

# ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **MESSENGER**

# OCTOBER 2020






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

# Calendar of Events

Sunday worship and Thursday night Vespers will continue to be offered 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.

## October

Tues. 10/13	Evangelism Meeting Church Council Meeting		6:30pm 7:30pm
Thurs. 10/15	Evening Prayer Service *		7:30pm
Sun. 10/18	Worship with Zoom Evangelism Committee –assembling Halloween mugs For the residents of the Atria in Lynbrook		9:30am
Thurs. 10/22	Evening Prayer Service *		7:30pm
Sun. 10/25	Reformation Sunday Worship with Zoom Virtual Sunday School begins Giving Tree begins		9:30am

\* = Zoom only

## LOOKING AHEAD TO November:

Sun. 11/1	All Saints Sunday Coat Drive begins Seafarers Christmas Satchel drive begins		9:30am
Sun. 11/8	Confirmation of Lauren Henshaw		9:30am

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- 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 in Uniondale.
- We will also have two large **blue bins** by the side door of the church for school supply donations.

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DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
<b>4</b>	9:30		Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Judy Posimato & Kristen DeStefano
<b>11</b>	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Suzanne Thomas & Cora Sarver
<b>18</b>	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Alexandra & Victoria Dunn
<b>25</b>	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Doug & Kristina Palmer
Reformation Sunday					

## SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2020

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
<b>1</b>	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse
<b>8</b>	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Joan Pirrone & Suzanna Thomas
<b>15</b>	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	Judy Posimato & Dorothy Criscuolo
<b>22</b>	9:30	Sam Barry	Kim Carlstrom	Chris Shelton	Cora Sarver & Kristen DeStefano
<b>29</b>	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Anna Lenz	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.

✝ There will be no service at 8:15am.

✝ Services will also be held via Zoom.

## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX...

*"I would rather sit on a pumpkin and have it all to myself, than be crowded on a velvet cushion."*  
~ Henry David Thoreau

Picture a pumpkin. What comes to mind? Probably quite a few things, especially during this time of year! Maybe it's carving pumpkins into fun and spooky jack-o'-lanterns or going to a pumpkin patch where gourds abound in all shapes and sizes. (In past years we've gone to Crossroads Farm at Grossmann's in Malverne with the youth to pick pumpkins for our annual Harvest Festival. Hopefully we can do both again in 2021!) Or perhaps your taste buds are at work and you are thinking of a particular food or beverage like pumpkin pie with whipped cream, a pumpkin spice latte from Starbucks or a pumpkin ale served in a cinnamon-lined glass. Yummy! There's Cinderella's carriage, the Headless Horseman, Peter Peter Pumpkin Eater, and my personal favorite – Linus waiting for the Great Pumpkin!

Pumpkins are not only widely recognized as a symbol of Halloween and the autumn season – a resilient fruit that Kitty Jackson states, "lives in the 'in-between', symbolizing transition and movement toward the darker times" – but they can also teach us a lot about ourselves and the relationship we have with God and one another. They remind us that we too come in a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors, and like pumpkins we are created and handpicked to bring joy to others. God chooses us in love and removes "the guts" of our sin through the waters of baptism so that we can shine with the light of Christ. Giving thanks for this amazing gift and all the countless blessings in our lives, we are moved with gratitude to share what we have been given with those in need.

This will be our theme for our first Sunday School session following worship on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. Sunday School students will receive take-home bags ahead of time filled with various pumpkin-themed crafts and activities that we will use with our lesson on 10/25. Please make sure to register for Sunday School if you haven't done so already!

We will also be inviting the Sunday School children and their families to make a "grateful pumpkin" this fall by writing down the things they are grateful for onto a pumpkin. This is a fun activity that anyone can do! All you need is a pumpkin and a Sharpie; no carving required! Starting at the top, write the words "We are grateful for..." (or if you're doing this on your own, "I am grateful for...")

in a spiral around the stem. Then, every night – perhaps around dinnertime – add a few things that you are grateful for. Start with the most important (family members, friends, pets, your home, God's love for us in Jesus, etc.) before adding other fun things like ice cream, reading, and family game nights. By the end of November, your pumpkin will be filled with things you are grateful for, and you will have a beautiful centerpiece for your Thanksgiving dinner table! With everything we've been through this year, focusing on our blessings and what we are grateful for is even more important.



Will you join me in giving thanks and sharing the love of "Gourd?" ☺

*Pastor Alex*



# Thank You



*Dear Pastor Alex & St. John Incarnation;*

*Thank you for the lovely flowers that were sent to me last Sunday. They are so appreciated, and a big thanks to Dotty Criscuolo for delivering them to my house. Thinking of you all often as I tune in each week for service -- stay safe everyone!*

*Love,  
Lori Fernez*

*The New LIFE Center sends their thanks for our congregations' generous donations of clothes and 104 lbs. of food during the month of September!*

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*To the glory of God and in  
Loving Memory of  
**Larry Reinecker**  
Gifts have been made to the  
St. John-Incarnation Memorial Fund  
By  
Dorothy Criscuolo*

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Zachary Wilson, Son of Susanne Wilson and grandson of Elfreida Lynn. Zachary graduated as a Fighter Pilot for the United States Air Force. He was awarded the Military Officer's Association of America's Officership Excellence Award for **"The one individual in Class 20-07 who demonstrated excellence in performance, attitude, and leadership as an officer and representative of his or her country in this multinational program."**

He heads to Seymour Johnson AFB in North Carolina for training on the **F15E**



All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 1st is **All Saints Sunday**, the day we remember those who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year. If you have lost someone in the last 12 months and would like their name read aloud during the prayers please call the church office (516-599-0778), email us at [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com), or leave the person's name in the offering plate.

# Blessing of the Pets





**St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church**  
**VIRTUAL** Sunday School Registration Form –  
 2020-2021

**FIRST CLASS IS OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT 11:30AM VIA ZOOM**

We will begin Sunday School this year on Zoom with a plan to “meet” once a month until circumstances change. Please fill out this registration form so we may be prepared for your child’s/children’s lessons. Details for times, dates and lessons will follow.

Please complete this form and return to our church secretary, Andrea Sommella, at your earliest convenience. The form can be:  emailed to stjohnincarnation@gmail.com;  mailed to the church office at 13 Blake Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563 OR  dropped in the offering plate any Sunday you are worshipping with us

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of SJILC? YES NO

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (we communicate via email when possible): \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Child’s Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Baptism date</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Communion</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES NO
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES NO
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES NO
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES NO

*It is our goal to make Sunday School a wonderful experience for your child. If your child has any allergies or health concerns that our Sunday School teachers should know about, please list them here:*

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*If your child has any special needs that our Sunday School teachers should know about so they can be better prepared with appropriate materials, please list them here:*

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I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or written copy, that may be used in conjunction therewith, or the use to which it may be applied. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



# Join us for worship on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am &  
Thursdays at 7:30pm (Zoom only)

## 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 #*

## 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**.

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!

## *Please pray for...*

Larry Lipitz	Arlene	Karissa Heap
Anthony Posimato	Sandy	Orlando Castrence
Donna Valenti	Bill	Tad Sheppard
Stephen Suppa	Joe	Harold Walker
Eleanor Haslett	Joanne	Bernadette Harten
Scott Masciello	Ryan	Mike T.
Sherry Powell	Grace	Mary Rebando
The Carver Family	Sue	Ben Lynch
John Michael	Faith	Bob T.
Vivian Monaco	Carmel Wright	Ginger Freise
Colton Youdelman	Joshua Emswiler	Our Homebound
Amie Hanna	Christel Hild	Our Military
Bill Gibbs	Charles	Healthcare Workers
William Sarver	Ann B.	First Responders
Family of Joe Wall	Neil B.	Those we pray
Family of Ann Nugent	Don Roth	for silently or aloud
Pastor Becky		

**If you would like to request prayers** for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request poster or call or email the office at 599-0778 or [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com). Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks.



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

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## MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR SJILC COFFEE MUG FROM ONE OF OUR USHERS AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP!



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## Spread the Warmth Annual Coat Drive

Beginning **November 1<sup>st</sup>** and continuing through winter, **SJILC** will be collecting coats and jackets for the **United Veterans Beacon House's Annual Coat Drive.**

Please drop off new or gently used coats in the marked boxes by the coat racks in the narthex. Your donation will help bring the warmth of God's love to someone this winter.

Thank you!

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup>, SJILC will again be participating in the Seafarers International Christmas at Sea program. Information and satchels will be in the narthex if you wish To make a donation for this wonderful cause.

There will be boxes in the narthex for food donations. And we will continue to have the large GREEN plastic bin in the driveway of the church.

## THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Food Baskets

The New LIFE Center-Long Island, a hunger prevention site of Lutheran Social Services of New York, is already at work to provide a bountiful Thanksgiving Holiday meal for struggling families in our community. You can help by contributing items from the list below, which volunteers will package and distribute. THANK YOU and HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

*Juice*

*Instant Mashed Potatoes / Yams*

*Fruit Cocktail / Canned Fruit*

*Cake Mixes and Frosting / Brownie Mix*

*Ground or Instant Coffee / Tea Bags*

*Cookies and Hot Chocolate*

*Napkins*

*Pancake Mix / Syrup / Cereal / Oatmeal*

*Corn Mafines*

*Pasta and Sauce / Mac and Cheese*

*White Rice / Canned Beans*

*Canned Vegetables*

*Canned (chicken, fish)*

*Flour and Sugar*

*Parmalat Milk*

*Peanut Butter and Jelly*

*Jello and Pudding*

***TURKEY / HAM / CHICKEN***

*Supermarket gift cards are also*

*Appreciated*



Lutheran Social Services of New York  
Strengthening Lives, Families, and Communities

Food donations due by **Sunday, October 18**  
But we will continue to collect through Oct/Nov



# THE GIVING TREE

BRINGING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS  
TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, St. John's has delivered some wonderful Christmas gifts to families who may have had no gifts at all. We will soon be setting up our Giving Tree once again, and we are hoping to deliver more of God's love this Christmas season – **but, we have made some changes this year to make it a safe experience for all.**

In an effort to get this done in a timely fashion, this email is being sent to all church members now to find out who is interested in participating this year. If you are interested in donating, reply to this email as outlined below, indicating how many gifts you would like to donate. You may request a specific age range, gift type (clothes/toys/etc.), and/or a price range. You can also request to sponsor one individual by supplying all 3 gifts for that person, if you choose. **On a first response basis, you will be assigned gifts that match your requests as best as possible based on what is still available.** Please respond early for best selection. Email reminders/updates will be sent each week until gifts are fulfilled.

**You may request to participate in any of the following ways:**

- By email to LoriF60@aol.com or stjohncarnation@gmail.com no later than Sunday, November 29th.
- By phone at St. John's 516-599-0778 or Lori Fernez 516-596-1538.
- In the narthex, there will be a sheet where you can sign in a request leaving your name, phone number, and number of gifts you'd be interested in donating.

**Once you are assigned a gift, a virtual tag with gift information will be emailed (or texted or mailed if you prefer) to you with instructions.**

**Donations need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Gifts can be returned, unwrapped, in any of the following ways:**

- Drop off in the assigned box in the narthex before or after church service, or anytime convenient (by calling ahead).
- Drop off in the outside drop off box at St. John-Incarnation, near the outside entrance to the Knotty Pine Room.
- Call the phone numbers as listed above for pick-up of your gifts.

**It is essential to begin and end this project early in order to get the gifts to their recipients in time for the holidays.** Your generosity will bring joy to someone in need this holiday season and will reinforce the true meaning of Christmas.

**Thank you for your support!** - Lori Fernez

