

## +Christian Symbol+

### WATER

Water flows through the Scriptures: the Flood, the Red Sea crossing, water springing from a rock to nourish Israelites in the wilderness, the healing of Naaman's leprosy when he washed in the Jordan River, John baptizing Jesus and, chiefly, our baptism into Christ. The water of baptism symbolizes cleansing from sin, the quenching of our spiritual thirst and God raising us from death (drowning in sin) to life everlasting. Just as we cannot live without physical water, neither can we truly live without the living water Jesus gives (see John 4:13-14).

# NEWS CHAPPEL

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH  
337 Farview Avenue  
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OCTOBER 2023

# CHAPEL NEWS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

I SOUGHT TO HEAR  
THE VOICE OF GOD  
AND CLIMBED THE  
TOPMOST STEEPLE,  
BUT GOD DECLARED:  
'GO DOWN AGAIN —  
I DWELL AMONG  
THE PEOPLE.'

## SERVICE OF *installation*

*for the*

REV. JONATHAN W

**Sunday, October 22, 2023 • 4:00 pm**

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church  
*357 Farview Avenue Paramus, New Jersey*

The Rev. Tracie L. Bartholomew, presiding  
*Bishop of the New Jersey Synod*

*Reception to follow. Please RSVP to the Church Office by October 13th.*

## PASTOR APPRECIATION OKTOBER-BRUNCH

Join us in the Family Room after worship service on Sunday, October 8th to show Pastor Jonathan how grateful we are that he chose our little church as we were choosing him. A yummy brunch will be served along with pumpkins to carve.



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# NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN

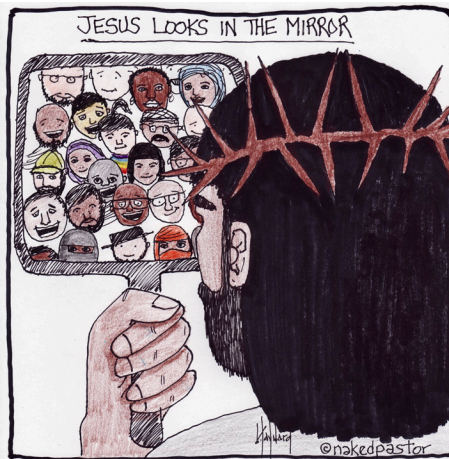


Part of my role as Pastor is to continuously learn more about our faith, our relationship with God and our neighbors to expand the ministry I do with you, and to bring what I learn to all of you in different ways. I do this through continuing education, opportunities through our Synod, engaging with the wider church, and more. Since I have two callings, serving here at Christ Lutheran as Pastor and as port chaplain with Seafarers International House, I use this time in different ways depending on what is available each year.

Earlier this year I virtually attended the Festival of Homiletics AKA preacher-CON to inspire my preaching, and attended the North American Maritime Mission Association (NAMMA) annual conference to learn more about seafaring ministry. These are larger events, but I also take advantage of smaller, closer events including the Fall Convocation at United Lutheran Seminary's Philadelphia campus. This event is a specific educational event for Pastors and had two keynote speakers: the Rev.

Dr. Teresa Smallwood who spoke about "the Preacher and Prophetic witness" and David Hayward aka "The Naked Pastor" who spoke about how he spreads God's message through prophetic artwork. I shared one of his cartoons with our council and have another one here in our newsletter. This cartoon, "Jesus Looks in the Mirror" reminds me of Hebrews 13:2 "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

David Hayward says this about his name and work: "The idea behind my name, Naked Pastor, is to seek to tell the naked truth — no matter how vulnerable it feels. I used to be a pastor but I've been creating art and working towards freedom with this community for over 10 years now." I truly believe that pictures can be worth 1,000 words, and his work tends to show that. I invite you to take a minute or two with the cartoon here, think on it, pray on it, see how you find God through it. Then do the same with any artwork you find in your life: paintings, cartoons, pictures, poems, songs, books and more. God is present in everything, and we can find God's creative, loving, welcoming presence in so many places.



God's blessings,  
Pastor Jonathan



Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Donald Bickert, Dolores Brickman, Lori Butterick, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, John Cutler, Ken Cutler, Carl Fazio, Krista Fuchs, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Terry Klotz, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Anna & Walter Kruk, Carol Livingstone, Renee Lomelino, Jack Lowack, Marie Lupinski, the Maller Family, Kathy Mallet, Irene Maury, Logan Mercer, Erin Raffery, Doris Robinson, Cathy & Roger Schramm, Evelyn Schramm, 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, Devin Vega and Rachel Zarnke

### Those who can't be with us...

Carol DeMott, Al & Barbara Frielink and Irma Weishaupt

## BIRTHDAYS

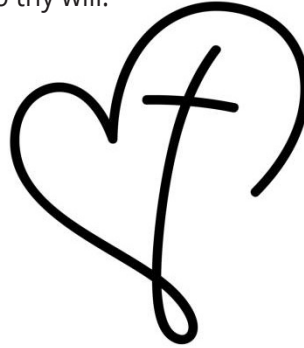
Gabrielle Denicola	10/9
Evelyn Schramm	10/9

# A PRAYER THAT I MAY DO GOD'S WILL

The following is the Third-Step Prayer in Alcoholics Anonymous. It's surely a prayer we all can make, that God's will — not ours — may be done and guide our lives.

God, I offer myself to thee  
to build with me and to do with me as thou wilt.  
Relieve me of the bondage of self, that I may better do thy will.

Take away my difficulties,  
that victory over them may bear witness  
to those I would help of thy power,  
thy love and thy way of life.  
May I do thy will always!



# WHAT IS LAMENT?

The spiritual discipline of lament may not come naturally, and churches rarely teach it. Because we're raised to stay silent if we can't say something nice, passionately pouring out our sorrow just doesn't seem right.

My opinion changed when I heard author Sharon Garlough Brown explain this spiritual practice from God's perspective. As parents can attest, toddlers have an innate ability to find foreign objects and put them in their mouths. Concerned parents bend down and coax the child to remove the toy, bottle top, coin or rock. "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

As a concerned parent, God sees and knows what's troubling us. He knows that this world's woes and trials will hurt us if we keep them all inside. God, our good and gracious Father, wants us to passionately pour out our grief, so he bends down, looks us in the eyes, and says, "Spit it out." "Let me have it." "It's not good for you to swallow that."

Spend time with God, sharing your laments. God loves you and is faithful to listen well.

# BIBLE QUIZ

Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to \_\_\_ the world, but to \_\_\_ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to



Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV.)

# OCT

## Lay Assistant | Usher Altar Guild | Counter Schedule

<b>OCT 1</b>	10:00am
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Bob Denicola
<b>Usher</b>	Lori Mercer
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lore Braun
<b>OCT 8</b>	10:00am
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Bill Jaichner
<b>Usher</b>	Linda Polise
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Gina Lally
<b>OCT 15</b>	10:00am
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Chris Nilsen
<b>Usher</b>	Anne Carman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marge Tomaselli
<b>OCT 22</b>	10:00am
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Pat Berinato
<b>Usher</b>	Anne Carman
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Linda Polise
<b>OCT 29</b>	10:00am
<b>Lay Assistant</b>	Carrie Ralston
<b>Usher</b>	Margarete Denicola
<b>Altar Guild</b>	TBD
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Jaichner



# OCTOBER 2023

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

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Pastor Appreciation Oktober-brunch following service</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Columbus Day <i>Church Office closed</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Pulpit Swap with Pastor Courtney Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Potluck &amp; Prayers (FR) 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am</p>
<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Pastor's Installation (CH) 4:00pm Reception to follow</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>
<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Reformation Sunday Worship Service (CH) 10:00am</p> <p>Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>				

## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF AND COUNCIL

**Pastor**  
**Church Secretary**  
**Sexton**  
**Director of Music Ministries**  
**President**  
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**Council Secretary**  
**Treasurer**  
**Recording Financial Secretary**  
**Financial Secretary**

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Michael Wittenburg  
Chris Nilsen  
Bill Jaichner  
Pam Sakala  
Paul Berinato  
Pat Berinato  
Marge Tomaselli

### Inward Ministry Team

**Christian Education**  
**Shepherd**  
**Worship**

Pam Sakala  
Carrie Ralston  
Marge Tomaselli

### Administrative Team

**Financial**  
**Property**

Chuck Young  
Bill Jaichner  
Chris Nilsen

### Outward Ministry Team

**Servant**  
**Stewardship**

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Rosemary Chandra  
Jan Behnke