



+Christian Symbol+

POINSETTIA

This shrub, native to Mexico, is at the heart of legend about a poor girl who wanted to bring Baby Jesus a gift one Christmas Eve. As she walked to church, she gathered a bouquet of weeds — which Jesus miraculously transformed into lovely red flowers. Thus the poinsettia (named for Joel Poinsett, the U.S. ambassador to Mexico who first brought the plant to America) is known in Mexico as la flor de la Nochebuena (flower of the Holy Night). The poinsettia is also an ideal Christmas symbol because its leaves turn red when deprived of sunlight and its flowers (the red inner buds) bloom in December.

CHAPEL NEWS

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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
337 Farview Avenue
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CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**JESUS DID NOT
COME TO MAKE
GOD'S LOVE
POSSIBLE,
BUT TO MAKE
GOD'S LOVE
VISIBLE.**

— UNKNOWN



GODSPEED PASTOR JONATHAN

We are deeply grateful for the time Pastor Jonathan has devoted to serving our congregation and for the many gifts of ministry he has shared among us. His leadership, teaching, and faithful presence have been a true blessing to our community. We send him forth with our prayers and gratitude as he begins the next chapter of his ministry as Assistant to the Bishop in the Metropolitan New York Synod.

Please join us after worship service on Sunday, December 21st for a special coffee hour to wish Pastor Jonathan well on his next calling. He'll be missed!



Patrick, Noyes "Bart" Bartholomew, Dolores Brickman, The Brooks Family, Charlie Brown, Tony Calise, Mike Chapman, John Claehsen, Bryant Rodriguez Cyriax, Carol Daley, Carol DeMott, Carol Doyle, Marge Durdunas, Amber Faison, Al & Barbara Frielink, Krista Fuchs, Cassandra Griffin, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Fred Hesse, Carol Hodgins, Pat Kelly, Dennis & Jennifer Kruk, Kaitlyn Kruk, Carol & Hugh Lally, Dolores Lowack, Marie Lupinski, Linda McFate, Jennifer Pinto, Doris Robinson, Lynda Romagnoli, Candee Romba, John Schaefer, Tina Smith & Family, Dave Splieth, Marge Tomaselli, the Vega Family, Devin Vega and Janice & Dave Wedderman

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OUR 75TH ANNIVERSARY



DECEMBER

Volunteer Schedule

DEC 7	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Carrie Ralston
Usher	Anne Carman
Altar Guild	Lore Braun
DEC 14	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pam Sakala
Usher	Linda Comery
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
DEC 21	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Pat Berinato
Usher	Margarete Denicola
Altar Guild	Linda Polise
DEC 24	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Chris Nilsen
Usher	Lori Mercer
Altar Guild	All help
DEC 28	10:00am
Lay Assistant	Bill Jaichner
Usher	Linda Polise
Altar Guild	Gina Lally
Counter	All help

BIRTHDAYS

Christine Denicola	12/3
Nicole Young	12/3
Paul Berinato	12/10
Madison Mercer	12/21
Rob Denicola	12/24
Lori Mercer	12/24
Jesus Christ	12/25
Karin Carlough	12/31



October 31, 2025

Jan Behnke
Christ Lutheran Church
357 N Farview Avenue
Paramus, NJ 07652-4699

Dear Jan,

Thank you for your donation of diapers and wipes to our Baby Basics program. Your gift helps struggling families in our community have one less worry today by putting diapers, formula, wipes and other baby essentials in their hands.

Baby Basics is funded solely through financial and product donations and relies on the generosity of caring friends like you. With your help, we distributed 450,000 diapers last year and the need continues to grow.

Thank you for supporting the families in our community.

Sincerely,

Shavonda E. Sumter
President and CEO



HIS MANY NAMES, OUR GREAT HOPE

Long before the manger in Bethlehem, the prophet Isaiah pointed God's people to the promise of a Savior. In Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) we read: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Even before Jesus' birth, his names revealed who he is and what he would bring. Each title carries a promise that still impacts our lives today.

Wonderful Counselor. Jesus brings wisdom and guidance for every situation. In moments of confusion, we can lean on him to direct our steps with love and truth.

Mighty God. He is strong enough to carry our burdens and powerful enough to overcome sin, fear and death itself.

Everlasting Father. Jesus reflects the heart of God the Father, offering care that is constant and unchanging. His love doesn't fade with time or circumstance.

Prince of Peace. In a world filled with turmoil, Jesus offers a peace that goes deeper than circumstances, a peace that guards our hearts and minds.

At Christmas, we celebrate more than a baby's birth. We celebrate the fulfillment of God's promise, a Savior with many names. Each one reminds us of his eternal love and presence. This season, let his names bring you comfort, strength and peace.

BIBLE QUIZ

Who told Mary that her child would be called "the Son of the Most High"?

- A. Zechariah
- B. Gabriel
- C. Simeon
- D. Joseph



Answer: B (See Luke 1:26-32.)

DECEMBER 2025

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 Second Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Third Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Council Meeting (OB) 11:15am	15	16	17	18	19	20 Crafty Ladies (OB) 10:00am
21 Fourth Sunday of Advent Worship Service (CH) 10:00am Godspeed Pastor Coffee Hour (FR) 11:15am	22	23	24 Christmas Eve Worship Service (CH) 8:00pm Church office closed	25 Christmas Day Church office closed	26 Church office closed	27
28 Worship Service (CH) 10:00am	29 Church office closed	30 Church office closed	31 New Years Eve Church office closed			

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH STAFF AND COUNCIL

Pastor	Rev. Jonathan Westerlund	Inward Ministry Team	Outward Ministry Team
Office Administrator	Debbie Geerlof	Christian Education	Servant
Sexton	Bob Sakala	Shepherd	Jan Behnke
Director of Music Ministries	Michael Wittenburg	Worship & Music	Rosemary Chandra
President	Chris Nilsen		
Vice President	Bill Jaichner		
Council Secretary	Pam Sakala	Administrative Team	
Treasurer	Chuck Young	Financial	
Recording Financial Secretary	Pat Berinato	Property	