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PASTOR'S MESSAGE:

THANK YOU to all those who worked so hard to make our first fair in conjunction with the Bellmore Street Fair such a success. We raised over $1200, which is great, but even more importantly we increased our visibility and met some of our neighbors. So many people contributed that I don't want to attempt to name everyone, but a special thank you to Deacon Charlene, Lori Vanderwaren and Amy Wee for their oversight of this tremendous endeavor.
We matched that success with over $1200 raised for **Lutheran Disaster Relief.**

OUR FIRST **PICNIC WITH ST. FRANCIS** was a great success. We enjoyed worship, good food, games and a lovely day together. Thank you to everyone – Deacon Charlene and Lori Vanderwaren coordinated, Kathy Strouse shopped, Katie Pellegrino organized games for the children, Ed Cline and John Neverka cooked and to all who brought food and helped set up and clean up.

YOUR IDEAS ARE IMPORTANT.

We are starting a **SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE**. Join us on **October 21 at St. Francis** at **5:30 p.m.** and enjoy a simple supper after worship. Be prepared for something **informal** and very **family friendly**. The second service will be **December 9, 5:30 p.m. at Saint John**. Zachary Dean will be coordinating the music and assembling a team of musicians.

THANK YOU to Karen Brucia and Tony Elicati who responded to the challenge to pursue getting a **sign placed on Sunrise Highway** by the Town of Hempstead.

COMMUNICATION is key !

THANK YOU to Amy Wee for the wonderful **new directory** she produced for us. It was a lot of work and greatly appreciated.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO PLAN AND CARRY OUT YOUR IDEAS.

We are in desperate need of a **Sunday school teacher**, grades K through 2. We are grateful for everyone who has stepped up to help in recent weeks! We are thankful for your commitment of time, talent and treasure.

WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!

"The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Ephesians 4:11 -13

Attend regularly, **give** regularly – even a modest donation of $5 given every week would be a big help – and **get involved**. Why is Saint John important to you? Tell your friends and neighbors, **invite** them to church and Sunday school.

May God bless us in our endeavors together, *Pastor Cline*

SAINT JOHN 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.

Staff at Saint John:

- *Pastor: Rev. Laurie Cline*
- *Deacons:*
  Ms. Charlene Drewes
  Ms. Mary Barberio
- *Office Manager:*
  Mrs. Jeana Dwyer
- *Newsletter Editor:*
  Mrs. Jeana Dwyer
- *Congregational President:*
  Mrs. Lori Vanderwaren
- *Organist & Choir Director:*
  Ms. M. Quinn Anderson
- *Sexton: Mr. Nikolai Dovirak*

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WORSHIP HELP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER

10/1
Acolyte: Nolan Mooney
Altar Guild: Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Jennifer Bergman
Lector: Jeana Dwyer
Ushers: Suzanne Ryan & Thomas Simone
Assisting Minister: Dcn. Charlene Drewes
Communion Assts: Marion Schurade & Jeana Dwyer
Greeter: Bill Schurade
Coffee Hour: Erin & Jeana Dwyer

10/8 (Service of the Word)
Acolyte: Hudson DiTuri
Altar Guild: Danielle Branciforti
Lector: Barbara Altman
Ushers: Nicholas Dowling & Ira Bergman
Assisting Minister: Christa Tuccillo
Communion Asst: N/A
Greeter: Stephen Dowling
Coffee Hour: Jeanne Lippolis & Christine Vogel

10/15 (prayer & anointing)
Acolyte: Erin Dwyer
Altar Guild: Nancy Dineen
Lector: Jessica Pagano
Ushers: Tom Selvaggio & Suzanne Ryan
Assisting Minister: Ira Bergman
Communion Asst: Tom Sargent
Greeter: Ed Cline
Coffee Hour: Karen & Tom Brucia

10/21
Worship at St. Francis

10/22
Acolyte: Aidan Sargent
Altar Guild: Kathy Strouse & Lori Vanderwaren
Lector: Nancy Kamps-Cook
Ushers: Tom Sargent & Andrew Vogel
Assisting Minister: Gail Tomasulo
Communion Asst: Margaret Neverka
Greeter: Frank Branciforti
Coffee Hour: Margaret & John Neverka

10/29 (Reformation)
Acolyte: Elizabeth Kamelhar
Altar Guild: Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Jennifer Bergman
Lector: Aidan Sargent
Ushers: Ed Finn & Gail Tomasulo
Assisting Minister: Dcn. Mary Barberio
Communion Asst: Danielle Branciforti
Greeter: Stephen Dowling
Coffee Hour: Marion & Bill Schurade

October Counting Schedule:
10/1 Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren
10/8 Bob Altman & Nancy Kamps-Cook
10/15 Jennifer Pagano & Jack Waldron
10/22 Jeana Dwyer & Suzanne Ryan
10/29 Dcn. Charlene Drewes & Lori Vanderwaren

THANK YOU

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- Thank you to everyone who contributed time, talent or treasure to our church fair. Many people purchased tables, made crafts, baked, sold lemonade, set up and cleaned up. Deacon Charlene's neighbor Anthony was even here hard at work. Special thanks to Deacon Charlene, Lori Vanderwaren & Amy Wee for planning and coordinating the fair, to Deacon Charlene for providing a delicious ziti lunch for all of the volunteers and to Margaret Neverka who made a beautiful display of the items on hand after the fair and made them available to our outside groups for purchase the week following.
- Thank you to Jim Strouse for building and donating the lemonade stand used at the fair.
- Thank you to Julie Robinson for donating a portion of the proceeds from her stand at the Bellmore Fair to help Saint John with deficit reduction.
- Thank you to Lori Vanderwaren and Deacon Charlene for organizing the picnic. Thank you to Kathy Strouse for doing the shopping, Katie Pellegrino for planning and running the games for the kids, Ed Cline & John Neverka for running the grill and all that helped cook, set up and clean up.
- Clean up day was a huge success thanks to the following people: Ed Cline, Jack Waldron, Ed Finn, Jim Strouse, Tom Brucia, Jeana Dwyer, Erin Dwyer, Kathy Strouse, Christine Vogel, Jennifer Pagano, Linda Smith, Suzanne Ryan, Christa Tuccillo, Jennifer Cline Sargent, Deacon Mary, Aidan Sargent, Carol-Ann Kehrbaum, Renate Petschauer, Bill & Marion Schurade, Margaret Neverka and Pastor Cline.

- Thank you to Lynda DiTuri, Barbara Waldron, Gail Tomasulo, Tom Sargent, Nicholas Waldron and Faith Dwyer for teaching Sunday School and confirmation during clean up day.
- Thank you to Renate Petschauer and Marion Schurade for tending the gardens.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Congratulations to everyone celebrating a birthday in October. Please notify the office if your birthday was inadvertently left off the list.

PASTORAL ACTS

Baptism:
Makenzie Lynn Medico
Sunday September 3, 2017
Saint John Lutheran Church

Memorial Service:
James G. Brucia
Saturday, September 2, 2017
Saint John Lutheran Church

Funerals:
Janet L. Purvis
Thursday September 14, 2017
N.F. Walker Funeral Home

Daniel Kelly
Friday September22, 2017
N.F. Walker Funeral Home

WORSHIP

Save the Date

October 21 at St. Francis

December 9 at Saint John

Service 5:30 p.m.
Meal 6:15 p.m.

Please join us for our new service, created by Zachary Dean, Pastor Cline and Father Mark. These services will be shared with St. Francis and promise to be fun for all ages.

After the service a simple meal of soup, salad, pasta and bread will be shared.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday school began with Rally Day on Sunday, September 10. The children met their teachers and worked on a craft.

This year, we have classes for pre-K, kindergarten-second grade, fourth-fifth grade and confirmation. We are continuing to use the Spark curriculum for students aged pre-k through second grade. Our fourth and fifth graders will be using new curriculum called Connect that is specifically geared for the "tween" age group.

Quinn will once again work with the Sunday School children and youth choir to prepare songs to perform during church. These dates can be found on the Sunday School calendar. If you need one it can be printed off of our website. The registration fee for Sunday School is $30 per child with a family discount for three or more children. Thank you to everyone who has already registered for this year.

Our first Intergenerational Bible and Bagels will be held on Sunday, October 1. All confirmation students are expected to attend these studies.

Our Sunday School benevolence money will once again be going to support Renatha's tuition. This year, instead of making benevolence banks to bring in once a month, we will be giving envelopes to each student enrolled in Sunday school to collect this offering. Having the children participate in these efforts and place their envelope in the offering plate is an integral part of their Christian education as they learn the importance of supporting our congregation as well as the larger Christian community and begin the habit of giving in church regularly.

OKTOBERFEST

Saturday, October 29, 2017
Howe Room
6:30 p.m.

MENU

Giant Pretzels
German Potato Salad

Choice of:
Bratwurst
Knackwurst
Sauerbraten
Frankfurter

Apple Crisp with Vanilla Ice Cream
Coffee & Tea

Each meal comes with one glass of wine or beer. Additional glasses available for $3.00 each.
Chicken fingers and fries will be available for the kids.

ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT DEFICIT REDUCTION

TICKETS
$25 adult
$20 senior
$10 child (5-11)
Children 4 & under Free

Ticket sales will begin October 1
Please see Deacon Charlene during coffee hour

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Focus group ideas that have been put in motion:

* Flower donation chart has been made more visible
* Tom Sargent is researching the possibility of having a cell tower in the church steeple
* Financial status included in the Eagle monthly
* Changes to more upbeat music during services
* A shared Saturday evening service with St. Francis beginning in October
* Tony Elicati has contacted his state senator to see about putting up a stand alone sign for Saint John on Sunrise Highway
* Contact has been made with a recent graduate and the BMCHSD regarding having musicians play with Quinn and the choir at special services
* A handout has been prepared detailing what each category on your envelope is for and exactly what benevolence is. It will be given out with 2018 envelopes
* The church fair was planned for the weekend of the Bellmore Fair to piggy back on their foot traffic (over $1,200 raised)
* There was a focus group/meeting run for the Sunday School parents on Rally Day
* The children are being taught about giving through the use of Sunday School envelopes for Sunday School benevolence this year that they can put in the offering plates themselves

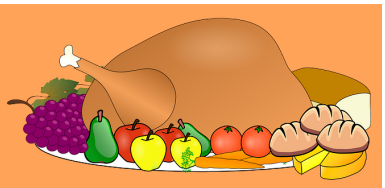
There are more items that were suggested that we continue to work on as well as continuing to brain storm about possible new ideas. Again, we thank everyone that attended the focus groups and offered ideas.

Unfortunately, despite all of these efforts and more our deficit continues to get increase. We ask that everyone prayerfully consider new ideas and what each of us can do to help support the ministries of Saint John.

The Long Range Planning Committee

PROVERBS 16:9
9The human mind plans the way,
but the LORD directs the steps.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS



New LIFE Center, a hunger prevention site of Lutheran Social Services of New York, is already at work to provide bountiful Thanksgiving meals to needy families in our community. You can help by contributing items from the list below, which we will package and distribute this holiday season. **Please bring in all items by Sunday, November 5.**

- ◊ Juice or apple cider
- ◊ Boxed or tin cookies or candies
- ◊ Canned vegetables
- ◊ Cake mixes or pie crust & fillings
- ◊ Cranberry sauce
- ◊ Gravy
- ◊ Instant potatoes
- ◊ Sweet potatoes/yams
- ◊ Jell-o or pudding
- ◊ Sugar/flour
- ◊ Peanut butter & jelly
- ◊ Napkins
- ◊ Coffee/tea/hot chocolate
- ◊ Stuffing mix
- ◊ Pasta & pasta sauce
- ◊ Macaroni & cheese
- ◊ Hot or cold cereal
- ◊ Pancake mix & syrup
- ◊ Frozen turkey or ham
- ◊ Grocery gift cards

The Love of Christ Compels Us

A Celebration of Christian Unity and Reconciliation on the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

Save the Date

Sunday, November 19, 4:00 p.m.

St. Kilian's Roman Catholic Church

Farmingdale, Long Island, New York

Preacher:
Most Rev. James Massa
Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn

Bishop Massa is a former Executive Director of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat of Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs

A CHORAL EVENING PRAYER SERVICE FEATURING
THE FARMINGDALE ECUMENICAL CHOIR
with choristers from other congregations
Sponsored by THE LONG ISLAND LUTHERAN-ANGLICAN-ROMAN CATHOLIC DIALOGUE

In attendance:
The Most Rev. John O. Barres
Bishop, R.C. Diocese of Rockville Centre
The Right Rev. Lawrence C. Provenzano
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Long Island
The Rev. Robert A. Rimbo
Bishop, Metropolitan New York Synod ELCA

For information contact The Rev. George Summers summers@optonline.net or 631-298-4918

Kristallnacht—An Interfaith Memorial

November 9, 2017
1:30 p.m.

Congregation Beth Ohr
2550 South Centre Avenue
Bellmore, NY 11710

Guest speaker—Dr. Mordecai Paldiel

Former Director of the Department of the Righteous at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust authority, Dr. Paldiel will discuss the Righteous Among the Nations and the rescue of Jews by non-Jews during the holocaust.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

What does "October" bring to mind? Oktoberfest, All Saints Day, Halloween?
"Fall" is the time of harvesting. As you know many of Jesus' parables were based on sowing, reaping and harvesting as examples for being concerned for the needs of the [many] laborers who are dependent on the kindness and generosity of the [few] landowners.
As we reflect on the storms recently devastating many citizens living in various areas of the United States let us not forget that they remain in need of the basic "perishables" for daily life. They are going to need continued care for all the "necessities" we take for granted, as they remain in shelters. We are happy to say that Saint John has raised more than $1,200 for hurricane relief so far. If you wish to continue to support this ministry you can by indicating that the amount you put in special is for Lutheran Disaster Relief.

Please continue making packaged food donations for those who live locally who have difficulty feeding their families daily. We are now beginning to collect food for the Thanksgiving baskets that the New Life Center will put together and distribute in November.
And let us not forget to support our own worship space [deficit fund], as we work together in the mission field.
Thank you to all who united to bring 59lbs of packaged food last month that was graciously taken to New Life Center by Ed Finn.
Thank you for your continued support of those in need.
Blessings from The Outreach Committee

WOMEN OF THE ELCA

LWR Quilting has resumed. There are so many ways to help even if you do not sew. Please see Barbara Altman for details.
WELCA Bible study will be held on Friday October 27 at Good Shepherd Plainview at 10:00 a.m. The topic will be "Apostle's Creed, Jesus Christ" from the October issue of Gather magazine.

Saint John Church

We deeply appreciate your kind expression of sympathy in our time of sorrow.

Thank you

Love the Brucia Family

October 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **17th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School** **Intergenerational Bible study 11:00 a.m.**	2	**3** **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	4	5 **LWR Quilting** **10:00 a.m./Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m.** /Island Quilters 12:00 p.m./**Book Club 7:30** p.m.	6 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	7
8 **18th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word**	9 **Columbus Day** **Office Closed** 	10 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** **INN Cooking 5:30 p.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	11	12**LWR Quilting** **10:00 a.m.** **Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m.** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	13 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	14
15 **19th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion, Prayer and anointing** **Council meeting following worship** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	16	17 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	18 ***Eagle Deadline*** LARC Meeting Gloria Dei High School	19 **LWR Quilting** **10:00 a.m./Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m.** /Island Quilters 12:00 p.m. **Belair 2:00 p.m.**	20 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	21 Saturday service/meal St. Francis 5:30 p.m.
22 **20th Sunday after Pentecost** **9:30 a.m. Service of the Word** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	23 Garden Club 12:00 p.m.	24 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	25	26 **LWR Quilting** **10:00 a.m.** **Adult Bible study 12:00 p.m.** Island Quilters 12:00 p.m.	27 A.A. 7:30 p.m.	28 **Octoberfest 6:30 p.m.**
29 **Reformation Sunday** **9:30 a.m. Holy Communion** ***Don't forget to wear red*** **10:45 a.m. Sunday School**	30	31 **Tai Chi 10:15 a.m.** A.A. 7:30 p.m. **Choir 8:00 p.m**	**The next book club meeting will be Thursday, October 5 at 7:30 p.m. The book will be *The Glass Castle: A Memoir by Jeanette* Walls. The location is to be determined.. As always, a $2.00 donation will be collected from attendees to support INN Cooking.**			**I ♥ Book Club**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Sunday, October 1 – Intergenerational Bible Study 11:00 a.m.
Monday, October 9 – Columbus Day—Office Closed
Sunday, October 15 – Council Meeting following worship
Saturday, October 21– Shared worship and meal at St. Francis 5:30 p.m.
Friday, October 27 – WELCA Bible Study at Good Shepherd Plainview 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, October 28 – Oktoberfest 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 29 – Reformation—Wear Red!

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