



# **ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER**

## **September 2015**

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**Worship Services**

**8:15 AM**

**9:30 AM**

# Calendar of Events for September 2015

Sunday, Sept. 6	Worship 8:15 am – New Member Installation Worship 9:30 am
Monday, Sept. 7	Labor Day
Tuesday, Sept. 8	Council Meeting 8:00 PM
Sunday, Sept. 13	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am HUGS ACROSS AMERICA – Teddy Bear collection
Thursday, Sept. 18	Girl Scout Leader Meeting 7:30 PM
Sunday, Sept. 20	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing
Sunday, Sept. 27	Worship 8:15 am Worship 9:30 am

## LOOKING FORWARD TO OCTOBER.....

Thursday, Oct. 1	First Choir rehearsal
Sunday, Oct. 4	Harvest Festival First day of Sunday School
Sunday, Oct. 25	WELCA sponsored Halloween Party

## SERVER SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 2015 - 9:30 AM

DATE	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
9/6	Parker Sloan		Andrew Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Claire & Hank Lenz
9/13	Victoria Dunn		Hank Lenz	Anna Lenz	Heidi Scalza & Carol Clemente
9/20	Elizabeth Hanson	Ashley Gavin	Debby Lindman	Bill Lindman	Dorothy Criscuolo & Richard Dietrich
9/27	Kaylee Palmer	Erin Milano	Kim Carlstrom	Bill Benson	Bill Davison & Bill Benson

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,

# *From the Desk of Pastor Alex:*

Last week we held our second annual Vacation Bible School program here at St. John's Lutheran Church where 30 kids traveled back in time to discover God's everlasting love - a love that is **incredible, faithful, invincible, unconditional**, and most importantly, **real!** They learned this through bible stories in the *Timeless Truth Tent*, from Moses meeting God in the burning bush to Peter's escape from prison through the help of an angel. They made cool crafts in the *Mission Quest Cave*, enjoyed tasty snacks at the *Backtrack Bazaar*, and played some fun games at *Discovery Ruins*.

Of course, you can't have VBS without music; that's the best part! The children learned three awesome songs over the course of the week: "I Am a Child of God", "B-I-B-L-E", and "God Does Great Things." They sang God's praises and moved with joy, sharing the good news that God truly does great things in our lives because we are all children of God who are loved!

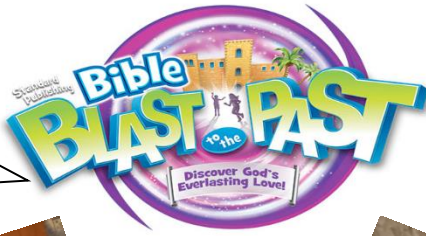
Like I said last year, this program would not have been possible without the help, support, and dedication of the congregation, and I cannot express how much I appreciate that. Many thanks to our teachers, assistants, and staff who gave their time and energy in leading our VBS program: Alexa Belulovich, Sue Ellen Coyle, Pauline Feltkamp, Elizabeth Hanson, Kevin Hanson, Kevin Hanson Jr., Kristen Larke, Anna Lenz, Claire Lenz, Emma Lenz, Katie Lenz, Ursula Lipitz, Kayla O'Connor, Joan Pirrone, Heidi Scalza, Jane Sloan, and Anne Shepherd. Thank you to all who made donations and helped decorate and prep the rooms. Thank you to our church secretary, Andrea Sommella, who helped me with publicity, planning, and preregistration (try to say that five times fast), and thank you to Doris Hild, who took all the pictures for the slideshow, including those found in this month's Messenger. Finally, thanks to Dot and Vito Richetti for donating all the ice cream and toppings for our "Ice Cream Sundae Sunday", which concluded our VBS this past Sunday.

We've got a wonderful thing going here at St. John's with our Vacation Bible School and we are very blessed. The kids thoroughly enjoy the program and most of them cannot wait to come back the next night. The Word is getting out, and I am very hopeful that we will have even more kids join us next summer! Thanks be to God!

Peace +

*Pastor Alex*





Special thanks for Doris Hild for taking such great photos

FOR MORE PHOTOS OF VBS CHECK OUT THE PHOTO COLLAGE IN THE NARTHEX OR OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!





Dear Pastor Alex and the  
VBS staff -

Thank you so much  
for all your time, enthusiasm  
and dedication!

My two grandsons  
Sam Barry and Charles  
LOVED singing bible school!

It was a wonderful  
first experience for them!

Will be singing the  
BIBLE song for a long time  
to come.

Your friend in Christ,  
Anne Sheppard

Thank You,  
MELODY BERNASE

DEAR PASTOR ALEX, HEIDI  
and to the rest of  
ST JOHN'S MEMBERS,

THANK YOU FOR HAVING  
A WONDERFUL VACATION  
BIBLE SCHOOL. MY KIDS  
NOT ONLY ENJOYED THE  
ACTIVITIES BUT THEY  
LEARNED A LOT ABOUT  
GOD'S LOVE AND BIBLE  
STORIES. I NEVER SAW  
THEM SO ENTHUSIASTIC  
AND INTERESTED TO  
PARTICIPATE.



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

*Annette Benson by*

Catherine and Al Ferber  
Inara and George Hirn  
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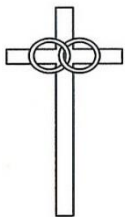
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*Ada Gonzalez by*

Cora and Don Sarver

*Bob Kaempf by*

Judy and Dave Opatow



*In Honor of the Marriage of Alison Urguhart and Jason Flood by  
Joan Pirrone*





## Seeking New Choir Members

**The St. John's choir is looking for new members. All are welcome,** male & female; young adult & "senior"; soprano, alto, tenor, or bass is welcome. Choir rehearsals are held on Thursdays at 7:30 PM and will begin on **Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Allison Koehler, choir director at 516-678 -6623. We hope to hear from you!

**"God's work. Our hands."**  
**Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**



*September 13<sup>th</sup>, nearly 10,000 congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) put their faith into action by serving their communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God's people. **This** was an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.*

This year we at St. John's decided to work with **Hugs Across America**, an organization whose mission is to bring comfort to children who are ill or in crisis. They collect and distribute teddy bears to children who are in hospitals and shelters as well as children who have lost their homes to fires and natural disasters.

Sunday morning, September 13<sup>th</sup>, following our 9:30 am service, we tagged and bagged 50 donated teddies in the Knotty Pine room. Everyone who joined us has a wonderful morning of fellowship as they used their hands to do God's work.



Join us Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> for our 9:30 am worship!  
The worship will be held outdoors on the triangle.  
Bring your pets to worship for a special  
Pet Blessing and stay for coffee and cake  
and special treats (for our four-legged family members)!

All God's  
Creatures



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

Again this year, we will be sending care packages to our college kids.  
If you can donate one or more of the following items and bring them to church it  
will be greatly appreciated.

WE NEED THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO FILL CARE PACKAGES:

COFFEE MUG  
INSTANT OATMEAL  
INSTANT NOODLES  
EASY MAC & CHEESE  
RAMEN NOODLES  
INSTANT NOODLES  
CUP OF SOUP  
POPCORN  
COOKIES  
GUM

HIGH LIGHTERS  
PENS  
POST IT NOTES  
CORRECTION TAPE  
PAGE FLAGS  
PENCILS  
SCOTCH TAPE  
COLORFUL DUCK TAPE  
INDEX CARDS

And then.... join us on OCTOBER 18<sup>th</sup>, when we will be filling the care  
packages for our college kids while enjoying a coffee hour hosted by the  
LENZ FAMILY!

## BABY SITTER AVAILABLE

Elizabeth Hanson is available most nights to baby sit.  
Please contact her at: Home: 516-593-1403  
Cell: 516- 668-8844



## **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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The Rev. Alexander Kennedy – Pastor

September 1, 2015

Dear St. John's Families and Friends,

As we prepare for the coming Sunday School year, we would REALLY appreciate your help in getting our students registered so we can get a sense of how many children we will have and plan accordingly. Over the past few years we have had families move, change churches, or just stop coming for whatever reason. Therefore, we want to make sure that the families whose children want to be a part of our Sunday School program are getting the information they need and that we have the necessary materials available to all who want to grow in their Christian faith with us.

Having your children attend Sunday school on a regular basis is very important. Not only are they greatly missed by their teachers and classmates when they are not there, but also, a commitment to Sunday School instills the value of coming to church on Sundays, which is an essential part of our Christian faith. Of course, we certainly understand that children may not be able to attend every time Sunday School is in session. If that is the case, please try to let us know earlier in the week if possible so we can inform our Sunday School teachers, Diane Moser and Jane Sloan. We welcome all children to attend as often as possible. It helps the students get to know their teachers, classmates, new Bible stories, and most importantly, the power of God's love!

If you have any questions about Sunday School or registration, please contact Pastor Alex by phone – 516-599-0778 or via email – [stjohnslynbrook@aol.com](mailto:stjohnslynbrook@aol.com)

**God's Blessings & Peace +  
The St. John's Sunday School staff**

# St. John's Lutheran Church

## Sunday School Registration Form – 2015-2016

(Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade)

Please complete this form and return to our church secretary, Andrea Sommella, before Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The form can be:

- emailed to stjohnslynbrook@aol.com
- mailed to the church office at 13 Blake Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563
- dropped in the offering plate any Sunday you are worshipping with us

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a member of St. John's? YES NO

Phone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (cell): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address (we communicate via email when possible): \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Baptism date</u>	<u>1<sup>st</sup> Communion</u>	
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES	NO
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES	NO
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES	NO
_____	_____	_____	_____	YES	NO

*It is our goal to make Sunday School a wonderful experience for your child. If your child has any allergies or health concerns that our Sunday School teachers should know about, please list them here:*

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*If your child has any special needs that our Sunday School teachers should know about so they can be better prepared with appropriate materials, please list them here:*

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**Sunday School begins on OCTOBER 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.**