

THE ST. JOHN'S
MESSENGER
July/August 2011



SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE
Sundays, 9:30 AM
Wednesdays, 7:20 PM
(starting 7/13)

Calendar of Events ~

July

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| Sunday, 7/3 | Worship, 9:30 AM |
| Sunday, 7/10 | Worship, 9:30 AM |
| Wednesday, 7/13 | Worship, 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, 7/17 | Worship, 9:30 AM |
| Wednesday, 7/20 | Worship, 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, 7/24 | Worship, 9:30 PM |
| Wednesday, 7/27 | Worship, 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, 7/31 | Worship, 9:30 PM |

August

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| Wednesday, 8/3 | Worship, 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, 8/7 | Worship, 9:30 AM |
| Tuesday, 8/9 | Council, 8 PM |
| Wednesday, 8/10 | Worship, 7:30 PM |
| Thursday, 8/11 | 100 th Anniversary Committee, 9 AM |
| Sunday, 8/14 | Worship, 9:30 AM |
| Wednesday, 8/17 | Worship, 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, 8/21 | Worship, 9:30 AM |
| Tuesday, 8/23 | Evangelism/Social Ministry, 7:30 PM |
| Wednesday, 8/24 | Worship, 7:30 PM |
| Sunday, 8/28 | Worship, 9:30 AM |
| Wednesday, 8/31 | Worship, 7:30 PM (Last Wed. worship of the summer) |

Looking ahead to September...

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| Sunday, 9/11 | Return to regular worship – 8:30 & 10 AM |
| Sunday, 9/18 | Sunday School Rally Day – 9:45 AM |
| Sunday, 9/25 | 100 th Anniversary Kick-Off Worship & Coffee hour – ONE WORSHIP SERVICE, 10 AM ***** |

SERVERS FOR JULY 2011 9:30 WORSHIP

| DATE | ACOLYTES | ASSISTING MINISTERS | LECTORS |
|------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 7/3 | Jason Pace | Michael Fernez | Arlene Moglia |
| 7/10 | Danielle Dake | Dorothy Richetti | Gerda Weber |
| 7/17 | Matthew Fernez | Susan Masciello | Susan Masciello |
| 7/24 | Victoria Dunn | Andrew Dunn | Andrew Dunn |
| 7/31 | Erin Milano | Hank Lenz | Katie Lenz |

SERVERS FOR AUGUST 2011 9:30 WORSHIP

| DATE | ACOLYTES | ASSISTING MINISTERS | LECTORS |
|------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 8/7 | Elizabeth Hanson | Rick Dusenbury | Joan Pirrone |
| 8/14 | Carrie Feltkamp | Bruce Feltkamp | Karen Feltkamp |
| 8/21 | Katie Lenz | Debby Lindman | Bill Benson |
| 8/28 | Jennifer Dalton | Ryan Dusenbury | Janet Pescatore |



From the Pastor

Like many people, I should exercise more. I know that it's good for me. I know that I feel better, mentally and physically, when I do. Sometimes I'm really "good" about exercising. I like to walk, and there are stretches of time when I'll go out most days of the week and get in that minimum 30 minutes a day that are recommended for good health. There are other times, however, when I fall off the wagon entirely, when the most exercise I can claim is lifting my feet off the floor to put them on the couch.

This has been an ongoing challenge for me for most of my life. What I have found though, is that I'm much better about exercising regularly when I have someone to do it with me. When I have an exercise buddy, I am much more likely to lace up my walking shoes and head out the door every day. I like having someone to keep me company along the way, to talk with, to share our stories and our stress. Having an exercise partner also means we each have someone who will encourage us to get moving on the days when we just don't feel like it. We support each other. We hold each other accountable. It's a good thing.

I have found that the life of faith is like that. We need each other if we're going to get in good spiritual shape and keep at it. Following Jesus was never meant to be a solo activity. Sometimes we fool ourselves into thinking that we don't need to be a part of a church or community of faith in order to be a Christian. We

think we can pray or read the Bible on our own and that will be enough. We sometimes encounter God more powerfully out in nature, while hiking in the mountains or watching the ocean, for example, than we seem to do in church. And so we figure we don't really need church. We try to go it on our own. But before we know it, however, we've fallen off the spiritual exercise wagon. We just kick back and relax, and our souls get a little flabby.

That's why it's so important to be an active part of the body of Christ. We need faith buddies just as much as we need exercise buddies – to encourage us, to support us, to hold us accountable, and to motivate us on those days when we'd rather just stay home.

Why not make this summer the time to start a new exercise routine for your faith? (We could all stand to get in better spiritual shape!) Try coming to worship every week – here or in the town you are vacationing in. Pull that Bible off the shelf or get it out of the nightstand drawer and read it, just a little, every day with a friend or family member. Set aside a time each day to be with God in prayer – or maybe even find a prayer partner who will pray with you! Whatever you decide to do though, don't try to go it alone. You need the body of Christ – and we need you too!

Exercising faith with you,

Pr. Becky



Mid-Week Worship Summer 2011

Away for the weekend? Working and can't make it to Sunday morning worship?

You can still worship with St. John's! Join us **Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM** for a simple, contemplative worship service. We'll read some scripture, sing some songs, pray together, and share God's meal of Holy Communion. This year, we'll meet in the **AIR-CONDITIONED** Council Room (turn right when you come in the front door, up the stairs, and down the hall a little ways on your left). Kids and adults, members, friends, and guests – are all welcome!

Spread the word! Wednesday worship begins July 13 and continues until August 31 (the Wed. before Labor Day).

(Oh, and if you're out of town over the weekend, you can find an ELCA church in your area by checking out <http://www.elca.org/>. In the upper right hand corner, there's a "find a congregation" button. Click that and you'll be able to enter a zip code or town to find a Lutheran congregation near by. Let us know where you worshiped on your summer vacation!)



St. John's Sewing Ministry

The sewing group has been busy for the last 10 months of the year. We have created 3 crochet shawls, 27 walker bags, 14 lap robes, a pair of booties, 4 pillows, 14 wheel chair bags and 26 ditty bags for the A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility. On June 14, 2011, we were recognized at a luncheon and received a Treasured Volunteer Award from the A. Holly Patterson staff for our efforts. The New Life Center Layette Program has welcomed our gifts of 12 baby blankets, 14 totes, 8 hand knit baby sweaters and hats, and 3 burp cloths. The ladies have also made lovely banners for the church and always lend helping hands when special projects are in need.

We are looking for new ideas and also new people to sew, knit, crochet or just cut a straight line. We meet on Tuesdays from 9:30am-12:00pm in the knotty pine room and then enjoy our bagged lunch until 1:00pm. We will be looking for new faces on September 13, 2011. Come and join us!

Christel Hild, Carol Clemente, Ruth Williamson, Jan Arena, & Joan Pirrone

Using Your Spiritual Gifts

Here at St. John's, we always encourage people to serve (both inside the church and out "in the world") in ways that use their spiritual gifts and in areas that give them joy. Maybe you don't know what your spiritual gifts are and how they might be used here at St. John's and beyond. If you're curious, you can go to the ELCA website and do a spiritual gifts inventory, which will help you to determine what your gifts are. The inventory can be found here: <http://archive.elca.org/evangelizingchurch/assessments/spiritgifts.html>

If you do not have access to the Internet, but would like to take the assessment, Pr. Becky can get you a paper copy to take. When you are done, you might want to share the results with a close family member or friend. Sometimes they can help us to see ways we have already been using our gifts when we didn't even realize it! When you take the assessment, please share the results with Pr. Becky, who would love to help you figure out a way to use your gifts for the common good (1 Cor. 12:7).

Speaking of which, we currently have a need for people who have the gifts of teaching, administration, leadership, or skilled craft to fill some openings. Specifically, we need both Sunday school teachers and/or a superintendent/director; a property committee chairperson; someone to schedule our acolytes on a quarterly basis; and a person or team to help with making sure the church is ready for worship each week on a rotating basis (checking the heat, bathroom supplies, etc.).

We give thanks to God for the people who have been fulfilling those roles: Anna Lenz (Sunday School); Dorothy Richetti (acolytes); and Bob Koehler (property chair and "sexton"). All of them have found it necessary to step down from these positions. If any of these sound interesting to you or a good match for your gifts, please talk with Pr. Becky to get more information and to discuss the possibilities!



100 YEARS OF MEMORIES

100th Anniversary Update

The 100th Anniversary Committee reminds you that the **Kick-Off** day of our 100th Anniversary celebration will be **September 25, 2011**. We have a special service planned with Pastor Anderson preaching and a coffee hour/fellowship to follow the service in the Knotty Pine room. Please mark your calendars so you won't miss this exciting day.

We are working on some other events such as: Music Sunday, History Month, Girl Scouts 100th Anniversary, marching in the Memorial Day Parade, Greis Park Picnic, and culminating with a **September 30, 2012 Service with Bishop Rimbo** and a reception at Pompeii to follow.

If anyone would like to help out with any of these events, please contact any committee member to let them know that you can lend a hand. Have a great summer and get ready to celebrate a very special year in St. John's history.

100th Anniversary Committee

Co-Chairs: Joan Pirrone & Dotty Criscuolo
Pastor Becky, Jan Arena, Pauline Feltkamp, Cora Sarver

100th Anniversary Memory Box

Life's journey is filled with memories. These memories help serve as reminders of our early beginnings, days past, triumphant experiences, and fun times. The 100th Anniversary committee would like to compile a vignette of your memories and milestones of St. John's centennial which we will share with each other. We are asking for your help in this project. Following is a list of a few categories that might help spark some memories, but by no means should you limit yourself to this list. Cherished pictures of these events will also be welcome.

1. Your favorite memory.
2. Your funniest memory.
3. Your most embarrassing moment.
4. What are some of your favorite hymns?
5. What St. John's means to me.
6. Whatever you would like to share about a day at St. John's.

You may place your memories in the Memory Box found in the Narthex (a.k.a. Entryway) of the church, send them to St. John's Lutheran Church (13 Blake Ave. Lynbrook, NY 11563) or email them to stjohnslynbrook@aol.com.

Thank you for sharing the special memories in your life at St. John's and being a part of its history!
Joan Pirrone & Dotty Criscuolo

Youth Group News

On Wednesday, June 8th, the Youth Group hosted the **confirmation dinner** to honor our 2011 Confirmation Class, Kyle O'Connor and Jason Pace. We would like to thank everyone who helped with set up, clean up, donating food and beverage items, and helped to set up the food. Thanks to Bob & Allison Koehler for their generous donation towards this dinner.

Thanks also to everyone who helped clean up the **Memorial Garden** on May 15th.

The Youth Group will not be meeting again until September, but we will be in touch to let you know when our next meeting and activity will be.

HAVE A FUN & SAFE SUMMER!!



Attn: All YOUNG ADULTS NEW group forming in Fall 2011!

If you are college-aged, or in your 20's, we'd love to have you join us this fall for a new Young Adults Group here at St. John's. It will be run by the leaders of the Youth Group, Lori Fernez & Janet Powell, yet it will be quite different from the Youth Group. For starters, we will meet only four times during the year. The meetings will try to be in sync with most college breaks, so that you can participate even if you are away at college.

Another difference is that the group will be a discussion group. It will not be a lesson or a lecture, and it will not even be primarily focused on religion. Topics will be contemporary issues, or interesting topics that we can have a lively, open discussion about. There is never a right or wrong opinion for these topics.

We are hoping to have our first meeting in November (Thanksgiving weekend). If you will not be available for the meeting but would like to participate and send us your thoughts for the discussion, you can do so by email, facebook, or any other current means of technology or social networking. Our main objective is to keep you connected to the church and each other, and have a group that is yours alone. We hope you'll give it a try!

Any questions or comments, please contact us at:
Lorif60@aol.com or tjdc@aol.com



The 2011-2012 school year will be here quickly. The New LIFE Center of Lutheran Social Services in Uniondale is once again running the school supply program. Their goal is help over 500 children be prepared for the new school

year by gathering school supplies and distributing them to the children prior to the first day of school.

You can help a child in need this school year by donating any of the school supplies listed below. Start buying the now, when you see sales, and bring them into the narthex (i.e. the entryway) at St. John's no later than August 14th. Thank you.

Peace and Love,
The Evangelism Committee

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| 3-ring binders | Assignment book | Glue sticks |
| Book bags | | Loose-leaf paper |
| Colored pencils | | Lunch boxes |
| Composition notebook | | Pencil boxes |
| Construction paper | | Pens |
| Crayons | | Pencils |
| Erasers | | Rulers |
| Folders | | Scissors |
| Glue | | |
| Spiral notebooks | | |

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Thank You

The following people donated to our Pentecost Geraniums.

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 Bill and Regina Davison
 Marjorie Gorr
 Paul and Christel Hild
 Bob Kaempf
 Doris Kortlang
 Arlene Moglia
 Joan Pirrone
 Judy Posimato
 Cora Sarver
 Gerda Weber
 Ruth Williamson
 Grace West – in honor of Bruce Feltkamp and family

The beautiful flowers that adorned our altar were a wonderful expression of God's gifts on such a special celebration. Thank you for your generous donations.

We would also like to thank Carol Clemente and The Ladies of WELCA for their generous donations to the Barbara Semmig Scholarship Fund in memory of Al Geier and Margaret Cole respectively.

New Members of St. John's

We are also pleased to welcome Carole and Coral White, Jess and John Oliveri, and Sean Berry as members of St. John's, who joined St. Johns on June 26th.

Carole and Coral are transferring from St. John's Lutheran Church in Merrick and have been active in our Sunday School for the past year.

Jess, her son John, and her fiancé Sean are coming to St. John's from a Catholic background.

Welcome to St. John's!

Special Music

Do you sing? Do you play an instrument? Do you want to share your God-given gift of music with others? Summer's the perfect time to start! We welcome you to sing or play during the offering on Sunday mornings, either by yourself, with others (our youth have been leading the way with that lately!), or with Judy to accompany you. Sound interesting? Let Pauline Feltkamp or Pr. Becky know, and we'll schedule you in!



Don't
 Forget
 Your
Pledge
 This Summer