



**ST. JOHN-INCARNATION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MESSENGER**

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Sunday Services  
8:15 and 9:30 am  
Sunday School  
9:30 am**

## Calendar of Events:

<b>Sun. Sept. 2</b>	Worship services	8:15 & 9:30 am
<b>Tues. Sept. 4</b>	Knitting Ministry Stewardship/Finance meeting	7:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sun. Sept. 9</b>	Worship services First Communion	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am
<b>Mon. Sept. 10</b>	Yoga Class	7:00 pm
<b>Sun. Sept. 16</b>	Worship services Sunday School planning meeting	8:15 & 9:30 am 10:30 am
<b>Mon. Sept. 17</b>	Yoga Class	7:00 pm
<b>Tues. Sept. 18</b>	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
<b>Sun. Sept. 23</b>	Worship services Assembling of Personal Care Kits for LWR	8:15 & 9:30 am 10:30 am
<b>Mon. Sept. 24</b>	Yoga Class	7:00 pm
<b>Sun. Sept. 30</b>	Worship services <b>Harvest Festival</b>	8:15 & 9:30 am <b>11:00 am – 3:00 pm</b>

### LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER:

<b>Oct. 14</b>	Outdoor worship and pet blessing
<b>Oct. 16 &amp; 17</b>	<b>PICTURE DAYS</b> for our new directory
<b>TBD</b>	Sunday School kickoff / rally day

## SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 2018

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Oct 7	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Christopher Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	
Oct 14	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Dylan Hovell	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	
Oct 21	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Tyler Rouse	Susan Masciello	Chris Shelton	
Oct 28	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
Reformation Sunday	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Victoria Dunn	Kim Carlstrom	Anna Lenz	
	Torch Bearers	Ashley Gavin & Christopher Dunn				
	Gosp. Bearer	Victoria Ramirez				

## SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2018

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Nov. 4	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
All Saints Day	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Victoria Ramirez	Katie Forte	Katie Forte	
Nov. 11	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Sam Barry	Kaylee Palmer	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	
Nov. 18	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Dylan Hovell	Claire Lenz	Chris Shelton	
Nov. 21						
Thanks giving Eve	7:30	Victoria Dunn	Ashley Gavin	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
Nov. 25	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
Christ the King	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Parker Sloan	Hank Lenz	Anna Lenz	

## SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2018

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	
Dec. 9	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	
Dec. 16	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	
Dec. 23	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dylan Hovell	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	
Dec.24	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Kaylee Palmer	Katie Forte	Chris Shelton	
	Torch Bearers	Parker Sloan and Victoria Dunn				
	Gospel Bearer	Kaitlyn Gavin				
Dec. 30	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Ashley Gavin	Christopher Dunn	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	

### 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

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

We have only 11 young people who are our acolytes and crucifers. Please consider volunteering to serve as either an acolyte and/or crucifer. Anyone can serve regardless of age! We are also always in need of lectors, assisting ministers and choir members. These are easy ways to serve on a Sunday morning and will add to your worship experience.

## A message from Pastor Alex:

Who are we as a church? What are we known for? I often find myself thinking about these questions when it comes to our life together here at St. John–Incarnation Lutheran Church. Do people really know *who* we are or do they simply know where we're located? After all, it's not hard to find us! With a big, beautiful building that's been at the corner of Peninsula and Merrick for decades, our location could not be more ideal and because of that everyone in Lynbrook, for the most part, knows where we are. "Oh, you're the church with the 'Open Sundays' sign!" I hear it all the time!

But how wonderful would it be if our neighbors and those in our community knew the ministry that we do here together? What if folks could see the various ways that we serve those in need and the difference that it makes in their lives? Our mission statement says that we are "followers of Christ who share God's unconditional love with all people through word and deed." We know who (and *whose!*) we are as the body of Christ, but what about our community? Do they know?

The New LIFE Center certainly knows who we are. Our congregation has faithfully supported this organization for many years through our donations of school supplies, baby items, and thousands of pounds of food. This ongoing, collaborative ministry has helped countless families in the Uniondale area and beyond.

Seafarers International House also knows us. The cookies tins and Christmas-at-Sea satchels that we send to SIH go directly to seafarers who cannot be home with their loved ones for the holidays. Port chaplains bring these items right onto the ships and as SIH states in their most recent newsletter, "What might otherwise have been another lonely night at sea becomes a joyous occasion, because complete strangers ashore have taken the time to share the spirit of Christmas with these otherwise forgotten seafarers!"

There is much to look forward to in the coming months here at St. John–Incarnation. We will celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Festival at the end of September (let's all pray for sunshine that day!) with half of the proceeds going to local charities. On Sunday, September 23 following our worship, we will assemble personal care kits which will be sent to Lutheran World Relief as part of their 'Project Promise' for people/communities recovering from natural disasters as well as those who live in poverty. For the month of October, we will do a special food drive for the New LIFE Center. If we are able to collect 500 food items by the end of the month (and I have no doubt that we will), Thrivent will donate \$500 to the New LIFE Center as well! Finally, for November we will have another coat drive for The United Veterans Beacon House in Bay Shore. The last time we did this back in 2016, we collected about 80 coats and jackets which were given out to homeless veterans in the area to help keep them warm throughout the winter. Let's set a goal for 100 this time, if not more!

We know our mission here at St. John–Incarnation. We know that we have been called together to do God's work and to let our light shine. "We are blessed to be a blessing to others," we like to say in the church because, well, it's the truth! So as we consider the possibilities and opportunities that God has for us in 2019 and beyond, perhaps we might identify some ways that we can meet the needs of those right here in our neighborhood. How can we help? Who are "the least of these" in our midst? Where can we go out in peace and serve the Lord with our hands and feet? If we can keep our eyes, our ears, and our hearts open, I'm quite sure that God will lead us right to where we need to be.

Wouldn't it be great if we were more than just the church that's open Sundays? What if our community knew us as the church that feeds the hungry and clothes the naked, a place where all are welcomed and embraced? To quote an anthem that our choir has sung in the past, "They'll know we are Christians by our love." May that love always be visible and tangible here at St. John-Incarnation.

Peace +

*Pastor Alex*

## *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

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

Faith  
Elfride Lynn  
Denis Bradler  
Gerda Weber  
Don Roth  
Joshua Emswiler  
Bernadette Harten  
Carmel  
Karissa Heap  
Geraldine Christ  
Lisa Sell  
Alisa Queen  
Sue  
Orlando Castrence

**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.



*Donations have been made to the St. John-Incarnation Memorial Fund in memory of  
Louis Clemente by The Richetti Family  
and in memory of Robert Koehler by Brian & Bernadette Harten*

*A donation has been made to the St. John-Incarnation Fund in memory of  
Louis Clemente by Joan Pirrone*

*A donation has been made to the Barbara Semmig Memorial Fund in memory of  
Rose Chiviott by Christel Hild*



With our merger now complete, it's time for a **NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY!** We are scheduled with Lifetouch to have photos taken on Tuesday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 17 from 12pm to 8pm. In the next week or so, we will be sending around a signup sheet for individuals and families to sign up for time slots. Those who are unable to have their picture taken will be invited to submit their own picture. Please watch your email for more details!



# For our Harvest Festival

**PLEASE DO NOT BRING  
ANY ITEMS FOR OUR  
BRIC A BRAC SALE  
UNTIL THE DAY OF THE  
HARVEST FESTIVAL  
THANKS!**



## **FOOD DRIVE!**

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, we will be holding a special food drive for the LSS New LIFE Center in Uniondale. This special food drive is in conjunction with Thrivent's "Project Promise" program.

We will start donating non-perishable foods October 1<sup>st</sup>. If we can collect 500 items, Thrivent will match our efforts with a \$500 donation to the New LIFE Center. This is a great way to help the New LIFE Center get ready for the busiest food collection months of the year! Please help and bring in whatever you are able. God's work – Our hands. What a great way to double our efforts to help those less fortunate!

# WELCOME MAYA PANG!



**We are happy to share  
that on Sunday,  
September 2 our  
organist Judy Pang and  
her husband welcomed  
into the world their  
daughter Maya. God's  
blessings to Judy, Oliver,  
and their family!**



# VBS HERO CENTRAL!







**FOR MORE PHOTOS, PLEASE VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!**

We had another fantastic VBS program last month as 27 children joined us for VBS Hero Central! Our kids (and adults!) learned about the characteristics that truly make them God's heroes. Answering the call to "do good, seek peace, and go after it!" from Psalm 34, the children were challenged to 'feed the city' with a goal of collecting 100 food items by the end of the week and they reached it!

We would like to thank everyone who helped out during this week and the days leading up to it. Thank you, first, to Gabrielle Barry for serving once again as our co-director. Gabbie spent many hours planning our program and delegating roles/tasks, which made everything easier for all those involved. Many thanks also to Rob Clark, Sue Ellen Coyle, Pauline Feltkamp, Katharine Forte, Jody Gavin, Allison Koehler, Kristen Larke, Bill and Debbie Lindman, Susan Masciello, Doug and Kristina Palmer, Melissa Pinto, Joan Pirrone, Bob and Debra Reckhart, Jeanette Richetti, Heidi Scalza, Anne and Tad Sheppard, our secretary, Andrea Sommella, and all the other parents who supervised and helped out! We would also like to thank our youth volunteers - William Celantano, Maya Cullen, Ashley and Kaitlyn Gavin, Parker Sloan, Kaylee Palmer, and Shaun and Tyler Rouse. Thank you to the congregation for your donations and support. Your donations not only helped offset our costs, but also made the program as fun and special as it could be for the kids. Last but not least, thank you to Dot and Vito Richetti for sponsoring our Ice Cream Sundae Sunday celebration on Sunday, August 19. They have done this all five years that we've had VBS and it always makes for a "sweet" ending to the week ☺

# St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church Roof Fund Appeal

The Stewardship and Finance committee is officially starting an appeal to replace the roof above the old church which is above the knotty pine room, church office, council room and nursery. We expect that the roof will cost at least \$20,000.00. We have been awarded a Congregational Capital Improvement Challenge Grant from the Metropolitan New York Synod Council for \$9,000. In order to receive this grant, St. John-Incarnation must first raise \$9,000 as matching funds. We have \$5,000 left over from the air conditioner fund which we will transfer to the roof fund. We also have a very generous offer from someone who is willing to match dollar-for-dollar every donation that is made to our roof fund. This means we only need to raise about 25% of the total amount from our members and friends of St. John-Incarnation! Thanks be to God!

It is our hope and prayer that you will consider  
making a donation to the 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.

Below 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!



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 75<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>TH</sup> 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 75<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY BY  
JOANN LEONE





# *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





St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church  
13 Blake Avenue, Lynbrook

**Sunday, September 30, 2018**

11am-3pm

"Rain or Shine"

Food • Music • Pumpkins

Bric-a-Brac • Raffles • 50/50

Homemade cakes & cookies

