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

June 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.

STAFF AT SAINT JOHN:

Coverage Pastor: Rev. Perry Kirschbaum

Deacon: Ms. Charlene Drewes

Admin. Assistant: Mrs. Anita Fiedel

Organist & Music Director: Ms. Quinn Anderson
Sexton: Ms. Kristina Kamps

Congregational Co-Presidents:

Mrs. Margaret Neverka & Mrs. Nina Thilesen

The Eagle

Pastor's Corner

Dear Friends in Christ!

"Getting to know you…. getting to know all about you….Getting to like you…. getting to hope you like me….Getting to know you,…. putting it my way but nicely,…. you are precisely my cup of tea."
Familiar words from a well know musical: **The King and I.** Joining together in our combined summer worship will kind of be just like that song – as we worship the King of Glory in Word & Sacrament and share in getting to know each other more…Sunday by Sunday.

Beginning with Father's Day – **JUNE 19th** – and moving along throughout July, August and concluding with the Labor day Weekend on September 4th – we will enter into a new **JOINT SUMMER WORSHIP** Schedule between our "3" closest Lutheran congregations with one liturgy held at **9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the summer**. Saint John in Bellmore will be our first host congregation for [4] weeks through July 10th. We'll go to Grace for the next [4] weeks on July 17th through August 7th and then we will conclude the summer in Merrick for the last [4] weeks starting on August 14th through September 4th. Leadership will be shared between myself and Pastor Krauser from Grace Church with the exceptions of when either pastor might be on vacation. We will endeavor to send out email reminders each week so that members don't forget where worship will take place each Summer Sunday. There will be a time of hospitality or coffee hour offered at each congregation on the first Sunday at each location.

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Welcome to Worship
9:00 am

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."
Acts 1:8

June Worship Schedule

6/5 - Pentecost Sunday
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

6/12 - Holy Trinity
Deacon Charlene
Service of the Word

Summer Worship at 9:30am

6/19 - 2nd Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Krauser
Holy Communion

6/26 - 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
Pastor Kirschbaum
Holy Communion

June Birthdays

Happy birthday to:

5 Melanie Bogen
17 Logan Kugler
22 Ethan Kugler
22 Tom Brucia
23 Carol Glen

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

News, Notes & Greetings

A Message from Bishop Paul Egensteiner
Metropolitan New York Synod, ELCA

Dear Siblings in Christ,

Our hearts are broken, once again, at the most recent mass shooting in **Buffalo** and **Uvalde**. With the psalmist, we cry out, ***"How long?"*** I pray God will once again bring comfort and we would resolve to end the conditions that cause such pain and loss. This prayer is from the ELCA worship resource,

All Creation Sings:

Lord Jesus Christ, your own mother looked on when your life ended in violence. Our hearts are pierced with grief and anger at the death of individuals lost to the mass shootings in Buffalo, NY; and Uvalde, TX. We commend the slain to your wounded hands, and their loved ones to your merciful heart, trusting only in the promise that your love is stronger than death and that even death does not have the final word, for even now you live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

We will have an end-of-year celebration for Sunday school on Sunday, June 5 during church and afterward. The children will participate in the service and wear red for Pentecost, then they will help Stephanie Rollando with planting in the garden. Everyone will receive a sweet treat before heading home! We would like to thank our teachers and staff for this year: Jen Pagano, Makayla Mooney, Jennifer Cline Sargent, Aidan Sargent, Kathy Strouse and Lori Vanderwaren. They worked hard to provide lessons for all of our Sunday school kids each week.

WELCA BIBLE STUDY

The Eastern Nassau Conference women (and friends) are inviting "you" to share in a Bible Study at **Cedar Creek Park in Wantagh** on **Tuesday, June 21st** from **10a.m. to Noon.** We hope Grove picnic area at **parking field 5** will be available. **If not,** there is another area across the street at **parking field 6**. It would be a good idea to bring a folding chair in case an area with tables is not available. The road through the park is a one way loop, so just go around again if you miss anything.

We will use the June Bible Study material from GATHER magazine, but you do not need the magazine to participate. The summer study is called **"Crafted in Christ"** and the author uses ideas of quilting to help us talk about Sabbath, summer rest, community, and patterns. If you would like to share a patchwork quilt or another quilted item, please bring it with you.

If you have any questions, call [516-496-8871] or email [daisyjoyce7@yahoo.com] Joyce Anderson.

We are pleased to announce our summer worship schedule between our 3 churches beginning June 19 through September 4. Worship time is 9:30 a.m. for all 12 weeks.

June 19, 26, July 3, 10 –

Saint John Bellmore ~ 2150 Centre Avenue Bellmore NY 11710

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July 17, 24, 31, August 7 ~

Grace Lutheran ~ 1294 Bellmore Avenue, Bellmore NY 11710

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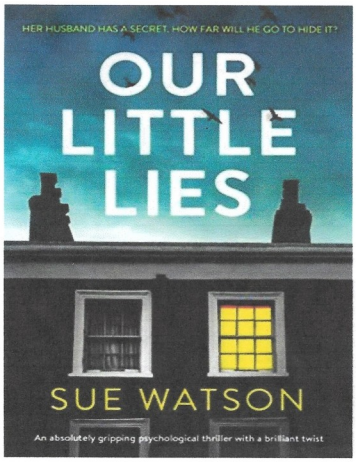
August 14, 21, 28, September 4

St. John's Lutheran Church ~ 1 Van Roo Ave., Merrick, NY 11566



Next Book Club – Tuesday, June 21 at 7:00 pm

Hosted by Karen Brucia
609 Clemens Street
Bellmore
RSVP: mymetz1@gmail.com

Our Little Lies

by Sue Watson (Goodreads Author)

How far would you go to protect your perfect life?
Marianne has a life others dream of. A beautiful townhouse on the best street in the neighbourhood. Three bright children who are her pride and joy. Sometimes her past still hurts: losing her mother early, growing up in foster care. But her husband, **Simon**, is always there. A successful surgeon, he's the envy of every woman they've ever met. Flowers, gifts, trips to France: nothing is too good for his family.
Then Simon says another woman's name. The way he lingers on it, ***Caroline*** , gives Marianne a shudder of suspicion, but she knows it's nothing – she can't entertain this flash of paranoia.
In the old days, she'd have distracted herself by excelling at work, but Marianne left her glamorous career when she married. She'd speak to a friend, but she's too busy with her children and besides, Simon doesn't approve of the few she has left. It's almost by accident that Marianne starts to learn more about Caroline. But once started, she can't stop, because what she finds makes her wonder: is the question she should be asking not 'should she be jealous', but... 'should she be scared?'
Fans of *The Girl on the Train* and *I Let You Go*, who are looking for a dark, gripping psychological thriller with a final twist to put their jaw on the floor, will love *Our Little Lies*.

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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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Food for the Month Program

June

June is our month to support the Lutheran Social Services of New York - Hungry Prevention Program at the **New LIFE Center-Long Island** Food is needed for the elderly, the unemployed, and for families and children. You can help by contributing items from the list below:

Non-Perishable Items
Rice (1 or 2 pounds bag/box)
Macaroni & Cheese/Pasta/Spaghetti/Spaghetti Sauce
Pancake Mix/ Syrup
Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate/Parmalot Milk
Flour/Sugar
Cookies/Cake Mix & Frosting/Brownies
Cereal/Canisters of Oatmeal
Crackers/Chips/Granola Bars/Microwave Popcorn

Canned Goods
Juices/Canned Fruit/Box Juices
Canned Meats/Tuna/Salmon/Sardines/Chicken/Ham
Mix Vegetables
Chef Boyardee
Canned Red Beans
Peanut butter/Jelly/Jam

Condiments
Salad Dressing/Ketchup/Mayonnaise/Mustard/BBQ Sauce/Salt/Pepper/Oil

Baby Items
Formula/Baby Food/Diapers/Shampoo/Lotion/Wipes
Diapers (Size 4, 5 & 6)
Baby Clothing (new or used size 0 to 24 month)

Personal Items
Paper Products/Shampoo/Soap/Toothpaste/Toothbrushes/Shaving Cream
Feminine Products
Plastic or Paper Grocery Bags (new or used)

Lutheran Social Services of New York
New LIFE Center—Long Island
311 Uniondale Ave. Uniondale, NY 11553
Telephone (516) 483-3240
Fax: (516)483-3240

Offering envelopes given each week will be directed back to the individual congregations. Cash or "loose plate" offerings will be given to the host congregation. As always, we urge our members and friend not to forget to keep their offerings current over the summer, even if you go away – as our regular expenses still continue. Offerings may also be sent via the regular mail or even dropped off in the mail slot at the office.

Saint John, Bellmore	Grace, North Bellmore	St. John's, Merrick
June 19, 26, July 3, 10	**July 17, 24, 31, Aug. 7**	**Aug. 14, 21, 28,Sept. 4**

As you might very well be aware of by now listening to announcements, hearing about our "3" Church worship and activities, along with our intercessory prayer each week – we have been engaged in a serious conversation between our closest "3" Lutheran Churches in the Bellmore/Merrick Community: St. John's, Merrick; Grace in N. Bellmore and us, Saint John in Bellmore. For just about a year now, we have been looking for ways to share, strengthen and support each other in our various ministries. This past Lent and Holy Week we shared in a simple series of mid-week prayers services that culminated in the Great Three Days that led to Easter.

Members of each parish also supported Spring events that included the LSS Baby Shower, the St. Patrick's Day dinner held over at Saint John and the Spring dinner over at Grace. Most recently, children from all "3" churches participated in preparatory classes for their First Holy Communion hosted by Grace while still receiving the Sacrament of the Altar for their first time in their own congregations. All "3" church councils have agreed to encourage and support a potentially exciting, yet scary joint summer schedule for worship well aware that it might be different, but each of our houses of faith need to do something different to thrive together. It was thought that the summer might be the best time for a trial.

The summer slumps are upon us and we sure could use some encouragement to get us through. If regular attendance and offering have declined even after returning to worship as covid numbers decrease, what could be expected about the summer (which is often challenged any way in both attendance & offering) if we are on our own? But with a bit of "outside of the box" thinking we shared in a proposed joint summer schedule – we could have a fun and fabulously spirit filled summer time as we come together, get to know each other and see what God might have in store for us witnessing the faith in the Bellmores and Merricks! Yes, it will be a VERY different experience, but it can lead us to a totally new vision of what ministry can be.

"Getting to know you... getting to know all about you… Getting to like you… getting to hope you like me... Getting to know you,… putting it my way but nicely,… you are precisely my cup of tea." And the adventure begins… come and share,… come and don't miss out on the possibilities before us.

In the name of the blessed and holy Trinity! ✠ Pastor Kirschbaum