




ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH **MESSENGER** **October 2023**




13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sun. 10/15	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Thurs. 10/19	Confirmation class Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 10/22	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Thurs. 10/26	Confirmation class Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 10/29	Worship Reformation Sunday (Wear red!)	8:15am & 9:30am
Tues. 10/31	HALLOWEEN 	




Wed. 11/1	Healing Service	7:30pm
Thurs. 11/2	Confirmation class Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 11/5	Worship All Saints Sunday 	8:15am & 9:30am
Thurs. 11/9	NO Confirmation class	
Sun. 11/12	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Tues. 11/14	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, 10/8 – 9:30am Pet Blessing</p> <p>Acolyte: Charles Sheppard Assist. Minister: Dan Gonzalez Lector: Dan Gonzalez Ushers: Cora Sarver & Joan Pirrone Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10/22 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Cassie Barry Assist. Minister: Kathy Spatz Lector: Kathy Spatz Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse Zoom Host: Dan Gonzalez</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10/15 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Janet Pescatore Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10/29 – 9:30am REFORMATION SUNDAY</p> <p>Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Susan Masciello Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Heidi Scalza & Carol Clemente Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti</p>

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNDAY, 11/5– 9:30am ALL SAINTS DAY</p> <p>Acolyte: Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Katie Forte Lector: Katie Forte Ushers: Suzanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 11/19 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Dorothy Richetti Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Carol Clemente & Cora Sarver Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 11/12 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Dorothy Criscuolo Lector: Irina Sargent Ushers: Sue Ellen Coyle & Judy Posimato Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 11/26 – 9:30am Christ the King</p> <p>Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: Anita Marco Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse Zoom Host: Dan Gonzalez</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 & Assisting Ministers: 872-2063; Andrea: Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers, Gospel bearers and Zoom hosts- Church Office: 599-0778</p>	

A Message from Pastor Alex:

Autumn is a season of gratitude, and, boy, do I feel truly grateful! Grateful to the God who loves us, forgives us, comforts and sustains us, calls us, gathers us, sends us, leads us and guides us, surprises us, inspires us, and sometimes even overwhelms and confuses us! Grateful for my family, friends, and church who I love and cherish in ways that words cannot express. Grateful to be alive and living in a place where I feel safe and protected – a country where I have rights, privileges, and freedom. And grateful to shepherd this wonderful congregation of God's people who are faithful, generous, kind, and abiding in the love of Christ. Thanks be to God for each and every one of you! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

There have been many joys for me these past few months and so many people that I need to thank. In August, we held another successful VBS for 19 children where we played lots of games and learned how following Jesus changes everything! A huge thank you to Gabrielle Barry for serving once again as co-director, and to our awesome church secretary, Andrea Sommella, for all her help in preparing lessons, ordering supplies, and so much more. I also want to thank everyone who volunteered as group and station leaders during the week, and those who donated money, supplies, and/or helped decorate. As I always say, VBS is truly a group effort, and without your immense support, we would not be able to offer this very important ministry to the young people in our community.

Speaking of ministry, August also marked the 10 year anniversary of my ordination and the start of my call here in Lynbrook. The celebration that we held at the Plattduetsche was really special for me and my family, and I'm so glad that they were able to join us that weekend. I want to thank the Feltkamp family, Susan Masciello, and Joan Pirrone for all the hard work they did to organize this event. I also want to thank Katie Forte, Doug Palmer, and Wendy Wolber who each gave great speeches and reminded me what a blessing this past decade has been and how very lucky I am to be your pastor! God is good! Many of you also contributed to my gift, which was incredibly generous and appreciated more than you know. Thank you!!! Finally, I hope you'll join me in thanking our Synodical Bishop, the Rev. Paul Egensteiner for being with us and preaching at our worship service on Sunday, August 27. What a terrific sermon he gave too! Hearing our Bishop affirm and lift up all that God has done through our ministry together brought me to tears, and it definitely reignited my excitement and optimism about the future here at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church!

I also hope you'll echo my thanks and gratitude to our Harvest Festival committee led by Mary Ann Dodd and Anita Marco! Even despite the weather forcing us to postpone to Sunday, we still managed to have a great festival and ended up raising more than twice the amount from the year before! Wow! Like VBS, the Harvest Festival requires a lot of planning and many dedicated volunteers, so thank you to everyone who helped in any way! Many hands make God's work!

There is much to look forward to as we journey through this autumn season and much to be grateful for: baptisms and first communions, the return of Sunday School, choir, and confirmation classes, more new members who will be joining our church family, Thanksgiving and spending time with loved ones. No, our lives may not be perfect (they aren't), and there are things happening in this world that we cannot make any sense of. However, faith is not believing that God will cause everything to work out the way we want. Faith is trusting and praying that God's "will be done on earth as it is in heaven" – that even when things are bad and everything around us seems to be falling apart, we can still move forward knowing that we are God's beloved sheep and that "no one will snatch them out of my hand."

As Paul writes in the 4th chapter of his letter to the Philippians: "The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

Peace †

Pastor Alex

We are praying for ...

Donna Valenti
Stephen Suppa
Scott Masciello
Sherry Powell
The Carver Family
Colton Youdelman
Carmel Wright
Bill Gibbs
Tad Sheppard
Bernadette Harten
Mary Rebando
Ed Moglia
Joseph Mihalich
The Forbes Family
Shirley Plows
Maureen Luther
Gail
Margaret Tomasulo
Family of Arnold Gercken

Vito Richetti
Bud Ellis
Marina
May
Salvatore
Lisa
Charles
Edith
Rocco
Jacquie Maidel
Brad Pantall
Barbara Monteleone
Victoria Murillo
Hank Lenz
Steve Lombardi
Joan Puleo
Liore
Christian
Susan Rossi

Anthony Posimato
Benjamin Lomot
Bradley Shelton
Merri Becker
Ed Kass
Anne Sheppard
Bob Dickie
Marion Gralfs
Edith
Adrienne Cates
Andrew
Keith Goldstein
Our Homebound
Our Military
Healthcare Workers
First Responders
Those we pray for
silently or aloud

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 599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com. **The names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks only. You can renew your request after the 3 weeks.**



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.

A Donation has been made in honor of:

Bruce & Karen Feltkamp's Wedding Anniversary

by Grace West



Rehearsals will be held on

Thursdays at 7:30 pm!

If you are interested, please speak with our choir director,
Judy Markson. All are welcome!



We will be collecting coats and jackets for those
in need now 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.

Dear Members of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church,
The Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee would like to thank everyone who supports the Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund. Barbara Semmig was a member of St. John Lutheran Church who loved working with the youth. In honor and in memory of her outstanding work with the youth, the Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund was founded in 1995.

We are most grateful for your support of the Cake sale and the Free Will Offering at the Bar-B-Q this year, and all who contribute during the year. A big shout out to all who bake delicious deserts and yummy dishes for all to eat. Your support allows us to continue the tradition of awarding scholarships for deserving seniors of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church. Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

The Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee

Pastor Alex, Cora Sarver, Allison Koehler, Joan Pirrone, and Bruce Feltkamp





I wish to thank you all for the beautiful orchid! I miss you all but with all your prayers and God's help I hope to see you in good time!

Love, Anne Sheppard

Ps pray I don't kill this beautiful plant!

Lol!



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 \$505. We couldn't have done it without you. Also, a big thank you to committee members -- Carol Clemente, Judy Posimato and Tom Wink. You are the best!

Charlene Comastri



Greetings,

We want to thank everyone for their incredible efforts in making our Harvest Festival a huge success! We are extremely grateful to each of you for all your efforts in planning, organizing and executing every part of the event.

Thank you to all of our sponsors: Dotty Criscuolo, Mary Ann Dodd, Anita and Tony Marco, Dot and Vito Richetti, and Ed Renne of UNEEDITALL Handyman Services, as well as all those who volunteered and helped out at the event. The Harvest Festival was a grand success because of ALL of you!

Blessings to All,
Anita & Mary Ann

MANY THANKS TO OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL RAFFLE BASKET DONORS

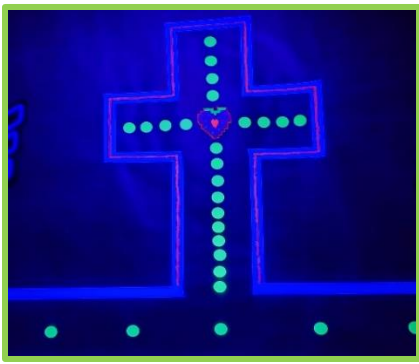
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Charlene Comastri
Sue Ellen Coyle
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Danielle Dixon
Mary Ann Dodd
Lorraine Marx Epstein
Peggy Friel



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Joseph Piccolo
Margaret Plows
Alyssa Rodriguez
Cora Sarver
Mary Sullivan & Music Together
Wendy Wolber

Pastor Alex's 10th Anniversary!





The 43rd Annual Harvest Festival



Pet Blessing Service!



God's Work. Our Hands. Day of Service

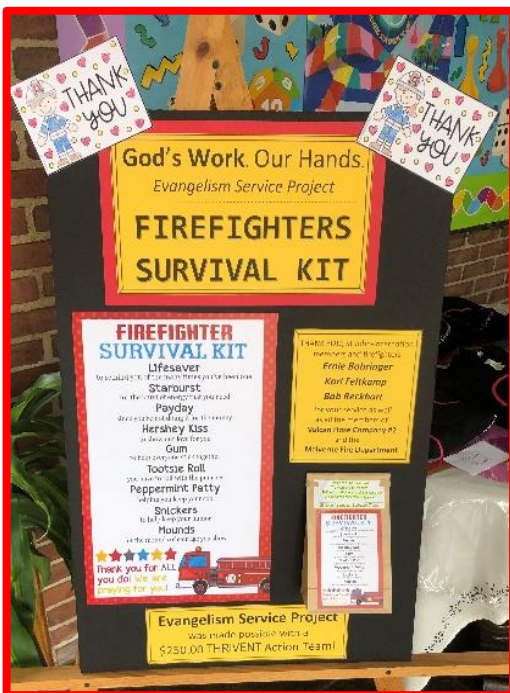


We celebrate the
courage and
effort of our
firemen who act
as heroes in our
lives.

We are grateful
to you for keeping
us safe.

THANK YOU for
all you do and the
sacrifices you
make to protect
us.

God Bless You!





THANKSGIVING Food Baskets

Beginning Monday, October 23,

The New **LIFE** Centre will be handing out our special Thanksgiving Gift Bags. In addition to their regular monthly food allotment, clients receive extras for the holiday. And depending on the size of the family, that would also include a **Turkey or Roaster Chicken**. This annual tradition runs right up until Thanksgiving week, but delivering those items now would be most appreciated.

*Instant Mashed Potatoes / Yams
Ground or Instant Coffee / Tea Bags
Cookies and Hot Chocolate
Pancake Mix / Syrup / Cereal / Oatmeal
Pasta and Sauce / Mac and Cheese
Canned Vegetables
Flour and Sugar
Peanut Butter and Jelly
Supermarket gift cards are also appreciated*

*Fruit Cocktail / Canned Fruit
Cake Mixes and Frosting / Brownie Mix
Napkins
Corn Muffins
White Rice / Canned Beans
Canned (chicken, fish)
Parmalat Milk
Jello and Pudding
Juice*

TURKEY / HAM / CHICKEN



In addition to the Thanksgiving Basket, The New LIFE Center is in immediate need of the following items for their pantry!

TOP 10 New LIFE Center Food Items Needed in Order of Importance - As of October 18, 2023.

- 1) Pancake COMPLETE Mix and Syrup
- 2) Spaghetti (ANY KIND). We have lots of other pasta right now, but spaghetti is still the #1 choice.
- 3) Peanut Butter and Jelly (Any flavor)
- 4) Canned Fruit (especially Pineapple, Mandarin Orange, Fruit Cocktail and Applesauce)
- 5) Canned Mixed Vegetables, Green Beans or Peas & Carrots combo
- 6) Dried Beans - Black, White and Red. We have lots of canned beans, but dried bags are preferred.
- 7) Canned Meat (especially Chicken or Salmon)
- 8) Chicken Noodle Soup (Any variety or size)
- 9) Pasta Sauce (especially MEAT or VEGETABLE flavors)
- 10) Mac 'n Cheese

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church is sponsoring
a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA
on Saturday, 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: \$185 per adult; \$124 per child 3-12 payable upon making reservation.
Tickets are limited to 50

Questions, please contact Janet Pescatore 516-581-1221

The Holidays are coming!

Gift cards make perfect gifts! And you help SJILC!

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Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

Easily raise \$1,000 or more every year



You buy a gift card

You get the full value.



The brand gives back

No extra money comes
out of your pocket.



Our organization earns

Impacting what
matters most to you.

Our enrollment code is **13FLFD8683371. Please use this code when you first enroll and do not share on social media. Contact Janet Pescatore at 516-581-1221 or mrsp061601@gmail.com with any questions.*

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)
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