

**THE ST. JOHN'S
MESSENGER
JUNE 2011**

SPRING WORSHIP SCHEDULE



Regular Worship Services

8:30 AM & 10:00 AM

Sunday School (K-Grade 6)

Sundays at 10:00 AM

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Starts June 19th

One service at 9:30 AM

Calendar of Events – June 2011

Wednesday, 6/1	Choir, 7:30 PM Confirmation (Last Class), 7:30 PM
Thursday, 6/2	100 th Anniversary Committee, 9 AM Bible Study, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Sunday, 6/5	7th Sunday of Easter Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday School, 10 AM Baptism, 10 AM
Tuesday, 6/7	Sewing Ministry, 9:30 AM Worship & Music Committee, 7:30 PM
Wednesday, 6/8	Confirmation Celebration Dinner , 6:30 PM Choir, 7:30 PM
Thursday, 6/9	Bible Study, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Sunday, 6/12	Pentecost Worship, 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday School – Moving Up Day, 10 AM (in worship) Confirmation, 10 AM Presentation of Senior Scholarships, 10 AM Property Work/Planting Day, after 10 AM worship
Tuesday, 6/14	Sewing Ministry, 9:30 AM Council, 8 PM
Wednesday, 6/15	Messenger Articles due for July/August edition
Thursday, 6/16	Bible Study, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Sunday, 6/19	Holy Trinity Sunday (Summer Worship Schedule Begins!) Worship, 9:30 AM
Tuesday, 6/21	WELCA BBQ – Frank & Pauline Feltkamp's home, 6 PM
Thursday, 6/24	Bible Study, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Sunday, 6/26	New Members Reception Worship, 9:30 AM
Tuesday, 6/28	Evangelism & Social Ministry Committee, 7:30 PM
Thursday, 6/30	Bible Study, 10:30 – 11:30 AM



SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2011

DATE	WORSHIP	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS
6/5	8:30 AM 10:00 AM Crucifer	Jessica Muck Ryan Milano Nils DeStefano	Roger Vargas Claire Lenz	Gerda Weber Claire Lenz
6/12 PENTECOST CONFIRMATION MOVING UP DAY	8:30 AM 10:00 AM Crucifer Torch Bearers Gospel Bearer	Victoria Dunn Sebastian Percy Ryan Dusenbury Erin Milano Katie Lenz Tori DeStefano	Andrew Dunn Hank Lenz Bill Lindman	Andrew Dunn Hank Lenz
6/19 TRINITY SUNDAY	9:30 AM	Jennifer Dalton	Karen Feltkamp	Bill Benson
6/26	9:30 AM	Kyle O'Connor	Kim Carlstrom	Anna Lenz

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June 2011

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

June 19

Mark your calendars now! Set a reminder in your phone/computer/PDA! St. John's makes the move to our summer schedule on Sunday, **June 19** (which also happens to be Father's Day). We'll have one service at 9:30 AM throughout the summer.



Mid-Week Summer Worship begins

Wednesday, July 13,

7:30 PM

If you travel a lot on the weekend during the summer, or perhaps find the call of the ocean or the mountains too much to ignore on Sunday morning, that doesn't mean you have to miss worship at St. John's! During July and August, we have Wednesday night worship too! If you've never been, come check it out! It's worship in a more intimate, laid-back style – a chance to hear God's word together, to share our prayer concerns and thanksgivings, to get to know each other a little bit better. Ask someone who's been – it's a different way to connect with God and each other each week. Look for more details in the July/August *Messenger* and in the Sunday bulletin in June, or ask Pr. Becky your questions!



June Bible Study

Thursdays, June 2, 9, 13, 23, & 30, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Join Pr. Becky & other adults as we gather together around God's word, topic to be announced. Please watch the weekly bulletin or check the website for details about what we'll be studying, and then sign up on the bulletin board at the entry to the church or email/call Pr. Becky to let her know you'll be joining us!

Thanks to our outgoing *Messenger* Editor...

After nearly two years of putting St. John's monthly newsletter together, Kim Carlstrom is stepping down as our editor. We give thanks to God for the gifts Kim has shared with us!

Andrea Sommella, our church secretary, will be taking over as editor. Please send any articles you want included in *The Messenger* to the church e-mail (StJohnsLynbrook@aol.com) by the 15th of the month preceding when you want the article published. (For example, if you want something included in the July/August edition, it should be in the church's email no later than June 15.) Anything that comes in after the 15th may not be published.

If you are interested in becoming the next editor for the *Messenger*, please talk with Pr. Becky or email her at PrBeckyFetters@gmail.com to discuss this great opportunity to help St. John's communicate with our members and friends.

Thank you Kim for your hard work!



You make a difference! See the thank-you below...

Dear Pastor Becky, Bob Koehler, and all the congregation at St. John's,

We are again so grateful for your thoughtful communal effort to get home-made cookies to our seafarers at Easter time.

This time, the immediate reality of your generosity hit me even more than usual. I picked up the cookies from your church at 2:00 PM on Maundy Thursday. By 4:00 that same afternoon I watched as one of my port chaplains distributed the delicious cookies to several seafarers. The "mmm's" and "ahhhs" were a delight to watch and hear! Huge smiles of recognition of a home-made treat from far away and long ago crossed their faces... accompanied by closed eyes as they relished your gift of home-baked familiarity. What a sermon on unconditional love I witnessed this Maundy Thursday. Thank you so much for your partnerSHIP!

*Peace, Pastor March Drege
(Exec. Director of Seafarers & International House, Manhattan)*

PASTOR'S MESSAGE

Outdoor Sign Update

It's been a while since we have talked about the outdoor sign that was initially proposed at the January 2009 annual meeting. At that time, we talked about the need for a bigger, more visible outdoor sign to help us to communicate with our community about what is going on at St. John's. A sign will help us to invite our neighbors to be a part of what God is doing through our congregation.

At the annual meeting in 2009, we voted as a congregation to purchase a sign once the money needed for this project had been raised. The motion we approved capped the price of the sign (materials, labor, permits, etc.) at \$11,000. We communicated this to our members, and asked people to consider making a donation to the sign fund as they felt moved, although we never initiated a formal, official campaign to raise the money.

We have great news! The sign fund has now been fully funded! People have been donating money earmarked specifically for the sign over the past 2+ years. Thanks to the generosity of several people, we now have the \$11,000 that will enable us to purchase the sign. When completed, it will be installed in the "triangle", where it will be visible from the intersection of Merrick Road and Peninsula Boulevard. Thanks be to God for the ways people have responded to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit!

There has been some conversation and discussion about whether or not we should spend money for a sign when our congregation has other needs (such as a new roof for the parsonage in the near future). The Congregational Council has discussed this concern, and "gets" this line of thinking. We know that there is some anxiety about the financial situation of the church and a desire to be prudent in our spending. However, members of our church designated donations specifically to the sign fund, and we honor those designations.

Just as important, we believe that God never calls us to a spirit of fear. God is always doing a new thing, and in fact often calls us to move beyond what seems "safe" to something that is just outside our comfort zone. The members and leaders of our church have often expressed a desire for St. John's to grow in its mission, ministries, and membership, and if that is to happen, we need to step out and try some new things.

A new sign is just one of those things. We recognize that ultimately it is just one tool, much as the website and newsletter are tools. The *most* effective way for us to reach out to our neighbors is through each one of *you* – talking to your friends, your co-workers, and your family. It happens when we start to notice the many ways God is at work in our lives and in our church and get bold enough to share those stories! But while we continue to work on ways for us "shy" Lutherans to get more comfortable doing that, the sign is yet one more way to share the news of what God is doing through us here at St. John's.

We have begun to work on the preliminary steps towards installing the sign, which includes having the property surveyed and getting permits from the village. Please look for more news about the progress of the sign as we go forward. And please, if you have concerns or questions about the sign, the process, the decision, bring them to any member of the Council or to Pr. Becky. Your feedback and opinions are important to us, and we value the opportunity to talk together.

"Signing" off,

Pr. Becky

(who is amused by her own puns, even if no one else is :-))

Attention Gardeners

Or anyone who likes to/can play in the dirt or be outside!

June 12 is Pentecost! In honor of the day and our confirmands, we have red geraniums on the altar that day – and then we plant them around the church. We need some folks to stay after the 10 AM worship that day & help with the planting. Come in your gardening clothes, bring your gloves & a sun hat, and come ready to dig in – and then watch your work grow & beautify St. John's all season long! Please see Pauline Feltkamp or call the church office (599.0778) to let us know you can help. Thanks!



Property Work Day – June 12

We invite you to stay after the 10 AM worship on June 12 and help with some “summer” cleaning around the church! Help outside with planting and weeding, or stay inside to help with some small projects (window cleaning, cleaning out the nursery, etc.). If you can spare an hour and have willing hands, we can find something for you to do! We'll have cold drinks and some snacks to sustain you 'til lunchtime!



All summer long...

The Lawn Rangers are looking for a few good men (and women – and teenagers of either gender). Each summer, members of St. John's take turns mowing the lawn & keeping St. John's curb appeal up. We need folks to use the church's lawn mower (we provide the gas, too) to mow the grass in front of the church along the sidewalk as well as the front lawn of the parsonage next door. (The village takes care of the triangle between Merrick and Peninsula.) It doesn't take very long – and the more people who can help, the less often one person needs to do it.

There's a sign-up on the bulletin board in the entryway of the church with all of the open weekends listed. Check your calendar, and then sign away! Please see Bill Lindman for more information.

Thanks for your help!!

Youth group news

Our **Supermarket Bingo** was a huge success! Thanks so much to everyone who donated baskets of food, gave food donations, donated money, helped prepare the baskets, set up, cleaned up, baked or brought desserts or beverages, called numbers or helped track numbers called at Bingo, bought or sold raffles, participated by attending Bingo, or helped in any other way for this event! We'd also like to especially thank Bob Kaempf (donation made in memory of his wife Irma), Karen & Bruce Feltkamp, Don Roth, and everyone else who contributed so generously to the scholarship fund.

With all the helping hands it made it very easy to run this fundraiser, and we made \$1,214 in profit for the Barbara Semmig Scholarship fund that evening!

Upcoming Youth Group activities:

Sunday, June 5th, 10 am – Last Youth Group meeting until September.

Wednesday, June 8th, 6:30 PM – Confirmation dinner to honor the confirmation class of 2011. The Youth Group will be organizing and hosting this event.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!



New Member Sunday June 26, 9:30 AM

On Sunday, June 26, we'll formally welcome new members to St. John's. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member of St. John's, please let Pr. Becky know! And make sure you join us for worship that day to see some new faces and welcome them into our faith community!

Don't Miss Worship on June 12!

Our 10 AM worship promises to be filled with joy and celebration! Not only is June 12 Pentecost, the day we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit and the “birthday” of the church, but we also have lots of other special events happening.

- ▲ **Confirmation:** Two of our 8th graders will make a public affirmation of their baptism.
- ▲ **Moving Up Day:** Our Sunday School will recognize the growth and learning of the past year before heading into a break for the summer. Students will receive certificates and a small gift, and we'll give thanks for our dedicated teachers too!
- ▲ **Senior Scholarship Presentations:** We have 5 young men and women who are graduating from high school and moving on the college. They are a very active part of our church – serving in worship, organizing special events, playing special music. Each will receive a scholarship from the Barbara Semmig Scholarship Fund. Join us as we recognize their accomplishments and wish them well in their future adventures!



St. John's Fund

Don't forget that you can give at any time to the St. John's Fund! (see the envelope included with this edition of *The Messenger*.) Money that is donated to the St. John's Fund goes over and beyond our pledged giving and is used to help us bridge the gap between our regular offerings and our annual expenses. Last year, money given to the St. John's Fund helped us to finish the year in the black for the first time in a long time. Help us repeat that success! Please give as you are able!

Summer Food Drive

Sunday, June 19, during worship (at 9:30)
Please bring non-perishable food donations to worship. We'll bring them forward as part of our offering, remembering that God provides us with more than enough to share! You may also make a financial donation to Lutheran Social Services – New LIFE Center, Uniondale, to help support this important cooperative ministry. All donations will help the New LIFE Center in caring for our neighbors in need. (Donations are welcome at any time – just place them in the bin to the right of the doors in the entry way of the building.) Thanks for your help!



Sunday School News

The Sunday School year is coming is coming to a close. **Moving Up Day is Sunday, June 12.** Please come to the 10 AM worship, when our Sunday School students will receive certificates and a small gift in celebration of their participation, learning, and growth over the past year.

Although Sunday School officially ends on June 12, we'll be doing our Holy Trinity Day **Pretzel making** on **June 19** during the 9:30 AM worship. It's just a weird church year calendar this year that causes this Sunday to fall late, but we know the kids enjoy making the pretzels & everyone enjoys eating them! So come to church and send your kids to the Knotty Pine room to meet up and make pretzels!

And don't forget to come to worship as a family during the summer! We'll have children's bulletins and a children's message each week. Summer's a great chance to help your child/ren learn to worship – and we adults benefit from having them with us in worship too! It also helps our children to learn that God does not go on vacation during the warm months. Parents teach their children what is important by what they *do*, not just what they say. Help your kids learn that God is important to you and your family all year round!