



ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

May 2014

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Services

9:30 AM

Sunday School Classes (K-Grade 6)

9:30 AM

Confirmation Classes (7-8 Grades)

Wednesdays 7:00 PM

Calendar of Events for May 2014 ~

Sunday, May 11 Mother's Day	Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Nursery Program 9:30 AM Worship and Music Meeting 10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 13	Council Meeting 8:00 PM
Wednesday, May 14	Girl Scout Event 4:45 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 15	New Member Class 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Friday, May 16	Cadets & Brownie Girl Scout Meeting 3:00 PM
Sunday, May 18	Worship 9:30 AM Baptism of Colin Berry Sunday School 9:30 AM Nursery Program 9:30 AM Acolyte training after worship
Monday, May 19	Avon Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser 7:30 PM
Tuesday, May 20	WELCA Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 21	Girl Scout Event 4:45 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 22	New Member Class 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Saturday, May 24	Parsonage Basement Clean-up 9:00 AM
Sunday, May 25	Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School goes to church Nursery Program 9:30 AM
Tuesday, May 27	Evangelism Meeting 7:30 PM
Wednesday, May 28	Girl Scout Event 4:45 PM Confirmation Class 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 29	Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Looking forward to June.....	
Sunday, June 1	Baptism of Sarakos Baby
Sunday, June 8	Pentecost Confirmation
Tuesday, June 17	WELCA Annual Bar-B-Q 6:00 PM at Pauline Feltkamp's home

SERVERS FOR MAY 2014

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
5/4	9:30 AM	Jesse Pace	9:30 AM	Susan Masciello	9:30 AM	Susan Masciello
	Crucifer	Jesse Pace				
5/11	9:30 AM	Ashley Gavin	9:30 AM	Roger Vargas	9:30 AM	Roger Vargas
Mother's Day	Crucifer	Ashley Gavin				
5/18	9:30 AM	Erin Milano	9:30 AM	Andrew Dunn	9:30 AM	Gerda Weber
	Crucifer	Erin Milano				
5/25	9:30 AM	Kyle O'Connor	9:30 AM	Bill Lindman	9:30 AM	Joan Pirrone
	Crucifer	Kyle O'Connor				

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

Bob Koehler: Assisting Ministers 678-6623

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

Claire Lenz: Lectors - 872-2063



Altar Flowers

Each Sunday throughout the year, with the exception of the Lent and Advent seasons, our church altar is adorned with flowers. It is often through the generosity of our members that these flowers beautify St. John's. Traditionally, the flowers are given in memory of a Loved one, in Honor of someone still living or to Celebrate a special event such as a Baptism or First Communion. When flowers have been given by a member, the bulletin will note the designation of that morning's flowers. After the worship, you may pick up the flowers you have requested. If the flowers are not claimed, they will be brought to a church member who is homebound.

If you would like to make a donation to have flowers placed on the altar, there are Altar Flower envelopes in each pew that you can filled out or you can contact the church office. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciate



New Member Class will be May 15th and May 22nd

If you are interested in becoming a member of St. John's, please contact Pastor Alex at the church office or email him at rev.alexkennedy@gmail.com

A Message from Pastor Alex ~

My birthday is less than two weeks away. Am I excited? Not really. Should I be? I guess it depends on whom you ask. You see, for me, the idea of turning 27 is a little frightening. Not only does it remind me that it's now been five years since I've graduated from college, but it also means that I'm now one year closer to 30! Now no offense to those of you who are 30 and older (I know, I know... you're rolling your eyes right now and sarcastically thinking, "Aww poor Pastor Alex"), but be honest. I'm sure you felt the exact same way! I mean, I don't even get asked to show my I.D. anymore! It's very discouraging!

Birthdays carry a lot of power and meaning. They are important markers of time that remind us of how far we've come and where we're headed. However, the downside of this is that with each passing year, the truth of our mortality becomes more and more evident. It's not just the number that tells us this. We also see it in the mirror and feel it in our bodies as we compare ourselves to those who are younger than us.

So maybe this year I'll just celebrate my baptismal birthday instead. Why? Because that's a birthday that lasts forever. On July 5, 1987, our gracious God, through water and Word, washed away my sin and promised me a new life in Christ through faith. It was an unconditional promise – that no matter how far I stray or how hard I fall, I am a child of God and always will be.

Over the next two months, we will be celebrating four baptisms here at St. John's. Praise God! Check out our calendar for the specific dates and please join us as we welcome four new persons into God's family and community of faith. I would also like to invite all of you to send me the dates of your birthday and baptism. We will start to post these in our monthly Messenger so that we can celebrate them together. (Don't worry; we'll only list dates, not ages!) You may not be looking forward to your next birthday like me, but we can all celebrate our baptisms no matter how old we are. 😊

Blessings,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Alex".

Pastor Alex

COUNCIL CORNER

We are now in a more quiet time of the church year - Easter Season and then Pentecost. We had wonderful and meaningful Lenten, Holy Week and Easter Sunday services. **THANK YOU** Pastor Alex, Denise, the choir and the Worship Committee. Many hours of planning, practicing and performing were done to have all the beautiful music and decorations that were needed.

But as a congregation we cannot and should not be lacks in our attendance and helpfulness. Our bills still need to be paid and outreach does not take a break. There are many opportunities coming that we will need volunteers.

On Sunday, August 3rd, we will once again have "Church in the Park" at Greis Park and a picnic social afterward. More information to come in the following months.

Planning for the Harvest Festival has started. If you are doing spring/summer cleaning, bring your bric-a-brac to the church instead of throwing it away. Collection has already started! If you have any new ideas for the festival or want to volunteer in ANY way, please speak to me or Deb Lindman.

We are in the planning stages for a new directory. It has been six years since our last one (I know, it doesn't seem that long) and many, many changes have occurred since then. We will need someone or a team to help coordinate photo sittings. This is a great opportunity to meet and get to know the families of our congregation. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out in ANY way.

In the summer, Lynbrook has craft and vendor fairs on Atlantic Ave on several weekends. It would be great if we could have a table with information about our congregation, the NY Metro Synod and the ELCA. Tables, chairs and tent/canopy would be needed. If anyone has items to lend to the church to use that would be very helpful. Also balloons and small candy could be handed out.

I am still hopeful that **SOMEONE, ANYONE** would suggest an idea for a social or mission event and want to plan it. We have discussed possible movie nights, or even a trip to see a Broadway show. We as 12 people on Council cannot do it all ourselves. Our congregation is only as great as the people in it. We **ARE GREAT** people. We **CAN do GREAT** things. But **WE NEED** to put our church as a priority. God does not put us second, or third or even fourth on his priority list. We are always first to Him. It is important to give back to Him and to His community here at St. John's and in our community and beyond. We have time to go out to dinner, to the movies or to social events on our own, so why not spread that enthusiasm and joy to fellow church members and to others in our community?

THINK ABOUT IT. PRAY ABOUT IT. ACT ON IT. We as a church community do so many good things, but we can do more. We are good at bringing things in and leaving it for others to finish. We need planners, bringers and finishers in the areas we excel in and in new areas. If you have an idea, let us know. We will never know something works or not until we try it. If it works, GREAT! If it doesn't, at least we know we tried.

It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed.

Theodore Roosevelt

LET'S DO THIS PEOPLE!!

Happy Mother's Day!

Peace,
Janet Pescatore



Sunday School Nursery Program

Hi, my name is Katie Lenz and I am a freshman at Lynbrook High School. For my Girl Scout Gold Award Project I have started a Sunday School Nursery Program for children ages 3-5 here at St. John's.

The Nursery Program started on Sunday, April 27th and is held during the service, from 9:30am-11:00am. The program will run through June 8th, stop for the summer and then resume the Sunday after Labor Day.

The Nursery Program has an Adult present at all times, and there are fellow youth group members with me.

I am asking Adult members of the congregation if they would like to volunteer to read the Bible story to the children. I would like to create some inter-generational connections between the older members of the congregation and its youngest members.

There is a tear off sheet at the bottom of this insert. If you would like to volunteer one Sunday, please fill out the sheet and drop it in the offering plate or church office. You can also E-mail the church if that is more convenient.

Parents of Nursery-age children— please consider having your child try the Nursery Program. I started in the Nursery at St. John's when I was 3 and feel as if I have grown up at St. John's. It's a great opportunity to have your children become part of the St. John's community, and you will be helping me earn my Gold Award.

Thank you!

Katie

VOLUNTEER FOR THE ST. JOHN'S NURSERY SCHOOL PROGRAM

If you would like to help out, please let me know. You will most likely be reading a Bible story and helping with that day's activities. I will let you know beforehand what our plan for that Sunday happens to be.



Yes, I would love to help out in the Sunday School Nursery Program.

My name is _____

Phone No. _____

I am available on these dates:



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



Ruth Macaluso

by

Pauline Feltkamp
The Richetti Family
Cora and Don Sarver

Anthony Masciello

by

Carol Clemente
Dorothy Criscuolo
Pauline Feltkamp
Joan and Tony Pirrone
The Richetti Family
Cora and Don Sarver
Gerda Weber

Dorothy Jackson

by

Carol Clemente

*We thank the following people for helping to beautify
St. John's this Easter by donating flowers!*

In Memory of:

Jeffrey Benson
Christina Wakuluk
Ruth Wakuluk
Kathryn Boake
My Loved Ones
Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll
Frank Feltkamp
Our Loved Ones
Lillian & John Lindman
Our Loved Ones
William Moser & Angelina Posillico
Doris & John Kortlang, Amy Kortlang,
& Shelli Kortlang, Tony & Katie Posimato
Our Loved Ones
Dot & Henry Roth, Bob Weber
& Diane McCurdy
Mike Scalza & Merle Williams
Norman Olton
Bob Weber

In Honor of:

Liam Dodd on his 2nd birthday
Nan Moser
Giovanni Allen Pirrone
Karen & Anthony Posimato
Paula Williams
My Children and Grandchildren

Bill & Annette Benson
Kim Carlstrom
Kim, Kristina & Stephanie Carlstrom
Carol Clemente
Charlene Comastri
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The Richetti Family

Don Roth
Heidi, Julie and Amanda Scalza
Andrea Sommella
Gerda Weber

The Dodd Family
Diane, Joe, Michael & Maddie Posillico,
Tony & Joan Pirrone
Judy & Anthony Posimato
Heidi, Julie and Amanda Scalza
Gerda Weber



BARBARA SEMMIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE!



High school seniors who have been active participants in the St. John's community as well as their local community and who plan to attend college are eligible to receive a scholarship. Please write us a letter outlining your service as well as your future plans. Letters must be submitted by June 1 to the Scholarship Committee.



BRIC-A-BRAC ~ HARVEST FESTIVAL 2014



With spring here and summer right around the corner please remember our Harvest Festival, while you are doing your spring cleaning and find all those unwanted treasures. They now can be packed up and brought down to the old nursery room which is located to the

right of the stage off of the Auditorium. Should you have any questions please give either one of us a call. Thank you from the Bric-A-Brac Committee!

Diane Dake ~ 516-599-2705

Sue Masciello ~ 516-599-1956



TINS OF COOKIES and BROWNIES FOR SEAFARERS

The members of St. John's are always ready to share the love of God. Well this spring we have another opportunity to share by baking cookies and/or brownies for the seafarers.

As in the past St. John's will be distributing cookie tins for you to take and fill with home-baked cookies or brownies. As soon as we get the official dates for the delivery of the cookie tins we will notify all the members.



WE NEED YOUR HELP...

A call is being made to help with the second half of the parsonage basement clean up. The date is Saturday, May 24th. It is Memorial Day week-end so I understand you wanting to be with family and friends. If you have some time we will meet around 9AM. We have to vacuum and then spray down the walls. I have one wet /dry vac but we need one or two more. We have two pressure pump sprayers but could use one more. Let me know if you can join us and/or lend us some equipment. The job should only take ½ a day (I hope!!!)

Many Thanks,

Dotty (Criscuolo) 766-5751



Date: May 19, 2014

Time: 7:00 pm

Janet Pescatore & the Pampered Chef® present:

St. John's Lutheran Church

13 Blake Ave.

Lynbrook, NY 11563

Phone: 516-239-7623

E-mail: mrsp061601@optonline.net

or contact Janet Pescatore for details

*Raffles

*Food

*Cash and Carry items

*Book a Pampered Chef party and an additional donation is made to the Charity!

Please join us in our efforts to raise money for Breast Cancer Research through the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

For most of us, Cancer has touched our lives in one way or another. Whether it was an acquaintance, friend or family...whether they are battling, recovering or are one of many we remember, one thing remains the same...we all wish, hope and pray for a cure.

A minimum of 15% OF ALL sales will go to fund research, treatment, support, detection and education.



Many Hands Make Light Work, SO...The MOW the Merrier...

Please give us a few minutes a few weeks this year to help the lawn look its best!

1. The sign-up sheet is on the church bulletin board.
2. It's just the front lawn of the parsonage and in front of the church that needs mowing, not the triangle. It takes 10 minutes tops.
3. Mow Friday or Saturday, whichever works best for you.
4. The mower and gas are in the parsonage garage, so no need to bring anything. Please ask me or one of the other veterans where to find the garage key.
5. Clippings go in the black garbage bags that are in the garage by the mower.
6. Please provide a phone number and email address in case something comes up and you need to switch weeks with someone else...

Thanks for doing your part!

Dan Lenz

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