



St. John of the Incarnation MESSENGER April 2017

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 ALEX....

Our first March Madness hymn tournament at St. John's wrapped up this past Sunday after three weeks of intense competition and some very surprising upsets! We began with 16 of our congregation's most beloved hymns, and early on it appeared that a frontrunner such as "Lift High the Cross" or "A Mighty Fortress" would win it all. However, as the matchups played out and the rounds progressed, two unlikely hymns separated themselves from the rest of the pack: "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less" and "Here I am, Lord." The championship was set, but of course only one hymn could win. The champion? **HERE I AM, LORD**, and it wasn't even close! The final results are listed on the next page.

This tournament was a whole lot of fun, and hopefully it will become a new tradition here at St. John's. In total, we raised \$523.55 for the youth group, which will be incredibly helpful in the coming months. Thank you to all who donated. Your generosity and support is greatly appreciated!

If your favorite hymn or hymns didn't win, do not be too upset! As we Philadelphia sports fans like to say, "there's always next year!" You now have the next 12 months to look through our hymnal, pick out your favorite hymns, and refill that piggy bank with your spare change.

In the meantime, there are plenty of other great songs in the ELW that we will sing in the coming year, <u>especially</u> during this Holy Week. After all, even though my favorite hymn and college basketball team both lost, Jesus certainly didn't! Everyone else may have thought that our Lord was defeated when he suffered and died on the cross ("He saved others; why can't he save himself?"), but Jesus won in the most unexpected way – by defeating sin and death so that we could share in his victory and live! That is the triumph that we will sing about this Sunday: "Christ is risen! Alleluia! Risen our victorious head! Sing his praises! Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead!"

See you in worship,

Parton Alex



MARCH MADNESS HYMN TOURNAMENT - FINAL RESULTS

SWEET 16 MATCHUPS



1	Lift High the Cross	\$10.33	2	On Eagle's Wings	\$7.61
16	Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer	\$0.37	15	The Old Rugged Cross	\$9.08
8	My Hope Is Built	\$9.06	7	Abide with Me	\$1.62
9	I Love to Tell the Story	\$1.57	10	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	\$1.07
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5	Beautiful Savior	\$3.07	6	Here I am, Lord	\$12.02
5 12	You Are Mine	\$3.07 \$1.07	6 11	The Church's One Foundation	\$12.02
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ELITE 8 MATCHUPS ಠ



1 8	Lift High the Cross My Hope Is Built	\$31.00 \$52.00	15 7	The Old Rugged Cross Abide with Me	\$16.50 \$24.00
5 4	Beautiful Savior Amazing Grace	\$8.75 \$30.00	6 3	Here I am, Lord A Mighty Fortress	\$46.75 \$31.00



FINAL 4 MATCHUPS



8	My Hope Is Built	t	\$23.00	7	Abide with Me	(3x)	\$5.70
4	Amazing Grace	(3x)	\$8.81	6	Here I am, Lord		\$111.32



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6	Here I am, Lord	(12x)	\$30.17
8	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	(4x)	\$15.00



FINAL TOTAL - \$523.55 Thank you for supporting the St. John's youth group!



Calendar of Events for April 2017

Wednesday, April 12	NO Confirmation class	
Thursday, April 13	MAUNDY THURSDAY Worship at St. John's	7:30 pm
Friday, April 14	GOOD FRIDAY Worship at Incarnation	7:30 pm
Sunday, April 16	EASTER SUNDAY Worship at St. John's (NO 8:15 worship) Easter Egg Hunt at St. John's Easter Breakfast at Incarnation Worship at Incarnation	9:30 am 10:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am
Wednesday, April 19	NO Confirmation class	
Thursday, April 20	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Sunday, April 23	Worship at St. John's Sunday School Worship at Incarnation	8:15 & 9:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am
Wednesday, April 26	Confirmation class	7:30 pm
Thursday, April 27	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm

LOOKING FORWARD TO MAY

Sunday, May 7 Youth Sunday at St. John's 9:30 am

(Confirmation students will serve in worship)

WELCA sponsored Spaghetti luncheon 11:30 am

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.

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR APRIL 2017

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
4/9	8:15			Dorothy Criscuolo		
Palm Sun	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Kaitlyn Gavin	Janet Pescatore	Christopher Shelton	Tyler Rouse & Robert Reckhart
4/13						
Maundy Thursday	7:30 pm	Tyler Rouse		Dotty Criscuolo	Susan Masciello	Robert Reckhart
4/16	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Janet Pescatore	Christopher Shelton	Richard Dietrich
Easter Sunday	Torch Bearers	Elizabeth Hanson	Kaylee Palmer		_	Carol Clemente
	Gospel Bearer	Victoria Ramirez				
4/23	8:15					
	9:30	Parker Sloan	Parker Sloan	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Lori Fernez & Janet Powell
4/30	8:15			Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	
	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Dorothy Criscuolo	Katharine Forte	Bill Davison & Carol Clemente

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2017

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
5/7	8:15					
Youth Sunday	9:30	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
5/14	8:15					
Mother's Day	9:30	Kevin Hanson Jr.	Kevin Hanson Jr.	Debby Lindman	Debby Lindman	Bill Lindman & Richard Dietrich
5/21	8:15					
	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Bill Lindman	Bill Lindman	Carol Clemente & Susan Masciello
5/28	8:15					
	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Victoria Ramirez	Claire Lenz	Claire Lenz	Doug & Kristina Palmer

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2017

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTES	CRUCIFER	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
6/4	8:15					
Pentecost	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Tyler Rouse	Kim Carlstrom	Kim Carlstrom	Debby & Bill Lindman
	Torch Bearers	Elizabeth Hanson	Kaitlyn Gavin			
	Gospel Bearer	Kaylee Palmer				
6/11	8:15					
Holy Trinity	9:30	Parker Sloan	Parker Sloan	Hank Lenz	Hank Lenz	Lori Fernez & Janet Powell
6/18	8:15					
Father's Day	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Christopher Dunn	Katharine Forte	Anna Lenz	Dorothy Criscuolo & Carol Clemente
6/25	8:15					
	9:30	Victoria Dunn	Victoria Dunn	Dan Gonzalez	Christopher Shelton	Tyler Rouse & Robert Reckhart

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator: <u>Pauline Feltkamp:</u> Ushers 599-2273; <u>Claire Lenz:</u> Assisting Ministers & Lectors – 872- 2063; Church Office: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers & Gospel bearers- 599- 0778

Prayer	Requests

Larry Lipitz	Bob Robon	Joanne
George Verity	Al Davis	Ryan
Stephanie Moser	Sister Irene	Grace
Anthony Posimato	Ernest Weber	Sue
Donna Valenti	Sherry Powell	Faith
Dorothy Hafner	Carver Family	Elfride Lynn
Elaine Smith	John Michael	Herb Lynn
Joann D'Ambrosio	Doris Oelschlager	Milly Magnusson
Stephen Suppa	Vivian Monaco	Baby Katherine
Jean Weber	Robin Kalter	Sean Wright
Eleanor Haslett	Larry Rienecker	Yadira Arroyo
Scott Masciello	Arlene	Monique Williams
Rachel Jeremie	Sandy	Zilpo Murguhoera
Doreen Tietjen	Francesca	Marie Dineen
Inga Chiramonte	Bill	Zachary Polisoc
Baby Shaak	Joe	Patty Tachayapong
Aidan Schaefer	Jill	Donna Liffman
Mr & Mrs. B		

If would like to request prayers

for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request card in church or 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.





Dear Pauline,

Many thanks for all you did to stimulate so many families to send greetings on my birthday! It was wonderful to see so many familiar names again.

I really consider it a tribute to Chris and her ministry at St. John's. Many of the folks recalled her years there. We heard from fifteen families in total.

So thanks for being a real "day-brightener". Chris and I continue to hold you in our prayers as a member of our extended family.

God's peace!

George Anderson

We thank the following people for helping to beautify St. John's this Easter by donating flowers!

In Memory of:

Joan Geier My Loved Ones Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll Nelma McMenamin Frank Feltkamp

Frank Feltkamp Frank Feltkamp Our Loved Ones Robert Koehler John & Lillian Lindman Our Loved Ones Our Loved Ones **Loved Ones** Our Loved Ones **David Pontius** Doris & John Kortlang, Amy & Shelli Kortlang, Tony & Katie Posimato Susan Reckhart & Kimberly Paolillo Our Loved Ones Dick Roth, Dot & Henry Roth & Bob Weber Mr. & Mrs. Russell Martin **Bob Weber**

Carol Clemente Charlene Comastri

Dorothy Criscuolo
Bruce, Karen, Carrie, Karl &
Christine Feltkamp
Pauline Feltkamp
Sue Ellen Coyle
Christel & Paul Hild
Allison Koehler
The Lindman Family
The Lipitz Family
Susan & Vinnie Masciello
Janet Pescatore
Joan Pirrone
Marlyn Pontius

Judy & Anthony Posimato
The Reckhart Family
The Richetti Family
Don Roth
Marianne Seitz
Gerda Weber
Paula Williams

In Honor of:

Merle Williams

Liam Dodd on his 5th birthday Karen & Anthony Posimato Weber Family Loved Ones Past & Present

Mary Dodd Judy & Anthony Posimato Gerda Weber Ruth & Stan Williamson



Thank you to our new "lawn coordinator" Chris Larke and all the Lawn Rangers for Volunteering to help keep the grounds of St. John's beautiful!



Thank you everyone who donated candy for the Easter egg hunt. There were

300 eggs filled. The children had a great time collecting the eggs.

Thanks again! Sincerely,

Ursula Lipitz

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 or email outlining your service as well as your future plans. Letters or emails must be submitted no later than May 31st to the Scholarship Committee.

Join as on May 7th at 11:30 am for a

Spaghetti
Dinner

Hosted by WEICA

Our Sunday School Children Created Easter Crosses



There are only five Sunday School classes remaining:

April 23, April 30, May 7, May 14 and May 21. Please join us as we prepare for "Moving Up Day" on May 21st.

The Sunday School children will also be working on a special project for May 21st.

We hope that all the students will participate!