



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

MAY 2018

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Services

8:15 and 9:30 am

Sunday School – Grades K-6

9:30 am

Calendar of Events:

Sun. May 6	Worship services NO Sunday School Spaghetti Luncheon hosted by WELCA		8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:30 am
Mon. May 7	Yoga Class		7:00 pm
Tues. May 8	Evangelism meeting Council meeting		6:30 pm 7:30 pm
Wed. May 9	NO Confirmation Class		7:00 pm
Thurs. May 10	Choir Rehearsal		7:30 pm
May 11 & May 12	Metro NY Synod Assembly		
Sun. May 13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	Worship services Sunday School		8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am
Mon. May 14	Yoga Class		7:00 pm
Wed. May 16	Confirmation Class		7:00 pm
Thurs. May 17	Choir Rehearsal		7:30 pm
Sun. May 20 PENTECOST	Worship services Confirmation Sunday School		8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 9:30 am
Mon. May 21	Yoga Class		7:00 pm
Thurs. May 24	Choir Rehearsal		7:30 pm
Sun. May 27	Worship services NO Sunday School Memorial Day Flag event	 MEMORIAL DAY	8:15 & 9:30 am
Mon. May 28	NO Yoga Class – Memorial Day		
Thurs. May 31	Choir Rehearsal		7:30 pm

Looking forward to summer:

Sat. June 2	Youth Event – planting vegetable garden		10:00 am
Sun. June 3	Last day of Sunday School		9:30 am
Sun. June 17	Father's Day – food collection for New LIFE Center		
Sat. July 21	LI Ducks Game		6:35 pm
August 13-17	VBS Hero Central		6:30-8:30 pm

SERVERS FOR MAY 2018

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSIST. MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15 am			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
5/6	9:30 am	Parker Sloan	Parker Sloan	Tyler Rouse	Dylan Hovell, Kaylee Palmer, Jane Sloan	Jane Sloan & Kaylee Palmer
	8:15 am			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
5/13	9:30 am	Christopher Palmer	Kaylee Palmer	Susan Masciello	Dan Gonzalez	Janet Pescatore & Richard Deitrich
Pentecost	8:15 am			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
5/20	9:30 am	Dylan Hovell	Dylan Hovell	Andrew Dunn	Chris Shelton	Jill Pace & Kristina DeStefano
	Torch B.	Chris Dunn & Victoria Ramirez				& Suzanna Thomas
	Gosp. B.	Victoria Dunn				
Holy Trinity	8:15 am			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
5/27	9:30 am	Elizabeth Hanson	Elizabeth Hanson	Katharine Forte	Janet Pescatore	Dan & Anna Lenz

SERVERS FOR JUNE 2018

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFERS	ASSIST. MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15 am			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
6/3	9:30 am	Parker Sloan	Parker Sloan	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Dan Gonzalez & Dorothy Criscuolo
	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	
6/10	9:30	TBD	TBD	Susan Masciello	Chris Shelton	Lori Fernz & Janet Powell
	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
6/17	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Doug & Kristina Palmer
	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Andrew Dunn &
6/24	9:30	Sam Barry	Tyler Rouse	Katharine Forte	Anna Lenz	Bob Reckhart

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

Andrea: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers- 599-0778

Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers- 599-2273

A message from Pastor Alex:

Many of you know by now that I am a pretty big Batman fan. Actually that's an understatement. I'm a HUGE Batman fan! He is my all-time favorite superhero and it's not even close. As a boy who grew up in the 90's when the Caped Crusader made a grand resurgence in movies and television cartoons (I watched *Batman: The Animated Series* on the Fox Kids channel every day after school!), Batman was always my hero of choice – the one who I wanted to be and emulate when taking on the bad guys. Whether I was playing with my Batman action figures or pretending to be the Dark Knight himself, Batman brought out the best in my childhood imagination and inspired me to want to be on the side of good.

That's also why I loved going to Sunday School each and every week. Comic books never appealed to me all that much but the Bible definitely did! The holy scriptures are filled with stories of heroes who do incredible things with the help of God's power: Noah building the ark, Moses leading the Israelites, David defeating Goliath or Jesus saving the world. Learning about these biblical heroes and many others not only fed the faith of my youth, but it also taught me a lot about who I was as a child of God and what it means to be courageous and strong.

So even though I've really enjoyed our VBS programs the past few years from *Jungle Safari* and *Bible Blast to the Past* to *Deep Sea Discovery* and *Mighty Fortress*, you'll understand why this summer's VBS is the one I'm most excited about. The theme? ***Hero Central: Discover Your Strength in God!*** If only this was around when I was a kid. At *VBS Hero Central*, students (along with their teachers and group leaders!) will discover their strength in God, explore God's mission for their lives, encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes, and realize the qualities that make them truly heroes in God! We will learn heroic characteristics like heart, courage, wisdom, hope and power, and how we can use these attributes to share God's love in our daily lives. Our Hero Verse for the week will be Psalm 34:14b: "Do good. Seek peace and go after it." Each session will invite us to discover ways that we can be God's heroes by living out this super Hero Verse.

It sounds cliché, but I do believe there is a hero in all of us. I think we aspire to be heroic throughout the course of our lives and we look to our heroes as examples. Heroes help us to imagine ourselves as individuals who can do better and reach our true potential. They show us how to overcome adversity and get back up when we've been knocked down. They remind us that **anybody** can be a hero, inspiring us to believe that one person can truly make a difference in the world even if that world is no bigger than his or her family, home or community. Heroes give us a moral foundation and an ideal to follow so that when we grow up and become adults we might be inspired to become that kind of hero, maybe not with a mask or cape, but with a desire to look out for our fellow neighbor.

You might not expect an ordained minister to have such an affinity for a hero like Batman. Even I know that a man of the cloth like myself typically doesn't have a cape and cowl as part of his wardrobe! However, whether or not Batman actually played a role in me becoming a pastor, I am convinced that he helped lay the groundwork for me wanting to help those in need and take a stand against injustice and evil. For me, the result was a call to ministry. For others, it's becoming a teacher, doctor, nurse, first responder, caretaker, parent, etc. There are many different kinds of heroes in our world and many types of heroism, but all are created and empowered by the one true God. May we and the children who join us for VBS this summer learn to live as God's heroes in all that we say and do.

Peace +

Pastor Alex



August 13-17, 2018

Visit our VBS webpage:
<http://hc.cokesburyvbs.com/sjlc>

**Do good.
Seek peace
and go after it.
Psalm 34:14b**



VBS Registration Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Family/Guardian Name _____

Address _____

E-mail Address _____

Phone Numbers Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

Date of birth _____ Age _____

Last school grade completed _____

Home Church _____

Friends of your child at this church _____

Allergies/Medical Information/Other

Emergency Contacts

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Dismissal Information

Name(s) of person(s) who may pick up this child from VBS

If your child has Special Needs, please list here:

Other Information (church use only)

Hero Group _____

Are parents/guardians/family members helping with *VBS Hero Central*? _____

If yes, where? _____

Please pray for...

Larry Lipitz
George Verity
Stephanie Moser
Anthony Posimato
Donna Valenti
Dorothy Hafner
Elaine Smith
Joann D'Ambrosio
Stephen Suppa
Jean Weber
Eleanor Haslett
Scott Masciello
Rachel Jeremie
Inga Chiramonte

Bob Robon
Sherry Powell
The Carver Family
John Michael
Doris Oelschlager
Vivian Monaco
Larry Rienecker
Arlene
Sandy
Bill
Joe
Joanne
Ryan
Doreen Tietjen

Faith
Elfride Lynn
Denis Bradler
Gerda Weber
Don Roth
Joshua Emswiler
Bernadette Harten
Carmel
Louis Clemente
Carol Clemente
Lisa Sell
Sue
Grace
Geraldine Christ

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request card in church or 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.

Last month, we welcomed **Anneliese Sarakos** into God's family through the sacrament of baptism.

Congratulations to Anneliese and her family!



BARBARA SEMMIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

High school seniors who have been active participants in the SJILC Community as well as their local community and who plan to attend college are eligible to receive **A Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship**. Please write a letter or email the church office outlining your service as well as your future plans. Letters or emails must be submitted no later than May 31st.

YOUTH EVENT!



Pastor Alex would like to invite the youth to help with our Welcome Garden, which is located in the backyard behind the parsonage. We will meet on Saturday, June 2nd at 10:00am to begin planting vegetables, herbs, and hopefully some pumpkins for our Harvest Festival in October.

Please contact Pastor Alex ([516-599-0778](tel:516-599-0778) / stjohnslynbrook@aol.com) if your son or daughter is interested in participating. Pizza will be served for lunch afterwards!

For our Harvest Festival

It looks like **Spring** has finally arrived! Now is the time we can get into spring cleaning! Please think of **SJILC** as you find items you no longer need or want. Please bring all of your donations down old nursery room next to the auditorium for this year's Harvest Festival. Should you have any questions please give me a call.

Thanks from the Bric-A-Brac Committee ~

Karen Feltkamp



LI DUCKS GAME!

Come out to see the LI Ducks play the Somerset Patriots on Saturday, July 21st. Game starts at 6:35pm and there will be fireworks afterward. Tickets are \$15.00. If you would like to purchase tickets, please sign up in the narthex or call/email the church! **THERE ARE ONLY 5 TICKETS LEFT!**

All checks are to be made out to Don Roth



WELCA HOSTED A MOCK BABY SHOWER

Baby Items were donated to **The NEW Life Center** to help new moms and families in need.



EVANGELISM ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Join us on Sunday, May 17th after the 9:30 am service when we will be placing flags in front of our church building to celebrate Memorial Day. Then on Monday, we will be gathering at the front doors of our church to watch the parade and hand out pens with our church's new name. Please join us if you can.

On Sunday, June 17th (Father's Day) we will be having a special collection of food and canned goods for the New LIFE Center in Uniondale

The Evangelism ministry packed baskets of goodies for our homebound members!



Yoga is for EVERY BODY!

Have you ever thought about trying yoga and told yourself that you CAN'T? Here at St. John's – Incarnation, anyone can be a yogi! On Monday evenings, we'll be offering a yoga class at 7 pm led by Jeanette Richetti. We will be practicing gentle yoga poses modified with the use of a chair as needed. There are always different options to suit every different body!



Yoga can give you more flexibility and stability, physical and mental strength, increased energy, improved memory and clarity, better concentration, improved overall health and a sense of inner peace. Chair yoga is also useful to help prevent falls by building strength and a better sense of balance.

Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat if you have one although mats will be available for use. Doors will open 20 minutes before class. The cost will be \$12 per person and yogis of all experience levels are welcome. Sessions are open to all. You can pay as you go.

KNITTING CIRCLE MINISTRY

A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts and Premier Yarns Help Bring Warm Clothing to Kids



A.C. Moore Arts & Crafts and Premier Yarns joined forces in the summer of 2014 to offer corporate resources to support World Vision's efforts to bring warm clothing to children in need. World Vision's Knit for Kids program unites thousands of volunteer knitters and crocheters to fight poverty with handmade items such as blankets, hats, and sweaters. In 2014, more than 77,000 handmade sweaters were distributed to children in need in the U.S. and around the world. Premier Yarns has created an entire line of yarn and patterns for Knit for Kids which is sold at A.C. Moore's stores. Proceeds from these sales help facilitate distribution of Knit for Kids items around the world. In addition, A.C. Moore is now a collection center allowing volunteers to save on postage. For its Spring/Summer project, **SJILC** knitting circle will be teaming up with World Vision to "wrap the world in warmth," one child at a time.

As reported in a previous issue of the Messenger, our Winter 2018 project was devoted to knitting and crocheting red hats for babies born in February at participating hospitals as part of the "Little Hats, Big Hearts" campaign sponsored by the American Heart Association and The Children's Heart Foundation to encourage moms to live heart-healthy lives and to help their children do the same. We are pleased to report that we contributed 17 "Little Hats" in support of this program.



Our pocket prayer shawl project continues to be a huge success having sold over 125 squares to date. In response to your requests, we have added a "wallet-sized" option to the collection which appears to be very popular as they were all but sold out during the first week. These little bits of spiritual inspiration are the perfect "little something" to bring when visiting someone who could use a spiritual uplift whether it be someone in the hospital, a sick friend, our homebound or someone going through a difficult time.

Thanks to all who have let us know how these little squares have touched the lives of your friends and family. Please join us as we endeavor to "wrap the world in warmth" for World Vision's Knit for Kids program. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the knotty pine room. No need to know how to knit or crochet. We can teach you!

God's work, our hands!



This Memorial Day, let us honor those who have fallen while fighting for our Freedom. We will be placing flags on the lawn alongside the church in their memory on Sunday, May 27th.

The Evangelism committee would like to create a list of individuals who are important to our congregation who died while in service to our country.

If you would like to have someone recognized, please complete the information below by Sunday May 13.

Individual: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Date of Death: _____