



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



# **March 2024**



**13 Blake Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563**



# March

Sun. 3/17	Worship Coffee Hour Assembling Personal Care Kits	8:15am & 9:30am 10:30am 10:45am
Wed. 3/20	<b>Bread, Bowl &amp; Bible</b>	Dinner – 6:30pm, Worship – 7:30pm
Sun. 3/24	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	8:15am & 9:30am
Thurs. 3/28	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	7:30pm
Fri. 3/29	<b>Good Friday Service</b>	7:30pm
Sun. 3/31	<b>Easter Sunday – Worship</b> (No 8:15am service)	9:30am



# April

Thurs. 4/4	Confirmation & Thursday Bible School Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 4/7	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Tues. 4/9	Evangelism Meeting Church Council Meeting	6:30pm 7:30pm
Wed. 4/10	Evening Healing Service	7:30pm
Thurs. 4/11	Confirmation & TBS Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 4/14	Worship WELCA Baby Shower	8:15am & 9:30am 10:30am
Thurs. 4/18	Confirmation & TBS Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 4/21	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Tues. 4/23	Harvest Festival planning meeting	7:00pm
Thurs. 4/25	NO Confirmation & TBS Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm 7:30pm
Sun. 4/28	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am

## WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – March 2024

<p><b>Sunday, 3/10 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Chris Palmer  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dan Gonzalez  <b>Lector:</b> Dan Gonzalez  <b>Ushers:</b> Doug &amp; Kristina Palmer  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Bruce Feltkamp</p>	<p><b>Thursday, 3/28 – 7:30pm (Maundy Thursday)</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Victoria Ramirez  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Criscuolo  <b>Lector:</b> Kathy Spatz  <b>Ushers:</b> Suzanna &amp; Chris Thomas  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 3/17 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Cassie Barry  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Katie Forte  <b>Lector:</b> Katie Forte  <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Reckhart &amp; Shaun Rouse  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello</p>	<p><b>Friday, 3/29 – 9:30am (Good Friday)</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Chris Palmer  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Janet Pescatore  <b>Lector:</b> Janet Pescatore  <b>Ushers:</b> Doug &amp; Kristina Palmer  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 3/24 – 9:30am (Palm Sunday)</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Victoria Ramirez &amp; Aurelia Bahadur  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Kathy Spatz &amp; Kim Carlstrom  <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton  <b>Ushers:</b> Chris &amp; Suzanna Thomas  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur</p>	<p><b>Sunday, 3/31 – 9:30am (Easter Sunday)</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Sam Barry &amp; Cassie Barry  <b>Torch Bearers:</b> Charles Sheppard &amp; Thaddeus Sheppard  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Richetti &amp; Katie Forte  <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton  <b>Ushers:</b> Kathy Spatz &amp; Tad Sheppard  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Gabby Barry</p>

## WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – April 2024

<p><b>Sunday, 4/7– 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Charles Sheppard  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Kathy Spatz  <b>Lector:</b> Kathy Spatz  <b>Ushers:</b> Tad Sheppard &amp; Heidi Scalza  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Dan Gonzalez</p>	<p><b>Sunday, 4/21– 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Sam Barry  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Janet Pescatore  <b>Lector:</b> Janet Pescatore  <b>Ushers:</b> Suzanna &amp; Chris Thomas  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p><b>Sunday, 4/14 – 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Victoria Ramirez &amp; Aurelia Bahadur  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Wendy Wolber  <b>Lector:</b> Wendy Wolber  <b>Ushers:</b> Judy Posimato &amp; Kathy Spatz  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur</p>	<p><b>Sunday, 4/28– 9:30am</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Cassie Barry  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Richetti  <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton  <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Reckhart &amp; Shaun Rouse  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello</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, Crucifers, Torch bearers, Gospel bearers and Zoom hosts- Church Office: 599-0778



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.**

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

The sun is shining as I write these words. It's about 60 degrees outside, and the daffodils, hyacinths, and tulips in front of the church have already begun to sprout and even bloom. I guess the groundhog was right! Spring has indeed come early this year, and before we know it, Easter will be here too! Praise God!

However, before you and I can enjoy the new life that comes with springtime and Easter, we know full well that more clouds and rain will come our way. The showers bring the flowers, right? "For everything there is a season," Ecclesiastes tells us, and while Lent is most certainly a season of prayer, fasting, and repentance, it is also a time for us to be forgiven and forgive, trusting that we are watered with God's grace in baptism. Yes, Lent reminds us that there is no empty tomb without the cross. We will have our time to laugh and dance when we celebrate the joy of Easter, but now is the time of salvation – a time to weep and mourn and die with our Lord. As Jesus says in the gospel of John, "Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit."

Dying with Christ and being buried with him in baptism, we are raised with him so that we may bear the fruit of God's love for the sake of others. Bearing the cross and bearing fruit – this is our calling as Christians and followers of Jesus, and here at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church we respond to this call in a variety of life-giving ways. In addition to our ongoing food collection for the New LIFE Center, we will be assembling personal care kits on Sunday, March 17 after the 9:30am service. Many thanks to those of you who donated the toothbrushes, combs, soap, and nail clippers that will go into these kits. Thank you also for your continued food donations to the New LIFE Center. Because of your kindness, love, and generosity, many individuals and families will now get to enjoy a nice meal on Easter. Amen.

Our annual mock baby shower sponsored by WELCA will be held on Sunday, April 14 after worship with Diane Kelly from the New LIFE Center joining us that morning. Donations of new or gently used baby items can be dropped off in the designated box in the narthex. Thank you!

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24 as we welcome our Lord's entry into Jerusalem with shouts of Hosanna. We will also read the Passion according to Mark at both the 8:15am and 9:30am services that morning. If you are interested in reading one of the speaking parts, please contact the church office or sign up in the narthex. On Maundy Thursday at 7:30pm we will hear again our Lord's command to love one another as we gather with him around the table for his last supper, and on Good Friday at 7:30pm we will reach the cross and read together the Passion of our Lord according to the gospel of John.

Easter Sunday worship will be held at 9:30am (no 8:15am service that morning). If attendance is anything like what we had on Christmas Eve, you may want to arrive a little early to ensure that you get a good seat and parking spot! That being said, we do have the balcony and can always set up more chairs if needed, so please feel free to invite others and/or bring some friends! All children are invited to join us for an Easter egg hunt in the Memorial Garden immediately following the service.

Until then, our Lenten journey continues. We're getting closer, but the destination still awaits. Now is the time to move forward together in faith and in love. Will you join me?

Yours in Christ +

*Pastor Alex*

## *We are praying for ...*

Donna Valenti  
Stephen Suppa  
Scott Masciello  
Sherry Powell  
The Carver Family  
Colton Youdelman  
Carmel Wright  
Tad Sheppard  
Bernadette Harten  
Mary Rebando  
Joseph Mihalich  
The Forbes Family  
Shirley Plows  
Edith  
Family of Ed Kass  
Our military, especially Tony Marco and Zachery Wilson

Vito Richetti  
Bud Ellis  
Jacquie Maidel  
Brad Pantall  
Barbara Monteleone  
Victoria Murillo  
Hank Lenz  
Steve Lombardi  
Anthony Posimato  
Benjamin Lomot  
Merri Becker  
Irene Redmond  
Anne Sheppard  
Marion Grahlf  
William Lynch

Bettye Steinberg  
Ginger Freise  
Maureen Luther  
Arlene Lockwood  
Tom Wolber  
Irina Sargent  
Adrienne Cates  
Verne Kelley  
Lisa Talsky  
Olivia M.  
Anita  
Edward R.  
Janet Powell  
Christine Klein

**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 599-0778 or [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com). **The names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks only. You can renew your request after the 3 weeks.**



Four additional palm trees have been added to our sanctuary in



Memory of  
**Our Loved Ones**  
and in  
Honor of  
**Our Grandchildren**  
given by  
**Cora & Don Sarver**





Please join us for our last **"Bread, Bowl & Bible"**  
this Lent on **Wednesday, March 20.**  
Soup and bread will be served at 6:30pm.  
Holden Evening Prayer will begin at 7:30pm.  
We hope you will join us!



## **Personal Care Kits for The New LIFE Center!**



**We have everything we need to assemble  
the personal care kits.  
If you are able to help put them together,  
we will be assembling the kits on **Sunday, March 17th**  
after 9:30am worship.  
**We will also have a coffee hour!**  
**Please come and join us.****



We are still collecting coats and jackets for those in need.  
As you start getting ready for spring,  
you might decide that next season is time for a new winter coat.  
Why not donate the one you wore this season OR  
as you pull out your spring jackets and hoodies,  
perhaps you can donate one or two of these items.  
Please drop off new or gently used coats in the marked boxes in the  
narthex. Your donation will help bring the warmth of  
God's love to someone this spring or next winter!

Greetings to All,

We are delighted to announce our annual **Harvest Festival** will be **Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024** (with a rain date of Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>). We are excited to begin the planning and welcome everyone with past expertise and/or new ideas to join in. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact us using the information below.

Best regards, Mary Ann Dodd and Anita Marco - Harvest Festival Co-Chairs

Mary Ann Dodd [marydd@optonline.net](mailto:marydd@optonline.net) (516) 547-3359

Anita Marco [anitamarco1@yahoo.com](mailto:anitamarco1@yahoo.com) (516) 606-8074

**PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING ANY BRIC - BRAC /YARD SALE ITEMS THIS YEAR.**

**We will have our FIRST MEETING On APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> AT 7:00PM**



## THRIVENT MEMBERS

If you are member of Thrivent and have Thrivent Choice Dollars you can have them transferred to our church, which is now listed on Thrivent's website! **Please note that the deadline to transfer 2023 dollars is March 31.**

## EASTER LILIES

If you would like to donate towards our Easter Flowers in **memory or in honor** of a loved one, use the yellow envelopes at the back of the church. You can drop your donation in the offering basket or, drop it off or mail it to the church office.

After the holiday season, the flowers will be given to our homebound members.

**THIS IS A FREE WILL OFFERING.**

### EASTER FLOWERS

In Memory / Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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

by \_\_\_\_\_

If you would like to donate towards our Easter Flowers please fill out this envelope and include your **FREE WILL** donation. You can drop it in the offering basket, or drop it off or mail it to the church office. After the holiday season, the flowers will be given to our homebound members.



# New LIFE Center Easter Basket Food Donations



**LAST DAY TO DONATE IS MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup>**

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.

Please help by donating any of these suggested items:

Cake Mix/**Frosting**/Brownie

**Juice (1/2 gal.)**/Assorted Drinks

**Cookies/Candies/Snacks**

Pancake Mix/**Syrup/Jelly**

Chef Boyardee/Chili/Canned Meat

1-2 lb. Bag or Boxed Rice

Tea/Hot Chocolate/Parmalat Milk

Fresh or Frozen/Turkey/Ham/Chicken

**Mashed Potatoes**

Sugar/Flour/Condiments

Cereal (Hot and Cold)

Mac and Cheese/Spaghetti Sauce

**Pudding/Jello**

Napkins

Coffee Regular/Decaf/Instant

In lieu of food donations, store Gift Certificates would be appreciated.





# WELCA



## Sunday, April 14, 2024

After 9:30am service in the KNOTTY PINE ROOM



### ITEMS MOST NEEDED:



Burp cloths

Bottles

Infant socks

Onesies

Stretchies

Receiving Blankets

Quilts



Fleece Blankets

Outfits 0-24 months

Infant toys (small)

Cloth Books

Stuffed toys (Small Infant)

Diapers size Newborn, 4, 5,6

All items will be donated to the Layette Program at the New LIFE Center in Uniondale. Thank you!

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## GIVE ONLINE TO SJILC USING CLOVER!

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!



# Students Gifting Music Presents:



March 19 @ St. John-Incarnation  
Lutheran Church Lynbrook



# The First Annual Pre-NYSSMA Recital

Featuring: Students From all  
Lynbrook Schools

Doors Open at 5:45 pm  
Concert Begins at 6:00 pm  
▪ All Are Welcome ▪

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 #  
*No attendee code. Just press #*

## Holy Week and Easter Services



*Come Worship With Us!*

**PALM SUNDAY – 8:15am and 9:30am**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 7:30pm**

**GOOD FRIDAY – 7:30pm**

**EASTER SUNDAY – 9:30am (No 8:15am service)**