Saint John Lutheran Church, Bellmore NY
A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

June 2021

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.*

Join us for worship at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings.

The Eagle

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ!

"The bells are ringing, for me and my gal. The birds are singing, for me and my gal!" Do any of these words sound familiar to you? Does anyone just happen to remember this classic old song sung in the spring time of young love as a young man's fancies turn toward courtship or perhaps we find a married couple whose hearts are refreshed by the love that they share for one another as they relish in their accomplishments, their dreams and visions for today and hopes for tomorrow? Or even when we find a congregation whose souls join together for a grand feast or stories and songs to reignite the love we have for God and one another as we worship?

As the season of spring moves into summer, does the soft and melodic tones of the bells seems distant? Can we only imagine the bells ringing and the birds singing songs of love for young or married couples only? Does it seem strange to you that I also included congregations in that mix – like ours here in Bellmore? Why should that be strange to us? I am awe-struck each Sunday that I share worship with you and as we get close to the start of the liturgy I can clearly hear the sound of birds outside the windows or at the front church door open for some fresh air and the bells that ring out to the whole community calling out with tones of love and welcome – God is here, we are here, you're invited to join in the gathering, take part in the festivities and share in the supper as we remember how we are loved, forgiven and freed by grace.

I remember very distinctly being entranced by the chimes of the church bells as I grew up in Ridgewood in Queens and attended Trinity-St. Andrew's in Maspeth. That congregation also had bells that rang out at the beginning of each service let alone on special occasions and every holy

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Welcome to Worship
9:00 am

"Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation."
-Psalm 95:1

June Worship

6/6
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion
6/13
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word
6/20
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion
6/27
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on Sunday June 27 at 12:00 p.m. in the garden at St. Francis Episcopal Church located at 1692 Bellmore Avenue in North Bellmore.

ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING

News, Notes & Greetings

Dear St. John Family:

As I have just graduated from United Lutheran Seminary, I'd like to give thanks for the continued support of my family at Saint John. As I move toward a first call in the Metro NY Synod, Saint John is frequently on my mind. The impact they have had in me throughout my life is enormous, and I know that I will carry the relationships with people of Saint John will me wherever I am called to! ~

Zachary Dean

June Birthdays

Happy birthday to:

June
5 Melanie Bogen
13 Lillian Guise
17 Logan Kugler
18 Lise-Anne Orlich
22 Tom Brucia & Ethan Kugler
23 Carol Glen & Vivian Devens
24 Stefanie Simone
27 Jesse Robinson
28 Makenzie Medico

If you celebrate your birthday in June and your name has been inadvertently left off the list, please contact the church office.

We would like to congratulate Samantha Block on receiving her M.D. Best of Luck to you in your medical career!

YouTube

Now you can join us for worship with just the click of a button. Thanks to Karen Brucia our Sunday morning worship service will be streaming live on Facebook and then will be posted to our very own YouTube channel. Just click the link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXNbB4vKpPjcIKWpwdUcXzw

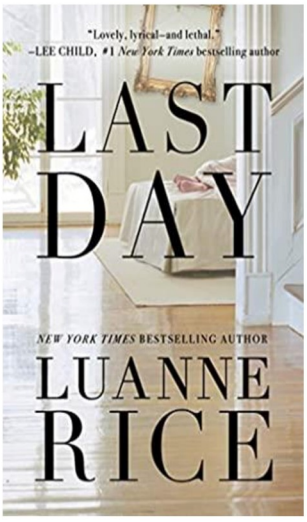
or search for Saint John Lutheran Church, Bellmore and scroll down until they see our church picture and/or name. If you would like to be notified when new videos are posted, click on "subscribe" .

Christian Education

We would like to congratulate our First Holy Communion recipients:
Gavin Mooney—May 8, 2021.
Adrian Pagano, Nicholas Pellegrino, Kylie Goodlin, and Fiona Puccio—May 16, 2021. We wish them all God's blessings!

Thanks to Stephanie & Kevin Rollando and Stephanie & Chris Kugler for spearheading the project to beautify Marion's garden at the front corner of church. On the last day of Sunday school, the older class helped to weed, plant and mulch. All the kids painted rocks to add. It looks fantastic. Watch for a blessing of the garden!

St. John's Lutheran Church (Merrick)
Early Childhood Center is accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year for 2, 3 and 4 year old programs as well as summer camp. For more information please visit their website at www.stjohnsmerrick.org or call the Administrative Center at 516-378-4322 or you may email them at ecc@stjohnsmerrick.org.



Next Book Club: Tues. June 22nd
Hosted by Nancy Kamps-Cook
Time 7:00
Please call Deacon Charlene @516-330-6566 for address

From celebrated *New York Times* bestselling author Luanne Rice comes a riveting story of a seaside community shaken by a violent crime and a tragic loss.

Years ago, Beth Lathrop and her sister Kate suffered what they thought would be the worst tragedy of their lives the night both the famous painting *Moonlight* and their mother were taken. The detective assigned to the case, Conor Reid, swore to protect the sisters from then on.

Beth moved on, throwing herself fully into the art world, running the family gallery, and raising a beautiful daughter with her husband Pete. Kate, instead, retreated into herself and took to the skies as a pilot, always on the run. When Beth is found strangled in her home, and *Moonlight* goes missing again, Detective Reid can't help but feel a sense of déjà vu.

Reid immediately suspects Beth's husband, whose affair is a poorly kept secret. He has an airtight alibi—but he also has a motive, and the evidence seems to point to him. Kate and Reid, along with the sisters' closest childhood friends, struggle to make sense of Beth's death, but they only find more questions: Who else would have wanted Beth dead? What's the significance of *Moonlight*?

Twenty years ago, Reid vowed to protect Beth and Kate—and he's failed. Now solving the case is turning into an obsession . .

LWR Quilters

I have been a part of the LWR quilters for a couple of years now. Barbara started our group here at St. John's and it was a great pleasure to work with her. I would like to keep her good works going. We have lots of fabric to get us started. Come September, lets keep the group going in honor of Barbara. Please let me know if you would like to join us on Thursday's beginning in September.

~ Margaret Neverka

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Online Worship

Worship is being live streamed on our Facebook page on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. The service will then be posted on our YouTube channel at:

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day… it was magical when I was a small boy… As I grew, I learned that the bells were an audible symbol of God's voice calling us together for worship. I knew that their sounds were more than magical – they are filled with mystery because they are holy…filled with divine love. The bells added something to the bird's song as it told us the love story between God and God's people and our opportunity to come and share in that story with our voices in a joyful noise of praise. And for anyone who had to work on Sunday or who couldn't be with the gathered assembly for whatever the reason, the bells called out a word of prayer to remind the community that God is with us and that life was worth living for we are blessed indeed.

I invite you to come and share a song, a story and pray with me and each other as the bells call us to worship together on **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** I invite you to come and share your voice for the future vision of who we are as a congregation when we meet for our **Annual Meeting On Sunday, June 27th at Noon** over at St. Francis Church in their outdoor garden area. Won't you come and share your hopes, dreams and visions as a part of the family here in Bellmore? You know you want to – come on, you can – you're welcome here – because you are loved, forgiven and freed by grace in Christ Jesus! Can you hear it? ***The bells are ringing, for me and for you! The song their singing helps us know that it's true. Grow in his grace each day and share the music of faith with everyone till all the world knows his sacred name.***

Imparting my pastoral blessing to you and your family this season of growth in word, music and meal as we live the grand gift of life together!

+ Pastor Kirschbaum

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