

ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER JANUARY 2021



13 Blake Avenue Lynbrook, NY 11563

Calendar of Events

All Sunday worship services and Thursday night Vespers Prayer services will be held remotely via ZOOM with bulletins being sent by email and regular mail. Please contact the church office if you know someone who would like a copy of the bulletin so we can be sure to send it. ***All events will be held via Zoom.**

JANUARY:

Wed. 1/20	Confirmation class on Zoom	7:00pm
Thurs. 1/21	Virtual Vespers on Zoom	7:30pm
Sun. 1/24	Worship on Zoom Sunday School on Zoom	9:30am 11:30am
Wed. 1/27	Confirmation class on Zoom	7:00pm
Thurs. 1/28	Virtual Vespers on Zoom	7:30pm
Sun. 1/31	Worship on Zoom Annual Congregational Meeting on Zoom	9:30am 11:00am

Looking ahead to February:

Sun. 2/7	Worship on Zoom Souper Bowl of Caring food drive	9:30am 10:30am-12:00pm
Wed. 2/17	Ash Wednesday Service via Zoom No Confirmation class	7:30pm
Thurs. 2/25	Bread, Bowl & Bible Fellowship meal via Zoom Lenten midweek service via Zoom (Additional BBB dates: March 4, 11, 18, 25)	6:30pm 7:30pm
Sun. 2/28	Worship on Zoom Sunday School on Zoom	9:30am 11:30am

SJILC donated 153 lbs of food, numerous coats

to the New LIFE Center for the month of December! Thank you for your generosity and helping us to share God's love! PLEASE NOTE: We will continue to have plastic bins outside by the side door of the church for any food donations to the New LIFE Center in Uniondale. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX...

It may not have been the merriest Christmas we've ever had, but it was certainly a different one and a Christmas we won't soon forget! Although we weren't able to gather in-person on Christmas Eve like we hoped, we made the best of our circumstances and were able to worship via Zoom with a little creativity and a lot of faith! Both services were absolutely beautiful in their own unique ways, and I would like to thank everyone who served and helped with decorating our sanctuary. It was truly a group effort like always and another reminder of how grateful I am to serve this amazing congregation.

With 2020 now behind us (and COIVD hopefully soon to follow!), we look forward to a new year filled with new opportunities and possibilities for our mission here at SJILC. Our annual congregational meeting will take place on Sunday, January 31st at 11:00am following worship. We will review our congregation's ministry and finances in 2020, elect new council members, and approve a new budget for 2021. The meeting will be held remotely on **Zoom** and all are welcome to attend, however only confirmed members will be allowed to vote as indicated in our congregation's Constitution and By-Laws.

Speaking of which, as many of you know we are in the process of adopting a new Constitution and By-Laws for St. John–Incarnation Lutheran Church. Thanks to our Constitution committee led by Chris Shelton, a first draft has already been sent out to all the members of the congregation and we will be sending out a second draft with some minor changes/revisions very soon. Once everyone has had a chance to look it over, we will schedule a special congregational meeting this spring to approve the Constitution with a vote and submit it to the Synod office for their approval.

Finally, we will have our annual "Souper Bowl of Caring" food drive on Sunday, February 7th outside our church. Due to the ongoing COVID restrictions, this year's collection will be a "drive up and drop off" format from 10:30am to 12:00pm. A few members from the Evangelism committee and I will be at the front doors to help bring your donations inside, but if you are not available to drop off that Sunday morning, please contact us in the church office to schedule another time. Thank you in advance for helping us tackle hunger as we share the love of Christ with those in need!

I'm sure you're wondering when we will be able to worship in-person again; I am too! Unfortunately we do not have a date for reopening yet since the number of positive cases in Lynbrook is still very high. Therefore, we will continue to worship virtually on Zoom until the numbers decrease and we can gather safely. We will keep praying for our medical professionals and first responders as they care for the sick, administer tests and vaccinations, and so much more.

Winter doesn't last forever. The days are already getting longer and those familiar signs of new life will be here before we know it. Better days are ahead, my friends, but our prayer remains the same: "Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today."

Peace +

Pastor Alex

JANUARY 2021

DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR
3	9:30	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore
10	9:30	Dan Gonzalez	Chris Shelton
17	9:30	Hank Lenz	Claire Lenz
24	9:30	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello
31	9:30	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti

FEBRUARY 2021

DATE	TIME	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR
7	9:30	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo
14	9:30	Kim Carlstrom	Chris Shelton
17 Ash Wed	7:30pm	Andrew Dunn	Anna Lenz
21	9:30	Hank Lenz	Claire Lenz
28	9:30	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator: Claire Lenz: Lectors & Assisting Ministers – 872-2063; Pauline Feltkamp: Ushers - 599-2273 Andrea: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers - 599-0778. If you are making a change in the schedule, please notify the office so all information can be updated.

✤There will be no service at 8:15am.✦Services will held ONLY on Zoom



Larry Lipitz Anthony Posimato Donna Valenti Stephen Suppa Eleanor Haslett Scott Masciello Sherry Powell The Carver Family John Michael Vivian Monaco Neil B. Colton Youdelman Amie Hanna Joanne Naumowicz **Baby Jack Francis** Don Roth Anne Sheppard **Gluf Family**

Arlene Sandy Bill Joe Joanne Ryan Grace Sue Faith Carmel Wright Joshua Emswiler Christel Hild Charles Ann B. Ed Moglia **Bill Gibbs** Verne Kelley **Rachel Jeremie**

Karissa Heap Orlando Castrence Tad Sheppard Harold Walker Bernadette Harten Mike T. Mary Rebando Ben Lynch Bob T. **Ginger Freise** Janet Habermann Our Homebound Our Military Healthcare workers First Responders Those we pray for silently or aloud

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please call or email the office at 599-0778 or <u>stjohnincarnation@gmail.com</u>. Please spell the name(s) and indicate how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks.



If you would like to donate flowers in honor or memory of someone for one of our worship services, please mail your donation to the church office with the date and names. Suggested donation is \$30.



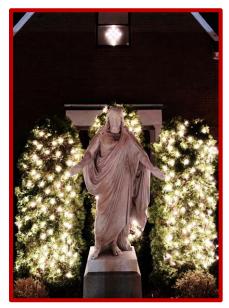
Advent & Christmas Eve 2020













2020 POINSETTIA SPONSORS



<i>In Memory of:</i> Ruth Wakuluk &	Given by:
Christina Wakuluk	Kimberly, Kristina & Stephanie Carlstrom
Louis Clemente	Carol Clemente
Loved Ones	Charlene Comastri
Frank Feltkamp	Sue Ellen Coyle
Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll and Nelma McMenamin	Dorothy Criscuolo
Emma & Walter Dodd, All the Teleskys	Mary Ann Dodd
Frank Feltkamp	Pauline Feltkamp
Frank Feltkamp	Bruce, Karen, Carrie, & Karl Feltkamp
Frida Thumm	Paul & Christel Hild
Elizabeth Ottway	Verne Kelley
Robert Koehler	Allison Koehler
Loved Ones	The Lipitz Family
Loved Ones	Susan & Vinnie Masciello
Loved Ones	Janet Pescatore
Loved Ones	Joan Pirrone
John & Doris Kortlang Amy & Shelli Kortlang Tony & Katie Posimato	Judy & Anthony Posimato

Susan Reckhart and Kimberly Paolillo

Loved Ones

Dot Roth, Henry Roth, Dick Roth, Bob Weber and Gerda Weber

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Vincent Sommella

Louise Vincent

Loved Ones

Loved Ones

In Honor of: Grandpa Bill Wakuluk

The Wilson Family

Renée Carver

Pauline Feltkamp

Loved Ones

Karen & Anthony Posimato

Our Grandchildren

Our Lord

The Reckhart Family The Richetti Family

Don Roth

Cora & Don Sarver

Blanche & Chris Shelton

Andrea Sommella

Caroline Vincent

Paula Williams

Stanley & Ruth Williamson

Given by:

Kristina, Stephanie, Dylan, Connor, Emilia, Skyla A. J. & Noah

Elfreide Lynn

Susan Masciello

"The Ex-Wives"

The Palmer Family

Judy & Anthony Posimato

Blanche & Chris Shelton

Paula Williams



SEAFARERS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE CHRISTMAS AT SEA

Dear Volunteers;

I want to thank you a lot for all these presents you gave us for Christmas. I spend a lot of Christmas at sea and it was my first time receiving such gifts. I was very happy for that and all the crew had a lot of fun when receiving and opening the presents. I'm the Captain of a French container ship with 30 crew members. I am a Catholic.

We were coming from Singapore and calling at Halifax, New-York, Norfolk, Savannah, Charleston and then going back to Singapore. I appreciate a lot that the members of your church spending time and money to buy gifts. And probably the most important, thank you for your prayers.

"Merci beaucoup"

Captain A. R.





ELCA GOOD GIFTS TOTAL \$1719.00

Thanks to your generosity SJILC is able to purchase: **TWO** family farms ONE Honeybee and Vegetable Garden And feed a refugee family for one week!















We are continuing throughout winter, to collect coats and jackets for the **United Veterans** Beacon House's Annual Coat Drive.

Please drop off new or gently used coats in the marked boxes by the coat racks in the narthex. Your donation will help bring the warmth of God's love to someone this winter.

Thank you!

Bread, Bowl, and Bible ON ZOOM!

This year's Bread, Bowl and Bible will continue to be held on

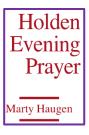
Thursday evenings during Lent.

However, dinner and the prayer service will be via ZOOM!

We will gather on zoom at 6:30pm, to have a little fellowship while we are enjoying a meal (maybe soup and bread) prior to the Holden Evening Prayer service at 7:30pm.



February 25th March 4th March 11th March 18th March 25th









SOUPER BOWL DRIVE AND DROP OFF!

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church will be again hosting a Souper Bowl Sunday Food Collection

for The New Life Center in Uniondale.

We are asking for non-perishable items to be dropped off at the Church on Sunday, February 7th between 10:30 am and 12:00 noon.

Please just drive by the church and we will accept your donation.

On a day when most of us have too much to eat while watching football, let us remember there are so many with not enough.

Sharing our abundance is an important way to show caring for others. Any questions please call 516-599-0778





ST. JOHN-INCARNATION FLOWER FUNDRAISER fvangelism is raising funds for future events.

Beautify your home and garden with lovely flowers and *contribute to our great* cause!

We are now taking orders for Spring. Orders will be taken until April 15.

All orders will be delivered in time for fall planting. All bulbs are 100% satisfaction guaranteed.

To order online, go to <u>http://SJILC.fpfundraising.com</u>. Click on the Facebook button to share on your page! We receive 50% of the profit from our sales.

Please contact Janet Pescatore at 516-581-1221 if you have any questions.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Join us for worship on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am & Thursdays at 7:30pm

Online:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5165990778 Meeting ID: 516 599 0778

By phone:

1—646—558—8656 US (NY) Meeting ID: 516 599 0778 # *No attendee code. Just press* #



Ways You Can Give to SJILC

PAYPAL:

Log-in to your PayPal account. If you do not have PayPal, you can sign-up for free at https://www.paypal.com/us/webapps/mpp/account-selection Once you're logged in, choose the "send" option to send money and type in our church email address: **stjohnincarnation@gmail.com**.

After you have entered the amount you would like to give, please select the "Sending to a friend" option to send your donation for free. This is very important! Otherwise, PayPal will charge you a small transaction fee!)

Confirm payment and you're done!

MAIL:

You can also send your offering to church through the mail or by dropping it in our white mailbox on the side door of the church by the Knotty Pine Room. Please make checks payable to **St. John–Incarnation Lutheran Church** and address to:

St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church

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THANK YOU for supporting our ministry during this difficult time! God's blessings to you and your loved ones!