



St. John of the Incarnation MESSENGER January 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Services

8:15 and 9:30 AM at St. John's

11:00 am at Incarnation

Sunday School – Grades K-6

9:30 AM at St. John's

A Message from Pastor Chang:

A New Year -- with Warm Narrative, Sounds, and Fun?!

How grateful we are to have new beginnings, and new calendars to fill up with our plans! What's on *your* mind that you really want to do for the Lord with your precious 52 weeks, 365 days that are coming up?

Some of us might revisit our past to set new goals, start filling in the blank calendar boxes, or make a fresh new year's "to do" list. I also have wishes for 2016, and am pondering how to make them come true. I've got online studies, work and mission plans -- especially as I seek to use my experience as a pastor and chaplain for intergenerational outreach, and attract more people to come to church and join the faith. And then, a holiday concert inspired me...

Last week at Trinity Wall Street, I was pleased to attend a free concert by the "Canadian Brass." Seated close to the aisle in the middle section near the front, I had a good view of the band's procession to the tune "Ding Dong Merrily on High." What an uplifting feeling it brought, that Christmas was here! After their rendition of Johann Sebastian Bach's "Little Fugue," they suddenly brought us back to contemporary 20th century, with "Charlie Brown Christmas." From "Oh Tannenbaum," to "What Child Is This," to "Christmastime is Here," to the Beatles' "Penny Lane"...we all clapped again and again, excited by the diversity and virtuosity of their music.

Imagine mixing J.S. Bach, jazz, and even the old English tune "I Saw Three Ships on Christmas Day"! I only knew this last song from a book of rhymes for children. The vast variety of music attracted New Yorkers from throughout the city and beyond, even on a cloudy, rainy day. As a lady next to me said, "I came all the way from Westchester, NY for this concert, and it was worth it!"

The Canadian team was playful with their instruments, and made the music come alive with warm touches of narrative, sounds, and fun. They used teaching moments between the songs to stimulate people to laughter and enjoyment. They made me relax, yet held my attention fully as they told their musical stories. They wore white shirts, black pants, red ties -- and white sneakers! So even the way they dressed showed their unique group personality.

My friend Lily and I talked afterward about how wonderful it was to see a church filled with people smiling and so happy to be there. No one had to beg them to come. How could we combine the old and the new, the traditional with the modern in such a way that people would flock to come into our church? What could we learn from the Canadian Brass concert for our ministry? We don't know all the answers...but if you're willing to try, let's get up to pray, and move, to act together and use the 52 weeks ahead of us. Let's be good stewards for the coming 365 days!

Lord, have mercy. Grant us your grace and mercy, Amen!

The Rev. Mary Chang

Calendar of Events for January 2016

Tuesday, Jan. 12	Evangelism Meeting Council Meeting	7:00 pm 8:00 pm
Thursday, Jan. 14	Confirmation class NO Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Friday, Jan. 15	Girl Scout Meeting	3:00 pm
Sunday, Jan 17	Worship at St. John's Sunday School WELCA Meeting after Worship at Incarnation	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am worship 11:00 am
Monday, Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	
Thursday, Jan. 21	Confirmation class NO Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm
Sunday, Jan. 24	Worship at St. John's Sunday School <u>St. John's Annual Congregational Meeting after 9:30 worship</u> Worship at Incarnation	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am
Monday, Jan. 25 – 28	Pastor Alex away at First Call Theological Education Conference	
Thursday, Jan. 28	NO Confirmation class	
Friday, Jan. 29	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, Jan. 31	Worship at St. John's Sunday School Worship and Music Meeting after Worship at Incarnation	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 worship 11:00 am

LOOKING FORWARD TO FEBRUARY:

Tuesday, Feb. 9	Church Council Meeting 8:00 pm
Sunday, Feb. 14	Congregational Meeting at Incarnation

**YOUR QUARTERLY STATEMENTS ARE READY. PLEASE PICK THEM UP IN THE NARTHEX OF THE CHURCH, SO WE DO NOT HAVE TO MAIL THEM.
THANK YOU!**

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
1/17	8:15					Heidi Scalza
	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Kim Barbaro	Dan Gonzalez	Bill Benson & Janet Pescatore
1/24	8:15					Heidi Scalza
	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Jesse Pace	Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	Bill & Debby Lindman
1/30	8:15					
	9:30	Ashley Gavin	Ashley Gavin	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Kristina & Doug Palmer

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
2/7	8:15					
	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Janet Powell & Lori Fernež
2/10	7:30					
ASH WED.	PM	TBD - volunteers?	N/A	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Bill & Debby Lindman
2/14	8:15					
LENT 1	9:30	Tyler Rouse	N/A	Katharine Forte	Greg Kershner	Bill Benson & Richard Dietrich
2/21	8:15					
LENT 2	9:30	Kevin Hanson	N/A	Debby Lindman	Debby Lindman	Claire & Hank Lenz
2/28	8:15					
LENT 3	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	N/A	Roger Vargas	Bill Benson	Kristina & Doug Palmer

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
3/6	8:15					
LENT 4	9:30	Parker Sloan	N/A	Kim Carlstrom	Greg Kershner	Carol Clemente & Susan Masciello
3/13	8:15					
LENT 5	9:30	Christopher Dunn	N/A	Claire Lenz	Roger Vargas	Kevin Hanson & Kevin Hanson Jr.
3/20	8:15					
PALM SUN.	9:30	Elizabeth Hanson	Elizabeth Hanson	Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	TBA
3/27	8:15					
EASTER	9:30	Katie Lenz	Katie Lenz	1 AM Susan Masciello	Bill Benson	
SUNDAY	2 Torch Bearers	Ashley Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	2 AM Janet Pescatore		
	1 Gospel Bearer	Jesse Pace				Kristina & Doug Palmer

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator:

Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers 599-2273;

Claire Lenz: Assisting Ministers & Lectors – 872- 2063;

Jill Pace: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers & Gospel bearers- 599- 8896,

We have a St. John's Fund that is used for those expenses not met with our weekly offerings and our yearly pledges. Please consider donating to the St. John's Fund in memory or honor of loved ones to help defray our daily expenses.

Please be aware that this is a different fund than the St. John's Memorial Fund.



*Donations have been made to the
St. John's Fund
in loving memory of*

*Ruth Wakuluk
&
Christina Wakuluk
by
William Wakuluk*



*Nelma McMEnamin
by
Dorothy Criscuolo*



*Bob & Irma Kaempf
&
Merle Williams
by
Karen & Norm Irving*



*Joseph Catalanotto
by
Cora Sarver*

*A Donation has been made to the St. John's Fund
in honor of
Paula Williams
By
Karen & Norm Irving*

*A Merry Christmas Donation
has been made to the
St. John's Fund
by
Florence Williams*

MANY THANKS TO:

Carrie Feltkamp

Michael Fernéz

Hank Lenz

Erin Milano

Ryan Milano

Kyle O'Connor

Janet Pescatore

*For reading at our service of
Lessons & Carols on Sunday, December 27th!*

On Saturday, November 14, 2015, Lutheran Social Services of NY honored our late member, Merle Williams, with the 2015 Kujenga Jamil Good Samaritan Award. The award was given for a wood carving that Merle created for the Lutheran Social Services office in Manhattan. Merle's wife, Paula Williams, and Pastor Alex accepted the award on Merle's behalf.



The wood carving created by Merle Williams with Paula Williams and Pastor Alex



The Kujenga Jamil Award given to Paula in honor of Merle.

Christmas Eve Worship at St. John's!



Thank you for your Christmas Flower Donation

In Memory of:

Annette Benson & Jeffrey Benson
Joan Geier
Loved Ones
Frank Feltkamp
Dorothy and Julius Roll,
Salvatore Criscuolo and
Nelma McMenamen
Marge & Bill Telesky
Frank Feltkamp
Frank Feltkamp
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Bob Koehler
Departed Family & Friends
Loved Ones
Kathleen Matthews
Mom & Dad
Loved Ones
Allen and Dorothy Jimmerson,
Fran Pirrone
John and Doris Kortlang
Tony and Katie Posimato
Amy and Shelli Kortlang
Susan Reckhart & Kimberly Paolillo
Loved Ones
Dot & Henry Roth, Dick Roth,
Bob Weber, & Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Mike Scalza
Norma Dunn
Robert Weber
Loved Ones

In Honor of:

Mom & Dad
Karen and Anthony Posimato
My Children and Grandchildren

Given by:

Bill Benson
Carol Clemente
Charlene Comastri
Sue Ellen Coyle

Dorothy Criscuolo
Mary Ann Dodd
Pauline Feltkamp
Bruce, Karen, Karl & Carrie Feltkamp
Paul and Christel Hild
Doris Hild
Allison Koehler
The Lindman Family
Susan and Vinnie Masciello
Marina Matthews
Pace Family
Janet Pescatore

Joan Pirrone

Judy and Anthony Posimato
Reckhart Family
Richetti Family

Don Roth
Cora and Don Sarver
Heidi, Julie & Amanda Scalza
Caroline & Khan Sharma
Gerda Weber
Ruth and Stanley Williamson

Given by:

The Lipitz Family
Judy and Anthony Posimato
Gerda Weber

INCARNATION NEWS...

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY 1937-1997

Lutheran Church of the Incarnation got its start from the work of Rev. Sylvanus Schillinger from the Missions Committee of the American Lutheran Church. The congregation was organized throughout the summer and fall of 1937, and officially became "Lutheran Church of the Incarnation" on November 21st of that year. There were 51 charter members.

During its first 10 years, it met in various buildings such as the Lawrence-Cedarhurst Fire Hall and the basement of the Episcopal Chapel at Williams Street and Mulry Lane in Lawrence. The church continued to expand its ministry by beginning a Ladies' Aid Group, Luther League for Youth, a Sunday School, a choir and a men's group. Eventually money was raised to purchase a lot on the corner of Bayview and West Broadway in Cedarhurst. In 1944 Pastor Schillinger accepted a call in North Carolina and Rev. Harry Karger, who also served in Long Beach, became pastor at Incarnation Lutheran. Membership grew and a campaign for building funds began. Rev. Karger left in 1946 and Rev. Burns was called, under whom the present church building was dedicated on January 30, 1949. Other pastors who have served at Incarnation include Rev. Herbert Brokering, Rev. C.J. Kettler, Rev. Edward Baltzersen, Rev. Stephen Kummernuss, Rev. William Terjersen and Rev. Mark Singh-Hueter. Rev. E. Aurand came and stayed until 2006. Rev. Mary Chang came in 2008 and continues to serve our congregation today.

In 1984 the food drive was initiated by Alice Batchelor, Sunday School superintendent. The ministry continues today and has amassed over 20 tons of food! The church supports the work of the Metropolitan New York Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America.

The members of Incarnation look forward to continuing our mission by joining with our brothers and sisters in Christ at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lynbrook.

INCARNATION CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 14, 2016

The Giving Tree: Thank you for your generosity!

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for supporting the Giving Tree Project by donating gifts (as well as wrapping supplies such as boxes, tissue paper and scotch tape) and continuing to make this a success year after year.

The Giving Tree is a project that was begun by the Youth Group in 2009. It is tied to the Christmas gift-giving program at the New Life Center in Hempstead, who gather names of local families in need during the holiday season. St. John's has supported this program for many years, and years ago members of WELCA – and later the Youth Group – would shop for the gifts for several people or one “adopted” family. It was something we all felt so good about, and one year we decided to try something different: we could not only help more families in need, but allow more people to experience the true magic of Christmas by opening it up to everyone in the congregation. And so, the Giving Tree was born at St. John's.

Our little Christmas tree typically holds the holiday wishes of about 15 “adopted” people – children, teens or seniors – who generally ask for simple items such as a shirt, shoes, pajamas or sometimes a toy for a young child. Those 15 people make up about 4 or 5 different families, all who live on Long Island in neighboring towns. New Life requests that each person receive two gifts, but our goal has always been three gifts per person, with at least one of those gifts (even if it's not requested) to be a toy or a fun item for each child or teen. In addition – because our congregation has proven to be so generous and all the gift tags are almost gone the first week the tree is up -- we also have given three “family” gifts which include candy, cookies and a gift card to a grocery store, to be enjoyed by the whole family.

This Christmas, we increased the giving by adding more tags and more gifts – and still, every tag was taken and fulfilled. We provided 90 gifts for 17 people of 7 different families.

Your generous donations this year and every year go a long way to give wonderful Christmas memories for these families, and a big thank you to all of you for participating in this program and recognizing that the true joy of the season is to give to others. God Bless you all!

Lori Fernez´

P.S. A special thank you to **Ursula Lipitz, Dylan Lipitz and Jill Pace** for their help with gift wrapping, to **Erin Milano, Kayla O'Connor, Dylan Lipitz, Ursula Lipitz and Kristen DeStefano** for their help assembling gift tags, and to **Incarnation Church** for joining us in this tradition and donating some of the gifts!

A CALL FROM THE NEW LIFE CENTER

Even though the holidays are behind us, there are still those who need our help. Hunger or need does not have a season. The New Life Center food pantry is still in need of items to help those who are less fortunate.

When you are shopping please keep in mind that the food pantry can use the following items:

FOOD ITEMS:

Complete pancake mix (where you only add water)

Maple syrup

Spaghetti sauce

Canned spinach, beets and mixed vegetables

Jelly

White rice – in small packages

Black beans

NON-FOOD ITEMS:

Toilet tissue

Paper towels

Cleaning products

Shampoo

Personal hygiene items (especially woman's products)

Trial size or travel size items are also welcome.

At this time the New Life Center has an abundance of the following items:

Stove top stuffing

Gravy

Cranberries

String beans

Carrots

Boxed potatoes

Thank you everyone for all the support you have shown to the New Life Center's food pantry in the past and will continue to support in the future.