



The Spire

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Meet Pastor Sue Sprowls

A native of the Chicago suburb of LaGrange, IL, Pastor Sue earned her Bachelor of Arts (Religious Studies) from Occidental College and her Master of Divinity (summa cum laude) from Yale Divinity School. She completed a part-time pastoral internship at Salem Lutheran Church, Naugatuck, CT and a full-time internship year at Lord of Light Lutheran Church/Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Michigan (LOL/LCM), Ann Arbor.

Sue served as Associate Pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church, Phoenix, AZ for 7.5 years before being called to serve as Pastor of LOL/LCM, a position she held for nearly a decade. A member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Ann Arbor, she participates in a weekly lectionary Bible study.

Raised in the Presbyterian Church, Pastor Sue spent her young adult years in the Episcopal Church before finding a home in the ELCA. She is passionate about ecumenical and interfaith dialogue and peace in the Middle East. Her first sabbatical allowed her to focus on a lifelong interest in Native American spirituality and arts. She finds Benedictine spirituality to be life-giving and is an Oblate of Our Lady of Grace (Benedictine) Monastery in Beech Grove, IN.

Pastor Sue's ministry partners include a cadre of plush animals with personality plus! Her cocker spaniels, Kelsey, Barry, and Eli were valuable pastoral associates throughout their lives; she hopes that 4 ½ year-old Rowan will be able to follow in their paw-steps.

In addition to cheering for the Oxy Tigers, Yale Bulldogs, and Michigan Wolverines, Pastor Sue is a die-hard Cubs fan (Is there any other kind?) who loves to share her "happy place," Door County, WI, with family and friends. She is pleased to be serving at Christ Lutheran and looks forward to getting acquainted with you all.

O COME, LET US ADORE HIM

Save the dates for Christmas worship!

Longest Night (a service for grief during the holidays):
December 21st at 5PM, **at Our Redeemer L.C. Seaford**

Christmas Eve: 5:30PM **and** 8:00PM, at Christ Lutheran

Christmas Day: 10:00AM, **at St. David's L.C. Mass. Pk.**

Our Christmas Eve worship services will be led by Pastor Susan Sprowls. Both services will be uploaded to Facebook and YouTube for those who wish to participate from home.

THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Save the date! The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held after 9AM worship service on **Sunday, January 26th**. Church committees and organizations are encouraged to begin compiling their 2024 Annual Reports **now**. Please speak with a Council member if you have any questions. Annual Reports **must** be submitted to the Church office by **Friday, January 17th**. Reports are required from the following:

Building/Property - Christian Education - Evangelism
Fellowship - Finance - Fundraising - Nursery Board
Outreach - Pastor/Parish Relations - Personnel
Social Media - Stewardship - Thrift Shop
Transition - Worship & Music - Youth - WELCA
Altar Guild - Counters

In order to hold the Annual Meeting, a minimum of **ten percent** of the Church membership must be in attendance. Christian Ed. classes will not be held on this day. Please do all you can to be available. *The future of Christ Lutheran depends upon decisions made here!* This constitutes the **third** official notice of the 2025 Annual Meeting.

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Skip Madden**

Given by: Jan and John Eastlund

In Memory of: **Helga Richert**

Given by: Jan and John Eastlund

In Memory of: **Drew Moore**

Given by: Claudia & John Gross

In Memory of: **Helga Richert**

Given by: Claudia & John Gross

Property Improvement & Maintenance

In Memory of: Jane DiDonato

Given by: Eleanor Freyer

Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: Helga Richert

Given by: Regina Coons

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GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

January Birthdays

6: Jennifer Vizina

7: Ann Reimer

11: Barbara Rath

11: Alisa, Jayme, and Valerie Batcher

13: Sarah Ann Gephardt

23: Carole Padula

29: Elizabeth McGuinness

January Anniversaries

9: Cheryl and Eric Feder

11: Doris and Roger Ohlander



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The Rev. Susan F. Sprowls, Interim Pastor • Roxanne Toomey, Deacon • Nancy Pisani, President

Nicole Nicholson, Director of Music • Kamelija Galijan-Curry, Organist

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



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

- **Winter Wonderland:** Thank you to everyone who participated in last month's Wantagh Winter Wonderland Fair. Despite a small fire which cut the event short, we are happy to report that it was a success.
- **Condo Raffle:** Congratulations to this year's condo raffle winner, **Roxanne Toomey!** Thank you again to **Hans & Laura Vogel** for donating this exciting prize.
- **Congregational Christmas Card:** Thank you to all who sent in warm Christmas wishes for our congregation! Proceeds from this year's Christmas card will benefit the John Theissen Children's Foundation.
- **2025 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.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Below are the highlights from the November 2024 Council meeting. The December meeting was held on Tuesday, December 17th; highlights will be featured in next month's edition.

Outreach Updates

- \$375 was raised for Good Shepherd Hospice of LI through our Lights of Love annual tribute.
- Proceeds from this year's Congregational Christmas Card will be donated to the John Theissen Children's Foundation.
- Proceeds from this year's Benevolence Fund allocation will be donated to the L.S.S. New Life Center.
- Thank you to all who contributed and volunteered with our Seafarers and Mr. Mittens annual collections.

General Worship Updates

- In collaboration with Our Redeemer and St. David's Lutheran Churches, CLC will host a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 27th.
- A collaborative effort for Christmas services between our three churches is also in place and will be advertised.

- For the first several weeks following Pr. Sprowls' first service here on December 1st, nametags will be available in the narthex and parishioners will be encouraged to wear them.
- We have begun the process of phasing out the livestreaming of worship services, due to low video quality on Facebook. Services will still be recorded and uploaded to YouTube as we had done before livestreaming.

Christian Education Updates

- Due to lack of rehearsal availability, we will not be holding a traditional Christmas Pageant this year. We are working on an alternative.
- Sunday School will not be held on 12/1 or 12/29.
- Thank you to our recent confirmand, Maddie Murphy, who is now serving as an Assistant Teacher.
- Pr. Sprowls will work with our ministry team on our Confirmation curriculum, as traditionally, Confirmation instruction is overseen by the Pastor.

Nursery Updates

- The Nursery School was featured in the Wantagh coloring book, which was distributed to families at Winter Wonderland.
- Thank you to everyone who placed orders with our annual Thanksgiving fundraiser with White Post Farms.
- The Nursery School will hold their Christmas Pageant and staff Christmas celebration as usual this year.

Miscellaneous Updates

- The Church office is in contact with the TOH Attorney's office regarding the recent one-way signage posted on Island Road, and the removal of the old no parking signs from our parochial school days.
- Thank you to all who helped as the Music Ministry office was moved upstairs. Thrift is now using the old office for storage. Special thanks to Nicole, who has gone through the arduous process of cataloging decades' worth of music for us.
- Wi-Fi signal boosters have been installed around the church. Thank you to Nicole's husband, Andrew!
- Repairs continue to be made over at the parsonage. Council is working on a system so that the Property Committee can provide their insight into these issues and to the selection of the appropriate vendors to remedy them.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- On December 22nd, our students will be actively involved in the Fourth Sunday of Advent service. **Dylan and James Kemnah** will perform an instrumental with our Music Ministry. **Maddie Murphy**, who was Confirmed in October and now serves as a Sunday School teaching assistant, will narrate our **Interactive Nativity Story**. The students participating are: **Nicholas and Makayla Adams, Kyliana Corriston, Charles, Eleanor, and Henry Juergens, Dylan Kemnah, MacKenzie Murphy, and Freya Schmitt**. Thank you especially to **Pastor Sprowls**, who wrote this year's Nativity show, and **Nicole Nicholson**, who will direct the music. We invite everyone to participate and sing along!
- Please note that Christian Education classes **will not meet** on December 29th for holiday recess, and January 26th for the Annual Meeting.

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 January 4th.**

Please note that the Thrift Shop will be **closed on Friday, December 27th** for their holiday recess.

Donations are appreciated! For your convenience, a donation shed is available for your use outside of Thrift Shop hours. **Please be sure to place your donations in the shed, not outside of it, as we cannot guarantee they will be brought inside right away.** If you are making a sizeable donation (quantity or very large items), please call the Church office ahead of time. **We are not able to accept donations of books, cribs, or mattresses at this time.** 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!

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Homebound Communion: Did you know that we offer Communion for the homebound? Due to a temporary illness or injury or a long-term situation, this option is available to you. If you or a loved one is interested in receiving Communion at home or at a care facility, please contact the Church office.

Mr. Mittens: Thank you to everyone who participated in this special collection for the pediatric patients at Nassau University Medical Center.

Seafarers: On December 16th, Pastor Marsh Drege picked up our Christmas at Sea care satchels. Thank you to all who

donated! A total of 36 satchels, along with several extra items to make additional satchels, were collected by our congregation. We would also like to thank the congregation of St. John's Lutheran Church in Bellmore, who collected 45 satchels to be dropped off here for pickup. A special thank-you goes out to **Jan and John Eastlund** for coordinating, and to all who helped to assemble satchels.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

Thank you to all who contributed to our annual collection for Seafarers International House. Once again, we thank **Thrivent Financial** for being very generous to us in providing \$250 start-up funds for this essential ministry.

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.

WELCA

We wish Norma Mantay a quick recovery so she can be back with us soon. There will be no January meeting as we take caution for inclement weather. Please start saving for **health kits** in the future. - *Lilly Ann Munnich*

ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY

Your donations are appreciated. Thank you!
Canned Stew - Canned Tuna - Chef Boyardee
Chili with Beans - Coffee - Cookies - Cooking Oil - Crackers
Egg Noodles - Instant Mashed Potatoes - Juice
Pancake Mix & Syrup - Peanut Butter
Pasta (Penne/Spaghetti) & Sauce - Pork & Beans - Rice
Salad Dressing - Shelf-Stable Milk - Spam
Tuna Helper
Please check the expiration dates on packaged foods before donating.

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!

2025 CALENDARS ARE HERE!

2025 Christ Lutheran Church calendars, courtesy of our friends at **Wantagh Abbey & Bellmore Funeral Home**, are now available! Complimentary copies of the calendar will be kept in the Sanctuary and in the Church office. If you would like to have a certain number of calendars set aside, please contact the Church office.

THANK YOU TO...

Dear WELCA Members,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$600. Your contribution is making a significant impact at the **New Life Center**, especially as we've seen a notable increase in the number of individuals seeking support. Our client base has grown by 51.25% this year compared to last year, and we have experienced a 38% increase in the number of seniors served compared to 2023. Donations like yours are crucial in enabling us to continue providing essential services to our expanding client community. We are deeply grateful for your support. Wishing you and your families a blessed Christmas.
- Lynn Butte, Program Director

Dear Knitwits Group at Christ Lutheran Church,
On behalf of the **Northport VA Center** patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your very thoughtful and beautiful donation of 8 large blankets, 6 medium blankets, and 10 adult bibs. It is through the efforts of community partners like you that allow us to continue the quality care and services that we seek to provide for our deserving veterans. We look forward to the opportunity to work with you again for future events. Thank you for your continued support and advocacy.
- Christin Wawrzonek, Voluntary Service Assistant

Dear Knitwits of Christ Lutheran Church,
We can't thank you enough for the beautiful blankets and bibs for our residents. Every one of them is or will be used with love! Your thoughtfulness is extremely appreciated!
- The Bel Air Nursing Home Staff

Dear Friends at Christ Lutheran Church,
We realize this thank-you is a bit late, but here it is. Our family was overwhelmed with the assistance of Mom's

(**Marge Dahlberg's**) funeral service. You all made a challenging time much easier!

- Ginny Dahlberg, Debbie Jones (Dahlberg), and Cathy Boyer (Dahlberg)



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Judy Angeloch - Kathleen Cardone - Becky Carlson
James Cathcart - Danielle Chillemi - Sal Costanzo
Sue Costanzo - Joan Drake - Travis Gentile
Betty Gibberman - Bill Gilmor - Emmy Grenzig
Barbara Grieser - Theresa Heenan - Arnold Howard
Steven Koch - Laura Koenig - Ruth Kollar - Susan Kremer
Jean Leib - Chris Mantay - Norma Mantay - Janet McShea
William McShea - 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 - Doris Spiegle
Natalie Stone - James Toomey - Hilde Uccellini
Nancy Valenti - Liz Wagner

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.

CLC HISTORY



Did you know? The cornerstone of our church was placed in December of 1939. Construction continued from January through April of 1940, when a formal building dedication was held. Pictured above is a wintry scene from 1940, as we prepare for the winter of 2025!



PROPERTY REPORT – JAN 2025

Our Volunteer Retiree Group continues to perform the maintenance and/or improvement items from the “**Office**” **To-Do list**, Seasonal activities, or things reported to us, and we can accomplish without professional help.

Our **recent activities** have included:

- We continue to move many items for the Thrift shop; Book fairies, Yard Waste, Carmine Bags, Room 2000 racks/tables, garbage bags, repairs, etc.
- **We thank Bill** for his Ivy removal and shrubbery trimming efforts.
- We Surveyed and advised on the unfinished Parsonage Laundry area. We contacted Quinn for the Water and Gene and Vinny handled drilling the Vent pipe hole and installing the Vent, all ready for the appliance deliveries. Drain issues were referred to the Parsonage renovation committee to resolve.
- At Nicole’s request, we boxed up 5 bins of old music, in the Loggia, for the trash.
- We activated the **Advent wreath** on the Saturday after the Thanksgiving service, and deactivated it for Christmas.
- We **mounted the eight (8) Boy Scout Christmas Wreaths** at the entrance doors.
- Over two weeks, we moved the many Scout cleanup leaf bags to the curb for TOH P/U. We also assisted the TOH to clear out the last bags just before Thanksgiving.
- We installed the Sanctuary Entrance “**Light Bars**” and the **ELCA Tree Lights**.
- We installed the **Sanctuary Window spotlights**, ready for Christmas Eve services and **re-lamped them with LED bulbs..**
- We installed the South End **overhead Sanctuary Wreath**.
- We Installed the Sanctuary **Rear Window Wreaths** and the **South End decorations**. We also assembled and placed the **Outside Manger figures**.
- We staged the rear altar Candle stands and installed the Golden Bows. We filled and placed the candles before the Christmas need.
- We finished the decorations by **placing the Tree, Manger, and stair garlands**.
- We investigated a “**Freezing**” issue with the **small 2000 refrigerator** and re-secured and set the Thermostat Sensor, dislodged in the recent Defroast activity.
- We managed to get the dark **corner sign to light** one side with a spare bulb/starter swap. We will rewire the two light fixtures to “LED” when the time/weather cooperates.
- We replaced a broken **R/H flagpole light bulb**. A new Socket will be installed when time allows and the weather cooperates.
- We tightened a loose TP holder in the Room 2000 bathroom.
- We sealed-up and **winterized the A/C units in room 2000 and the Thrift shop**.
- We found the **Room 2000 heat on “hold 69°”** when we checked the Friday morning after Thanksgiving. We suspect it was left on after the Wednesday Thanksgiving reception! We reset the thermostat for the week. **PLEASE DO NOT PLACE THERMOSTATS ON HOLD. USE THE UP/DOWN ARROWS TO CONTROL.**
- We changed the batteries in the **Sanctuary, Library, Room 10, 20, and 2000 thermostats**.

- **We continue to find the old entrance doors “UNLOCKED”. The last to leave should ensure it is locked by turning the key FULLY 180° Counter Clockwise and **check with your thumb**. Thank You!**
- We filled and staged all the **Sno-melt containers** and activated the **shovels**.
- We removed the Christmas Candelight Service items from storage.

Retirees

NEED RESEARCH FOR POTENTIAL LONG RANGE PROJECTS

- * Research the possibility of **new lighting for the Sanctuary**.
- * 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. (**Scout Project??**)
- * Research the possibility and costs to remove and **refurbish the Original Steeple Bell and Cradle**.
- * Investigate **installing a Power Pole** in the far Parking lot area, for **Security**.
- * Research **replacing the Parsonage rear fencing**. (Research who is the owner?)

MISCELLANEOUS THINGS STILL NEEDING WORK

- * Paint the Sliding Closet doors in the Gym South access area.
- * Repair numerous **Cement issues**. (Walks, Pit wall, Pointing, Washes)
- * Investigate and strengthen the **Altar screen Filigree panels** which are **showing signs of looseness and cracking**.
- * 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 and rotting Front Sanctuary Planter Boxes. (Scout Project??)
- * Complete the Painting of the Thrift Shop incoming shed.
- * Engineer a “Safety” arrangement for the heavy Organ Speaker loft “Hatch cover”.
- * Activate, charge, and stage the new “Power Shovel”.
- * Touch-up the rust areas of the 10/20 Fire Escape.
- * Check the remote batteries and filters on the office A/C units.
- * Repair and install the window screen in the NS director’s office.
- * Repair two Gym tables with damaged legs.
- * Install a new R/H spotlight socket in the spring.
- * Re-Wire the corner sign light fixtures for LED operation.

DECEMBER 2024/JANUARY 2025 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

2024/2025 WORSHIP DATES	USHERS	ALTAR GUILD	COUNTERS	ACOLYTE	COMM. ASST.	COFFEE HOUR HOST(S)
Sun, December 29, 2024 First Sunday of Christmas 9:00AM Service (White)	John Gross Craig Sparke	B. Rath's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	N/A	N/A	Elaine DiChiara, Jan Eastlund, and June Fahey
LESSONS & CAROLS						
Sun, January 5, 2025 The Epiphany of Our Lord 9:00AM Service (White)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	J. Kennnch	Barbara Stone	Volunteers Needed!
Sun, January 12, 2025 The Baptism of Our Lord 9:00AM Service (White)	John Gross Craig Sparke	D. Ohlander's Group	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath G. Veltri	M. Murphy	Nancy Pisani	The Murphy Family
Sun, January 19, 2025 Second Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green)	Robert Ahearn Roger Ohlander	B. Rath's Group	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	J. Kennnch	Elaine DiChiara	Volunteers Needed!
Sun, January 26, 2025 Third Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green)	John Gross Craig Sparke	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	J. Fahey B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	N/A	Hans Vogel	Council
2025 ANNUAL MEETING						

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
29 9am - Sunday School 9am - Worship 10:15am - Confirm	30 7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and	31 8pm - AA: Rm. 10	1 Church Office Closed Happy New Year!	2 10am - TOPS: Rm. 10	3 9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10	4 10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10
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Nursery School News: January 2025



Our little elves were very busy at school this month. In the pre-nursery program, they filled Santa's workshop with a variety of projects. Handprint wreaths and Christmas trees adorned our walls. They created beautiful Christmas crafts for their homes and made ornaments as gifts for their loved ones to treasure for years to come. They finished off 2024 with a big Christmas party with lots of sweet treats and Christmas music.

The nursery children were equally busy this month filling our walls with all things Christmas. They made ornaments to take home, Christmas gifts for their families, as well as many other crafts that brighten up their classrooms and the walls of their homes. Of course, their party was a blast as well with lots of goodies, games and laughter. They performed an amazing sing-along in their classrooms for their parents on the last day of classes.

As the children get older, the things they can do increase. The children in the four-year-old program were super busy learning the true meaning of Christmas as well as making lots of fun Christmas decorations. In the four-year-old class, we made a Christmas count down Santa, Rudolph the red nosed reindeer hat, ornaments that decorated our classroom, invites to our pageant, and many other Christmas themed projects. The best part of our December traditions in the four-year-old classroom is the Christmas Pageant. The children put on a beautiful pageant in the church that was Broadway worthy. We couldn't be prouder of them! They were amazing!

All the children loved our special visitor that came straight from the north pole! Santa took some time out of his very busy schedule to wish the children here a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year!! Mrs. Clause was busy looking over the elves but made sure to send Santa in with some candy cane gifts and magical reindeer food for all!

Come Join Our School Family! Registration Begins Soon!

Registration for the 2025/2026 school year starts Wednesday, January 15th for in-house families and Wednesday, January 22nd for those not yet attending. Please tell all your friends and neighbors what a wonderful nursery school program we have here at The Christian Nursery School. They can schedule a tour by contacting me at 516-679-8425 or emailing me at cnsdirector@clcwantagh.org

All information is on our website www.clcwantagh.org/cns.html.

We Wish Everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

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January 2025

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Please return this sheet to the address above.

Coming in January...

January 1st: Happy New Year! Church Office Closed

January 4th: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM-2PM

January 9th: Finance Meeting, Time TBD

January 14th: W&M/Council Meeting, 7PM, Room 2000

January 17th: 2024 Annual Reports Due

January 20th: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Church Office Closed

January 26th: 2025 Annual Meeting, After 9AM Worship

