



+Christian Symbol+

BELL

A bell symbolizes the call to worship, reflected in the ringing of bells in many churches to announce or open a service. A bell also symbolizes the proclamation of the Gospel to the world: hence, the ringing of church bells at the close of some services as worshipers depart to spread Christ's good news in their daily lives.

CHAPPEL NEWS

Return Service Requested

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
337 Farview Avenue
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CHAPEL NEWS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

WHENEVER YOU
ARE ABOUT TO
FIND FAULT
WITH SOMEONE,
ASK YOURSELF
THE FOLLOWING
QUESTION: WHAT
FAULT OF MINE
MOST NEARLY
RESEMBLES THE
ONE I AM ABOUT
TO CRITICIZE?

— MARCUS AURELIUS



CALLING ALL VENDORS!

We're excited to announce our first annual Christ Lutheran's Vendor Market (on our great lawn) on Saturday, October 5, 2024...rain or shine!

And the call for vendors is on!

We're looking for small businesses/entrepreneurs, local boutiques, franchises and crafters who would like to showcase and sell their products and services. We're located on a major, high-volume road with an expansive property and ample parking for 90 cars. (Vendors must supply their own 10' x 10' tent, table and chairs.)

This market is also perfect for shoppers who are looking for something different than the big, box stores and it's a great time of year for early holiday shopping!

For more information and to register, please contact Carrie Ralston at carrieralston@gmail.com or call 201.675.5142.

The planning has started with more details to come! Spread the word!



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NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN



On May 11, three members of our congregation and I attended the NJ Synod Assembly. Synod Assemblies are always great events filled with worship with lots of other Lutherans, opportunities to get to know people who believe in similar ways to us, making decisions guided by the Spirit, and hearing the good ministry that is done in the name of Christ. Here are three highlights from the assembly:

1: We passed a resolution “that the New Jersey Synod in assembly stand in solidarity with and echo the calls of the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, which includes the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Conference of Bishops for a ceasefire that allows for the speedy disbursement of relief supplies throughout the Gaza strip, and for the enactment of a negotiated release of those held as captives and prisoners, for the sake of those affected by the hostilities in the Holy Land.” The resolution lifts our voices with church leaders of our church (the ELCA) and the churches in the Holy Land to call for and work towards peace in the Holy Land.

2: A new Bishop’s challenge was launched inviting all congregations in our synod to increase the ways we care for God’s Good Creation by adopting New Creation Care Actions in the following categories: worship & education, building, grounds, programs, and community action. The hope is that every congregation will start at least one new way to be good stewards of God’s creation. I wonder how we might live into this calling here, and am curious to hear the creative ways other congregations are doing it too!

3: The assembly ended with a celebratory worship service where we officially received Santa Isabel Lutheran Church in Elizabeth and a newly organized congregation of the ELCA. It was a wonderful bilingual worship that truly felt like a celebration. It was wonderful to see new life in our church.

I personally always love these events, and have attended them almost every year since I was 14 or 15. It is a great opportunity to experience how we are part of the larger church and I invite you to consider attending this or other synodical events to experience this as well. Just like we are church together as the people of Christ Paramus, so too we are the church together as NJ Synod and ELCA.

Pastor Jonathan



Kim Bala, Noyes “Bart” Bartholomew, Donald Bickert, Dolores Brickman, Chris Brooks, Lori Butterick, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Carol Doyle Elizabeth Faidley, Carl Fazio, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Kaitlyn Kruk, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Kathy Mallet, Irene Maury, Vanessa Niblack-Head, Catherine Quadrozzi, Erin Raffery, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Tina Smith & Family, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, Mark Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Robert Wiederschall, Paul & Deb Witte, Thomas Zickler and Peter Zingaro

Those serving in the military...

Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Greg Flintall, Aidan Seals, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink, Evelyn Schramm and Irma Weishaupt

GETTING TO KNOW... GINA LALLY

How did you come to Christ Lutheran Church?

My husband, Bill saw the church's float in the town parade and he pursued the church.

Have you been a Christian your whole life?

Yes.

What's the best advice you've ever received?

"Intentions aren't good enough." "Be prepared." and "Don't worry about the finish, just get started."

What was your first job and your favorite job?

Babysitting. And admin for a family-run candy broker.

What's your favorite place you've traveled to?

Difficult to choose. I've traveled to many exceptional places. Israel, Kenya and Australia are my top three.

If you could do something you've always wanted to do, had all the money and skills you needed to do it, and knew you could not fail, what would you do?

Travel to Antarctica.

If you could change one thing about your past, what would it be?

Continued with my education.

What do you like to do for fun?

Exploring the world.

What book, movie, or TV show changed your outlook on life?

The Big Chill.

How do you like to spend time with God?

Alone walking on the beach.

What are you grateful for today?

The snowfall.



FUN FACTS

Birth name...

Georgina Elizabeth Lally
(George came from one of my grandfathers.)

Grew up in...

First five years in Illinois on a remote farm and then Ringwood, NJ.

What I wanted to be when I was a kid...

A high school psychologist.

Favorite food/dessert...

Seafood and impossible to answer!

My three greatest strengths...

At my best these were:

1. Patience
2. Empathy
3. Positivity

Three things I want to accomplish in 2024...

1. Establish a more advanced fitness routine
2. Laugh more
3. Travel once again

SUMMER PROGRAM



Tuesday, August 20 and Wednesday, August 21

Come enjoy fun and fellowship with your church family. Dinner will be provided both evenings...the congregation is asked to bring desserts.

More details to come!

NEED FAST RELIEF? SLOW DOWN!

Actor Lily Tomlin reportedly said, "For fast-acting relief, try slowing down." Summer doesn't seem to be the "slow season" it once was — if indeed it ever truly was. But perhaps we can use it as incentive to take some "downtime" around the plethora of activities, travel and always-busy work schedules. Pause and accept Jesus' invitation: "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31, NIV).

It may be a refreshing spot at a lake, a hike in the woods, an early-morning fishing trip. Maybe, around your work schedule, you can reserve time for a few days of church camp, a picnic at the city park, a nap on a blanket in the backyard sun. Help the kids in your life discover what it's like to not be on the go and to take a screen-time sabbath — even to experience boredom and see what creativity blossoms. Do art projects together, ride bikes, paint with water or chalk on the sidewalk, pick berries, bake cookies, solve puzzles, sing songs!

Try slowing down, as Lily Tomlin — and even Jesus — advised. In summer, and any time, it's good for the soul!

BIBLE QUIZ

King Ahab, assisted by his conniving wife Jezebel, appropriated for himself something belonging to a man named Naboth. What did he take?

- A. Naboth's oxen
- B. Naboth's farm
- C. Naboth's vineyard
- D. Naboth's house



Answer: C (See 1 Kings 21:1-16.)

JUNE

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild | Counter Schedule

JUNE 2 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bob Denicola
Usher Linda Polise
Altar Guild Lore Braun

JUNE 9 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

JUNE 16 10:00am
Lay Assistant Chris Nilsen
Usher Lori Mercer
Altar Guild Linda Polise

JUNE 23 10:00am
Lay Assistant Bill Jaichner
Usher Anne Carman
Altar Guild Gina Lally

JUNE 30 10:00am
Lay Assistant Pam Sakala
Usher Linda Comery
Altar Guild Marge Tomaselli

Counter Pam Sakala

BIRTHDAYS

Carrie Ralston 6/23
Barbara Frielink 6/28

JUNE 2024

Church (CH)
Fellowship Hall (FH)
Family Room (FR)
Office Building (OB)

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

30 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm						1 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
2 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am VBS Planning Meeting (OB) 11:15am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Baptism of Cooper Zickler Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	10 Endowment Meeting (OB) 8:00pm	11	12	13	14	15 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
16 Father's Day Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	17	18 Potluck & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm	19	20 First Day of Summer	21	22
23 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	24	25	26	27	28	29

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