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

October 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!

Can you see it? The leaves on the trees have begun to change their colors and the mums and pumpkins are out in the neighborhood… all signs that the season is changing and fall is in full swing… autumn is here!!! … by the time you read this, we will have already shared in a special congregation meeting called for Sunday Oct. 3rd. The many who were present, along with those praying for us while not being able to attend, gathered in heart and soul for one single purpose to offer continued intentional support toward our ongoing conversations with our two other sister congregations in our Bellmore/Merrick community. Yes, there were questions; yes, there were concerns – and yes, there is anxiety – but most of all there is love – the love of a family that wants to pursue an active faithful Lutheran presence for the community… both now and in the future. I wish to applaud your efforts in taking this step of intent to not only support your church council – but to support each other in finding ever new and changing ways to teach, preach, witness and live the gospel message. Isn't that what we're all about anyway and isn't that what the concept of "Reformation" calls each of us to as a confessional church body? Since Covid entered our lives

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STAFF AT SAINT JOHN:

Coverage Pastor: Rev. Perry Kirschbaum
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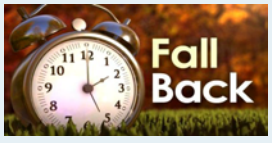


Daylight savings time ends Sunday November 7 at 2:00 a.m. Don't forget to set your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday evening, November 6.

Welcome to Worship
9:00 am

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9

October Worship Schedule

10/3
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

10/10
Service at either Grace Lutheran, North Bellmore at 9:30 a.m. or St. John's Merrick at 10:30 a.m.

10/17
Pastor Wildow
Holy Communion

10/24
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word

10/31
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

October Birthdays

Happy birthday to:

2 Caitlin Block
4 Nicholas Brucia
4 Kathy Strouse
7 Julie Robinson
9 Bill Schurade
10 Adrian Pagano
22 Renate Petschauer
30 Mason Venne

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

News, Notes & Greetings

From Lutheran Social Services of New York:

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your contribution of 20 lbs. of food and the school supplies which is helping LSSNY serve more than 7,000 individuals in need every day.

We are blessed for you and countless others who have supported our ministries, giving us the resources to assist our neighbors in need and improve their lives. Thank you for the commitment you have shown to our programs over the years, you make lives better every day through our shared mission of service.

Sincerely,

Damyn Kelly, Ph.D., president & CEO

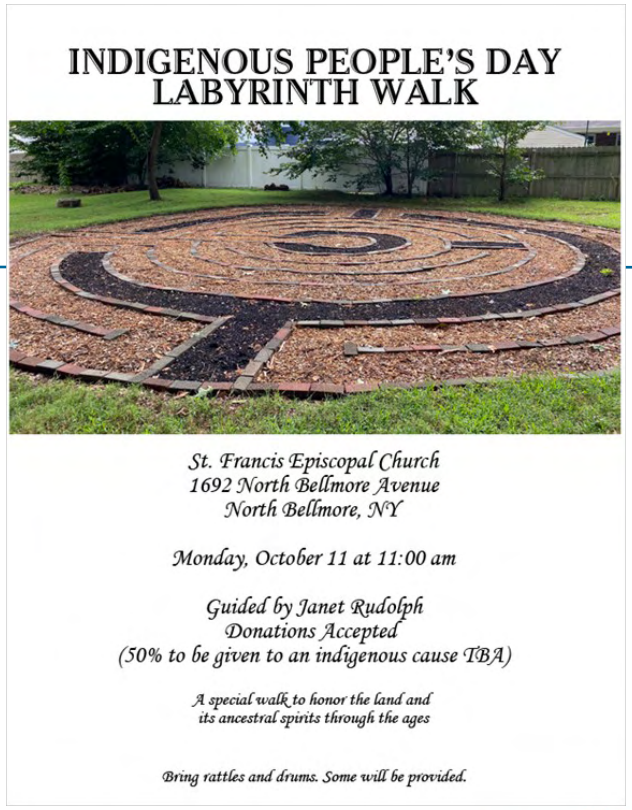
YouTube

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 has restarted for the 2021-22 school year with classes distanced and masked for safety. We are still seeking another teacher for the 3-5 grade class. You wouldn't have to teach every week, several people will rotate as a team. If you are interested, please see Jennifer Cine Sargent. If you haven't already, please fill out the forms for Sunday school (registration and the photo release form) and return them to Jennifer. Everyone seems happy to be back in class and learning, please try to also bring your kids to church. It's important for them to hear the lessons and experience the fellowship.



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we haven't really been able to do very much of anything which caused our lives almost totally to shut down for all too long. It is time for us as a congregational family to think outside the box and reinvent ourselves without giving up on who and what we are all about. Yes, it is means "Change" and that is scary stuff – but it also means excitement and re-creation for the sake of the gospel. As many congregations have, so we need to continue to take "baby-steps" as we gently move forward in resuming ministry while also taking every precaution to keep our members and friends safe. I believe that Saint John has done an amazing job at taking those steps and we still have some to go – with bringing back the hymnal, singing a bit more of the liturgy and sharing in a time of fellowship once in a while.

As we move forward in this month of October, Reformation Day [10/31] actually falls on a Sunday this year – why not consider wearing something "RED" to represent the flames of the Spirit that move within us, inspire us, recreate and renew us – and yes, "reform us" into the forgiven and freed people of God we are meant to be … those who are called to follow and trust in the Christ – the way, truth and life.

Blessings to you and Peace in Christ,

✠ Pastor Kirschbaum

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:

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

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Deadline for the next issue of The Eagle: October 28, 2021. Please email articles to stjbellmore@gmail.com.

Women of the ELCA

Women from our conference churches invite you to join them for October's Bible study on Thursday, Oct. 14th at 10:30 a.m., at Cedar Creek Park in Wantagh, parking field 5. We will be continuing our study of the Holy Spirit, using parts of session 2 found in the Sept./Oct. issue of Gather magazine. You will be able to participate easily even if you are not a Gather subscriber. Bible verses included are Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-18.

You are invited to bring lunch and stay for fellowship after the study. In case of bad weather, we will meet at St. David's in Massapequa Park, 516-799-7832. Questions? Contact Joyce Anderson at 516-496-8871 or daisyjoyce7@yahoo.com.