



# ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

## **MESSENGER**

 **MARCH 2022**



13 Blake Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563



Sun. 3/13	Worship <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME – Move clocks ahead!</b>	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

## APRIL:

Sat. 4/2	Memorial service in memory of Don Roth	2:00pm
Thurs. 4/7	Holden Evening Lenten service	7:30pm
Sun. 4/10	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> worship Coffee hour to follow 9:30am worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Thurs. 4/14	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> worship service	7:30pm
Fri. 4/15	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> worship service	7:30pm
Sun. 4/17	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b> worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Sun. 4/24	Worship Congregational Meeting to vote on driveway	8:15am & 9:30am 10:30am

**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.

## A Message from Pastor Alex:

It was two years ago this month that COVID-19 entered our lives and changed practically everything we knew and took for granted. So many events, activities, and gatherings were either postponed or cancelled altogether, and here at SJILC it was no different. Yes, we were able to adapt quickly and move our worship to a virtual format thanks in large part to Joey Bahadur (without him, we might have missed more than just the one week of worship that we did in mid-March!), and then later that summer we switched over to Zoom, which we have been using ever since.

This new way of worshipping certainly had its fair share of challenges, and we know that nothing can replicate the physical gathering of God's people around Word and Sacrament. However, this technology did allow us to still be together during a very scary and uncertain time, and because of it our congregation has grown a lot these past two years as we've been able to connect with lots of people who we wouldn't have been able to reach before! Praise the Lord!

Well, now that the worst is behind us, we are finally ready to move forward and get back to some semblance of normalcy! The first step is getting rid of those dreaded face coverings. At our meeting this past week, the council approved lifting our mask requirement that we've had in place throughout this entire pandemic. Yes, you read that correctly – wearing a mask is now optional! We'll still have them available in the narthex for those who want or need them, and if you're not feeling well, I will continue to kindly ask that you please stay home that day and join us on Zoom.

We will also be resuming our annual hymn tournament, which we had to cancel in 2020. You may remember that we only got through the first round before COVID hit so for the sake of ease, we'll just start over with the same hymns that we had in 2020. If you're unfamiliar with this, hymns are matched up in a bracket style tournament similar to the "March Madness" college basketball tournament. You pick the hymn(s) you want to win by donating spare change and cash into designated cups. We begin with 16 hymns, which will "tip-off" on Sunday, March 20, and after four weeks, a winner will be chosen on Sunday, April 10 that we will sing once a month for the next year. All donations will go to our evangelism & outreach ministry for future programs and events.

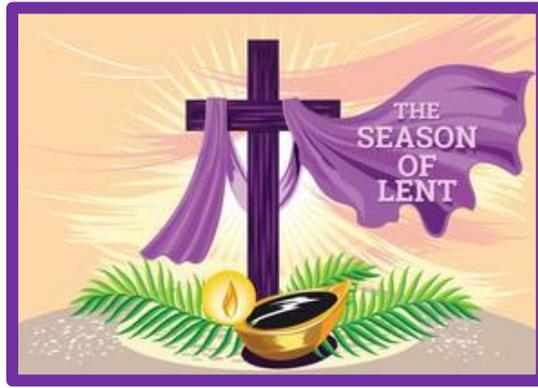
Another tradition at SJILC is our annual bowling outing, which we were not able to do last year. In the past, we have bowled at our usual spot in Rockville Centre, but it appears that bowling is quite popular at Maple Lanes right now, which isn't surprising! Therefore, this year we will be heading to San Dee Lanes in Malverne on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00pm. More details can be found in this month's Messenger. I really hope you'll be able to join us; it's always a great time for our church family!

Finally, in addition to our regular Sunday worship, midweek services will be held during Lent on Thursday evenings at 7:30pm. We will once again be using Marty Haugen's Holden Evening Prayer for these services, and our theme for this Lent will be "Open My Life, Lord." If you've never experienced Holden Evening Prayer, I highly recommend it! In my humble opinion, it's one of the most moving and beautiful liturgies ever composed.

It has been said that "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb." This old adage refers to the weather that we typically experience in the northern parts of our country like here in New York, and while we managed to avoid a "roaring" snowstorm at the start of this month, we know from experience that when it comes to the weather, anything is possible in March! Nevertheless, whether we go out with some "gentle" temperatures or not, we know that Lent is taking us to a different kind of lamb – the Lamb of God who takes away our sin and that of the whole world. Will you join me on this journey to the cross of Christ? It won't be easy and we may find ourselves wanting to take a different path, but by the grace of God we'll make it together.

May the Lord be with you in this Lenten season. See you in worship!

*Pastor Alex*



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT & HOLY WEEK

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

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Please join us for a brief congregational meeting on **Sunday, April 24**, immediately following the 9:30am service. **A vote will be taken for spending capital improvement funds to expand and resurface the driveway between the church and parsonage.** The cost will be over \$5000, which requires a congregational vote as indicated in our church's Constitution and Bylaws.

## MARCH 2022

DATE	TIMES	ACOLYTES	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS
2	7:30pm	Tyler Rouse	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Bob Reckhart & Sean Reckhart
6	9:30am	Kaylee Palmer	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Doug & Kristina Palmer
13	9:30am	Sam Barry	Andrew Dunn	Anita Marco	Judy Posimato & Carol Clemente
20	9:30am	Christopher Palmer	Dorothy Richetti	Dorothy Richetti	Cora Sarver & Joan Pirrone
27	9:30am	Kaitlyn Gavin	Dorothy Criscuolo	Dorothy Criscuolo	Ed Reitter & Cora Sarver

*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 bearer & Zoom hosts) – 516-599-0778*

## APRIL 2022

DATE	TIME	ACOLYTE	ASSISTING MINISTERS	LECTORS	USHERS	ZOOM HOST
3	9:30am	Victoria Ramirez	Susan Masciello	Susan Masciello	Suzanna & Chris Thomas	Bruce Feltkamp
10 Palm Sun.	9:30am	Kaitlyn Gavin	Andrew Dunn	Chris Shelton	Judy Posimato & Joan Pirrone	Susan Masciello
14 Maundy Thurs.	7:30pm	Kaylee Palmer	Janet Pescatore	Janet Pescatore	Doug & Kristina Palmer	Dan Gonzalez
15 Good Fri.	7:30pm	Tyler Rouse	Dorothy Criscuolo	Tad Sheppard	Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse	Jeanette Richetti
17 Easter	9:30am	Sam Barry	Anita Marco	Chris Shelton	Anne & Tad Sheppard	Dan Gonzalez
	Gospel Bearer	Pastor Alex				
	Torch Bearers	Christopher Dunn Chris Palmer				
24	9:30am	Victoria Ramirez	Dan Gonzalez	Dan Gonzalez	Carol Clemente & Cora Sarver	Joe Bahadur

## 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	Jacque Maidel
Amie Hanna	Bill Gibbs	Lynn Walker
Joseph Mihalich	Dante Castrence	Rosalind Mireku
Victoria Murillo	The Forbes Family	Jim Grasso
Vito Richetti	Gayle Walker	Shirley Plow
Family of Hans Gerd Fruetel	Tracy Powell	Terry Haffer
Family of Rev. Beverly Snedeker		

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 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



CASSANDRA BARRY WAS AWARDED HER LION RANK. SAM BARRY & JACOB LEBRON EARNED THEIR ARROW OF LIGHT RANK ALLOWING THEM TO MOVE UP TO THE BOY SCOUTS.

## SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION!

This year we collected a total of 158 food items for our “Souper Bowl of Caring” food drive. The food was counted and sorted by Joan Pirrone and delivered to the food pantry at the New LIFE Center in Uniondale by Dotty Criscuolo. Many thanks to the Evangelism committee for organizing this event and thank you to all who donated! Your generosity helped many individuals and families in need. Thank you for joining us in sharing God’s abundant love!



## ASHES TO GO!

Pastor Alex distributed ashes to many commuters and others at the Lynbrook train station on the morning of Ash Wednesday.

He then went to the Lynbrook recreation center and gave ashes to the senior citizens who meet there weekly. It was a very special morning for Pastor Alex and another reminder that even though some cannot get to church as often as they like, we can always bring the church to those in our community!



# SJILC'S ANNUAL HYMN TOURNAMENT!

## ROUND 1 – “THE SWEET 16”

#1 You Are Mine  
#16 The Old Rugged Cross



#2 How Great Thou Art  
#15 Beautiful Savior

#8 Canticle of the Turning  
#9 Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

#7 We Are Called  
#10 Soli Deo Gloria

#5 Will You Come and Follow Me  
#12 I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



#6 I Love to Tell the Story  
#11 In the Garden

#4 Abide with Me  
#13 Lift High the Cross

#3 Here I Am, Lord  
#14 Blessed Assurance



### 2022 Tournament Schedule

Sweet 16 – Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

Elite 8 – Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

Final 4 – Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Championship – Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>



The hymn that wins the championship will be sung in worship once a month for the next year! The runner-up will be sung quarterly and the remaining two hymns in the Final 4 will be sung three times over the next year!\*

\* In addition to when they are normally scheduled to be sung (i.e. “A Mighty Fortress” on Reformation Sunday)

# SJILC BOWLING OUTING!

Sunday, April 10 from 1:00 PM–3:00 PM

San Dee Lanes in Malverne



2 hours of bowling w/ shoes + slice of pizza & soda

ONLY \$15 per bowler!



To register, contact the church office at 516-599-0778  
or [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**RSVP as soon as possible! We have limited spots that will be filled quickly!**  
**Please make checks payable to St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church.**

## The New LIFE Center Easter Food Drive

Easter is a joyous and glorious time for us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection.

For many, that joy is overshadowed by a feeling of hunger.

It is our purpose, at the **New LIFE Center – Long Island**, to care for and uplift our neighbors and we invite you to participate in building up the body of Christ.

We are asking for your help in providing Easter Food Baskets for the hungry.

These baskets are much more than food.

They are a visible sign that carries the message of Christ's love and concern.

This year SJILC will help the New **LIFE** Center **SWEETEN UP** Easter for those in need.

Items requested are:

Cookies

Cake icing

Hot chocolate

Jello

Pudding



For all your continued support we are very thankful. The Evangelism Committee.

# Church Directory

## UPDATE



## SJILC is updating the church directory!

Please fill out the form below to help us make sure your contact information is updated and correct.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

You can send your form to the church through the mail or drop it in our white mailbox on the side door of the church.

You can also scan and email the form back to the church @

[stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com)

# CHURCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Family Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Family Email \_\_\_\_\_ \*Allow email \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

Phone (each person) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Allow txt msg \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

Email (each person) \_\_\_\_\_ \*Allow email \_\_\_ Y \_\_\_ N

*\*From time to time we may send texts or emails to you from the church with news for upcoming events.*

*If you do not wish to receive them, please indicate next to each phone or email listed.*

# From ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Dear St John Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,515.00 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) through ELCA Good Gifts.

*This, this is Christ the king, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!*  
("What Child Is This," ELW 296)

This season we remember a time before Christ's birth, when humanity waited to be delivered from fear and sin. But we also remember the day the waiting ended. Our Savior arrived, and now we live in a world transformed by God's grace. Through your gifts, you share the everlasting joy of that transformation with our neighbors around the world.

Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. With seedlings and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people – around the world and around the corner – with what they need to live abundant lives.

Jesus was born to reign in us forever. Now you are inviting countless others into his gracious kingdom. Thank you.

With gratitude,

*Rachel Wind*

Gift date: 2/2/2022

Gifts are designated for:

Family farm	\$715.00
Fish farm	\$250.00
Fruit-tree farm	\$150.00
Community vegetable garden	\$200.00
Feed 50 people at a soup kitchen	\$200.00
<b>Total contribution:</b>	<b>\$1,515.00</b>



## BEAUTIFY SJILC AT EASTER TIME



If you would like to place Easter Flowers on the altar during the Easter season in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the form below. You can mail it or drop it in the offering basket with your free will donation. After the holiday season, the flowers will be given to our homebound members and others in need. **THIS IS A FREE WILL OFFERING**

### BEAUTIFY SJILC AT EASTER

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

**OR** In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_



# EASTER CANDY FUNDRAISER

Sponsored by the SJILC Evangelism Committee

## Price List

2 oz semi solid milk chocolate rabbits	\$4
Premium bridge mix	\$7
Milk or dark chocolate eggs	\$7
Milk chocolate bunnies or chicks	\$8
Milk or dark chocolate covered raisins	\$6

All bags of candy are 1/2 lb.



If you can't get to church and want to order candy, call the church office and we will place the order for you. Your candy will be delivered to your home.

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)

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](mailto: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, 13 Blake Avenue Lynbrook, NY 11563

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

