October 24th: November Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Room 2000
- October 29th: Reformation Sunday
- October 31st: Trick or Treat!
- Wednesdays: Bell Choir, 7PM & Adult Choir, 8PM
- Thursdays: Tech Literacy Workshop, 5PM, Room 2000
- Fridays: Thrift Shop, 9AM-3PM

SAVE THE DATE!



THE 27TH ANNUAL
Country Fair
.....
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20 & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21
9AM-3PM EACH DAY - RAIN OR SHINE!