



St. John of the Incarnation MESSENGER November 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Services

8:15 and 9:30 AM at St. John's

11:00 am at Incarnation

Sunday School – Grades K-6

9:30 AM at St. John's

ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE

<http://www.stjohnslynbrook.org>

November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Prayer Shawl Meeting 7:30pm First Communion class 7:00 pm	2 Confirmation class 7:00 pm	3 Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm	4 Girl Scout Mtg 3:00 pm	5
6 ALL SAINTS DAY Worship at St. John's 8:15 am & 9:30am No Sunday School Worship & Music Mtg after 9:30am service Worship at Incarnation 11:00am	7	8 Evangelism Mtg 7:00pm First Communion class 7:00pm Church council meeting 8:00pm	9 Confirmation class 7:00pm	10 Choir rehearsal 7:30pm	11	12
13 Worship at St. John's 8:15 am & 9:30am Sunday School WELCA Mtg after 9:30am service Worship at Incarnation 11:00am	14	15 First Communion class 7:00pm	16 Confirmation class 7:00pm	17 Choir rehearsal 7:30pm	18 Girl Scout Mtg 3:00 pm	19
20 CHRIST THE KING Worship at St. John's 8:15 am & 9:30 am NO Sunday School Worship at Incarnation 11:00 am	21	22	23 NO Confirmation Class	24 Thanksgiving Day	25	26 PAINT & SIP NIGHT
27 ADVENT 1 Worship at St. John's 8:15 am & 9:30 am NO Sunday School Advent Wreath workshop Worship at Incarnation 11:00 am	28	29	30 Confirmation class 7:00pm	 <p style="text-align: center;">Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>—1 Chronicles 16:34</i></p>		

SERVERS FOR NOVEMBER 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
11/13	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Katharine Forte	Katharine Forte	Bill Davison & Richard Dietrich
Christ the King	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
11/20	9:30	Elizabeth Hanson	Elizabeth Hanson	Debby Lindman	Debby Lindman	Heather Hanson & Dot Criscuolo
THERE IS NO THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE						
Advent 1	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
11/27	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Lori Fernez & Janet Powell

SERVERS FOR DECEMBER 2016

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
Advent 2	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
12/4	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Greg Kershner	Janet Pescatore & Richard Dietrich
Advent 3	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
12/11	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Dan Gonzalez & Aurelius Gonzalez
Advent 4	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
12/18	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Katharine Forte	Katharine Forte	Robert Reckhart & Tyler Rouse
Christmas	7:30 pm			Dorothy Criscuolo		
12/24		Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Bill Davison & Richard Dietrich
	Torch Bearers	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaylee Palmer			
	Gospel	Parker Sloan				
Christmas Day	9:30 am	TBD	N/A	TBD	TBD	TBD

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 - 872-2063 or Lenzcr@aol.com
Church Office: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers- 599-0778
Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers- 599- 2273



Larry Lipitz
George Verity
Stephanie Moser
Anthony Posimato
Donna Valenti
Dorothy Hafner
Elaine Smith
Joann D'Ambrosio
Stephen Suppa
Jean Weber
Eleanor Haslett
Vivian Monaco
The Carver Family
John Michael

Scott Masciello
Rachel Jeremie
Doreen Tietjen
Lisa Goldman
Inga Chiramonte
Bob Robon
David Pontius
Al Davis
Sister Irene
Michael Simmons
Dean Veremakis
Ernest Weber
Sherry Powell
Linda Eagen

Robin Kalter
Joe
Larry Rienecker
Joanne
Patty Celeste
Sue Ellen Coyle
Rosaria Barbaro
Charlie Henshaw
Francesca
Sandy
Olivia Holzhauser.
Arlene
Bill

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on the prayer request card in your bulletin, call or email the office at 599-0778 or stjohnslynbrook@aol.com. Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks. Feel free to repeat your request at any time, we can all use prayers.

THE CELEBRATION OF PASTOR MARY CHANG'S 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Dear Pastor Alex and Congregation,

Thank you Pastor Alex for preaching at the service for my 20th anniversary of ordained ministry! Many thanks also to everyone who helped organize and plan the worship service and dinner reception! Your presence was a blessing that encourages me to move on in my journey as I continue to love and serve our Lord!

I love you and treasure you all from the bottom of my heart. You don't know how much I loved the lyric that the choir sang, "Yes, we are the church, we are the congregation!"

*How lucky I am to have all of you at St John of the Incarnation
Thanks be to God for all of you!*

*In Christ
Pastor Mary Chang
10/23/2016*

SOME PHOTOS FROM THE CELEBRATION!



Dear friends in Christ!

We would like to thank all members of St. John that participated in any way in the celebration worship and dinner for Pastor Mary.

We especially thank Andrea & Pastor Alex for creating a beautiful bulletin, the choir for their joyous anthem, Pastor Alex for an inspiring sermon and for all who attended.

We are very blessed to have merged our families -

May the Lord Bless us all! Anne Sheppard

Pastor Alex and our
new Church family,

Your presence was greatly enjoyed at Pastor Mary's Service and dinner. To see our pews once again full and hear a joyous choir was bitter sweet. Your generous concern, love and acceptance for us makes our marriage an easy one. God was very thoughtful and lead us to YOU. Again our thanks and love to you all.

lovingly
Incarnation

A big THANK YOU to
**Anne Sheppard, Starr York,
and Crystal York** for all their
work organizing and decorating
for Pastor Mary's Celebration.

It was a beautiful event.
Another big THANK YOU to the
choir of St. John's for
helping to make it that much
more wonderful.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

OUR FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Our annual Sunday School Christmas Pageant will be on Sunday, Dec 18th during the 9:30 AM service. Rehearsals will start on November 27th during Sunday School. The theme is "Party for Baby Jesus" so in honor of Jesus, we are asking that the children (& congregation) bring a small wrapped gift for a baby. The gifts will be donated to the New Life Center.



God's work. Our hands.

This year, in conjunction with our annual Giving Tree Project, we would like to help the ELCA during this holiday season with some of the wonderful things they provide for the underprivileged in other parts of the world. Some of the ways you can help fight hunger and poverty along with the ELCA through this program:

Donations of ...

- ✓ \$10 buys a mosquito net, chicks, a fruit tree seedling, or a backpack stocked with food
- ✓ \$12 buys water jugs, \$20 buys honey bees, and \$38 will train an evangelist
- ✓ \$30 buys a pig, vaccinations for a child, or supports a young adult in a global mission for a day
- ✓ \$40 pays for school fees and uniforms
- ✓ \$50 buys a goat
- ✓ \$125 buys a sheep

How YOU can help ...

Our Advent Tree will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex near the bell. The tree will have ornaments in all the varied amounts stated above. After the 9:30am service on Sunday mornings you can go to the tree and select the ornament with the amount and type of giving (for example, honey bees for \$20) that you would like to donate. (If you do not see what you are looking for on the tree, please ask, as we do have extras.)

Please give your donation (cash or check made out to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) to Lori Fernez in the Narthex -- and you may keep the ornament to hang on your Christmas tree at home, as a reminder that Christmas is all about giving to others! The tree will begin on Sunday, November 20th and donations will be collected through December 24th.

Thank you for your generosity and have a blessed Christmas season.

THE GIVING TREE

BRINGING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS TO FAMILIES IN NEED

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, St. John's has delivered some wonderful Christmas gifts to families who may have had no gifts at all. We will soon be setting up our Giving Tree once again, and we are hoping to deliver more of God's love this Christmas season.

Can you please help us bring some Christmas spirit to some families in need? Beginning in mid-November, there will be a small table-top Christmas tree set up in the narthex with "gift tags" hung on its branches. These tags will list a name and one specific item requested by that individual. Most items requested are very basic things – a pair of pajamas, a sweatshirt, or a simple toy.

If you would like to donate one or more items, select a gift tag from the Giving Tree and follow the instructions given. Donations need to be brought in by Sunday, December 11th: **It is essential to begin and end this project early in order to get the gifts to their recipients in time for the holidays.**

Your generosity will bring joy to someone in need this holiday season and will reinforce the true meaning of Christmas.

Thank you for your support!

Lori Fernez



THE ADVENT WREATH FAMILY WORKSHOP

*Come join us on **November 27th** after the 9:30 AM worship and create your own family advent wreath! A pizza lunch, including soda and dessert will follow.*

A free-will offering will be received to help cover the costs of pizza and craft supplies.

If you are planning to join us, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex along with the number of people who will be attending with you. You can also register by contacting the church office at 516-599-0778 or stjohnslynbrook@aol.com.

We hope to see you there!

Sponsored by WELCA

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We need families or individuals to light a candle on the Advent Wreath and say the blessing during our worship services throughout the 4 weeks of Advent: November 27th, December 4th, December 11th, December 18th. If interested, please contact the church office or sign the sheet in the narthex.

Once you have signed up, we will give you the blessing to read over before your assigned day.



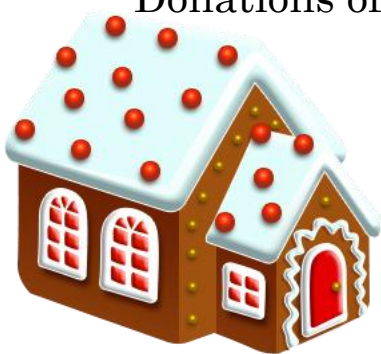
*COME JOIN
US TO
DECORATE
CHOCOLATE
HOUSES*

On Sunday, December 11th After
the 9:30 Service Everyone is Invited
To Decorate a Chocolate House.

Chocolate House
\$10.00 ea

Please Sign Up, So We Know How Many Houses to Make

Donations of Candy to Decorate Houses Appreciated



Proceeds will go to support
St. John's Sunday School
Program, Youth Activities
and Vacation Bible School



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September 2016

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
13 Blake Ave
Lynbrook, NY 11563-2599

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your generous contribution of 75 lbs. Food, which is helping Lutheran Social Services of New York to serve more than 7,000 individuals in need every day. Your commitment to the work we do through this compassionate gift ensures that we can continue to fulfill our mission of encouraging and assisting all people in reaching their full potential.

We are blessed for you and countless others who have supported our ministries, giving us the resources to assist our neighbors in need to improve their lives. Gifts such as yours help move people from survival to self-reliance.

Thank you for your commitment to our programs; you make lives better every day through our mission of service.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. David H. Benke
President and CEO

Thank you for your generous support of Lutheran Social Services of New York. All gifts are tax-deductible, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. No goods or services were provided in return for this contribution.

Please remember Lutheran Social Services of New York in your Estate Planning – Contact Brian Gavin at 212-870-1124 or bgavin@lssny.org.



STEWARDSHIP NEWS AND COMMITMENT SUNDAY

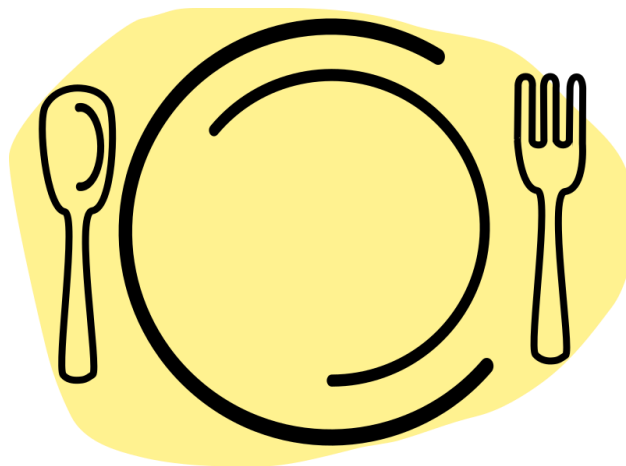
Please join us for fellowship sponsored by the Stewardship Committee for the next two Sundays after the 9:30 service.

Coffee Hour on Sunday, November 13th



Potluck Brunch on Sunday, November 20th
COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to tell us what you can bring.



Dear St. Johns,

I really appreciate the congregation being there for me at all times. I am grateful for having a second family that thinks about me while I am focusing on college. Thank you for all the goodies that you guys sent to me I will be sure to use them while I study for exams!

Sincerely,



Matthew Fernez

To Pastor Alex and
The Congregation of St. John's!

Thank you all, once again, for your wonderfully thoughtful college care package! I am so grateful for the support of the church throughout my college career. Especially, I'm going to have a great ^{time} experimenting with all the ramen. You'd be surprised how many creative asian recipes are out there! Again thank you, and I hope to see all of you during the holiday season!

All the best,

