

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Regular Worship Services

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

(No 8:30 Service on Jan. 22)

Sunday School (K-Grade 6)

Jan. 8 & 29 (No class on 1/15 & 1/22)

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, January 22 after the 10 AM worship



Calendar of Events for January 2012 ~



- Sunday, Jan. 8 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM
Sunday School, 10 AM – Woman at the Well;
 Bring White Christmas Gifts to Worship
Visitation and Memorial Service for Eda Meurer, 2-4 PM
 Thomas Glynn Funeral Home, Lincoln Ave, RVC
- Tuesday, Jan. 10 Council, 8 PM
- Wednesday, Jan. 11 Confirmation, 7:30 PM
Choir, 7:30 PM
- Sunday, Jan. 15 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM
No Sunday School (MLK, Jr. Day Weekend)
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 WELCA, 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, Jan. 18 Confirmation, 7:30 PM
Choir, 7:30 PM
- Sunday, Jan. 22 Worship, 10 AM (**No 8:30 AM Worship!**)
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING,
 following worship; all voting members encouraged to attend
No Sunday School
- Tuesday, Jan. 24 Evangelism and Social Ministry, 7:30 PM
- Wednesday, Jan. 25 Confirmation, 7:30 PM
Choir, 7:30 PM
- Thursday, Jan. 26 100th Anniversary Committee Meeting, 9 AM
- Friday, Jan. 27 Youth Group Lock-in
- Sunday, Jan. 29 Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM
Sunday School, 10 AM – Woman at the Well

Looking ahead to February...

- Friday, Feb. 3 – **Annual Adult Retreat** at Graymoor
- Sunday, Feb. 5 Topic: “Unraveling the Riddles of Revelation”
- Sunday, Feb. 19 **Transfiguration of our Lord Sunday**
 (= Fastnacht Sunday coffee hour after worship)
- Wednesday, Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday, Worship at 12 N & 7:30 PM



Don't Be Bashful...
JOIN US!

Pastor's Reflection~

If you've ever listened to a pre-schooler tell a story, you may have noticed that the action moves quickly from one idea to the next. "And then," the child says, "...and then... and then..." They barely stop to catch their breath in their desire to tell you the whole sequence of events so that you can share in the story.

The gospel of Mark always reminds me of that. This is Mark's year in the lectionary cycle. (The lectionary is the 3-year schedule of readings that many denominations, including Lutherans, follow for the readings on a given Sunday morning in church. Matthew and Luke get their own years, and John gets interspersed in those years, especially in Mark's year.) Mark is the shortest and earliest gospel; Matthew and Luke borrowed heavily from his writing. He doesn't have the most sophisticated writing style. The English translation cleans it up a bit, but in the Greek, Mark often makes abrupt transitions between scenes, with a simple "and" or "immediately" serving to tell the reader that we're moving on, no time to waste!

In the next several weeks in worship, we will have the chance to get a taste of Mark's story-telling by reading nearly all of chapter one over successive weeks. I love when we get to do that instead of skipping around from chapter to chapter! If you get a chance to come to worship each week (highly encouraged, by the way!), you may notice that Mark doesn't waste any time; he dives right in! He starts with John the Baptizer appearing in the wilderness, followed by Jesus coming to be baptized and then immediately driven out into the wilderness to be tempted (we won't get that story until Lent though). And then, Jesus just jumps headlong into ministry, "proclaiming the good news of God." He declares that the kingdom of God has come near and then proceeds in word and deed to show those he encounters what that looks like. He calls disciples to follow him, he casts out an unclean spirit, he heals many at Simon Peter's home. He travels the neighboring towns, preaching and teaching, and cleanses a leper – and that's just in chapter one! The action goes on from there, and Jesus' fame grows along the way.

What I love about the gospel of Mark is the underlying sense of urgency that his writing style conveys. He's so concerned about getting the story out that he doesn't seem to worry much about style or grammar or any of those things. He wants everyone to know what he knows about Jesus as soon as possible, and nothing will get in his way!

We could learn something from Mark. So often we hold back in sharing our experiences of Jesus because we are afraid we won't know what to say or how to say it in a way that will help others understand what we're talking about. Imagine what might happen if we had that same sense of excitement and urgency about how God has been at work in our lives and in the world around us! Imagine what it would be like if we didn't let our fear or anxiety about sounding smart or knowledgeable stand in the way of simply telling our stories. People need to know the good news of God's love for them and for all of creation. People need to know that there is place for them in God's kingdom, even with their doubts and questions and uncertainty about what it all means. People need to know – and we have the stories to share! Let's make 2012 the year we start talking!

Sharing the story with you,

Pv. Becky

Youth group news

Sunday School News

Our “**Giving Tree**” project was again a huge success due to the incredible generosity of our congregation. Every gift tag was taken from the tree and all gifts were returned and delivered to New Life in mid-December.

Thank you all so much for your donations!!

We’d also like to thank **Jill Pace** for taking the time to help us wrap all the gifts; it was so appreciated.

Friday night, January 27th is our annual lock-in. Save the date! More info will follow



***Thank You for Your
Support***

Thank you to Pastor and the eight members of St. John's who supported the recent scholarship blood drive we had. A special thank you goes out to Dotty Criscuolo for all of her help during the event. Overall, a total of 20 pints was collected.

Unfortunately, we fell far short of our first drive a couple of years ago. On a brighter note, one of the first people to arrive was someone from Lynbrook who saw the information on our new sign!! He said he thought he missed it, but was driving past the church and saw it on the sign. That is a wonderful indication that our sign is being noticed by the community.

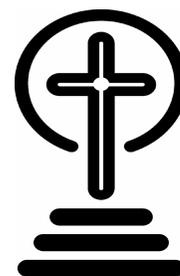
Wishing everyone a happy and healthy New Year!

Stephanie Carlstrom
Kimberly Carlstrom
Co-Chair

Continuing with our “water”-themed Bible stories, Sunday school will be learning about the story of the Woman at the Well from John 4 this month. Class will be held on January 8 & 29. There will be no class on January 15 (MLK, Jr. Day weekend) and January 22 (Annual Congregational Meeting).

On January 8, the Sunday School will bring their White Christmas Gifts in to worship and leave them at the crèche (nativity scene) near the altar. These gifts are to help babies in need – typically blankets or clothing – and will be donated to the Layette Program of the New LIFE Center in Uniondale (the same agency whose food bank St. John's supports). If you haven't already done so, please wrap your child's gift in white tissue paper and bring them in on January 8!

Has your child earned his or her Wall of Fame medal yet? All they have to do is learn the Ten Commandments, the Apostles' Creed, and the Lord's Prayer by heart and recite it to a Sunday School teacher. It's a great way for them to learn these basics of the Christian faith – and it gives them a jump start on Confirmation too! Copies are available for you to help your child practice and memorize them. Once they do, they'll get a medal and their picture taken to be hung on the bulletin board in the Knotty Pine room in recognition of their hard work!



A Special Christmas Thank you

Thank you for the lovely evening brought to us from the St. John's Carolers.
We also wish to say thank you for the Gingerbread House.

Sincerely,
Nan and Bill Moser



Thank you for your Christmas Flower Donations

Janet Arena	in Memory of my Family Members
Carol Clemente	in Memory of Betty and Bill Geier
Dotty Criscuolo	in Memory of Sal Criscuolo and Dorothy and Julius Roll
The Dake Family	in Memory of Jean Rienecker
Bill Davison	in Memory of Regina Davison
Lori Diamond	in Memory of Jean Rienecker
The Fernež Family	in Memory of Mildred and Horace DuBose & Helen Fernež
The Hanson Family	in Memory of Roby McGee
Paul & Christel Hild	in Memory of all our Loved Ones
The Lindman Family	in Memory of John and Lillian Lindman
The Lipitz Family	in Memory of all our Loved Ones
Ed and Arlene Moglia	in Memory of our Loved Ones
Joan Pirrone	in Memory of Dot and Allen Jimmerson
Judy and Anthony Posimato	in Memory of John Kortlang, Amy Kortlang, Katie & Tony Posimato.
Judy and Anthony Posimato	in Honor of Doris Kortlang and Karen & Anthony Posimato
Lawrence Rienecker	in Memory of Jean Rienecker
Don Roth and Family	in Memory of Dot and Henry Roth, Bob Weber and Loved Ones
Cora Sarver	in Memory of Loved Ones
Blanche & Chris Shelton	in Honor of our grandchildren: Maxine, Marysia, Ryan and Liam
Gerda Weber	in Memory of Bob Weber
Gerda Weber	in Honor of my family
Emma VanHouten	in Memory of John's parents and Jeanie's parents

Annual Adult Retreat

"Unraveling the Riddles of Revelation"

If you've ever wondered how we are supposed to understand the book of Revelation (the last book of the Bible), you won't want to miss this retreat! Together we'll explore this "mysterious", often mid-understood book and come away with a better insight into what it's all about and how it applies to our lives as Christians living in the 21st century. Here are the details:

Where: Our Lady's Guest & Retreat House,
41 Old Highland Turnpike,
Graymoor, Garrison, NY 10524

When: 6 PM, Friday, Feb. 3 – Noon, Sunday,
Feb. 5

Cost: \$160/person – includes all meals from Friday dinner through Sunday lunch, lodging in private rooms with shared bathrooms (dorm-style), all retreat programming and materials, all in a beautiful setting away from the busy-ness of home.

Why: Because we all need some time away to reconnect with God, to relax and recharge in the company of friends (new & old), and to renew our spiritual lives!

All are welcome – invite a friend! Look for the sign-up on the bulletin board. Checks can be made out to "St. John's Lutheran Church" with "retreat" or "Graymoor" in the memo line.

See Pr. Becky with any questions.
Hope to see you there!



Annual Congregational Meeting **January 22, 2012** **After the 10 AM worship**

Attention all voting members of St. John's!

You are invited and encouraged to come to our annual meeting, after the 10 AM worship on January 22. It's your chance to hear about what St. John's is doing to carry out God's mission and ministry in our church, community, and beyond – you may learn something you've missed over the past year!

This meeting is your chance to ask questions, to share suggestions, and to be involved in the bigger picture of our congregation. In addition to sharing stories of what has happened in the past year, we'll be looking ahead to the coming year, choosing new council leaders, and voting on our annual budget. Snacks and drinks will be provided to hold you over until you get home for lunch. We look forward to your participation and input!



Pre-K Teachers and Nursery Attendants Wanted

St. John's has a growing number of babies, toddlers, and pre-K/K kids in our congregation, and we'd *love* to have both a nursery and a pre-K/K class available on Sunday mornings at 10 AM. To do that, we need some volunteer teachers and nursery attendants. Ideally we'd have a team of 2-3 teachers and multiple volunteers for the nursery so that there can be a rotating schedule. We'll provide training, supplies, and a curriculum (for the pre-school class). Please contact Pr. Becky (prbeckyfeters@gmail.com; 516.599.0778 [o] or 516.547.8392 [c]) if you are interested in serving God by loving, caring for, and teaching our youngest disciples.



Finance Committee End of Year Statements 2011

The End -of-Year Statements of Giving for 2011 are located in the Narthex of the church. Please pick up your statement to help us save on stamps for mailing. If you find any discrepancies on your statement, please contact our financial recording secretary Joan Pirrone at (516) 593-4922 or email Japirrone@aol.com with End-of-Year Statement written in the subject area.

If you haven't already picked up your 2012 envelopes they are also located in the Narthex. Thank you for your continued support of the church through your faithful and generous contributions.

The Stewardship and Finance Committee



Video/Photo Presentation "Creator" Wanted

The 100th Anniversary Committee is (*still*) looking for someone who has gifts and knowledge to work with a computer and digital media to help put together some presentations for various upcoming events. If you know your way around a computer and PowerPoint (or other program we don't know about!), and would be willing to work "behind the scenes" to help create some fun, interesting displays, OR if you know of someone with these skills, please let Pr. Becky, Joan Pirrone, or Dotty Criscuolo know



Photos & Digital Videos Wanted

We'd love to borrow or have your pictures and digital videos from various St. John's events. They could be photos of big historical moments or of more everyday events. We'd love pictures and videos of people in action – because people (not the building) are the church! We'd prefer a digital format, but can take your print photographs and scan them. We cannot use video tapes, however. Please go through your pictures of church events and see what you have, and then loan a few to us – you can bring them to the church office during the week or drop them off on Sunday. Make sure to label them so we can return them to their proper owners when we're done. Thanks!

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MEMORABLE MOMENTS

In year 2000, St. John's installed our first female Pastor, Reverend Christine Bohr. She celebrated her 25th year of Ordination in 2004 and married Reverend Dr. H. George Anderson, former Bishop of the ELCA in St. John's in 2005.

Retired Bishop H. George Anderson celebrated the 50th year of his Ordination in 2006.
Pastor Christine Anderson retired in 2006.

Through the years St. John's has given back to our community and the world by donating to:

- ▲ Fund for Leaders in Mission (ELCA)
- ▲ The INN (Interfaith Nutrition Network)
- ▲ ELCA World Hunger
- ▲ Christmas Adopt-a-Family Program (Lutheran Soc. Services of NY - LSSNY)
- ▲ Seafarers & International House
- ▲ Tsunami, Hurricane, Flooding Relief (Lutheran Disaster Response)
- ▲ New LIFE Center (LSSNY)
- ▲ St. John's by the Sea Lutheran Church
- ▲ Lynbrook Fire Department
- ▲ Lynbrook Fly with the Owls
- ▲ National Amputation Foundation
- ▲ Holly Patterson Nursing Facility
- ▲ My Sister's Place
- ▲ Lynbrook Cares
- ▲ Local Families in Need

**Fond Memories from
a Former Member**

Congratulations on the 100th Anniversary of St. John's! I was an active member of the congregation for many years. My name is Florence Ward Williams, and I started attending St. John's, with my two brothers, as a child. We all attended Sunday School and were confirmed there (I was in 1940 and my brothers were before me). My brother Richard and I both sang in the Junior Choir and then the Senior Choir and we all belonged to the Luther League when we were young. I was married in the Little Church in 1948 to Ralph Williams, who also became a member there. (He had been an Episcopalian.) We had 4 children; all who were baptized in St. John's, went to Sunday School and were confirmed there. At that time there was a Boy Scout Troop there (possibly troop 234, but I am not sure) that all three of my sons were in and my husband served as Scoutmaster, and I was President of the Mothers Club. My oldest son, Robert, served as an Acolyte at the 11 o'clock service for a few years. On June 1, 1980 my daughter Susan was married in St. John's to Thomas Borys and she moved to Florida and in 1983 Ralph retired and we left Lynbrook and St. John's Church for Florida.

When we moved to Stuart, Florida, Ralph and I attended several different churches until we found a new church that was forming in Palm City, Florida. We were one of the first few members and we became very active there and helped to form the new congregation as charter members of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palm City. We remained active members until my husband became ill and he is now buried in the Immanuel Church garden. I have moved to Saint Johns, Florida to a little cottage next to my daughter and her family where I am living independently with my two dogs. I attend church here with them, but I have maintained my membership in Immanuel, which has become a very active church in Palm City.

I am enclosing a check in honor of the 100th Anniversary of St. John's and wish that I could be there to deliver it personally. I have many wonderful memories of St. John's, its Pastors and many friends that I had there and I hope that someday I may be able to visit and worship there again.

Again, Congratulations,
Florence Ward Williams

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 2012

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
1/15	8:30 AM	Victoria Dunn	8:30 AM	Roger Vargas	8:30 AM	Roger Vargas
	10:00 AM	Carrie Feltkamp	10:00 AM	Bruce Feltkamp	10:00 AM	Karen Feltkamp
	Crucifer	Nils DeStefano				
1/22 Annual Mtg.	10:00 AM	Ryan Milano	10:00 AM	Kim Carlstrom	10:00 AM	Joan Pirrone
	Crucifer	Kyle O'Connor				
1/29	8:30 AM	Lily Mata	8:30 AM	Andrew Dunn	8:30 AM	Gerda Weber
	10:00 AM	Erin Milano	10:00 AM	Ryan Dusenbury	10:00 AM	Christopher Powell
	Crucifer	Ryan Milano				

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 2012

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
2/5	8:30 AM	Emma Lenz	8:30 AM	Dorothy Richetti	8:30 AM	Andrew Dunn
Retreat	10:00 AM	Ashley Gavin	10:00 AM	Kim Barbaro	10:00 AM	Hank Lenz
2/12	8:30 AM	Christian Gianokos	8:30 AM	Jason Lipitz	8:30 AM	Bill Benson
	10:00 AM	Kyle O'Connor	10:00 AM	Claire Lenz	10:00 AM	Claire Lenz
	Crucifer	Jason Pace				
2/19	8:30 AM	Grace Mata	8:30 AM	Joan Pirrone	8:30 AM	Carol Larsen
	10:00 AM	Sebastian Percy	10:00 AM	Karen Feltkamp	10:00 AM	Karen Feltkamp
	Crucifer	David Powell				
2/22	12:00 Noon	Dorothy Criscuolo		Dorothy Criscuolo		Walter Wright
Ash Wednesday	7:30 PM	Jennifer Dalton		Bob Koehler		Joan Pirrone
2/26	8:30 AM	Jessica Gonzalez	8:30 AM	Janet Pescatore	8:30 AM	Arnelle Blinderman
Lent 1	10:00 AM	Danielle Dake	10:00 AM	Bill Lindman	10:00 AM	Janet Pescatore

