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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Words cannot express our thanks for the wonderful send-off you gave us after twenty-one years of ministry together. The luncheon was just wonderful – some people could not make it because of other engagements, but we missed you and you missed a great party! Thank you all so much for the generous gifts, including those who contributed but could not attend the party. We got all the plants in the ground from the table centerpieces – post hole diggers come in very handy! As I was watching the montage of pictures put together by Amy I was thinking it would be nice to have a copy. Then I was presented with a book of all the pictures! What a great surprise. Another beautiful gift is the book of memories compiled by Barbara. Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to write a message to us. They came from your hearts to ours and will always be treasured.

There are so many wonderful memories we carry with us from Saint John. We did so much outreach together - "adopting" Renatha by paying her tuition, putting together health care kits, Christmas gifts for Seafarers', baby showers for New Life, Warm Wednesday clothing collections, supporting the Garden at St. Francis, preparing meal packets at LUHI, cooking for the I.N.N. and continuing to donate food for the food pantries. We have reached out to so many people in need over the years, I'm sure I have inadvertently left some out.

We have been blessed with the ability to take care of our physical plant, sometimes in surprising ways. I remember when I first arrived and we received news of an inheritance, only to have it stolen by the executor of the will. We had designated the funds to install a lift to make the sanctuary accessible. The loss did not stop us, in only six months we raised enough funds for the lift. Then we received an even more generous inheritance and were able to make many improvements to various facets of ministry, including giving away 11% of the total to others. Over the years many people have contributed their time, talent and treasure to make our ministry possible. Almost all of our improvements and maintenance were done by hard-working volunteers.

Although all those things are blessings, our most treasured memories will be of each one of you. We have been together through joy and sorrow. We have celebrated baptisms, 1st Holy Communion, confirmation, weddings and significant events together and have supported one another through hospital, rehab and long-term care visits, hospice care, deaths and funerals. We are all human, sometimes we lost patience with one another, very rarely, tempers flared. But no matter the situation, there was always a sense of caring and support, based on our faith and trust in God's abundant grace.

It seems that there is never a good time to leave a place and people that we care about so deeply, but circumstances and the persistence of the Holy Spirit made this the right time for us. We are confident that Saint John will continue to be a place of welcome, always aware of God's great abundance and eager to share it with others.

Thank you again for your generosity and the blessing of our time together.

Pastor and Ed

SAINT JOHN MISSION STATEMENT:

We are a community of faith that is: gathered for worship and fellowship, empowered by Scripture and the Sacraments, strengthened for service and sent forth as witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Staff at Saint John:

- *Pastor: Rev. Laurie Cline*
- *Deacon:*
  Ms. Charlene Drewes
  Ms. Mary Barberio
- *Office Manager:*
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  Mrs. Jeana Dwyer
- *Congregational President:*
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- *Sexton: Mr. Nikolai Dovirak*

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WORSHIP HELP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

9/2 (Worship at St. Francis)
Acolyte: N/A
Altar Guild: N/A
Lector: N/A
Ushers: N/A
Assisting Minister: N/A
Communion Asst: N/A
Coffee Hour: N/A

9/9 (Service of the Word
Acolyte: Hudson DiTuri
Altar Guild: Danielle Branciforti
Lector: Jessica Pagano
Ushers: Ira Bergman & Ed Finn
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: Danielle Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Erin & Faith Dwyer

9/16 (Holy Communion, P&A)
Acolyte: Collin Roulston
Altar Guild: Renate Petschauer & Christa Tuccillo
Lector: Aidan Sargent
Ushers: Tom Sargent & Sophie Orlich
Assisting Minister: Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Communion Asst: Olivia Orlich
Coffee Hour: Carol-Ann Kehrbaum & Renate Petschauer

9/23 (Service of the Word)
Acolyte: Erin Dwyer
Altar Guild: Jennifer Bergman & Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Lector: Jennifer Cline Sargent
Ushers: Sue Bogen & Thomas Ziminske
Assisting Minister: Ira Bergman
Communion Asst: N/A
Coffee Hour: Sue Bogen & Tracey Schaeffer

9/30 (Holy Communion)
Acolyte: Hudson DiTuri
Altar Guild: Danielle Branciforti
Lector: Corey Bogen
Ushers: Bill Schurade & Frank Branciforti
Assisting Minister: Dcn. Mary Barberio
Communion Asst: Danielle Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Marion & Bill Schurade

September Counting Schedule:
9/2 N/A
9/9 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan
9/16 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
9/23 Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
9/30 Marion & Tony Elicati

THANK YOU

- To Kathy & Dick Kugler for donating two air conditioners to the parsonage.
- To Bob Altman and his grandsons for reinforcing the twinkle lights in the Howe room.
- Thank you to everyone who brought in school supplies for the New LIFE Center.
- Thank you to Bunny & Ed Finn for delivering 55 lbs. of food to the New LIFE Center.
- Thank you to the members of the Christian Education team for attending our annual planning meeting and for coming in to get the classrooms ready for a new year.
- Thank you to Deacon Charlene and all who helped preparing for and cleaning up from the Agape meal as well as those who brought a dish to share.
- To Kevin Rollando for volunteering to set the A/C on Saturday nights so the sanctuary is cool on Sunday morning.
- To Angel Zamora Garcia for volunteering to set the carillon when needed and to Ed Cline for training him.
- To Marion Schurade for planting and maintaining the gardens.
- To council for attending a special meeting over the summer.
- To Sue Bogen & Kevin Rollando for taking garbage out while John is on vacation.

MEMORIALS & DONATIONS

In memory of
Irma Scheffel

To youth:
The Dwyer family
Bill & Marion Schurade
John & Christa Tuccillo

INN cooking:
Vivian Devens
The Dwyer family
Carol-Ann Kehrbaum
Renate Petschauer
John & Christa Tuccillo

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Zachary Dean
4 Paul Block
6 Krista D'Anna
20 Sophie Orlich
9 Bill Schurade
22 Jennifer Cline Sargent
23 Kristina Miller
25 Matthew Kugler
27 Ashlyn Schurade

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday in September. Please notify the office if your birthday was inadvertently left off the list.

PASTORAL ACTS

Wedding:
Dianna Molenko & Terry Cazzalino
Friday, August 3, 2018
Saint John Lutheran Church Bellmore

Affirmation of Baptism:
Angel Zamora Garcia
Sunday July 29, 2018
Saint John Lutheran Church Bellmore

Many thank yous need to be acknowledged for the lovely party we had to celebrate Pastor and Ed's next journey.

- To everyone who planned the party & picked the venue and food choices.
- To the Plattdeutsche for an elegant luncheon!
- To Tom Sargent for acting as MC at the luncheon.
- To Amy Wee for the wonderful picture presentation as well as the bound picture book.
- To Barbara Waldron for compiling everyone's lovely memories in a beautiful album.
- To Kathy Strouse for accompanying me to the nursery for the centerpieces.
- To Jeana Dwyer for creating, mailing and keeping track of invitations and the attendance list.
- To Marion & Bill Schurade for organizing a wonderful coffee hour on Sunday to honor Lillian.

What a great day!
Deacon Charlene

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We are looking forward to another great Sunday School year beginning with Rally Day on September 9. All kids age 10 and up can go help out in the St. Francis garden (just make sure you sign up). The younger kids will have separate activities at church.

We are still looking for one more co-teacher for the mid-elementary class, please see Jennifer Cline Sargent if you are interested. If you are a Sunday School parent who is not interested in teaching, please consider taking on altar guild, coffee hour or another activity to free up someone else who would be.

You should have received a packet with the updated calendar and other materials, they have also been posted to the website. It's important to return the registration form and fee, which pays for the curriculum and materials we use. The children will once again have benevolence envelopes they can put in the offering plate during church to help teach them about sharing time, talents and treasure. Please make every effort to attend worship with your children as well as bringing them to Sunday School. Our teachers volunteer a lot of time during the year and it's important for the kids to attend class regularly. It should be considered a commitment just like other activities.

Rally Day

Sunday, September 9 following 9:30 a.m. worship

Register, meet your teachers, make a craft and enjoy. All children 10 and up are invited to work in the garden at St. Francis after worship as part of God's Work Our Hands Sunday.

You're invited to a Baby Shower!

In Honor of: New Life Center
When: God's Work Our Hands Sunday
September 9, 2018
During Coffee Hour
Where: Howe Room — Saint John Lutheran Church
Details: Please bring new unwrapped baby items for donation to New Life Center. A list of suggested items is below:

- Diapers (all sizes)
- Wipes
- Balmex/A&D ointment/etc.
- Formula
- Bottles
- Baby food/cereal (dry)
- Baby shampoo/soap
- Clothing
- Receiving blankets
- Burp Cloths/lap pads

Items for shower can be dropped off in the box in the Howe Room or brought directly to the shower on Sunday, September 9.
Please see Deacon Mary with any questions.

WOMEN OF ST. JOHN

I ❤ Book Club

Kathy Strouse will be hosting our next book club meeting on Wednesday, October 3. The book is *The Storyteller's Secret by Sejal Badani.* More details will follow.

As always, a $2.00 donation will be collected from attendees to support INN Cooking.

Fall clean up day

Please come on down and help us prepare for the visitors we will be receiving at our church fair.

Saturday, September 8
9:00 a.m.

Please see Deacon Charlene to sign up or contact her at snoflake41@aol.com

WHOSE TURN IS IT?

We are fortunate here at Saint John to have always had many people who volunteer to help maintain the church, assist in worship, provide coffee hour, teach Sunday school and many other things. Right now we are at a time when some of our volunteers have retired after many years of dedicated service, some have switched to different volunteer jobs and some are taking a well deserved break.

We are in need of volunteers to teach Sunday school and join altar guild. Both of these volunteer opportunities offer the ability to work as part of a team if you choose. The more people that volunteer, the more people to share the load with.

Please prayerfully consider if it is your time to take a "turn" volunteering for altar guild, to teach Sunday school or any other volunteer job at Saint John. Please contact Jeana in the office if you are interested.

Saint John's Harvest Fair ~ Sept 22nd

We KNOW it's only AUGUST and it's still Summer, but we want to give everyone advanced notice on our plans for the **Saint John's Harvest Fair**. Our Harvest Fair will be held on **Saturday, September 22nd** (9AM—6PM), the same day as the Bellmore Church Fair. The Harvest Fair will be a great opportunity to let us open our doors to the Community and let them know just how fabulous we are! It's a HUGE day for us, not only will it be a wonderful day of Fellowship, but it's a chance for us to potentially welcome additional members to our Saint John family. God has blessed us in so many ways, and one of the most precious blessings is the many relationships that we have formed at Saint John throughout the years, now is the time to share our blessing and God's love. Let's all gather and work together while enjoying a fun day at our Harvest Fair. As always, we KNOW we can count on your help and support.

Together we can !
WE ARE SAINT JOHN !

What will be at our Harvest Fair ?

Saint John will sponsor tables for selling items such as Costume Jewelry, Homemade Baked Goods, Books/DVDs/CDs, and Beverages. Parishioners will also be eligible to purchase a table for $30 to sell their own items. This year we will also be trying something new by featuring a "Cookie Walk". Individuals will be able to purchase a container to fill with their favorite cookies. We will have hundreds of homemade cookies to select from !

How Can I help ?

- *We need Bakers*
- *We need Costume Jewelry*
- *We need you to start collecting gently used (appropriate) Books/DVDs/CDs*
- *Volunteers to assist at the Tables*
- *Donate $10 for the purchase of Beverages*
- *Come and Support us the Day of the Fair ! Bring your friends and family !*

Ideas & Questions:

- *Have any other ideas for the Harvest Fair? Please let us know !*
- *Questions ? Please contact Lori, Charlene, Kathy, Barbara A., Margaret, and Amy*

Next Steps...

- *Please consider how you can participate at our Harvest Fair.*

  We need your support !
- *Start bringing in the Costume Jewelry !*
- *Contact Amy if you are interested in purchasing a Table for $30 to sell your items, or Donating $10 for the purchase of Beverages to be sold at the Fair*
- *In the next few weeks, we will be sending out information on when you can start bringing in Books/DVDs/CDs*
- *Bakers (and we KNOW we have the BEST) - We will have a sign up sheet in the Howe Room for you to list the items that you would like to provide*

[1]O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! (Psalm 95:1)

Quinn would like to invite anyone interested in joining senior choir, youth choir or the bell choir to please see her. If you cannot make a commitment to singing every week but would like to be a part of our musical ministry, we would love to have you join us just for our holiday services so we can incorporate more voices and instruments in our holiday services.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

So what plans does our gracious God have in store for us? God PROMISES that a plan for our future is filled with hope and prosperity. God is about abundance. But how does God's plan work out? Simple! Through multiplication! God's children throughout the ages have always been blessed in their living relationship with our gracious God. Yes, we are blessed, and we are also called to be a blessing to others. May we continue to trust in God and fulfill our promises to Him through our social ministry work for Saint John and the larger community.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our baby shower to support the layette program at the New LIFE Center. If you cannot attend and would like to donate, items can be left in the baskets in the Howe room.

Thank you for your donations of non-perishable food, school supplies and household items to the New LIFE Center. You are a blessing as you take part in serving more than 7,000 individuals who are in need. May God continue to bless you!

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

A good time was had by all at our Annual WELCA picnic in July that took place at St. Francis. Joyce Anderson led an excellent Bible study and fun crafts. People were also able to tour the garden or walk the labyrinth. It is amazing how peaceful it is in the garden while cars whiz by just a few yards away.

LWR Quilting will resume on Thursday, September 6 at 10:00 a.m. Please see Barbara Altman for details.

The next INN cooking will take place on Tuesday, September 11 at 5:30 p.m.

The first Women's Bible study for 2018/2019 will be on Friday, September 28 at Christ Lutheran Church, Wantagh at 10:00 a.m.

The annual Synodical Women's Gathering will be on Saturday September 15 in Malverne. For more information please see Carol -Ann Kehrbaum.

I would like to thank everyone at Saint John for all your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The food and baked goods you provided for my family were greatly appreciated during this time of loss. I am comforted by all your kindness.

Jeanne Lippolis

SEPTEMBER 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 **15th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:00a.m Holy Communion** **Worship at St. Francis 1692 Bellmore Rd.**	3 **Labor Day— Office Closed**	4 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.**	5	6 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.** **Adult Bible study Time TBD** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	7 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	8
9 **16th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word** **Rally Day/Council meeting following worship**	10	11 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.**	12	13 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m./ Adult Bible study Time TBD./** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	14 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	15
16 **17th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	17 Garden Club 12:00 p.m.	18 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.**	19	20 **LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m. **Belair 2:00 p.m.**	21 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	22 **Saint John Harvest Fair 9:00 a.m.— 6:00 p.m.**
23 **18th Sunday after Pentecost 9:30 a.m. Service of the Word/10:45 a.m. Sunday School** 30 **Worship with St. Francis— location TBD**	24	25 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m.**	26	**27 LWR Quilting 10:00 a.m.** **Adult Bible study Time TBD** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	**28** A.A. 7:30 p.m.	29

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, September 2 – Worship at St. Francis at 9:00 a.m.
Thursday, September 6 – LWR Quilting resumes 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible study resumes time TBD
Sunday, September 9 – Rally Day—Council meeting following worship
Saturday, September 22 – Harvest Fair 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

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