



ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER

September 2013

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Worship Services

9:30 AM

Sunday School Classes (K-Grade 6)

9:30 AM

Calendar of Events for September 2013 ~

- Sunday, September 1 Worship, 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, September 3 Worship & Music Meeting, 7:30 PM (note day change)
- Thursday, September 5 Harvest Festival Chairperson Meeting 7:30 PM
- Sunday, September 8 Worship 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, September 10 Council Meeting 8:00 PM (note the day and time change)
- Sunday, September 15 Worship, 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, September 17 WELCA Meeting 7:30 PM
- Sunday, September 22 Worship, 9:30 AM
- Tuesday, September 24 Evangelism and Social Ministry Meeting 7:30 PM
- Sunday, September 29 Worship, 9:30 AM
Sunday School Rally during 9:30 worship

Looking forward to October.....

- Saturday, October 5 Pumpkin Picking at Lewin Farms
- Sunday, October 6 Harvest Festival 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM



SERVER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2013

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
9/1	9:30 AM	Katie Lenz	9:30 AM	Michael Fernež	9:30 AM	Arlene Moglia
9/8	9:30 AM	Ashley Gavin	9:30 AM	Roger Vargas	9:30 AM	Roger Vargas
9/15	9:30 AM	Elizabeth Hanson	9:30 AM	Hank Lenz	9:30 AM	Claire Lenz
9/22	9:30 AM	Kyle O'Connor	9:30 AM	Claire Lenz	9:30 AM	Hank Lenz
	Crucifer	Kyle O'Connor				
9/29	9:30 AM	Ryan Milano	9:30 AM	Andrew Dunn	9:30 AM	Anna Lenz
	Crucifer	Ryan Milano				

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator:

Bob Koehler: Assisting Ministers 678-6623

Jill Pace: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers- 599-8896

Claire Lenz: Lectors - 872-2063

A Message from Pastor Alex ~

It's amazing how quickly one month goes, especially when it's the last month of summer! Between getting settled in, meeting lots of new people, celebrating my ordination, and everything else, the past month has almost been a blur. Nevertheless, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the kindness and hospitality that you have shown to me these past few weeks. Your encouragement and support has definitely helped make my transition to St. John's a smooth one and for that I am very grateful.

As we roll into September, I find myself thinking a lot about new beginnings. For our Jewish brothers and sisters, it's the start of a new year as they celebrate Rosh Hashanah. For you football fans, it's the start of a new season with new hopes for your favorite team... whether those hopes are realistic or not is another story! But most importantly, it's the start of a new school year. Summer vacation is over and students will soon find themselves in the midst of new classes, new teachers, and perhaps even a new building or location. It is a time filled with so many emotions from joy and excitement to anxiety and annoyance. Considering that this will be the first fall in 21 years that I'm not going back to school, I can tell you that these feelings are still fresh in my mind. Part of me feels like I should be out getting school supplies right now!

September also marks the unofficial start of the new church year. Now liturgically speaking, the church year actually begins in Advent as we prepare for the coming birth of our Lord. It is the time within the lectionary when we switch gospels for the year's upcoming readings. But in terms of the life of the congregation, September is really when things get moving again! Many congregations return to their regularly scheduled worship times. Things like Sunday school, confirmation, and choir are back in full swing. With the return of all of our programming and events, the pulse of the church picks up and it's an exciting time.

So as we begin this new church year, I'd like to encourage you to think about one more "new" thing: the new people who will come through our doors to join us for worship. In my opinion, being a guest or visitor at a church is a lot like being the new kid on the first day of school. For those of you who have had to move or change schools, you know exactly what I'm talking about. The first day is rough. You do not know anyone and you have absolutely no idea where anything is. Well the same can be said for coming to church. Being a guest or visitor can be quite a scary experience! Unless a friend or relative invited them, they probably don't know anybody and if they have never been to a Lutheran worship service, the experience may seem very foreign to them. So if you see someone new, go say hello and introduce yourself. Ask them a little about themselves or explain to them what we do here at St. John's. These acts may seem small or insignificant, but they will go a long way toward helping someone feel welcome here at St. John's.

May God bless us and lead us as we strive to be a welcoming church, sharing the love of Christ with all who come through our doors.

Blessings,
Pastor Alex

If you wish to email Pastor Alex, his email address is: rev.alexkennedy@gmail.com

*Congratulations to Pastor Alex Kennedy on
his ordination as pastor on August 24th, 2013*

CHECK OUT ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE AT
Stjohnslynbrook.org to see what is happening at
St. John's AND TO SEE PHOTOS OF
PASTOR ALEX'S ORDINATION....



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We still need Youth Group Leaders! Please consider helping out!

We ask that you all please consider stepping up and being the next Youth Group Advisor(s). Whether you are a parent or grandparent of a Youth Group Member, or just have a vested interest in keeping an active Youth Group at St. John's which is as vital to our future as a church, your time and energy will be well rewarded in this capacity. We would love to share our experience with anyone who is interested, including how we organized Youth Group over the years or how you can change it into something new and different. We are more than willing to help anyone who is interested – and there is no time frame for volunteering, you can do it for one year or ten years – as an individual, duo or a whole group.

Please feel free to contact us by phone, email, or at church.

Lori Fernez 596-1538 lorif60@aol.com & Janet Powell 596-0543 tjdcpowell@aol.com



SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 29TH DURING OUR
9:30 AM WORSHIP.

We are asking that if possible All Sunday School students join us for this special day!

Welcome Denise Fillion, our new church organist...

Originally from Washington State, **Denise Fillion** is a frequent soloist and collaborator in the New York City area. She has a special affinity for new music, and has worked with several living composers, including Tristan Murail, Frederic Rzewski, and George Crumb. Additionally, as a runner-up in the David Lang International Piano Competition, she recently premiered a new work written for the occasion by Lang at Le Poisson Rouge in New York. Denise has also been a guest with several ensembles dedicated to new music including Mantra Percussion, the Argento Chamber Ensemble, and Iktus+. Denise received her Bachelor of Music degree from Western Washington University where she was a Presser Scholar studying with Jeffrey Gilliam. After working as a collaborative pianist at Western, Denise was accepted on full-scholarship as a Master's student at Stony Brook University where she is now a Doctoral Candidate studying with Christina Dahl.



Denise grew up as a member of First Lutheran Church in Kennewick, Washington; her first job was as a pianist for Ascension Lutheran Church just across town. She is very excited to join St. John's as an organist.

THANK YOU ♥♥♥

THANK YOU

Thank you to Bruce Feltkamp,
Joe Pace, Joan Pirrone and
Pauline Feltkamp who worked
on numerous tasks to get the
parsonage ready for Pastor Alex.
God's Work, Our Hands
God Bless You All,
Dotty Criscuolo

Thanks to our loving generosity again this summer, we helped collect the necessary items needed to help many children needed to begin the school year this fall. Those items were collected by the Holy Spirit working within us. We helped many families that do not have the means to provide even the basic school supplies required for their children to start the school year.

I want to express the gratitude the New LIFE Center – Long Island, has often written to St. John's Lutheran, for food, clothing and school supplies we have sent onto them. It is certainly better to give than to receive.

May God continue to bless us.

Peace and Love, Evangelism Committee

The Barbara Semmig Scholarship Committee extends their thanks and appreciation to the Youth Group for their generous donation. We are blessed to have such generous young people at in St. Johns,
Thank You and God Bless,
Scholarship Committee



A donation to the Memorial Fund has been made in memory of Frank Feltkamp by the Richard Hart Family.



Bric-A-Brac 2013 Update!

The Bric-A-Brac Committee has begun sorting through all the items that have been brought down to the stage, please keep them coming. All of your donations are welcome. Please remember NO clothing.

This years Pre-Sales will be held on September 22nd & 29th from 9am - 11am.

ALL HANDS ARE ALSO NEEDED ON THE DAY OF THE FESTIVAL TO HELP BRING ALL OF OUR ITEMS UP FROM THE AUDITORIUM, PLEASE COME TO CHURCH AT 7:30AM WITH A HAND-TRUCK IF POSSIBLE.

Thanking you all in advance,
The Bric-A-Brac Committee

BUILD A SCARECROW

We are going to have the inaugural Build-a Scarecrow table at this years' Harvest Festival. Any one who comes to the table will have the opportunity to create their own custom made scarecrow (for a modest fee...~\$10- \$15 depending on material costs) to help bring in the fall season.

To make this possible, were looking for donations of the following items to use for the scarecrow creations:

- ⤴ Long sleeve shirts (Flannels preferably for the authentic scarecrow look, adult or children sizes)
- ⤴ Pants...denim or carpenter pants or whatever you can spare. (again, adult or children sizes)
- ⤴ Any wood or lumber that could be used to make the armatures for the scarecrows. Just need something in the shape of a cross to put in the sleeves and provide support for when the scarecrows are mounted in the ground.

The plan is to stuff the clothes with newspapers and hay, attach a head to the scarecrow, then attach it to an armature so the scarecrow can be planted" in your yard.

If you do have any of these items that you would be willing to donate, or if you come across any of these items at a garage sale, thrift store etc, please set them aside and contact me so I can get an idea of how many scarecrows well be able to accommodate. I'll be placing a bin in the Narthex for any donations. Here's to hoping that this will be a success!

God Bless,
Dan Gonzalez
spammesilly@gmail.com

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!
Your generosity has
RAISED THE ROOF
On
St. John's Parsonage and Garage!



Roof appeal 2011-2012

In LOVING memory of

Helen Davison & Roy Hopewell by Regina & Bill Davison
Dorothy Roll, Julius Roll, & Sal Criscuolo by Dorothy Criscuolo
Allen & Dorothy Jimmerson by Joan Pirrone
Our parents: Madga & Franz Feltkamp
by Pauline & Frank Feltkamp
Our Parents: Lillian & William Rogers
by Pauline & Frank Feltkamp
Wife Irma Kaempf by Robert Kaempf
Joan Hearne & Jack & Mary O'Connor by Sean & Amy O'Connor
Reid F. Pontius by David and Marlyn Pontius
Dorothy & Henry Roth & Bob Weber by Don Roth & Family
Parents: Matthew & Sue Kalny by Robert Kalny
Beatrice & Charles Gorr, & Barrett Robins by Marjorie A. Gorr
Beloved husband: Robert Weber by Gerda Weber
Father: Robert Weber by Thomas & Susan Weber, Eric & Cathy
Weber, Ellen & Bob Giambalvo, Janet & Bud Speicher,
Bill & Jean Weber
Maria Qvaeschning by Heidi & Michael Scalza
Loved Ones by Cora Sarver
John Kortlang, Katie & Tony Posimato, Amy Kortlang
by Judy & Anthony Posimato
John A. Kortlang by Doris E. Kortlang
Beloved Grandpa- Bob Weber by Grandchildren Jessica, Chris,
Greg, Tim, Matt, Brian, Jennifer, Eric, Steven, Alison, & Robert
My Mother, father, & brother Clayton Keyser by Jan Arena
Horace & Mildred DuBose by Lori, Dennis, Mike, & Matt Fernez
Roby Mcgee by Kevin & Heather Hanson
Sister Joan Geier & brother Al Geier by Carol Clemente
Family members by Peter & Carol Larson
John R. Horgan by Sean T. Berry, Jessica & John Oliveri
William Moser Sr. by the Kaempf family
Helen Fernez by Dennis, Lori, Mike, & Matt Fernez
Jeffrey Benson by Annette and Bill Benson
Mom: Irma Kaempf by Norm & Karen Irving
Loved ones by Ed & Arlene Moglia

Matching Funds

*Arthur B. Robins Jr. by Arlene Germano
Frank & Elizabeth Sarver by Don Sarver
The Rev. & Mrs. Robert H. Arnold by The Mann Family
My grandparents – Kalny & Kavitsky by Robert B. Kalny
Loved Ones by Blanche & Christopher Shelton
Beloved Husband Mike Scalza by Heidi Scalza
Mike Scalza by Carol Clemente
Robert & Kathrina Klipfel by Albert Klipfel
Joan Geier by Carol Clemente
Ruth Wuerth by Dorothy Criscuolo
Ruth Wuerth by Joan Pirrone
Caroline Roberts by Dorothy Criscuolo
All my St. John's friends by Jan Arena
My parents - Margaret & Harold Comastri, grandparents -
Elizabeth & John Comastri, grandparents – Marie & George
Uhlich, & Loved ones – Frieda Schick, Grace & Walter Uhlich by
Charlene Comastri*

Roof appeal

2011-2012

In honor of

*Children: Karen, Robert, & Gregg by Robert Kaempf
Grandchildren: Melissa, Laura, Brien, Christine, & Joanne
by Robert Kaempf
Clara Larke by Nana & Pop Masciello
The 100th Anniversary by Pastor Becky & Pastor Andy Feters
Karen & Anthony Posimato and Doris Kortlang
by Judy & Anthony Posimato
My Children: John, Judy, Wayne by Doris E. Kortlang
Bauer Masciello by Nana & Pop Masciello
Cassie Helen Larke by Nana & Pop Masciello
Their marriage by Jessica & Sean Berry
Dad: Bob Kaempf by Norm & Karen Irving
The Glory of God by Robert Kalny
The Marriage of Joseph & Kathy Pirrone
by AnThony & Joan Pirrone*

The 100th Anniversary Matching Funds

The 100th Anniversary Matching Funds by Marjorie Gorr

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Feltkamp*

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*The 100th Anniversary Matching Funds by Ursula & Larry Lipitz
Children & Grandchildren by Gerda Weber*

Our Grandchildren by Blanche & Christopher Shelton

*The 100th Anniversary Matching Funds
by Diane Moser & Joe Posillico*

100th Anniversary Matching Funds by Dorothy & Vito Richetti

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In Loving Memory Of
Marie Obst
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