



St. John of the Incarnation MESSENGER APRIL 2016

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Services

8:15 and 9:30 AM at St. John's

11:00 am at Incarnation

Sunday School – Grades K-6

9:30 AM at St. John's

A Message from Pastor Chang:

St John of the Incarnation Parish Messenger April 2016

"Pastor, my best friend asked me if you are Miss Chang Ling Hsi? Who was teaching Biblical Knowledge at Fanlin Shin Tsen Lutheran Middle school in Hong Kong?" "Yes, that's me. What is your friend's name?" I replied. "Wong Yin Ho said that she was your student." "Oh, I remember her, short hair, medium built, round face with eyeglasses, she was very quiet and sat in the front row."

I started my teaching career in that school after an invited visit with the school principal, Ms. Stella Carlson, for their morning assembly. I was then asked to be the speaker for several hundred students. I always enjoyed my visits with Ms. Carlson very much, because she was my teacher for three years on: New Testament Pauline Letters. I also learned how to play the accordion with her. It opened up a way for me to assist with many evangelical programs in different villages when Ms. Alice Anderson and her student teams would go out to proclaim the Gospel! Both of my teachers were from Minnesota Lutheran missionaries!

After preaching at one of the morning school assemblies, I was recruited to teach Biblical Knowledge to the senior class. The superintendent, Mr. Liu Kwon Ten, who was my seminary Chinese Philosophy professor, really entrusted me with this teaching assignment. I had many good years teaching students and led student fellowship hours and summer camps of 200 plus students. Also, I helped to form a teacher's Bible Study group on Fridays with Finnish missionary teachers. We had a wonderful time in the school ministry and this was my first major assignment after graduating from my seminary training.

When I spoke with Ms. Wong Yin Ho she helped me recall many of my blessings from my youth. We were so excited to catch up on the past 40 years! I am so glad to know that Wong Yin Ho is a certified teacher in New York City, she also studied at Moody Bible College for two years and now serves as assistant to a very large congregation in Manhattan's Chinatown. Rev Luthard Eid who just had his 100th Birthday Celebration in Michigan, and her daughter wrote to share this exciting news with me. I was so overjoyed that my professor remembered me! Even though his health has declined with age, he still uses his typewriter to write to me! What a blessed person I am, with all these extended circles of love to make the Ministry possible, particularly in preparing me for the road of ordained ministry! The resurrect Lord linked them to me as the affirmation of my call and to make me be a faithful servant until the Lord calls me home one day!

Christ is Risen, He is Risen indeed, Hallelujah!

The Rev Mary LH Chang Lutheran Church of the Incarnation

Calendar of Events for April 2016

Thursday, April 14	Confirmation Class Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 17	Worship at St. John's Sunday School Worship at Incarnation	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am
Thursday, April 21	Confirmation Class Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Sunday, April 24	Worship at St. John's Sunday School <i>Coffee Hour sponsored by Worship & Music after 9:30 am worship</i> Worship at Incarnation	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am
Tuesday, April 26	WELCA BABY SHOWER Spaghetti Dinner informational meeting	7:30 pm NOTE TIME CHANGE 7:30 pm
Thursday, April 28	NO Confirmation Class Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY:		
Tuesday, May 3	Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting	7:30 pm
Thursday, May 5	Confirmation Class Choir Rehearsal	7:00 pm 7:30 pm
Friday, May 6	WELCA SPAGETTI DINNER	6:00 pm
Friday, May 13	Girl Scout Silver Award Ceremony	7:00 pm
Sunday, May 15	Confirmation at St. John's	9:30 am
May 19-21	MNYS Annual Assembly	Melville Marriot
May 22	Evangelism coffee hour following 9:30 am service at St. John's	
May 30	Memorial Day	

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15					
4/17	9:30	Kevin Hanson	Jesse Pace	Dan Gonzalez	Bill Benson	Bill & Debby Lindman
	8:15					
4/24	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Christopher Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Andrew Dunn	Doug & Kristina Palmer

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15					
	9:30	Parker Sloan	Kaitlyn Gavin	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Janet Powell & Lori Fernéz
Mother's	8:15			Debby		
Day 5/8	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Katharine Forte	Greg Kershner	Bill Benson & Richard Dietrich
Pentecost	8:15					
5/15	9:30	Jesse Pace	Jesse Pace	Bill Lindman	Bill Lindman	
	Torch Bearer	Victoria Ramirez	Elizabeth Hanson			
	Gospel Bearer	Christopher Dunn				Robert Reckhart & Tyler Rouse
	8:15					
5/29	9:30	Tyler Rouse		Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	Kevin Hanson & Kevin Hanson Jr.

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2016

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
	8:15					
6/5	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	N/A	Kim Carlstrom	Kim Carlstrom	Carol Clemente & Janet Pescatore
	8:15					
6/12	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	N/A	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Bill & Debby Lindman
Father's Day	8:15					
Day 6/19	9:30	Kevin Hanson	N/A	Kathleen Forte	Anna Lenz	Robert Reckhart & Tyler Rouse
	8:15					
6/26	9:30	Parker Sloan	N/A	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Doug & Kristina Palmer

WE NEED YOUR HELP:

Assisting Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes and Crucifers are needed at St. John's. It is a wonderful way to serve during service. It is a small commitment of 1-2 Sundays every three months. Anyone who has made his or her First Communion is eligible. If you are interested **please** contact the church office.

Larry Lipitz
George Verity
Stephanie Moser
Anthony Posimato
Donna Valenti
Dorothy Hafner
Elaine Smith
Joann D'Ambrosio
Stephen Suppa
Inga Chiramonte
Michael Simmons
Bob Robon
Bobby Hovell

Chelsea Wright
Eleanor Haslett
Scott Masciello
Phyliss Mihalich
Rachel Jeremie
William Geier
William DiPietra
Doreen Tietjen
Lisa Goldman
Jean Weber
Irene Hopkins
Anne Sheppard
David Pontius

Ernest Weber
Kevin Freed
Maureen Weeden
Barbara Monteleone
Karen O'Connor
Carol McClinton
Jordan DiStefano
Chelsea Wright
Margot Schultz
Luisa
Jerry Marschall
Judy Pang
Al Davis




If would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on the prayer request card in your bulletin, call or email the office at 599-0778 or stjohnslynbrook@aol.com. Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks. Feel free to repeat your request at any time, we can all use prayers.

BARBARA SEMMIG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS!

High school seniors who have been active participants in the St. John's community as well as their local community and who plan to attend college are eligible to receive a scholarship. Please write us a letter outlining your service as well as your future plans. .

Letters must be submitted by no later than May 31st to the Scholarship Committee.



*Congratulations to
Allison Koehler* 
*for her dedication and service as our
music and choir director for 35 years!*

Join us after 9:30 worship for Coffee and Cake to celebrate Allison Koehler!



We thank the following people for helping to beautify

St. John's this Easter by donating flowers!

In Memory of:

Christina Wakuluk & Ruth Wakuluk

Joan Geier

My Loved Ones

Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll

Nelma McMenamin

Mom & Dad Telesky

Frank Feltkamp

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Our Loved Ones

Bob & Irma Kaempf

Robert Koehler

Our Loved Ones

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Doris & John Kortlang, Amy &

Shelli Kortlang, Tony & Katie Posimato

Susan Reckhart &

Kimberly Reckhart Padillo

Our Loved Ones

Dot & Henry Roth & Bob

Mike Scalza

Dick Roth

Kim, Kristina & Stephanie Carlstrom

Carol Clemente

Charlene Comastri

Dorothy Criscuolo

Mary Ann Dodd

Bruce, Karen, Carrie, Karl & Christine

Feltkamp

Pauline Feltkamp

Christel & Paul Hild

The Kaempf and Noah

Allison Koehler

The Lipitz Family

Susan & Vinnie Masciello

Joan Pirrone

Judy & Anthony Posimato

The Reckhart Family

The Richetti Family

Weber Don Roth

Heidi, Julie and Amanda Scalza

Jane Sloan

In Honor of:

Karen & Anthony Posimato

To the Glory of God

Judy & Anthony Posimato

Paula Williams



Thank you to all those who have joined the Lawn Rangers and have volunteered to keep the grounds of St. John's beautiful!



Please mark your calendars to join us for the annual

WELCA "Baby Shower"



The Shower will be held on
Tuesday, April 26th at 7:30 pm.

Diane Kelly from the New Life Center will be our guest speaker.
The New Life Center is asking for donations of the following items:

Baby lotion

Wash cloths

Baby shampoo

Bottles

*Diapers**

Onesies with feet

*The New Life Center is in dire need of disposable diapers in any size.

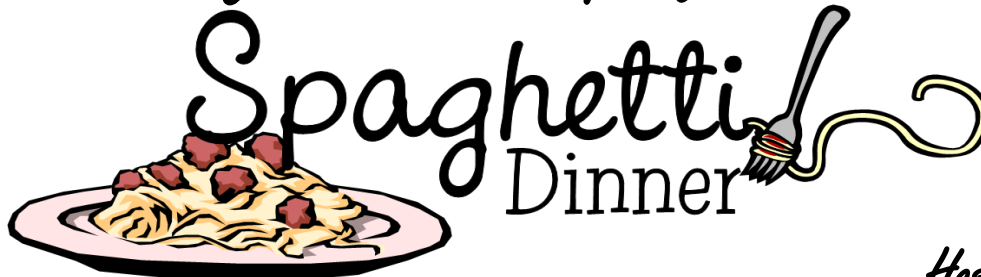
Donations of new baby items are gratefully appreciated. New Life center also accepts gently used clothes for toddlers and older children.

We hope you can help. If you are unable to attend we will gladly accept monetary or gift card donations.

If you need more information, please contact Cora Sarver.

You can sign up on the posted sheet in the narthex or notify the church office.

Join Us on May 6th at 6:00 pm for a



Hosted by WELCA

A SPECIAL THANK YOU FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS

To:
St. John's Lutheran Church

I'm so grateful for the
Delivery of My Easter Baskets
filled with many goodies.

I'm again so thankful
My Mother Caroline Roberts
In Heaven also a member
Thanks everyone.

So please accept my
Check as an Donation to the
Church.

Also thank Susan for
the Delivery.

Sincerely Yours
Paul J. Simchock

P.S. White Little Baskets
arranged for this
kind gesture.
Reply.

...for your *thoughtfulness,*
your *kindness,*
and your *generous heart.*

thank
you

Sincerely Yours,
Paul J. Simchock (son)
(also Caroline E. Roberts
In Heaven)

We are
Proud to
be members

Thanks to everyone who helped to make our celebration of Holy Week and Easter Sunday meaningful. We praise God for the gifts shared by readers, ushers, assisting ministers, acolytes, crucifers, torch bearers, gospel bearers, the choir, the members of the Worship and Music committee, Allison Koehler, choir director, and Judy Pang organist.

Thank you everyone who donated candy for the Easter egg hunt. There were over 250 eggs filled. The children had a great time collecting the eggs.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,

Ursula Lipitz



Getting to Know our Ministries.....

W.E.L.C.A Women of the ELCA

St. John's WELCA group is part of the national WELCA organization. Our purpose statement is that we are a community of women created in the image of God, called to discipleship in Jesus, and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the Church, society, and the world. At St. John's, our ministry includes sponsoring many church events during the year.

Throughout the church year many of our events coincide with church holidays and traditions. Beginning before Lent, we hold Faschnacht Sunday and lend a hand in preparing for Holy Week and Easter. During Advent, we have a family Advent Wreath making Sunday and then hold a holiday luncheon for those in our congregation and their families and friends. For our college bound members we sponsor the Barbara Semmig Scholarship Award given to those high school graduates who do community and church outreach service during their high school years.

We also sponsor a Halloween party for our Sunday School children and have an annual barbecue in June to kick off the summer!

Our ministry in the community includes many events that benefit those who are in need. We work with the Lutheran New Life Center with such events as a mock Baby Shower to help young mothers and families in need. We have just begun a Prayer Shawl Knitting/Crocheting ministry that meets the first Tuesday of every month to make items for those in need. And last but certainly not least is our Missionary Benediction that concludes our WELCA meetings. All women of St. John's and Incarnation are welcome to join this wonderful ministry and would love to have you join us in our service to our church, our community and our Lord. If you are interested, contact the church office or Cora Sarver for information on when we meet.

God be merciful to us and bless us
And cause His face to shine upon us
That thy way maybe known upon earth
Thy saving health among us
Take care and God Loves you
Peace,
Cora