

+Christian Symbol+

ROCK

We call Christ “the Solid Rock,” remembering his parable about the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24). Jesus changed his disciple Simon’s name to Peter, meaning rock, saying he’d build his church “on this rock” (Matthew 16:18). Although some Christians understand Peter to be the rock-foundation of Christ’s church, others interpret the foundation as faith in Christ, which, Jesus said, was revealed to Peter by God.

CHAPPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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CHAPEL NEWS

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FOR WHAT I HAVE
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AND MORE TRULY
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PASTOR JONATHAN'S INSTALLATION

Thank you to all those who helped with Pastor Jonathan's Installation. We congratulate not only Pastor Jonathan but our church for this momentous occasion!



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NOTE FROM PASTOR JONATHAN



Music has a way of inspiring us, connecting us, and moving us more than many other things in our world. We all have styles and genres of music that we connect to – whether they make us want to sing or dance, just lift up our mood, or remind us of important people in our lives.

The same is true for the music we have in worship as well. Some of our hymns are powerful words of assurance and hope about our God while others could be used as our prayers. Everyone has their favorite hymns whether its because of the tune or the words that connects us to God and one another, and I would love to hear what your favorites are and why! Below are just a couple of my favorite hymns and some of the lyrics from them that connect with my faith.

I hope these words, these prayers are meaningful for you. And I pray that you find God’s presence in the music of your lives.

Unexpected and Mysterious: ELW 258

“Unexpected and mysterious is the gentle word of grace. Ever-loving and sustaining is the peace of God’s embrace. If we falter in our courage and we doubt what we have known, God is faithful to console us as a mother tends her own.”

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleating: ELW 401

“Gracious Spirit heed our pleading, fashion us all anew. It’s your leading that we’re needing, help us to follow you. Come, come, come, Holy Spirit, come.”

Listen, God Is Calling: ELW 513

“Listen God is calling, through the Word inviting, offering forgiveness, comfort and joy. Jesus gave his mandate: share the good news that he came to save us and set us free.”

Let Streams of Living Justice: ELW 710

“Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun; on your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.”

Though the Earth Shall Change: ACS 1035

“Though the earth shall change, though the mountains tremble, though the waters rage, you, God, are here. Though the nations war, though the peoples battle, though the empire falters, we will not fear.”

Joyful Is the Dark: ACS 1096

“Joyful is the dark, Spirit of the deep, winging wildly o’er the world’s creation, silken sheen of midnight plumage black and bright, swopping with the beauty of a raven.”

God is with you,
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, 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

Carol DeMott	11/8
Ralph Braun	11/19
Clark Denicola	11/28

PULPIT SWAP SUNDAY

Thank you to Pastor Courtney of Messiah Lutheran Church in Oakland (and our very own Pastor Jonathan's wife) for leading us in worship on October 15th. We enjoyed your sermon (you actually got us to answer some questions!), your singing was lovely (we may need to have Pastor Jonathan work on his alto) and we loved hosting a coffee hour in your honor.

We look forward to making this an annual Sunday Swap!



NOV

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

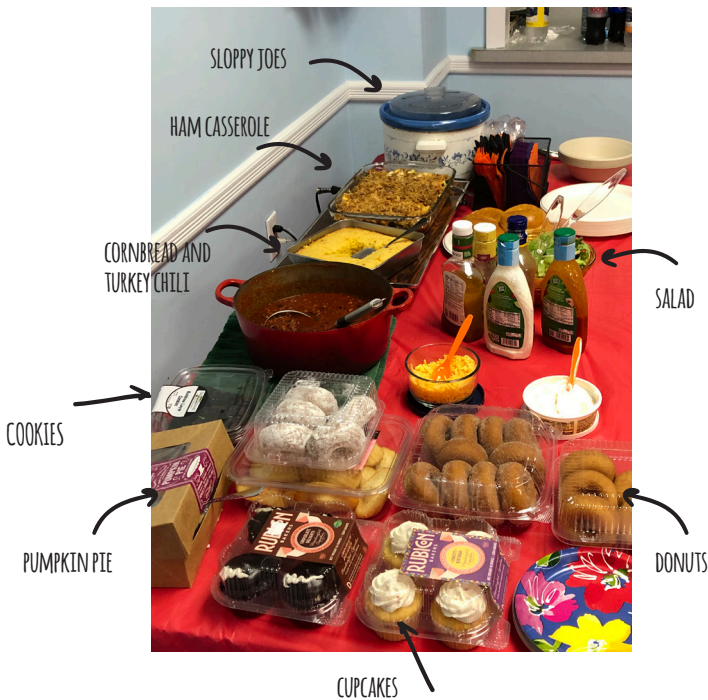
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| NOV 5 | 10:00am |
| Lay Assistant | Chris Nilsen |
| Usher | Terry Calise |
| Altar Guild | Lore Braun |
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| NOV 12 | 10:00am |
| Lay Assistant | Bob Denicola |
| Usher | Linda Polise |
| Altar Guild | Marge Tomaselli |

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| NOV 19 | 10:00am |
| Lay Assistant | Pam Sakala |
| Usher | Anne Carman |
| Altar Guild | Linda Polise |

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| NOV 26 | 10:00am |
| Lay Assistant | Pat Berinato |
| Usher | Linda Comery |
| Altar Guild | Gina Lally |

Counter Chris Nilsen

ANATOMY OF A POTLUCK & PRAYERS DINNER



If you've never made it to a Potluck & Prayers Bible study, we invite you to sit down with us for a homemade dinner, delicious desserts and great fellowship. The next few months we'll be learning from Pastor Jonathan the elements of our Sunday Worship. There's a little bit of serious talk, some "wows" after discovering you never knew something and a lot of laughs. Come join us for our next potluck on Tuesday, November 14th in the Family Room from 6:30 - 8pm. (Bring or don't bring...just come!)



GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

What a wonderful response we had to our September project to benefit the Paramus Food Pantry! Thanks to your generosity, we collected many bags of food items, paper goods, personal care items and household goods for the Pantry. When we delivered all the bags and boxes, volunteers at the Pantry were so very happy and thankful to receive all our donations which will be given to help the elderly, disabled, unemployed, home bound, underemployed and single family households in our community who are in need of extra help.



We thank all of you at Christ Lutheran for your support of our God's Work, Our Hands project, the Paramus Food Pantry thanks you for your generosity, and the people who depend on help from the Pantry thank you for being such caring people in our community.

Jan, Rosemary & Anne
Servant Team



ADVENT PROGRAM

The season of Advent is almost upon us. On Sunday, December 3rd after worship service, we plan to hold our annual Advent Program in the Family Room.

Lunch and refreshments will be served as we make our live Advent wreaths. Desserts would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign up in the Narthex so we can prepare. If you have your metal wreath forms from last year, please bring with you. Any questions, reach out to Carrie. Hope to see you there!

BIBLE QUIZ

Fill in the blank: "Rejoice always, pray continually, give _____ in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

- A. alms
- B. praise
- C. thanks
- D. offerings



Answer: C (See 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV.)



CHRISTMAS- AT-SEA

A Holiday Initiative

It's that time of year again, to be grateful for what we have and to open our hearts to others. This year, we have decided to collect monetary donations toward the Christmas-at-Sea 2023 Program for the Seafarer's International House, an affiliate of Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Your donations will be put toward the purchase of items needed by the members of the crew on the ships, such as sweatshirts, t-shirts, socks, snacks, etc. These items will be put into a satchel supplied by Seafarers and handed out to the crew. \$35.00 covers the items needed for 1 satchel.

Please write "Christmas at Sea" in the memo section of your check, made payable to Christ Lutheran Church or mark an envelope "Christmas at Sea" with your cash donation enclosed.

The final collection day for these monetary gifts is Sunday, November 26.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

God Is Good...All The Time!



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AND FUNDRAISER



Hi everyone. As many may know, I'm a Life Scout in Troop 350 in Westwood. My Eagle project was recently approved which means that I can start building 14 outdoor cat shelters for Cat Crew Rescue, an organization in Oradell that helps rescue, rehab and re-home homeless animals in Bergen County. I chose to help this charity because my family adopted two cats from Mrs. Sembos so it's close to my heart.

There are a few more parts to my project that I was hoping my Church family could help me with.

1. Tie-knot Blankets I am planning to make 20 (or more) tie-knot, fleece blankets and donate them to the foster cats in their care. (Calling all Crafty Ladies!)

I am planning to be at the Church Office on **Saturday, December 2nd** from **10am - 12pm** to make these blankets. Any help would be appreciated to either donate fleece material or help cut and tie some blankets.

Snacks and refreshments will be provided.

2. Fundraiser I need to fund raise to get the money for my project. I am planning to sell first aid kits. It's a great thing to have in your home, keep an extra in your vehicle, give to a college student for their dorm room or they make great stocking stuffers for Christmas! Please let me if you would like to buy one or make a donation. I'll have them in church starting Sunday, October 5th. (Any money collected that is not needed for my project will be donated to Cat Crew Rescue.)



catcrewrescue



\$18 Cash



@eaneagleproject



First Aid Kit includes:

- Adhesive Tape
- Neomycin Antibiotic Packet
- Bandage Strips
- First Aid Guide
- Gauze Pads
- Vinyl Gloves
- Safety Pins
- Tweezer
- Scissors
- Butterfly Closures
- Cotton Tips
- Safety Whistle with Lanyard
- Alcohol Pads
- Pad/Pencil

Thank you all in advance!

Ean Ralston

Any questions please email eanralston@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2023

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

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

			1	2	3	4 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
5 Daylight Saving Time Ends All Saints' Sunday Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	6	7	8	9	10 Church Office closed in observance of Veterans Day	11 Veterans Day
12 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	13	14 Potluck & Prayers (FR) 6:30pm	15	16	17	18 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
19 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Church Office closed	24 Church Office closed	25
26 Christ the King Sunday Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Korean Congregation Worship (CH) 12:30pm	27	28	29	30		

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