



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

FEBRUARY 2022



**13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563**



Sun. 2/13	Worship Souper Bowl Sunday food collection for New LIFE Center	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 2/16	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Sun. 2/20	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 2/23	NO Confirmation Class (<i>Winter break for schools</i>)	
Sun. 2/27	Worship Transfiguration Sunday	8:15am & 9:30am

Please note: All 9:30am services will be held in-person AND remotely via ZOOM (8:15am is in-person only) 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.

ASHES TO GO!

Pastor Alex will be at the Lynbrook Train Station once again on Ash Wednesday (March 2) from 6:00am–8:00am.

Come get your ashes and a blessing to start the Lenten season! Ash Wednesday worship begins at 7:30pm at St. John–Incarnation Lutheran Church.





Wed. 3/2	Ashes to Go at the Lynbrook Train Station Ash Wednesday Service No Confirmation class	6:00–8:00am 7:30pm
Sun. 3/6	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Tues. 3/8	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
Wed. 3/9	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Thurs. 3/10	Holden Evening Lenten service	7:30pm
Sun. 3/13	Worship DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 3/16	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Thurs. 3/17	Holden Evening Lenten service	7:30pm
Sun. 3/20	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 3/23	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Thurs. 3/24	Holden Evening Lenten service	7:30pm
Sun. 3/27	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 3/30	Confirmation Class	7:00pm
Thurs. 3/31	Holden Evening Lenten service	7:30pm
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Thurs. 4/7	Holden Evening Lenten service	7:30pm

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PASTOR'S REPORT FOR 2021

Much like 2020, it's easy to focus on the negative and what we weren't able to do here at SJILC in 2021. Still no choir or Harvest Festival. Less Sunday School and children's messages. More social distancing, singing into masks, and staying home sick. We all had lots of hopes and plans for 2021, and unfortunately, due to Covid many of them did not come to fruition.

We also lost five of our beloved members in the congregation, which was very difficult for me (especially amid the myriad of other challenges brought on by this virus), and to be honest, all of that pain, sadness, and death really took its toll. I wish I could say that my faith never wavered and that I didn't have any doubts or despair, but there were definitely some restless nights and plenty of tears in the last 12 months. I often felt overwhelmed and at the same time underqualified, even more so than I did in 2020 or when I first began my ministry here eight and a half years ago!

And yet, I know the good Lord was with me through those trying moments, and whenever I struggled to hear his voice or feel his presence, I did the only thing I could: I prayed, I read scripture and I sang hymns. I also found great comfort and strength in *your* prayers. It makes a big difference when you know that others are praying for you, and I cannot thank this congregation enough for all your love, support, and encouragement to me throughout this pandemic. You have certainly been a light for me in my life, especially on those days when it feels like my oil has or is about to run out!

So let's focus on the positive and what God did accomplish through us in 2021:

*We were able to worship again in-person, which was truly a blessing. Zoom has continued to be a wonderful gift for our congregation, and it has allowed us to connect with so many more people than we ever could before, but it's still not the same as being together in the sanctuary. Easter and Christmas Eve were completely virtual in 2020 so needless to say, it was extra special to have many of you back in the pews for those services.

* We welcomed eight new members into our congregation: Verne Kelley, the Marco family, Margaret Plows, and Tom & Wendy Wolber. Yes, our church family has grown! Thanks be to God!

* We held another successful VBS program in August. 27 children and youth joined us for Rocky Railway VBS where together we learned about the love of Jesus and how his power pulls us through the ups and downs of this life we share.

*And speaking of sharing, we continued in our mission to share God's love and help those in need through our evangelism and outreach. Just read the report on page 12 of this packet, and you'll see the impact that your kindness and generosity had on the lives of others in 2021.

Whether it was our Thanksgiving food collection for the INN, the 1100 pounds of food we donated to the New LIFE Center, or all the Christmas gifts and stockings that were given to families for the “Giving Tree” program, this virus did not prevent us from living into our mission and sharing the good news of Christ! Amen!

On a personal note, my own family also grew this past year as we celebrated the birth of my nephew, Shepherd Lucas Kennedy. Uncle Alex has already been asked me to baptize Shep, which, God-willing, I will have the honor of doing on March 13th, and later this summer, we will add another member to our family when my other brother, Dexter, and his fiancé, Jackie, get married in August!

I want to thank everyone who offered their time and talents in 2021, from worship servers and Altar Guild to our Zoom hosts and those who helped decorate the sanctuary at the holidays. I also want to thank our council and committee members for their leadership during these challenging times. Finally, a big thank you to Katharine Forte for assisting me with Confirmation again this past year, as well as our church secretary, Andrea Sommella, for all her help and hard work behind the scenes. Andrea does so much for our congregation and I am blessed to have her as a colleague and partner in ministry.

As we look forward to the year ahead with eyes of hope and hands ready to serve, may we remember the words of that familiar hymn: “The church of Christ, in every age beset by change, but Spirit led, must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.”

May God be with us as we rise once again in 2022!

Yours in Christ +

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pastor Alex".

Pastoral Record – 2021

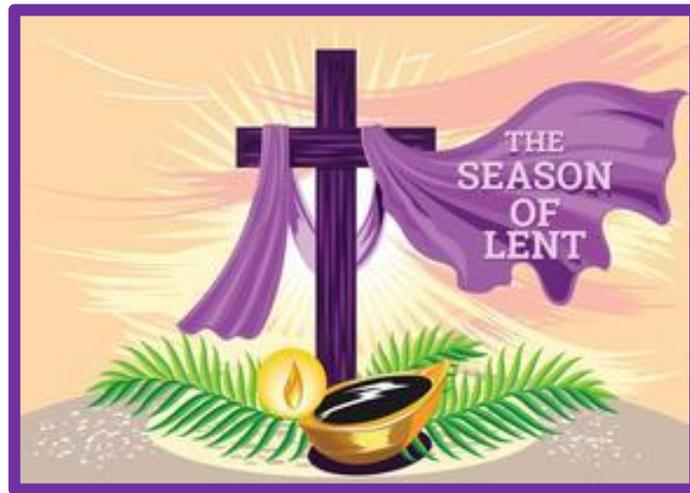
Baptisms: 1 – Carmelo Pinto

First Communion: 0

Confirmed: 2 – Kayla Bohringer & Greg Reitler

Marriages: 2 – Heather Cooper & Brandon LaVista, Carissa Comastri & Carl Oberle

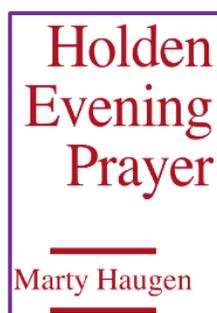
Funerals: 4 – Arlene Moglia, John DeStefano, Tom Powell, and Christel Hild



WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK

MARCH 2	ASH WEDNESDAY worship service	7:30pm
MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31	Holden Lenten Evening Prayer service	7:30pm
APRIL 7	Holden Lenten Evening Prayer service	7:30pm
APRIL 10	PALM SUNDAY worship	8:15am & 9:30am
APRIL 14	MAUNDY THURSDAY worship service	7:30pm
APRIL 15	GOOD FRIDAY worship service	7:30pm
APRIL 17	EASTER SUNDAY worship	8:15am & 9:30am

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Introducing the Congregational Council of St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church for 2022!



Chris Shelton - President
 Doug Palmer - Vice President
 Kim Carlstrom - Secretary
 Bruce Feltkamp - Treasurer
 Joan Pirrone - Financial Secretary
 Dorothy Criscuolo
 Richard Dietrich
 Alois Essex
 Katie Forte
 Susan Masciello
 Bob Reckhart
 Jeanette Richetti
 Anne Sheppard



Many thanks to these leaders of our congregation!

WORSHIP SERVERS – FEBRUARY 2022

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	USHERS	ZOOM HOST
6	9:30	Victoria Ramirez	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Heidi Scalza & Cora Sarver	Joe Bahadur
13	9:30	Tyler Rouse	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse	Bruce Feltkamp
20	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Anne Sheppard & Judy Posimato	Dan Gonzalez
27	9:30	Christopher Dunn	Katie Forte	Katie Forte	Alexandra Dunn & Victoria Dunn	Joe Bahadur

WORSHIP SERVERS – MARCH 2022

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTER	LECTOR	USHERS	ZOOM HOST
2 Ash Wed.	7:30pm	Tyler Rouse	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Bob Reckhart & Sean Reckhart	Dan Gonzalez
6 Lent 1	9:30	Kaylee Palmer	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Doug & Kristina Palmer	Bruce Feltkamp
13 Lent 2	9:30	Sam Barry	Andrew Dunn	Anna Lenz	Judy Posimato & Carol Clemente	Susan Masciello
20 Lent 3	9:30	Christopher Palmer	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	Cora Sarver & Joan Pirrone	Joe Bahadur
27 Lent 4	9:30	Kaitlyn Gavin	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Heidi Scalza & Cora Sarver	Jeanette Richetti

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please try to find a replacement or contact the church office.

Coordinator: Claire Lenz (Lectors & Assisting Ministers) – 516-872-2063

Andrea Sommella (Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers & Zoom hosts) – 516-599-0778

WANT TO SERVE IN WORSHIP?

We would love to have you serve as an assisting minister, lector, usher, or Zoom host, please contact the church office. (516-599-0778 or email)

Children and youth are invited to serve as lectors, acolytes, torch bearers, and ushers. All are welcome!

In Our Prayers...

Larry Lipitz	Arlene	Karissa Heap
Anthony Posimato	Sandy	Orlando Castrence
Donna Valenti	Bill	Tad Sheppard
Stephen Suppa	Joe	Harold Walker
Eleanor Haslett	Joanne	Bernadette Harten
Scott Masciello	Ryan	Ed Moglia
Sherry Powell	Grace	Mary Rebando
The Carver Family	Sue	Baby Sosnik
John Michael	Faith	Ann B.
Vivian Monaco	Carmel Wright	Hank Lenz
Neil B.	Joshua Emswiler	Edith
Colton Youdelman	Charles	Jacquie Maidel
Amie Hanna	Bill Gibbs	Lynn Walker
Joseph Mihalich	Dante Castrence	Rosalind Mireku
Victoria Murillo	The Forbes Family	Jim Grasso
Vito Richetti	Beryl	Shirley Plow
The Family of Joan Carlstrom		

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. Please write how long you would like the name to remain on the list otherwise it will be removed after three weeks.

**Volunteer
Drivers
Needed**



We need your help!

We have a few individuals who are in need of a ride to and from church for the 9:30am service.

If you or someone you know would be willing to give a ride to church, please speak with Pastor Alex or contact the church office.

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Jen H., earns for hockey

This is an easy way to give back to SJILC! Our enrollment code is 13FLFD8683371. Please use this code when you first enroll and DO NOT share on social media. Contact Janet Pescatore at 516-581-1221 or mrsp061601@gmail.com with any questions.

Join us for
worship
in person
or on ZOOM!

Sundays at 9:30am



Online:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5165990778>

Meeting ID: 516 599 0778

By phone:

1-646-558-8656 US (NY)

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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!

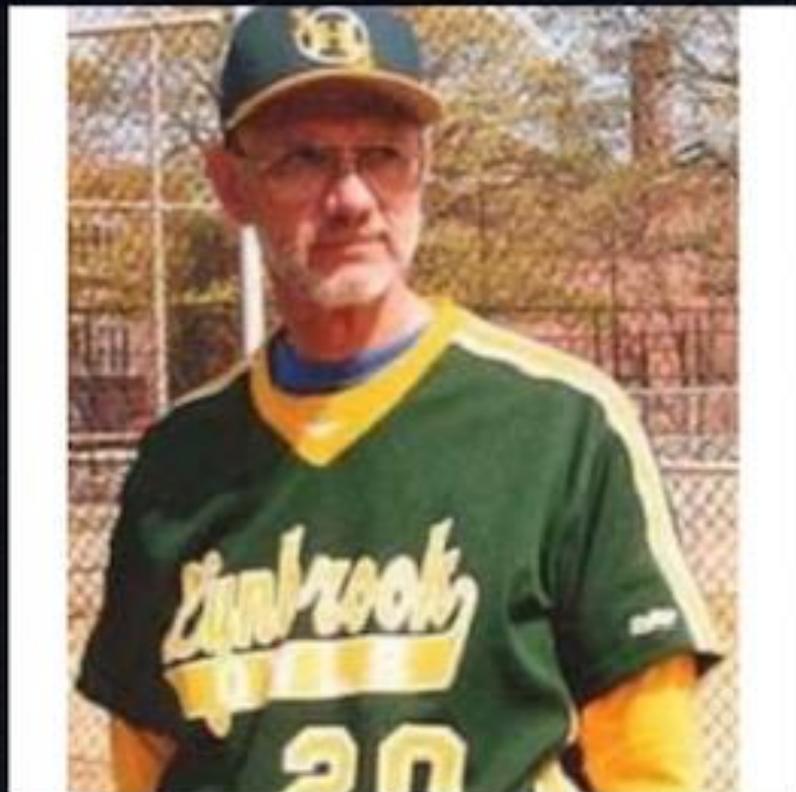
MAIL:

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:

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



A Celebration of Life
Donald H. Roth

Saturday, April 2 at 2:00 PM ET

The Roth & Sloan Families

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