

ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

June 2014

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Services

9:30 AM

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 7:30 PM

Thursdays at 10:30 AM

Calendar of Events for June 2014 ~

Sunday, June 8 Pentecost Sunday	Worship 9:30 AM Confirmation of Amanda Barbaro Worship and Music Meeting after worship
Tuesday, June 10	Council Meeting 8:00 PM
Wednesday, June 11	Girl Scout Event 4:45 PM
Thursday, June 12	Bible Study 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM
Sunday, June 15 Holy Trinity Sunday	Worship 9:30 AM New Member Induction Father's Day
Tuesday, June 17	WELCA Bar-B-Q at the Feltkamp Home 6:30 PM
Thursday, June 19	Bible Study 10:30 AM
Sunday, June 22	Worship 9:30 AM
Thursday, June 26	Bible Study 10:30 AM
Sunday, June 29	Worship 9:30 AM

Looking forward to July...

PICTURE DAYS, FOR A NEW MEMBER DIRECTORY
ST. JOHN'S OUTING TO SEE A LI DUCKS BASEBALL GAME
EVENING BIBLE STUDY

Looking forward to August.....

PRAYERS IN THE PARK – POT LUCK AND WORSHIP AT GREISS PARK
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SERVERS FOR JUNE 2014

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
6/1	9:30 AM	Elizabeth Hanson	9:30 AM	Kim Carlstrom	9:30 AM	Arlene Moglia
	Crucifer	Elizabeth Hanson				
6/8	9:30 AM	Kyle O'Connor	9:30 AM	Janet Pescatore	9:30 AM	Janet Pescatore
	Pentecost	Crucifer	Kyle O'Connor			
Confirmation	Torch Bearer	Ashley Gavin				
	Torch Bearer	Kaitlyn Gavin				
	Gospel Bearer	Ryan Milano				
6/15	9:30 AM	Jason Pace	9:30 AM	Dorothy Richetti	9:30 AM	Dorothy Richetti
	Trinity Sunday	Crucifer	Jason Pace			
6/22	9:30 AM	Emma Lenz	9:30 AM	Bruce Feltkamp	9:30 AM	Anna Lenz
6/29	9:30 AM	Christopher Dunn	9:30 AM	Karen Feltkamp	9:30 AM	Janet Pescatore

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

Assisting Ministers - Please call the church office (599-0778) while Bob is recuperating

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

Lectors - Claire Lenz (872-2063)



A Message from Pastor Alex ~

Last week Dotty Criscuolo, Joan Pirrone, and I attended the Synod Assembly for our congregation's synod - the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA. The Synod Assembly is an annual gathering of rostered leaders (i.e. pastors, deacons, etc.) and laity from the roughly 195 Lutheran congregations in the Metro NY area. I had been to the assembly two years ago when I was a Vicar at Christ Lutheran Church in East Northport, but this was my first as an ordained pastor and official rostered leader. The experience was both interesting and informative, and I want to thank all of you for allowing me the opportunity and privilege to attend this important event.

Among the many things that were covered during the three days of the assembly was the re-election of our synodical bishop, the Rev. Robert Alan Rimbo, as well as further conversation regarding our synod's ten-year strategic plan called, "*For such a time as this.*" This plan, which kicked off last year, will strengthen congregations and develop new ministries where needed within our synod. It will also help people grow in their faith and clarify our Lutheran identity so that we can share the message of Christ in new and creative ways. As always, the focus of this plan is missional – that "marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world." (ELCA Mission Statement)

Claimed: by God's grace for the sake of the world, we are a new creation through God's living Word by the power of the Holy Spirit;

Gathered: by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will live among God's faithful people, hear God's Word and share Christ's Supper;

Sent: by God's grace for the sake of the world, we will proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of our Lord Jesus and strive for justice and peace in the world.

It's important to know that this isn't just a "synod thing." We here at St. John's are called to do our part. This strategic plan, our mission support to the synod & ELCA, and events like the Synod Assembly remind us that we are church together as ONE body of Christ. So when you get a chance, please check out the bulletin board in the church narthex for more information regarding our synod's strategic plan.

As Christians who are claimed by God's grace and gather around Word and Sacrament each Sunday, where is God sending us today? Who is God sending us to? Please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with me. I look forward to discerning our call together.

Peace +

Pastor Alex



Memorial Giving

Merle Williams

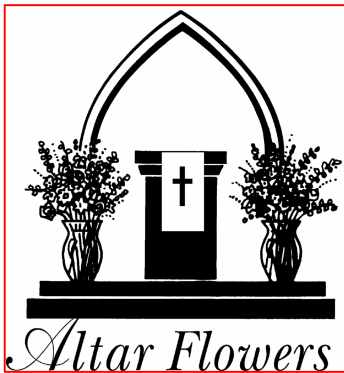
By

Carol Clemente
Charlene Comastri
Lori and Dennis Fernež
Paul and Christel Hild
Nan Moser
Dave and Judy Opatow
David and Marlyn Pontius
The Richetti Family
Andrea Sommella
Gerda Weber
Ruth and Stanley Williamson

Mark Oelschlager

by

Carol Clemente
Lori and Dennis Fernež
Andrea Sommella



Each Sunday throughout the year, with the exception of the Lent and Advent seasons, our church altar is adorned with flowers. It is often through the generosity of our members that these flowers beautify St. John's. Traditionally, the flowers are given in memory of a Loved one, in Honor of someone still living or to Celebrate a special event such as a Baptism or First Communion. When flowers have been given by a member, the bulletin will note the designation of that morning's flowers. After the worship, you may pick up the flowers you have requested. If the flowers are not claimed, they will If you would like to make a donation to have flowers placed on the altar, there are Altar Flower envelopes in each pew that you can filled out or you can contact the church office. Your support of this ministry is greatly appreciated!

I would like to thank everyone at St. John's for their calls, cards, flowers and a piece of Pastor Alex's birthday cake. I will be continuing with treatment for the next 4 weeks but I look forward to seeing everyone in church soon!

Thank you again for all the prayers and support.

Love,
Gerda Weber

CONGRATULATIONS TO
**NICK AND NICOLE
SARAKOS**
ON THE BAPTISM OF
THEIR DAUGHTER
ARIELLE ELIZABETH

CONGRATULATIONS
TO
AMANDA BARBARO
ON HER
CONFIRMATION

We are pleased to welcome
Nick and Nicole Sarakos
and
Dr. Greg Kershner
into membership at St. John's

Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to my Eagle Scout Project. I appreciate the support. You gave me a great start for my project and I couldn't have done it without everyone helping me out.

Sincerely,
Kyle O'Connor



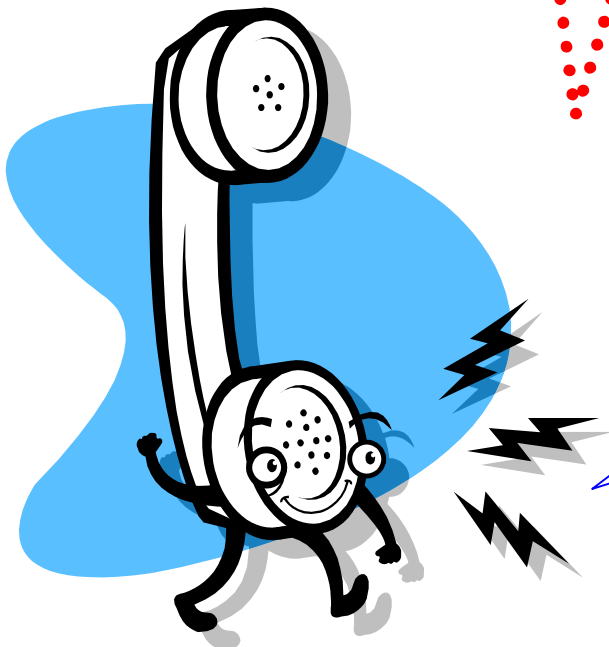
BRIC-A-BRAC HARVEST FESTIVAL 2014

With spring here and summer right around the corner please remember our Harvest Festival, while you are doing your spring cleaning and find all those unwanted treasurers. They now can be packed up and brought down to the old nursery room which is located to the right of the stage off of the Auditorium. Should you have any questions please give either one of us a call.

Thank you from the Bric-A-Brac Committee!

Diane Dake ~ 516-599-2705

Sue Masciello ~ 516-599-1956



St. John's Call List

Anyone who would like to be on a list to be called with urgent announcements, please give Susan Masciello (516-599-1956) or the office (516- 599-0778) your contact information.

Parsonage Basement Demo and Clean Up



Saturday, March 1, 2014, Jane Sloane, Ken Jackson, Uncle Bob Rogers, Denis Fernez, Vito Richetti, Karl Feltkamp, Danny Gonzalez, Bill Lindman, Doug Feltkamp and Bill Davison worked approximately five hours to demo the parsonage basement after an air analysis indicated the presence of mold. Thanks to Doug Feltkamp we had a dumpster which was filled to overflowing. Thanks to Vinnie Masciello the 30 or so contractor bags that were put in the garage were removed that Monday and Tuesday following the demo.

Saturday, May 24, 2014, Dan Lenz, Denis Fernez, Bruce Feltkamp, Sue Coyle and her friend John worked three and a half hours to vacuum, wipe down and spray the walls and floor with mold remediation solutions. Thanks to Douglas Palmer and Danny Gonzalez for the solutions that were used to spray.

St. John's is so very blessed to have so many people give of their time when called upon for help. This was a very dirty and time consuming project.

Thank you, thank you and God Bless you,
Dotty Criscuolo, Property Chair

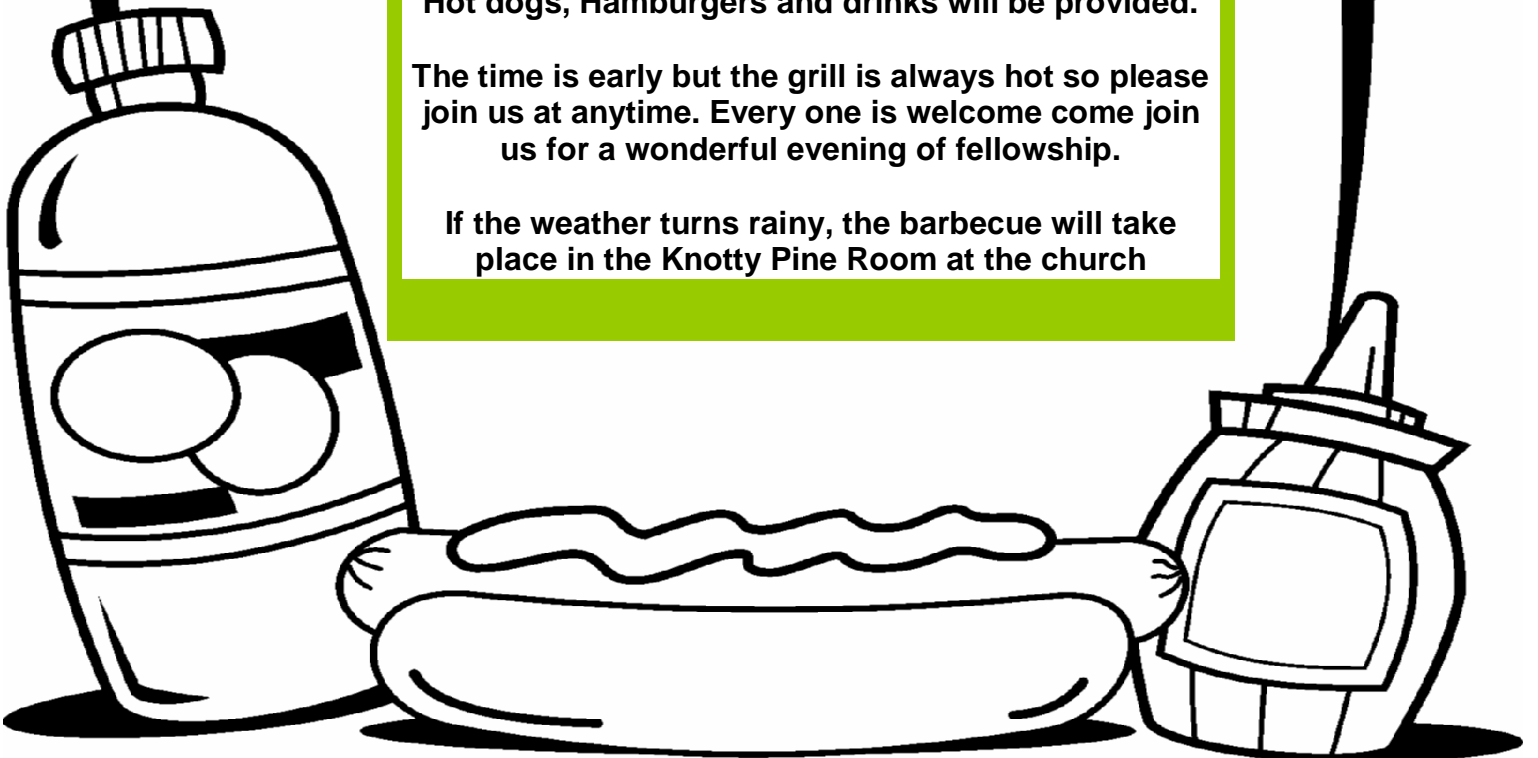
WELCA will be sponsoring their annual barbecue on Tuesday June 17th at 6:30pm. It will be held at the home of Pauline Feltkamp, 77 Whittier St., Lynbrook.

Just bring any side dish salad, beans, or a cake for dessert.

Hot dogs, Hamburgers and drinks will be provided.

The time is early but the grill is always hot so please join us at anytime. Every one is welcome come join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship.

If the weather turns rainy, the barbecue will take place in the Knotty Pine Room at the church



Save the Date



Outdoor Worship

**PRAYERS AND
POTLUCK IN THE
PARK!**

**Sunday, August 3
9:30 am**

**COOKIE DAY AT
ST. JOHN'S
WAS A
SWEET SUCCESS!**

**OUR MEMBERS DONATED
ENOUGH COOKIES AND BROWNIES
THAT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL KIDS
WERE ABLE TO FILL 48 TINS OF
GOODIES TO SEND TO THE
SEAFARERS OUT AT SEA.**

**WHAT A GREAT WAY TO
SHARE OUR FAITH!**

**This season,
St. John's
donated 120 lbs
of food to the
Healthy Life
Program of LSSNY**

FOOD BANK





**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUNDAY AND
NURSERY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO ARE MOVING
UP TODAY!**

*Emilia Berkowitz
Christopher Dunn
Kaitlyn Gavin
Kevin Hanson
Lauren Henshaw
Emma Lenz
Dylan Lipitz
Grace Mata
Teresa O'Neill
Christopher Palmer
Kaylee Palmer
Madeline Posillico
Michael Posillico
Victoria Ramirez
Lily Sloan
Parker Sloan
Joseph Volante
Julianna Volante*

NEW ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Church Directory



DIRECTORY

Save the dates!!

Picture days will be

Thursday, July 24

Friday, July 25

& Saturday, July 26

More information to follow.

Online appointment setting is available.

So get your best outfits out and get your hair cut!

And get ready to smile!

I am also looking for a few volunteers to help me.

Please contact the church office if you are able.

(516) 599 -0778

TOGETHER IN PRAYER

PENTECOST WEEKEND 2014

As on the Day of Pentecost, when Jesus' followers spoke in the languages of many nations, but were united in the power of the Spirit to proclaim God's mighty deeds, we envision that on Pentecost Weekend 2014, the diverse people of the Metropolitan New York Synod will be united in prayer for the mission and ministry we share.

As an expression of the work of the Claimed Committee of our synodical strategic plan, the people, congregations, ministries, clusters, and conferences of our synod will convene diverse occasions for prayer on Pentecost Weekend 2014, June 7 (Vigil of Pentecost) and/or June 8 (Day of Pentecost). We envision that all of God's people in our synod will pray in various formats and styles for the Holy Spirit to guide us more deeply into faith through the means of grace for the mission to which God calls us "for such a time as this."

Pentecost Weekend 2014 will also serve as a "kick-off" for a five-year long synodical strategic plan emphasis on living out the means of grace more prayerfully: "Growing Deeply in Faith: Five Years of God's Creative Grace!"

Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will take you and the people in your local communities deeper into the life of prayer. Look for resources to support your planning in upcoming issues of the synod e-letter.

