



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

(End of) **May** / **June** 2023



13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sun. 5/21	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 5/24	Confirmation class	7:00pm
Sun. 5/28	Worship PENTECOST (Wear Red)	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 5/29	Memorial Day	



Thurs. 6/1	Healing Service	7:30pm
Sun. 6/4	Worship Tannenbaum baptism	8:15am & 9:30am 12:00pm
Sun. 6/11	Worship Confirmation	8:15am & 9:30am 9:30am
Tues. 6/13	Evangelism meeting Church council meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
Sun. 6/18	Worship Father's Day coffee hour New LIFE Center Food Collection	8:15am & 9:30am after the 9:30am service
Tues. 6/20	WELCA BBQ (rain date - 6/21)	6:00pm
Sun. 6/25	Worship VBS planning meeting	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am



Thurs. 7/6	Healing Service	7:30pm
Wed. 7/12, 7/19, 7/26	Bible Study	7:00pm
Sun. 7/23	Comastri Baptisms	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.

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR MAY 2023

SUNDAY, 5/7 – 9:30am	Sunday, 5/21 – 9:30am
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Gavin Assist. Minister: Katie Forte Lector: Katie Forte Ushers: Heidi Scalza & Judy Posimato Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti	Acolyte: Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Susan Masciello Lector: Susan Masciello Ushers: Anne & Tad Sheppard Zoom Host: Dan Gonzalez
Sunday, 5/14 – 9:30am Youth Sunday All worship servers will be our confirmation students	PENTECOST Sunday 5/28 – 9:30am Assist. Minister: Dorothy Richetti Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Kristin DeStefano & Janet Powell Zoom Host: Susan Masciello

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2023

SUNDAY, 6/4 – 9:30am	Sunday, 6/18 – 9:30am
Acolyte: Kaitlyn Gavin Assist. Minister: Dorothy Criscuolo Lector: Dorothy Criscuolo Ushers: Anne & Tad Sheppard Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur	Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Claire Lenz Lector: Claire Lenz Ushers: Sue Ellen Coyle & Carol Clemente Zoom Host: Dan Gonzalez
Sunday, 6/11 – 9:30am	Sunday, 6/25 – 9:30am
Acolyte: Christopher Palmer Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Anita Marco Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp	Acolyte: Kaylee Palmer Assist. Minister: Kim Carlstrom Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Sean Rouse Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti

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; Andrea: Ushers, Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers, Gospel bearers and Zoom hosts- Church Office: 599-0778

A Message from Pastor Alex:

It's always a privilege to journey through Holy Week here at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church, and I must admit that seeing a full sanctuary on Easter Sunday this year was extra special and made my heart very glad. Praise God! I want to give a big thank you to the Altar Guild committee, as well as everyone else who helped decorate the sanctuary for our worship services. Many thanks also to all of our worship servers (acolytes, lectors, assisting ministers, ushers, and Zoom hosts) including the Confirmation students who did an awesome job serving in these roles on Mother's Day! If you would like to serve in worship or have any questions about the roles listed above, please speak with me. We just trained some new acolytes a few weeks ago who are very eager and excited to serve, but we can definitely arrange for more training this summer if needed!

Speaking of summer, there is much to look forward to here at SJILC in the coming months, from baptisms and Bible studies to Confirmation and VBS, just to name a few! On Sunday, June 11th at the 9:30am service, Justin Bohringer, Maleah Gossai, Nicole Henshaw, Isabella Lebron, Christopher Palmer, and Madeline Posillico will make public affirmation of their baptism. Please join us (and wear red again if you can!) as we celebrate this wonderful moment with them and their families.

The annual outdoor summer barbeque sponsored by WELCA will be held at church on Tuesday, June 20 at 6:00pm. Please RSVP on the sign-up sheet in the narthex and indicate if you plan to bring anything, whether it's a covered dish, a dessert or a friend! The rain date for the barbeque will be Wednesday, June 20pm at 6:00pm.

I'm happy to announce that Bible study will be returning this summer and will be offered both in-person and via Zoom! Our focus for this four-week series is going to be on discipleship and what it really means to be a follower of Jesus. Are we chosen or do we choose? Does our Lord have expectations of us as his disciples? Can you and I really take up our own crosses and follow Him? We will explore these questions and many others beginning on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:00pm. We will meet at the same time then on the following three Wednesdays: July 19, July 26, and August 2. Again, please feel free to bring a friend and/or share our Zoom meeting ID with anyone who might want to attend remotely. I hope you can join us!

Last but certainly not least, our theme for Vacation Bible School this summer is going to be "Twists and Turns" where we will learn how following Jesus changes the game! We will once again be doing a three-night format with VBS taking place on August 14, 16, and 18 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Our first planning meeting will be held on Sunday, June 25 immediately after the 9:30am service. As an added bonus, we will also have a bagel brunch during the meeting! Please contact Gabrielle Barry or myself if you are interested in helping out. We need lots of volunteers for VBS so if you can help for even just one night, it will be greatly appreciated. Youth are especially encouraged to volunteer as group and station leaders. Not only will they have fun (as we all do at VBS 😊) and set a great example for the younger kids, but they will also earn a nice chunk of community service hours toward any school requirements too!

Other hopes and possibilities for this summer include hosting another luncheon for the senior citizens at Greis Park in July, a youth retreat to Camp Koinonia, and a congregational outing to either a Long Island Ducks or Brooklyn Cyclones baseball game. More details on these events to follow.

The sun is shining as I write these words to you from the back yard of the parsonage, and I can see that our church vegetable garden is already starting to grow. Thanks be to God who makes all things new! And until we meet again, my friends, may God hold you in the loving palm of his hand.

Peace +

Pastor Alex

We are praying for ...

Donna Valenti	Bernadette Harten	Lisa
Stephen Suppa	Mary Rebando	Charles
Anthony Posimato	Ed Moglia	Edith
Scott Masciello	Joseph Mihalich	Rocco
Sherry Powell	The Forbes Family	Jacquie Maidel
The Carver Family	Shirley Plows	Brad Pantall
Colton Youdelman	Edith	Barbara Monteleone
Sue	Vito Richetti	Victoria Murillo
Faith	Bud Ellis	Bradley Shelton
Carmel Wright	Marina	Benjamin Lomot
Bill Gibbs	May	Anne Sheppard
Tad Sheppard	Salvatore	Andrea
Hank Lenz	Doug	Carol
Anita Wilder	Steve Lombardi	Lisa
Merri Becker	Family of Eleanor Haslett	

If you would like to request prayers for yourself or someone else, please write the name(s) on the prayer request poster or call or email the office at 599-0778 or 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.



Dear St. John-Incarnation Congregation,

I wanted to express my gratitude for the college care package you sent me earlier this year. As I end another semester of college, your thoughtful gift of school supplies and snacks were a wonderful surprise and a source of great encouragement.

The pencils and highlighters undoubtedly came in handy for my assignments and lecture notes. As for the snacks, they provided much-needed energy throughout my long school days.

I am very grateful for the care package, and I want to thank everyone at the church who took the time to put it together!

Sincerely,

Victoria Dunn

From The New LIFE Center Layette Program:

4-19-23

Dear Pastor Kennedy, St John's Congregation and
St John's WELCA,

Thank you for inviting me to speak about
Lutheran Social Services Programs at your April
16, 2023 Church Service. It was a pleasure to
be with you at this very special service as well
as the baby shower afterward for the New Mother
Program at LSS.

Special thanks for all the baby items you
so lovingly donated and the monetary donations
that will help us in the future to provide layettes
for poor Nassau County families. Your support
of this program throughout the years has been
a blessing to our Nassau County community.

I look forward to working with you in
the years to come as we try to do the Lord's
work every day. The plant you gave me on
Sunday is so beautiful and I will continue to
enjoy the numerous blossoms.

God's Blessings!

Diane Kelly
LSS Volunteer

To the St. John-Incarnation
Congregation,

Thank you for all the cards and
good wishes and the beautiful
tulips delivered by
Dotty Criscuolo.

Blessings,
Jacquie Maidel



Thank from ELCA
GOOD GIFTS for our
Christmas donation of \$935.00
for various farm and
agricultural items to help those
in need.

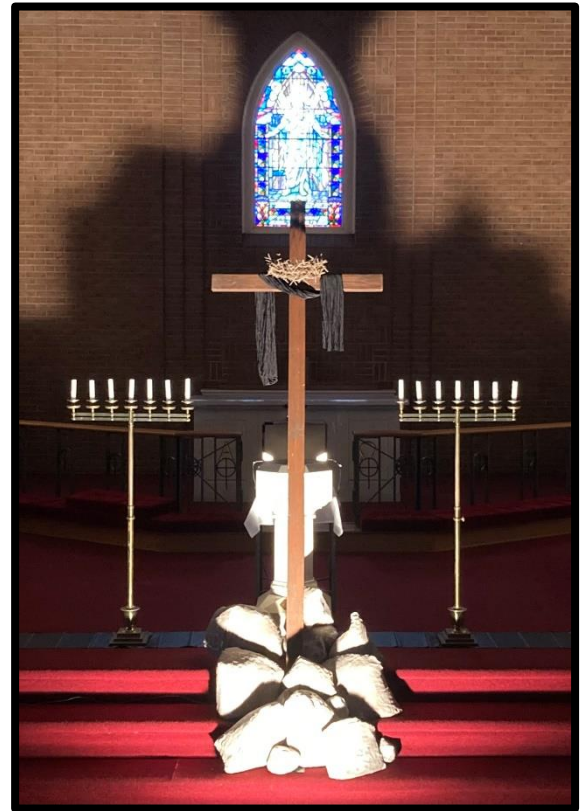
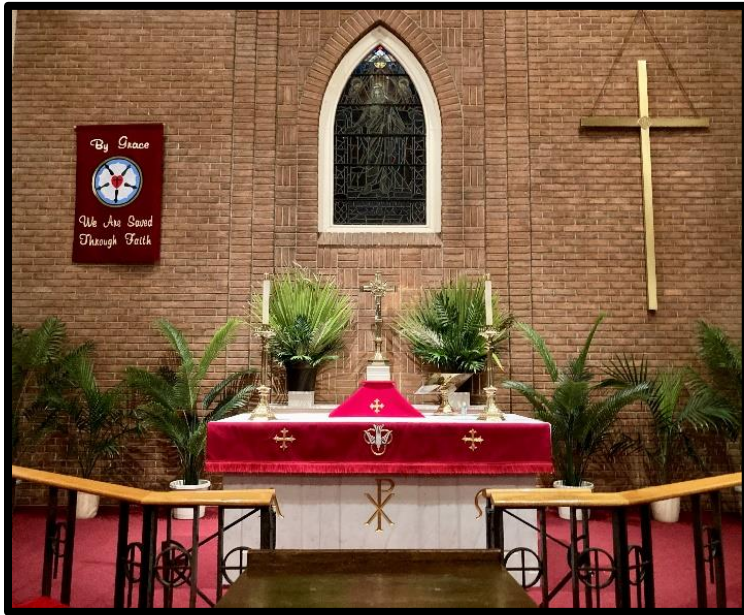


Thank you from
Lutheran Social
Services for
our donation of 172 lbs. of
food and \$50.00 to help
those in need on Long
Island.



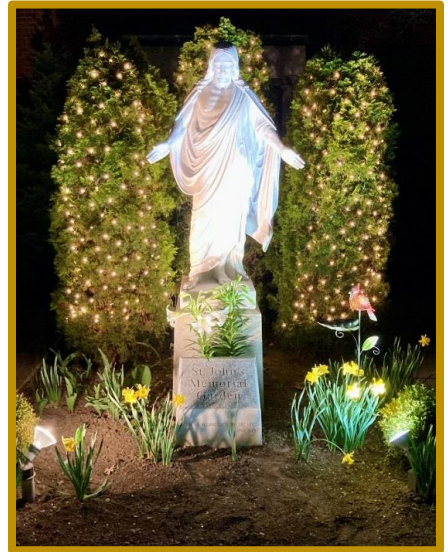
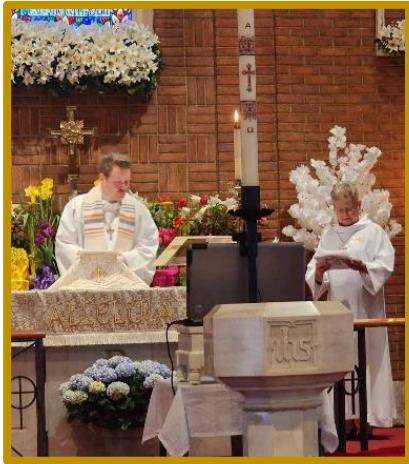
Dear St. John Incarnation,
Thank you for the
care package. It really
meant a lot to me.
I really liked the
ramin and candies. The
school supplies were
good too. Thanks
so much
Dylan Lipitz

HOLY WEEK



EASTER SUNDAY







Many Thanks to All who Donated Flowers for This Easter Season!

In memory of...

Mother & Grandma, Ruth Wakuluk
Beloved Sister, Christina Wakuluk
Loved Ones
Loved Ones

Sal Criscuolo, Dorothy & Julius Roll
& Nelma McMenamin

Pauline Feltkamp & Louis Clemente
Emma & Walter Dodd

Margaret & Bill Telesky

Pauline & Frank Feltkamp

Paul & Christel Hild and Larry Lipitz

Hank Lohse & Family

Robert Koehler

Larry Lipitz and Paul & Christel Hild
Our Loved Ones

Our Beloved Family
Loved Ones

Loved Ones

Doris & John Kortlang, Amy &
Shelli Kortlang, Tony & Katie Posimato

Susan K. Reckhart & Kimberly Paolillo

John R. Redmond

Our Loved Ones

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Loved Ones

The Carlstrom, Hovell & Berkowitz Families
Carol Clemente

Charlene Comastri

Dorothy Criscuolo

Sue Ellen Coyle

MaryAnn Dodd

Karen, Bruce, Karl & Carrie Feltkamp

Doris Hild

Ingkelohse Gerckemn

Allison Koehler

Lipitz Family

Susan & Vinnie Masciello

The Palmer Family

Janet Pescatore

Joan Pirrone

Judy & Anthony Posimato

The Reckhart Family

Irene Redmond

Cora & Don Sarver

Chris & Blanche Shelton

Andrea Sommella

In honor of...

My Family

Karen & Kevin Halcrow and Anthony Posimato

Our Grandchildren

Loved Ones

Father & Grandpa, Bill Wakuluk

Kerrin Gerckemn

Judy & Anthony Posimato

Chris & Blanche Shelton

Tad & Anne Sheppard

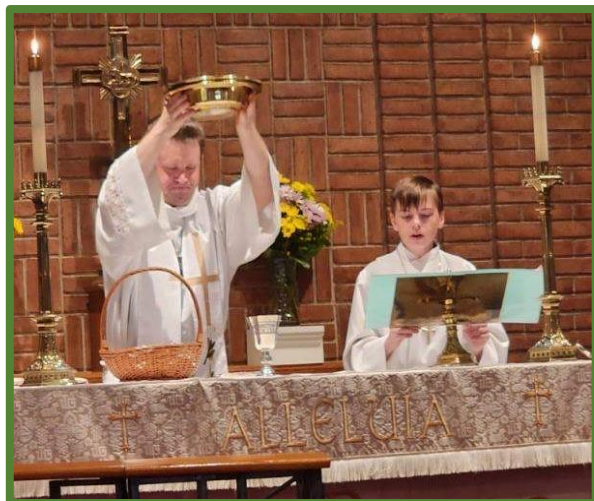
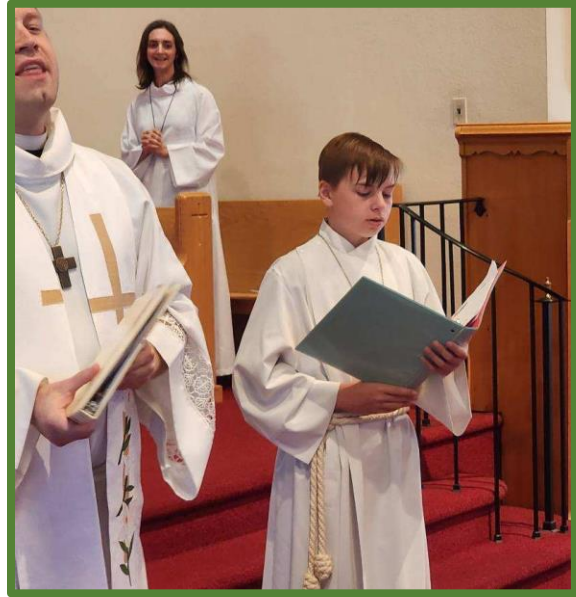
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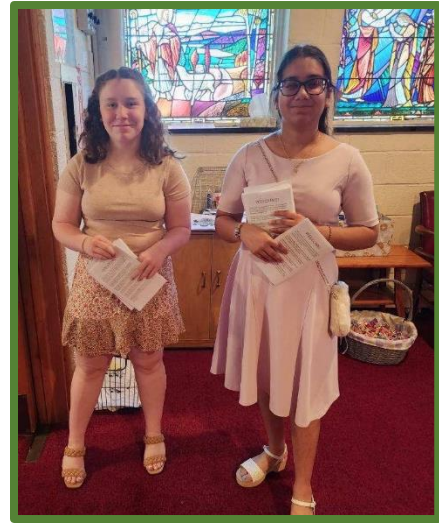
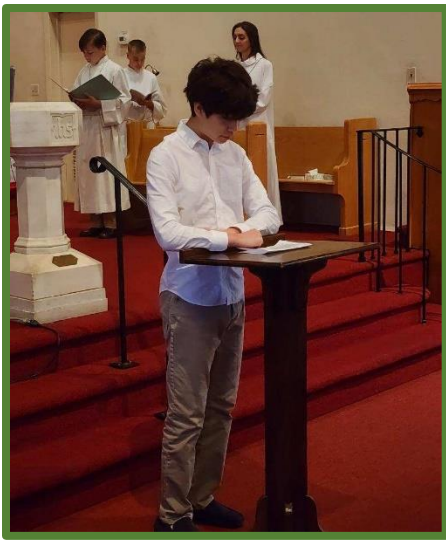
WELCA BABY SHOWER!





Youth Sunday





Welcome to our newest member, **Kathy Spatz!**



The **WELCA Bake Sale** on Mother's Day raised **\$785** for the Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund!



 God's Speed!
Capital Improvement Internet Fund

The God's Speed Capital Improvement Internet Fund is a fund that has been established to help St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church update our Wi-Fi and computer systems so that we can be connected more efficiently with our congregation. You can make donations in memory or in honor of someone or just as a generous contribution to the fund.

Donations have been made in memory of

Paul Hild
Eleanor Haslett
Eleanor Haslett

by Dorothy Criscuolo
by Dorothy Criscuolo
by Joan Pirrone

Donations have been made in honor of

Hans Gert Frütel
Pastor Alex & Our Zoom Worship Program
Dorothy Criscuolo's 80th Birthday

by Elfriede Lynn
by The Richetti Family
by Susan & Vincent Masciello



 Scholarships

Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund

Donations have been made in honor of

Dorothy Criscuolo's 80th Birthday

by Karen & Bruce Feltkamp

Donations have also been made by

Dorothy Criscuolo
Verne Kelley
Heidi Scalza



Join us on **Sunday, June 11 at 9:30am**
for the affirmation of baptism of:



Justin Bohringer
Nicole Henshaw
Christopher Palmer

Maleah Gossai
Isabella LeBron
Madeline Posillico



Join us on Sunday, June 18th
for a Father's Day COFFEE HOUR
after the 9:30am service!

We will also take **a special collection**
of non-perishable food items that
will be donated to the New **LIFE** Center!



Our annual barbecue sponsored by WELCA
will be held on Tuesday, June 20th at church
Sign-up sheet in the narthex!

Rain date, June 21st.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

News & Updates!

1. Calling all artisans...

We are seeking talent from our congregation/friends/family to showcase, in a silent auction. So if you can sew (quilts), knit, crochet, paint, make ornaments, woodworking (birdhouses or decor signs) etc. we welcome it all. Please start creating now!

2. Yard Sale Donations....

We are now accepting all yard sale items (except clothing) to be gathered behind the curtains on stage downstairs.

3. Publicity....

We encourage everyone to take letters/flyers, available in narthex, to businesses that you "frequent" and ask if they are willing to donate for our raffle table or sponsor an activity.

43rd Harvest Festival: Saturday, September 30th

(Rain date: Sunday, October 1st)

We need a few **LAWN RANGERS** to give 15-20 minutes of their time to mow the front lawn of the church and parsonage this season! Please add your name and phone number to the sign-up sheet in the narthex, and speak with either Pastor Alex or Dan Lenz if you have any questions. Thank you!



**Join us for worship
in person
or on ZOOM!**

Sundays at

8:15am — in person only

9:30am — in person & on Zoom



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 #

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