



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MESSENGER

APRIL ~ MAY 2022



13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563

MAY EVENTS

Sun. 5/1	Worship Tree of Light Concert	8:15am & 9:30am 7:00pm
Wed. 5/4	Confirmation Class Evening Prayer & Healing Service	7:00pm 7:30pm
Fri. 5/6	Annual Synod Assembly Girl Scout Leaders meeting	6:00pm-9:00pm
Sun. 5/8	Worship Mother's Day	8:15am & 9:30am
Tues. 5/10	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
Wed. 5/11	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Sun. 5/15	Worship Sunday School Garden Planting	8:15am & 9:30am after 9:30am worship
Wed. 5/18	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Sat. 5/21	Church Spring Cleanup Day	9:30am
Sun. 5/22	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 5/25	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Sun. 5/29	Worship Speicher Baptisms	8:15am & 9:30am 9:30am
Mon. 5/30	Memorial Day	

Please note: All 9:30am services will be held in-person AND remotely via ZOOM (8:15am is in-person only) with bulletins being sent by 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.



Our next Sunday School gathering will be May 15th.

All children and youth are invited to stay after worship for pizza and planting the vegetables in our church's Welcome Garden (weather permitting).



A Message from Pastor Alex:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

We concluded our Lenten journey with a profoundly moving Holy Week and, Lord, what a week it was! We went from palms, Passion, and shouts of both “Hosanna!” and “Crucify him!” to a Maundy foot/hand washing and life-giving supper. Then we encountered the cross again with our Lord’s suffering and death for us on Good Friday before finally reaching the joyous dawn of the empty tomb on Easter. It was a most holy and happenin’ week of services like always, and the 10-day vacation that I took afterwards was much needed and enjoyed!

And yet, upon further reflection, I have to say that this Holy Week was a little more meaningful and extra special to me for a few reasons. After these past two years, being able to gather both in-person and virtually to worship, sing, and pray together was such a wonderful blessing and has been in more ways than I can count! I’ll admit, it’s really nice not having to deal with masks, reservations, and social distancing anymore. Looking around the sanctuary and seeing all those smiling faces (especially the children’s!) on Easter Sunday gave me great joy and warmed my heart with sheer gladness. It reminded me how grateful I am to be the pastor of this congregation and how truly fortunate we are to live in a community where we can worship safely in peace without fear of persecution or harm. May we continue to pray for those in places like Ukraine that God brings a swift end to that horrific war and all other conflicts occurring around the world at this very moment.

I also had the opportunity during Holy Week to visit the senior citizens again who meet weekly at the Lynbrook Recreation Center at Greis Park. I had previously visited them on Ash Wednesday to distribute ashes, which they really appreciated, and this time I led a short prayer service and offered Holy Communion and blessings. Both visits were sacred experiences that I will not soon forget, and I want to thank Paula Williams for proposing the idea and making the necessary arrangements. My hope is that we’ll be able to provide a luncheon for the group sometime later this summer, as well as more services and opportunities for ministry in the future. When people cannot make it to church, we do what we can to bring the church to them!

Finally, this, of course, was my first Holy Week as an uncle, which made my trip to PA after worship on Easter Sunday even sweeter as I got to spend some quality time with my dear nephew and family. As our choir sang that morning, “How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives.” Granted, Shepherd is no longer a newborn, and he’s growing faster than a well-watered tomato plant in July, but that pride and joy he gives to my family and I hasn’t diminished one bit. In fact, it grows each and every day just like him!

Growth. Renewal. Hope. Joy. These are words that we associate with Easter, which isn’t just a single day (although the clearance sections of Easter candy and décor might suggest otherwise!), but rather an entire season. In fact, Easter is not only longer than Lent, it’s really an event that marks our entire lives. We are Easter people! Through the gift of baptism, we are joined to Christ’s death *and* resurrection. Christ is risen and we shall rise too! Pain, sorrow, grief, and death are only temporary, but life with Jesus is now, always, and forever. For we trust in the promised hope of the resurrection, and as scripture shows us, God never breaks a promise!

Speaking of tomatoes and new life, it will soon be time to plant our Welcome Garden, which I’d like to do on Sunday, May 15th after the 9:30am service if the weather permits. All children and youth are invited to help plant vegetables and herbs behind the parsonage, and we will have Sunday School that morning along with pizza for lunch so it should make for a really fun day! I’m also very excited to announce that our theme for VBS this summer will be “HayDay: Growing in Friendship with Jesus.” More details will follow in the coming weeks, but we are planning to hold VBS during the week of August 22–26. So mark your calendars and start spreading the word! Share the good news of Jesus! Tell everyone what God is doing at SJILC and beyond!

Easter Blessings +

Pastor Alex

MAY 2022

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	USHERS	ZOOM HOST
1	8:15		Katie Forte	Katie Forte		
	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	Joan Pirrone & Cora Sarver	Bruce Feltkamp
8	8:15		Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo		
	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Katie Forte	Katie Forte	Doug & Kristina Palmer	Dan Gonzalez
15	8:15		Katie Forte	Katie Forte		
	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse	Joe Bahadur
22	8:15		Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo		
	9:30	Sam Barry	Anita Marco	Chris Shelton	Ed, Andrew & Greg Reitler	Susan Masciello
29	8:15		Katie Forte	Katie Forte		
	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Tad Sheppard	Alexandra & Victoria Dunn	Jeanette Richetti

JUNE 2022

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	USHERS	ZOOM HOST
5	8:15		Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo		
Pentecost	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Andrew Dunn	Chris Shelton	Judy Posimato & Heidi Scalza	Bruce Feltkamp
12	8:15		Katie Forte	Katie Forte		
	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dorothy Richetti	Tad Sheppard	Suzanna & Chris Thomas	Susan Masciello
19	8:15		Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo		
	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Joan Pirrone & Carol Clemente	Jeanette Richetti
29	8:15		Katie Forte	Katie Forte		
	9:30	Sam Barry	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Anne & Tad Sheppard	Dan Gonzalez



PRAY FOR . . .

Larry Lipitz
Anthony Posimato
Donna Valenti
Stephen Suppa
Eleanor Haslett
Scott Masciello
Sherry Powell
The Carver Family
John Michael
Vivian Monaco
Neil B.
Colton Youdelman
Joseph Mihalich
The Forbes Family
Vito Richetti
Thomas Morris

Arlene
Sandy
Bill
Joe
Joanne
Ryan
Grace
Sue
Faith
Carmel Wright
Bud Ellis
Amie Hanna
Dante Castrence
Shirley Plows
Barbara
David Spencer Sr.

Bill Gibbs
Charles
Karissa Heap
Orlando Castrence
Tad Sheppard
Harold Walker
Bernadette Harten
Mary Rebando
Ann B.
Ed Moglia
Hank Lenz
Rosalind Mireku
Edith
Ginger Freise
Arlene Lockwood

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 / 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.



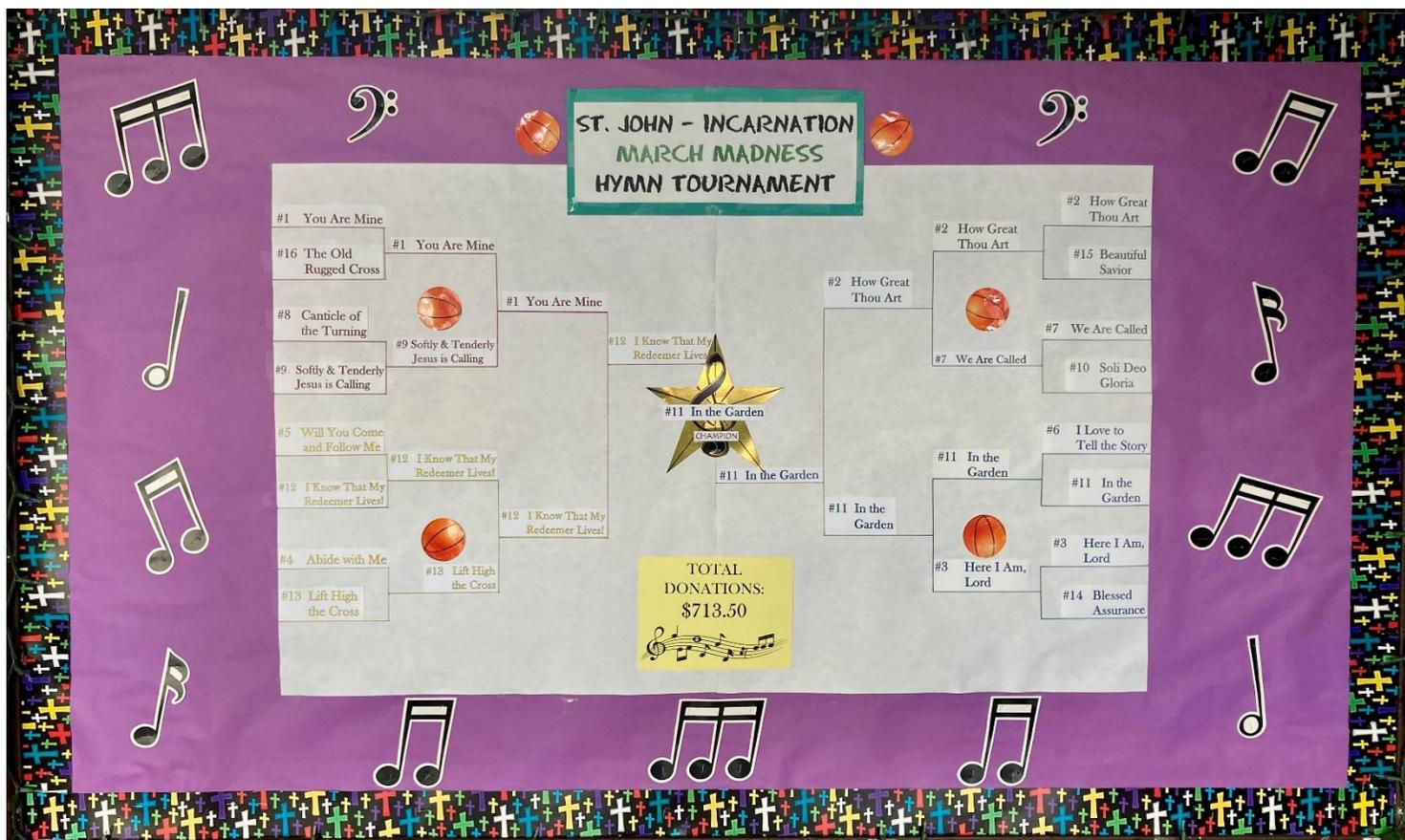
BARBARA SEMMIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

High school seniors who have been active participants at SJILC as well as their local community and who plan to attend college are eligible to apply for a **Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship**.

Please write a letter or send an email to the church office outlining your service as well as your future plans.

Applications must be submitted no later than May 31st.

SJILC HYMN TOURNAMENT RESULTS



Champion: In the Garden

Runner-up: I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

3rd Place: How Great Thou Art & You Are Mine

TOTAL DONATIONS RECEIVED: \$713.50

Thanks to your generosity, SJILC collected 7 full grocery bags of desserts to sweeten up Easter for those in need at the New LIFE Center!



THANK YOU

FROM

The New **LIFE** Center for our congregations' generous donations of 125 lbs. of food and \$400.00 during the month of March to help those in need.

Dear St. John-Incarnation family & Evangelism Committee,
Thank you for the jar full of sweets you made for Larry for Easter. I read to him what each item represented. He enjoyed it very much. Thank you all for all the cards and flowers sent thru out the year. We appreciate it. It means so much to us. God Bless you all!

Sincerely,
Ursula & Larry Lipitz



Outdoor
**Spring
Clean-up**
Saturday, May 21 at 9:30AM

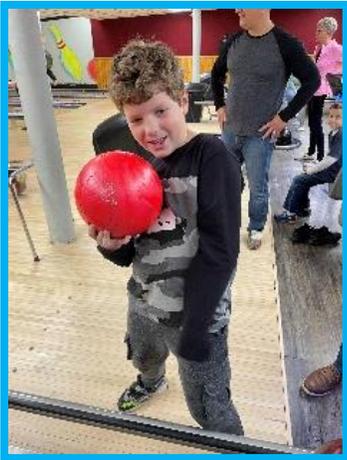
Bring gloves and help beautify
the church grounds!



HAYDAY VBS!
SAVE THE DATE:
August 22-26, 2022

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

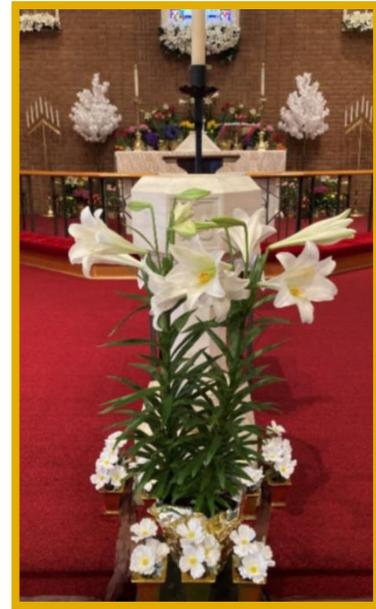
SJILC BOWLING OUTING!



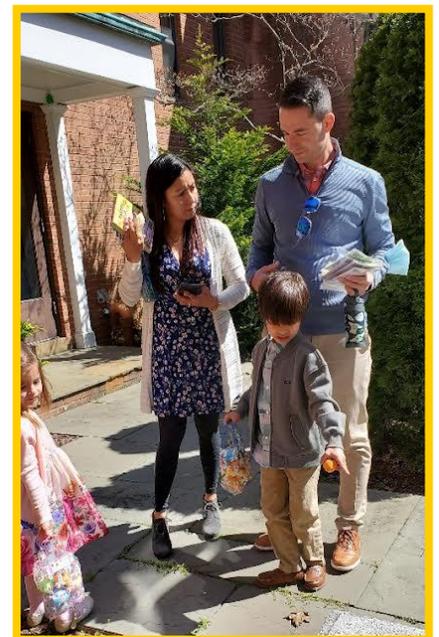
MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY



EASTER SUNDAY



EASTER EGG HUNT!





THE TREE OF LIGHT SPRING/SUMMER CONCERT SERIES



Come and enjoy an enchanting evening of music for solo classical guitar performed by **Nate Huvad**. The thoroughly eclectic program is to include works by Britten and Villa-Lobos, as well as Castelnuovo-Tedesco's brilliantly virtuoso "Capriccio Diabolico".

Nate Huvad is a guitarist and educator based in New York City. A versatile performer, he feels equally at home playing jazz, classical, early music, old-time, folk, hip-hop/R&B, new music, rock and pop - he is also regularly seen performing electric guitar, tenor banjo, renaissance lute and theorbo. Recent highlights include solo appearances at St. Paul's on the Green & Carnegie Hall as well as ensemble appearances with the Pittsburgh Opera, Spoleto Festival Orchestra, and Greater Bridgeport Symphony. Nate holds music performance degrees from the University of North Carolina and the Yale School of Music and is currently pursuing a Doctorate of Musical Arts at Stony Brook University.

When: Sunday, May 1st at 7:00pm
Where: St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church
General tickets: \$18 for Adults and
\$15 for seniors & students



FUTURE CONCERTS

Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 at 7pm

Acclaimed cellist **Julia MinJeong Kang** joins pianist and Tree of Light Concert Series Co-Artistic Director **Judy Pang Markson**

Sunday, June 26th, 2022 at 7pm

Pianist and composer **Oliver Markson** presents a versatile concert program of jubilant virtuosity and pianistic poetry. The program is to include Schumann's immortal "Carnaval".

Sunday, July 17th, 2022 at 7pm

The fantastic clarinetist **Ian Tyson** will be collaborating with pianist and concert series' Co-Artistic Director **Judy Pang Markson**

Thank you to all who donated Easter flowers!

In memory of...

Francesca Artusa

Mother & Grandma, Ruth Wakuluk

Beloved Sister, Christina Wakuluk

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll
& Nelma McMenamini

My Beloved Family in Heaven

Frank Feltkamp

Christel Hild

Eugene & Nora Iannarelli

Robert Koehler

Christel Hild

Rose Batemarco, Anthony Batemarco

Beloved mother, Jean Altwein

Loved Ones

Warren Laliberte and Herbert & Lillian Plows

Doris & John Kortlang, Amy &

Shelli Kortlang, Tony & Katie Posimato

Susan K. Reckhart & Kimberly Ann Paolillo

Our Loved Ones

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Artusa Family

Kim, Kristina & Stephanie Carlstrom

Kimberly Carlstrom

Carol Clemente

Charlene Comastri

Dorothy Criscuolo

MaryAnn Dodd

Karen, Bruce, Karl & Carrie Feltkamp

Paul & Doris Hild

Gina Iannarelli

Allison Koehler

Lipitz Family

Anita & Tony Marco

Joan Pirrone

Margaret Plows

Judy & Anthony Posimato

The Reckhart Family

The Richetti Family

Cora & Don Sarver

Chris & Blanche Shelton

Paula Williams

In honor of...

All my children & grandchildren

Loved Ones

Our Family & Friends

Karen & Anthony Posimato

Our Grandchildren

Our Granddaughter, Maxine, Phi Beta Kappa

Father & Grandpa, Bill Wakuluk

Beloved father, Carl Altwein

Beloved brother, Carl Gregory Altwein

Pauline, Karen & Bruce Feltkamp

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Lipitz Family

Susan & Vinnie Masciello

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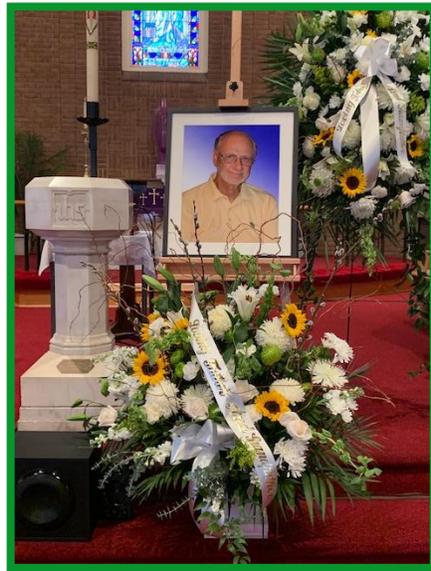
The Carlstrom, Hovell & Berkowitz Families

Anita & Tony Marco

Grace West

In Loving Memory

Memorial service for Don Roth



The following donations have been made to the St. John-Incarnation Memorial Fund
in memory of **Don Roth (Coach)**

*Rita B. Bener
Michael Scooter Fenrich
Robert j. Giambalvo
The Richetti Family*

*Dennis P. Schott
Tony McElroy
The Sloan Family
Wendy Wolber*

The following donation have been made to the St. John-Incarnation Memorial Fund
in memory of **Siegfried Schramm**
by **The Richetti Family**

SJILC is updating the church directory!

If you have not done so already, please fill out the form below to help us make sure your contact information is updated and correct.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

You can send your form to the church through the mail or drop it in our mailbox on the side door of the church.

You can also scan and email the form back to the church at stjohnincarnation@gmail.com

CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Family Last Name _____

Adult Name(s) _____ Birthdate _____

_____ Birthdate _____

_____ Birthdate _____

_____ Birthdate _____

Children's Name(s) _____ Birthdate _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Family Phone # _____

Family Email _____ *Allow email ___ Y ___ N

Phone (each person) _____ *Allow txt msg ___ Y ___ N

Email (each person) _____ *Allow email ___ Y ___ N

Join us for
worship
in person
or on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am



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 #

No attendee code. Just press #

Ways You Can Give to SJILC

PAYPAL:

Log-in to your PayPal account. If you do not have PayPal, you can sign-up for free at <https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/account-selection> Once you're logged in, choose the "send" option to send money and type in our church email address:

stjohnincarnation@gmail.com.

After you have entered the amount you would like to give, please select the "Sending to a friend" option to send your donation for free. **This is very important! Otherwise, PayPal will charge you a small transaction fee!**

Confirm payment and you're done!

MAIL:

You can also send your offering to church through the mail or by dropping it in our white mailbox on the side door of the church by the Knotty Pine Room.

Please make checks payable to **St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church** and address to:
St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church, 13 Blake Avenue Lynbrook, NY 11563

THANK YOU for supporting our ministry during this difficult time! God's blessings to you and your loved ones!