



ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

August 2015

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Services

Early Worship Service at 8:15 AM

No Sunday School Classes (K-Grade 6)

June, July and August

Bring the children to worship!

Calendar of Events for August 2015

Sunday, Aug. 2	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am
Monday-Friday, Aug. 3–7	Art Workshop 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 5	NO Bible Study Stewardship and Finance Meeting 8:30 pm
Sunday, Aug. 9	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am OperaRox Benefit Concert 4:00 pm
Monday, Aug. 10	Harvest Festival Meeting 7:30 pm
Tuesday, Aug. 11	Council Meeting 8:00 pm
Wednesday, Aug. 12	Bible Study 7:00 pm (Last session)
Sunday, Aug. 16	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am VBS set up and decorating after worship
Tuesday, Aug. 18	Worship and Music Meeting 7:30 pm
Sunday, Aug. 23	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am
Monday - Friday, Aug. 24–28	Vacation Bible School
Sunday, Aug. 30	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2015 - 9:30 AM

DATE	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
8/2	Emma Lenz	Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	Dan Gonzalez & Aurelius Gonzalez
8/9	Kaitlyn Gavin	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Dorothy & Vito Richetti
8/16	Christopher Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Janet Powell & Lori Ferneź
8/23	Kayla O'Connor	Susan Masciello	Joan Pirrone	Bill & Debby Lindman
8/30	Katie Lenz	Dorothy Criscuolo	Anna Lenz	Kevin Hanson Sr. & Kevin Hanson Jr.

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,

From the Desk of Pastor Alex:

It's hard to believe, but this week marks two years that I have been the pastor here at St. John's. In other words, if I wasn't already an official "Lawn Guylander", I most certainly am now! The past 24 months have been quite the journey. There have been many joys, blessings, and moments of grace, but there have also been some struggles and plenty of learning opportunities along the way.

You know, it's funny how quickly things can change. When I moved here to Lynbrook and began this call, I more or less saw my ministry as a job. It was the final part of my transition into true adulthood and independence, and I knew that I had a lot to learn and a lot to prove as I established my role as your pastor.

However, if God has shown me one thing for sure over these past two years, it's that this call is much more than a job. It's a pure gift. Not only has the Lord blessed me with this amazing opportunity to lead our congregation, but He has also given me a second church family, which is something that I am very thankful for. Some people spend their entire lives looking for a community of faith where they feel truly welcomed and a sense of belonging, and I'm lucky enough to have two. God is good!

So for my article this month, I simply want to say thank you. Thank you for calling me to be your pastor. Thank you for inspiring me with your faith and dedication to this church. Two years may seem like a long time, but we're just getting started. The future is bright here at St. John's, and I look forward to walking with you in faith as we answer God's call in this place together.

See you in worship!

Pastor Alex



**THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER
FINAL REGISTRATION DATE
AUGUST 17, 2015**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 24 – 28, 2015

6:30pm to 8:30pm

(For children 6th grade and under)

St. John's Lutheran Church

13 Blake Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563

To register, please contact the church office at:

516-599-0778

Bible Blast to the Past Registration Form

Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Completed _____ Age _____

Parent/Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number _____

Special Needs or Requests:



Crew Assignment
(completed by church):

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(completed by church):



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

*Bob Kaempf by his estate
and
Dick Roth by Carol Clemente*

St. John's Congregation,

*Thank you so much for the scholarship.
It will help out greatly with my college
expenses.*

*Sincerely,
Jason Pace*

Each year, Lutheran Social Services of New York strives to provide struggling families with food, especially at the Holiday Season. What goes unnoticed is that during the summer months there is also a decrease in the amount of food and associate items that is donated. If you could look for items on sale and bring them to church through the summer, we at St. John's will again be helping many others. **And, if possible, don't forget to collect baby items and coupons to help the New Life Center at Lutheran Social Services as well.**

Peace and love,
The Evangelism Committee

*We received a thank you from New Life Center for the clothing and
the 79 lbs. of food we sent this past spring! Thank you again and again!*



From the Chair of the Property Committee (Dotty Criscuolo)

Many members of the congregation may not be aware that there is no actual Property Committee. As chair, when someone reports a problem or I find a problem, I ask someone in the congregation who has the skill needed to look at the issue and see how we can resolve it. If you have any skill that you feel could be an asset to help maintain or repair a problem I would love to hear from you. It would be great if you love to garden, to help weed or trim the shrubs, to paint, etc. Just speak with me if you would like to volunteer your services or you find a problem within the church properties or grounds.

Have a great summer...
Dotty





BRIC-A-BRAC DONATIONS

*******UPDATE*******

We appreciate and thank you for all the wonderful donations we have been receiving for our Bric-a-Brac sale and we want you to keep them coming!

HOWEVER, we have to ask for you to hold your donations until Monday, August 31st. Vacation Bible School will be using the auditorium and the stage and we need to make sure they have the space they need.

So please, hold all donations until the beginning of September. If you have any questions please call either Diane Dake ~ 516-599-2705 or Sue Masciello ~ 516-599-1956. Thank you!

The Harvest Festival Committee is accepting prizes to be raffled off at the Harvest Festival. If you would like to make such a donation, please contact Anna Lenz or Karen Feltkamp and they will be happy to pick up the new items for the raffles

HARVEST FESTIVAL - OCTOBER 4, 2015

Please mark your calendar for this day of fun and fellowship

How can YOU help?

Bake a cake or cookies...

Donate items to the Bric a Brac table...

Enjoy a delicious hot dog or bratwurst...

Visit the Petting Zoo...

Buy a raffle ticket...

Help set up or Clean up at the festival...

Many hands make light work and we can always use YOUR HELP

Thank You. Karen feltkamp and Anna lenz

SUCCESS!

"Adult Night Out" Fundraiser

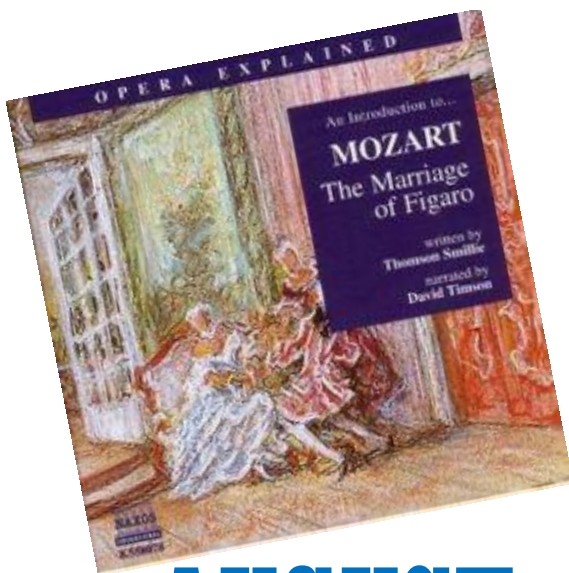
On July 11, our first Adult Night Out Fundraiser was held at the home of Bruce and Karen Felthamp, and we are happy to report that it was a wonderful success!

Many St. John's members came to enjoy the festivities and we were joined by some members from Grace Lutheran Church in Malverne. It was truly a night of fun, food and fellowship.

Thank you to all who came to this fundraiser and as a result we were able to raise \$ 1,000 for ministry of our congregation.

Karen and Bruce





Summer Opera Benefit Concert!

AUGUST 9TH - 4:00 PM

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT ST. JOHN'S MINISTERIES

OperaRox Presents, a new organization founded by Kimberly Feltkamp and Jaimie Appleton, will present a benefit concert of arias and scenes from its upcoming production of Mozart's famous opera, *Le Nozze di Figaro*, **here at St. John's on August 9th at 4 PM**. Tickets will be \$10 (suggested donation). OperaRox Presents was founded with the intention of creating opportunities for young opera singers in the New York Metropolitan area. All proceeds from the concert will go to St. John's, who is graciously hosting the company's rehearsals.

Le Nozze di Figaro is the story of Figaro, his fiancée Susanna, his master the Count, the Countess, and the pageboy, Cherubino. When the Count Almaviva poses a threat to Figaro's impending wedding, all bets are off in this famous Mozart comedy set to a sparkling libretto by Lorenzo da Ponte.

The concert will feature **Dmitry Glivinskiy** on piano, **Devony Smith** as Susanna, **Michael Maliakel** as Figaro, **Jaimie Appleton** as Countess Almaviva, **Michael Hoffman** as Count Almaviva, **Kimberly Feltkamp** as Cherubino, **Maayan Voss de Bettancourt** as Marcellina, and others.

OperaRox Presents will perform *Figaro* in complete on August 21st & 23rd, 2015 at the National Opera Center in New York City, which is located mere blocks from Penn Station. Buy tickets and find more information at their website: www.operarox.weebly.com.