



ST. JOHN'S MESSENGER
June 2013

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Summer Worship Services

9:30 AM

No Sunday School Classes (K-Grade 6)

During July, August,

Bring the children to worship!

Calendar of Events for June 2013 ~

Sunday, June 2	Worship, 9:30 AM CONFIRMATION – Pastor Danielle Miller presiding No Sunday School
Tuesday, June 4	Council Meeting, 7:30 PM
Thursday, June 6	Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM
Sunday, June 9	Worship, 9:30 AM Barbara Semmig Memorial Fund award presentation
Tuesday, June 11	Worship & Music Meeting, 8:00 PM
Thursday, June 13	Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 PM
Tuesday, June 18	WELCA BBQ, 5:30 PM
Sunday, June 19	Worship, 9:30 AM - Father's Day
Friday, June 21	Summer Begins
Sunday, June 23	Worship, 9:30 AM
Tuesday, June 25	Evangelism/Social Meeting, 7:30 PM
Sunday, June 30	Worship 9:30 AM

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2013

DATE	ACOLYTES		ASSISTING MINISTERS		LECTORS	
6/02	9:30 AM	Kyle O'Connor	9:30 AM	Claire Lenz	9:30 AM	Claire Lenz
CONFIRMATION	Crucifer	Kyle O'Connor				
6/09	9:30 AM	Jesse Pace	9:30 AM	Hank Lenz	9:30 AM	Hank Lenz
	Crucifer	Jesse Pace				
6/16 Father's Day	9:30 AM	Elizabeth Hanson	9:30 AM	Bruce Feltkamp	9:30 AM	Bruce Feltkamp
6/23	9:30 AM	Kaitlyn Gavin	9:30 AM	Andrew Dunn	9:30 AM	Andrew Dunn
6/30	9:30 AM	Victoria Dunn	9:30 AM	Karen Feltkamp	9:30 AM	Roger Vargas

If you cannot serve on a day you are scheduled, please find a replacement and notify the church office and the appropriate coordinator:

Bob Koehler: Assisting Ministers 678-6623

Jill Pace: Acolytes, Crucifers, Torch bearers and Gospel bearers- 599-8896

Claire Lenz: Lectors - 872-2063

A Message from Pastor Jeff Laustsen ~

“Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.” – ELW Hymn 491.

One of the most delightful times of the year is when I have the privilege of preparing our young people to receive their first Holy Communion. We gather together with their parents to learn about the importance of the Lord’s Supper and how to receive the gift of our Lord’s Body and Blood with their families and our church family. Seeing the joy in their faces as I place the bread in their hands reminds me of how precious this gift is for us every time we gather together at the Lord’s Table.

In our First Communion classes, we discuss how Holy Communion is a feast of celebration, and invite our young people and their parents to plan their own sumptuous feast. Every year, we have the most elaborate feasts set before us, with tables brimming with a wide variety of wonderful foods, and guest lists that include everyone from family and friends to popular celebrities (and on many occasions even the Pastor!). As we look over our feast tables and all the preparation that has gone into them, we consider how we might react if our guests failed to appear at the meal or turned down our invitations. Why would anyone even consider turning down an invitation to such a wonderful feast?

The meal that is set before us in worship is no ordinary feast; it is the feast in which our Lord Jesus Christ offers us his very body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins. Lutheran Christians believe that the Sacrament of the Altar is *“the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, given to us Christians to eat and to drink,”* and that the words “for you” and “for the forgiveness of sins” proclaim to us that *“the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation are given to us in the sacrament, for where there is forgiveness of sins, there are also life and salvation.”* (Martin Luther, *Small Catechism*). Whether it is our first communion or our one thousandth communion, it is the feast in which our Lord Jesus Christ offers us his very body and blood so that we might be strengthened to believe our Savior’s Word and to serve others in his holy name.

In our congregation and in congregations across the church, families will be extending invitations to join their children on the day of their First Communion. At Holy Trinity, our families will be invited to gather at the altar rail to receive the Lord’s Supper together, and our congregation will pray that our Lord will *“bless them as they come to the table of your blessed Son by showing them your love and by giving them joy in your salvation.”* As we accept the invitation to gather with our young people at the Lord’s Table, we will be blessed as we eat and drink the meal that has been poured out for us for the forgiveness of sins.

The invitation that invites us to the Lord’s Supper on the occasion of our young peoples’ First Communion is the same invitation our Lord extends to us every Sunday, and invitation to “take and eat” of the body and blood that he gave for us so that we might be blessed every day in the presence of the Lord. May we not neglect accepting this invitation, because our Lord is waiting for us to take our place at the table he has prepared for us.

Yours in Christ, Pastor Jeff Laustsen

Youth Group News

We'd like to thank everyone who helped with the **Confirmation dinner** on May 22nd. Many of you helped by donating food, beverages and supplies, or helped with set up, clean-up, cooking and/or serving, which helped make it a special dinner to honor our confirmation class of 2013 – thank you all so much!

Last Youth Group meeting this year:

Sunday, June 9th, 9:30 am

Annual Youth Group/Young Adult Luncheon:

Following our meeting on June 9th, approximately 11 am -- We will be meeting at a local diner (tentatively Lynbrook Diner) for lunch/brunch. Youth Group families are welcome! More info to follow via email.

Congrats to all of our Youth Group members who are graduating middle school or high school. Have a fun and safe summer!

Lori Fernez & Janet Powell

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR YOUNG ADULTS WHO RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THIS MONTH

*KATHERINE ALICE LENZ
ALEXANDER OLESCHUK
CORAL WHITE
JESSICA MARIE GONZALEZ*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO MOVED UP THIS YEAR

**Emilia Berkowitz
Theodore Church
Christopher Dunn
Victoria Dunn
Ashley Gavin
Kaitlyn Gavin
Elizabeth Hanson**

**Kevin Hanson
Dylan Hovell
Emma Lenz
Dylan Lipitz
Kayla O'Connor
Patrick Osnes
Victoria Ramirez**

The Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee is happy to announce that two participants are going to be awarded the Memorial Scholarship on June 9th at the 9:30 Church Service. The two recipients are Matthew Ferneż, and Nils DeStefano. Both young men are well known at our services as they have served as both acolytes and crucifers on a regular basis. Matthew Ferneż will be attending Adelphi University, majoring in Exercise Science working toward a doctorate in Physical Therapy. Nils DeStefano will be attending Binghamton, NY. He will major in Engineering and work toward a doctorate in Bioengineering. Good Luck to these two extraordinary young men. God Love you!

The Barbara Semmig Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee
Cora Sarver, Pauline Feltkamp, Alison Koehler



Each year, Lutheran Social Services of New York strives to provide struggling families with food, especially at the Holiday Season. What goes noticed is that during the summer months there is also a decrease in the amount of food and associate items that is donated. If you could look for items on sale and bring them up to the altar at the time that the offering is taken on Sunday, June 16th we at St. John's will again be helping many others.

Let us feel at this time of year the Holy Spirit that God has given us.

Peace and love,
The Evangelism Committee

**Donations have been made To
St. John's Lutheran Church
In Loving Memory of**



*Memorial
Giving*

Leroy Oelschlager

Carole Kucharski
Debby and Bill Lindman

Frank Feltkamp

Anna and Daniel Lenz
Mary R. Clarke
Vulcan Chemical & Hose Co., Inc.

**BABY
SHOWER**



On May 21st, St. John's WELCA sponsored a "Mock" Baby Shower for the LIFE Center of Lutheran Social Services. Thank you to all who donated baby clothes and supplies. Again St. John's generosity will help those children and families in need at the Life Center in Uniondale. We thank the two speakers Kamen Henderson and Yuseff Parrish for their knowledgeable presentations about the New Life Center works and valuable information about Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response program that is still available to help those who were affected by Hurricane Sandy. It was an informative and fun night of fellowship and delicious deserts.

Cora Sarver

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE
WATER GIVE AWAY**

Once again members of St. John's participated in the festivities for the Memorial Day Parade. The church members set up a table in front of the church and distributed free bottles of water to the marchers and spectators viewing the parade. On each bottle was a message about St. John's. Most importantly, with the difficulty in getting members to participate in church events, there was an over flow of joyous fellowship and the Holy Spirit was working within them all. Peace and Love, the Evangelism Committee



A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO BOB KAEMPF for paying for postage for the Messengers that are stilled mailed to some of our members!

WELCA will be sponsoring their annual barbecue on Tuesday June 18th at 5:30pm. It will be held at the home of Pauline Feltkamp, 77 Whittier St., Lynbrook. Just bring any side dish salad, beans, or a cake for dessert. Hot dogs, Hamburgers and drinks will be provided. The time is early but the grill is always hot so please join us at anytime. Every one is welcome come join us for a wonderful evening of fellowship.

See you Tuesday June 18th!

If the weather turns rainy, the barbecue will take place in the Knotty Pine Room at the church



OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL IS ONLY A FEW MONTHS AWAY. WE COULD STILL USE VOLUNTEERS TO HEAD COMMITTEES AND TO WORK ON PUTTING THE HARVEST FESTIVAL TOGETHER. EVEN A FEW HOURS HELPING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE. WE WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOU!

LET'S START PLANNING FOR THE HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6TH 2013

If you are starting your **Spring Cleaning** remember the Harvest is October 6th this year. Think about donating some of your gently used items for our Bric – A – Brac table. The **when and where** to drop these items will be announced soon!

And.....do not forget our new Scarecrow building table.

BUILD A SCARECROW

We are going to have the inaugural Build-a Scarecrow table at this year's Harvest Festival. Any one who comes to the table will have the opportunity to create their own custom made scarecrow (for a modest fee... ~\$10- \$15 depending on material costs) to help bring in the fall season.

To make this possible, we're looking for donations of the following items to use for the scarecrow creations:

- ▲ Long sleeve shirts (Flannels preferably for the authentic scarecrow look, adult or children sizes)
- ▲ Pants...denim or carpenter pants or whatever you can spare. (again, adult or children sizes)
- ▲ Any wood or lumber that could be used to make the armatures for the scarecrows. Just need something in the shape of a cross to put in the sleeves and provide support for when the scarecrows are mounted in the ground.

The plan is to stuff the clothes with newspapers and hay, attach a head to the scarecrow, then attach it to an armature so the scarecrow can be planted" in your yard.

If you do have any of these items that you would be willing to donate, or if you come across any of these items at a garage sale, thrift store etc, please set them aside and contact me so I can get an idea of how many scarecrows we'll be able to accommodate. I'll be placing a bin in the Narthex for any donations. Here's to hoping that this will be a success!

God Bless,

Dan Gonzalez

spanmesilly@gmail.com

Hurricane Sandy Important Information

Dear Members and Friends,

Even though Hurricane Sandy was 7 months ago, there are still many who are struggling. At St. John's "Mock" Baby Shower, May 21st, Yuseff Parrish, a representative from Lutheran Social Services brought this information to us. We are sharing it with you.

Lutheran Social Services Disaster Response of New York is available to help you. If you are still in need of monetary assistance or possible reimbursement of monies already spent, contact them at 516- 483-3240 extensions # 3030 or # 3034. When you call, a Disaster Relief Manager will be able to assist you and answer questions. The following pages explain how Lutheran Disaster Response can help and how to get in touch with them. An application must be filed, so call right away to get the process started.

There is still help out there, so please take advantage of this opportunity. Please pass this information on to anyone you may know who can benefit from this program.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Criscuolo and Joan Pirrone

SEE SEPARATE ATTACHMENT FOR INFORMATION