



# **ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER**

## **October 2015**

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Worship Services**  
**8:15 AM and 9:30 AM**  
**Sunday School Classes**  
**Grades K-6**  
**9:30 AM**

# Calendar of Events for October 2015

Sunday, Oct. 11	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:30 am Harvest Festival 11:00 am – 3:00 pm
Tuesday, Oct. 13	Council Meeting 8:00 pm
Thursday, Oct. 15	Confirmation class 7:00 pm
Sunday, Oct. 18	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am – Baptism - Emily Rose Schoch <b>SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP</b> Packing Care Packages for our College Kids.
Thursday, Oct. 22	Confirmation class 7:00 pm
Friday, Oct. 23	Girl Scout Meeting 3:45 pm
Sunday, Oct. 25 REFORMATION SUNDAY	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School Classes 9:30 am WELCA sponsored Halloween Party after 9:30 am worship <b>SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AFTER WORSHIP</b> Packing Care Packages for our College Kids.
Thursday, Oct. 29	Confirmation class 7:00 pm

## LOOKING FORWARD TO November.....

Sunday, Nov. 29	First Sunday of Advent Advent Wreath Making sponsored by WELCA
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## SERVER SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 2015

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
10/11	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Heidi Scalza
	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Ashley Gavin		Katharine Forte	Janet Powell Lori Fernez
10/18	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Heidi Scalza
	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Elizabeth Hanson	Volunteer needed	Bill Benson	Bill Davison Bill Benson
10/25	8:15					
Ref. Sunday	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Debby Lindman	Debby Lindman	Kristina & Doug Palmer
	1 TB	Kaitlyn Gavin				
	2 TB	Ashley Gavin				

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DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
11/1	8:15			Roger Vargas	Roger Vargas	
All Saints	9:30	Erin Milano	Erin Milano	Susan Masciello	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez Aurelius Gonzalez
11/8	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Heidi Scalza
	9:30	Jesse Pace	Jesse Pace	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Bill & Debby
11/15	8:15					
	9:30	Kevin Hanson	Victoria Dunn	Hank Lenz	Greg Kershner	Hank & Claire Lenz
11/22	8:15					
Christ the King	9:30	Parker Sloan	Victoria Ramirez	Bill Lindman	Anna Lenz	Carol Clemente
11/29	8:15					
Advent ONE	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Ashley Gavin	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Dorothy & Vito Richetti

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator: Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers 599-2273; Claire Lenz: Assisting Ministers & Lectors – 872-2063  
Jill Pace: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers & Gospel bearers- 599- 8896,

## SERVER SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER 2015

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
12/6	8:15			Roger Vargas	Roger Vargas	Heidi Scalza
ADVENT TWO	9:30	Parker Sloan	N/A	Kim Carlstrom	Kim Carlstrom	Dorothy Criscuolo Richard Dietrich
12/13	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Heidi Scalza
ADVENT THREE	9:30	Christopher Dunn	N/A	Janet Pescatore	Greg Kershner	Janet Pescatore Susan Masciello
12/20	8:15					Heidi Scalza
ADVENT FOUR	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	N/A	Volunteer needed	Katharine Forte	Kevin Hanson Kevin Hanson Jr
12/24	7:30 PM	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	1 Claire Lenz	Dorothy Richetti	Bill Davison
Christmas Eve				2 Dorothy Criscuolo		
	TB 1	Victoria Ramirez				
	TB 2	Elizabeth Hanson				
	GB	Christopher Dunn				

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*Donations have been made  
to the St. John's Memorial Fund  
in memory of*

*Annette Benson*  
by

Bruce and Karen Feltkamp  
John Castellano  
Mary McCartin

## *From the Desk of Pastor Alex:*

Grace and peace be to you from God our creator and our Lord and savior, Jesus the Christ! My article for this month is an important one as I have some very interesting news that concerns the future of our congregation and ministry. Some of you are already aware of what I'm about to share, but it's imperative that I inform all of you now lest we beset ourselves with unnecessary rumors and rumblings.

Over the summer, I was approached by the dean of our conference, Pastor Ed Barnett, regarding the possibility of another church in the conference merging with ours. Incarnation Lutheran Church in Cedarhurst has experienced vast decline in attendance and giving the past few years to the point that they are no longer a viable congregation. Recognizing this somber reality and wanting to be proactive, they made the difficult decision to look into a shared ministry/merger with another church, and they named us as their desired choice. All of this was presented to our church council in September and we voted to pursue this idea further.

Following the council's approval, some of our council members met with a few of Incarnation's council members last month here at St. John's. We were blessed at that meeting to have Pastor Richard Hill join us as a consultant. Pastor Hill has a lot of experience in this area and he has helped numerous congregations with doing shared ministry. We are very fortunate to have his knowledge and guidance as we move forward in this process.

Right now this is just a conversation; nothing is set in stone. We have agreed with Incarnation to form a team that will explore some possible ways that we can get better acquainted with one another, and begin identifying specific actions we can take collaboratively as congregations. A merger is something to talk about later on, and ultimately that may not even happen depending on the synod's actions, various NY state laws, etc. That being said, the folks from Incarnation are fully aware and prepared that they might eventually need to sell their property in order to form a new congregation with us.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns about any of this, we will have a short congregational meeting on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> following our 9:30am service. This meeting will provide you with an opportunity to share your thoughts and feelings as well as to learn more about what I've discussed above. In the meantime, please keep the faithful people of Incarnation Lutheran Church in your prayers. Some of their kids have already joined our Sunday School so if you see some new faces, greet them and welcome them!

God's Blessings and Peace +

*Pastor Alex*

# Outdoor Worship and Pet Blessing September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015



**Thanks to the following businesses and  
people who donated/collected items for our  
raffle baskets**

Angelina's Pizzeria and Restaurant  
A Lá Carte Culinary Services  
Central Florist  
DePalma Florist  
Don Giovanni's  
F&L Deli  
Hallmark Lynn Gift Shop  
King Kullen  
Lynbrook Bagels  
Lynbrook Deli  
Magic Bagels  
Moments, Memories and Traditions  
Morris Variety Store  
Mitchell's Restaurant  
Nail Fetish Nail Gallery  
Sip This  
So Far, So Good  
Stop & Shop  
Sweet Peace Bakery

Tiffany Nail Salon  
Unicorn Jewelers  
US Bagels  
Vincent's Pizzeria  
Kim Carlstrom  
Sue Ellen Coyle  
Dot Criscuolo  
Pauline Feltkamp  
Bruce and Karen Feltkamp  
Doug Feltkamp  
Hank and Claire Lenz  
Dan and Anna Lenz  
Vin and Sue Masciello  
Janet Pescatore  
Vito and Dot Richetti  
Don Roth  
Don and Cora Sarver  
Ruth Williamson

Confirmation classes begin this  
Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

If you would like your child to receive First Communion, please contact  
Pastor Alex by calling or emailing the church office.

WELCA is hosting a Halloween Costume Party  
October 25<sup>th</sup> after Worship!  
Free will offering to help offset the cost and raise money for the  
Barbara Semmig Scholarship Fund!  
Sign up on the poster in the narthex or email the church office.

## BACK TO SCHOOL CARE PACKAGES FOR OUR COLLEGE KIDS!

We will, once again, be sending care packages to the college kids within our congregation. If you can donate one or more of the following items and drop them off in the box in the narthex it will be greatly appreciated.

**We need the following items to fill the care packages:**

COFFEE MUG

PENS

EASY MAC & CHEESE

PAGE FLAGS

CUP OF SOUP

COOKIES

COLORFUL DUCK TAPE

HIGH LIGHTERS

INSTANT NOODLES

CORRECTION TAPE

INSTANT NOODLES

SCOTCH TAPE

INDEX CARDS

INSTANT OATMEAL

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RAMEN NOODLES

PENCILS

POPCORN

GUM

Then join us on **October 18th**, when we will fill the care packages for our college kids while enjoying a coffee hour hosted by the Lenz Family!