



**ST. JOHN-INCARNATION
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MESSENGER
August 2024**



**13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563**

CHURCH CALENDAR



Thurs. 8/15	VBS Decorating	7:00pm
Sun. 8/18	Worship VBS Decorating	8:15am & 9:30am 10:30am
Mon. 8/19	HOMETOWN NAZARETH VBS	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Tues. 8/20	Yoga Class Harvest Festival meeting	10:30am 7:00pm
Wed. 8/21	HOMETOWN NAZARETH VBS	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Fri. 8/23	HOMETOWN NAZARETH VBS	6:30pm – 8:30pm
Sun. 8/25	Worship including VBS Closing Celebration (no 8:15am service) Coffee Hour	9:30am 10:45am
Mon. 8/26	SJILC crafters	10:00am
Tues. 8/27	Yoga Class	10:30am



Sun. 9/1	Worship Evangelism meeting Daniel movie in Westbury	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am 2:00pm
Mon. 9/2	SJILC crafters	10:00am
Tues. 9/3	Yoga Class	10:30am
Sun. 9/8	Worship - Blessing of the Backpacks Day of Service - Coffee hour	8:15am & 9:30am after 9:30am worship
Tues. 9/10	Yoga Class Church Council	10:30am 7:30pm
Sun. 9/15	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Sun. 9/22	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am
Sat. 9/28	43 rd Annual Harvest Festival (rain date: 9/29)	11:00am – 3:00pm
Sun. 9/29	Worship	8:15am & 9:30am

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – August 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/4 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: Dorothy Richetti Ushers: Tad Sheppard & Judy Posimato Zoom Host: Dan Gonzalez</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/18 – 7:30pm</p> <p>Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Wendy Wolber Lector: Wendy Wolber Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/11– 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Thaddeus Sheppard Assist. Minister: Kim Carlstrom Lector: Dorothy Criscuolo Ushers: Bob Reckhart, Shaun Rouse & Sue Ellen Coyle Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 8/25– 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Aurelia Bahadur and Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Katie Forte Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Susanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – September 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/1– 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Charles Sheppard Assist. Minister: Susan Masciello Lector: Susan Masciello Ushers: Bob Reckhart & Shaun Rouse Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/22– 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Doug & Kristina Palmer Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/8 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Cassie Barry Assist. Minister: Claire Lenz Lector: Claire Lenz Ushers: Kristen DeStefano & Janet Powell Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/29– 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Sam Barry Assist. Minister: Kathy Spatz Lector: Kathy Spatz Ushers: Susanna & Chris Thomas Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 9/15 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Aurelia Bahadur and Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Dorothy Criscuolo Lector: Anita Marco Ushers: Judy Posimato & Kathy Spatz Zoom Host: Joe Bahadur</p>	<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</p>



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.**

A Message from Pastor Alex:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

We're now less than a week away from the start of Hometown Nazareth Vacation Bible School, which will be held here at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church on August 19, 21, and 23 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. I'm really excited for this year's theme in which we will explore Jesus' hometown and early life through the eyes of his mother, Mary, and others who knew him as a kid! Children (and adults!) will not only get to visit Mary's house and hear her share some stories from Jesus' childhood, but they will also visit the local marketplace where they will find a carpentry shop, bead bazaar, olive oil shop, rock quarry, food market and more. Add in some new songs, games, and crafts, and it should make for a very fun week! We will learn that just as Jesus had a family, a name, a home, went to church, and served others, we do too! Jesus calls us to follow him in faith as together we look for "God sightings" and share God's love with everyone.

There is a great deal of planning and prep work that goes into our VBS programs, and this summer has been no exception. We've had two meetings and a decorating night thus far, and as you can see in the photos below, our Nazareth is starting to come together! We will finish decorating on Thursday, August 15 at 7:00pm, and, if needed, on Sunday, August 18 after the 9:30am service. If you can give us a few minutes of your time, I would be most grateful!

A few items that we are still looking for include drop cloths, fake fruit, fake palms or other foliage, old brooms, and a 10'x10' pop-up tent. For our mission project during the week, we will be collecting donations of personal care items for the clients of The New LIFE Center. Our VBS co-director, Gabrielle Barry, has already set up a gift list of items on Amazon that The New LIFE Center is requesting. You can view the list and donate by visiting <https://shorturl.at/GYGra>. Some of you have already purchased items, which were delivered here to the church. Thank you!!!

Of course, any monetary donations for VBS are always greatly appreciated and will help cover the cost of all the supplies, decorations, food/snacks, etc. It is because of you and your faithful generosity that we are able to provide this awesome ministry for the young people in our congregation and community. Thanks be to God for your love and support!

Speaking of The New LIFE Center, as we look forward to September and the start of another school year, I am very pleased to announce that about 250 backpacks have already been assembled here at church and taken up to Uniondale for distribution! You will see in this Messenger that we even had some extra help filling those backpacks, with Gabrielle Barry bringing some of her students from the Mill Neck Manor School of the Deaf and Karen Feltkamp bringing a group of Girl Scouts to help! What a wonderful way for us to help the New LIFE Center help those in need!

Speaking of backpacks, all students are invited to join us for worship on Sunday, September 8 for a special blessing of book bags and backpacks. September 8 is also our annual day of service – “God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday. More details to follow in the coming weeks! Finally, our 43rd annual Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 11:00am-3:00pm. We have just one more planning meeting (Tues., Aug. 20 at 7:00pm) and are still looking for donations from artisans and volunteers to help at the event. If you’re interested, please contact our Harvest Festival co-chairs: Mary Ann Dodd and Anita Marco.

Yes, summer may be winding down, but things are certainly ramping up here at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church! So get ready! Give thanks! Be hopeful! For God is doing more than we could ever ask or imagine!

Peace +

Pastor Alex

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We are praying for ...

Donna Valenti
Stephen Suppa
Scott Masciello
The Carver Family
Colton Youdelman
Carmel Wright
Tad Sheppard
Bernadette Harten
Mary Rebando
Joseph Mihalich
Shirley Plows
Vito Richetti
The family of Arthur Clark
The family of Jennie Ball
Our military, especially Tony and Olivia Marco

Brad Pantall
Barbara Monteleone
Victoria Murillo
Hank Lenz
Anthony Posimato
Benjamin Lomot
Marianne Grahlfs
Anne Sheppard
Bettye Steinberg
Ginger Freise
Arlene Lockwood
Tom Wolber
Cynthia Petronella
The family of John Carver

Olivia M
Kathy Frontino
Donald Player
Anita
Irene Redmond
Margaret Tomasulo
Michael Ugliano
Edward Plows
Verne Kelley
Jacquie Maidel
Irina Sargent
Johnny Kortlang
Christian Boynton
Bud Ellis

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. **The names will remain on the prayer list for 3 weeks only. You can renew your request after the 3 weeks.**

Thank you very much!

Thank you, **Gabrielle Barry** for bringing such great helpers to fill backpacks and load them over to Uniondale. Mill Neck Manor School for the Deaf Kids who helped: Ola, Kyle, Dylan, Amy and Jahniyah



Thank you to **Karen Feltkamp** for bringing her Girl Scouts from ELLM service unit to help with the backpacks two different times.

God's Work. Our Hands.

Working on putting together the Bible Verse Jars for Summer Bible Study.



THE SJILC CRAFTERS

We have a great group of crafters! We meet Monday mornings at 10:00am. We are creating items to sell at the Harvest Festival. We will keep you posted on our next projects.



YOGA FOR EVERYONE!

Cynthia Lenz leads the Yoga class on Tuesdays at 10:30am. She works on chair and matt yoga. It's a great gentle workout!



A VERY SPECIAL VIP FELLOWSHIP HOUR – 7/28/24



LUNCHEON FOR SENIOR CITIZENS AT GREIS PARK REC. CENTER!



OUR BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL GARDEN

Thank you to **Bruce Feltkamp** for removing the overgrown bushes and to **Susan Masciello** for weeding and cleaning up the center square around Jesus !



It's never too early to make a difference! The New LIFE Center is gearing up to provide backpacks to students in need, and we need your support to make it happen. Our dedicated Evangelism Ministry has already filled dozens of backpacks, but we need more supplies to reach even more students. We would greatly appreciate any donations of the following items:

Pencil cases **Children's scissors**
Markers **Sharpener**
Spiral notebooks **White glue**

Your generosity can make a real impact on a student's life. Thank you for your support!





NEWS AND UPDATES

The next planning meeting is August 20th @ 7:00pm



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, wood working (birdhouses or decor signs) etc. we welcome it all. Please start creating now! Thank you!

VENDORS *Wanted*

Do you or someone you know sell unique items at flea markets or craft fairs? Our Harvest Festival still has a number of vendor spots available. If you're interested in joining us, please reach out to Anita Marco or MaryAnn Dodd for more details and an application. Thank you!



We need volunteers to:

Help set up tables and put out items for sale.

Stay by the tables to sell items.

Manage raffle baskets.

Provide security.

Help break down the festival at the end of the day.

If you can help us by volunteering, even for only part of the day, we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you, as always, for your generosity with your time. Add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex!

Join us for VBS at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church!

Mon, August 19, Wed, August 21
& Fri, August 23
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Ages pre-K - 6th grade



For more information
and to register,
scan the QR code:



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As part of VBS, we are helping to take care of our families:

Helping take care of our family...

The New Life Center provides for many of our sisters and brothers in Christ. Jesus took care of others while he was alive and takes care of us still. He gave us the mission to continue to care for others in his name. This year we will be collecting personal care items. Please bring in one or more of the following items...

Toilet paper

Crest toothpaste 12 oz

***baking soda and peroxide**

***Mint - white whitening**

Toothbrushes

Tide pods free and gentle laundry detergent

Lady Speed Stick

Men's Speed Stick Regular

VO5 Shampoo extra body

Always Heavy flow sanitary napkins

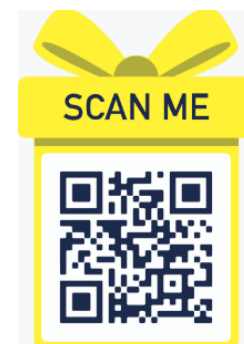
Please bring these items to the church by **August 25th** for our VBS Sunday celebration! However, The New LIFE Center can and will accept them at any time!

If you would like to order through Amazon and have them delivered directly to the church, use the link here:

VBS 2024 Taking Care of Family –

Amazon Gift List - <https://shorturl.at/GYGra>

There is a collection box in the narthex!



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!



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 #