



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

May/June 2025

13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563





UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. 6/1	Worship Coffee hour in honor of new members WELCA meeting	8:15am & 9:30am after 9:30am worship 10:45am
Mon. 6/2	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Wed. 6/4	Confirmation Class Wrap Up and Rehearsal	7:00pm
Thurs. 6/5	Evening Prayer and Healing service Choir rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 6/8	Worship (Pentecost - wear red) Coffee hour honoring new Confirmands Evangelism meeting	8:15am & 9:30am after 9:30am worship 10:45am
Mon. 6/9	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Tues. 6/10	Stewardship meeting Church Council meeting	9:30am 7:30pm
Wed. 6/11	VBS planning meeting	7:00pm
Thurs. 6/12	Choir rehearsal	7:30pm
Sun. 6/15	Worship Father's Day Coffee Hour Judy & Oliver's Student Recital	8:15am & 9:30am after 9:30am service 3:00pm
Mon. 6/16	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Tues. 6/17	SJILC Annual Barbeque	6:00pm
Sun. 6/22	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 6/23	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Sun. 6/29	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 6/30	SJILC Crafters	10:00am

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs. 7/10, 7/17, 7/24, 7/31, 8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4	Bible Study on Romans	7:00pm – 8:00pm
8/4, 8/6, 8/8	Magnified VBS	6:30pm – 8:30pm

A Message from Pastor Alex:

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.”
– Romans 15:7

One of the things that I love about St. John-Incarnation is that we really do strive to be a welcoming church! It’s written on our sign by the front doors – “Join us! All are welcome!” – and upon entering the building, what’s the first thing you see straight ahead? The statue of Christ in the Memorial Garden. Christ with His loving arms reaching out and welcoming us in.

And so, as the body of Christ and disciples of Jesus, we extend that welcome to all who join us for worship, whether they are lifelong members or first-time guests. We make sure that every person is greeted and handed a bulletin, and with the help of our fantastic ushers, they are guided to an empty pew or directed to the restroom, if needed. And, of course, when someone wishes to become a member of the congregation, we welcome them and joyfully give God our thanks and praise! That is exactly what we will do on Sunday, June 1, as we officially welcome Michael Grahlfs, Joseph and Donna Masciello, and Jenny Rudolph as our newest members at the 9:30am service! Please join us if you can and make sure to introduce yourself when you see them. Thank you!

The following Sunday, June 8 is Pentecost, the day in which we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the church. Our celebration that morning will also include the rite of Confirmation for Sam Barry, Bobby Clark, and Irina Sargent who will be publicly affirming their baptism at the 9:30am service. Please make sure to wear red that day or you won’t be welcomed into church! (*Just kidding*)

Paul reminds us that we are called to welcome one another just as Christ welcomes us, but as Christians we are also called to evangelize and invite! How can we tell others about the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ? It can be intimidating to talk about our faith, to be sure. The fear of being ridiculed or rejected is a very real thing. However, perhaps our witness can be as simple as an invitation: “Come and see.” Come and see what God is doing in your life and in the life of this congregation! Come and hear the good news of Jesus and His love for all people! Looking for a new church home? Come and check us out! ... Can we be that kind of church? A community of faith that actively invites and shows hospitality to all who come through our doors?

Fortunately, summertime at SJILC offers plenty of opportunities for you and I to invite others to “come and see.” We started at the Memorial Day parade by distributing well over 100 bottles of water with our church’s information attached. In addition to our weekly Sunday worship, we will also be having our annual summer barbeque sponsored by WELCA on Tuesday, June 17 at 6:00pm. Why not bring a friend or neighbor? All are welcome!

Another option is our Summer Bible study which will begin on Thursday nights in July and continue throughout August and into September. The reason for this is that I picked a new series from Augsburg Fortress on the book of Romans that is designed for eight sessions but it’s still on pre-order until July 1. It looks very interesting and it’s discussion-based too, which should be more engaging for everyone. So taking VBS into consideration, the tentative dates I’m planning will be July 10, July 17, July 24, July 31, August 14, August 21, August 28, and September 4.

We will meet from 7:00 to 8:00pm in the Council room and also via Zoom for those who want to attend virtually. And again, feel free to invite others!

Speaking of VBS, if you haven't yet heard, our theme for this year is "**Magnified!** – Discovering the BIGNESS of God in the smallest of things." Dates are August 4, 6, and 8 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. More details and registration forms will be available soon, but if you're interested in helping out, our first planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11 at 7:00pm. Any questions, please ask me or our other VBS co-director, Gabrielle Barry. We also hope to have some posters made up to promote our VBS, which we'll make available for you to post and share. Thank you in advance for helping us spread the word!

Yes, it feels good to be invited. I mean, we all want to be included, right? That's what makes getting an invitation special! Many of you are members of SJILC because someone invited you and made sure you felt welcomed from the start.

So as we follow our Lord's Great Commission to go and make disciples (remembering that He is with us always to the very end!), let us be both a welcoming and an inviting church. If you know someone without a church family, invite them to join ours! Offer to drive the first few times or come early and greet them in the narthex as they come in. At the very least, make sure you're present to accompany that individual or family. After all, it can be intimidating to enter a church that you've never stepped foot in, especially when you don't know anyone! You can help ease that anxiety/fear just by being you – a familiar face. Sit with them. Invite them out to lunch afterward. Enjoy some fellowship together, and who knows, maybe a new friendship will blossom in the process!

No, we can't drag people into our church or force them to worship with us, but we can invite and welcome them in the name of Jesus – the One who invites and welcomes all people including you and me. This is part of our mission here at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church. May we continue to share the good news, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, may God continue to help us and all believers make disciples of every nation.

Peace +

Pastor Alex



We are praying for.....

Stephen Suppa
Colton Youdelman
Tad Sheppard
Bernadette Harten
Mary Rebando
Shirley Plows
Vito Richetti
Bud Ellis
Jacquie Maidel
Brad Pantall
Barbara Monteleone
Margaret Tomasulo
Family of Alex Curtis

Hank Lenz
Anthony Posimato
Benjamin Lomot
Marianne Grahlfs
Anne Sheppard
Bettye Steinberg
Judy Opatow
Tom Wolber
Irina Sargent
Eric D.
Kathy Frontino
Rich
Stacey Oelschlager

Michael Ugliano
Janet Prag
Verne Kelley
Christian Porter
Tracey Knox
Ed
Donald S.
Victor Rapp
Chris
Victoria Murillo
Cynthia
Wayne Kortlang
John B.

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 516-599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com. **Please note: the names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks only. You can renew your request if needed.**



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WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – June 2025

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 6/1 – 9:30am</p> <p>Assist. Minister: Kim Carlstrom Lector: Kim Carlstrom Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 6/8 – 9:30am – Pentecost</p> <p>Acolyte: Charles Sheppard Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Heidi Scalza & Kathy Spatz Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 6/15 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Kathy Spatz Lector: Kathy Spatz Ushers: Susanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 6/22 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Irina Sargent Assist. Minister: Dorothy Richetti Lector: Susan Wilson Ushers: Tad Sheppard & Janet Powell Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 6/29 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Tom Sargent Lector: Jennifer Cline-Sargent Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Shaun Rouse Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>	<p>If you would like to join the worship ministry please talk to Pastor Alex or contact the church office!</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): 516- 872-2063, Andrea (Ushers, Acolytes and Zoom hosts):
Church Office: 516-599-077

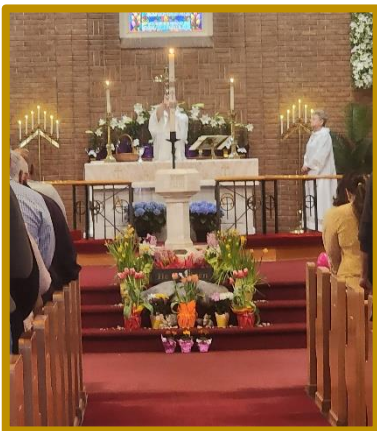
The Rev. Dr. Katrina D. Foster was elected on May 3 to be the bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the ELCA for the next six years. Since 2015, she has been the pastor at St. John's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, working with diverse communities—from busy city neighborhoods to wealthier, changing areas—aiming to build lively, caring faith communities. She focuses on clear communication, setting expectations, and creating a positive work environment. She also values community, balance, and well-being. She will be installed as bishop this fall.



Palm Sunday



EASTER SUNDAY







Easter Lilies

We would like to thank the following people for helping
to beautify SJLC this Easter with flower donations:

In Memory of

Ruth Wakuluk-*Beloved Mother and Grandmother*
Christina Wakuluk-*Beloved sister*
My Loved Ones
Pauline Feltkamp
Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll
& Nelma McMenamin
Pauline & Frank Feltkamp
Arnold Gercken
Paul & Christel Hild
Robert Koehler
Larry Lipitz and Paul & Christel Hild
Hans & Anni Meyer and
William & Helen Pratt
Our Beloved Family
My Loved Ones
My Loved Ones
Herbert & Lillian Plows – *my parents*
Doris & John & Johnny Kortlang,
Amy & Shelli Kortlang,
Tony & Katie Posimato
My Loved Ones
Our Loved Ones
Alice Koenig
Our Loved Ones
Our Loved Ones

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Kimberly Carlstrom
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Dorothy Criscuolo
The Feltkamp/Nigro Family
Kerrin Gercken
Doris Hild
Allison Koehler
The Lipitz Family

Martha and John Meyer
The Palmer Family
Janet Pescatore
Joan Pirrone
Margaret Plows

Judy & Anthony Posimato
The Reckhart family
The Richetti family
Jenny Rudolph
Cora & Don Sarver
Blanche & Chris Shelton

In Honor of

Howie Fraunberger – *Dear Friend*
Bill Wakuluk – *Loving Dad and Grandpa*

Emilia, Olivia & Scarlett – *My grandnieces*
Liam, Aiden & Mason Dodd
Our Loved Ones
Joyce, Lee, Tyler & Ashley
Carol, Matthew, Christian & Olivia
Karen, Kevin, Anthony & Cristina
Our Grandchildren

Kimberly Carlstrom
The Carlstrom, Hovell
and Berkowitz Families *Ik*
Charlene Comastri
MaryAnn Dodd - *Grammy*
Susan & Vinny Masciello

John & Martha Meyer
Judy & Anthony Posimato
Blanche & Chris Shelton

MOTHER'S DAY



Thank you to **The Rev. Christopher Mietlowski**, Assistant to the Bishop of the Metro NY Synod for preaching at our service on May 18th.





A Heartfelt Thank You from the Evangelism Committee



We are deeply grateful to our church family for your continued and generous support of the New LIFE Center Food Pantry. During this Lenten season, your compassion has truly shone—together, we donated over **700 pounds of food**, including more than **20 Oven Stuffer Chicken Roasters**, which will grace the Easter tables of many families today.

Your kindness is a powerful witness of faith in action and a true blessing to our neighbors in need. Thank you for being the hands and heart of Christ in our community.

CHAIR YOGA

We're excited to announce that **Anne Moffatt** has agreed to teach **chair yoga** on **Saturdays from 10:00am to 11:00am**.

Meet Anne Moffatt, our Yoga instructor:

Namaste 🙏

I am certified in New York as a “yoga instructor” as well as internationally certified from India.

I was also trained by the arthritis foundation. I have been working with senior citizens for over 20 yrs. ... in chair yoga and chair exercise ...

I also work in Valley Stream- New Horizon counseling center- with young adults who are diagnosed with bipolar and they are on disability ...

We do chair yoga together and meditation together for one hour every week ...

I incorporate - yoga 🧘, stretch bands, tambourines for rhythm and fun as well as bouncing the ball for reflex, eye hand coordination and agility. I use nice music, with gentle movements. I work on balance - holding on to the back of the chair. I teach breathing techniques.... It is a science - yoga - and many different breathing techniques- to explore.

The breathing tools are encouraged to be used daily to enhance good health.

It is my pleasure to share my class with the St. John-Incarnation community

All donations will go to the church 🏰

Namaste 🙏
Anne



MEMORIAL DAY PARADE





We still 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! **Please add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheet in the narthex**, and speak with either Pastor Alex (516-599-0778) or Ernie Bohringer (516-635-1994) if you have any questions. Thank you!

THERE ARE MANY EMPTY SLOTS ON THE SIGN-UP SHEET! IF YOU CAN, PLEASE SIGN-UP!

**Next Sunday, June 8 is
Pentecost Sunday.**
Please remember to
wear **RED!**



Welcome
New Members

We are happy to welcome into our church, **Michael Grahlf,**
Joseph and Donna Masciello
and Jenny Rudolph.

Join us after worship in the
Knotty Pine room for
coffee and refreshments!

A graphic of a piano keyboard, with black and white keys, running vertically along the left side of the poster.

JUDY AND OLIVER MARKSON PIANO STUDIO

*Student
Recital*

SUNDAY JUNE 15TH 2025
3PM

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FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL GUESTS

Got Plastic Containers? Let's Put Them to Good Use!

Are your kitchen drawers or cabinets overflowing with plastic food containers? **Don't toss them—donate them!**

The New **LIFE** Center Food Pantry can repurpose your clean, gently used plastic containers to package donated bakery items for those in need. Drop your donations in the Food Cart in the narthex.

Let's reduce waste, bless our neighbors, and care for God's creation—
one container at a time!



DONUTS WITH DAD

**JOIN AFTER 9:30AM
WORSHIP ON SUNDAY,
JUNE 15TH FOR A
CELEBRATION OF THE
DADS, GRANDDADS,
UNCLES AND FATHER
FIGURES IN OUR LIVES!**

HOT DOG!

You're Invited for some Grillin' & chillin'!

The WELCA Barbeque will be held on
June 17th at 6:00pm!

Coffee and desserts as well as
Hot dogs, hamburgers and drinks will be provided.
Every one is welcome come join us for an evening
of great food and fellowship!

If the weather turns rainy, the brunch-barbeque will
take place in the Knotty Pine Room at the church

*Bring your favorite
side dish to share!*



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MAGNIFIED VBS!



Please join us on
Wednesday, June 11th
7 PM

in the Knotty Pine Room for an
Informational Volunteer Session

Areas to apply your talent:

Advertising

Registration

Decorating

Guiding a Class

Leading a Center:

Bible Study, Music, Crafts, Snacks, Recreation



VBS Week: August 4, 6, 8 from 6:30-8:30pm
and Sunday, Aug. 10 at 9:30am



SCAN ME



Exciting Things Are Upcoming at SJILC — And We Need YOU!

Let's serve together and make a difference!

There's a lot of energy and joy at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church, and we'd love for you to be part of it! Whether you've got a few minutes or a few hours, there's a place for your time and talents to shine.

🌀 Vacation Bible School – August



VBS is one of our biggest and most joy-filled ministries! Help make it a success by:

- Prepping decorations (cutting, hanging, etc.)
- Serving as group leaders
- Assisting with snacks and crafts

Let's help our kids grow in faith and fun!

🌿 Lawn Rangers – All Summer Long



Join our green team! Help keep our church property looking welcoming by mowing the lawns in front of the church and parsonage, as well as the backyard.

🍁 Harvest Festival – Saturday, September 27

This amazing event brings together our church and the community for a day of celebration. We're looking for volunteers to:

- **Serve as Chairperson of the Harvest Festival**
- Create raffle baskets
- Collect donations from local businesses
- Promote the event
- Set up and clean up tents and tables on the big day!



Ready to jump in? Sign up on the sheets in the narthex or contact the church office at 516-599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com.

GIVE ONLINE TO SJILC USING CLOVER!

You can give to St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church by scanning the QR code below, which will take you to our online donation page. Thank you for supporting our ministry and for helping us share God's love with others!

