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

February 2022

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!

Welcome into another year filled with ministry opportunities. Epiphany reveals the babe of Bethlehem as the Savior of the World welcomed and adored by visiting emissaries of distance lands representing the world. At Jesus' baptism in the river Jordan we hear a voice telling us that He is the beloved Son and we are to listen to Him. In Jesus' first miracle at a wedding in Cana, even blessed Mary, His mother tells the servants and us – listen to Him and do everything He tells you. In the great catch of fish we again hear Jesus directing us to put out into the deep waters, even when we think we have gone far enough. And when we do listen to Him, we behold a miraculous catch and Jesus' direction for those who follow Him – as we will no longer be catching fish – but people for the kingdom of God.

This season of light-filled miracles reveals to us just who this Jesus of Nazareth is for each of us and for the world as God brings salvation in, with and through

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STAFF AT SAINT JOHN:

Coverage Pastor: Rev. Perry Kirschbaum
Deacon: Ms. Charlene Drewes
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Organist & Music Director: Ms. Quinn Anderson
Sexton: Ms. Kristina Kamps
Congregational President: Mr. Tom Sargent

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Special points of interest

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING℠

We will be collecting cans of soup to donate to local pantries throughout the month of February.

Welcome to Worship
9:00 am

"So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us."

1 John 4:16

February Worship Schedule

2/6 - 5th Sunday after Epiphany
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

2/13 - 6th Sunday after Epiphany
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

2/20 - 7th Sunday after Epiphany
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word

2/27 - Transfiguration of the Lord
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

February Birthdays

Happy birthday to:

7 Faith Dwyer
7 Ira Bergman
17 Makayla Mooney
27 Carol-Ann Kehrbaum

If you celebrate your birthday in February and your name has been inadvertently left off the list, please

News, Notes & Greetings

Tuesdays at Saint John we have created a ladies day out for anyone who would like to join us. It's a social gathering that may include bringing your crocheting or your knitting or we may do quilting if we like. We also play games and have light refreshments -individually wrapped cakes and Keurig coffee. So come on down at 12:30 on Tuesdays and join us for a little bit of craftiness and fun. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you all!
Any questions please call Margaret Neverka at 516 978-5270.
The 2nd Tuesday of each month we also make meals for the soup kitchen in Freeport. If you'd care to help.

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" .

Special thanks to Aidan and Irina Sargent for keeping an eye on the Sunday school kids during the annual meeting. There will be no Sunday school on February 20 due to the holiday weekend.

Easter Baskets

Easter is a joyous and glorious time for us as we celebrate our Lord's Resurrection. For many, that joy is overshadowed by a feeling of hunger.

It is our purpose, at the **New LIFE Center – Long Island**, to care for and uplift our neighbors and we invite you to participate in building up the body of Christ.

We are asking for your help in providing Easter Food Baskets for the hungry. These baskets are much more than food. They are a visible sign that carries the message of Christ's love and concern.

Please help by donating any of these suggested items:

Cake Mix/Frosting/Brownies	Mac and Cheese/Spaghetti Sauce
Juice/Assorted Drinks	Chef Boyardee/Chili/Canned Meat
Sugar/Flour/Condiments	Mashed Potatoes
Cookies/Candy/Snacks	Pudding/Jello
Cereal (Hot and Cold)	Napkins
Pancake Mix/Syrup/Jelly	1-2 Lb. Bag or Boxed Rice

Coffee Regular/Decaf/Instant Tea/Hot Chocolate/Parmalot Milk

Fresh or Frozen/Turkey/Ham/Chicken

In lieu of food donations, store Gift Certificates would be appreciated.

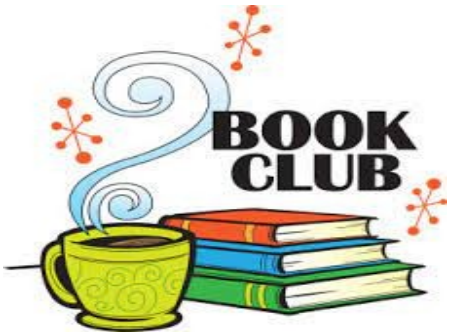
DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD BASKETS ARE TO BEGIN MARCH 14th

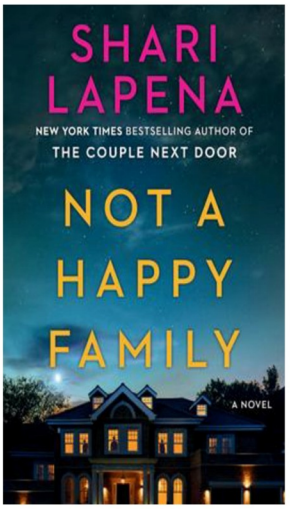
AND WILL CONTINUE UP UNTIL EASTER

Lutheran Social Services of New York
New LIFE Center – Long Island

516-483-3240
www.lssny.org

Wednesday, March 2. Please look out for an email to confirm the times and location of services that will be available to everyone between our three congregations in the Bellmore/Merrick community.





Book Club is Back!

Wednesday, April 6th @ 7PM

Please text Deacon Charlene

@ 516-330-6566 to RSVP.

Location will be announced based on attendance

Not a Happy Family

by Shari Lapena (Goodreads Author)
3.84 · Rating details · 70,940 ratings · 6,809 reviews

In this family, everyone is keeping secrets--especially the dead. Brecken Hill in upstate New York is an expensive place to live. You have to be rich to have a house there. And they don't come much richer than Fred and Sheila Merton. But even all their money can't protect them when a killer comes to call. The Mertons are brutally murdered the night after an Easter Dinner with their three adult kids. Who, of course, are devastated.

Or are they? They each stand to inherit millions. They were never a happy family, thanks to their capricious father and neglectful mother, but perhaps one of them is more disturbed than anyone knew. Did one of them snap after that dreadful evening? Or was it someone else that night who crept in with the worst of intentions? It must be. After all, if one of your siblings was a psychopath, you'd know.

Wouldn't you?

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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:

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

Or search for Saint John Lutheran Church and scroll down until you see our church picture or name.

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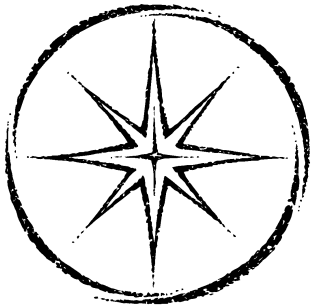
His beloved Son. Because God loved us first – so we love each other and with that gift of love-filled grace first given by God in Christ – we are able to share that love this Valentine's weekend - **postponed to February 20th - President's Day weekend**) with a special **"Three-Church Baby Shower"** hosted by Saint John in Bellmore – and what a catch of wonderful things offered by so many generous hearts in these days of supply & demand problems and inflation – God has worked another miracle through us to touch hearts in need.

As we come to the end of those Sunday after Epiphany on the transfiguration of Our Lord, the church will once again enter into the sacred and holy Penitential season of Lent. **Ash Wednesday** is on **March 2nd** – our worship schedule is still pending – please look out for an email announcement that will outline our shared Lenten schedule for this year.

Listening to the voice of Jesus to come and follow –
even into the deep waters –
✠ Pastor Kirschbaum