



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH **MESSENGER**

JANUARY 2022



13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563

Upcoming Events

JANUARY:

Sun. 1/23	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 1/26	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Sun. 1/30	Worship Annual Congregational meeting	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am

FEBRUARY:

Wed. 2/2	Confirmation Class Evening Prayer Service	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 2/6	Worship Baptism of Mason Tannenbaum	8:15am & 9:30am 11:30am
Wed. 2/9	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Sun. 2/13	Worship Souper Bowl Sunday food collection for New LIFE Center	8:15am & 9:30am

Please note: All 9:30am services will be held in-person AND remotely via ZOOM (8:15am will be in-person only) 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.

WE WELCOME OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!



Pictured from left to right: Tom & Wendy Wolber, Margaret Plows, The Marco Family – Tony, Anita, Tony, and Olivia (not pictured), and Verne Kelley. Welcome to SJILC!

A Message from Pastor Alex:

Happy New Year, church! 2021 is now behind us and 2022 is here! Thanks be to God!

It's hard to believe that we're *still* dealing with Covid two years later, and while I really hoped and prayed that somehow everything would be resolved by now, unfortunately the virus remains and this Omicron variant is really getting around! Therefore, we will continue to be very cautious here at SJILC by wearing our masks, using pre-filled Communion cups, sharing the Peace from six feet away, and having hand sanitizer available throughout the building, among other precautions. If you're not feeling well or experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, please, please, PLEASE stay home and join us on Zoom instead. I know it's not the same as coming to church and being in the sanctuary with your fellow sisters and brothers, but you can still worship and be present with us remotely that day, and more importantly, you'll be helping us keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you once again for your cooperation and understanding!

Yes, we have been through a lot these past 22 months and obviously life isn't the same as it was at the start of 2020. People are still getting sick and dying, which is disheartening enough, especially after we were told that the vaccines would prevent us from getting infected and mitigate the spread. We just endured another tough holiday season with parties and family gatherings that were either postponed or canceled altogether, and the toll that all of this has taken on our mental and emotional health the last two years has been staggering to say the least. We are overwhelmed and frustrated, angry and grieving. Many are depressed and losing hope. Like the psalmist, we can't help but cry out, "How long, O Lord, how long?" When will this end?

But hang in there, my friends! Stay strong and don't give up! We've made it this far together, and God has not forgotten us! Gifts of healing and grace are all around us! Miracles abound! Our congregation's ministry has carried on, and the Spirit has shown us new ways to be church together and serve those in need even when we're apart! We are more resilient now than we were before, and I know it may not feel like it, but sooner or later this pandemic will be over. Indeed, the days are surely coming when all of this will be well behind us, and we will be able to look forward with a fresh start and hopefully a new perspective!

Until then, we will continue to support each other and pray for one another, just as we pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. We will share the good news of God's love in Christ whenever and wherever we can. And we will try our best to be faithful but not foolish, all the while remembering the words that God spoke to Joshua and now to us: "Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

May God's peace uphold and sustain us in 2022.

Pastor Alex

SERVER SCHEDULE

JANUARY 2022					
DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
2	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Joan Pirrone & Cora Sarver
9	9:30	Sam Barry	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Anne & Tad Sheppard
16	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Cora Sarver & Carol Clemente
23	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse
30	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	Suzanna Thomas & Chris Thomas

FEBRUARY 2022					
DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
6	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Heidi Scalza & Cora Sarver
13	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse
20	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Anne Sheppard & Judy Posimato
27 Transfig.	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Katie Forte	Katie Forte	Alexandra Dunn & Victoria Dunn

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please try to find a replacement or contact the church office for help. and the appropriate coordinator:

Claire Lenz (Lectors & Assisting Ministers) – 516-872-2063

Andrea Sommella (Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch / Gospel bearers) – 516-599-0778

WE ARE IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH OUR WORSHIP SERVICES!

If you would like to serve as an assisting minister, lector, usher, or Zoom host, please contact the church office. Children and youth are invited to serve as lectors, acolytes, torch bearers, gospel bearers and ushers. All are welcome to serve!

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	Hank Lenz
Neil B.	Joshua Emswiler	Edith
Colton Youdelman	Charles	Jacque Maidel
Amie Hanna	Bill Gibbs	Lynn Walker
Joseph Mihalich	Dante Castrence	Rosalind Mireku
Victoria Murillo	The Forbes Family	Bob Reckhart
Vito Richetti	The Family of Eleanore Sikorski	
Shirley Plows	The Family of Eddie Dailey	

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



Donations have been made
to the
St. John-Incarnation
Memorial Fund in memory
of
Christel Hild
by
Helga Warmhold



A donation has been made
to the
St. John-Incarnation
Memorial Fund in memory
of
Beloved wife
Ruth
and
Beloved daughter
Christina
by
William Wakuluk

Thank You

Words are inadequate to thank all my Christ-hearted family at St John-Incarnation. The beautiful gifts, the kind words from so many. I felt so humbled. It was definitely me who should have been thanking all of you. It was a very important day in my life. You made it extra special!

With Love and Thanks,
Verne Kelley



Thank you for your donations of 110 lbs of food and the numerous baby items so generously given by your congregation!

A thank you for our Food Drive~

Hi Kim,

I just wanted to let you know that we did receive the Thrivent check.

Thank you so much for all you do for The INN!

Sincerely,
Nora White
Director of Events
The INN

SUNDAY SCHOOL PAGEANT



LESSONS & CAROLS





POINSETTIA DONATIONS



In Memory of:

Ruth Wakuluk &
Christina Wakuluk
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Frank Feltkamp and
Merle Williams
Sal Criscuolo,
Dorothy & Julius Roll,
and Nelma McMenamin
Norma Dunn and
Albert & Ida Wirth
Frank Feltkamp
Christel Hild
Don Roth
Robert Koehler
Christel Hild &
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Our Beloved Family
Loved Ones
David Pontius and
Susan & Matthew Kalny
John & Doris Kortlang,
Amy & Shelli Kortlang,
and Tony & Katie Posimato
The Reckhart Family
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
Loved Ones
The Sommella/Olton Families
Louise Vincent
Ruth Wakuluk &
Christina Wakuluk

In Honor of:

The Wilson &
Antonucci Families
Karen & Anthony Posimato
Andrea Sommella
Our Grandchildren
To the Glory of God

Given by:

Kimberly, Kristina & Stephanie Carlstrom
Carol Clemente
Charlene Comastri

Sue Ellen Coyle

Dorothy Criscuolo

Andrew & Alexandra Vogt-Dunn
Bruce, Karen, Carrie, & Karl Feltkamp
Paul & Doris Hild
Verne Kelley
Allison Koehler

The Lipitz Family
Susan & Vinnie Masciello
The Palmer Family
Joan Pirrone

Marlyn Pontius

Judy & Anthony Posimato
The Reckhart Family
The Richetti Family
Cora & Don Sarver
Blanche & Chris Shelton
Andrea Sommella
Carolyn Vincent

William Wakuluk

Given by:

Elfrieda Lynn
Judy & Anthony Posimato
Marlyn Pontius
Blanche & Chris Shelton
Paula Williams

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

SJILC has done it again! Not only did we reach our goal of \$1,315, but we even exceeded it by an additional \$200 for a total of \$1515!

With your donations, we will be able to purchase a **FAMILY FARM, FRUIT-TREE FARM, COMMUNITY VEGETABLE GARDEN** and **FISH FARM**.

We will also help feed **100 PEOPLE** at a soup kitchen! Thank you for your amazing generosity and kindness.





Sunday, February 13th

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church will again be hosting a **Souper Bowl Sunday Food Collection** of non-perishable items for **The New LIFE Center** in Uniondale.

On a day when most of us have too much to eat while watching football, let us remember there are so many with not enough.

Sharing our abundance is an important way to show caring for others.

Any questions please call the church office at 516-599-0778

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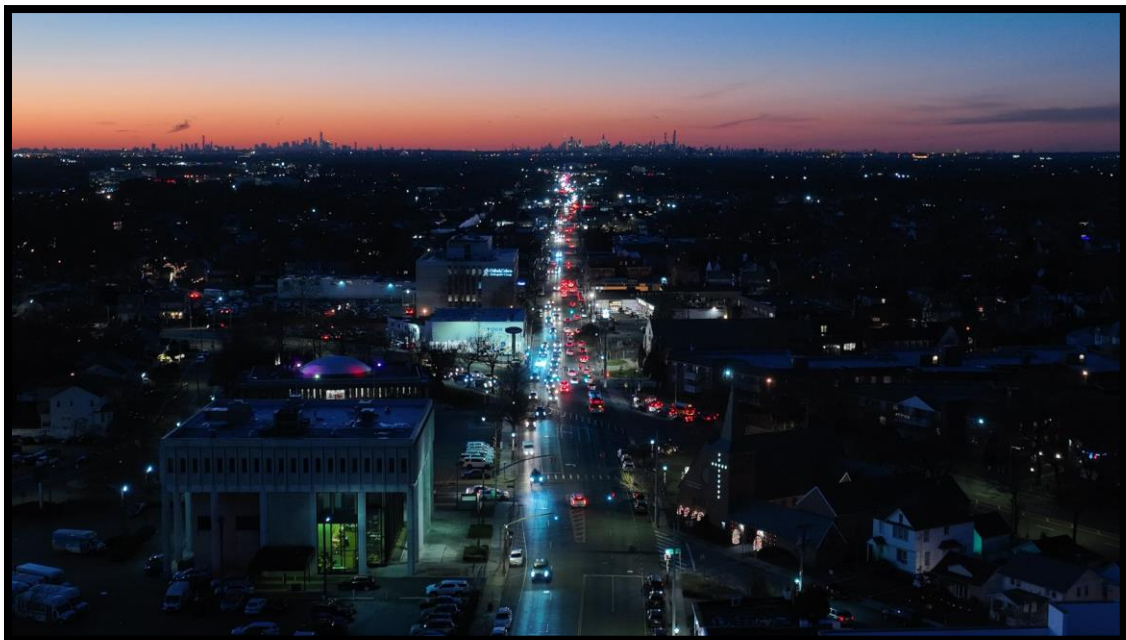
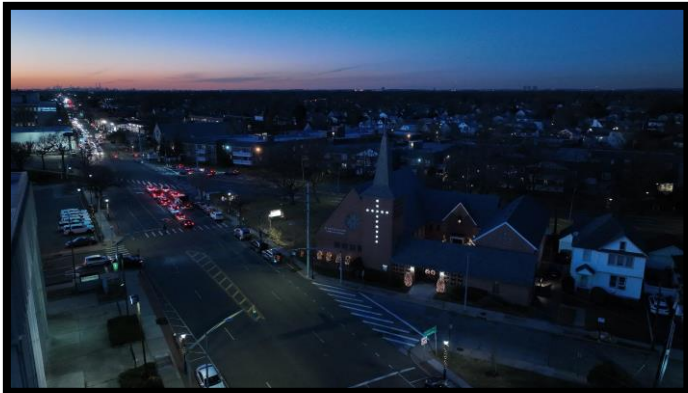
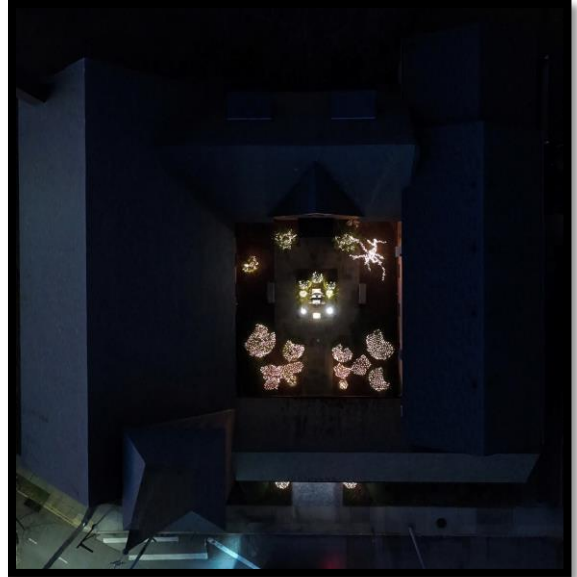
"It's super convenient. All I need to go shopping is my phone—I don't even need credit cards or my purse. I'm going to pay for these things anyway, I love being able to use gift cards so we get something in return."

Jen H., earns for hockey

***Our enrollment code is 13FLFD8683371. Please use this code when you first enroll and do not share on social media. Contact Janet Pescatore at 516-581-1221 or mrsp061601@gmail.com with any questions.**

SJILC FROM ABOVE!

These photos were taken right before Christmas by Pastor Alex's brother, Dexter Kennedy, with his aerial drone. Many thanks to Dexter for providing us with these beautiful views of our church and community!



Join us for
worship
in person
or on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am



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:

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church, 13 Blake Avenue Lynbrook, NY 11563

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