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

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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!

Can you believe it?!?!?! – It's September again and we're called to say farewell to another summer season. Back to the ole grind with new things to think about and opportunities to gather and share worship and other things together. Time for Sunday School to start up again and other ministries as we reintroduce things that have been suspended for a time. And, this month marks a special occasion for both of us – as we walk the road of ministry together in the Bellmores and Merricks with another season about to begin… it's time to wish you all a "Happy Anniversary"! Say What?!?!?! Yes indeed, we have been together for a whole year now and it is something, I think, worth celebrating. So, I am wishing you all my prayers of support and continued commitment as we share in worship, conversation, and visioning ahead what our present and future might be as we seek God's will together. I'm so grateful to be able to share this all with you – it's a bit scary, to say the least, but it can also be very exciting.

In this issue of the EAGLE you will encounter three calendars of events from each of our closest Lutheran congregations: our Bellmore-Merrick Family. This is one of the initiatives that our larger cluster group has taken steps in doing so that each of us can take the steps needed to support the events of each other and get to know one another

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Special points of interest

Welcome to Worship
9:00 am

> **"The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word."**

September Birthdays

Happy birthday to:

September

2 Zachary Dean
4 Paul Block
5 Vincent Branciforti
5 Irina Sargent
6 Krista D'Anna
8 Violet Hunslinger
20 Sophie Orlich
20 Michael Giordano
22 Jennifer Cline Sargent
23 Danielle Branciforti
27 Ashlyn Schurade
30 Robert Dowling

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

September Worship Schedule

9/5
Pastor Wildow
Holy Communion

9/12
Service at Grace Lutheran, North Bellmore
9:30 a.m.

9/19
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

9/26
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word

News, Notes & Greetings

To the Loving Congregation of St. John Bellmore,

Thank you so much for the truly comforting comfort meal you provided for our family after the service for our beloved Barbara Altman. Your kindness and love was present in every bite and your support helped us through a hard time. Thank you for providing and delivering everything we needed, especially your thoughtful love.

Sincerely,
The Altman Family

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" .

Sunday School will start up again a little later this year so the staff can finalize plans and curriculum. We also need a couple more teachers for the upcoming year - if you are interested, please speak to Jennifer Cline Sargent. Confirmands who are finishing up have received information from Tom Sargent regarding dates and times for class. We are still looking to distance and mask since not all the younger children are able to be vaccinated and the Delta variant is still a concern. Please watch for an email with registration materials and further information. Anyone with questions can contact Jennifer Cline Sargent at (516) 485-0677.

You can help a child in need this school year through the New Life Center by donating any of the school supplies listed below. Many children do not have the basic supplies necessary for beginning their school year and your donation will help a child start their year off right!

Backpacks	Pens
Lunch boxes	Pencils
3 Ring binders	Sharpeners
Looseleaf paper	Pencil boxes
Composition Notebooks	Erasers
Spiral notebooks	Glue
Folders	Glue sticks
Crayons	Rulers
Colored Pencils	Scissors
Markers/Dry erase	Index cards

Women of the ELCA

Women from our conference churches (and friends) are invited to meet at **Cedar Creek Park** in Wantagh on Wednesday, September 15th from 10:30 a,m, until 1:00 p.m. Our study will be "Spirit of God: Revealer and Resource." The study will come from the September issue of GATHER magazine. If you do not have a subscription to this magazine, you will still be comfortable participating. We will be at Grove picnic crea, parking field 5. Cedar Creek is located on the South side of Merrick Road, between the Seaford Oyster Bay Expressway (135) and WantaghParkway. Everyone should bring her own lunch (including beverage) and Bible. There are tables with benches, but you might want to bring a chair. Hope to see you! If you have any questions or wish to be added to our contact list, please call or email Joyce Anderson (516-496-8871) / daisyjoyce@yahoo.com.

LWR Quilters

Quilter's group is starting up this month on Thursdays from 10am - 12pm in the Howe Room. For more information please contact Margaret Neverka.

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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better all at the same time. It is our hope and prayer that you will take every opportunity to share things as you are able. Please continue to pray for the active conversations between our three congregations with us here in Bellmore, with Grace in North Bellmore and with St. John's in Merrick. We're looking forward toward the Fall as we think of other things to share with each congregation – volunteers for various projects, Sunday School events, Bible study opportunities, the Book Club, cooking for the Soup Kitchen, shared worship opportunities every so often… we have much to look forward for… Just think about the great news of Zachary Dean being officially called to a congregation here on the Island – great to keep him in our Synod and so look forward for the day when he is officially ordained and installed in his new parish church. So proud of him and us as a congregation that nurtured him in faith and love.

I would like to take this moment to invite you and your family to come and share with us in Merrick a blessing of the animals on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at 1:00pm outside our chapel (ramp entrance) on Margaret Blvd. Bring your furry, feathered or scaly friends for a special blessing as we remember the ministry of St. Francis who cared for God's good creation, especially the animals. No worries if you don't actually have a pet, bring a favorite stuffed animal with you as we don't want anyone left out.

Imparting my pastoral blessing to you and your family as we enter the Fall season together!

+ Pastor Kirschbaum