

**ST. JOHN-INCARNATION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
MESSENGER  
(End of) November 2024**

13 Blake Avenue  
Lynbrook, NY 11563



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

Thurs. 11/28

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

### Looking ahead to December

Sun. 12/1

Worship services **ADVENT 1**  
Coffee hour/Family Advent Workshop



8:15am & 9:30am  
10:45am

Mon. 12/2

SJILC Crafters workshop

10:00am

Tues. 12/3

Yoga Class

10:30am

Wed. 12/4

Confirmation class  
Healing service

7:00pm

7:30pm

Thurs. 12/5

Choir rehearsal

7:30pm

Sun. 12/8

Worship services **ADVENT 2**



8:15am & 9:30am



## Coffee Fellowship

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>  
after the 9:30am service

## Advent Wreath-Making Workshop

**DECEMBER 1, right after the coffee/fellowship hour  
in the Knotty Pine Room**

Get ready to craft your **beautiful Advent Wreath Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**. Afterward, enjoy a **delicious pizza lunch** with soda and dessert. You can still sign up by calling or emailing the church office (516)599-0778 or [stjohnincarnation@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnincarnation@gmail.com)  
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We will be collecting coats and jackets for those in need now and throughout the winter! 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 winter.

## A Message from Pastor Alex:

“Where do you see God?” I asked that question in one of my homilies last month and invited our congregation to provide responses which you wrote down on paper sheep just like our VBS children did back in August. Well, since then I’ve gathered all of those sheep and led them to our “God Sightings” pasture that’s on display in the auditorium, and I have to say, I really love our “flock” of answers! Where do we see God at work in the world and in our lives? Here are some of our God sightings:

In family – *Parents, Grandchildren,  
Siblings, Spouse, etc.*

When I’m hanging out with my friends

Amazing nature on my ride to work

Birds

Butterflies & Bees

Flowers & Trees

My Garden

Our tomato plants

The Grand Canyon

Dolphins in the ocean

When the sun rises

Starry nights

Fall colors of the trees

The fragrance of the forest

Our beautiful and glorious national parks

A rainbow

The comfort of my pets

Our SJILC family

In my house

In prayer

In the poor and those who hunger

In ourselves

In people who help

First responders helping with hurricane relief

The senior citizens I work with

A loved one’s miraculous recovery

Providing help for me to stay in my home

In moments of joy and despair

Watching someone’s faith take root and grow

A baby’s face

In our children

In church

Bread & Wine

The Harvest Festival

Bringing us to St. John-Incarnation

Everywhere!

I see God wherever I go!

What a wonderful witness to God’s majesty and love! As Lamentations declares: “The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” (3:22-23). Yes, we know that God is faithful (even when we’re not!), and we see these mercies and blessings each and every day. I know I certainly see the Lord at work in all of you and in this ministry we share at St. John-Incarnation Lutheran Church. Whether it’s our weekly gathering for worship, our continuous support of the New LIFE Center and helping those in need, our outreach to the senior citizens group at Greis Park or just spending time in fellowship with one another, I always feel God’s love when we’re together and I hope you do too!

As we celebrate another Thanksgiving and look forward with anticipation and hope to the birth of Christ, I give my heartfelt thanks to God for you and our partnership in mission. As we said in our stewardship appeal this month, we are “blessed to give and called to serve”, and I think that perfectly sums up what we’re all about here at SJILC. We are blessed to be a blessing to others. We love because God first loved us (and will always love us no matter what ☺†♥). Praise God from whom all blessings flow! For God is good all the time, and all the time God is good!

Yours in Christ +

*Pastor Alex*

# Prayer Requests

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  
Irina Sargent  
Family of Joseph Mihalich

Olivia M  
Kathy Frontino  
Margaret Tomasulo  
Michael Ugliano  
Tom Wolber  
Verne Kelley  
Janet Prag  
Jacquie Maidel  
Christian Porter  
Nancy Quinn  
Cynthia Rich  
Kim Salopek  
Ed

**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.**

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in memory of  
**Irene Redmond**  
by  
**Carol Clemente**  
**Joan Pirrone**  
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**Cora & Son Sarver**  
**Andrea Sommella**



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Capital Improvement  
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in memory of  
**David Gonzalez**  
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**Carol Clemente**  
**Joan Pirrone**  
**Cora & Don Sarver**  
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 **ST. JOHN-INCARNATION  
LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**43RD ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL**  
**SEPT 28 11AM - 3PM**  
**RAFFLES ARTISANS VENDORS**  
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# Annual Pet Blessing



# College Kids Care Kits



Thank you

Dear St. John-Incarnation Congregation:

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the St. John-Incarnation congregation for the honor bestowed upon me this past October. Words cannot fully capture how thankful I be considered a part of your church family.

As the church secretary for the past 15 years, I have witnessed firsthand the incredible spirit that defines this community. Your dedication, generosity, and camaraderie shine through in every project and event, and it inspires me daily.

I would also like to express my heartfelt gratitude for the trust you've placed in me regarding so much of what happens here. Trusting me in the planning and involvement in Vacation Bible School is the highlight of my summer! I truly appreciate your support in launching the SJILC Crafters and for your openness to my ideas for WELCA and Evangelism projects and events. I especially want to thank you for the confidence you had in me to help organize and prepare for the Harvest Festival.

And of course a special and heartfelt thanks goes to Pastor Alex for believing in my ability to assist him with various aspects of church business. Your continuous faith in me has meant so much.

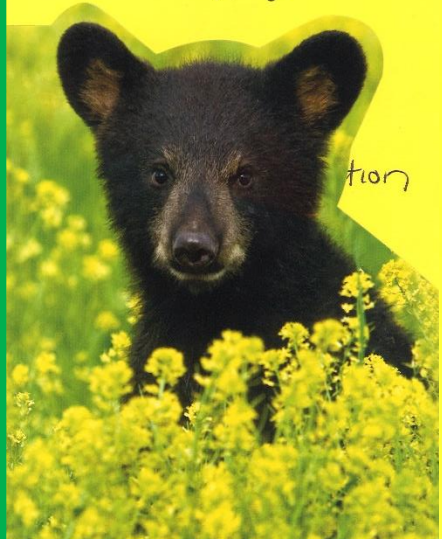
Thank you for this honor and the very generous gift. But mostly, thank you welcoming me into your lives and for the countless moments we've shared. I look forward to continuing this journey together!

Sincerely,  
Andrea



# BIG THANK YOU!

My day is always brighter...




My day is always brighter...

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when I think of ~~you~~  
St. John's Incarnation  
Church!

Thank you for the  
Care package with  
all the gift cards!  
They are Great!  
My favorite is the  
Five Guys card  
Thanks for thinking  
about me at college!



Love  
Dylan  
Lipitz

Thank you for the college  
care package. It brightened my  
day and reminded me  
of home. I  
appreciate your  
Kindness. From,  
Mia Reiser†



Thank you so much for the gift and keeping me in mind,  
I appreciate it. All is well. I'm doing well with school.  
God bless.  
Dylan Hovell

**THANK  
YOU!**

# WORSHIP SERVERS SCHEDULE –December 2024

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 12/1 – 9:30am</b> <b>ADVENT 1</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Cassie Barry  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Richetti  <b>Lector:</b> Dorothy Richetti  <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Reckhart &amp; Shaun Rouse  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Gabrielle Barry</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 12/22 – 9:30am</b> <b>ADVENT 4</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Charles Sheppard  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Kim Carlstrom  <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton  <b>Ushers:</b> Tad Sheppard &amp; Heidi Scalza  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Bruce Feltkamp</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 12/8 – 9:30am</b> <b>ADVENT 2</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Sam Barry  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Kathy Spatz  <b>Lector:</b> Kathy Spatz  <b>Ushers:</b> Susanne Wilson &amp; Judy Posimato  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Dan Gonzalez</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, 12/24– 7:30pm</b> <b>Christmas Eve</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Chris Palmer  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> Dorothy Criscuolo  <b>Lector:</b> Chris Shelton  <b>Ushers:</b> Bob Reckhart &amp; Shaun Rouse  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Susan Masciello</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 12/15 – 9:30am</b> <b>ADVENT 3</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Thaddeus Sheppard  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> TBD  <b>Lector:</b> TBD  <b>Ushers:</b> Suzanna &amp; Chris Thomas  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Joe Bahadur</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday, 12/29– 9:30am</b> <b>Lessons &amp; Carols</b></p> <p><b>Acolyte:</b> Aurelia Bhadur &amp; Victoria Ramirez  <b>Assist. Minister:</b> TBD  <b>Lector:</b> TBD  <b>Ushers:</b> Kristen DeStefano &amp; Judy Posimato  <b>Zoom Host:</b> Jeanette Richetti</p>

## Christmas Eve Poinsettias

If you would like to have a **Poinsettia(s)** on the altar during the Christmas season in memory or in honor of a loved one, please complete the Poinsettia Flower envelope and drop it in the offering plate or mail it. You can also call the office @ 516-599-0778



If you would like to send Christmas/Holiday wishes to our homebound members, there is a list of names and addresses at the back of the church. You can also email the church office and we will be happy to email you the list.

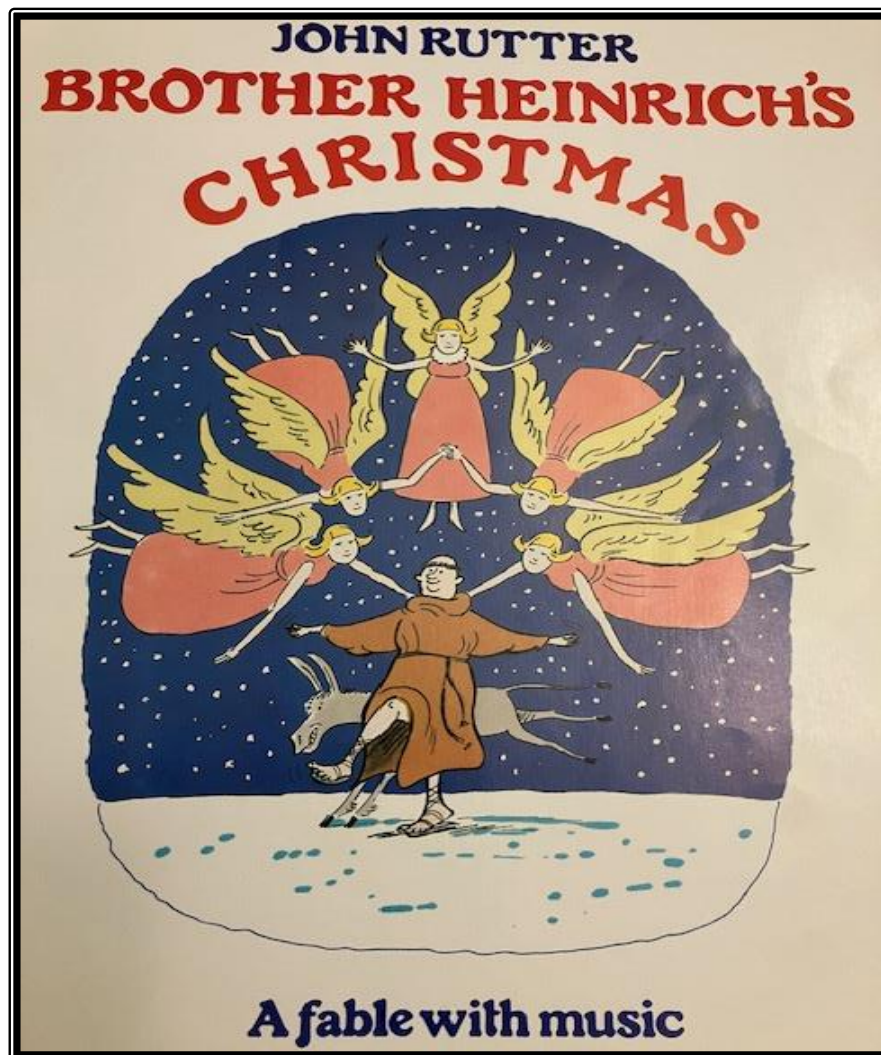


**St. John-Incarnation will be hosting a special**

## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

for the senior citizens at the Lynbrook Rec.Ctr. on 12/11 at 11:00am.  
 If you would like to help at this event please contact the church office!

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:30am Worship Service**



Come join Pastor Alex, the choir, Judy and two instrumentalists as we present John Rutter's "Brother Heinrich's Christmas." Fellowship brunch will follow. Invite your neighbors. Bring your kids and grandkids.

**Please contact the church office or sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend the brunch following worship.**

Use this special link to enroll and start shopping! If you have any questions about the program or how to use the website please see **Janet Pescatore, 516-581-1221 or email [mrsp061601@gmail.com](mailto:mrsp061601@gmail.com)**  
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in person  
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Sundays at  
8:15am – in person only  
9:30am – in person & on Zoom



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