

ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MESSENGER

JULY 2020



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

RETURNING TO WORSHIP AT SJILC – PLEASE READ!

Dear Members and Friends of SJILC,

After nearly four months of worshipping virtually, we plan to have our first outdoor service this Sunday, July 12 at 9:30am! Please read the following if you plan to join us:

We will gather out on the front lawn **with people sitting 6 feet apart** and practicing social distancing. Families will be asked to sit together and separate themselves from other individuals and families. **Face coverings/masks will be required throughout the service** and hand sanitizer will be available for anyone who needs it.

Please bring your own lawn chair and a copy of the bulletin. You can print the bulletin ahead of time or view it on an electronic device. We will have a few chairs on hand for those who need one, however no copies of the bulletin will be distributed.

There will be NO physical sharing of the Peace. Offering will be collected in a plastic offering bin located on the same table with hand sanitizer, face masks, etc.

COMMUNION - Communion is pre-packaged in individual cups with grape juice and a wafer. After the Words of Institution and Lord's Prayer, Pastor Alex will bring communion to where you are seated. **A face covering or mask is required to receive communion.** Those not taking communion (children or adults) are welcome to receive a blessing. (*Folding your arms over your chest will indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.*)

There will be no greeting with Pastor Alex following the service to allow easy exit without lines forming.

We recommend you bring a bottle of water to stay hydrated and keep cool. The Ushers (wearing gloves) will be giving out hand fans to those who need them.

We will continue to offer our worship services on Zoom for those who wish to stay home and/or are unable to come to church. You could also park on Merrick Road or in the village lot across the street and watch/listen from your car! An officer will be present to help with crossings.

In the event of inclement weather, the service will take place on Zoom.

Login information is the same as always:

Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5165990778>

Meeting ID: 516 599 0778

By phone:

1-646-558-8656 US (NY)

Meeting ID: 516 599 0778 #

There is no attendee code. Just press #

Calendar of Events

***Our building continues to remain closed due to COVID-19 quarantine.** Sunday worship and Thursday night Vespers will continue remotely via ZOOM with bulletins being sent through email and regular mail. Please contact the church office if you know someone who would like a copy of the bulletin so we can be sure to send it. **We are planning to have our first service back at church outside on Sunday, July 12.**

JULY:

Sun. 7/12	FIRST Outdoor Service with Zoom*	9:30am
Sun. 7/19	Outdoor Worship with Zoom *	9:30am
Wed. 7/22	Bible Study via Zoom	7:30pm
Sun. 7/26	Outdoor Worship with Zoom *	9:30am
Wed. 7/29	Bible Study via Zoom	7:30pm
Thurs. 7/16, 7/23, 7/30	Evening Prayer Service	7:30pm

*In the event of inclement weather the services will be held remotely via Zoom.

LOOKING AHEAD TO AUGUST:

Sun. 8/2	Outdoor Worship with Zoom *	9:30am
Wed. 8/5	Bible Study via Zoom	7:30pm
Sun. 8/9	Outdoor Worship with Zoom *	9:30am
Tues. 8/11	Church Council Meeting	7:30pm
Wed. 8/12	Bible Study via Zoom	7:30pm
Sun. 8/16	Outdoor Worship with Zoom *	9:30am
Sun. 8/23	Outdoor Worship with Zoom *	9:30am
Week of 8/24 – 8/28	Vacation Bible School – Rocky Railway	6:30pm
Sun. 8/30	Outdoor Worship with Zoom *	9:30am

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*We will continue to have a **large green bin** by the side door of the church for any food donations for the New life Center.

*We will also have two large **blue bins** by the side door of the church for school supply donations.

SERVERS FOR JULY 2020

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
12 Outdoor service	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Kim Carlstrom	Chris Shelton	Suzanne Thomas & Victoria Ramirez
19 Outdoor service	9:30	Sam Barry	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Bob Reckhart & Carol Clemente
26 Outdoor service	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Doug & Kristina Palmer

SERVERS FOR AUGUST 2020

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
2	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Janet Pescatore	Chris Shelton	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse
9	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Janet Powell & Kristen DeStefano
16	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Dan Gonzalez	Chris Shelton	Cora Sarver & Carol Clemente
23	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Andrew Dunn	Anna Lenz	Joan Pirrone & Dorothy Criscuolo
30	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Claire Lenz	Hank Lenz	Susan Masciello & Bob Reckhart

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. If you are making a change in the schedule, please notify the office so all information can be updated.

✝ All services will be outdoors throughout July and August.

✝ There will be no service at 8:15am.

♣ If we should have inclement weather, the service will be held via Zoom.



If you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone for our virtual worship services, please mail your donation to the church office with the date, names, etc. Suggested donation is \$30.

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX...

“When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.” – Psalm 56:3-4a

We all know what it feels like to be afraid. Fear, worry, and anxiety accompany us throughout our entire lives. Some of us have specific phobias like the fear of heights, spiders, germs or even being scared of the dark (mine is definitely snakes – even a garter makes me squirm and run the other direction!) Others experience social anxiety and avoid public places all the time, not just during a pandemic. Then there are the fears that we all have whether we like to admit them or not – fear of failure, fear of change, fear of rejection and commitment, fear of being alone, fear of not having enough, fear of the future. We fear others who are different than us. We fear uncertainty and that which is out of our control.

Unfortunately, our hearts have been even more troubled these past few months as the coronavirus has brought us a whole new set of fears and uncertainties: How contagious is the virus? What happens if I or someone I love gets it? What if it takes another year for a vaccine to be developed? How will we deal with a second wave? Can our congregation endure? Will we ever overcome this?

No, we are certainly no strangers to fear. Worrying and being afraid are as common as the rising and setting of the sun. Fear is also very powerful! A “healthy fear” (in moderation) can keep us from harm and even move us to change. On the other hand, too much fear can quickly wear us down – holding us back from sharing God’s love and living into the new life that Jesus freely gives us. In the words of Maxie Dunnam, this kind of fear “penetrates the heart, poisons the spirit, and paralyzes the soul.”

The Bible, of course, is filled with stories and passages about fear. We read in the gospels that the disciples were often afraid throughout Jesus’ ministry, and even Jesus himself, being fully human, experienced fear when he was on the cross: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”. And yet, our good Lord comforts the disciples and us when he says, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” (John 14:27) Can we live by faith and not by fear? I would like to invite you to join us for a 4 week summer Bible study series that will explore this theme of **Faith and Fear**. We will “meet” on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm via Zoom beginning on July 22 and concluding on August 12. The focus for these four weeks will be as follows:

Week 1 (July 22): **“Original Fear”** – why do we worry and fear?

What causes us to be afraid?

Week 2 (July 29): **The Fear of the Lord** – fearing God vs. being afraid of God

Week 3 (Aug. 5): **Psalms about Faith & Fear** – “Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.” (Ps. 23:4)

Week 4 (Aug. 12): **Fear Not! Do Not be Afraid** – Jesus says, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Please join us! Invite your family and friends! The more voices and perspectives we can have, the better!

In addition to the Bible study, our Evening Prayer services will continue on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm via Zoom. We will also continue to broadcast our Sunday worship on Zoom for those who cannot attend our outdoor services beginning on Sunday, July 12.

As we look forward to reopening and reuniting, may we put our trust in God to watch over us and help us live in the light of Christ. To quote a familiar hymn, “Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.” (*How Firm a Foundation*, vs. 2)

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Alex



Thank You



*Dear St. John-Incarnation church family,
Larry would like to Thank everyone for the goodie bag full of treats. Unfortunately, I still cannot go to visit him at the nursing home. But, I do FaceTime him several times a week and I showed him everything in the bag. It put a big smile on his face! So, I thank you all for that! As soon as I can go back to visit I will bring him the bag. Larry and I also would like to thank you all for always sending cards on holidays and the church flowers. It always brightens his day.
Thank you so much!
Ursula Lipitz*

*Dear St. John-Incarnation,
Yes I miss you all too. What a blessing to see that bag with all the goodies.
Nothing was missing! Many, many thanks!
Yours gratefully,
Elfriede*

To **Katharine Forte** for supplying
on Sunday, June 21st and
allowing Pastor Alex
to take some much-needed vacation!

Many thanks to **Bob Reckhart & Tyler Rouse**
for cleaning up the Knotting Pine room,
taking down all the tables and general
maintenance of our church building

Thank you to Richard Dietrich for donating
a new extended wireless router for
the church office!

Thank you to
Joe Bahadur, Gabrielle Barry, Bruce Feltkamp,
Dan Gonzalez and Susan Masciello
for serving as our Zoom hosts for our worship service

Thank you to the Evangelism committee for making up goodie bags for SJILC's homebound members!



Many thanks to
Pauline Feltkamp, Dotty Criscuolo, Cora Sarver,
Susan Masciello & Joan Pirrone
for cleaning and weeding our Memorial Garden!



Join us for worship on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am &
Thursdays at 7:30pm (Zoom only)

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Give to SJILC using PayPal!

Here's how it works:

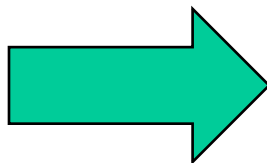
Log in to your PayPal account, choose the "send" option to send money,
and type in our new email address: stjohnincarnation@gmail.com.

Once you have entered the amount you would like to give, please select the "Sending to a friend" option to send
your donation for free. **(Otherwise, PayPal will charge you a small transaction fee.)**

Confirm payment and you're done!

It's a fast and easy way to support the ministry of St. John-Incarnation!

SPRING CLEAN UP



If anyone would like the basketball hoop shown in the before photo,
please come and pick it up in the backyard of the parsonage!

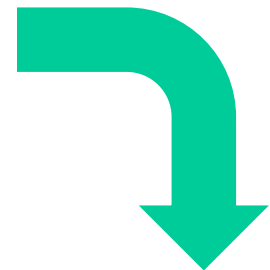
SJILC WELCOME GARDEN

Our church vegetable garden has been planted and everything is growing fast! This year we have tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, butternut squash, basil and parsley. We will let you know as soon as they are ready! Pastor Alex also has plenty of mint around the front corner of the garage! Please feel free to take as much as you like!



GREEN

&



GROWING



Please pray for...

Larry Lipitz	Arlene	Bill Gibbs
Anthony Posimato	Sandy	Charles
Donna Valenti	Bill	Karissa Heap
Stephen Suppa	Joe	Orlando Castrence
Eleanor Haslett	Joanne	Ginger Freise
Scott Masciello	Ryan	Tad Sheppard
Sherry Powell	Grace	Harold Walker
The Carver Family	Sue	Bernadette Harten
John Michael	Faith	Mike T.
Vivian Monaco	Carmel Wright	Mary Rebando
Larry Rienecker	Joshua Emswiler	Ben Lynch
Colton Youdelman	Amie Hanna	Margaret Headley
Christel Hild	Lynn Geverts	Richard Barschow
John D'Angelone	Darel Balutowski	Robert Konzelmann
Family of Anita Offner	Family of Gail Oser	Bob T.
Family of Gregory Piatigorsky	Ann B.	Elizabeth

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request card or call or email the office at 599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com. Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks.

*Congratulations to
Emma Lenz
and*

Daniel A. Gonzalez

on being awarded the 2020 Barbra Semmig Memorial Scholarship



Congratulations to Jesse Pace!

*Jesse graduated from Stony Brook University
with a degree is in*

Bio-Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude

Jesse will continue his studies a

*The University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine
where he will study for an MD/PHD degree.*

St. John–Incarnation Lutheran Church
will be helping
Adults & Children with
Learning & Developmental Disabilities (ACLD)
RewearAble program

Are you cleaning out your closet during this quarantine?

Just want to get out of the house? Ready to help? Well...

ACLD's **RewearAble** program is now accepting contactless clothing donations.

It's simple. You can drop off your items Monday through Thursday from 8:00am – 4:00pm (Friday until 2:00pm) in the blue bins behind the 837 building (**NOT BY THE AWNING**) on our Bethpage campus at 837 S. Oyster Bay Rd. Bethpage, NY 11714.

Just call them when you arrive (516-822-2099) and they will come out with a receipt for you. **Tell them you are from SJILC!** Please make sure your items are tightly sealed in a plastic bag before arriving and placing in the bins.

RewearAble is a program where your donations help to create jobs for adults with learning and developmental disabilities.

Many people with developmental disabilities have a life objective to work, and RewearAble is able to employ them in an integrated work force and pay them minimum wage or higher. **ACLD** is a leading Long Island based not-for-profit agency devoted to supporting the pursuit of an enviable life for children and adults with autism, learning and other developmental disabilities.

This innovative program was created for the express purpose of employing disabled adults who could not work in a competitive environment.

RewearAble collects clothing of all types, sizes and condition, and shoes. The in-house sorting process ensures everything they collect is prepared for reuse or repurposing.

Additionally, RewearAble also helps the environment by keeping unwanted clothing and fabric material out of landfills.

We thank you for your support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call.

RewearAbleACLD

Back To School

You can help a child in need this school year through the

New LIFE Center – Long Island

by donating any of the school supplies listed below.

Many children do not have the basic supplies necessary for beginning their school year and your donation will help a child start their year off right! Please have items delivered to New **LIFE** Center – Long Island no later than the week of **August 3rd** but will continue to accept donations through the month of September.

YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR DONATIONS IN THE BLUE PLASTIC BINS IN THE CHURCH DRIVEWAY

- ✓ **Backpacks**
- ✓ **Lunch Boxes**
- ✓ **3 Ring Binders**
- ✓ **Loose Leaf Paper**
- ✓ **Composition Notebooks**
- ✓ **Spiral Notebooks**
- ✓ **Folders**
- ✓ **Crayons**
- ✓ **Colored Pencils**
- ✓ **Markers/ Dry Erase**
- ✓ **Pens**
- ✓ **Pencils/ Pencil Sharpeners**
- ✓ **Pencil Boxes**
- ✓ **Erasers**
- ✓ **Glue/Glue Sticks**
- ✓ **Rulers**
- ✓ **Scissors**
- ✓ **Index Cards**





On **Sunday, Sept. 13**, congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) will come together for **“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday**.

This year our church — and our world — are living through the COVID-19 pandemic. Physical distancing has changed the way we worship and serve. We miss gathering with family and friends to share God’s love in person. But the need is great, and God’s church is at work.

While we’re not sure what the impact of this crisis will look like in September, we continue to be **church together**. We are witnessing the outpouring of love and concern that God’s people have for one another. Our congregations continue to maintain feeding ministries, serve communities that are disproportionately affected by the COVID-19 infection and assist those who are financially burdened by the economic downturn.

As church, we are guided by our life in Christ to share the love of Jesus and serve our neighbors — even if these acts of service take place from our homes or from a safe distance.

***** If you have any ideas or suggestions for what we can do as a congregation for “God’s work. Our Hands Sunday”, please contact Susan Masciello, Pastor Alex or Andrea at the church office!**

Lynbrook schools host drive-by graduations

JULY 2, 2020 — HERALD COMMUNITY NEWSPAPERS

Marion Street, Waverly Park and West End elementary schools in Lynbrook hosted three drive-through graduations on June 15, in honor of graduating fifth grade students.

Superintendent of Schools Melissa Burak, school principals, faculty staff and board members joined together to support and congratulate the graduates.

At Marion Street, staff members lined the sidewalk outside the school, holding banners and signs to cheer on the graduates as they drove by with their families. Cars were decorated with balloons, colorful signs, window paint and more to mark the occasion.

At the end of the street, Principal Theresa Macchia announced each graduate's name as they pulled up in their cars, and she then handed them a graduation goodie bag and congratulated them.

Waverly Park Principal Allison Banhazi, staff members and fifth grade teachers gathered for their ceremony in the circle

in front of their school. Banhazi announced each graduate, as they drove by in their decorated cars while staff cheered them on. Fifth grade teachers gifted each graduate with a goodie bag and certificate. Students also posed for a photo in a large cardboard class of 2020 picture frame.

At West End, graduates drove through a white and red balloon arch at the entrance of the school parking lot, where fifth grade teachers wearing matching outfits and graduation sashes greeted them. Names of graduates and special awards were announced and each student received a gift from their teacher and the PTA. Then, a DJ played music, as staff members and dozens of Lynbrook North Middle School students held signs and cheered on the class of 2020.

Courtesy Lynbrook Public Schools; compiled by Nicole Alcindor

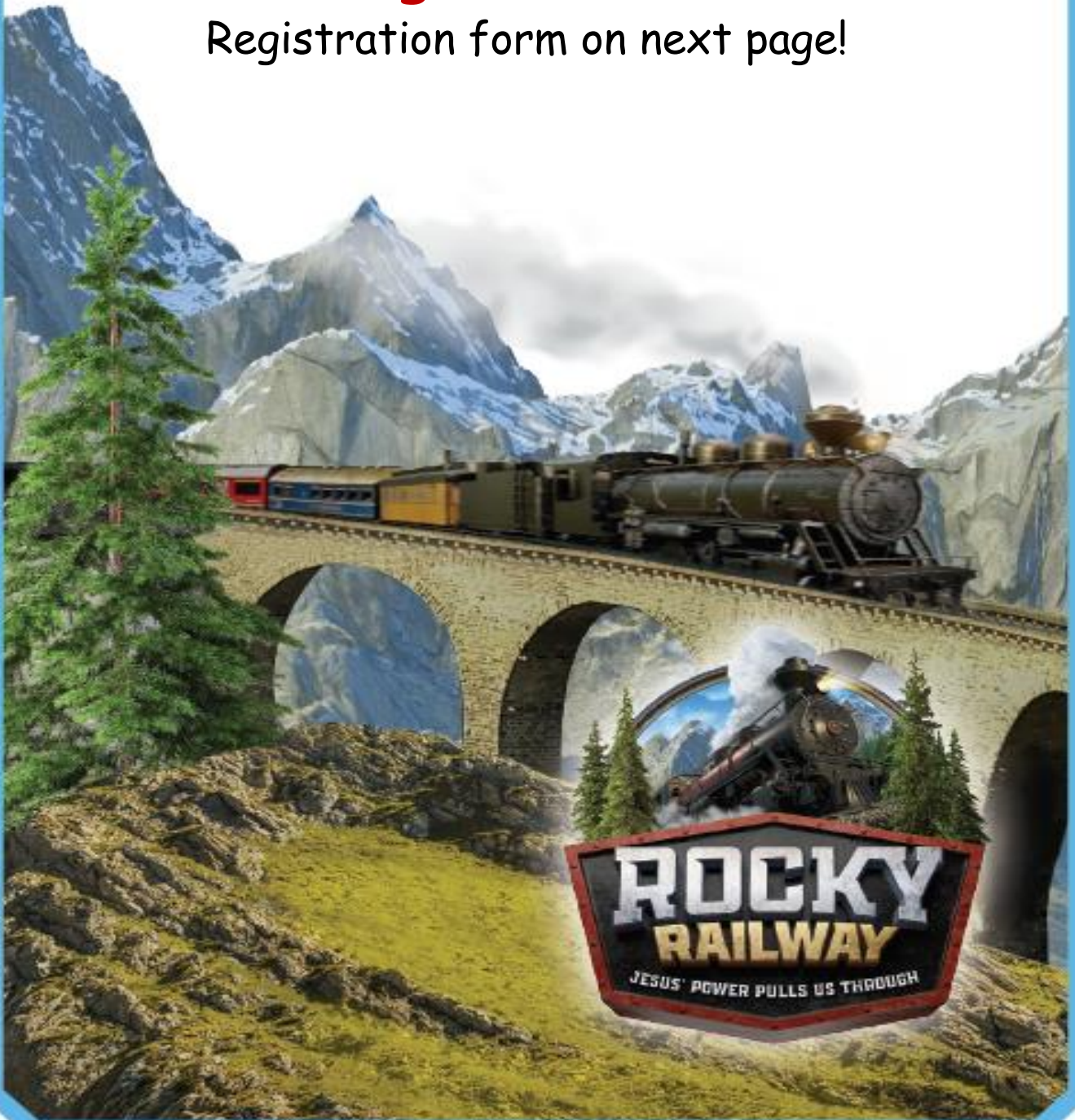


WEST END FIFTH grade graduate Lily Sloan, left, participated in the drive-by graduation.

All aboard for
fun at VBS!

August 24-28

Registration form on next page!





Registration Form

(One Per Child)



Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (_____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (_____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home church: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____



**MAKE SURE TO GET YOUR SJILC
COFFEE MUG FROM ONE OF OUR
USHERS AFTER SUNDAY WORSHIP!**

