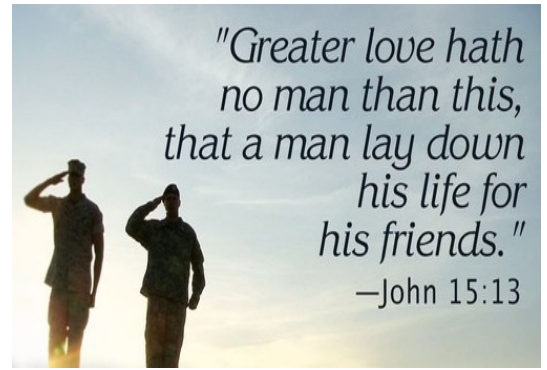


May 28, 2017

ST. JOHN'S

The Parish Post



Summer Worship Schedule

Just like last year, there will be no changes to our worship schedule come summer. We will gather as per normal at 5:30pm on Saturday nights, and again Sunday mornings at 8am and 10am. Come fill your tanks at worship so that you can go out into the world and be the light Christ has called you to be. You belong here!

Farewell and Godspeed, Rob and Tanya Eller.

In June Rob and Tanya will be leaving our congregation (in a way). Yes, they will still be active members at St. John's but we will no longer be their primary faith-practice community. What happens for them at this point is:

They leave us and move to Columbus, Ohio, to begin a four-year Masters-level education at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in preparation for Rob to become an Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Beginning this Fall Rob will be assigned a MIC (ministry-in-context) congregation where he will practice the basic starting steps of the pastoral role. This is where Tanya and Rob will worship on Sundays and holidays and will get involved in the ministries of the congregation on a very part-time (unpaid) basis.

In the summer of 2018 Rob will spend ten weeks serving as a hospital chaplain as part of the Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) process. This is both a ministry experience practiced by Rob as well as a long-term psychological evaluation done on Rob.

The Fall of 2018 will bring more classwork as well as more MIC congregational experience.

Beginning the Summer of 2019, once the coursework has been satisfactorily completed during the two years of resident schooling, Rob will be assigned an internship congregation. Internship is when you spend two years practicing being a pastor while learning from a supervisory pastor what it all means and how to make it happen. (This is what is envisioned for our congregation to become someday.) He and Tanya and baby Isobel will most likely have to move to somewhere else in the United States to begin his internship, during which he will do online distance learning as well as have to make treks back to Trinity Lutheran Seminary for short-term intensive in-house classes.

Upon satisfactory completion of internship Rob will go back before the candidacy board of our synod for review of his Approval Essay and his prior four year experience as a whole. If deemed called and ready, Rob will then be Approved for Candidacy for Ordination.

Once approved, Rob will be entered into the draft of ELCA first-call candidates and the synods will pick and choose the candidates that best suit their call needs.

The call process for churches in the synod or region that selects Rob will work for him like it did for us calling Pastor Young: The Spirit will lead and he will end up in a congregation that needs the specific gifts he brings to the table. Once the call is issued by that congregation and accepted by Rob (and Tanya), his new secretary will request from us a Letter of Transfer for our Ellers.

As you can see, their time with us as sheep in our flock is ending. Yet we are excited for them, for the fruit of our congregation, and for our national church – we have helped shape someone who will help shape the mission and ministry of a congregation elsewhere in the ELCA!

We will be having a *Rite of Farewell and Godspeed* mixed with the *Rite of the Sending of Missionaries* for them at our 10am worship on Sunday, June 11th, their last Sunday with us in this way. (Yes, they will be back to visit from time to time and Rob will be writing articles for the *Parish Post* on occasion so that we can be invited into the seminary experience with him as a church.) Please join us following the worship for a simple reception for the Ellers as we send them into the greater Church on our behalf..

† ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT †

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.

ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH NEWS

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

The 3rd Annual Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise will be held on July 16, 2017 1 -4 PM in the parking lot of St. Matthew's. We will have cars, music, food, and entertainment for the whole family. So come on down to enjoy some classic cars and neighborhood fellowship. The days includes free Admission; Music with DJ Bill Mason; Entertainment with Magic Steve (1-3PM); Free Lunch (1-3PM); Chinese Auction; 50-50 Raffle. Those with show cars are welcome to bring their car to show off. There is no registration fee and all makes, models, and years are welcome. Participating Cars are able to park beginning at 12 PM.

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Volunteers are in need to prepare and serve meals for the **Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Soup & Pasta Kitchen** for the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Hours are 10:30 AM until approximately 1:15 PM. Please call Cathy if interested at 218-2627.

Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church

- June 4th – Sunday School Ice-Cream Social
- June 11th – switch to one service for the summer 9:15 AM
- Wiggles “n” Worship - Every Wednesday, 2-3 PM starting June 7th here at Mt. Calvary. It is an interactive service for children 5 years and under, along with their parents. Any questions please contact Pastor Kristen.
- The weekly Bible Study continues to be held on Wednesdays at 10 AM. Each week we look at the readings for the coming Sunday's liturgy. Schedule: 10 AM Fellowship and Refreshments, 10:30 to 11:30 Study and Discussion. Coffee and tea will be ready. Bring a friend.
- ELP Beach Service on Sunday August 6th, hosted by Mt. Calvary. The service will be at 9 AM at Water Works Beach, followed by a breakfast hosted by the Boy Scouts Snoopy Troop from Mt. Calvary. Please let Mt. Calvary know how many will be attending from your congregation so we can assist the Boy Scouts in their preparations.

Lamb of God Lutheran Church

Lamb of God will be serving the Sunday dinner at Church of the Covenant on Sunday, May 28.

We will be holding an outdoor worship service on June 11th at 10 AM.

A church planting and clean up day is scheduled for June 10th.

The Ladies of Lamb of God will be going to the Lutheran House at Chautauqua on Tuesday June 27th to serve cookies.

St. Stephen's and New Jerusalem Lutheran Churches

Summer worship schedule on Sunday, May 28 service will be at 9:30 am and Sunday School will be in recess until September.

We will celebrate Pentecost on June 4 with a Salad Lunch following the Sunday worship service.

We will have our Church Picnic on Wednesday, August 16, at 5 PM at the home of Paul and Karen Mosher.

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church will hold its annual Gospel Fest at Liberty Park on Sunday, August 27, 2 PM to 5 PM.

Erie Lutheran Parish Vacation Bible School

Registration forms are now available in the Narthex for children attending the Erie Lutheran Parish's Vacation Bible School, which will be held **June 26 to June 30** from 8:30 am to noon at Luther Memorial Church. If you are interested in volunteering, please let your pastor know or contact Pastor Coleman at 814-454-0106 or bcoleman@luthermemorialonline.org.

Empty Toner Cartridges

St. John's is no longer accepting empty toner cartridges, effective immediately. Thank you for your support in this endeavor in the past and also, for finding a new source to receive your empties!

Save the Date

Wednesday, **June 14th**, 5—7 PM for the End of School Year Bash in the gym! More details coming soon.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK—MAY 29 THRU JUNE 4

Monday, May 29 ~ 1 Peter 4:1-6

Wednesday, May 31 ~ John 3:31-36

Friday, June 2 ~ Acts 2:1-11

Sunday, June 4 ~ Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:24-34, 35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 and John 20:19-23

Tuesday, May 30 ~ 1 Peter 4:7-11

Thursday, June 1 ~ Acts 2:1-11

Saturday, June 3 ~ Matthew 5:1-12



PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LEADERS ...

GOLDEN LIVING CENTER-WALNUT CREEK, 4850 Zuck Road, 16509 ~ Bob Gingrich, Rm. 5020 (836-3473)

ELMWOOD GARDENS, 2628 Elmwood Ave., 16508 ~ Olive Pifer, Room 103

SARAH REED, 2214 Sassafras Street, 16502 ~ Harriet Kraus

SARAH REED, 2214 Sassafras Street, 16502 ~ Elaine Sturtevant

NIAGARA VILLAGE, 2380 Village Common Dr., 16506 ~ Chuck & Betty Fisher, #108

NIAGARA VILLAGE, 2380 Village Common Dr., 16506 ~ Marilyn Eller

ST. MARY'S EAST, 607 E. 26 S., 16504 ~ Marie Schweingruber, #3331

ST. MARY'S EAST, 607 E. 26 S., 16504 ~ Carl Shields

HOMEBOUND: ~ Mark Riley, 4058 W. 14 St., Erie, 16505

~ Ken Rosenthal, 3117 Marvin Ave., Erie, 16504

~ Elsie Singer, 2 Gibson St, North East, PA, 16428

~ Audrey Hettrick, c/o Mrs. LuAnn Verno, 6312 Creek Bend Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

email address: audreyhettrick@verizon.net



<i>Dwain Fugate— continued healing</i>	<i>Matthew—serving in the Army</i>	<i>Bobbi Jean Esser (heart failure)</i>	<i>Betty Zimmerman</i>	<i>Mark Fedorchak</i>
<i>John Berger</i>	<i>David “Papa” Parker</i>	<i>Lucille Wisinski</i>	<i>Sarah (seizures)</i>	<i>Carrie Fiske</i>
<i>Bud Bresee</i>	<i>Don Carlson</i>	<i>Leah (cancer)</i>	<i>Anthony Martin</i>	<i>Richard McLaughlin</i>
<i>Ben Montifiori</i>	<i>Patty Myers</i>	<i>Helen Robinson</i>	<i>Katie (cancer)</i>	<i>Lynn Schrimper</i>
<i>Ken Strohmeyer</i>	<i>Angie Suprynowicz</i>	<i>Beth Kendall</i>	<i>Cindy Weber</i>	<i>Pastor Weber</i>
<i>Elaine Sturtevant</i>	<i>Kristen Davenport</i>	<i>Olive Pifer</i>	<i>Paul Quinn</i>	<i>Paul Hess</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>Our Country</i>	<i>Bishop Elizabeth</i>	<i>Bishop Ralph</i>	<i>All our U.S. Veterans</i>
<i>Family of Lee Jackson</i>	<i>Family & friends of Irma VanTassel</i>	<i>Family & friends of Art Goellner</i>		<i>President Trump</i>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

June 4, 2017

Worship Leader and Lector

Greeters

Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher

June 4, 2017

Lector

Acolyte

Worship Leader

Greeters

Ushers

Communion Assistants

Altar

Counters

Flowers

8 AM Worship

Ron Simonetti

Joan Wheeler

Volunteers

10 AM Worship

Max Alwens, Jr.

Chloe Burton

Robert Eller

Judy Sweeney, Nancy Varner, and Edie McClanahan

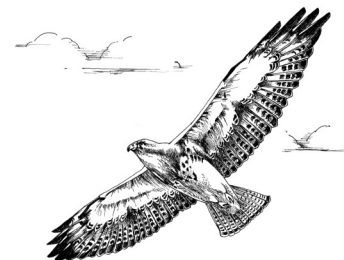
Susan Packard, Lynn McGrath, Marj Quinn, and Doug Boam

Kellie Blatt, Judy Martin, Barbara Kulisek, and Julie Boam

Barbara Huff, Barbara Olsen, the Carlson Family

Judy Martin, Barbara Kulisek, and Joel Martin

Beth Nagy



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S ~ MAY 28, 2017 thru JUNE 4, 2017



SUNDAY	5/28/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
MONDAY	5/29/2017		Memorial Day Holiday
TUESDAY	5/30/2017	7:00 PM	Theology Pub— Brewerie at Union Station
WEDNESDAY	5/31/2017	10:30 AM	Bible Study (Last until Fall)
		6:00 PM	Contemporary Worship Development Meeting
THURSDAY	6/01/2017	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
		7:00 PM	ELP Council Meeting at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
SATURDAY	6/03/2017	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
		7:00 PM	Concert with James Crumbly, Jr. at St. John's **
SUNDAY	6/04/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary

Children's Church

With the school year coming to an end, Children's Church is going on hiatus for the summer beginning Memorial Day weekend. Children's Church is a time during our 10am worship gathering when the fifth grade and younger kids get to leave the sanctuary for an age-specific learning time while their parents and grandparents get their age-specific learning time in that Sunday's Bible readings and sermon. A special thank you to all of the volunteers who took time out of their Sunday morning worship this year to teach our children the Bible stories on which we build our faith: Kevin Harper, Kellie Blatt, Sue Carlson, Leslie Durst, and Julie Boam. Thank you - you made faith memories that matter!

One Night Only, Concert **

Please join us for a night of spiritual renewal through music with special guest, concert pianist, vocalist, and Jazz musician James Crumbly, Jr. The Concert is planned for June 3rd at 7 pm here at St. John's. The entrance fee is a donation. A 'Meet & Greet' will follow the concert. To learn more about our extraordinarily talented guest, enter this video link into your browser, https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B6ofwtcn_VtpNk5LVDFWWEV5YW8/view?usp=sharing

Bells for Pentecost

On Sunday, June 4, at the 10 AM service, St. John's Bell Choir will be playing several selections throughout the service. We hope you can be present to share in the Pentecost celebration.

Special Music

On Father's Day (June 18), the St. John's Men's Chorus will be singing. There will be a short rehearsal after the 10 AM service on June 11. If any men would like to join us in singing, please contact Kathy Swanson. We hope you will be present to hear their musical ministry.

Summer Music

It is the time of year to start thinking about summer at St. John's. We are always looking for special music for Sundays in the summer – instrumentalists, soloists, duets, etc. Please contact Kathy Swanson if you can offer your talents.

Favorite Hymns

If anyone has any special hymns that they would like to request to be sung during the summer, please write the name and page number on the fellowship pad form and put it in the offering plate or contact Kathy Swanson. The only request is that the hymn be in one of St John's hymnals. Hymns marked with asterisks ** will be requested hymns.

Irma VanTassel

The people of St. John's offer their prayers and condolences to the loved ones of Irma VanTassel, one of our long-time shut-in members, who died peacefully Saturday morning (May 20, 2017) at Manchester Commons. A graveside service was held for the family Wednesday afternoon. We rejoice in the promise of Christ that the grave is not the end, this baptismal promise is now claimed by Irma in the words of the Easter Proclamation: She is risen!