



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

MESSENGER

MARCH 2021




13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563

UPCOMING EVENTS

All Sunday worship services and Thursday night Vespers Prayer services will be held in-person AND remotely via ZOOM with bulletins being sent by email and regular mail. Please contact the church office if you know someone who would like a copy of the bulletin so we can be sure to send it.

Thurs. 3/18	Bread, Bowl & Bible Fellowship meal via Zoom Lenten Holden Prayer service via Zoom		6:30pm 7:30pm
Sat. 3/20	Virtual Bingo via Zoom		7:00pm
Sun. 3/21	Worship		9:30am
Wed. 3/24	Confirmation Class		7:00pm
Thurs. 3/25	Bread, Bowl & Bible Fellowship meal Lenten Holden Prayer service		6:30pm 7:30pm
Sun. 3/28	Palm/Passion Sunday Sunday School		9:30am 10:30am
Wed. 3/31	NO Confirmation Class		7:00pm

LOOKING FORWARD TO APRIL

Thurs. 4/1	Maundy Thursday worship service		7:30pm
Fri. 4/2	Good Friday worship service		7:30pm
Sun. 4/4	EASTER WORSHIP		9:30am
Thurs. 4/8	No Evening Prayer Service		
Sun. 4/11	Worship		9:30am
Thurs. 4/15	Evening Prayer Service		7:30pm

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX:

After three long wintry months apart and a lot of prayerful deliberation at our church council meeting last week, I am pleased to announce that we will be reopening our church building for in-person services beginning this Sunday, March 21 at 9:30am. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

Now obviously this doesn't mean that everything is back to "normal." Positive cases are still occurring in our area and many people (including myself) have yet to be vaccinated. Therefore, we will continue to follow and enforce all safety guidelines and best practices like before. Temperatures will be taken in the narthex and masks will be required at all times. We will also continue to maintain social distancing with designated pews (a huge thank you to Susan Masciello, Dotty Criscuolo, Cora Sarver, and Joan Pirrone who put up the signs and roped off pews!) and Holy Communion will be distributed outside the front doors immediately following the service. ALL services will continue to be livestreamed on Zoom. ☺

It's hard to believe that we're almost through Lent, and yet we know that our call to "return to the Lord your God" remains as together we follow him in faith and love to the cross. Here is the worship schedule for Holy Week 2021:

Palm Sunday (March 28) – 9:30am
Maundy Thursday (April 1) – 7:30pm
Good Friday (April 2) – 7:30pm
Easter Sunday (April 4) – 9:30am



As we've done in the past, Palm Sunday will include a reading of the Passion of our Lord (this year it's Mark) with various speaking parts. If you are interested in reading one of the parts, please call or email Andrea in the church office. You don't have to come to church to be a reader! There will be no hand or foot washing on Maundy Thursday, however Holy Communion will be distributed outside after the service. Good Friday will be a Tenebrae service featuring a reading of the Passion according to John.

EASTER SUNDAY 2021 AT SJILC

Plan A: If the weather is nice (dry and above 60 degrees), Easter worship will take place outside on our church yard. We will have some extra chairs and printed bulletins available if needed, but we kindly ask that you **please bring your own lawn chair and print out your bulletin ahead of time if possible.** You can also view it right on your phone, which saves paper and ink.

Plan B: If it's cold and/or rainy, we will move worship into the sanctuary and have everyone who has signed up sitting in designated pews. We will have **24** designated half pews open on the floor level of the sanctuary with each spot being able to seat up to four people (or five if three are smaller children, but just know it might be a little cozy). We will also have a few full pews open up in the balcony for larger families who wish to sit together.

So, for example, if you and your family have seven people coming and we're inside, you'll have two options: you can split up and sit in two separate half pews that are near each other OR you can sit together in a full pew up in the balcony. Just let us know your preference when you RSVP. If you're attending by yourself, you will either get your own half pew or if needed we may even put some individual chairs up front where the two pews were removed last spring. Yes, you'll be in the front (insert Lutheran gasp here), but you will get a nice cushioned chair that's much more comfortable than a pew!

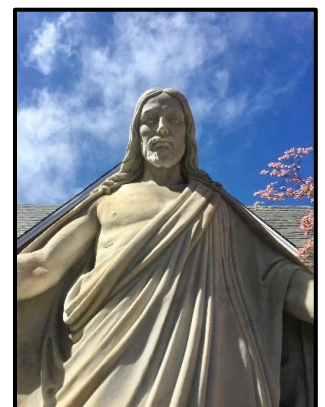
Whether we are inside or outside, reservations for in-person attendance on Easter will be required. We can make some exceptions if we end up worshipping outside where we have more space, but our sanctuary can only hold a certain number of people safely and once we reach capacity that will be it! So if you plan to physically attend church on Easter, make sure to reserve your pew now! Otherwise, we hope you'll watch or listen in on Zoom!

As we look toward reopening our building, ending this virus, and celebrating the good news of Easter, may we remember the words of scripture: "For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come." (Song of Solomon 2:11-12)

See you in worship!

Peace +

Pastor Alex



SERVER SCHEDULE

MARCH 2021

DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR
7	9:30	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello
14	9:30	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez
21	9:30	Hank Lenz	Claire Lenz
28		Christopher Dunn (Acolyte)	
PALM SUN.	9:30	Dorothy Criscuolo	Chris Shelton

APRIL 2021

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	USHERS
1 <i>Maundy Thurs</i>	7:30pm	Kaylee Palmer	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Doug & Kristina Palmer
2 <i>Good Friday</i>	7:30pm	Victoria Ramirez	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	Susanna Thomas & Cora Sarver
4 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Janet Pescatore	Chris Shelton	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse
11	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Hank Lenz	Claire Lenz	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse
18	9:30	Sam Barry	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Dorothy Criscuolo & Judy Posimato
25	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Joan Pirrone & Carol Clemente

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; Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers - 599-2273 Andrea: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers - 599-0778. If you are making a change in the schedule, please notify the office so all information can be updated.

✠There is currently no service at 8:15am.

We are praying for...

Larry Lipitz	Arlene	Karissa Heap
Anthony Posimato	Sandy	Orlando Castrence
Donna Valenti	Bill	Tad Sheppard
Stephen Suppa	Joe	Harold Walker
Eleanor Haslett	Joanne	Bernadette Harten
Scott Masciello	Ryan	Ed Moglia
Sherry Powell	Grace	Mary Rebando
The Carver Family	Sue	Baby Sosnik
John Michael	Faith	Ann B.
Vivian Monaco	Carmel Wright	Ginger Freise
Neil B.	Joshua Emswiler	Arlene Lockwood
Colton Youdelman	Christel Hild	Our Homebound
Amie Hanna	Charles	Our Military
Baby Jack Francis	Bill Gibbs	Healthcare workers
Family & friends of Nancy Schroeder		First Responders
Family & friends of Jamey Jurgens		Those we pray for
Family & friends of Don Roth		silently or aloud

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please call or email the office at 599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com. Please spell the name(s) and indicate how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR SJILC

If you would like to place Easter Flowers on the altar during the Easter season in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the form below.

You can mail it, use Paypal or drop it off in the church mailbox.

After the holiday season, the flowers will be given to our homebound members and others in need.

THIS IS A FREE WILL OFFERING



Easter Flowers for SJILC

In Memory of _____

OR

In Honor of _____

Given by _____

Envelope # _____

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING FOOD DONATION EVENT SJILC DONATED 312 LBS OF FOOD TO THE NEW LIFE CENTER!



EASTER CANDY SALE FUNDRAISER!



We sold \$462.00 worth of candy, which will go toward future evangelism and outreach events at SJILC! Thank you!



new members class

WANT TO JOIN OUR CHURCH FAMILY?

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. John–Incarnation, please contact the office at 516-599-0778 or email us at stjohnincarnation@gmail.com

ST. JOHN-INCARNATION FLOWER FUNDRAISER

*Evangelism is raising funds
for future events.*

Beautify your home and garden with lovely flowers and *contribute to our great cause!*

We are now taking orders for Spring. **Orders will be taken until April 15.**

All orders will be delivered in time for fall planting. All bulbs are 100% satisfaction guaranteed.

To order online, go to <http://SJILC.fpfundraising.com>. Click on the Facebook button to share on your page! We receive 50% of the profit from our sales.

Please contact Janet Pescatore at 516-581-1221 if you have any questions.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!





Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

March 2, 2021

Thank You

St John Lutheran Church
13 Blake Ave
Lynbrook, NY 11563-2505

Dear St John Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,719.00 to Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) ministries through ELCA Good Gifts.

*Bring us, O Christ, to share the fullness of your joy;
baptize us in the risen life that death cannot destroy.*
– ELW 328

This is a season of reflection and sacrifice, but also a season of hope. As we walk the 40-day journey of Lent, we know that we are walking toward Easter and the promise of renewal. Your gifts to the ministries of the ELCA are bringing that promise and hope to your neighbors around the world.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift, indeed. With resources such as seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

You are creating new beginnings. Thank you for sharing the hope of new life and the fullness of Christ's joy.

In God's abundant grace,

Rachel Wind

Rachel Wind
Executive for Philanthropy

Gift date: 2/22/2021

Gifts are designated for:

Family farm	\$1,430.00
Honeybees and community vegetable garden	\$220.00
Feed a refugee family: one week	\$50.00
Give where needed most: Good Gifts	\$19.00
Total contribution:	\$1719.00

Many thanks!

The surprise, joy and love I felt when I saw all the cars come up Lloyd and on Saturday February 6th my 92nd birthday.

What a wonderful celebration. Many many thanks to every one for everything.

I will cherish all these things in my heart and memory forever.

God bless Pastor Alex and my St. John's Incarnation family always.

Love
Paula Williams

2/16/21

Dear Pastor Alex,

I want to thank you + the St. John's family for all your prayers + notes of sympathy regarding Arlene's passing. These notes of consolation are welcome at this difficult time + I am grateful for them.

Peace + Love,
Ed Moglia

Join us for worship In person or on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am &
Thursdays at 7:30pm

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 #



Ways You Can Give to SJILC

PAYPAL:

Log-in to your PayPal account. If you do not have PayPal, you can sign-up for free at <https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/account-selection> Once you're logged in, choose the "send" option to send money and type in our church email address: stjohnincarnation@gmail.com.

After you have entered the amount you would like to give, please select the "Sending to a friend" option to send your donation for free. **This is very important! Otherwise, PayPal will charge you a small transaction fee!**

Confirm payment and you're done!

MAIL:

You can also send your offering to church through the mail or by dropping it in our white mailbox on the side door of the church by the Knotty Pine Room.

Please make checks payable to **St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church** and address to:

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THANK YOU for supporting our ministry during this difficult time! God's blessings to you and your loved ones!

IN MEMORY OF DON ROTH

Dear members and friends of SJILC,

On late Sunday afternoon, February 28th, our long-time church member and pillar of the Lynbrook community, "Coach" Don Roth, claimed the eternal promises made to him in his baptism of being joined to Christ in sure and certain hope of the resurrection. Don passed away in his home surrounded by his loving family who kept vigil and prayed with him during his last days. We offer our deepest condolences to Don's family and loved ones as together we mourn Don's death.

Due to restrictions imposed by COVID, there will be no wake or religious services at this time. A memorial service celebrating Don's life will be held when possible. We will notify the congregation when a date is set.

In lieu of flowers, Don's family requests that a donation be made in his memory to the SJILC Memorial fund:

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If you would like to send a card or note to Don's daughter, Jane Sloan, and their family, their address is 8 Whittier Street, Lynbrook, NY 11563

May we find comfort in the promised hope of the resurrection, knowing that Don is now at peace with our Lord and all the saints in paradise.

