



The Spire

The Newsletter of
Christ Lutheran Church - Wantagh, NY
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Dear Friends,

It is not often that I find myself writing in my own voice on this page. Likewise, you're used to reading an opening message from a pastor or president. Yet, while I may not possess the authority of the former examples, I consider myself, now three years in, well-versed on the topic of what makes Christ Lutheran Church a true Christian community.

Since accepting a position here in 2021, in the midst of a pandemic and a pastoral vacancy (which, at the time, had no end in sight), I have seen a lot of change. This probably pales in comparison to what many of you, whom have been here for decades, or even generations, have experienced. However, as I've had the privilege to get to know, worship, learn, and grow alongside the members here, I've also seen that there are some things about Christ Lutheran that haven't, *shouldn't*, change. The willingness to help one another, without the expectation of praise. Long hours put in preparing for worship services and service projects. The smiles on our youngest members' faces when they finally learn all of the words to the Lord's Prayer. The tears shed by all when one of us endures a loss. And, while money is not the major motive for what we do here, I would be remiss not to mention the tens of thousands of dollars raised for our ministries and the many communities near and far which we serve. These constants are what make the members of CLC true disciples of Jesus Christ.

As we enter a new year, with a new interim pastor, I know the idea of change brings on anxiety and hesitancy alike. Many of the members here have jokingly remarked to me that if there is anything I should know about Lutherans, it's that they're resistant to change. In the past few months, I've certainly seen that once or twice (perhaps more). But, what is most important for us to remember in this new season is that the most wonderful parts of Christ Lutheran, the things that truly make us who we are, will never change. So long as we believe in our mission and have faith in our God, we too should take comfort in the knowledge that everyone here has the same goal: to leave Christ Lutheran better than we found it. Because, when our church thrives, the light of God shines through us.

Recently, Pastor Sprowls shared one of her favorite poems with me. I find it to be especially inspiring of late. It reads: *When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work... begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among people, to make music in the heart.*

Friends, there is much work to be done. But as long as we work together, I know we can achieve it.

Yours in Faith and Hope,

Della Rao, Parish Administrator

PARISH REGISTER MEMORIALS

General Memorial

In Memory of: **Mary Ann Welch**

Given by: **Jan and John Eastlund**

In Memory of: **Albert & Julia Gaal**

Given by: **Elizabeth Wagner**

Sanctuary Memorial

In Memory of: **Charles P. Fenning**

Given by: **Claudia & John Gross**

In Memory of: **Rosemarie Dunne**

Given by: **Deborah Dunne Sousa**

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GOOD NEWS & BLESSINGS

February Birthdays

15: Kaitlyn Kuchynskas

21: Steven Joseph Achatz

22: Kyliana Corriston

23: Charles Juergens

24: MacKenzie Murphy

27: Freya Schmitt

28: Elianna Rose Feder

28: Elise (Henderson) Sheridan



February Anniversaries

11: Lisa and Michael Soethout

14: Thitporn and Ralph Pollock

Would you like to include a birthday or anniversary in the Spire? All are welcome! Please call or email the Church office with the name(s) and date(s). Please do so no later than 30 days before your celebration.

In Loving Memory...

Christ Lutheran Church mourns the loss of longtime member **Mary Ann Welch**, who passed away on November 14, 2024. Our hearts extend in prayerful support to her family during this difficult time. We also express our profound gratitude for the generous memorial gift made by Mary Ann's family in support of the church she so loved. Those who would like to send their condolences to Mary Ann's family are encouraged to contact the Church office.

Good News

- **Annual Meeting:** Thank you to all members who attended the 2025 Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26th. Your input ensures the continued success of our many ministries as well as the communities we support.
- **Save the Date!** Wantagh's St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held on **Sunday, March 16th**. Please see Della if you are interested in participating with CLC this year.
- **Volunteers Needed!** Believe it or not, the Easter season is right around the corner! Volunteers are once again needed as we prepare eggs for the **2025 Easter Egg Hunt**. If you or your family/group would like to help us, please speak with Claudia Gross or Della Rao.

CLC Youth News

- **Scouts:** Boy Scout Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, February 2nd. Please see page 5 of your Spire for more information. Thank you to all of our scouts, volunteers, and their families for their support of CLC.
- **Music Ministry:** CLC is overjoyed to launch our Children's Choir! This month, they will perform "*This Little Light of Mine*" at the 9AM service on Sunday, February 2nd. All children ages Pre-K and up are invited to join! If your child is interested, please speak to our Director of Music, Nicole Nicholson.
- **Nursery School:** Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open! Registration forms are

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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



available on the school's website. For questions, please call the Nursery School office at 516-679-8425.

- **Christian Education:** Please note that Christian Education classes will not meet on Sunday, February 16th in observance of winter recess.

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Outreach Updates

- All proceeds from January 25th Thrift Shop sales have been donated to support disaster relief efforts connected with the SoCal wildfires. Thank you to the Thrift Shop team for their generosity and kindness!
- Collections for our LWR personal health kits are now underway. We encourage all who can to get involved.

General Worship Updates

- We are thrilled to announce the launch of our Children's Choir! Some of the new children joining Christ Lutheran Church have shared their love of singing, and we hope this initiative will inspire more participation from our Sunday School families. The Children's Choir's debut performance will be "*This Little Light of Mine*" on February 2nd.

Christian Education Updates

- Our Christian Education team is collaborating with Pastor Sprowls on re-introducing "Come to Church Sunday" for our students. We hope to hold this at least once per month. More to follow as the year goes on.
- Pastor Sprowls will be teaching the First Communion curriculum this year, and will be collaborating with Roxanne, Nicole, and Della on updates to the instruction of our Confirmation students.

Nursery Updates

- In-house registration for the 2025-2026 school year began on January 15th. Registration was opened to the public on January 22nd.

THRIFT SHOP

Our thrift shop is open on Fridays, 9AM-3PM, and the first Saturday of each month, 10AM-2PM. **The next Thrift Shop Saturday will be held on February 1st.**

Donations are appreciated! We kindly ask that donations are not left in Room 10, as other groups use that space. 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.

SoCal Wildfire Relief: Monetary donations are currently being collected on behalf of Lutheran Disaster Response. Your donation will be used to provide front-line *and* long-term support for those impacted by the wildfires. Donation envelopes are available in the Sanctuary. If you would like to mail in a donation, please be sure to designate it appropriately for SoCal Wildfire Relief.

Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits: Throughout the month of February, we will be accepting the following needed items: bath towels (dark colors preferred; **these are urgently needed**), bath-size soap bars, toothbrushes, wide-tooth combs, and nail clippers. Monetary donations for the purchase of these items will also be accepted; please make checks out to WELCA. Items may be left in the designated box in the loggia or mailed to the church.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL

To Members of the Congregation: On March 5th, WELCA and Thrivent plan to assemble and ship personal care kits for Lutheran World Relief to help people who are victims of natural disasters or political upheaval. We are looking for members of the congregation to donate bath towels (preferably dark colors), bath-size soap bars, toothbrushes, wide-tooth combs, and nail clippers. **We especially need bath towels.** In the past we've found light-weight towels at Walmart for between \$2-\$3. Donated items can be left in the box in the loggia. You can also donate money for this project. Please send checks payable to WELCA to the church office. We are grateful to **Thrivent** for their allocation of \$250 for this worthwhile project. Thank you for any help you can give.

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

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5th at 1PM in Room 2000. We will be discussing what we need for the Health Kits for March and April, and thoughts of another activity to pursue. As always, all women are welcome. Coffee and cake will be served. Looking forward to seeing you there. - *Lilly Ann Munnich*

FROM THE KNITWITS...

As you know, I've made many deliveries these past few weeks. I had an opportunity to visit Hewlett House this week. Gerry Barish, the director, greeted me with open arms. I have been bringing hats and scarves to One in Nine for more than 15 years. She is always so appreciative of our gifts. Gerry asked if I had any children's hats among my stash. I had some but many more are needed as Hewlett House is serving 17 children, 12 and under, with cancer along with all their other clients. I'm asking if anyone or if you know of anyone who can make hats for children. I have yarn, hooks, needles, and patterns if you need. Kevin Coons will be delivering eight twin size blankets to Northport Veterans Medical Center next week. The veterans living there like the larger size for their beds. Thank you, Kevin. He goes each week to bring vets for their medical needs. He is a blessing to so many. Thank you to all who have contributed in some way. So many are grateful. - *Lilly Ann Munnich, 516-826-3663*

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,
Please accept our heartfelt thanks for your donation of \$600 to **The INN**, in response to our recent newsletter. By donating to The INN, you have strengthened our community and have helped us continue our support to those in need on Long Island. Your donation makes it possible for our staff and volunteers to continue serving over 1,000 meals a day to those who come to our doors seeking assistance. Your generosity and concern for our less fortunate neighbors inspire all who are associated with The INN. May your days be filled with joy and warmth during this season. Please continue to take the best of care. You are so very special! - *Jean Kelly, Executive Director*

Dear Friends at Christ Lutheran Church,
As we start the new year, we are thankful and joyful for your participation in **Christmas-at-Sea** this holiday season. You emulate the generous spirit of St. Nicholas, patron saint of seafarers, by having given so freely of your time and financial resources when you assembled satchels, knitted hats or scarves, provided other supplies, or ordered them through Amazon to fill the satchels. Thanks to your participation and support, our port chaplains in the ports of Albany, Baltimore, Duluth, New Haven, and New York/New Jersey delivered a new record of over 3,450 Christmas-at-Sea satchels to seafarers who enjoyed them this Christmastime. Thank you for having joined us in embodying the example of St. Nicholas and connecting hearts across seas. Have a happy and healthy 2025!

- *Henryk Behnke, Dir. of Development & Communications*



Dear Friends at Christ Lutheran Church,

We have entered a new year, one with many possibilities and opportunities, full of new things and different ideas and events. However, it is good to look back over the previous year and count one's blessings for all the positive things that happened, the gifts, the working together, the good that we've done as a team and acknowledge that our two churches work together so well. **The Social Ministry Committee of St. John's Lutheran Church** is so grateful for all the food items you have given us for our pantry and towards the meals we have provided for the Freeport soup kitchen. We feed many people in a time when so many families are food insecure and definitely need our help. We appreciate the time and effort your congregants give to help us cook for the soup kitchen and to distribute the rescued bagels which otherwise would go in the garbage. We certainly value the monetary gifts your Thrift Shop give us that help us with our ministry. Our people are happy to donate their clothing and other items to your Shop, knowing that the things will be put to good use and help others as well as helping your church as a whole with the monetary income. It makes it easier to give up your unneeded items when you know they are going to benefit others. We have been helping each other for quite a few years now. Even as our church works towards a merger with another church, we expect to continue our relationship with your church, as a part of the new era our church will enter when and if a merger can be brought into being. We were happy to hear that you have a pastor to lead you in the coming months. May you prosper and grow under her leadership with a bright new future. As both congregations face many new things this coming year, may our relationship remain steadfast as it has for years.

- Carol Schmidt, Chair, Social Ministry Committee



PRAYER LIST

We Remember Especially...

Judy Angeloch, Kathleen Cardone, Becky Carlson, James Cathcart, Danielle Chillemi, Sal and Sue Costanzo, Joan Drake, Betty Gibberman, Bill Gilmor, Emmy Grenzig, Barbara Grieser, Theresa Heenan, Arnold Howard, Steven Koch, Ruth Kollar, Susan Kremer, Jean Leib, Chris and Norma Mantay, Janet and William McShea, Marilyn Miller, Lilly Ann Munnich, John Nittoli, Anne Palkovich, James Pallas, Jim Pawl, Barbara and Gary Proce, Catherine and Terri Rao, Emmett and Rose Reilly, Ann and Barbara Reimer, Della Dorn Rice, Kay Riese, Joseph Arthur Skorupski, 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



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

BOY SCOUT SUNDAY

Members of the Christ Lutheran Church Congregation, I wish to thank the church and our members who ordered Scout wreaths this past Christmas. The wreaths help offset the costs of providing the scouting program to our youth, which includes events, equipment, awards, camping, and more. The scouts work very hard decorating the wreaths and have a fun time creating their designs. On behalf of the adult leaders, youth members and myself, we thank you for your support, as without you we would not be able to have a troop or pack. A special thank you to Hans, Barbara, Nancy and Della for the "extra" time that they spent working with me this past year to help our youth and our strong scouting units. This year, we completed four Eagle Scout projects at the church, which included the prayer garden, outside sanctuary lighting, the Room 10 multimedia upgrades and the post/rail fence at the parsonage. These projects alone generated over 800 hours of service time by our troops and were acknowledged by the Nassau County Scout Council as exceptional service to a chartered organization. The combined contribution of the projects exceeded \$4,000 in materials, which were raised by our youth. Upon completion of the service projects two scouts were awarded the rank of Eagle Scout, John Bloomfield and Liam Fields, by national this past year and the other two are slated to in the coming months. I've included a listing of our Cub Scout Pack 191, Troop 656-B, and our female Troop, 656-G. **Our scouting units have been providing collectively over 130 years of service to our church, community and our youth.** This tremendous relationship allows us to further our mission each and every year. I would be remiss if I didn't also acknowledge our scout leaders and parents who are going to great lengths to see our programs succeed: **Cubmaster Luke Feder – Pack 191; Scoutmaster Jim Bloomfield – Troop 656-B and Scoutmaster Neil MacDermott – Troop 656-G.** Thank you again for your continued support. - Dee Bloomfield





Cub Scout Pack 191: Chartered August 1, 1954 71 Years of Service

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

Youth Members: Brody Abel, Xander Abel, Jordan Akturk, Koray Akturk, Nicholas Andriano, Johnny Athanasopoulos, Chase Balbuena, Luca Bertuglia, Luke Boehm, Jacob Brown, Adam Cutrone, Dominic DePaola, Matthew DePaola, Dylan Flaherty, Matthew Feder, Isabella Fichtl, Robert Fox, Michael Gao, Connor Gilmor, Michael Healy, Henry Healy, Michael Heron, Finnley Horn, Steven Hyland, Dylan Jonker, John Paul Kampf, Angelo Koskinas, Aria Kugler, Logan Kugler, Joseph Lapidus, Dominic Lerro, James Lindner, Landon Lindner, Erin MacDermott, Jodh Malik, Jack Meinck, Luke Messer, Matthew Minicus, Jordin Nezamoodeen, Zachary Pellegrino, Adriano Pires, Max Reed, Joshua Ross, Kyle Ross, Matthew Ryan, Brett Schnitzer, Travis Salamone, Anthony Segal, Joel Simeone, Benjamin Smith, John Sottnik, Jacob Soybelman, James Stivali, Michael Travers, Thomas Travers, Clayton Thompson, Nicholas Vergara, Andrew Widelo, Christopher Widelo, Michael Wildes, and Sean Winters



BSA Troop 656: Chartered May 1, 1963 62 Years of Service

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

Youth Members: Johnny Athanasopoulos, John Bloomfield, Tyler Clift, Jonathan Conaty, Andrew Divver, Zachary Dyckman, Alexander Fichtl, Christopher Fichtl, Liam Fields, Benjamin Fioribello, Joseph Fioribello, Matthew Grant, James Giovanniello, Charles Hartmann, Ethan Kugler, Anthony LaMuro III, Christopher Lerro, Aiden MacDermott, Kellan MacDermott, Charlie McDermott, Ethan Mei, Ryan Mei, Daniel Moskalev, Nicholas Pellegrino, Tyler Santomauro, and Aidan Towey



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

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

Youth Members: Emma Bloomfield, Mary Bloomfield, Lauren deHaan, Grace Fields, Madison Gao, Juliet Kelly, Nicole Kelly, Rielyn MacDermott, Mave Martin, Victoria Odwazny, and Ryleigh Semple-Germano

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12:30pm-2:00pm

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LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



PERSONAL CARE KITS

SOME IMPORTANT GUIDELINES TO REMEMBER

- Be sure to shop for light- or medium-weight towels, which are easier for Kit recipients to hand wash and air dry, take up less storage space and are considerably less expensive than the fluffier towels we may prefer to use.
- Bath towels vary in size. The 52" X 27" size listed in the guidelines is the maximum size. 20" x 40" is a good guideline for a minimum size.
- Please give new items only.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.
- Do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed.
- All items should be new and in good condition.
- Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH PERSONAL CARE KIT

- ☐ **ONE** light-weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 52" x 27"), dark color recommended
- ☐ **TWO** or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping
- ☐ **ONE** adult-size toothbrush in it's original packaging*
- ☐ **ONE** sturdy comb, remove packaging
- ☐ **ONE** metal nail clippers (attached file optional), remove packaging

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

HOW TO PACK YOUR PERSONAL CARE KITS

- Fold the towel in half. Place the rest of the items in the towel, fold and roll so nothing falls out, and secure with yarn, ribbon, string or rubber bands.
- Pack completed Kits, like items together, in boxes. Label contents in LARGE, BLOCK LETTERS on the outside of the boxes.
- Use strong cartons secured with packing tape, not to exceed 40 pounds.
- Do not use plastic or paper bags to pack donations.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box and label the contents

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2025 LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Date/Description	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Communion Assistant	Counters	Ushers	Coffee Hour Hosts
Sun, February 2, 2025 4 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green) BOY SCOUT SUNDAY	M. Murphy	D. Ohlander's Group	Dee Bloomfield	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	TBD- Scouts?	Boy Scouts
Sun, February 9, 2025 5 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green)	J. Kennach	B. Rath's Group	Elaine DiChiara	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath G. Veltri	J. Gross M. Murphy	Lynn & Bob Hastedt
Sun, February 16, 2025 6 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green)	N/A	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	Barbara Stone	J. Eastlund J. Eastlund J. Fitzgerald	R. Ahearn C. Sparke	Finance Committee
Sun, February 23, 2025 7 th Sunday After Epiphany 9:00AM Service (Green)	M. Murphy	D. Ohlander's Group	Hans Vogel	J. Fahy B. Henderson D. Ohlander R. Ohlander	J. Gross R. Ohlander	<u>Volunteers Needed!</u>
Sun, March 2, 2025 Transfiguration of Our Lord 9:00AM Service (White)	M. Murphy	B. Rath's Group	Elaine DiChiara	R. Ahearn J. Gross H. Vogel	J. Gross M. Murphy	Claudia & John Gross
Sun, March 9, 2025 1 st Sunday in Lent 9:00AM Service (Purple)	J. Kennach	E. Colton/L.A. Munnich's Group	Dee Bloomfield	D. Ohlander R. Ohlander B. Rath G. Veltri	M. Murphy C. Sparke	<u>Volunteers Needed!</u>

Attention Worship Assistants:

If you are available to serve on the evening of Wednesday, March 5th for Ash Wednesday service, please contact the Church office by February 12th. The assignments for that date will be published in the March Spire.

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
<div>26</div> <div>Parish Admin Vacation</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>31</div>	<div>1</div> <div>10am - Thrift Shop Saturday 6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
<div>2</div> <div>Boy Scout Sunday</div> <div>Children's Choir</div> <div>9am - Sunday School</div> <div>9am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - Confirm</div>	<div>3</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>4</div> <div>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>5</div> <div>1pm - WELCA: 2000 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Finance Meeting Time TBD</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>8</div> <div>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
<div>9</div> <div>9am - Sunday School</div> <div>9am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - Confirm</div>	<div>10</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>11</div> <div>7pm - W&M/Council Meeting 8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Spire Submission Deadline</div> <div>4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>13</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Parish Admin Vacation</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>15</div> <div>6:45pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>
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<div>23</div> <div>Parish Admin Vacation</div> <div>9am - Sunday School</div> <div>9am - Worship</div> <div>10:15am - Confirm</div>	<div>24</div> <div>7pm - Scouts-Steinbicker and</div>	<div>25</div> <div>8pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9:30am - Spire Mailing 4pm - Cub Scouts: Rm. 10 7pm - Bell Choir 8pm - Adult Choir</div>	<div>27</div> <div>10am - TOPS: Rm. 10</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9am - Thrift Shop @ Room 10 7pm - AA: Rm. 10 8:15pm - AA: Rm. 10</div>	<div>1</div>

Nursery School News, February 2025



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

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

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

In our four-year-old classrooms, we rang in the new year with some resolutions and a little new year's celebration. Then it was full steam ahead into our letters, numbers and winter fun. The children are continuing to master all the letter sounds and recognition of all the letters for kindergarten. They have been working diligently, and it shows. The children are well on their way to being Kindergarten ready. They listen and execute 4-5 step directions in a large group to make some beautiful projects. Some of the projects included snowmen complete with falling snow and a unit on penguins. More than half the class is now registered for our kindergarten readiness program which is an extended day preparing them for the longer days ahead in kindergarten.

January is the month we do our assessments of the children to see where they stand and what needs to be done to get them ready for the following year. For the children who receive special services, the teachers are attending their annual I.E.P. meetings at this time. All the children were on target and meetings were available for the parents to come to speak with the teachers and address any concerns they might have.

Open enrollment for all our nursery programs started on January 15th, 2025 for our 2025/2026 school year. We have a variety of programs to offer 2's, 3's and 4-year-olds. Please feel free to reach out to me at CNSdirector@clcwantagh.org for any further information on our programs, or to register your children.

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Coming in February...



February 1st: Thrift Shop Saturday, 10AM~2PM

February 2nd: Boy Scout Sunday, Children's Choir Performance

February 5th: WELCA, 1PM, Room 2000

February 6th: Finance Meeting, Time TBD

February 11th: Worship & Music/Council Meeting, 7PM, Room 2000

February 12th: March Spire Submission Deadline

February 14th: Happy Valentine's Day!

February 14th~24th: Parish Administrator's Vacation

February 16th: No Christian Education

February 17th: Presidents Day, Church Office Closed

February 17th~21st: Christian Nursery School Winter Recess

February 26th: March Spire Mailing, 9:30AM, Library