



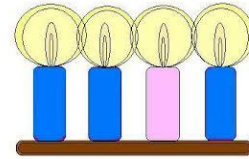
ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

DECEMBER 2018



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

Calendar of Events:



Dec. 16 9:30am	Worship & Sunday School Christmas Pageant (NO 8:15am service)	
	Hanging of the greens/decorating the church	11:00am
Dec. 20	Holden Evening Prayer Advent Services	7:30pm
	Choir rehearsal	8:00pm
Dec. 23	Services of Lessons and Carols – 8:15am & 9:30am	
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve worship – 7:30pm	
Dec. 25 – Jan 1	Church office closed	
Dec. 30	Last day for ELCA Good Gifts	



LOOKING AHEAD TO JANUARY:

Wed. Jan 2	Confirmation class	7:30pm
Sun. Jan 6	Epiphany worship services Sunday School	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30am
Mon. Jan 7	Yoga Class	7:00 pm
Tues. Jan. 8	Evangelism meeting Council meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
Wed. Jan. 9	Confirmation class	7:30pm
Thurs. Jan. 10	Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Sun. Jan 13	Worship services	8:15 & 9:30 am
Fri. Jan 18	ALL COMMITTEE REPORTS DUE	
Sun. Jan 20	Worship services Sunday School	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30am
Fri. Jan. 25	Girl Scout bake off	6:30pm
Sun. Jan. 27	Annual Congregational meeting	10:30am

A message from Pastor Alex:

Are we ready? That's the question we ask ourselves every Advent. As we prepare for another celebration of our Lord's birth, we know that there is much to get ready for. Perhaps too much, really! Parties, pageants, and school concerts, cooking and baking, cleaning and decorating, shopping and wrapping gifts, making travel plans and coordinating covered dishes. Our schedules are hectic, and the hustle and bustle of the season seems constant. Yes, when it comes to Advent we are certainly more Martha than Mary. But then again, who can blame us? Christ is coming and preparations must be made!

Are we ready for our Lord's arrival? Jesus himself commands us to be on guard and alert throughout this season, and of course, there can be no Advent without John's call from the wilderness to "Prepare the way of the Lord." So are we truly prepared? Can we ever be for that matter?

There are many Christians who talk about finding Christ in their lives and accepting him as their Lord and Savior (as if that declaration of acceptance somehow created or initiated the relationship). I suppose we all have those "come to Jesus" moments throughout our lives, whether it's having an epiphany of some sort or vowing to turn over a new leaf. However, Advent and Christmas remind us that JESUS is the one who comes to us! He is born for us, suffers for us, dies for us, and even overcomes the grave for us. He is Immanuel – the word made flesh, and together we look with hope to his coming.

As Susan M. Lang writes in our Advent devotional, *Journey into the Light*, "Something is happening, something is changing. It is us and our future. The birth of the baby in the manger brings a promise of hope for all people. We prepare so we might live in that hope every day of our lives" (p. 19).

Are we ready? Probably not. Christmas is still weeks away, after all, and there are quite a few unopened windows remaining on our Advent calendars. We may not get everything done or be as ready for the holidays as we like, but we can prepare our hearts with the joy of knowing who it is we're waiting for. "Ready or not, here I come!" he says. "Your redemption is drawing near!" Join us in worship this month as we celebrate that good news!

Peace +

Pastor Alex

SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2018

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
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

SERVERS FOR JANUARY 2019

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
6	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Kristina & Doug Palmer
13	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Susan Masciello	Anna Lenz	Andrew & Alexandra Dunn
20	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
	9:30	Ashley Gavin	Tyler Rouse	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Janet Powell & Lori Fernéz
27	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dylan Hovell	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Suzanna Thomas & Robert Reckhart

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

Please remember those who need our prayers...

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

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

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

If you 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.

Dear St. John-Incarnation,
Thank you so much for the
gift. It's very much
appreciated!
Matt Fernéz

Dear St. John-Incarnation,
Thank you so much for the
Starbucks gift card, which will
help me get through my finals
this year. Hopefully this next
semester will be the last!
Michael Fernéz



December 13, 2018
Hosted by WELCA





God's work. Our hands.

**THERE ARE MORE ORNAMENTS ON THE ELCA GOOD GIFTS TREE!
THE LAST DAY TO PURCHASE A GOOD GIFT IS DECEMBER 30TH!**

There are many 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 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 Fernez 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.



A THANK YOU FROM THRIVENT FOR OUR FOOD COLLECTION DRIVE

Hello Susan and the St. John-Incarnation Congregation,

Congratulations. Your Thrivent Action Team's effort on behalf of the **Lutheran Social Services** has earned that organization a \$500 donation from Thrivent. I also commend you and your team's work for Lutheran World Relief. You put every part of the seed funding from your Action Team Card to excellent use!

You and other Thrivent members from across the Northeast donated thousands of volunteer hours to **collect close to 70,000 food items** for those in need this holiday season. That's a real bite out of food insecurity across the region at a critical time of the year. The way you choose to #LiveGenerously is such an inspiration!

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a blessed day,

JENNIFER COAN-MAHMOOD
Thrivent Member Network Specialist
Northeast Region

Hello St. John-Incarnation

This is fabulous news. Thanks so much for your dedication and hard work. It paid off and we, at the New LIFE Center, are very grateful.

Please convey our sincere thanks to all in your church who contributed to our cause of feeding the hungry. **Their donations of food and now a \$500 grant will go a long way.**

Thanks again,
Hylkije Halili
Coordinator
New LIFE Center Long Island
311 Uniondale Avenue Uniondale, NY 11553
P 516-483-3240, F 516-483-3242
hhalili@lssny.org

**Message from the
Financial Secretary
of
St. John – Incarnation Lutheran Church**

Dear Members and Friends,

The 2019 offering envelopes are located in the narthex of the church. Please pick them up when you come to church. We have many exciting events happening at the church leading up to Christmas and I hope to see you there.

As you know, we are now members of **St. John – Incarnation Lutheran Church**, and our 2019 envelopes have the correct name on them.

Please write your checks to **St. John – Incarnation Lutheran Church**. The name written on the 2019 envelopes will make it easier to remember in case you forget.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me at church or leave a message at the church for me at (516) 599-0778 and I will get back to you.

May God bless you always! Thank you for your continued support of our church.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Joan Pirrone
Financial & Recording Secretary

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church
Roof Fund Appeal
UPDATE

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 done.

Unfortunately, there was unforeseen water damage to the roof that had to be addressed. We need \$6,000.00 more to cover the work that needed to be done and are still collecting funds to cover the cost.

A big 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 more donations to this new roof will be made.

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 _____

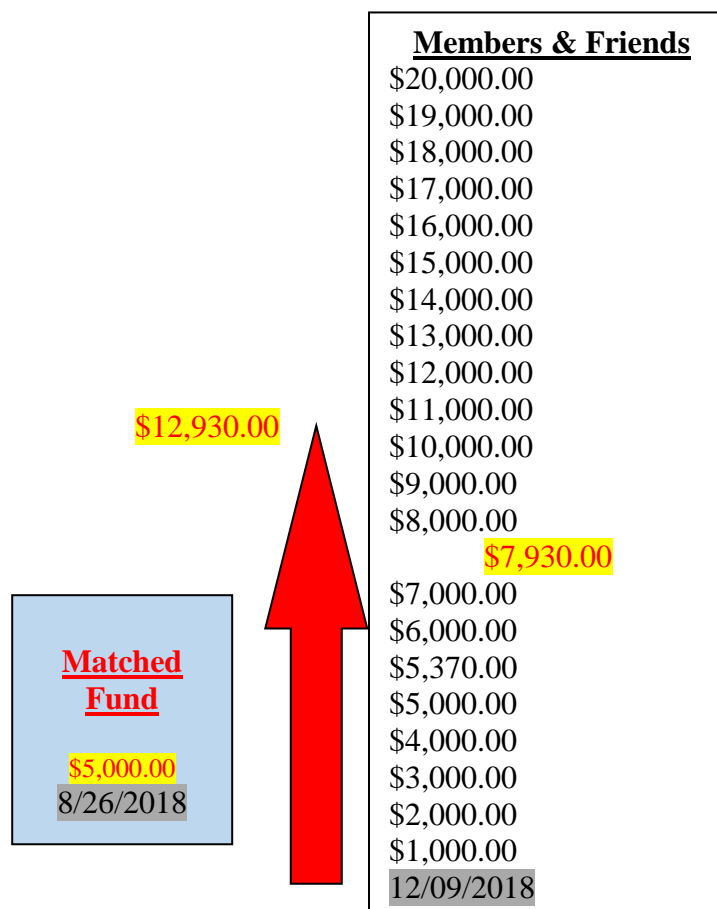
Please mail your contribution to:

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

IN HONOR OF....

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

JOYCE, GREGORY & ANDREW BY
EDWARD G. REITLER

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

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

IN MEMORY OF....

LOVED ONES BY
CORA SARVER

BOB & IRMA KAEMPF BY
KAREN & NORM IRVING

BILL DAVISON BY
SUE ELLEN COYLE

WILLIAM J. TELESKY BY
MARY ANN DODD



"And you will have joy
and gladness, and many
will rejoice at his birth."

Luke 1:14