



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**MESSENGER**

*AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2021*



13 Blake Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563

All Sunday worship services and Thursday night Evening Prayer services will be held in-person AND 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.

# Upcoming

EVENTS

## AUGUST

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| 29<br>14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after Pentecost<br>9:30AM | 30     | 31      |           |          |        |          |

## SEPTEMBER

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY                                     | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--------|---|-----------|--|--------|----------|
|   |        |   | 1         | 2<br>Evening<br>Prayer<br>Service<br>7:30PM  | 3      | 4        |
| 5<br>15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after Pentecost<br>9:30AM   | 6      | 7   | 8         | 9<br>Evening<br>Prayer<br>Service<br>7:30PM  | 10     | 11       |
| 12<br>16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after Pentecost<br>9:30AM  | 13     | 14<br>Evangelism<br>6:30PM<br><br>Council<br>7:30PM | 15        | 16<br>Evening<br>Prayer<br>Service<br>7:30PM | 17     | 18       |
| 19<br>17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after Pentecost<br>9:30AM  | 20     | 21  | 22        | 23<br>Evening<br>Prayer<br>Service<br>7:30PM | 24     | 25       |
| 26<br>18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday<br>after Pentecost<br>9:30AM<br><br>Packing Personal<br>Care Kits for<br>Day of Service | 27     | 28  | 29        | 30<br>Evening<br>Prayer<br>Service<br>7:30PM |        |          |

# A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ALEX

Oh, how I missed Vacation Bible School! It had been two *long* years since our last VBS when we went on our mission together “To Mars and Beyond”, but this summer’s adventure was definitely worth the wait as we traded in our rocket ships for a fun-filled ride on the rails! And, praise God, what a journey it was! Through Bible stories, games, crafts, snacks, and songs, we learned about God’s inseparable love for us in our Lord Jesus and how we can trust in his power to always pull us through! We also discovered how Jesus’ power not only helps us be bold and do hard things, but also gives us hope and lets us live forever as his friends! In total, 27 children joined us at Rocky Railway VBS, which was more than we expected, but with Jesus leading us and this wonderful congregation supporting us, we were able to stay on track and have another successful VBS!

There is so much that goes into planning an event like VBS, and this program would not have been possible without the efforts and dedication of those who helped out in various ways. First, I’d like to thank Gabrielle Barry for serving once again as our VBS co-director. Gabbie was responsible for a lot of the prep work like organizing meetings, assigning roles, creating our schedule for the week (including the super cool train schedules that were posted in the narthex 😊), and other tasks that are too numerous to list. Gabbie is tremendously dedicated to the ministry of our children here at SJILC and I am very grateful for her leadership, especially throughout these past 18 months.

I would also like to thank all of our amazing volunteers who served as station and crew leaders during our time together at Rocky Railway VBS: Rob Clark (science/crafts), Deb Lebron (nursery), Melissa Pinto (crew leader), Joan Pirrone (games), Jeanette Richetti (snacks), Vito & Dot Richetti (snacks/ice cream), and Heidi Scalza (nursery). We were also blessed with nine youth volunteers who offered assistance where needed: Milan Alexander, AJ Berkowitz, Emilia Berkowitz, Justin Bohringer, Kayla Bohringer, John Cancemi, Christopher Palmer, Shaun Rouse, and Tyler Rouse. Thank you!!!

Finally, I want to thank everyone who worked tirelessly behind the scenes both during and leading up to VBS. This includes not only our awesome church secretary, Andrea Sommella, who helped with many of the administrative tasks to make sure we were prepared, but also our decorating committee (Gabrielle Barry, Mary Ann Dodd, The Bohringer family, The Lebron family, Susan and Vinnie Masciello, The Palmer family, Bob Reckhart, The Richetti family, Shaun Rouse and Luke Sheppard who built our train in the picture below!), Dot and Vito Richetti for sponsoring the ice cream event, Carol Clemente who made the “coal crunch” treats for all the kids, and everyone else who contributed donations and supplies to offset our costs.

I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: VBS is truly a group effort. One person cannot do it alone. Support from the congregation is absolutely vital, and it is only through your generous gifts and the grace of God that we are able to provide these types of programs to our young people.

So, thank you, church! Thank you for your continued commitment to the children in our community. Thank you for helping us teach them about God’s love and reminding them that they, too, are beloved. For we know that Jesus loves us so much that he even died for us on an ol’ rugged cross so that we could be forgiven and freed to share that love with others. Trusting in his power, we can look forward with hope and confidently sing: “This train is bound for glory, this train! This train is bound for glory, this train! This train is bound for glory, Jesus made a place in heaven for me! This train is bound for glory, this train!”

Peace +

*Pastor Alex*





## WE NEED WORSHIP SERVERS!

Please consider participating in our Sunday worship service as an assisting minister, lector or usher. Those who are on Zoom can volunteer as lectors and read from home. College and High School students are also welcome to participate. Our younger members are can serve as acolytes, crucifers, gospel bearers or torch bearers. Pastor Alex is more than happy to train all those who wish to serve.

# SERVER SCHEDULE

## AUGUST 2021

| DATE      | TIME | ACOLYTE | ASSISTING MINISTERS | LECTORS           | USHERS                        |
|-----------|------|---------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>29</b> | 9:30 |         | Dorothy Criscuolo   | Dorothy Criscuolo | Carol Clemente & Heidi Scalza |

## SEPTEMBER 2021

| DATE      | TIMES | ACOLYTES           | ASSISTING MINISTERS | LECTORS           | USHERS                             |
|-----------|-------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>5</b>  | 9:30  | Christopher Palmer | Katie Forte         | Katie Forte       | Cora Sarver & Judy Posimato        |
| <b>12</b> | 9:30  | Tyler Rouse        | Dorothy Criscuolo   | Dorothy Criscuolo | Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse          |
| <b>19</b> | 9:30  | Sam Barry          | Andrew Dunn         | Anna Lenz         | Dorothy Criscuolo & Carol Clemente |
| <b>26</b> | 9:30  | Christopher Dunn   | Dorothy Richetti    | Chris Shelton     | Alexandra & Victoria Dunn          |

**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) – 516-872-2063**

**Andrea Sommella (Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch / Gospel bearers) – 516-599-0778**

✝ Please note there is currently no service at 8:15am.



*In Our Prayers*

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  
Baby Jack Francis  
Victoria Murillo  
Florence (Dolly) Bernard  
Lynn Walker

Arlene  
Sandy  
Bill  
Joe  
Joanne  
Ryan  
Grace  
Sue  
Faith  
Carmel Wright  
Joshua Emswiler  
Christel Hild  
Charles  
Bill Gibbs  
Peter Dunn  
Hank Lenz

Karissa Heap  
Orlando Castrence  
Tad Sheppard  
Harold Walker  
Bernadette Harten  
Ed Moglia  
Mary Rebando  
Baby Sosnik  
Ann B.  
Ginger Freise  
Arlene Lockwood  
Rosalind Mireku  
Jacquie Maidel  
Dante Castrence  
Joseph Mihalich  
Mortensen Family

**If you would like to request prayers** for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on a prayer request card or call or email the office at 599-0778 / [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com). Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be



*A donation has been made to  
the  
Barbara Semmig Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
in honor of  
Mia's 16th Birthday  
given by  
Lolo & Cora Sarver*



*A donation has been made  
to the  
St. John-Incarnation  
Lutheran Church Fund  
in honor of  
Bruce & Karen Feltkamp's  
Anniversary  
given by  
Grace West*



Donations have been made to the  
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Memorial Fund in memory of

*John DeStefano*

by

*Carol Clemente  
Dorothy Criscuolo  
Stephen J. Fecho  
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Bruce & Karen Feltkamp  
Dennis & Lori Fernez  
Allison Koehler  
The Lipitz Family  
Vincent & Susan Masciello  
David & Judy Opatow  
The Pace Family  
Joan Pirrone  
Janet Powell  
The Richetti Family  
Cora & Don Sarver  
Heidi Scalza*



Donations have been made to the  
St. John-Incarnation  
Memorial Fund in memory of

*Thomas Powell*

by

*Margaret Carroll  
Carol Clemente  
Dorothy Criscuolo  
Judy & Stuart Eller  
Lori & Dennis Fernez &  
Family  
Brian & Nancy Gaffey  
Joan Gillerman  
Jon & Adrienne Hjelm  
Lawrence & Phyllis Hollman  
Allison Koehler  
Joanna & Matthew Krul  
Urusla Lipitz  
Daniel T. Mantone  
Vincent & Susan Masciello  
Karla McGrath  
Kathryn Moloney  
The Pace Family  
Joan Pirrone  
The Richetti Family  
Cora & Don Sarver  
Heidi Scalza  
Matthew & Marie Stadler*





Thank you so much  
for the beautiful flowers;  
what a lovely surprise!  
Thanks also to Dotty  
Criscuolo for coming  
by to deliver them.  
Lori Fernez



**THANK YOU!**

Thanks to your generosity,  
SJILC has donated **441 lbs.** of  
food to the New LIFE Center for  
the months of June and July!



*The Women of WELCA would like to thank all those who attended our Breakfast/Bar-B-Q gathering at the church this year. Thank you for all the delicious dishes, deserts, and beverages. We would be amiss without thanking Pastor Alex and Andrea for going shopping for supplies and food. A big shout out to Dan and Anna Lenz for cooking the hamburgers and hot dogs. We are most grateful for the Free Will Offering that was collected for our Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund is in Memory of Barbara Semmig who was a dedicated member of St. John Lutheran Church and loved working with the children in our church. Your support allows us to continue this tradition for deserving seniors of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church. Thank You!*

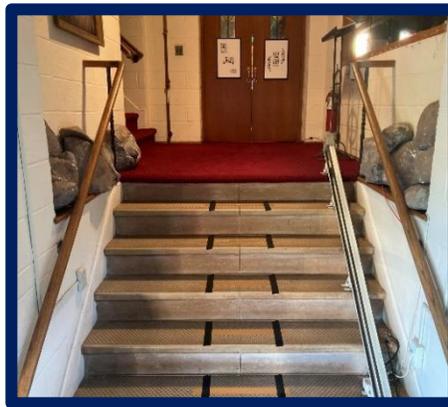
## **SJILC VEGETABLE GARDEN!**

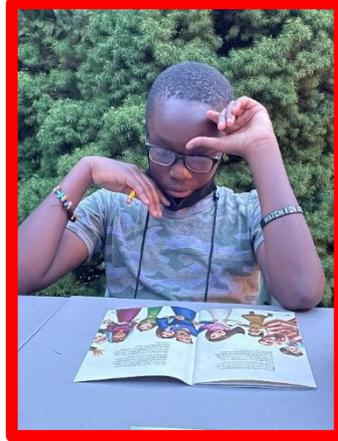
Our vegetables are ready to be picked and eaten! Please feel free to visit our garden (located behind the parsonage) and take whatever you like for yourself or someone in need of fresh vegetables! Pastor Alex will also have vegetables and herbs available on Sunday mornings that you can grab on your way out the door after worship.

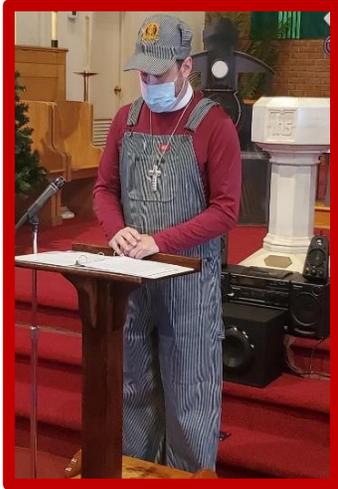




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*Jen H., earns for hockey*

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



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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:

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