



ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

July/August 2025

13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563





August:

Sat. 8/2	Yoga	10:00am
Sun. 8/3	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 8/4	SJILC Crafters MAGNIFIED VBS	10:00am 6:15pm – 8:30pm
Wed. 8/6	MAGNIFIED VBS	6:15pm – 8:30pm
Fri. 8/8	MAGNIFIED VBS	6:15pm – 8:30pm
Sat. 8/9	Yoga	10:00am
Sun. 8/10	MAGNIFIED VBS Worship (No 8:15am service) VBS Ice Cream Party	9:30am 10:45am
Mon. 8/11	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Tues. 8/12	Stewardship meeting Church Council meeting	10:00am 7:30pm
Thurs. 8/14	Bible Study on Romans	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat. 8/16	Yoga	10:00am
Sun. 8/17	Worship (Judy's last Sunday - no 8:15am service) Farewell luncheon for the Marksons	9:30am 10:45am
Mon. 8/18	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Thurs. 8/21	Bible Study on Romans	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sat. 8/23	Yoga	10:00am
Sun. 8/24	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 8/25	SJILC Crafters	10:00am
Thurs. 8/28	Bible Study on Romans	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sun. 8/31	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am

Looking ahead to [September:](#)

Thurs. 9/4	Bible Study on Romans	7:00pm – 8:00pm
Sun. 9/7	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday	

A Message from Pastor Alex:

*God is faithful with the big things, faithful with the small.
He is big enough and cares enough to carry it all.
I can trust Him and His promise to catch me when I fall.
God is faithful with the big things and the small things, faithful with it all!*

These are the lyrics to one of the songs that the kids (and grown-ups!) will be singing at Magnified VBS next week as together we discover the “bigness” of God in even the smallest of things! Yes, you and I know that God is truly faithful in all things, and we can see God’s faithfulness magnified in every aspect of creation – from the mighty oak tree to the glowing firefly. To quote the words of the Magnified theme song: “Have you ever noticed the details in a butterfly’s wings? Have you ever focused on the flowers blooming in spring? Look closer! Then you’ll discover there’s always something God wants you to see!”

And what does God want us to see, and feel, and trust more than anything else? That we are loved. Unconditionally loved. Loved in a way that is beyond comprehension, really! Yes, God loves us and cares about us enough that God chose to become flesh and die on a cross for our sake. Scripture reminds us that God’s love was revealed to us in this way: that God sent his only Son so that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that *God loved us* and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins (John 3:16 & 1 John 4:9-10). What wondrous love, indeed!

Trusting in that love and in the God who is always faithful in keeping his promises, you and I can join the Psalmist who says, “Proclaim (or magnify) the Lord’s greatness with me; let us exalt his name together. (Ps. 34:3). This will be our key Bible verse and focus next week at Magnified VBS: we were made to magnify God! We are called to proclaim and share God’s love!

Speaking of love, greatness, and faithfulness, I want to remind you all and magnify the fact that our beloved organist, Judy Markson, will be playing her final service with us on Sunday, August 17. Judy has served faithfully as our organist for the past 10 years, and I know I speak for the entire congregation when I say that she, Oliver, and Maya will be dearly missed! They have been such a blessing to us and our ministry here at SJILC. From Judy and Oliver’s concerts and student recitals and Oliver filling-in as our supply organist to even the little things like Maya gifting me her bulletin that she colored in during the service (sometimes with added artwork too!), the three of them have certainly magnified God’s love in their own unique and wonderful ways, just as you all do with the gifts and talents that God has given to each of you!

I really hope you’ll be able to join us for worship on August 17th (there will be no 8:15am service that morning) so that we can all come together to honor Judy and give God our thanks and praise for her, Oliver, and Maya. The service will include a special musical offering from Judy and Oliver, and we will also be having a potluck brunch immediately after the service sponsored by WELCA. If you’re planning to bring something, please let us know via email or the sign-up sheet in the narthex! Thank you!

As VBS begins on Monday night, please keep the kids and our volunteers in your prayers this week. Let us pray that God will show up in ways big and small during our time together, including our closing celebration in worship next Sunday, August 10 at 9:30am. If you can’t make it during the week, come to church on the 10th and hear all about what the kids learned! They’ll remind us that we are *all* made to magnify God, and we can exalt his name together!

Peace +

Pastor Alex

JOIN US FOR

MAGNIFIED!

PSALM 34:3

DISCOVERING THE BIGNESS OF GOD
IN THE SMALLEST OF THINGS

**BIBLE STORIES, CRAFTS, GAMES,
MUSIC, SNACKS!**

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13 BLAKE AVENUE LYNBROOK, NY 11563

AUGUST 4, 6, 8

6:15pm – 8:30pm

For all kids ages 3 to 6th grade

To register: scan the QR code or

Call/email the church office at

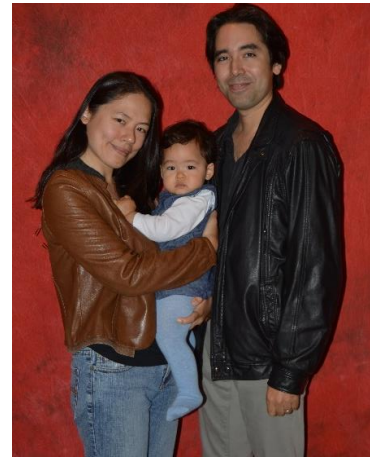
(516)599-0778 [/stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com)



SCAN ME



WELCA is sponsoring a farewell POT LUCK luncheon on Sunday, August 17th after the 9:30am service (There will be no 8:15am service) to honor **Judy Markson**, our organist, as she, **Oliver** and **Maya** set off on the next chapter of their lives! If you're planning to bring something, please let us know via email or the sign-up sheet in the narthex!
Thank you!



We are praying for.....

Stephen Suppa
Colton Youdelman
Tad Sheppard
Bernadette Harten
Mary Rebando
Shirley Plows
Vito Richetti
Bud Ellis
Jacquie Maidel
Brad Pantall
Barbara Monteleone
Victoria Murillo

Hank Lenz
Anthony Posimato
Benjamin Lomot
Marianne Grahlfs
Anne Sheppard
Bettye Steinberg
Tom Wolber
Kathy Frontino
Margaret Tomasulo
Michael Ugliano
John B.
Nora Molloy

Verne Kelley
Christian Porter
Tracey Knox
Ed
Donald S.
Victor Rapp
Chris
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 write the name(s) on the prayer request poster, welcome card or call or email the office at 516-599-0778 or stjohnincarnation@gmail.com. **Please note: the names will remain on the prayer list for three weeks only. You can renew your request if needed.**



*A donation to the
Capital Improvement
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has been made in
memory of
Al Essex
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Dorothy Criscuolo*



*A donation to the
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memory of
Sheila Norris
given by
Trudy & Ed Blohm*



WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – August 2025

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/3 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: Andrew Dunn Ushers: Judy Posimato & Bob Reckhart Zoom Host: Kathy Spatz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/10 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Irina Sargent Assist. Minister: Tom Sargent Lector: Tom Sargent Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Shaun Rouse Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/17 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Wendy Wolber Lector: Wendy Wolber Ushers: Kristin DeStefano & Janet Powell Zoom Host: Kathy Spatz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/24 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Aurelia Bahadur Assist. Minister: Kathy Spatz Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Joan Pirrone & Cora Sarver Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/31 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Dorothy Richetti Lector: Dorothy Richetti Ushers: Susanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">If you would like to serve in worship as an acolyte, assisting minister, lector, usher, or Zoom host, please talk to Pastor Alex or contact Andrea in the church office!</p>

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – September 2025

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/7 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Aurelia Bahadur Assist. Minister: Kathy Spatz Lector: Kathy Spatz Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/7 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Charles Sheppard Assist. Minister: Tom Sargent Lector: Jennifer Cline Sargent Ushers: Heidi Scalza & Judy Posimato Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/21 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Irina Sargent Assist. Minister: Wendy Wolber Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Tad Sheppard & Janet Powell Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/28 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: Andrew Dunn Ushers: Joan Pirrone & Cora Sarver Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>

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 (Ushers, Acolytes and Zoom hosts): Church Office: 516-599-077

Senior Luncheon at Greis Park



July 24, 2005
Dear Pastor Kennedy,

Thank you for the lovely event at the Hysbrook Senior Center, yesterday;

it was great seeing your group efficiently setting up, dishng and observing such kindness.

The coasters are beautiful as well.

It was a memorable day -

Thank you

Laura Sullivan

The items needed to fill backpacks for the New **LIFE** Center has changed.

We would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items:

3 Ring binders

Dividers

Loose leaf paper

Colored pencils

Post It Notes

Your generosity can make a real impact on a student's life.

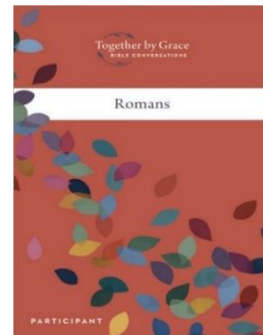
Thank you for your support!



BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 7:00pm

8/14, 8/21, 8/28, 9/4



A BIG thank you
to the Students
from **Mill Neck Manor
School for the Deaf**
who came to help
us pack backpacks for
The New **LIFE** School
Supply Program!



Ann Moffatt and **Kerrin Gercken** at our
10:00am Saturday morning Music and Motion Yoga program.
Come and join us one Saturday!



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The Reverend Arnaldo Sanchez
Pastor

Reverend Janet Porcher
Eucharist Minister

Geri Carpenter
Church Administrator

THRIFT SHOP DONATIONS AND WHERE THEY GO

MONEY RAISED FROM DONATIONS SOLD IN OUR THRIFT SHOP:

St. James treasury to maintain the church and literally keep our doors open
St. James Missions
UMCOR – United Methodist Committee on Relief - a worldwide disaster relief organization

“OVERFLOW” DONATIONS:

HOUSEHOLD AND NON-CLOTHING ITEMS:

Forwarded to thrift shops that support breast cancer research

CLOTHING

Forwarded to United Veterans Beacon House

United Veterans Beacon House supports:

3 thrift stores whose monies support veterans
41 shelters for homeless veterans and their families
Veterans leaving the VA hospitals with clothing to wear
LI Coalition for the Homeless

PLEASE KNOW THAT WHEN YOU DONATE TO OUR THRIFT SHOP, YOU ARE HELPING SOMEONE SOMEWHERE. OUR OVERFLOW DONATIONS ARE CLOTHING THE HOMELESS AND HELPING WITH BREAST CANCER RESEARCH. THE MONEY RAISED THROUGH YOUR DONATIONS THAT GOES TO UMCOR TO SUPPORT THIS ORGANIZATION IS REACHING OUT AND HELPING THOSE IN NEED AFTER A DISASTER, NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED IN OUR WORLD. YOU TRULY ARE DOING GOD’S WORK! THANK YOU.

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You can give to St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church by scanning the QR code below, which will take you to our online donation page. Thank you for supporting our ministry and for helping us share God’s love with others!

