

ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

**September
2014**

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Services

9:30 AM

Sunday School Grades K-6

9:30 AM

Sunday Nursery Program

9:30 AM

Calendar of Events for September 2014 ~

Sunday, September 14	Worship 9:30 AM Worship & Music Meeting after service Sunday Nursery Program 9:30 AM
Sunday, September 21	Worship 9:30 AM WELCA Meeting after service Sunday Nursery Program 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Harvest Festival Bric A Brac Pre-sale after service
Sunday, September 28	Worship 9:30 AM Sunday Nursery Program 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Harvest Festival Bric -A - Brac Pre-sale after service

Looking forward to October.....

Friday, October 3	Girl Scouts and Brownie meetings begin
Sunday, October 5	Worship 9:30 AM Sunday Nursery Program 9:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM Harvest Festival 11:00 – 3:00

If anyone is interested in becoming an Assisting Minister, a Lector or Usher for our worship services, please speak with Pastor Alex. He will be happy to show you what the responsibilities are for each position.

SERVERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	USHERS
9/14	9:30AM	Erin Milano	Dotty Criscuolo	Gerda Weber	Vito & Dotty Richetti
9/21	9:30AM	Kyle O'Connor	Kim Carlstrom	Hank Lenz	Lori & Dennis Fernež
9/28	9:30AM	Victoria Dunn	Debby Lindman	Claire Lenz	Bill Benson Bill Davison

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator:

The Church Office: Assisting Ministers 599-0778

Jill Pace: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers- 599-8896

Claire Lenz: Lectors - 872-2063

Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers 599-227

*St. John's Council,
I'd like to thank you all for your
thoughts, prayers, visits, cards
and contributions to St. John's.
Bob loved all of you and was
always ready to serve God through
St. John's wherever he could.
I would like to thank you for your
support.*

*Love,
Allison*

*To the Members of St. John's
Lutheran Church,
We Thank: Don & Cora Sarver,
Carol Clemente
Joan Pirrone
for making a special gift to the air
conditioner fund in Andy Johnson's
name. That was thoughtful and
generous of you.
Also, thanks to: Paul & Christel Hild
Don & Cora Sarver
for making a special gift to the
Church in Andy's name. It was
greatly appreciated. Everyone at St.
John's is so wonderful.
Thank you,
Love, The Johnson Family*

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

Bob Koehler

By

Paul & Christel Hild
Lori and Dennis Fernež

The Masciello Family

Paula Williams

WELCA

Kim Carlstrom

Mr. & Mrs. Loren Dawes

Ruth & Stanley Williamson

Marjorie Gorr



Andrew Johnson

by

Paul & Christel Hild

Air Conditioner Fund Update

We now have a grand total of \$4,627.00 toward the \$35,000.00 goal for the air conditioner fund. Your donations In Honor of and In Memory of dear friends, plus funds that have been matched by a very generous person who still will match dollar-for-dollar all funds received, has made this possible. Thank you!

The Finance and Property committee will be meeting soon to finalize the decision of the design and contractor that will be doing the work.

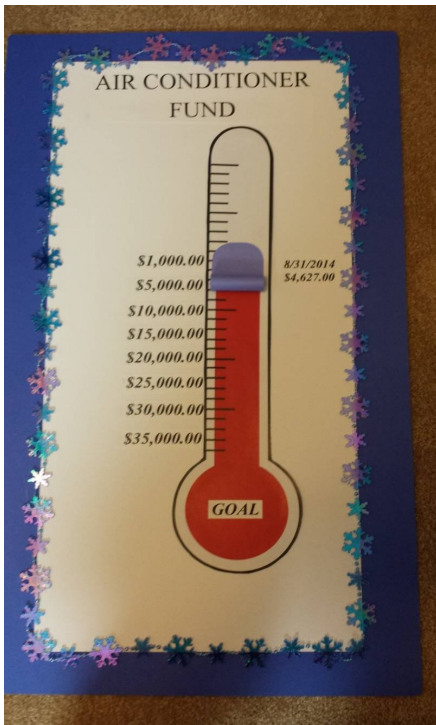
We wish to acknowledge and thank you for the following donations to this fund.

IN HONOR OF

Flower Power Fund Raiser by Janet Pescatore
The Baptism of Giovanni Allen Pirrone Dueñas by Anthony & Joan Pirrone
The Baptism of Giovanni Allen Pirrone Dueñas by Kathy & Joseph Pirrone
My Godson Bruce Feltkamp and his family by Grace West

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Merle Williams by Ruth & Stanley Williamson
Merle Williams by Bob Kaempf
Merle Williams by Joan Pirrone
Mark Oelschlager by Joan Pirrone
Merle Williams by Becky H. Peters of Sizemore & Sizemore Inc.
Merle Williams by Charlene Comastri
Merle Williams by Fran & Roger Coleman
Merle Williams by Dotty Criscuolo
Russell Oelschlager by Joan Pirrone
Russell Oelschlager by Carol Clemente
Merle Williams by Steven G. Burak
Merle Williams by WELCA
Robert Koehler by Pauline Feltkamp
Robert Koehler by Carol Clemente
Edward Andrew Johnson by Carol Clemente
Robert Koehler by Dotty Criscuolo
Robert Koehler by The Evangelism Committee
Robert Koehler by Karen & Bruce Feltkamp
Robert Koehler by Joan Pirrone
Edward Andrew Johnson by Joan Pirrone
Robert Koehler by Gerda Weber
Robert Koehler by Don & Cora Sarver
Edward Andrew Johnson by Don & Cora Sarver
Robert Koehler by Annette & Bill Benson
Merle Williams by Ed & Arlene Moglia
Robert Koehler by Heidi Scalza
Robert Koehler by Richard Ludington
Robert Koehler by Dave & Judy Opatow
Salvatore Criscuolo by Dorothy Criscuolo
Loved Ones by Don Roth
Robert Koehler by Andrea Sommella
James S. Hausle by Eileen Lauber Hausle
Merle Williams by Norman & Karen Irving
Loved Ones by The Richetti Family
Loved Ones by Cora & Don Sarver



Please check the bulletin board in the narthex across from the coat rack to see our progress. It is our hope and prayer that you will consider making a donation to this fund. Enclosed is a form that can be used for this purpose.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Finance and Stewardship Committee

Help Us Reach Our Goal!

St. John's Lutheran Church Air Conditioner Fund

Name _____

Amount _____

Envelope # _____

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

Please mail your contribution to:

St. John's Lutheran Church Air Conditioner Fund

13 Blake Ave.

Lynbrook, NY 11563

Or, please drop it in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!

From The Desk of Pastor Alex~

During the week of August 18 – 22, we held our first Vacation Bible School program here at St. John's. It was a bold endeavor for our congregation. Not only were we trying something new, but we also had no idea what to expect going in! How many kids would participate? Did we choose the right week and time of day for such an event? Would this be something that kids would truly enjoy? And more importantly, would it help them grow in faith and love toward God and neighbor?

With all these questions and uncertainties, I'll be honest – I was worried (the article in this week's Herald doesn't convey that but trust me, I was!). I mean let's face it, if this new ministry failed it would probably be very difficult to try again. So when we only had six kids registered with just a week to go before the start, my hopes for a successful VBS were very much in doubt as you can imagine.

But then something amazing happened... something that you and I have seen before and will surely see again: the Spirit doing its wondrous work! When it was all said and done, a total of **20 kids** joined us on a Jungle Safari where they explored the nature of God through scripture, songs, crafts, games, and even food! Many of them also joined us for worship on that following Sunday, which gave me great joy. Praise and thanks be to God!!! That's all I can say.

Of course, none of this would have been possible though without your help and support. As we say in the ELCA, "God's work. Our hands." Thank you to everyone who donated money & items for the program, as well as those of you who helped decorate the church. I also want to personally thank the following people for their time and help in leading our VBS program: Amanda Barbaro, Sue Ellen Coyle, Pauline Feltkamp, Anna Lenz, Claire Lenz, Emma Lenz, Katie Lenz, Ursula Lipitz, Jill Pace, Janet Pescatore, Joan Pirrone, Heidi Scalza, and our wonderful church secretary, Andrea Sommella.

Our VBS was a fun and fruitful week filled with learning, love, and fellowship. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. Sunday School will be starting again in just a few weeks and I want to encourage all of us to spread the word! Invite a family to come along with you to church. Offer to help teach a lesson one Sunday. We have three awesome teachers who are happy to share this important ministry with others.

May we continue to dedicate ourselves to Christian Education here at St. John's as we share God's love with our community and beyond.

Blessings,

Pastor Alex

Pastor Alex





ST. JOHN'S VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MEMORIES



**Singing and dancing to
some cool Bible school
songs!**





**Learning Bible stories
with Pastor Alex and
Anna Lenz!**



**The Nursery kids make Bible Story crafts
with Katie Lenz and Amanda Barbaro!**





Playing games with a Jungle Safari theme!



And of course there were plenty of Bible story snacks!





If your child (ren) will be attending Sunday School this year, please contact the office so that we can plan accordingly.

Sunday School begins September 21st.

Seeking New Choir Members



The St. John's choir is looking for new members. All are welcome, male & female; young adult & "senior"; soprano, alto, tenor, or bass is welcome. Choir rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM. Rehearsals will be starting in mid September. Please add your gift to ours and join us as a member of the St. John's Choir. If you are interested please contact Allison Koehler, choir director at 516-678 -6623. We hope to hear from you!



BRIC-A-BRAC ~ HARVEST FESTIVAL 2014

Bric A Brac News....Please no more books and no clothing. Thank you to those who have already delivered their "treasures". Please keep them coming. Put them on the stage for us and we will be sorting and getting ready for our Pre-Sale Sundays on September 21st and 28th. If you have something "BIG" please bring it on the Harvest Festival Day. Thank you to all our workers, we really appreciate the extra hands.

Diane Dake ~ 516-599-2705 Sue Masciello ~ 516-599-1956

A Quick Glimpse at Our Finances...

At our Council meeting this past Tuesday night, we took some time to review our church budget and where we stand financially now that summer is coming to an end.

As the Treasurer's report for August shows, we're currently running a deficit of \$8,923.78 (bottom line, page 2). While this is not a good number, it's important to remember that we are working with a budget this year that has a projected deficit of well over \$20,000.

Now we're not sharing this information to scold and stir up guilt. In fact, you will notice that we did really well with our giving during the month of August. Between offerings and the donations made to the St. John's Fund, we received a total of \$7,139.25 (line #10) last month and that is to be commended! No, we simply share these numbers with you because it's the reality of our church, and it's important that we maintain a level of honesty and transparency with everything that we do as a congregation here at St. John's. Just something to think about as we look forward in our ministry.

Thank you so much for your faithful giving to our church. We are very grateful for your generosity and kindness.

TREASURER'S REPORT
AUGUST 2014

Closing Balance: 5,493.44

		2013 Annual	YEAR TO DATE	THIS MONTH
INCOME				
GENERAL INCOME				
1	Offering - General 100	89,000.00	53,692.75	6,978.25
2	Offering - Holiday 110	5,500.00	3,429.00	0.00
3	Offering - Loose 120	2,500.00	999.00	41.00
4	St. John's Fund Total: 6,127.44 130	0.00	4,280.00	100.00
5	Reimbursement & Refunds 141	0.00	0.00	0.00
6	GoodSearch & Girl Scouts & Ink 142	100.00	6.25	0.00
7	Thrivent Choice Dollars 160	300.00	0.00	0.00
8	Messenger Postage 165	0.00	20.00	20.00
9	Harvest Festival 170	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
10	General Income Sub-Total	98,900.00	62,427.00	7,139.25
TRANSFER INCOME - DEFICIT				
11	DEFICIT - Endowment Principle Income 175	24,991.00	3,000.00	0.00
12	Deficit Income Sub-Total	24,991.00	3,000.00	0.00
EXCHANGE INCOME				
13	Offering - Benevolence 180	9,500.00	5,595.50	698.00
14	Initial Offering 181		315.00	0.00
15	Confirmation 182		27.00	0.00
16	Harvest Festival 184		100.00	0.00
17	Altar Flowers & Gifts 185		1,006.00	75.00
18	Music Fund 186		0.00	0.00
19	Synod Conferences 187		680.00	0.00
20	Reimbursement & Refunds 188		752.00	228.00
21	Memorial Fund 189		0.00	0.00
22	World Hunger 190		1.00	0.00
23	Website 192		0.00	0.00
24	St. John's Fund - Designated 193		748.60	448.60
25	Air Conditioner Fund 194		4,627.00	3,144.50
26	Ricoh Copier Close Out 195		1,847.44	1,847.44
27	Exchange Income Sub-Total	9,500.00	15,699.54	6,441.54
28	TOTAL INCOME	133,391.00	81,126.54	13,580.79
EXPENSES				
MINISTRY				
29	Pastor's Salary 200	38,850.00	24,281.25	1,618.75
30	Supply Pastors 205		185.00	0.00
31	Pastor Jeff Laustsen 206		0.00	0.00
32	Social Security 210	2,500.00	1,950.72	243.84
33	Equity Allowance 220	3,000.00	0.00	0.00
34	Continuing Education 230	750.00	0.00	0.00
35	Mileage Allowance 240	600.00	548.29	0.00
36	Health Insurance 250	7,400.00	3,183.06	392.87
37	Disability 260	306.00	0.00	0.00
38	Pension 270	5,000.00	3,306.32	413.29
39	Periodicals 280	200.00	0.00	0.00
40	Survivor Benefit 290	400.00	264.48	33.06
41	401k 291	0.00	25.00	25.00
42	Ministry Sub-Total	59,006.00	33,744.12	2,726.81
ADMINISTRATION				
43	Secretary's Salary 300	5,075.00	3,555.86	422.92
44	Office Supplies, Printing 330	1,000.00	19.32	0.00
45	Postage, Publicity 340	600.00	98.00	0.00
46	Telephone & Internet 350	1,100.00	759.20	189.80
47	Payable NYS Taxes 370	0.00	(91.00)	(38.00)
48	Payable FIT Taxes 380	0.00	54.00	54.00
49	Payable SSN & Med Taxes 390	0.00	121.92	121.92
50	Administration Sub-Total	7,775.00	4,517.30	750.64
WORSHIP				
51	Organist 400	14,740.00	9,826.72	1,228.34
52	Organist's Social Security 401	1,000.00	751.76	93.97

53	Lead Singer & Choir Director	410	4,920.00	2,952.00	0.00
54	Organist Supply	420	400.00	765.00	150.00
55	Pulpit Supply	430	800.00	220.00	220.00
56	Music Supplies	440	0.00	33.00	0.00
57	Worship Supplies	450	600.00	161.83	0.00
58	Bulletins	460	600.00	424.45	62.92
59	Altar Flowers & Gifts	480	300.00	1,008.89	80.00
60	Offering Envelope Printing	490	100.00	239.73	0.00
61	Worship Sub-Total		23,460.00	16,383.38	1,835.23
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION					
62	Church Ed./ Sunday School	Expenses 500	700.00	628.38	123.87
63		VBS 501	700.00	(390.00)	(160.00)
64	Confirmation	520	50.00	45.00	0.00
65	Christian Education Sub-Total		1,450.00	283.38	(36.13)
MAINTENANCE & UTILITIES					
66	General Repairs	600	3,000.00	1,992.81	95.79
67		St. John's Fund 601		(448.60)	(448.60)
68	Cleaning Services	610	2,500.00	1,805.00	95.00
69	Utility Water	640	1,000.00	616.10	348.47
70	Utility Gas & Electric	650	14,000.00	8,662.06	837.18
71	Maintenance & Utilities Sub-Total		20,500.00	12,627.37	927.84
INSURANCE & SERVICE POLICIES					
72	Copier Service Policy	700	3,000.00	1,724.67	0.00
73		RICOH Close Out 701		(1,847.44)	(1,847.44)
74	Organ Service Policy	Expenses 710	600.00	0.00	0.00
75		St. John's Fund 711		(300.00)	0.00
76	Property - Liability, Theft & Fire Ins.	Expenses 720	8,000.00	3,916.50	0.00
77		St. John's Fund 721		0.00	0.00
78	Employee Disability Insurance	730	150.00	0.00	0.00
79	Workman's Compensation Insurance	740	600.00	301.50	0.00
80	Bank Fees	750	50.00	0.00	0.00
81	Insurance & Service Policies Sub-Total		12,400.00	3,795.23	(1,847.44)
82	GENERAL EXPENSE Sub-Total		124,591.00	71,350.78	4,356.95

EXCHANGE EXPENSES					
83	Benevolence				
84	Metropolitan New York Synod	800	8,400.00	0.00	0.00
85	Retiree Support	805	300.00	231.44	28.93
86	ELCA World Hunger Appeal	810	200.00	0.00	0.00
87	Office Discretionary Fund	820	400.00	0.00	0.00
88	Mission Partners - Conference	830	0.00	0.00	0.00
89	SW Nassau Conference Dues	840	100.00	0.00	0.00
90	Lynbrook Fire Department	850	100.00	100.00	100.00
91	Benevolence Sub-Total		9,500.00	331.44	128.93
92	Initial Offering	981		0.00	0.00
93	Confirmation	982		26.50	0.00
94	Harvest Festival	984		0.00	0.00
95	Altar Flowers & Gifts	985		0.00	0.00
96	Music Fund	986		0.00	0.00
97	Synod Conferences	987		1,020.00	0.00
98	Refunds	988		752.00	422.00
99	Memorial Fund	989		472.55	0.00
100	World Hunger	990		0.00	0.00
101	WebSite	992		83.79	0.00
102	St. John's Fund	993		748.60	448.60
103	Air Conditioner Fund	994		0.00	0.00
104	Ricoh Copier Close Out	995		1,847.44	1,847.44
105	Other Exchange Sub-Total		0.00	4,950.88	2,718.04
106	TOTAL EXPENSES		134,091.00	76,633.10	7,203.92

→ Running Deficit

8,923.78

Bruce Feltkamp
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES
AUGUST 2014

OPERATING FUND		
Balance, Beginning of Month	(883.43)	5,493.44
Receipts	13,580.79	
Expenses	(7,203.92)	
Sub Total	5,493.44	
Balance, Operating Fund		
ENDOWMENT FUND		
I Bonds - Purchased 08-18-03	29,488.00	79,124.67
Interest Posted	0.00	
I Bonds - 4.66% Purchased 03-15-04	28,736.00	
Interest Posted	0.00	
Treasury Sub Total	58,224.00	
Savings Beginning of Month	20,900.67	
Savings Interest		
Savings Withdrawals Deficit		
Savings Withdrawal for Benevolence Overage		
Savings Sub Total	20,900.67	
Balance, Endowment Fund		
MEMORIAL FUND		
Savings Beginning of Month	10,589.85	21,911.57
Savings Interest		
Savings Deposits		
Savings Withdrawals		
Savings Sub Total	10,589.85	
CD Beginning of Month	11,321.72	
CD Interest		
CD Deposits		
CD Withdrawals		
CD Sub Total	11,321.72	
Balance, Memorial Fund		
Parsonage Roof Fund		
Savings Beginning of Month	1,464.87	1,464.87
Savings Interest		
Savings Deposits - from Sign Fund		
Savings Deposits - from 100th Anniversary Fund		
Savings Withdrawals		
Balance, Roof Fund	1,464.87	
MUSIC FUND		
Savings Beginning of Month	1,967.09	1,967.09
Savings Interest		
Savings Deposits		
Savings Withdrawals		
Balance, Music Fund	1,967.09	
WebSite Fund		
Savings Beginning of Month	63.16	63.16
Savings Interest		
Savings Deposits		
Savings Withdrawals		
Balance, WebSite Fund	63.16	
PASTOR'S CONTINUING EDUCATION		
Savings Beginning of Month	25.00	25.00
Savings Interest		
Savings Deposits		
Savings Withdrawals		
Balance, Continuing Education	25.00	
TOTAL FUND BALANCES		110,049.80

Bruce Feltkamp
Treasurer

ARE WE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

Support "Matthew 25: Neighbors in Need" Grant Program

For all Lutheran Social Services/New LIFE Center donations received from **June 15** through **September 30, 2014**,



THRIVENT®
FINANCIAL FOUNDATION

will match those donations at 50 cents for each dollar up to a maximum of \$5,000.

A personalized star will be added to our display board for each gift received.

Please bring your donations to St. John's this Sunday, Sept. 14th!

If donating by check, please write

"New LIFE Center - Nassau" on the memo line.

Join us for worship as we accept this worthy challenge!

Each year, 12,000 Long Islanders rely on the center for food supplements and other essential needs.

Your donation will help to continue the services provided by this vital outreach ministry.



Lutheran Social Services / New LIFE Center

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Uniondale, NY 11553

Phone: (516) 483-3240

Hylkije Halili, Center Coordinator