



ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER
August 2013

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Worship Services

9:30 AM

No Sunday School Classes (K-Grade 6)

During July, August,

Bring the children to worship!

MEET OUR NEW PASTOR



**COME TO WORSHIP AND MEET
OUR NEW PASTOR!**

**Join us Sunday, August 11th at 9:30 AM for
PASTOR ALEXANDER KENNEDY'S
First service at St. John's
Join us in the Knotty Pine Room for a
Coffee Hour after the worship**

CONGRATULATIONS...

By God's grace, it is with great joy to announce that Pastor Alex Kennedy will be ordained into the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, August 24th at 1:00pm. The service will take place at his home congregation, Schwarzwald Lutheran Church, located at 250 Church Lane Road, Reading, PA 19606. A reception will follow the service. Pastor Alex cordially invites anyone from St. John's to attend. If you plan on going, please RSVP by no later than August 12th by calling Diane, the church secretary, at 610-779-3480 or emailing slc1737@verizon.net

Calendar of Events for August 2013 ~

Sunday, August 4	Worship, 9:30 AM – Pastor David Grainson presiding
Tuesday, August 6	Worship & Music Meeting, 7:30 PM (note day change)
Sunday, August 11	Worship, 9:30 AM – Pastor Alexander Kennedy’s first “official” service at St. John’s.
Tuesday, August 13	Council Meeting 8:00 PM (note the day and time change)
Sunday, August 18	Worship, 9:30 AM
Sunday, August 25	Worship, 9:30 AM



SERVER SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 2013

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
8/4	9:30 AM	Victoria Dunn	9:30 AM	Joan Pirrone	9:30 AM	Joan Pirrone
8/11	9:30 AM	Kaitlyn Gavin	9:30 AM	Karen Feltkamp	9:30 AM	Bruce Feltkamp
8/18	9:30 AM	Jesse Pace	9:30 AM	Janet Pescatore	9:30 AM	Janet Pescatore
8/25	9:30 AM	Elizabeth Hanson	9:30 AM	Dorothy Richetti	9:30 AM	Dorothy Richetti

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

CHECK OUT ST. JOHN'S WEBSITE AT Stjohnslynbrook.org AND SEE PHOTOS OF OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS! Thanks to Dan Gonzalez' and GR Graphics for getting all the photos onto the website!



A Message from Pastor Alex ~

Grace and peace to you from God our creator and our Lord Jesus Christ! It is with great joy and thanksgiving that I write to you as I prepare to begin my ministry here at St. John's. I hope you all have had a nice summer enjoying good times with family and friends. I know that I have. This past month has been what I would call a "bittersweet blessing". A blessing in that I've had the opportunity to spend some quality time at home with my family and worship with my home church, but I also had to say those difficult goodbyes to the amazing people who taught and raised me in the faith that we share. And yet, all that being said, it was definitely a LONG month. The excitement and eagerness to move to Lynbrook and begin my career in ordained ministry had me counting down the days until August. Thus, you can understand how thrilled I am that it's finally here!

A little bit about myself: I come to you from Reading, PA, which is located about an hour northwest of Philadelphia. I graduated from Muhlenberg College (a Lutheran school located in Allentown, PA) in 2009 with a degree in religious studies. During my time at Muhlenberg I worked at the chapel, played intramurals, and sang in the college choir. For the past four years, I attended The Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and just graduated this past May. During that time I did a yearlong internship at Christ Lutheran Church in East Northport, NY. It was a wonderful congregation that not only allowed me to learn and grow in my ministry, but also gave me some experience of what life is like here on Long Island.

I am not married and I do not have any children, but I do have a dog-named Jasper, who is a miniature dachshund and basically my baby. In my free time, I enjoy taking him for walks, watching movies, singing, golfing, spending time with friends, and playing basketball... and as you will quickly find out, I am a HUGE Philadelphia sports fan. I know I'm in "enemy" territory up here, so I'll try my best to keep my loyalties to myself, but please don't hold it against me!

In regards to ministry, I have a strong passion for worship, especially music. I believe that music is not only powerful and transformative, but that it's also one of the best ways that we can give expression to God. I'm also a big advocate of ecumenical and interfaith work. As disciples of Christ, we are called to love our neighbor and welcome the stranger, which means embracing our non-Lutheran and even non-Christian brothers and sisters as fellow children of God. I envision this being an important part of my ministry.

There are so many things that I'm looking forward to here at St. John's. I can already tell that this is a special place filled with extraordinary and gifted people. I've had the pleasure of meeting some of you, but there are many that I have not, so I look forward to getting to know each and every one of you as we worship and do God's work together. Please bare with me as I try to learn names... it'll take some time but I'll get there!

I anticipate that these first few months will mostly be a time of observation and learning for me. I have the utmost respect for the history and tradition of your congregation. I want to see and learn how you worship, minister, and serve God's people here in Lynbrook and beyond. This is *your* church, not mine, so know that I will always welcome and appreciate your honesty and advice. As the classic hymn goes, "We all are one in mission." The work and leadership of this church is one that I hope we will be able to share together.

I want to thank you again for graciously extending me this call to be your next pastor. It is an honor and privilege that I will take very seriously and always be mindful of. I truly believe that the future of this congregation is bright. There may be some bumps and challenges along the way, but with God's presence and help, we will be blessed so that we can be a blessing to others.

Peace +
Pastor Alex Kennedy

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

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

A message from Lori Fernez & Janet Powell:

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

THANK YOU

THANK YOU -

I want to thank everybody for the flowers, cards and good wishes you sent to me on my 80th birthday! It was so nice and it made my day very special.

Love,

Christel Hild

A heartfelt thank you to Ed and Arlene Moglia for all the photos they have taken and posted of all of the WELCA functions! Thanks for being our own special photo historians!

God Bless,

The Ladies of WELCA

A special thank you to all our Property people for keeping St. John's looking beautiful during the summer months.



OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL IS ONLY A TWO MONTHS WE COULD STILL USE VOLUNTEERS TO HEAD COMMITTEES AND TO WORK ON PUTTING THE HARVEST FESTIVAL TOGETHER. EVEN A FEW HOURS HELPING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU JOIN US!

WE ARE PLANNING FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH 2013

Hard to believe that summer is half over, and our Harvest Festival is fast approaching right after that. Please think of St. Johns as you do all of your summer cleaning; you can now bring all of your unwanted treasures down to the stage in the Auditorium, for this year's festival. Should you have any questions please give either one of us a call.

Thanks from the Bric-A-Brac Committee!

Diane Dake 599-2705

Susan Masciello 599-1956

And.....do not forget our new Scarecrow building table.

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

Back To School



You can help a child in need this school year through the New LIFE Center – Long Island by donating any of the school supplies listed below. Many children do not have the basic supplies necessary for beginning their school year and your donation will help a child start their year off right! Please have items delivered to New LIFE Center – Long Island no later than the week of August 16th.

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

