St. James'-St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

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We Worship Every Sunday at 10:00 am Visit us at SouthOzoneParkChurch.org

The Messenger

September 2022 Edition

Grace, mercy and peace to you in the name of God. Amen

As we celebrate 95 years of Lutheran witness in this community, we are filled with joy. We are grateful for the abundance of God's grace that has kept us over the years—especially these last two COVID years.

On Sunday, August 28, we gathered for a special worship with our Synod Bishop Paul Egensteiner — a child of South-West Queens. It was a memorable day that was followed by a community picnic—a time to share with our neighbors, sit in the shade with a burger, and listen to the sounds of a Steel Pan and hits like Quantanamera.

Our summertime celebration was also a time for reflection as Edith Niedert shared pictures of her mother in the first Confirmation Class of our Church and a framed Certificate of Membership dated 1930. We are a blessed community of believers—a called-out people of God with a mission to serve God and our neighbors we have from God.

I invite you join the celebration, and get involved in building on the legacy of the saints in light. Join us on **September 11** as we learn more about the future of our church in this part of the vineyard. And yes, mark your calendars for Sunday, **October 30**, as our celebration continues!





Thank you to all who helped to make this day a success!







Part of our mission as a called-out community of believers known as the church is to bring the gospel (the good news of Jesus) to the world. St. James'-St. Matthew's has identified a need in our community for food, and a Food Ministry was launched.

In collaboration with Stacey's Pantry and Key Food Supermarkets, we launched this new ministry providing this monthly service on the 4th Thursday of the month—the next program is set for September 22 from 5 PM to 6 PM.



What this means is that there is a wonderful opportunity to enrich your lives of service to God and your neighbors. Please contact the Church office either by phone, 718-845-8770 or email stjstm@aol.com and let us know if you have any resources, be it time, talents, and treasures, to grow this new ministry.



...Still Wanted!

We still need Ushers, Lectors, and Assistant Ministers. Please contact Pastor Dabee or the Church Office to indicate your willingness to help make worship a welcoming and meaningful experience for everyone in attendance. We have resumed the distribution the Holy Communion as we used to...more help needed. Thanks in advance!



95th Anniversary Celebrations: October 30th — 10 AM with a Celebration Worship Service and Harvest Festival Fellowship



We would like acknowledge everyone who continued to contribute their offerings towards the ministry of our Church. For those of you who are wondering how to make your contributions, you may:

- 1. Mail-in your Offering Envelopes to the Church—see a "Special Offering" Envelope enclosed. Now is the perfect time to consider a 95th Anniversary Gift.
- 2. Drop off (please, checks only) your Offering Envelopes in our mail slot on the side door, or
- 3. Contribute via your PayPal Accounts... https://www.paypal.me/StJamesStMatthews



Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

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