



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

April / May 2024



**13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563**

CHURCH CALENDAR



Sun. 5/5	Worship Evangelism Meeting	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am
Thurs. 5/9	Confirmation & LAST Thursday Bible School Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Tues. 5/7	Students Gifting Music concert	6:30pm
Sun. 5/12	Worship Mother's Day Bake Sale	8:15am & 9:30am after worship
Tues. 5/14	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs. 5/16	Confirmation Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 5/19	Worship – PENTECOST SUNDAY Affirmation of Baptism	8:15am & 9:30am 9:30am
Sun. 5/26	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 5/27	Memorial Day	



Sun. 6/2	Worship Evangelism meeting	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am
Wed. 6/5	Healing Service	7:30pm
Thurs. 6/6	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
Sun. 6/9	Worship Worship & Music and WELCA meeting	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am
Tues. 6/11	Council Meeting	7:30pm
Thurs. 6/13	Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm
Sun. 6/16	Worship Donuts for Dads Coffee Hour Student Recital – students of Judy and Oliver Markson	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am 3:00pm
Tues. 6/18	Annual BBQ sponsored by WELCA	6:30pm

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – May 2024

Sunday, 5/5 – 9:30am Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Kim Carlstrom Lector: Kim Carlstrom Ushers: Heidi Scalza & Judy Posimato Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry	Sunday, 5/19 – 7:30pm (Pentecost Sunday) Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: TBD Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Susan Masciello
Sunday, 5/12 – 9:30am (Mother's Day) Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Dorothy Criscuolo Lector: Dorothy Criscuolo Ushers: Sue Ellen Coyle & Tad Sheppard Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti	Sunday, 5/26 – 9:30am Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Janet Pescatore Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – June 2024

Sunday, 6/2– 9:30am Acolyte: Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Claire Lenz Lector: Claire Lenz Ushers: Suzanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Susan Masciello	Sunday, 6/23– 9:30am Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp
Sunday, 6/9– 9:30am Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Dorothy Richetti Lector: Dorothy Richetti Ushers: Judy Posimato & Heidi Scalza Zoom Host: Dan Gonzalez	Sunday, 6/30– 9:30am Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Janet Pescatore Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Shaun Rouse Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti
Sunday, 6/16 – 9:30am Acolyte: Charles Sheppard Assist. Minister: Katie Forte Lector: Anita Marco Ushers: Tad Sheppard & Kathy Spatz Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp	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: 516 872-2063; Andrea: Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers, Gospel bearers and Zoom hosts- Church Office: 599-0778



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 Message from Pastor Alex:

It was so great to see so many faces in the pews (and on Zoom!) for our Holy Week services this year, especially on Easter Sunday when we had a full sanctuary, which was absolutely wonderful! Praise God!

I marvel at how this congregation continues to share the love of Christ in so many life-changing ways, and the fact that we are growing, adding new members, and more people are joining us each week is really exciting as well! I know pastors aren't supposed to focus on "the numbers", and there are certainly far more important things for a church and its ministry than having good attendance, just as there is a lot more to being a Christian than going to church! Nevertheless, I have to say that seeing such growth and having new volunteers who are eager to serve is extremely encouraging, and to me it's another sign that the Spirit is very much at work here at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church as we follow Jesus in discipleship and let our light shine.

Yes, I see God working wonders big and small in our lives and in the life of our congregation, and what a joy it is to witness! Do you want to know what else gladdens my heart though? When we lift our voices and sing. Maybe it's because I'm a lifelong Lutheran, and we Lutherans do love our hymns (see our most recent hymn tournament if you don't believe me!), but my favorite part of worship has always been singing with the gathered assembly, and if you ask me, the sight and sound of Christians singing together to the Lord is nothing short of divine. "How good it is to sing praises to our God, for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting." (Psalm 147) How good and fitting, indeed!

We have singers and musicians of every age at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church led by our supremely talented organist and choir director, Judy Markson. We are so blessed to have Judy accompanying us each week on the organ and piano. She does a fantastic job leading our church choir, which is also growing (all are welcome to join!), and I can tell you from all the compliments I've received recently that folks really enjoy and appreciate the anthems sung by our choir. When the choir isn't singing, we are treated with other musical delights: Judy on piano, Allison Koehler singing a solo, Wendy Wolber playing the flute, etc. If you'd like to play something in worship or are interested in joining the choir, let me know! You're never too old or young to make a joyful noise to the Lord!

As we look forward to May and the summer months, there will be many more "God sightings" and opportunities for us to sing God's praises. We will rejoice and give thanks for the precious gift of our mothers on Mother's Day, and on the following Sunday, May 19, which is Pentecost, we will celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church as Andrew Reitler also makes public affirmation of his baptism. In June, we will recognize and lift up our graduates, while also honoring all of our fathers on Father's Day. And, of course, once we get to August, we will learn some new songs (and sing some old familiar ones!) at VBS. Our theme for this year? (drum roll) Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid.

May God continue to bless us and uphold us as together we rejoice and give God thanks in this Easter season. For Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Peace +

Pastor Alex

We are praying for ...

Donna Valenti
Stephen Suppa
Scott Masciello
Sherry Powell
The Carver Family
Colton Youdelman
Carmel Wright
Tad Sheppard
Bernadette Harten
Mary Rebando
Joseph Mihalich
Shirley Plows
Edith
Family of Albert Klipfel
Family of George Adamonis
Our military, especially Tony Marco and Zachery Wilson

Vito Richetti
Bud Ellis
Jacquie Maidel
Brad Pantall
Barbara Monteleone
Victoria Murillo
Hank Lenz
Steve Lombardi
Anthony Posimato
Benjamin Lomot
Merri Becker
Marianne Grahlfs
Anne Sheppard
Donald Player
Pat Cannatta

Bettye Steinberg
Ginger Freise
Arlene Lockwood
Tom Wolber
Irina Sargent
Lisa Talsky
Olivia M
Kathy Frontino
Verne Kelley
Irene Redmond
Anita
Shannon
Erik
Kate F.
Edward R

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.**

Donations have been made to
The Barbara Semmig
Scholarship Fund
in honor of
Cora Sarver's Birthday
by

Carol Clemente
Charlene Comastri
Dorothy Criscuolo
Pastor Alex Kennedy

Happy Birthdays



Neal Klaskin
Allison Koehler
Elaine Kriz
Joan Pirrone
The Richetti Family
Don & Cora Sarver
Kathy & Ray Spatz
Wendy Wolber
WELCA

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**The Barbara Semmig
Scholarship Fund**
in memory of
Nan Moser
by
Joan Pirrone
The Richetti Family
Wendy Wolber



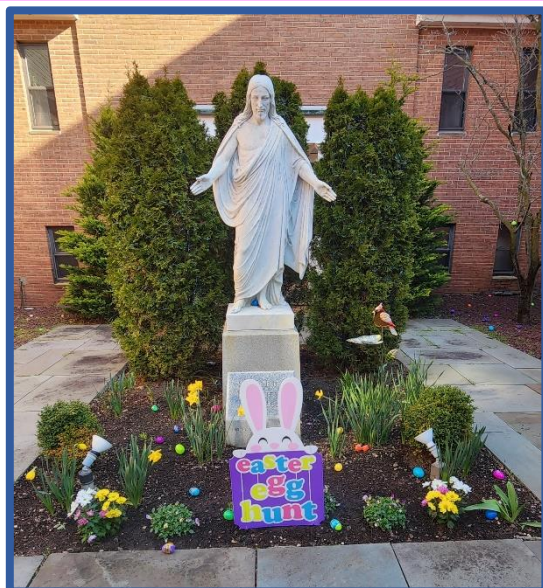
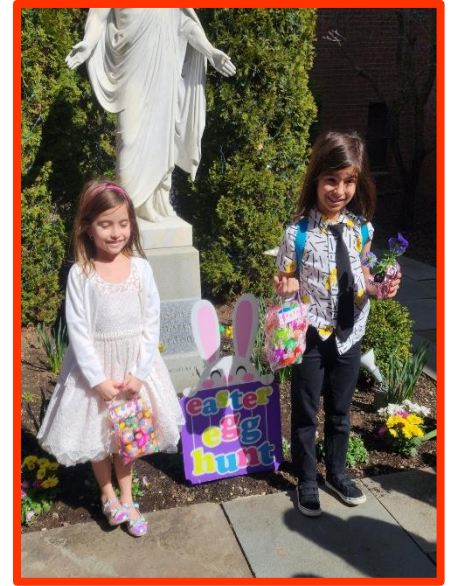
Personal Care Kits



EASTER SUNDAY



Easter Egg Hunt





Easter Lilies

In Memory of

Peter & Anna Blohm & Christina & Fred Schomaker
Ruth Wakuluk
Christina Wakuluk
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll
& Nelma McMenamon
Dodd & Telesky Loved Ones
Pauline & Frank Feltkamp

Arnold Gercken
Gerd and Wilma Kolz
Teresa Romano and Thelma Grahles
Paul & Christel Hild
Robert Koehler
Larry Lipitz and Paul & Christel Hild
Charlotte Hautkappe
Loved Ones
Hans & Anni Meyer and William & Helen Pratt
Our Loved Ones
Our Loved Ones
Dora & Eugene Iannarelli and Peter Maiolini
Loved Ones
Herbert & Lillian Plows and Warren Laliberte
Doris & John Kortlang, Amy & Shelli Kortlang,
Tony & Katie Posimato
Susan K. Reckhart & Kimberly Paolilo
Our Loved Ones
Alice Koenig
Our Loved Ones
Daniel D'Ambrosio

Trudy, Ed & Susan Blohm
Kim, Kristina & Stephanie Carlstrom
Kim, Lynda & Tricia
Carol Clemente
Charlene Comastri

Dorothy Criscuolo
Mary Ann Dodd
Karen, Bruce & Karl Feltkamp
and Carrie & Matt Nigro
Kerrin Gercken
Gianakos and Kolz Families
Marianne and Mike Grahles
Doris Hild
Allison Koehler
Ursula Lipitz
Elfride Lynn
Susan & Vinny Masciello
Martha and John Meyer
The Palmer Family
Janet Pescatore
Melissa Pinto
Joan Pirrone
Margaret Plows

Judy & Anthony Posimato
The Reckhart family
The Richetti family
Jenny Rudolph
Chris & Blanche Shelton
Kathy Spatz

In Honor of

John & Martha Meyer
Tom Wolber
Joyce, Lee, Tyler & Ashley Streithorst
Carol, Matthew, Christian & Olivia
Karen Halcrow & Anthony Posimato
Family & Friends
Our Grandchildren
John & Martha Meyer
William Wakuluk

Carol, Matthew, Christian & Olivia Boynton
Sue Ellen Coyle
John & Martha Meyer
John & Martha Meyer
Judy & Anthony Posimato
Richetti Family
Chris & Blanche Shelton
Joyce, Lee, Tyler & Ashley Streithorst
His Daughters and his Grandchildren

WELCA'S ANNUAL BABY SHOWER



We want to extend our heartfelt thanks to Diane, Lynn, Joan and Abby from the Infant Layette Program of the Lutheran Services of New York and the New **LIFE** Center of Long Island for taking time to join us in fellowship at our annual WELCA Mock Baby Shower.

The Infant Layette & Assistance Program of The New **LIFE** Center offers financially disadvantaged mothers & fathers with newborns a layette complete with clothes, blankets, bottles, diapers and other necessities to care for a newborn. We also offer disadvantaged mothers & fathers with infants and toddlers a place to turn to for infant formula, baby food, clothes, diapers and other necessities along with parent advice and support. We at St. John-Incarnation are privileged each year to help this important ministry.

Thank you to our SJILC families for their generosity and time in making the mock baby shower event and scrumptious coffee hour a huge success. As we say many hands make like work.

Thank you and God Bless
WELCA

Dear Ladies,

Thank you for the wonderful baby shower you hosted for the New Mother Program at Lutheran Social Services. Your warm hospitality was deeply appreciated. You and your congregation were so generous with beautiful baby gifts and monetary donations.

Special thanks for the candy, cook book, coffee hour goody bag and donation you gave me. You are always so kind to me and my layette program. Your thoughtfulness and enthusiasm help to make our baby program successful. What a blessing you are every year!

Wishing you and your congregation peace, joy, love, hope and faith!

God's Blessings!

Diane Kelly

Thank you very much!

Thank you to SJHILC members who have chosen to direct their Thrivent Choice Dollars our church.

Susan & Vinny Masciello
John & Martha Meyer
Margaret Plows
Thomas & Jennifer Sargent
Chris Shelton
Wendy & Tom Wolber

Your card; your words, God's timing, all just changed clouds into rainbows for me. I've known many precious brothers and sisters in the Lord but none that compare to the genuine Christ-likeness of the wonderful people at SJILC. I am so blessed and grateful to be a part of this wonderful family even if I am 1900 miles away. Thank you for the card, your caring, your love, and, most of all, your prayers.

With Gratitude and Love,
Verne

THE

**LAWN
RANGERS**



of SJILC

We need a few **LAWN RANGERS** to give 15-20 minutes of their time to mow the front lawn of the church and parsonage this season! We provide the lawn mower (and the gas) to mow the grass in front of the church along the sidewalk, as well as the front lawn of the parsonage next door. (The village takes care of the triangle between Merrick and Peninsula.) It doesn't take very long – and the more people who can help, the less often each person needs to do it. **Please add your name and information to the sign-up sheet in the narthex**, and speak with either Ernie Bohringer (516-635-1994) or Pastor Alex if you have any questions. Thank you!



MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE

May 12, 2024

Surprise Mom with a dessert on her special day!

WELCA is sponsoring a bake sale after the 9:30am service in support of the **Barbara Semmig Scholarship Fund**. We are asking for your help in providing goodies for the sale. Donations can be dropped-off in the narthex as you arrive for that morning's service, but most of all, don't forget to purchase something before you leave. Please help us send these deserving young people off with a small token of their church family's appreciation for their service and best wishes for their future success. Thank you!

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FESTIVAL

A FAMILY EVENT

Saturday, September 28th, 2024 (with a rain date of Sun., Sept. 29th).

NEWS AND UPDATES

- ✚ We are looking for anyone who can lend us a “Pop-Up” tent to cover all our display tables. (size 10 ft x 10 ft or larger). Please contact Anita or MaryAnn if you have one to share.
- ✚ We are again seeking talent from our congregation/friends/family to showcase their creations in a silent auction. So if you can sew make ornaments, woodworking (bird houses, home décor, etc.) We welcome it all! Please start creating now!
- ✚ **We will not be having the Bric a Brac / Yard Sale tables this year.**

If you are interested in joining the committee or have questions, please contact us using the information below.

Mary Ann Dodd marydd@optonline.net (516) 547-3359
Anita Marco anitamarco1@yahoo.com (516) 606-8074

CRAFTING GROUP

The **Ladies of WELCA** would like to know if anyone is interested in forming a **crafting group** that would make simple crafts to be sold at the Harvest Festival this September. The group would meet once a week in the Knotty Pine Room to work on various crafts.

Please contact the church office by phone (516-599-0778) or email (stjohnincarnation@gmail.com) if you are interested. If you'd like to help but cannot attend in person, please speak with Andrea and arrangements can be made.



SJILC HYMN TOURNAMENT 2024

1st ROUND RESULTS

#1 – This Little Light of Mine - \$13.92

#16 – Shine, Jesus, Shine - **\$16.31**

#8 – How Great Thou Art - **\$29.00**

#9 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness - \$5.00

#5 – A Mighty Fortress - **\$10.82**

#12 – Amazing Grace - \$3.23

#4 – In the Garden - **\$11.80**

#13 – Canticle of the Turning - \$4.00

#2 – You Are Mine - **\$8.00**

#15 – Children of the Heavenly Father - \$2.25

#7 – Beautiful Savior - **\$10.95**

#10 – Jesus Loves Me! - \$2.00

#6 – Abide with Me - **\$20.75**

#11 – Here I Am, Lord - \$12.50

#3 – The Old Rugged Cross - \$7.00

#14 – I Love to Tell the Story - **\$10.09**

2nd ROUND RESULTS

#16 – Shine, Jesus, Shine - \$22.06

#8 – How Great Thou Art - **\$51.00**

#5 – A Mighty Fortress - **\$52.01**

#4 – In the Garden - \$23.00

#2 – You Are Mine - **\$25.00**

#7 – Beautiful Savior - \$14.00

#6 – Abide with Me - \$22.00

#14 – I Love to Tell the Story - **\$25.32**

3rd ROUND RESULTS

#8 – How Great Thou Art - **\$82.00**

#5 – A Mighty Fortress - \$73.35

#2 – You Are Mine - \$69.50

#14 – I Love to Tell the Story - **\$76.00**

CHAMPIONSHIP

#8 – How Great Thou Art - **\$103.00**

#14 – I Love to Tell the Story - \$88.15

CHAMPION

How Great Thou Art

*“How Great Thou Art” will now be sung once a month in worship for the next year!
2nd place (“I Love to Tell the Story”) will be sung quarterly and the other two hymns from the
Final 4 (“A Mighty Fortress” and “You Are Mine”) will be sung an extra three times over
the next year!*

TOURNAMENT TOTAL - \$894.01



Lutheran Social Services
of New York

The New LIFE Center Pantry

The New **LIFE** Pantry is in need of the following:

- Mixed Vegetables
 - Canola Oil (24 oz. size preferred)
 - Mayonnaise
 - Ketchup
 - 1 or 2 lb. White Rice
 - Instant Coffee
 - Creamy Peanut Butter
 - Jelly
 - 32 oz. All Purpose Flour or Sugar *
- (*Wrapped in a plastic bag would be helpful)

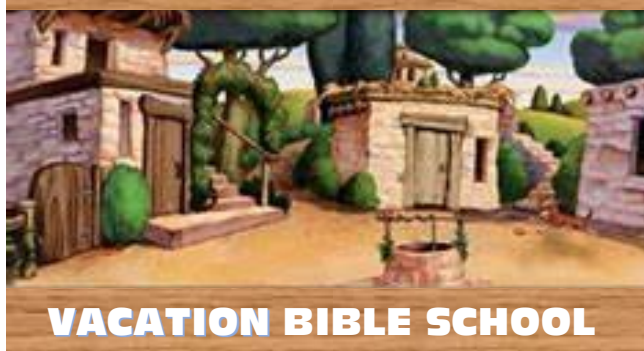


YOGA!

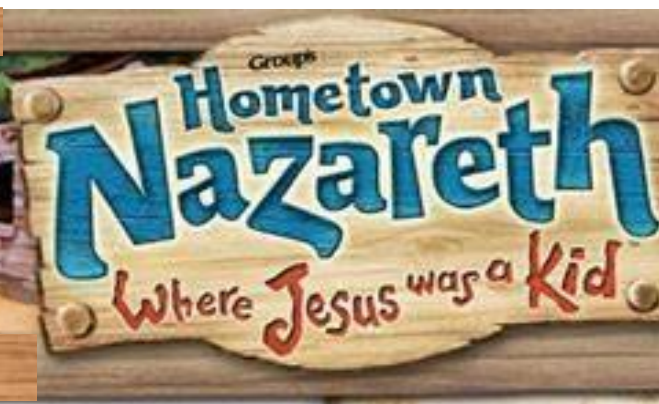
SJILC is thinking of bringing back yoga classes. While Jeanette Richetti is unable to lead the class this year, two other members, who are yoga instructors, have offered their services. Before we actually schedule any classes, we need to know if there is enough interest. We are hoping to offer

Yoga and/or Chair Yoga and/or regular Yoga. Time and day will be determined by the responses. Please sign your name, phone number and preference on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or call (561-599-0778)/email (stjohnincarnation@gmail.com) the church office with your preference.

COMING THIS AUGUST 19 - 23



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



WELCA

Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund

1994

The women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (WELCA) of the then St. John Lutheran church started a fund that would benefit the active young adults in the congregation to pursue their dreams in higher education. WELCA elected Nan Moser as the chairperson of this project. It was decided by the committee that the fund would be called The Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund.

1995 – Present

Garage sales, church members and community contributions made it possible to award our first scholarship. To date we have awarded 50 young adults who met the necessary criteria to receive a scholarship by their involvement in church activities and community service.

Barbara Semmig

Barbara Semmig was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church who was very active on many committees. Barbara always had a smile and was ready to help in any capacity. Barbara was known as "St. John's Grandmother" who always had candy on hand for the children. She was instrumental in establishing St. John's participation in the Lynbrook Village Memorial Day Parade. As far as Barbara extending her influence and commitment to the community of the Incorporated Village of Lynbrook, Barbara was quite active and was honored by being named Lynbrook Woman of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Pirrone
Cora Sarver



Barbara Semmig Scholarship Fund Revised Guidelines

The Barbara Semmig Scholarship Fund was established in 1995 by the women (WELCA) of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church to provide educational opportunities and support its members. Recognizing the importance of further education and its financial challenges, the scholarship aims to recognize students for their involvement in the church.

To be eligible for the Barbara Semmig Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. **Membership:** Applicants must be a member of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church.
2. **Church Involvement:** Applicants should demonstrate active participation in church activities such as attending services, volunteering, and leadership roles.
3. **Academic Achievement:** Applicants should possess a strong academic record or show significant potential for academic success.

Interested applicants for the Barbara Semmig Scholarship must write an essay addressing St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church. The essay typically includes personal information, academic achievements, a statement of faith and a description of their involvement within the church:

- **Involvement in the church:** A detailed account of the applicant's participation, leadership roles, and contributions within the St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church.
- **Involvement in the local community:** A description of the applicant's engagement in community service, volunteer work or other activities that have positively impacted the local community.
- **Institution of higher learning and goals:** The name of the institution of higher learning the applicant plans to attend and their educational goals at that institution.
- **Post-education aspirations:** An outline of the applicant's intentions and plans upon completion of their education.

The Scholarship Committee will review the applications and assess each candidate.

The committee will consider aspects such as active participation, academic achievements, leadership potential and commitment to the church community.

The committee will divide the applicants into two tiers based on their level of involvement within the church:

- **Tier 1:** This tier is the highest award for applicants who have consistently demonstrated active involvement in the life of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church.
- **Tier 2:** This tier is an acknowledgement award to support members who may have been less actively engaged due to personal circumstances or other commitments but express a genuine desire to reconnect and become more involved within the church.

The Barbara Semmig Scholarship is a commitment on behalf of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church to promote lifelong learning, spiritual growth and the success of its members.

Students Gifting Music Presents:

May 7th @ St. John-Incarnation
Lutheran Church Lynbrook

The First Annual All-State Showcase

Featuring: High School Students
Auditioning for All State

Doors Open at 6:15 pm
Concert Begins at 6:30 pm
■ All Are Welcome ■

GIVE ONLINE TO SJILC USING CLOVER!

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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 #

