



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2018



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

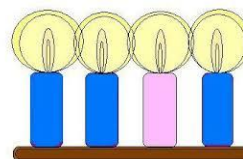
Calendar of Events:



Nov. 1 – Nov. 30	Coat Drive	
Sun. Nov. 11	Worship services	8:15 & 9:30 am
Mon. Nov. 12	Yoga Class	7:00 pm
Tues. Nov. 13	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Wed. Nov. 14	Confirmation class	7:30 pm
Thurs. Nov. 15	NO Choir rehearsal	
Sun. Nov. 18	Worship services Sunday School "May Our Light So Shine" Commitment Sunday	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am
Mon. Nov. 19	Yoga Class	7:00 pm
Wed. Nov. 21	Thanksgiving Eve Interfaith Service Bethany Congregational Church – 100 Main St., East Rockaway	7:30 pm
Thurs. Nov. 22	HAPPY THANKSGIVING!	
Fri. Nov. 23	Church office closed. (<i>Pastoral emergency, call 516-581-3453</i>)	
Sun. Nov. 25	Worship services	8:15 & 9:30 am
Mon. Nov. 26	Yoga Class	7:00 pm
Wed. Nov. 28	Confirmation class	7:30 pm



LOOKING AHEAD TO DECEMBER:



Dec. 2	First Sunday of Advent Family Advent wreath workshop	
Dec. 9	Sunday School pageant rehearsal and pizza party/movie	
Dec. 14	Holiday Luncheon sponsored by WELCA	12:00 pm
Dec. 16	Worship & Sunday School Christmas Pageant (NO 8:15am service) Hanging of the greens/decorating the church	9:30am 11:00am
Dec. 24.	Christmas Eve	
Dec. 6, 13, 20	Holden Evening Prayer Advent Services	7:00 pm



SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Nov. 18	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Tyler Rouse		Claire Lenz	Chris Shelton	Alexandra & Andrew Dunn
Nov. 25	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
Christ the King	9:30	Christopher Palmer		Hank Lenz	Anna Lenz	Kristina & Doug Palmer

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DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Dec.2	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Sam Barry	Tyler Rouse	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Robert Reckhart & Sean Rouse
Dec. 9	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Dorothy Criscuolo	Chris Shelton	Alexandra & Andrew Dunn
Dec. 16	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Kristina & Doug Palmer
Dec. 23	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dylan Hovell	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Janet Pescatore & Suzanna Thomas
Dec.24	7:30	Tyler Rouse	Kaylee Palmer	Katie Forte	Chris Shelton	
	Torch Bearers	Parker Sloan and Ashley Gavin				Richard Dietrich
	Gospel Bearer	Kaitlyn Gavin				And Dorothy Criscuolo
Dec. 30	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Sam Barry	Tyler Rouse	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Robert Reckhart & Sean Rouse

To all worship servers:

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



2018 Stewardship Appeal

“May Our Light So Shine”

We began our program on Reformation Sunday and will conclude with **Commitment Sunday on November 18th**.
Thank you for your support!



Please pray for.....

Larry Lipitz
George Verity
Stephanie Moser
Anthony Posimato
Donna Valenti
Dorothy Hafner
Elaine Smith
Joann D'Ambrosio
Stephen Suppa
Jean Weber
Eleanor Haslett
Scott Masciello
Rachel Jeremie
Inga Chiramonte
Eleanor Stetson
Felicia Carbo

Bob Robon
Sherry Powell
The Carver Family
John Michael
Doris Oelschlager
Vivian Monaco
Larry Rienecker
Arlene
Sandy
Bill
Joe
Joanne
Ryan
Grace
Bill T
Brian Darmody

Faith
Elfride Lynn
Tad Sheppard
Gerda Weber
Don Roth
Joshua Emswiler
Bernadette Harten
Carmel
Alisa Queen
Geraldine Christ
Lisa Sell
Karissa Heap
Orlando Castrence
Sue
Dennis Showman
John Fernéz

If would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request card in church or call or email the office at 599-0778 or stjohnslynbrook@aol.com. Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks.

A message from Pastor Alex:

Author Anne Lamott says the two best prayers she knows are “Help me, help me, help me” and “Thank you, thank you, thank you.” Well, I certainly know the first kind! Prayers of help are always on my lips and always in my heart: “God, help me! Help me love more and sin less. Help me be a better disciple and a better pastor. Help me in my preaching, teaching and ministry. Help me to faithfully shepherd this congregation. Help my family members, my friends, and my beloved parishioners. Help bring healing and wholeness to those who seek it. Help our youth grow in their Christian faith. Help our council, our committees, and all who serve in our congregation. Help us to give with glad and thankful hearts. Help us carry out our mission to share your love with those in need. Help, Lord, please help.”

Please, of course, leads to *thank you*, and with Thanksgiving quickly approaching I also know that I have **much** to be thankful for as always. Thus, the best prayer that I can give this month is one of joyful and overflowing gratitude: “Thank you, Lord! Thank you for loving me and giving me what I need (even though I don’t deserve it!). Thank you for my dear family, good friends, and beloved parishioners. Thank you for blessing me with another year of shepherding this wonderful congregation. Thank you for their unceasing generosity, faithfulness, and commitment to mission. Thank you for their gifts and talents that they freely share. Thank you for their inspiring faith, which strengthens and uplifts my own. Thank you for helping me and all of us shine the light of Christ that you have given us in baptism. Thank you, thank you, thank you. Amen.”

Thanks be to God and thanks be to each of you! God’s blessing to you and your dearest loved ones this Thanksgiving.

Peace +

Pastor Alex

Mark your calendars!

THE ADVENT WREATH FAMILY WORKSHOP



Come join us on **December 2nd** after the 9:30 AM worship and create your own family advent wreath! A pizza lunch, including soda and dessert will follow.

A free-will offering will be received to help cover the costs of pizza and craft supplies.

If you are planning to join us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex along with the number of people who will be attending with you. You can also register by contacting the church office at 516-599-0718 or stjohnslynbrook@aol.com.

We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by WELCA

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We need families or individuals to light a candle on the Advent Wreath and say the blessing during our worship services throughout the 4 weeks of Advent: **December 2nd**, **December 9th**, **December 16th** and **December 23rd**. If interested, please contact the church office or sign the sheet in the narthex. **Once you have signed up, we will give you the blessing to read over before your assigned day.**



THE SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PAGAENT
will be performed on **DECEMBER 16TH**
at the 9:30 AM service



WELCA will be hosting a pot luck **Christmas Luncheon** on
Thursday, December 13^h, at 12:00 pm.

If you would like to join us, please add your name to the
sign-up sheet posted in the narthex.

Bring a friend!



God's work. Our hands.

Once again, in conjunction with our annual Giving Tree Project, we would like to help the ELCA during this holiday season with some of the wonderful things they provide for the underprivileged in other parts of the world. Some of the ways you can help fight hunger and poverty along with the ELCA through this program: Donations of ...

- ✓ \$10 buys a Bible, chicks, a fruit tree seedling, or a backpack stocked with food
- ✓ \$10 buys a warm blanket for a child
- ✓ \$12 buys water jugs, \$20 buys honey bees, and \$38 will train an evangelist
- ✓ \$30 buys a pig, vaccinations for a child, or supports a young adult in a global mission for a day
- ✓ \$40 pays for school fees and uniforms
- ✓ \$50 buys a goat
- ✓ \$125 buys a sheep
- ✓ For additional gifts please see the catalogs on the table

How YOU can help ...

Our Advent Tree will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex near the bell. The tree will have ornaments in all the varied amounts stated above. Before or after either service on Sunday mornings (**beginning December 2nd**) you can go to the tree and select the ornament with the amount and type of giving (for example, honey bees for \$20) that you would like to donate. (If you do not see what you are looking for on the tree, please ask, as we do have extras.)

Please give your donation (cash or check made out to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) to Lori Fernéz in the Narthex -- and you may keep the ornament to hang on your Christmas tree at home, as a reminder that Christmas is all about giving to others! **Donations will be collected through December 30th.**

Thank you for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas season.



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.

Can you please help us bring some Christmas spirit to some families in need? Beginning on November 18th, there will be a small table-top Christmas tree set up in the narthex with "gift tags" hung on its branches. These tags will list a name and one specific item requested by that individual. Most items requested are very basic things – a pair of pajamas, a sweatshirt, or a simple toy.

If you would like to donate one or more items, select a gift tag from the Giving Tree and follow the instructions given. Donations need to be brought in by Sunday, December 9th:

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 Fernéz

DONATIONS ARE DUE AT ST. JOHN'S NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 9TH!

Christmas-at-Sea

Would your congregation like to bring joy to seafarers who will not be home with their families for Christmas? Our port chaplains bring satchels filled with gifts to the ships they visit in the weeks prior to Christmas. Later, on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day, when the ship is in the middle of the ocean, the captain holds a holiday celebration and every crew member will open their satchels, each containing



One Sweatshirt – hooded or unhooded (size L-XL),
Three Pairs of Socks – thermal or white gym,
One Casual Pullover T-Shirt (size M-L),
One Knit Winter Cap,
One Can of Nuts or Large Bar of Chocolate, and a
Christmas Card from you!

(You pick the colors, styles and brands you wish, but please no substitutions from the list. The Christmas-at-Sea satchels should be comparable for each member of the crew).

What might otherwise have been another lonely night at sea becomes a joyous occasion, not just because of the beautiful gifts received, but because complete strangers ashore have taken the time to share the spirit of Christmas with these otherwise forgotten seafarers. It's awesome!

Your congregation may want to assemble complete Christmas-at-Sea satchels for an entire ship. Generally, a ship's crew consists of 25 seafarers. Of course, we're grateful for any number of satchels your congregation can fill. If it is more convenient, you can supply a quantity of just one or two of the gift items. There are sales on many of these gifts throughout the year, so you may want to get a jump start on purchasing them. Or you may write a check and have us purchase the items for you. Typically, a completely filled satchel costs about \$25.

Our port chaplains start to distribute the Christmas-at-Sea satchels after Thanksgiving, so we start collecting them as soon as your congregation is ready through December 15th. Call or email one of the following persons to order the number of satchels you want to fill or to receive further information. Remember to put a return address on your Christmas cards, because occasionally the ship captain or crew members will send you a personal note of appreciation, and you'll find these notes are just priceless.



Blessings to you for your outreach to seafarers.

Noreen Fleming
212-677-4800 (ext. 1218)
nfleming@sthnyc.org

Chris Roehrer
212-677-4800 (ext. 1203)
cwr@sthnyc.org

Ruth Setaro
203-687-2177
ruthsetaro@snet.net

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church Roof Fund Appeal

The Stewardship and Finance committee is pleased to let you know the work on the roof above the old church which is above the knotty pine room, church office, council room and nursery is almost done. Unfortunately, there was unforeseen water damage to the roof that had to be addressed. We will need \$6,000.00 more to cover the work that needed to be done. We are still collecting funds to cover the cost.

We were awarded a Congregational Capital Improvement Challenge Grant from the Metropolitan New York Synod Council for \$9,000. We had \$5,000 left over from the air conditioner fund which was transferred to the roof fund. We also had a very generous offer from someone who was willing to match dollar-for-dollar every donation that was made to our roof fund up to \$5,000.00. We have met that goal.

Thank you to all who have so generously contributed to this appeal!
With the additional work that was needed to be done, **it is our hope and prayer that you will consider making a donation to this new roof.**

Donations can be made in “Memory of” or in “Honor of” anyone you wish to be remembered or honored. Donations will be shared each month in our Messenger.

Enclosed is a form that may be used for your donations.
Please look for regular updates from our Finance Committee.
Thank you!
Joan Pirrone
Stewardship and Finance Committee
Financial Recording Secretary



Check out the bulletin board across from the coat rack and see how our worker climbs the ladder to our goal!



Help Us Reach Our Goal!

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church Roof Fund

Name _____

Amount _____

Envelope # _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

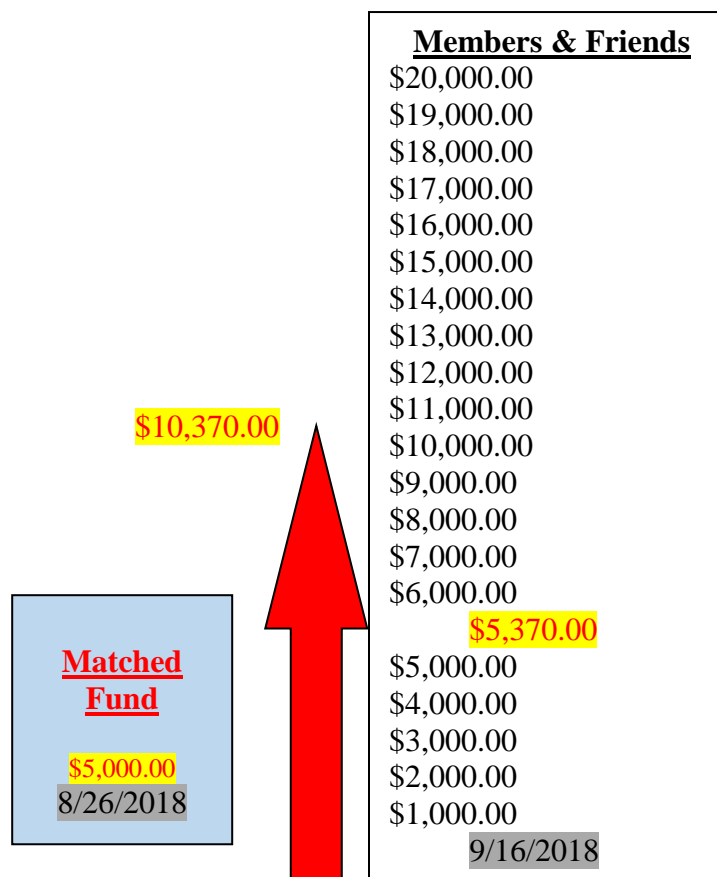
Please mail your contribution to:

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church Roof Fund
13 Blake Ave.
Lynbrook, NY 11563

Or, please drop it in the offering plate on Sunday.

Thank you

**St. John-Incarnation
Roof Appeal 2018
With Matching Funds**



We wish to acknowledge and thank all who have already contributed to the
Roof Fund of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church!

IN HONOR OF....

DOROTHY CRISCUOLO'S 75TH BIRTHDAY BY
CAROL CLEMENTE, ALLISON KOEHLER,
JOAN PIRRONE, CORA SARVER, &
JUDY AND DAVE OPATOW

KAREN & ANTHONY POSIMATO BY
JUDY AND ANTHONY POSIMATO

DOT & VITO RICHETTI 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BY
DOT & VITO RICHETTI

LOVED ONES BY
THE LIPITZ FAMILY

PAULINE, BRUCE (MY GODSON) AND KAREN FELTKAMP BY
GRACE WEST

AN OFFERING BY
ANONYMOUS

ST. JOHN-INCARNATION BY
ANNA & DAN LENZ

OUR GRANDCHILDREN BY
CHRIS & BLANCHE SHELTON

PAULA WILLIAMS BY
HEIDI SCALZA

DOROTHY CRISCUOLO'S 75TH BIRTHDAY BY
JOANN LEONE

THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF DOT & VITO RICHETTI BY
DOROTHY CRISCUOLO

RAQUEL, ROBERT SR., ROBERT JR. & LUCAS CLARK BY
VIRGINIA & ARTHUR CLARK

CUFFIA B. REITLER BY
EDWARD G. REITLER

MY CHILDREN ALLISON & JOSEPH &
GRANDCHILDREN GIOVANNI & GABRIELLA
BY JOAN PIRRONE

IN MEMORY OF...

LOVED ONES BY
THE LIPITZ FAMILY

LOVED ONES BY
DON ROTH

HERBERT LYNN BY
ELFRIEDE LYNN

ANTHONY MASCIELLO BY
SUSAN & VINNIE MASCIELLO

MY SIBLINGS JOAN, AL, AND BILL BY
CAROL CLEMENTE

ROBERT WEBER BY
GERDA WEBER

SAM & ALICE BATCHELOR BY
GABRIELLE BARRY

GLENN HEAP BY
CLAIRE & HANK LENZ

LOVED ONES BY
CHRIS & BLANCHE SHELTON

RALPH F WILLIAMS BY
FLORENCE WILLIAMS

LOVED ONES BY
DORIS HILD

LOVED ONES BY
PAUL & CHRISTEL HILD

FRANK FELTKAMP BY
PAULINE FELTKAMP

CAPPY & JACK SHEPPARD BY
ANNE & TAD SHEPPARD

LOVED ONES BY
ARLENE & ED MOGLIA

OUR MOTHERS-DOROTHY JACKSON & JUNE CONKLIN BY
KEN JACKSON & KATHY O'MARA

IN MEMORY OF....

DOROTHY & JULIUS ROLL, SAL CRISCUOLO, & NELMA MCMENAMIN
BY DOROTHY CRISCUOLO

LOVED ONES BY
CHARLENE COMASTRI

KIMBERLY ANN PAOLILLO BY
JOHN PAOLILLO

SUSAN K. RECKHART/KIMBERLY ANN PAOLILLO BY
ROBERT RECKHART

MERLE WILLIAMS BY
PAULA WILLIAMS

LOUIS CLEMENTE BY
JUDY & DAVE OPATOW

LOUIS CLEMENT BY
DOROTHY CRISCUOLO

IRMA & BOB KAEMPF BY
BOB & DIANE KAEMPF

LOUIS CLEMENTE BY
CAROL CLEMENTE

MY WIFE RUTH WAKULUK BY
WILLIAM WAKULUK

ALLEN & DOROTHY JIMMERSON BY
JOAN PIRRONE

LOVED ONES BY
CORA SARVER

BOB & IRMA KAEMPF BY
KAREN & NORM IRVING