



The Spire

The Newsletter of
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY
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September 2021

Fellow Minister:

Today I am thinking about how happy I will be to see everyone once again at worship, now that most summer vacations are behind us. For many of you, this is the first time you have gotten away for a long time. I hope that those of you who went out of town had a wonderful time.

Fall is an exciting time at Christ Lutheran Church. We will be having Confirmation classes starting once again and hope to be able to restart Sunday School. Our choirs will be rehearsing, and our Nursery School will be beginning. Then on September 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., we will have our annual Church Fair. Once again, it should be great, and I am really looking forward to participating.

The work of refurbishing our parsonage will begin in earnest in October and should be completed in early December. The parish assessment work is currently being completed and should be sent to the MNYS in a few weeks. After that, our call committee will be ready to receive candidates for our next pastor. I hope that we will be blessed with our next pastor the early part of next year.

During the fall, I am hoping to meet in small groups with every family of Christ to discuss both our present and future ministry. It is essential that you will be willing to join with me. It is a large undertaking on my part, so I welcome everyone's cooperation to make these meetings successful. Each meeting will last about 45 minutes.

As always, we gather each week at 9 a.m. to hear God's word, receive the Sacrament, and to show our love and thankfulness to our God. Let's all of us be faithful and attend every week.

God loves you and so do I,

Pastor Krahn

PARISH REGISTER

MEMORIALS

General Memorial Fund

In Memory of: **Rosemarie Dunne**
Given by: **Her daughter, Deborah Dunne Sousa**

In Memory of: **Kenneth Deere**
Given by: **Roxanne Toomey**

Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: **Richard Lee**
Given by: **Norma Mantay**

Good News & Blessings

September Birthdays

9/2 Kaley Ann Bloomfield 5th
9/5 Norma Mantay
9/6 Michael Joseph Murphy 10th
9/7 Kristoffer Kuchynskas
9/7 James Ackermann
9/11 Sebastian Austin Newhall 15th
9/13 Samantha Scibelli 24th
9/16 Michael Soethout
9/17 Grace Ackermann
9/23 Doris Ohlander
9/28 Lisa Soethout
9/28 Verna Carrier
9/28 John Reardon
9/30 Jan Eastlund

September Anniversaries

9/8 Barbara & Jerry Grieser 65th
9/8 Vanessa & Chris Segur 20th
9/4 Kristoffer & Amy Kuchynskas
9/12 Martha & Henry Schlobohm 57th
9/16 Kristen (Massaro) & Brian Miklavic 15th
9/23 Margaret & Fred Lorenzen 65th
9/28 Donna & Peter Meyer 15th

GREAT NEWS

Brooke Hannah Duprez - Born July 21, 2021 - 7 pounds, 12 ounces, in Media, PA.

Parents: Michael and Samantha Duprez and big brother, Nathan Duprez

Proud Grandparents: Kirsten and Fred Duprez

On Our Prayer List. . .

The following people are on our prayer list ~ we remember them in our prayers ~

Jose Alves, Tom Anderson, Ellen Bacotti, Debbie Becker, James Cathcart, Danielle Chillemi, Donna Chillemi, Ann Curtis, Marge Dahlberg, Mike Dauth, Travis Gentile, Betty Gibberman, Barbara Grieser, Mary Lynn Kirby, Florence Kirch, Janet McShea, William McShea, James Pallas, Gary Proce, Barbara Proce, Eunice Rischman, George Steele, Marylou Steele, Natalie Stone, James Toomey, Saul Wein, Kathy Wicks, Karen Klose, Jimmy, Kay Charon, Jerry Fitzgerald, Suzanne Marshall, Elise Sheridan, Helga Richert, Carol Gallagher, George Kremer, Alex & Meg Edwards, Charlie Fisher, Janet Veltri, Bob Rath, Liz Barto, Chuck Collari.

We ask that you please keep us updated and let us know of any changes. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list who is in need of prayers, please call the church office at 221-3286 or email church@clcwantagh.org.

August Church Council Highlights

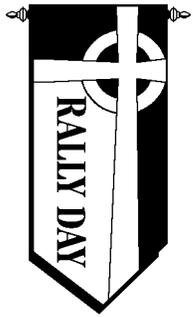
Amended By Laws and Constitution were presented, as well as the most recent draft of the **CLC Assessment Survey Profile report**, eventually to be submitted to the Synod. Both will be passed on for review by the congregation at a future time, as we proceed with our process of transition to our next called pastor.

Pastor Krahn is on vacation the week of August 16th and will not preside over worship on Sunday, August 22nd.

The 25th Annual Fall Country Fair will be held on **Friday, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th from 9 am to 1 pm.** See notice further down with more details.

Members and visitors are encouraged to complete Suggestion slips for the Suggestion Box in the Narthex (front vestibule of sanctuary.)

Sunday School needs at least two (2) teachers. We are prospecting for volunteer teachers, age 18 or above. Please see Claudia Gross or Nancy Pisani to volunteer, or to suggest someone who might be willing to volunteer. Letters were sent to parents, giving them the time line of classes, registration forms and expectations of parents and students for Confirmation and other classes in the 2021-22 year. Students were invited to a pizza party orientation on September 1st.



Rally Day Schedule

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021

9:00 am ~ Worship

9:00 am ~ Sunday School children meet in Church

10:15 am ~ Confirmation

The first day of Sunday School & Confirmation is Sunday, September 12. The Sunday School

children will be escorted by their teachers to their Sunday School rooms at 9:00 am and at 9:40 am, children will rejoin their families in the sanctuary for the remainder of worship.

Thrift Shop Ministry

The Thrift Shop opened September 15, 2006. We want to thank all of our volunteers for doing a great job every week. This summer, Kris Stone returned on Fridays. On Tuesdays, Joan Gagnon joined the gals with folding and cleaning. On Fridays, Vinny Ciro is now helping. We are blessed with God's caring for this ministry every week.

We are glad to announce that Saturday, September 4, Carol and Linda will be returning to their monthly routine. – Barbara & Jeri

WELCA NEWS

THRIVENT: Once again we will be looking for everyone's support for the **Country Fair** that will take place on **Friday, September 24th and Saturday, September 25th**. Please start looking for more news about how you can help to make the fair a success. The outreach programs that will benefit from the fair are The Interfaith Nutritional Network, Lutheran Disaster Relief, the USO, and Tunnel to Tower Foundation. It also will help support future Christ Lutheran ministries. We are planning to apply to Thrivent Financial for start-up funds for this event. They have been very helpful in the past.

Women from our conference churches (and friends) are invited to meet at Cedar Creek Park in Wantagh on Wednesday, September 15, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Our study will be "Spirit of God: Revealer and Resource". The study will come from the September issue of *Gather* Magazine. If you do not have a subscription to this magazine, you will still be welcome to participate.

We will be at Grove picnic area, parking field 5. Cedar Creek is located on the south side of Merrick Road, between the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway (135) and Wantagh Parkway. Everyone should bring her own lunch (including beverage) and Bible. There are tables with benches, but you might want to bring a chair. Hope to see you! If you have questions or wish to be added to our contact list, please call or email Joyce Anderson (516-496-8871 or daisyjoyce7@yahoo.com).

The Food Pantry at St. John's Lutheran Church in Merrick is in need of the following items:

Pancake mix/syrup, toilet tissue, paper towels, dish soap, bar soap, shampoo, salad dressing, saltines/cookies, coffee/tea, juice, cooking oil (48 oz), salad dressing, mayonnaise.

The collection bins are in the hallway outside the Library. Please check your donations for expiration dates. **Thank you. All donations are very much appreciated. Should you need food**, please call the church office at St. Johns Lutheran Church, Merrick (516-379-3858) to arrange to receive needed items.

2021 Country Fair News

25th Annual Country Fair

Fri., Sept. 24 ~ 9 am - 3 pm

Sat., Sept. 25 ~ 9 am - 3 pm



HAND CRAFTED ITEMS

There will be a variety of new and different craft items. If you have an idea, we'd love to hear it. If you need materials, please let us know.

Below is a list of items that sell well at the fair. If you have any of the following items to donate leave them on the table in the hall outside the church library. Put a note on your donation that says **FAIR**.

JEWELRY - ***This is a big money raiser but we need everyone's HELP by donating a few pieces of costume jewelry, such as rings, necklaces, pins, earrings, beads, jewelry boxes and ring holders. This table is busy all day.

TOOL TIME - This table continues to draw more interest each year. We are looking for hand tools such as hammers and screwdrivers, etc. Fishing equipment that is clean and in good condition and anything else you think a man might be interested in. Even partial boxes of nails/screws, garden tools, etc.

THIS YEAR WE ARE NOT SELLING BOOKS, CD'S OR TOYS. Our Thrift Shop would gladly accept donations of any of these items. The Thrift Shop will be open on **Friday & Saturday!**

RAFFLE BASKETS - If you have any of these items that are brand new and you do not have use for them, consider donating to our Fair baskets. (These are just possible ideas.)

Mugs - set of 2 or 4	Sm. Boxes of fancy tea
Tea cups 2 or 4	Wine glasses 2 or 4
Teapot	Cloth napkins 2, 4 or 6
Decorative napkin rings 2, 4 or 6	

***FOOD** - We also include food items such as jams and jellies, cookies, crackers, tea bags, nuts, cocoa, jar of cheese, cocoa, chips, etc. Please check expiration date on any food item.

***BATH & BODY ITEMS** - Fancy soaps, body lotion, dusting powder, scrubbies, pumice stone, pretty wash cloth and matching hand towel, etc.

***CHILDREN'S ITEMS** - Crayons, markers, colored pencils, watercolor paint box and brush, construction paper, glue sticks, scotch tape, coloring books, story books, jump rope, etc.

***BABY ITEMS** - Diaper bag, rattles, teething items, bottles, toys, pack of diapers, blankets, towels, wash cloths, stuffed toys, baby books, etc.

***PARTY ITEMS** - Paper plates, napkins, cups, plastic ware, tablecloths, decorations.

***PET BASKET** - Dog biscuits, snacks, toys and cat snacks & toys.

***PAPER GOODS (HOUSEHOLD)** - Towels, napkins, plastic bags - all sizes, scrubbies, etc.

***KITCHEN** - Pot holders, cooking utensils, cookbooks, hot mats, dish towels, sponges, etc.

***BOOKS** - brand new with dust jackets and current CDs

OF COURSE WE ALWAYS NEED LARGE CLEAN BASKETS.

Barbara Rath - 516-826-9642
Lilly Ann Munnich - 516-826-3663
Regina Coons - 631-532-5304
Kirsten Duprez - 516-783-0534

BEQUESTS

Blessed To Be a Blessing

We have each been blessed by God to be a blessing to others both during our lives and after them. One important way we can continue to be a blessing to the church beyond our lives is by leaving a portion of our estate to Christ Lutheran through our Will. Those with children are encouraged to consider leaving at least a Biblical tithe (a gift of 10%) of their estate. Others might well bless Christ Lutheran with a larger remembrance. For more information, please speak to Pastor Krahn (631-720-6179).

Every Moment an Opportunity

If one lives to be 70 years of age, the average person spends:

- 20 years sleeping
- 20 years working
- 6 years eating
- 7 years playing
- 5 years dressing
- 1 year on the telephone
- 2 ½ years in bed
- 3 years waiting for somebody
- 5 months tying shoes
- 2 ½ years for “other things”

Does “other things” in your life include some time for participation in serving on a church program?

While our daily lives may have about them a certain “sameness,” still, Christians affirm that every moment is creative by how we experience and respond to this new moment. Within every moment of this day, God is about his creative activity and is presenting us with occasions for discipleship.

Time is on the most important gifts given us by God. God has given it equally to all. It is our responsibility to use it wisely and well. And we can do so by dedicating some part of it to some apostolic activity, organized within the frame work of our church.

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CONGREGATIONAL PROFILE SURVEY

Dear Member;

The following survey is part of the Congregational Profile which must be submitted to the Bishop before any prospective candidates can be considered by our Call committee for consideration.

The purpose of the profile is:

- to provide information about Christ Lutheran church to the Bishop of our Synod and to prospective candidates, giving them an opportunity to decide whether they are compatible with the needs and desires of this congregation.
- to give the Council, Call committee, and congregation an opportunity to reflect on our strengths and weaknesses, and to consider what kind of pastoral leadership is needed for our congregation at this time.

The survey is long, and filling it out may seem tedious, but it is necessary to make sure the Call committee and Council are fulfilling the needs and desires of our congregation. Remember, this is YOUR church, and the pastor who will fill this office will be YOUR pastor. This is YOUR opportunity to be heard.

Please complete the survey and bring it or mail it to the church by April 14, 1986. Participation in the survey will be COMPLETELY ANONYMOUS. To insure this, we ask you to remove this page before returning the survey to the church.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Bob Greaker
Council Vice-president

1986 Self-Assessment Survey Cover letter

REMINDER

Our Thrift Shop is open:
Fridays - 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
First Saturday of Month -
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

PROPERTY REPORT – SEPT 2021

Our **Small Aging Retiree Group** continues to perform the maintenance and improvement items on the To-Do list that we can accomplish ourselves.

Our activities recently have included:

- We modified a new thrift shop cart to help in moving things around.
- We replaced a few Fluorescents on the education buildings main floor and reset others not functioning in the hot/humid weather. We changed the bulbs in the Sanctuary dark **screen light**, restoring the light. We Changed/reset three in room 10.
- We initiated the **painting of the Wrought Iron railings** as weather and traffic permits. The entrances at Room 2000, Sanctuary, Thrift Shop, and Steinbicker are complete. The “Pit” stair railings will be done before NS begins. We cemented a few wobbly stanchions into the walkways.
- Following the **discovery of “whitish spots”** on the bottoms of many Sanctuary chairs stacked in room 2000, we also uncovered others in the Loggia and the Sanctuary itself. We cleaned them with simple green and wipes and they seem to be clearing up. We completed the Sanctuary chairs when the NS was finished. Our analysis points to contributing factors of **damp weather clothes racks and lack of A/C need** for weekday activities and Sunday coffee hours. We reprogrammed the sanctuary A/C’s to come on for a half hour a day Mo-Sa to ward off a reoccurrence.
- We reprogrammed the **Sanctuary A/C’s** again after VBS changes. We restored the **fan belt on the North unit**, which had slipped off the pulley.
- We re-secured two **“Screen light” covers** that fell off in the Organ Speaker loft.
- We activated the **De-Humidifier in the Parsonage basement**. When it did not work, we ordered and installed a new one. We also replaced a chirping S/D battery.
- We ordered **2-new De-Humidifiers for the Steinbicker basement** after finding them not functioning. We removed the old units from their hallway shelves and moved them to the driveway for special pickup. We installed the new units.
- **With difficulty, we TWICE moved the large 18’ A-ladder** into the sanctuary to replace numerous high ceiling bulbs. **One bad ballast** was found and a new one was ordered. **We thank Craig** for making the change over to the new ballast.
- We had to cut off a rusted lock to get to the 18’ ladder, so we ordered **three new locks**, and got extra keys made, for the rear yard Gates and 18’ Ladder.
- **We thank Bob Hasteadt** for purchasing a **Solar/motion pole light for the parking lot**. We mounted it high on the entrance pole and trimmed bushes for better coverage. Bob had to return it when it got “flooded”, and we mounted the new one.
- We cut the July 4th marching banner pole to fit the new banner.
- **The corner power pole at Island and Wantagh is finally gone**. The last of our neighborhood’s critical power/telephone/cable services were transferred to new poles, just prior to the Parade, and after 4-years of our coaxing. Our thanks to the TOH for their escalation assistance. We installed a new pole “Hanger” for the Thrift shop sign.
- We **dried** the Steinbicker north **basement floor, flooded** following the 7/9 deluge.

- **We surveyed and discussed the parsonage refurbishment and provided an extensive document to the Transition team for consideration.**
- We uncovered a clogged condenser screen with no filter in the **Room 2000 A/C**.
- After scraping the thick fuzz off, vacuuming, and restoring the flattened vanes, the A/C was working fine. We **thank Bob Hasteadt** for purchasing a new foam filter.
- We cleaned the **Thrift Shop A/C filter** and vacuumed the condenser, restoring the full A/C capability.
- We disassembled and tightened up a couple of loose/wobbly **Altar Platform Chairs**.
- We restored (with tape, tie wraps, and hulas hoops) **the collapsed NS yard canopy**, needing another two days summer program use. We also made it stronger to hopefully carry them through September.
- As requested, we moved a file cabinet from the Pastors office into the Youth room.
- We installed new sliding parts in a **lower classroom vinyl window sash**.

Retiree Group

THINGS TO DO

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

- *Clean the ceiling light covers in room 10 and 2000.
- *Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- ***Power Wash** the front Steinbicker stairway, north 10-20 wall, etc “greens”,
- *Scrape and Paint the white/bare **trim above the Library and 2000 kitchenette**.
- *Arrange to grow grass on the East side of Steinbicker. Stones to pit?, Topsoil?, Sod?, Labor.
- *Repair numerous **Cement issues** around the property. (Stairs, Pointing, Washes, loose items, price professional intervention?).
- *Prepare/Paint the outside **Room 20 North window** frame (Professional?).
- *Clean and refurbish the vinyl replacement windows all around, checking for smooth operation, weather stripping and locking capability. **(WKG)**
- ***Research and arrange** for a “Seal coating” and re-striping of the parking lot and the Parsonage driveway. **(Fall?)**
- * Touch up the Roof top Air duct “Rust spots” with Silver paint on hand.
- * Re-tar around the intermittent leaking south most sanctuary AC duct.
- *Replace the broken **NS window** track hardware at NS break.**(CMPLT)**
- *We are still awaiting the findings and recommendations from the property wide **“energy survey”** by a PSEG contractor.
- *We are happy that “Best Buy” finally **FIXED** the **Parsonage Ice issue**.



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Dear Friend,

Thank you for your contribution of 8 lbs. of food, which is helping Lutheran Social Services of New York to serve more than 7,000 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 assisting all people in reaching 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 programs over the years; you make lives better every day through our shared mission of service.

Sincerely,

Damyn Kelly, J.D.
President & CEO

Thank you for your generous support of Lutheran Social Services of New York. All gifts are tax-deductible, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. No goods or services were provided in return for this contribution.

Please remember Lutheran Social Services of New York in your will. Please contact Brian Gavin at 212-870-1124 or bgavin@lssny.org for more information.



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SEPTEMBER 2021 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	Flower Delivery	Acolytes & *Crucifers	Counters	Greeters	Coffee Hosts
	9:00						
Sun., September 5, 2021 15th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am-Worship (Green)		D. Ohlander's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		
Sun., September 12, 2021 16th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		B. Rath's Group			R. Ohlander D. Ohlander B. Rath B. Rath		
Sun., September 19, 2021 17th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group			J. FITZGERALD J. Eastlund J. Eastlund		
Sun., September 26, 2021 18th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		D. Ohlander's Group			B. Henderson R. OHLANDER M. Soethout J. Fahey		
Sun., October 3, 2021 19th Sunday After Pentecost 9:00am - Worship (Green)		B. Rath's Group			H. Vogel J. Gross R. Ahearn		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2 10am - TOPS: <i>Rm. 16</i>	3 9am - Thrift Shop 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	4 9am - Thrift Shop 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
5 Wantagh 9am - Worship	6 Church Office Closed Labor Day	7 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	8	9 10am - TOPS: <i>Rm. 16</i> 7pm - Finance <i>Committee on Zoom</i>	10 9am - Thrift Shop 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	11 12am - 20th 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
12 9am - Sunday 9am - Worship: 10:15am - <i>Confirmation</i>	13 7pm - Worship & 8pm - Council	14 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	15	16 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10	17 9am - Thrift Shop 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	18 11:30am - 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
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September 2021

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Coming in **September**. . .

Sat., September 4 - Thrift Shop - 9:00am - 3:00pm

Mon., September 6 - Church Office & Nursery School Closed

Sun., September 12 - Rally Day - Christian Education resumes

9:00am - Sunday School

10:15am - Confirmation Class

Mon., September 13 - 7:00pm Worship & Music Meeting

8:00pm Council Meeting

Fri., September 17 - SPIRE Deadline

Thurs., September 23 - SPIRE Mailing

Fri., September 24 - 25th Annual Fall Country Fair - 9:00am - 3pm