

ST. JOHN-INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH MESSENGER

September / October 2024

**13 Blake Avenue
Lynbrook, NY 11563**



CHURCH CALENDAR



Sat. 9/28	43 rd Annual Harvest Festival (rain date: 9/29)	11:00am – 3:00pm
Sun. 9/29	Worship services	8:15am & 9:30am



Wed. 10/2	Evening Prayer and Healing Service	7:30pm
Sun. 10/6	Outdoor Worship & Pet Blessing (no 8:15am service)	9:30am
Mon. 10/7	SJILC Crafters workshop	TBD
Tues. 10/8	Yoga Class Church Council meeting	TBD 7:30pm
Sun. 10/13	Worship services	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 10/14	SJILC Crafters workshop	TBD
Tues. 10/15	Yoga Class	TBD
Sun. 10/20	Worship services	8:15am & 9:30am
Mon. 10/21	SJILC Crafters workshop	TBD
Tues. 10/22	Yoga Class	TBD
Sun. 10/27	Worship services (Reformation Sunday – wear RED) Coffee Hour & Care Packages for College Kids	8:15am & 9:30am 10:45am
Mon. 10/28	SJILC Crafters workshop	TBD
Tues. 10/29	Yoga Class	TBD



Sun. 11/3	Worship services (All Saints Day)	8:15am & 9:30am
Wed. 11/6	Evening Prayer and Healing Service	7:30pm
Sun. 11/10	“Blessed to Give. Called to Serve.” Stewardship Appeal Begins	

WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – September 2024

<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>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>
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WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE – October 2024

<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10/6 – 9:30am Outdoor Pet Blessing</p> <p>Acolyte: Aurelia Bahadur and Victoria Ramirez Assist. Minister: Dan Gonzalez Lector: Dan Gonzalez Ushers: Joan Pirrone & Shaun Rouse Zoom Host: Gabrielle Barry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10/20 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: TBD Assist. Minister: Janet Pescatore Lector: Janet Pescatore Ushers: Judy Posimato & Cora Sarver Zoom Host: Jeanette Richetti</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10/13 – 9:30am</p> <p>Acolyte: Chris Palmer Assist. Minister: Wendy Wolber Lector: Wendy Wolber Ushers: Heidi Scalza & Kathy Spatz Zoom Host: Susan Masciello</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, 10/27– 9:30am Reformation Sunday</p> <p>Acolyte: Cassie Barry Assist. Minister: Andrew Dunn Lector: Chris Shelton Ushers: Kristen DiStefano & Janet Powell Zoom Host: Bruce Feltkamp</p>

We need volunteers to help with serving at our worship services. Assisting ministers, lectors, ushers, acolytes and Zoom hosts. Please consider helping out! We can work around your schedule! Thank you!



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:

It's hard to believe that September is almost over! The children have returned to school, their book bags and backpacks have been blessed, and now, with autumn officially underway, we're already beginning to think about the upcoming holiday season, which will be here before we know it. (The catalogs for ordering Advent calendars and devotionals came in the mail last week!)

Yes, this is a busy time of the year for many of us (churches included!), and St. John-Incarnation is no exception! Our annual Harvest Festival will be held on Saturday, September 28 from 11am to 3pm. The current weather forecast indicates the possibility of rain so we'll monitor that and if we do have to postpone, that decision will be made and announced on Friday and the festival will be moved to Sunday, Sept. 29. Hopefully that won't be the case, and God willing, we'll have another great festival, which it should be! Our harvest festival committee led by Mary Ann Dodd and Anita Marco have worked tirelessly the past few months to prepare for this event, and I want to thank them for their dedication and commitment.

Our annual outdoor service and blessing of pets and animals will take place on Sunday, October 6 at 9:30am (there will be no 8:15am service that morning). Please bring a lawn chair if you are able as it will be more comfortable and easier to move than the plastic chairs we have at church. In the event of rain, we will worship with our pets downstairs in the auditorium. Either way, if you do choose to bring your pet(s), all that we kindly ask is that you keep them on a leash or in a pet carrier to ensure everyone's safety. You can also bring a photo of your pet if that's easier.

October is also the month when our confirmation ministry begins here at St. John-Incarnation. If you know of anyone in 7th grade or above who has yet to be confirmed and would like to affirm their baptism, please contact either Andrea in the church office or email me directly at rev.alexkennedy@gmail.com. I'm still waiting to hear if Grace Lutheran Church in Malverne (where I'm currently serving as coverage pastor) has any confirmation students. If they do, we may be able to combine the classes, which would be awesome.

Of course, as Lutherans, we cannot forget about Reformation Sunday, which this year is Sunday, October 27. In addition to wearing **red** to church as a reminder of our unity in Christ (not Luther!), you are invited to join us after the 9:30am service for a coffee hour provided by the Evangelism & Outreach Committee. We will also be putting together care packages that morning for our college students so if you know of anyone who might like a care package, please let us know!

Our annual stewardship appeal will be held in November, beginning on Sunday, November 10 and culminating with Commitment Sunday on Sunday, November 24. This year's theme is "**Blessed to Give. Called to Serve.**", and the scripture readings, homily, hymns, etc. on those three Sundays will focus on that. More details will be announced in the coming weeks.

Jesus reminds us that "just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." May we continue to answer Christ's call to love another and serve those in need, as together we give thanks to the God of our salvation for blessing us to be a blessing to others.

See you in church! ☺

Peace +

Pastor Alex

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
Bud Ellis

Brad Pantall
Barbara Monteleone
Victoria Murillo
Hank Lenz
Anthony Posimato
Benjamin Lomot
Marianne Grahlfs
Anne Sheppard
Bettye Steinberg
Ginger Freise
Arlene Lockwood
Tom Wolber
Jacquie Maidel

Olivia M
Kathy Frontino
Anita
Irene Redmond
Margaret Tomasulo
Michael Ugliano
Edward Plows
Verne Kelley
David Spencer
Nancy Quinn
Neil & Ann B.
Ed
Irina Sargent

Our military, especially Tony and Olivia Marco

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.**

Donations have been
made to the
St. John-Incarnation
Memorial Fund
in memory of
Arthur Clark
by
Joan Pirrone
The Richetti Family



A donation has been
made to
St. John-Incarnation
Fund
in honor of
Bruce Feltkamp's
birthday
by
Grace West



**CHOIR PRACTICE
BEGINS AGAIN**

Rehearsals will begin on
Thursday, October 3rd at 7:30 pm!
**The choir will begin signing during the 9:30am service on
October 13th**

If you are interested, please speak with our choir director,
Judy Markson. All are welcome!



We are always looking to add voices to our choir.
Please join us and help us make a joyful noise!

**Our Newest Church Members:
Barbara Brown & Anne Moffatt**



Join us for our annual
Blessing of the Pets outdoor service on
Sunday, October 6th at 9:30am.

Pet Blessing SERVICE

No 8:15am service



All pets with their
humans are welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL SURVEY

We are preparing for the upcoming Sunday School year and would like to assess the age levels of students. If you have a child ready for Christian education, please contact the church office (by phone or email) with the following details:

Your child's **name**, **age**,
and **current grade** in school.

We are excited to welcome
your child to our Sunday
School program!



The New **LIFE** Center is in need of the
following items:



- Ground coffee
- Pasta (especially spaghetti)
- Progresso soups (preferred)
- White Rice*
- Yellow Rice*
- Mac n Cheese*
- Dry black beans (in bags)*
- Dry lentils (in bags)*

***extremely low, urgently needed**



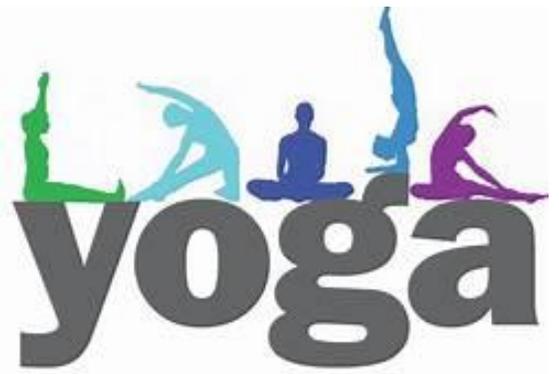
Join the SJILC Crafters on a Heartwarming Mission!

This holiday season, we're crafting joy by creating beautiful Christmas and holiday items for our homebound members and the wonderful seniors at the Lynbrook Rec Center.

Want to be part of the fun? Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex and let us know your preferred day and time to join in the crafting magic!

Let's spread warmth and cheer together!

Most supplies are provided.



We're excited to continue our yoga classes through the fall and winter months! Cynthia Lenz will be our teacher working with both mat and chair yoga.

If you'd like to join us, please sign up on the sheet located in the narthex.

We look forward to seeing you on the mat!

Exciting News: The Infant Layette Program Finds a New Home!

We're thrilled to announce that The New LIFE Center's Infant Layette Program, led by Diane Kelly, has officially moved to its new home at SJILC! The program now occupies half of our old nursery room, which received a fresh makeover thanks to the hard work of Bruce Feltkamp and Dotty Criscuolo, who cleaned, repaired, and painted the space. With new cabinets and shelves installed, the room was ready for the big move.

On our recent Day of Service, many dedicated church members formed a human chain, passing baby items from cars and trucks to new room with efficiency and care. It was a heartwarming sight to see everyone come together to help this wonderful program settle into its new space.

Diane has since sorted and organized diapers, baby clothes, blankets, and other essentials, and will continue packing and distributing layettes from SJILC to The New LIFE Center. We're so proud to be part of this effort, and we happily welcome the Infant Layette Program to our space.

Let's celebrate this exciting new chapter and continue to support this incredible cause!



Groups Hometown Nazareth

Where Jesus was a Kid™

HOMETOWN NAZARETH VBS!









21 Children joined us at VBS this year, with many more youth helpers serving as group and station leaders. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped make our VBS a wonderful success!



JOIN US **SATURDAY, 9/28** FOR
OUR ANNUAL
HARVEST FESTIVAL

(Rain date 9/29)

WE HAVE IT ALL THIS YEAR!

Balloon artists

Magicians

Face Painting

Unique fall crafts

Marketplace treasures

One of a kind vintage jewelry art

An Artesian Auction

Vendors

Devine baked delights

Divine vines & Bloom

Selfie Booth

Brats, Hot Dogs, knishes homemade chili,
real homemade German potato salad,
And **62 Raffles baskets and gift cards!**

It's all waiting for you this **SATURDAY**
from 11am to 3 pm! Join us!



THANKSGIVING Food Baskets

Each year, the **New LIFE Center** strives to provide struggling families with food for Thanksgiving by distributing special Thanksgiving Gift Bags to their clients. The following items are requested for these bags:

Instant Mashed Potatoes / Yams

Ground or Instant Coffee / Tea Bags

Cookies and Hot Chocolate

Pancake Mix / Syrup / Cereal / Oatmeal

Pasta and Sauce / Mac and Cheese

Canned Vegetables

Flour and Sugar

Peanut Butter and Jelly

Supermarket gift cards are also appreciated

Fruit Cocktail / Canned Fruit

Cake Mixes and Frosting / Brownie Mix

Napkins

Corn Muffins

White Rice / Canned Beans

Canned (chicken, fish)

Parmalat Milk

Jello and Pudding

Juice

TURKEY / HAM / CHICKEN

Donations will be delivered to the New LIFE Center at their new location in Ascension Lutheran Church in Franklin Square beginning on Tuesday, October 29. Please bring in your donations ASAP to give the volunteers at the New LIFE Center time to assemble the Thanksgiving bags. Thank you for your kindness and generosity during this season of giving!



Sunday, Nov. 3rd is All Saints Sunday, the day we remember those who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year.

If you have lost someone in the last 12 months and would like their name read aloud during the prayers in worship on All Saints Sunday, please contact the church office or leave a note with the person's name in the offering plate. *“Rest eternal, grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.”*

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 #

