



+Christian Symbol+

STEEPLE

Steeple is a remnant of Gothic church architecture of the Middle Ages, marked by high open spaces and pointed arches that direct attention heavenward. Nowadays a steeple atop a church small or large serves the same function. Typically topped with a cross, it designates a Christian house of worship. Steeples sometimes double as bell towers, sending out a call to worship high above the surrounding land.

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

NATURE DOES NOT HURRY, YET EVERYTHING IS ACCOMPLISHED.

— LAO TZU

2024 SUMMER PROGRAM GOD'S LIVING WATER



CHRIST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SERMON NOTES FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

Ephesians 4:11-12: *The gifts [Christ] gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ*

Some are apostles. An apostle is not only a follower of Christ, but someone that is sent to extend the Gospel to others in their life. Sometimes they are translators that can tell people about God or the people of God in a way that others can understand. An apostle might be a dreamer that imagines what the world could be if we truly focused on God's love.

Some are prophets. A prophet is someone with a deep sense of God's message. They are someone who tells the truth especially where it needs to be told. Or maybe someone that can truly feel God's presence and guiding in their lives.

Some are evangelists. An evangelist is someone focused on spreading the good news. The word Evangelist comes from the Greek "Euangelion" literally meaning "good news" — a combination of eu (good) and angelion (announcement or news). An evangelist is someone that is authentic, excited, and I picture the extrovert in the group. Its someone that is inviting others, making friends, and just wants to share the goodness of God with others.

Some are shepherds. A shepherd is someone that nurtures, protects, and cares for others. They might be community builders and someone that is a good team player. A shepherd is not only someone that visits and spends time with those who really need it, but also could be an encourager that lifts up friends and neighbor alike. They are people who want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to spend time together, to get to know one another, and to grow closer together.

Some are teachers. A teacher is, well, its someone who knows their stuff, but more importantly shares what they know. Often teachers are inspiring, planting seeds of knowledge and God's love in others so that it might grow in unexpected ways. Teachers don't just teach in the classroom, but through conversation, in how they live by example, and in many different areas of life.

So yes, in the early church, there were apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. Around the table at the last supper, there were apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. In our congregation, there are apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers. We are all gifted by God, not for our own benefit solely, but for the sake of the world and the people of God around the world. Together, as one, we are the body of Christ with our uniqueness, our diversity, our gifts and flaws, our humanity and God's forgiveness. Together, we make up the body of Christ all with our unique perspectives, experiences, and stories but all centered on God. Together, we are the body of Christ, the bread of life. I don't know if that makes us breadcrumbs, seeds, grains, flour, yeast, or what. But I do know that we are all beloved by God. We are all gifted by God. And we are all called by God.

Blessings,
Pastor Jonathan



Kim Bala, Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Dolores Brickman, Chris Brooks, Maria Buckmaster, Tony Calise, John Claehsen, John Cutler, Carol Daley, Carol Doyle, Elizabeth Faidley, Carl Fazio, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Betsy Johnsrud, Pat Kelly, 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 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 and Irma Weishaupt

LET THERE BE AIR

While there are still a few summer weeks hanging around, thankfully new air conditioners were approved and installed in our sanctuary.

Our Property Team has certainly been busy this year and we appreciate them!



SUMMER PROGRAM THANKS

Thanks to all who helped make our summer program a success this year. We were pleased to have two speakers from Veolia Water Company, Sonja Clark and Andrea Potto, who explained how they purify our water and deliver it to our residences in Bergen County. Our thanks to Margarete Denicola for arranging the speakers and also teaching us about hydroponic gardening. We also had a great evening of barbecue and line dancing. Thanks to Marge and Terry, our kitchen crew, and Bob Sakala who manned our grill. Also all the hard work done by Carrie Ralston with the decorating and set up and arranging the vegetarian dinner were truly appreciated. Many hands make light work. This committee proves that.

“God’s Living Water” helped us nourish our environment as well as our bodies. Thanks to all who attended.

BIBLE QUIZ

Who helped Samuel understand that it was the Lord calling him in the night?

- A. his mother, Hannah
- B. Moses
- C. his father, Elkanah
- D. Eli



Answer: D (See 1 Samuel 3:1-10.)

SEPT

Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild | Counter Schedule

SEPT 1	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bill Jaichner
Usher	Linda Comery
Altar Guild	Lore Braun
SEPT 8	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Chris Nilsen
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	Marge Tomaselli
SEPT 15	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pat Berinato
Usher	Lori Mercer
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
SEPT 22	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pam Sakala
Usher	Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
SEPT 29	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bob Denicola
Usher	Linda Polise
Altar Guild	TBD
Counter	Jan Behnke

BIRTHDAYS

Deb Witte	9/5
Pat Berinato	9/15
Rosemary Chandra	9/15
Al Frielink	9/22
Pam Sakala	9/25
Marge Tomaselli	9/25
Bill Jaichner	9/27
Dot Keller	9/30
Calvin Denicola	9/30

GETTING TO KNOW... CARRIE RALSTON

How did you come to Christ Lutheran Church?

I was tricked! Twenty-eight years ago on June 23rd, my future sister-in-law, Julie was a member and asked my brother and me to come because the church was on our way to a birthday party that afternoon.

Have you been a Christian your whole life?

Tricky question. I was born Lutheran, made my communion and was confirmed at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fairview, NJ. Typical teenager, I stopped going to church after confirmation. However, in 2000, I believe I was "born again." I thank God every day.

Have you ever questioned your faith?

Absolutely. At one time I considered myself agnostic. I think it had to do with my mother's passing when I was 15. I was definitely seeking something.

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

I love Scottsdale, Arizona. I went with a friend in the early 90s and loved it so much that Sam and I honeymooned there and then went back to celebrate my turning 40.

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

"A tiger never loses its stripes." – Carl Wagner

"If a problem can be fixed with money, then it's not a problem." – Vince Rienzi

"If you don't ask, the answer is always no." – Frank Sonnenberg

What was your first job and your favorite job?

First job: Assistant in my "cousin's" travel agency in Bayonne and cashier/greeting card aisle attendant at Great American Party Store in Fort Lee

Favorite job: Head Honcho at Simple Girl Design (I have the best boss!)

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

I honestly don't think I would change a thing because I wouldn't be exactly where I am now.

How do you like to spend time with God?

I pray multiple times a day. I enjoy most talking to God right before I fall asleep. Unfortunately, sometimes I don't finish my prayers. However, I was once told that falling asleep while praying is being rocked to sleep by God. I love that!

What are you grateful for today?

I am grateful for Sam and Ean; my father and Carol; my cats, Tuxie and Marcy; my friends and family members; this church, the members and Pastor Jonathan; my health; my car; past, present and future homes; my business and clients; air, food and water (Starbucks iced tea).



FUN FACTS

Birth name...

Carrie Ellen Wagner

Grew up in...

Fairview, NJ

Favorite food/dessert...

Ice cream cake, WISE BBQ potato chips, chicken cutlets with mashed potatoes and Starbucks iced tea (with extra water and extra ice)

What did you want to be when you grew up?

I wanted to be an elementary school teacher when I was young. During college I almost went the Interior Design path but a fateful Intro to Visual Communications class happened and I knew art direction/graphic design was what I wanted to do. (Low and behold, that class was where I met my future husband.)

What's on your bucket list?

Ride on the Orient Express

What do you like to do for fun?

I like dancing. I enjoy studying numerology. And believe it or not, my favorite thing is a lazy Saturday during the winter when it's snowing out, when my family is safe at home and I'm cleaning while *Pride & Prejudice* is on in the background.

VENDORS WANTED!

Contact organizer Carrie Ralston at carrieralston@gmail.com or 201.675.5142

**October 5th
9am – 5pm**

**357 N. Farview Ave.
Paramus, NJ**
(Christ Lutheran Church Lawn)

Christ Lutheran Church in Paramus, NJ, is hosting its first annual Vendor Market this October. It's a community event which allows amazing small business owners and entrepreneurs the opportunity to showcase their products/services, make direct sales, accept pre-orders and network with the community and other vendors.

The property is expansive, it's located on a high-volume road and there's parking for 90 cars.

Proceeds from the vendor market will go to the Church's Building Fund...with a portion being donated to a local food pantry.



To register as a vendor
[\$100 plus a Paramus peddler license]
please fill out form at
christparamus.org/vendor-market

Find and circle all the words horizontally. Then, starting on the top line and moving across from left to right, read John 6:35 (NIV). Put the words in order on the spaces below to complete the Bible verse.

JOHN 6:35

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WORD LIST

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"I _____

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- John 6:35, NIV

Answer: "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." John 6:35, NIV

SEPTEMBER 2024

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

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p>1</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Labor Day <i>Church Office closed</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Worship and Music Meeting (OB) 10:30am</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p> <p>NJ Synod TWP - Underground Railroad Museum of Burlington County tour and discussion 1:00pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Special Council Meeting (OB) 7:00pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Patriot Day</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>NJ Synod Evangelism - Go and Practice (Loving Dialogue) 7:00pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p>
<p>22</p> <p>First day of autumn</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p>30</p>					

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