



+Christian Symbol+

TONGUES OF FIRE

Reminiscent of the Pentecost account in Acts 2 when “tongues of fire” rested on the disciples’ heads as the Holy Spirit birthed the church, images of flame symbolize the Spirit. Sometimes a tongue of fire is paired with a dove and set on a red background — other symbols of the Holy Spirit. Fire may also indicate spiritual fervor and zeal in a Christian’s life.

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

AS YOU, JESUS, SENT
YOUR DISCIPLES OUT AS
WITNESSES TO
JERUSALEM, JUDEA,
SAMARIA AND BEYOND
(ACTS 1:8), SEND US AS
WITNESSES IN OUR
NEIGHBORHOOD, CITY,
REGION AND BEYOND.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

It is with great enthusiasm that the Call Committee and Council invite the congregation to attend church on Sunday, May 28th.

The morning will begin downstairs in the Family Room at 9am with an informal Meet & Greet of an approved pastoral candidate.

At 10am, worship service will be led by our candidate. Afterward, a special meeting of the congregation will take place to have open discussion and voting.

Please come to this very important meeting to not only get to know our potential new pastor, but to also voice your opinion...it matters! Please keep both our beloved church and this pastor in your prayers. **God is good, all the time!**



ANNUAL SPRING YARD SALE

Christ Lutheran will be participating in Paramus' town-wide yard sale on **Saturday, May 20th from 9am to 3pm.**

Sign up on the church door to reserve your own table or to work the Church table. We're also looking for individually-wrapped donations for our baked goods table.

For more information or any questions, see Pam Sakala or call the Church Office at 201-262-0138.



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PARSONAGE FAREWELL

It's with mixed emotions that I report to you all that the transaction to sell the parsonage was completed on April 4th.

We all realize where we're at as a congregation, and the necessity of this move, but nonetheless it's tough. I do think it's fitting that this occurs during Holy Week, leading up to Easter where we celebrate the Resurrection, and of course in the midst of spring and its promise of rebirth.

I'd like to think of this as our opportunity as a church to be "reborn," and to see where we go next as a congregation. As our Council President Chris has said, this is really about figuring out who we want to be, and how to use these new resources thoughtfully to get us there.

— Bill Jaichner, Property Team



CORINNE'S CUPBOARD THANKS

Thank you to all who supported Corinne's Cupboard this year during Lent by donating money or food items, making it possible for us to deliver Snack Packs to Center for Food Action. These Snack Packs will be distributed to Bergen County children who receive school meals but are left without adequate nutrition on weekends and holiday breaks.

Thank you to Pat Berinato, Linda Comery, Debbie Geerlof, Linda Polise, Corinne, Pam and Bob Sakala and Marge Tomaselli for assembling 256 Snack Packs. Thank you also to Bill Comery for delivering the Packs to Center for Food Action in Saddle Brook.

— Jan Behnke and Anne Carman, Servant Team



CHURCH DIRECTORY



We're working on a new directory. Please contact the church office at 201-262-0138 or christinparamus@hotmail.com with any updated information – email address, cell phone number, home phone number, etc. If you do not use your home phone any longer, please let the church office know this as well! Thank you!

MAY

**Lay Assistant | Usher
Altar Guild | Counter
Schedule**

MAY 7	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Chris Nilsen
Usher	Linda Polise
Altar Guild	Lore Braun
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MAY 14	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Carrie Ralston
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
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MAY 21	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pam Sakala
Usher	Linda Polise
Altar Guild	Marge Tomaselli
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MAY 28	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Carrie Ralston
Usher	Linda Comery
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
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Counter	Carrie Ralston



PARKING LOT PAVED

Check out our new parking lot between the Church Office and Fellowship Hall! It's newly paved and looking good!



We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Jan Behnke and her family, whose cousin Ron Geiger passed away on May 2, 2023. Wishing both the Behnke and Geiger families strength and comfort in the months ahead.

HONOR YOUR MOTHER

Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers.

At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living.

Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying."

Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Dolores Brickman, Maggie Brower, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Charlie Eidel, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Kathy Mallet, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Erin Raffery, Bucky Ralston, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, Lenny van Dam, the Vega Family, Janice & Dave Wedderman, Robert Wiederschall and Peter Zingaro

Those serving in the military...

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

Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

BIBLE QUIZ

According to Peter, at what time of day did the Holy Spirit come upon the disciples on Pentecost?

- A. 9 a.m.
- B. Noon
- C. 3:30 p.m.
- D. 9 p.m.




BIRTHDAYS

Linda Siegrist	May 4
Debbie Young	May 6
Terry Calise	May 11
Linda Comery	May 21
Kevin Behnke	May 22
Bob Sakala	May 26

MAY 2023

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
7 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Mother's Day Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Coffee Hour following	15	16	17	18 Ascension Day	19 Yard Sale Dropoff (FH) 6:00pm - 7:00pm	20 Yard Sale 9:00am - 3:00pm
21 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:30am	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Pentecost Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	29 Memorial Day Church Office closed	30	31		 <p>Father's Day June 18 Summer Family Program August TBD</p>	

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF AND COUNCIL

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