



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER **FALL 2025**

13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563



UPCOMING EVENTS:

November:

Thurs. 11/20	Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Sat. 11/22	Music & Movement	10:00am
Sun. 11/23	Worship – Commitment Sunday	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 11/24	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Thurs. 11/27	Thanksgiving – The church office is closed 11/27 & 11/28	
Sun. 11/30	Worship - Advent 1 Family Advent crafts and wreath making event / pizza lunch	8:15am & 9:30am

December

Mon. 12/1	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Thurs. 12/4	Midweek Advent service Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Fri. 12/5	Girl Scout Event	4:00-6:00pm
Sat. 12/6	Music & Movement	10:00am
Sun. 12/7	Worship - Advent 2	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 12/8	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Tues. 12/9	Stewardship meeting Church Council meeting	10:00am 7:30pm
Thurs. 12/11	Midweek Advent service Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sat. 11/13	Music & Movement	10:00am
Sun. 12/14	Worship - Advent 3	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 12/15	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Wed. 12/17	Senior Luncheon at Greis Park	11:00am
Thurs. 12/18	Midweek Advent service Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sat. 11/20	Music & Movement	10:00am
Sun. 12/21	Worship - Advent 4	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 12/22	NO SJILC Crafters	
Wed. 12/24	Christmas Eve Worship	7:00pm (special music – 6:45pm)
Thurs. 12/25	Christmas Day	
Sat/ 12/27	NO Music & Movement	
Sun 12/28	Lessons & Carols (no 8:15am service)	9:30am

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – November 2025

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 11/16 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Dorothy Criscuolo Lector: Jennifer Cline Sargent Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Kathy Spatz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 11/23 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Kathy Spatz Lector: Kerrin Gercken Ushers: Wendy Wolber & Sue Ellen Coyle Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 11/30 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Tom Sargent Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Susanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry</p>	<p style="color: red;">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): 516- 872-2063, Andrea (Ushers, Acolytes and Zoom hosts): Church Office: 516-599-077</p>

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – December 2025

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 12/7 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Irina Sargent Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Cassie Barry Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 12/14 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Charles Sheppard Assist. Minister: Wendy Wolber Lector: Janet Pescatore Ushers: Heidi Scalza & Judy Posimato Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 12/21 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Thaddeus Shappard Assist. Minister: Tad Sheppard Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Kristen DeStefano & Janet Powell Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, 12/24 – 7:00pm</p> <p>Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Shaun Rouse Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 12/28 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Cassie Barry Assist. Minister: Dorothy Criscuolo Lector: Gabrielle Barry Ushers: Susanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Kathy Spatz</p>	<p>It takes a team to make worship happen each week, and we'd love for you to be part of it! We're looking for folks to help as readers, ushers, acolytes, assisting ministers, and Zoom hosts. No experience needed—just a willing heart and a friendly smile! If you're interested, please contact the church office or chat with Pastor Alex after service.</p>

A Message from Pastor Alex:

Are you an optimist or a pessimist? Do you see the glass as being half full or half empty? Most of us probably fall somewhere in the middle depending on how we're feeling or what is happening in our lives. When you're in a bad mood or having a rough go of it, you're more likely to be a "Negative Nellie", right? I know I am! Conversely, when we are happy and all is relatively well in our lives, it's much easier, I think, to stay positive and look for the silver linings. Some days I can be so upbeat and hopeful. Other days I feel more like Eeyore from Winnie the Pooh. Perhaps you can relate.

The Psalmist, however, offers a different perspective for us to consider. Rather than looking at the glass as either half empty or half full, David declares that his cup runs over! Not just when he's feeling joyful or in times of prosperity and good health, but also in the midst of pain, grief, and suffering – even in the face of death: "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. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows."

(Ps. 23:4-5)

Is your cup running over? You may not think it is. I'll be honest, sometimes mine feels anything but full! And yet, when I pause and take a moment to reflect and pray, when I remember what Jesus has done for me and for all of us, I don't see any emptiness or scarcity; I can't! No, all I see is abundance – countless blessings from the God who has given us life here on earth and life eternal in heaven through our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Joined to him in baptism, our hope is secure – "a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul." (Heb. 6:19)

Trusting in this good news and remembering all that God has done and will continue to do for us in Christ, we can boldly proclaim God's greatness together. Thanks be to our faithful God who gives us all that we need and more than enough to share! Praise the Lord who fills our cup with every good gift and whose love for us never runs out!

Yes, we have so much to be thankful for in our lives, and as your pastor, I want you to know how truly thankful I am for you, for our congregation, and for this ministry we share here at SJILC! Whenever we're together, I see God's love at work in you. Whenever there is a need or an appeal for help, the people of this congregation step up every time without fail. Your faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to the Lord is a powerful inspiration to so many including myself!

So thank you, church! Thank you for sharing your time and the gifts that God has given you. Thank you for being a steadfast reminder that my cup truly is overflowing, as is yours! For God is good all the time, and all the time, God is so so good!

Peace +

Pastor Alex

We are praying for.....

Stephen Suppa
Colton Youdelman
Tad Sheppard
Bernadette Harten
Mary Rebando
Shirley Plows
Vito Richetti
Bud Ellis
Jacquie Maidel
Barbara Monteleone
Victoria Murillo

Terry
Family of Sandy Klein
Kate, Chris and Baby Carson Lyver
Those we pray for in the silence of our hearts

Hank Lenz
Anthony Posimato
Benjamin Lomot
Marianne Grahlfs
Anne Sheppard
Bettye Steinberg
Tom Wolber
Kathy Frontino
Margaret Tomasulo
Michael Ugliano
John B.
Karen Feltkamp
Bill Moser

Verne Kelley
Christian Porter
Tracey Knox
Donald S.
Victor Rapp
Chris
Joe Nace
Susan Cass
John Eshleman
Marianne Rice
Edward Plows
John Meyer
Angela Dodd

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on the prayer request poster, welcome card or call or email the office at 516-599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com. **Please note: the names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks only. You can renew your request if needed.**



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BISHOP KATRINA FOSTER'S VISIT



Metropolitan New York Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

8/27/25

Dear Pastor Kenney: All the
Saints @ St. John's - Encarnación,

We had such a good
time with all of you. Thank
you for the great music,
summy food, fellowship and
life giving words!!

I am excited about all
you are doing in the
name of Jesus! Keep going!

Peace-
Bishop Foster

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MAKING BLANKETS FOR THE VETERANS
AND BOOKMARKS FOR BIBLES DONATED TO THE NEW LIFE CENTER



Outdoor Pet Blessing



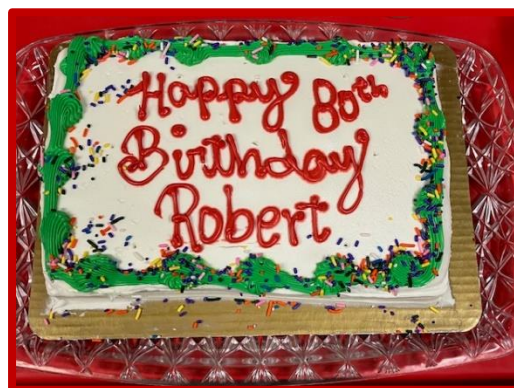
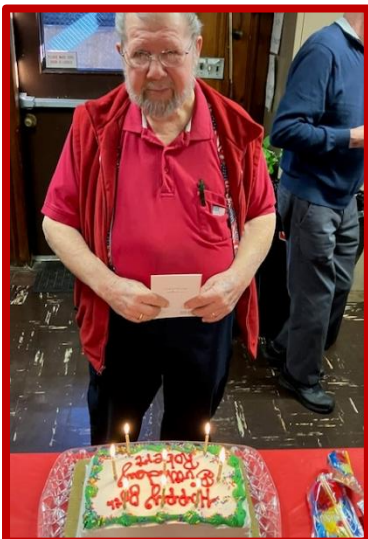
Annalięę Sarakos' 1st Communion!



Reformation Sunday!



Bob Reckhart's 80th Birthday



Youth Group Lock-in



In Memory of the Faithful Departed

Angelo	Hank Lohse
Rev. Joanne Bond	Peter Milaccio
Estela Castrence	Jim Mitchell
Alex Curtis	Frank Olton
Gary Ettlemeyer	Maureen Olton
Alois Essex	Richard Powdrill
Florence Hettinger	Suzanne Reisert
Tom Jackson	Gerhard Schultz
Michael Kennedy	Steven Shotts



**Welcome to
Diane Burmann
and
Laura Szenczewski
the newest members
of SJILC!**



WELCA HALLOWEEN PARTY



SJILC USING CLOVER!

You can give to St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church by scanning the QR code below, which will take you to our online donation page. Thank you for supporting our ministry and for helping us share God's love with others!



Advent begins

Sunday, November 30th

Be a Part of the
SJILC Advent Traditions!



ADVENT WREATH FAMILY WORKSHOP

Come join us on **November 30th** after the 9:30am service and create your **own family advent wreath!**

**There will also be a number of different
Advent crafts to choose from.**

A pizza lunch, including soda and dessert will follow. A free-will offering will be received to help cover the costs of pizza and craft supplies. If you will be joining us, please add your name and the number of people attending to the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call the church office.

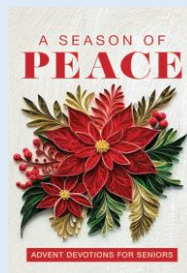
Holden Evening Prayer

Thursdays in Advent

Dec. 4th, Dec. 11th & Dec. 18th
at 7:00pm the sanctuary and on Zoom!

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS & CALENDARS!

For all ages! Now available in the narthex.



LIGHTING OUR ADVENT WREATH

We're inviting families and individuals to help light the Advent wreath and lead a special litany during our Sunday services this Advent season.

at the 8:15am and 9:30am worship services.

- November 30
- December 7
- December 14
- December 21

If interested, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the church office.

Once you're signed up, you'll receive the blessing to read in preparation for your assigned day.

Let's make this Advent season meaningful together!

Renew & Recycled (the new name for the SJILC Crafters) are back with their Renew & Recycle Christmas goodies—available after the 9:30am service on **Sunday, November 23 & Sunday, November 30.**

We've got the perfect little gifts for teachers, hairdressers, your mail carrier, hostess gifts—or just-because surprises. Come browse and find something festive!



THE GIVING TREE

BRINGING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, St. John's has delivered some wonderful Christmas gifts to families who may have had no gifts at all. We will soon be setting up our Giving Tree once again, and we are hoping to deliver more of God's love this Christmas season. There are two ways that you can participate in donating for the Giving Tree this holiday season.

(1) The traditional Giving Tree with gift tags will be set up in the narthex on or about Nov. 9th. As we've done in the past, you may select the tag(s) you would like and sign the accompanying sheet with your name and the information requested.

(2) For those who are more comfortable donating gifts from home, we will have a selection of gift tags that you can choose from. If you are interested in donating this way, send an email or call by phone as outlined below, indicating how many gifts you would like to donate. You may request a specific age range, gift type (clothes/toys/etc), and/or a price range. **On a first response basis, you will be assigned gifts that match your requests as best as possible based on what is still available.** Please respond early for best selection. Once we receive your request and confirm the gifts you want to donate, a virtual tag with gift information will be emailed (or texted or mailed if you prefer) to you with instructions.

- By email: LoriF60@aol.com or stjohncarnation@gmail.com no later than Sunday, November 23rd.
- By phone: at St. John's 516-599-0778 or Lori Fernez 516-596-1538.

All donations need to be returned no later than Sunday, December 7th.

Gifts can be returned, unwrapped, in any of the following ways:

- Drop off in the assigned box in the narthex before or after church service, or anytime convenient (by calling ahead).
- Drop off in the outside drop off box at St. John-Incarnation, near the outside entrance to the Knotty Pine Room.
- Call the phone numbers as listed above for pick up of your gifts.

It is essential to begin and end this project early in order to get the gifts to their recipients in time for the holidays. Your generosity will bring joy to someone in need this holiday season and will reinforce the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you for your support! - Lori Fernez

The New **LIFE** Center is in desperate need of toiletry products, such as: Bath soap, shampoo, deodorant women and teen's hygiene products, toothpaste, etc. If you can donate any of these items, it will be greatly appreciated.

We will be collecting **coats and jackets** for those in need beginning in November and throughout the winter! Please drop off new or gently used coats in the marked boxes in the narthex. Your donation will help bring the warmth of God's love to someone this winter.