



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

October 2017

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 Alex...

At the end of this month, millions of people around the world will celebrate the 500th anniversary of the famous event that sparked the Protestant Reformation: Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-Five Theses. When Luther nailed his *Disputation on the Power and Efficacy of Indulgences* to the door of the Wittenberg Castle Church, he did so as a call for debate, challenging not only the sale of indulgences, but various other practices and beliefs within the Catholic Church as well. This bold act launched Luther into the public eye and set off a series of events that would ultimately lead to what we now refer to as the Reformation.

Even so, you still might be wondering why we're making such a big deal about this historic anniversary. Sure, it's been a lot of fun taking pictures with our "traveling Luthers", and you may have even ordered a book or two from the Reformation 500 book sale that we had a few weeks ago. If you're like me, you'll come to church on the 29th proudly wearing your Lutheran red and ready to sing *A Mighty Fortress*!

But what exactly are we celebrating? Are we simply commemorating "our roots" and honoring this beloved historical figure who we've named ourselves after? 500 is a nice big number, but 500 years is quite a long time ago, and obviously our world is much different now than it was back in Luther's time. Does the Reformation still have anything relevant to teach us in our 21st century context?

I've heard it said that the Christian church is way overdue for another Reformation. With membership and attendance in steep decline and more and more people claiming no religious affiliation, the church nowadays seems less relevant and important than ever before, and for us, Christians, it feels like our communities are changing faster than we can keep up! We've seen this firsthand with our brothers and sisters in Cedarhurst, but we've also felt the effects here at St. John's, especially in the last ten years.

So what have we done? How have we responded? We've looked to Luther! You see, Martin Luther believed that as a human institution, the Christian church was neither perfect nor inerrant. We are made saints through baptism, but we are also born sinners, which means we make mistakes and sometimes we get stuck in our ways.

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Therefore, while the gospel will always remain steadfast and everlasting, the church must continually be changing and reforming – evaluating everything that we do (including those things that “we’ve always done!”) and learning to adapt to new times and new challenges.

Back in the summer of 2015, St. John’s and Incarnation began a conversation about a new way of doing God’s work and being church together. There were many questions, challenges, and uncertainties throughout this journey, but we trusted that the Spirit was indeed at work and guiding us the entire way. Well, after two years of meetings, dialogue, and numerous evaluations, this past Tuesday the Synod Council of the Metropolitan NY Synod unanimously approved our proposal for merger! Our merger will now be submitted to the Attorney General of NY and once it is officially approved, we will begin a new chapter as a new congregation: St. John – Incarnation Lutheran Church.

On this 500th anniversary of the Reformation, let us praise God with joyful hearts as we celebrate both of our storied pasts and all the exciting possibilities of our future together!

See you in worship,

Pastor Alex



“Behold, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?”
Isaiah 43:19

Calendar of Events for the rest of October:



Sunday, October 22	Worship at St. John's Sunday School College Care Packages Worship at Incarnation	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 10:30 am 11:00 am
Wed., October 25	Confirmation class	7:30 pm
Thur., October 26	Choir rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, October 29 DON'T FORGET TO WEAR RED!	REFORMATION SUNDAY Worship at St. John's Sunday School Reformation 500 Reception & Festivities	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am
Tue., October 31	500th Anniversary of the Reformation (Happy Halloween!)	

Looking forward into November:

Wed., November 1	Reformation 500 Eucharist & Reception at St. John the Divine – <i>registration required</i> NO Confirmation Class	5:30 pm
Sat., November 4	Fall Clean-up at St. John's (<i>Rain dates: 11/11 or 11/18</i>)	10:30 am
Sunday, November 5	ALL SAINTS SUNDAY Worship & Music meeting at St. John's Daylight Savings ends – turn clocks BACK one hour! "Making Christ #1 in Our Lives" Stewardship campaign Begins	10:45 am
Tues., November 7	Knitting Circle	7:30 pm
Sunday, November 12	WELCA meeting at St. John's	10:45 am
Tues., November 14	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting	6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, November 19	Commitment Sunday at St. John's Memorial service Millie Magnusson at Incarnation	



*We recently realized that we have a number of church keys missing.
If you have a key and no longer serve on council or a committee,
please return it to the church office. Thank you!!!*



SERVERS FOR OCTOBER 2017

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
10/22	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Richard Dietrich & Lori Fernez
	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
Reform. Sun 10/29	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Hank Lenz	Chris Shelton	Doug & Kristina Palmer
	Torch B.	Elizabeth Hanson	Victoria Ramirez			
	Gospel B.	Victoria Dunn				

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ALL SAINTS	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
11/5	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Kevin Hanson & Kevin Hanson Jr.
	8:15					
11/12	9:30	Ashley Gavin	Ashley Gavin	Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	Bob Reckhart & Tyler Rouse
	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
11/19	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Lori Fernez & Carol Clemente
	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
Christ the King 11/26	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Kim Carlstrom	Kim Carlstrom	Doug & Kristina 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; Church Office: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers & Gospel bearers- 599- 0778

No one can believe how powerful prayer is and what it can effect, except those who have learned it by experience. Whenever I have prayed earnestly, I have been heard and have obtained more than I prayed for. God sometimes delays, but He always comes.

Martin Luther

Larry Lipitz
George Verity
Stephanie Moser
Anthony Posimato
Donna Valenti
Dorothy Hafner
Elaine Smith
Joann D'Ambrosio
Stephen Suppa
Jean Weber
Eleanor Haslett
Scott Masciello
Doreen Tietjen
Inga Chiramonte
Charmaine

Bob Robon
Gerda Weber
Ernest Weber
Sherry Powell
Carver Family
John Michael
Doris Oelschlager
Vivian Monaco
Larry Rienecker
Arlene
Sandy
Francesca
Joe
Hank Lenz
Tyler Rouse

Joanne
Ryan
Grace
Sue
Faith
Elfride Lynn
Herb Lynn
Don Roth
Baby Katherine
Frank Zirilli
Denis Bradler
Joshua Emswiler
Marina
Bernadette Harten

If would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request card in church or call or email the office at 599-0778 or stjohnslynbrook@aol.com. Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks. Feel free to repeat your request at any time, we can all use prayers.

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

Bill Davison
by
Carol Clemente
Pauline Feltkamp
Joan Pirrone
Cora Sarver

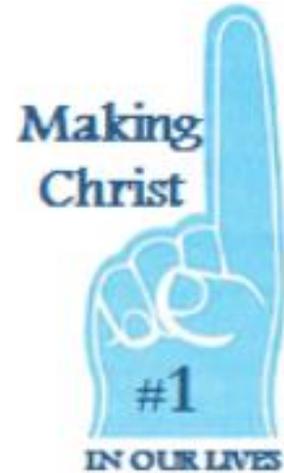
*Donations have been made to the
St. John's Memorial Fund in memory of*

Bill Davison
by
Vinnie and Susan Masciello

Charles Avallone
by
Don and Cora Sarver

SAVE THE DATES!

The theme for our stewardship campaign this year is **“Making Christ #1 in Our Lives”**. The program will kick off on Sunday, November 5th and conclude with Commitment Sunday on November 19th. Letters with more information will be sent out to all members and families in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support!



Thank you to all who made our annual Harvest Festival a huge success. It was a beautiful day filled with Fellowship and fun, where we all participated in "God's work, our Hands"
Thank you from
Anna and Karen

I'd like to thank everyone who donated goodies to the bake sale table at this year's Harvest Festival. We had an incredible variety of baked goods which resulted in a profit of \$537. We couldn't have done it without you. Also, a big thank you to committee members – Carol Clemente, Pauline Felthamp, Allison Koehler, Tyler Rouse and Ruth Williamson. You are the best!
Charlene

2017 Harvest Festival and 50/50 Raffle Summary

1650 raffle tickets (**275 Books**) and 53 singles were printed a few weeks before the festival. Tickets were stapled in packets of six per book and sold for \$5.00 each. It cost \$1.00 for a single ticket. We sold **\$1085** in raffles. People were able to write down their names in a notebook and get a number to write instead of having to fill out raffle tickets. We also sold 50/50 tickets for \$1.00 per ticket (**110 were sold**).

Thanks to the following businesses and people who donated or solicited items for our raffle baskets:

- Ala Carte
- Dough-ology
- F&L Deli
- Girl Scouts of Nassau County
- Nail Fetish
- Nails Chamber
- Lynbrook Bagels
- Lynbrook Deli
- Lynbrook Eats
- Simi Nail Salon
- Sip This
- Sweet Peace Bakery
- Vincent's Pizzeria
- Gabby Barry
- Susan Blohm
- Trudy Blohm
- Carol Clemente
- Sue Ellen Coyle
- Dot Criscuolo
- Alexandra Dunn
- Pauline Feltkamp
- Bruce and Karen Feltkamp
- Linda Holt
- Allison Koehler
- Hank and Claire Lenz
- Dan and Anna Lenz
- Vin and Sue Masciello
- Don and Cora Sarver

Special thanks to Dan Lenz for and Cora Sarver for a great job selling our raffles and 50/50 chances

Many thanks to all who helped make this another successful year.

Sincerely,

Anna Lenz and Karen Feltkamp

Basket Winners 2017:

Grand Prize. Large Screen TV– Susan Masciello

1. 24- Inch Mountain Bike – Roger Vargas
2. Circulon 13-Piece Cookware Set– Crystal York
3. Keurig Coffee Maker and K-Cups – Roger Vargas
4. Kindle Fire – Noah Berkowitz
5. Vera Bradley – Susan Blohm
6. \$100 Cash –Ursula Lipitz
7. \$100 Cash – Roger Vargas
8. Pamper Yourself! – John DeStefano
9. Dining Out in Lynbrook – Vin Masciello
10. Cheers! – Claire and Hank Lenz
11. Tea Cart – Clara Larke
12. Let's Get Cooking! – Ursula Lipitz
13. Wine Time! – The Moglia's
14. Girl Scout Cookie Time – Christopher Larke
15. Girl Scout Munchie Sampler – Doris Hild
16. Trader Joe's – Ursula Lipitz
17. Cozy! – Crystal Hild
18. Date Night – Chrystal Sanon
19. Be Jeweled! – Roseann Podias
20. Wine and More! – Mr. Melucci
21. Christmastime! – Ursula Lipitz
22. Sunday Football! – The Larke's
23. Man Time! – Robert Clark
24. Stay Healthy! – Patti and Ira Weiss

Raffle tickets sold 2017 = **\$1085.00 00**

Raffle tickets sold 2016 = **\$1187.00**

Raffle tickets sold 2015 = **\$1252.00**

Total 50/50 tickets sold 2017= **\$110.**

Total 50/50 tickets sold 2016= **\$112**

Total 50/50 tickets sold 2015= **\$166.**

Total decrease from 2017 to 2016 **\$104.**

Final Net Profit for Harvest Festival: \$5070.25

ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS

OCTOBER 15TH, 2017



LOOK AT WHERE LUTHER HAS BEEN!



Luther stopped by our Sunday School when our students were making Kindness Rocks! These special rocks have cool designs and words of love and grace as a way to spread the word of God!



FOR YOUR INFORMATION FROM THE ELCA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

Dear friends in Christ,

As the ELCA Federal Credit Union enters our second year, we are delighted to begin offering savings accounts and certificates of deposit to ELCA congregations and related ministries.

Throughout our first year as the ELCA's newest financial ministry, we have been helping ELCA members and employees realize significant savings on loans and lines of credit, while offering the full electronic access members expect today.

Now your congregation is eligible to join our new financial cooperative. You, too, as an individual member of the ELCA, are eligible to join our credit union and take advantage of more competitive rates, fewer fees and enhanced services. **Credit unions can offer these benefits to members because, as not-for-profit financial cooperatives, we return profits directly to members. In fact, in our first year of operation, we've saved individual members an average of nearly \$1,500 in finance charges over the life of their loans, compared with outside lenders.**

We're excited about the positive financial impact we're having for our members. To apply for membership for yourself or your congregation—or to learn more about our products and services

— visit our website: elcafcu.org or call us toll free at 877-715-1111.



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HELP KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE THIS HALLOWEEN WITH THE TEAL PUMPKIN PROJECT!

FARE's Teal Pumpkin Project® - is a wonderful campaign. The Teal Pumpkin Project raises awareness of food allergies and promotes a safer, happier Halloween by encouraging households to make non-food treats available so that trick-or-treaters who need to avoid candy – due to food allergies or other reasons – can fully participate. Households can show they are participating by placing a teal pumpkin in front of their home.

This project encourages everyone to be inclusive of our neighbors and support those children/parents for whom Halloween in its traditional form is a stressful and potentially harmful event and while kids could just sit at home, missing out can be painful too.

Last year, households around the world participated in the Teal Pumpkin Project. Visit tealpumpkinproject.org to learn more.