

# ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **MESSENGER**

# JUNE 2020



**Sunday Worship – 8:15am and 9:30am**  
**Sunday School – 9:30am**

# Calendar of Events

**\*Our building continues to remain closed due to COVID-19 quarantine.** Sunday worship and Thursday night Vespers will continue remotely via ZOOM with bulletins being sent through email and regular mail. Please contact the church office if you know someone who would like a copy of the bulletin so we can be sure to send it. **We are tentatively planning to have our first service back at church on Sunday, July 12. It will be outside so bring a lawn chair!**

Sun. 6/7, 6/14, 6/21, 6/28	Worship	9:30am
Thurs. 6/4, 6/11, 6/18, 6/25	Evening Prayer Service	7:30pm
Sun. 6/28	Care Package assembly for our Homebound	

## LOOKING AHEAD TO JULY:

Sat. 7/4	<b>HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY!</b>	
Sun. 7/5	Virtual Worship via Zoom	9:30am
Mon. 7/6	Church Council Meeting	7:30pm
Sun. 7/12	FIRST Outdoor Service at SJILC*	9:30am
Sun. 7/19 and 7/26	Outdoor Worship at SJILC*	9:30am
Thurs. 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30	Evening Prayer Service	7:30pm

\*In the event of inclement weather the services will be held remotely via Zoom.



The Evangelism committee will be meeting on **Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** to assemble care packages for our homebound members.

We are hoping to share some important safety items and maybe some surprise treats to remind them they are missed and loved.



## *Please pray for...*

Larry Lipitz  
Anthony Posimato  
Donna Valenti  
Stephen Suppa  
Eleanor Haslett  
Scott Masciello  
Sherry Powell  
The Carver Family  
John Michael  
Vivian Monaco  
Larry Rienecker  
Colton Youdelman  
Christel Hild  
Marina  
Verne Kelly  
Family of Bruce Robertson  
Family of Augie Savarese

Arlene  
Sandy  
Bill  
Joe  
Joanne  
Ryan  
Grace  
Sue  
Faith  
Carmel Wright  
Joshua Emswiler  
Amie Hanna  
Vito Richetti  
Ginger Freise  
Robert Konzelmann  
Family of Anita Offner

Bill Gibbs  
Charles  
Karissa Heap  
Orlando Castrence  
Ann B.  
Tad Sheppard  
Harold Walker  
Bernadette Harten  
Mike T.  
Mary Rebando  
Ben Lynch  
Maureen Kelly  
Lynn Geverts  
Darel Balutowski

### *Loving Memory*

*A donation has been  
made to  
St. John-Incarnation  
in memory of  
Anita Offner*

*by  
Dave & Judy Opatow*



*A donation has been  
made to  
St. John-Incarnation  
in honor of*

*Raquel Clarke*

*by  
Arthur Clarke*

All worship services will be conducted virtually until further notice. If you have been assigned to be a lector, you can still do the readings. Just let Pastor Alex know you will be reading.

## SERVERS FOR JUNE 2020

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
<b>7</b>	<b>8:15</b>			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
Trinity Sunday	<b>9:30</b>	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Chris Shelton	Dorothy Criscuolo & Susan Masciello
<b>14</b>	<b>8:15</b>			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	<b>9:30</b>	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Janet Powell & Kristen DeStefano
<b>21</b>	<b>8:15</b>			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	<b>9:30</b>	Sam Barry	Sam Barry	Susan Masciello	Anna Lenz	Andrew & Alexandra Dunn
<b>28</b>	<b>8:15</b>			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	<b>9:30</b>	Christopher Palmer	Christopher Palmer	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Doug & Kristina Palmer

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<b>5</b>	<b>8:15</b>		Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	<b>9:30</b>	Victoria Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Alexandra & Christopher Dunn
<b>12</b>	<b>8:15</b>		Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
Outdoor service	<b>9:30</b>	Tyler Rouse	Kim Carlstrom	Chris Shelton	Suzanne Thomas & Victoria Ramirez
<b>19</b>	<b>8:15</b>		Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	<b>9:30</b>	Sam Barry	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Bob Reckhart & Carol Clemente
<b>26</b>	<b>8:15</b>		Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	<b>9:30</b>	Christopher Palmer	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Doug & Kristina Palmer

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator: Claire Lenz: Lectors & Assisting Ministers – 872-2063; Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers - 599-2273 Andrea: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers - 599-0778. If you are making a change in the schedule, please notify the office so all information can be updated.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX...

With Pentecost and Holy Trinity Sunday now behind us, we begin the period of the church year known as Ordinary Time – a span of 24 Sundays in 2020 that will take us all the way to Advent. There are no liturgical seasons or special feast days during Ordinary Time; just a whole bunch of regular green Sundays and “ordinary” worship services (hence the name!).

And yet, considering all that we’ve been through these past few months, doesn’t “ordinary” sound kind of nice right about now?!? What you and I would give for a return to regularity! Trust me, I’d love to have another “ordinary” VBS this August with 30+ children and all our volunteers here at church, and if I had my wish, we would be reopening our church and resuming all our ministries immediately. We keep hearing about the “new normal” that has resulted from this pandemic, but I’m sure you will agree that there’s nothing normal/ordinary about the thought of not being able to sing in worship or having to wear a face mask to church!

These are the kinds of realities, though, that we will very likely have to face once we return to church, at least at the start. Assuming that the numbers continue to improve and the guidelines allow it, we will have our first outdoor service on Sunday, July 12 at 9:30am out on the church lawn! We will still follow social-distancing protocols and any other recommendations for worship services to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible. Our plan, then, is to hold most or all of our worship services outside until the fall. If we have bad weather, we’ll simply conduct the service remotely via Zoom like we’re doing now.

And speaking of Zoom – don’t worry, it’s here to stay! We will use it for the outdoor services and even once we move back into the sanctuary so that if you are unable to attend or uncomfortable doing so, you can still worship with us from home. Our “virtual Vespers” services will continue on Thursday nights at 7:30pm until we reopen on Sunday July 12.

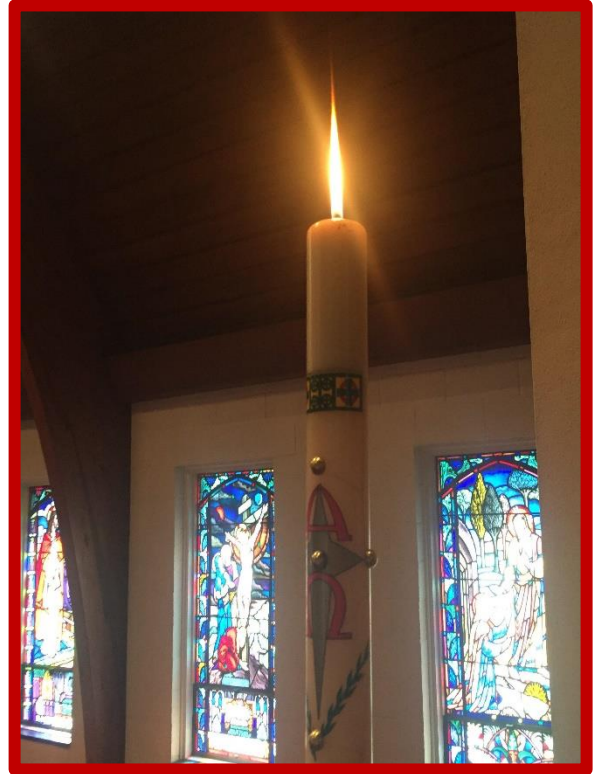
We are still planning to have VBS during the week of August 24–28, although we are not yet sure what exactly that will look like. More information and details will be sent out in the coming weeks as we get a better idea of whether we’ll be able to do anything at church or have to resort to a virtual VBS instead. I can tell you that this year’s theme will be Rocky Railway! Will we be able to pull it off? To paraphrase *The Little Engine That Could*, “I think we can! I think we can! I think we can!”

Finally, I would like to have a Bible Study series later this summer on Wednesday nights at 7pm. Dates and details are still to be determined (we would start sometime in July), but if you have any suggestions for a particular theme or focus, please let me know! We could study the readings for the upcoming Sunday or perhaps take a look at some passages that speak to our current circumstances. Feel free to call/email me with your ideas!

Extraordinary times call for extraordinary measures, but we know and trust that God is with us every step of the way. May the good Lord continue to strengthen us in faith and love as we look forward with hope to our reopening.

Peace +

*Pastor Alex*



# Join us for worship on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am &  
Thursdays at 7:30pm

## Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5165990778>

Meeting ID: 516 599 0778

## By phone:

1-646-558-8656 US (NY)

Meeting ID: 516 599 0778 #

*No attendee code. Just press #*



**If you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone for our virtual worship services, please mail your donation to the church office with the date, names, etc. Suggested donation is \$30.**

# THANK YOU!

Our **Spring Food Drive** for the  
**New LIFE Center** was a big success!



**420 lbs  
of food  
collected!**



**\$550  
donated!**



\*We will continue to have a **large green bin** by the side door of the church for any food donations for the New life Center.

# EASTER FLOWERS

We would like to thank the following people for helping to beautify SJILC this Easter with flower donations:

## In Memory of

Loved Ones  
Loved Ones  
Frank Feltkamp  
Frida Thumm  
My Loved Ones  
Doris & John Kortlang, Amy &  
Shelli Kortlang, Tony & Katie Posimato  
Loved Ones  
Our Loved Ones  
My Loved Ones  
My Loved Ones

Carol Clemente  
Charlene Comastri  
Pauline Feltkamp  
Christel & Paul Hild  
Joan Pirrone  
  
Judy & Anthony Posimato  
Don Roth  
Chris & Blanche Shelton  
Paula Williams  
Ursula Lipitz (inadvertently deleted from original list)

## In Honor of

The Music and Worship Committee  
Karen & Anthony Posimato  
Our Grandchildren  
Our Risen Lord  
My Godson-Bruce Feltkamp & Family

Bruce & Karen Feltkamp  
Judy & Anthony Posimato  
Chris & Blanche Shelton  
Paula Williams  
Grace West

## **Give to SJILC using PayPal!**

Here's how it works:

Log in to your PayPal account, choose the "send" option to send money, and type in our new email address: [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com).

Once you have entered the amount you would like to give, please select the "Sending to a friend" option to send your donation for free. (Otherwise, PayPal will charge you a small transaction fee.)

Confirm payment and you're done!

It's a fast and easy way to support the ministry of St. John-Incarnation!

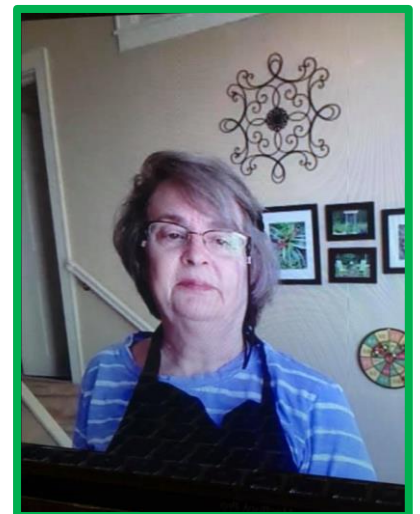
## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Rocky Railway VBS**  
**August 24–28**





# SJILC Virtual Paint Party



# SJILC WELCOME GARDEN

Our church vegetable garden has been planted and everything is growing fast! This year we have tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, butternut squash, pole beans, basil and parsley. We will let you know as soon as they are ready! Pastor Alex also has plenty of mint around the front corner of the garage! Please feel free to take as much as you like!





## Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.



On **Sunday, Sept. 13**, congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will come together for **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**.

This year our church — and our world — are living through the COVID-19 pandemic. Physical distancing has changed the way we worship and serve. We miss gathering with family and friends to share God’s love in person. But the need is great, and God’s church is at work.

While we’re not sure what the impact of this crisis will look like in September, we continue to be **church together**. We are witnessing the outpouring of love and concern that God’s people have for one another. Our congregations continue to maintain feeding ministries, serve communities that are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 infection and assist those who are financially burdened by the economic downturn.

As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors — even if these acts of service take place from our homes or from a safe distance.

**\*\*\* If you have any ideas or suggestions for what we can do as a congregation for “God’s work. Our Hands Sunday”, please contact Susan Masciello, Pastor Alex or Andrea at the church office!**

