



# ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH **MESSENGER**

**July / August 2023**



13 Blake Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563

# UPCOMING EVENTS



Thurs. 8/3	Healing Service	7:30pm
Sun. 8/6	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Tues. 8/8	Evangelism meeting	6:30pm
	Church council meeting	7:30pm
Wed. 8/9	Decorating for VBS	7:00pm
Thurs. 8/10	Harvest Festival meeting	7:00pm
Sun. 8/13	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
	VBS decorating	10:45am
Mon. 8/14	Twists & Turns VBS	6:30pm–8:30pm
Mon. 8/16	Twists & Turns VBS	6:30pm–8:30pm
Mon. 8/18	Twists & Turns VBS	6:30pm–8:30pm
Sun. 8/20	Worship VBS Closing service (No 8:15am service)	9:30am
Fri. 8/25	Pastor Alex's anniversary party at Plattduetsche	5:00–8:00pm
Sun. 8/27	Worship with Bishop Paul Egensteiner preaching	9:30am
(No 8:15am service)	in celebration of Pastor Alex's 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary	
	Coffee Hour	10:45am




Thurs. 9/7	Healing Service	7:30pm
Tues. 9/12	Evangelism meeting	6:30pm
	Church council meeting	7:30pm
Sun. 9/10	ELCA Day of Service	10:45am
Sat. 9/30	Harvest Festival (rain date: 10/1)	11:00am – 3:00pm

**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.

## WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2023

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY, 8/6 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Victoria Ramirez  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Katie Forte  <b>Lector:</b> Katie Forte  <b>Ushers:</b> Suzanna &amp; Chris Thomas  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 8/20 – 9:30am</b>  <b>VBS CLOSING SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Chris Palmer  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Richetti  <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton  <b>Ushers:</b> Joan Pirrone &amp; Cora Sarver  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 8/13 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Sam Barry  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Criscuolo  <b>Lector:</b> Dorothy Criscuolo  <b>Ushers:</b> Sue Ellen Coyle &amp; Cora Sarver  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 8/27 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Thaddeus Shepherd  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Andrew Dunn  <b>Lector:</b> Anita Marco  <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Reckhart &amp; Shawn Rouse  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Dan Gonzalez</p>

## WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUNDAY, 9/3– 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Cassie Barry  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Janet Pescatore  <b>Lector:</b> Janet Pescatore  <b>Ushers:</b> TBD  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 9/24 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Victoria Ramirez  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Criscuolo  <b>Lector:</b> Dorothy Criscuolo  <b>Ushers:</b> Chris &amp; Suzanna Thomas  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Dan Gonzalez</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 9/10 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Charles Shepherd  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dan Gonzalez  <b>Lector:</b> Dan Gonzalez  <b>Ushers:</b> Judy Posimato &amp; Heidi Scalza  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello</p>	<p>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 &amp; Assisting Ministers: 872-2063; Andrea: Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers, Gospel bearers and Zoom hosts- Church Office: 599-0778</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 9/17 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Chris Palmer  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Kim Carlstrom  <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton  <b>Ushers:</b> Kathy Spatz &amp; Tad Shepherd  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Bruce Feltkamp</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">Please consider volunteering as part of our worship services. We could use your help!</p> </div>

## A Message from Pastor Alex:

*Jesus, you're all I need. No matter where life may lead.  
Through every twist and turn, Jesus, you're all I need.  
Even when doubts and fears surround me, I will call on your name.  
I know that your arms are around me and they're keeping me safe.  
Jesus, you're all I need! You are my everything!  
I want the world to see, Jesus, you're all I need!  
Jesus you make me whole! You are my heart and soul!  
I want the world to know, Jesus, you're all I need!*



We will be singing these words and other great songs at Twists & Turns VBS later this August as we learn about God's "game-changing" love for everyone in Jesus Christ! I'm so thrilled that we already have 15 kids registered for VBS and quite a few youth who want to help as well. Praise God! Registration will remain open through the start of VBS so please continue to spread the word and feel free to share our flyer on the next page with anyone who may be interested!

Decorating will begin on Wednesday, August 9 at 7:00pm and again immediately following worship on Sunday, August 13. We have A LOT of decorations and props to be displayed and even more on the way (i.e. a Candy Land-themed nursery room, Pac-Man hallway, Super Mario backdrops for the auditorium, and much more!), as well as other tasks that can be done sitting at a table like cutting out pictures and making key words out of Scrabble tiles. If you can help either day or during the week of VBS, please let either Gabrielle Barry or myself know. The more players that we have on our team, the better!

A huge thank you to those who have already made donations to help cover the costs and offset our expenses. Your generosity combined with God's unfailing grace allows us to offer really amazing and fun-filled VBS programs to our young people, and as someone who has always loved VBS and who knows how important this ministry is for our young people, I truly appreciate your support.

Yes, scripture reminds us that no matter where life may lead, through every twist and turn Jesus is truly all we need. Following Him changes everything including us! I know that my life changed significantly 10 years ago when I moved here to Lynbrook and began my call as pastor of what was then St. John's Lutheran Church. There were many things that I had to adjust to moving from Pennsylvania to Long Island, and that first year was pretty overwhelming at times as I wondered if I really had the gifts and skills to even be a pastor, let alone make a career out of it.

Well, I'm still not sure whether I have all those gifts and skills, but as I reflect on these past 10 years, I know that I have an awesome God who loves me and a wonderful congregation that does too! From day one, I've always felt loved and supported here. Your prayers, patience, advice, and words of encouragement have sustained me in my most difficult and trying moments, and you have helped me grow into the pastor I am today. Yes, we've certainly been through plenty of twists and turns along the way including a merger and a pandemic among other changes, but we put our trust in God's faithfulness and journeyed together in faith and in love knowing that Jesus is all we need.

My heart overflows with joy and gratitude whenever I think about St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church. What a blessing to be your pastor and to be a part of our church family! Thanks be to God for this ministry we share, and thanks be to God for all of you!

Peace †

*Pastor Alex*





## 6:30pm – 8:30pm

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*But more importantly, they'll learn about God's love for them and discover that trusting Jesus as Savior and following Him changes the game entirely!*

*Life is not all fun and games—even after becoming a Christian. It's full of twists and turns that can leave us feeling like we've taken one step forward and two steps back. That was certainly the case for Peter and the rest of the disciples. They messed up; they stumbled; they weren't perfect. But even when they messed up, it wasn't "Game Over." God still worked through them to help others learn about Jesus too. As kids explore these stories about Jesus, they'll discover that Jesus is holy, trustworthy, forgiving, worth following, and for everyone!*

For all kids ages Pre-K to 6<sup>th</sup> grade  
(7<sup>th</sup> grade and up are invited to help as group and station leaders!)

**Scan this QR code to register! →**



# *We are praying for ...*

Donna Valenti  
Stephen Suppa  
Scott Masciello  
Sherry Powell  
The Carver Family  
Colton Youdelman  
Sue  
Faith  
Carmel Wright  
Bill Gibbs  
Tad Sheppard  
Bernadette Harten  
Barbara Monteleone  
Joseph Mihalich  
Charles & Linda White  
Lynn Walker

Edith  
Vito Richetti  
Bud Ellis  
Marina  
May  
Salvatore  
Lisa  
Charles  
Edith  
Rocco  
Jacquie Maidel  
Brad Pantall  
Ed Moglia  
Hank Lenz  
Maureen Luther

Kathy Pirnice  
Steve Lombardi  
Anthony Posimato  
Benjamin Lomot  
Bradley Shelton  
Merri Becker  
Anne Sheppard  
Ed Kass  
Bob Dickie  
Mary Rebando  
Victoria Murillo  
The Forbes Family  
Shirley Plows  
Teresa Shannon  
Marion Grafts

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on the prayer request poster or call or email the office at 599-0778 or [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to **Karl Feltkamp** for mowing the church lawn this week.  
If anyone would like to help, please sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex!



### God's Speed!

### Capital Improvement Internet Fund



**The God's Speed Capital Improvement Internet Fund** is a fund that has been established to help St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church update our Wi-Fi and computer systems so that we can be connected more efficiently with our congregation. You can make donations in memory or in honor of someone or just as a generous contribution to the fund.

**Donations have been made in memory of**

Warren & Tacey Sava

by Wendy Wolber





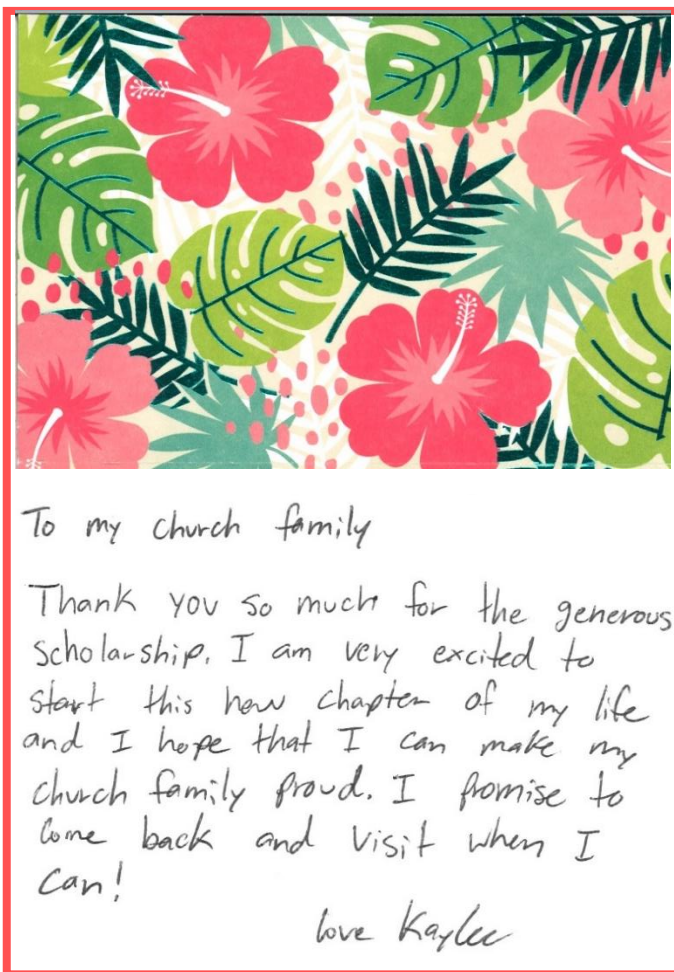
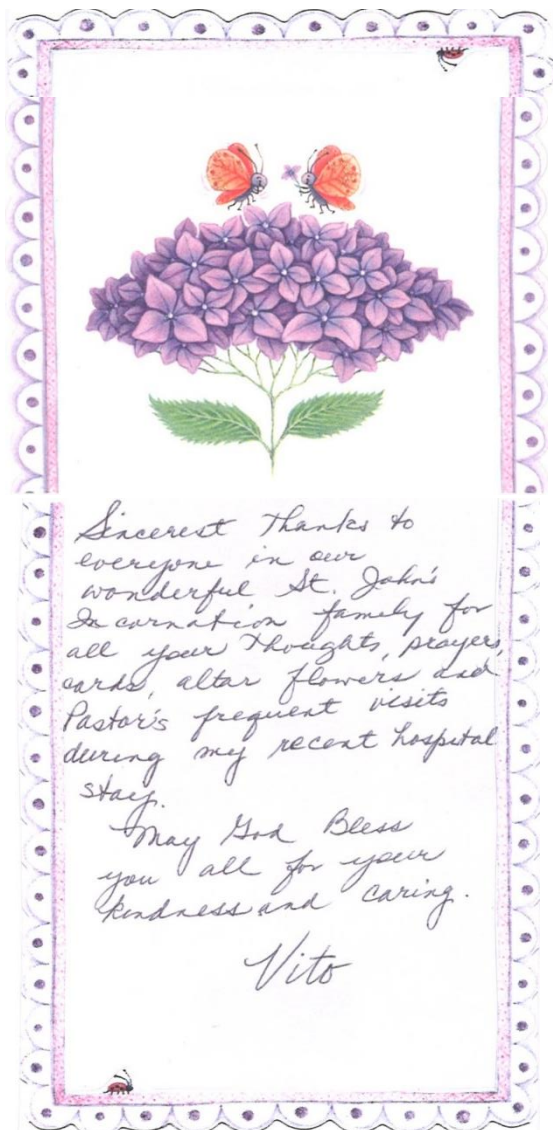
A donation has been made to the  
 St. John-Incarnation Memorial  
 Fund  
 in memory of  
**Don Roth**  
 by  
**Trask Buxton**

## Scholarships

### Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund

#### **Donations have also been made by**

Carol Clemente  
 A. Colanmino  
 Dotty Criscuolo  
 Verne Kelley  
 John & Martha Meyer  
 The Reisert Family  
 Don & Cora Sarver  
 Thomas & Wendy Wolber



Dear Pastor and the Congregation,

This is Mimi Berkowitz! I just wanted to send an email and thank you all so much for allowing me to receive the scholarship. Additionally, I thank you for the handmade quillow made with my school colors! I will be sure to bring it with me when I set off. I truly appreciate all that has been done for me!

- Mimi Berkowitz



# CONFIRMATION





# WELCA ANNUAL BAR-B-QUE





# Barbara Semmig Scholarship Recipients



Wendy Wolber made special “quillows” that were presented to the graduates.



# The Baptisms of Olivia Oberle & Scarlett Picarello







## Pastor Alex's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

August 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 8:00pm  
at the Plattduetsche in Franklin Square.

**Please join us! All are welcome!**

If you wish to attend, please contact  
Karen Feltkamp @ (516) 581-9350  
Susan Masciello @ (516) 554-2207  
Joan Pirrone @ (516) 695-5508

You can also sign up in the narthex  
or email / call the church office:  
[stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com) or (516) 599-0718

Please join us on **Sunday, August 27 at 9:30am**  
as we celebrate Pastor Alex's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Ordination. Our synodical bishop,  
**the Rev. Paul Egensteiner**, will be preaching  
that morning so you won't want to miss what  
should be a wonderful day of celebration at  
St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church!

*(Please note: there will be no 8:15am service on August 27)*



# HARVEST FESTIVAL

## News & Updates!

### 1. Calling all artisans...

We are seeking talent from our congregation/friends/family to showcase, in a silent auction. So if you can sew (quilts), knit, crochet, paint, make ornaments, woodworking (birdhouses or decor signs) etc. we welcome it all. Please start creating now!

### 2. Yard Sale Donations....

We are now accepting all yard sale items (except clothing) to be gathered behind the curtains on stage downstairs.

### 3. Publicity....

We encourage everyone to take letters/flyers, available in narthex, to businesses that you "frequent" and ask if they are willing to donate for our raffle table or sponsor an activity.

**43<sup>rd</sup> Harvest Festival: Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**  
(Rain date: Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>)

Join us for worship  
in person  
or on ZOOM!

Sundays at

8:15am – in person only

9:30am – in person & on Zoom



### 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 #*

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## Our Newest Church Members: **The Cline-Sargent Family**



St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church is sponsoring another trip to  
**Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA on March 16, 2024!**



From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, **DANIEL** is a spectacular theatrical experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres.

Departing St. John-Incarnation at 7:45 a.m.

Lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord with an Amish Family Style Meal all you care to eat, including:

Appetizers • Soups (8 options) • Salads • Breads •  
Hot Entrees • Carving Station • Dessert Station

Show at 3 p.m. Departing Lancaster at 5:45 p.m.

Arriving back in Lynbrook at approximately 10 p.m.

Cost: \$185per adult; \$124 per child 3-12 payable upon making reservation.  
Tickets are limited to 50. Questions, please contact Janet Pescatore 516-581-1221