

# ST. JOHN'S

# The Parish Post



July 2, 2017

## Bedbugs

This past Sunday one of our members discovered that they had brought bedbugs with them to worship. After an immediate initial clean-up and inspection by members of our congregation council, an extermination company was brought in, did a secondary inspection, and treated the whole first floor of the church "just in case". The professional opinion is that the spread of the bedbugs is very doubtful, as the member sat by themselves and did not interact in a way with others that would have caused transference.

## Website and Email Outage

If you are receiving this electronically, it is obviously fixed. But throughout this week, even up to the point of this writing, if you have tried contacting the church through email or tried looking things up on our webpage you will have noticed that we had an issue. Our webhosting service decided it would be fun to make sure we really are who we say we are and sent a verification request to an email we haven't had in over two years – an email we got rid of once we had their assigned email address. It has been a knot difficult to untangle. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

## Letters from Seminary (Rob and Tanya Eller)

Hello St. John's Family! We made it safe and sound to our new home in Bexley and are slowly but surely unpacking and getting settled into our new lives. We would like to give a big thanks to everyone who contributed to our move whether financially or physically or both. The loading and unloading went smoothly and we are so thankful for the help that was provided! Tanya is happy to announce that she starts her new job with GnG Music Instruction, a private music company next week and cannot wait to start working with her new music students! She is most excited to work with her 80 year old student who just wants to keep her mind active by talking about and listening to music. Robert starts summer Greek classes on July 6 and will be scheduling his fall semester course work very soon. He will be taking a full course load with classes varying from Old Testament to Church History. He is looking forward to diving back into the world academia. Baby Eller Update: Isobel is about the size of a bunch of bananas and weighs just over 2 pounds. She is now opening and closing her eyes and can detect light and sound in the womb. She is most active after breakfast and least active at night.

## New Hymnals and Bibles for the Sanctuary

Acting upon the recommendation of the Worship and Music Committee, your Congregation Council believes it to be time to begin a drive to replace all of our current hymnals (LBW/Green and WOV/Blue) with the ELCA's newest hymnal (ELW/Cranberry) and a Bible. The number of sets we will need is 180, basically one of each per pew rack in the sanctuary. Our current green hymnal (LBW – *Lutheran Book of Worship*) was created in the mid-70s; these newest cranberry hymnals (ELW – *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*) being put together in this millennia. No, they are not going to be replaced any time soon according to the worship resource office at the ELCA. This plan is thus: We will use the below form and will collect \$36 per set (one Bible and one ELW) from our congregation membership as dedications or memorials. Once we have received at least 100 dedicated sets, we will order that amount for our sanctuary and bookplate them before we dedicate them in worship. The ultimate goal is to remain current and relevant in our traditional worship, reduce the amount of paper we use weekly in the all-inclusive bulletin, teach people how to use the Bible on a weekly basis, and use the hymnals for our liturgical practices and hymns. (The screen-and-projector use with PowerPoint will virtually remain the same, still being fully utilized at all worship gatherings just as they are now, continuing to make the service very inclusive to visitors and members alike.) The current green and blue hymnals will be offered to the families who originally donated them to take home and keep as their own once the new hymnals and Bibles have been received. There is no deadline, but it would be helpful if you would please return the below form along with a check for \$36 per set dedicated to the church at your earliest opportunity. When you make the check out to "St. John's Lutheran Church", please note "sanctuary hymnals" in the memo line.

## 100th Birthday Celebration

On July 15th Olive Pifer will celebrate her 100th Birthday!

Please join us in celebration of Olive's milestone birthday at a reception in her honor in the dining room of Elmwood Gardens (2628 Elmwood Ave., Erie, PA, 16508) on Saturday, July 15th from 2 pm—4 pm.

We hope that as many of her friends as possible will be able to stop in and greet her on her very special day.

If you can't join us, please consider sending Olive a card at Elmwood Gardens, 2628 Elmwood Ave., Room# 103, Erie, PA, 16508.

Thank you, from Olive's family.



## Confirmation Camp 2017 at Lutherlyn

DustiRose Richards, Isabelle Lee, Chloe Burton, Juliet Woodward, Jaden Harper, Isaac Richards, Jayden Sorge, and Jonathan Ball, attended Confirmation Camp last week, along with the others pictured above. Thanks to Darlene Smith for emailing the above picture that she snapped and shared! Quite a good looking group!

## ELP Beach Service

The ELP Joint Beach Service is scheduled on Sunday, **August 6<sup>th</sup>**, at 9 AM at Waterworks beach, hosted by Mt. Calvary. The deadline for breakfast reservations is Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please either sign-up on the Reservation list **in the Narthex** or call Kathy at Mt. Calvary (864-6831) for the Boy Scouts Breakfast.

## Alaburst 2017

Come celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> with friends, food, and fireworks! Gates open at 5 PM, dinner served at 6 PM and fireworks beginning at dark. Hotdogs, chips, and water will be provided. Everything will take place at the Durst camp located at 13095 McClelland Road in Wattsburg, PA, just a 20 minute drive from Erie. If you are able to attend please contact Tim Durst at 814-873-4251 or [tim@dursttrucking.com](mailto:tim@dursttrucking.com).

## St. John's Lutheran Church FAMILY PICNIC!

It's Summer, so it's time for our Annual Church Family Picnic at Waldameer Park. On Wednesday, July 19, 2017, beginning at noon with Registration at the West Lakeview Shelter. Dinner starts at 6 PM with hotdogs and drinks provided. Please bring a large dish to share and your own table service.

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— JULY 3 thru JULY 9

**Monday**, July 3 ~ 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

**Tuesday**, July 4 ~ 1 John 4:1-6

**Wednesday**, July 5 ~ Matthew 11:20-24

**Thursday**, July 6 ~ Romans 7:1-6

**Friday**, July 7 ~ Romans 7:7-20

**Saturday**, July 8 ~ Luke 10:21-24

**Sunday**, July 9 ~ Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a and Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30



**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S - July 25, 2017 thru July 9, 2017**



<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7/02/2017</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Sanctuary</b>
		<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Sanctuary</b>
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>7/04/2017</b>		<b>Independence Day holiday — Church office closed</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>7/05/2017</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>	<b>Project Dignity</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>7/06/2017</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>AA Meeting</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>7/01/2017</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Chapel</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>7/02/2017</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Sanctuary</b>
		<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Sanctuary</b>



**Dates Worth Marking on Your Calendar:**

- July 4, 2017**, (Tuesday) Alaburst at Durst's Camp
- July 19, 2017**, (Wednesday) St. John's Annual Picnic at Waldameer Park
- August 6, 2017**, (Sunday) ELP Beach Service and Breakfast
- June 27, 2018 — July 1, 2018**, National Youth Gathering 2018, in Houston Texas

**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 forms 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.

**Project Dignity**

Throughout the month of JUNE your donations of **INDIVIDUAL SIZED BOTTLED WATER and Body Lotions** would be greatly appreciated! Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex throughout JUNE. Thank you for extending your helping hand to our neighbors!

Project Dignity is adding a new small service to our clients — Coupons!

Please cut any coupons you get that you won't be using and bring them to the Project Dignity cart in the Narthex. There will be a box there that you can put coupons into. We are collecting coupons in the following categories: CEREAL, SOUP & CANNED GOODS, RESTAURANTS (mostly Burger King, Arby's, etc.), OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDS & VITAMINS, COFFEE/DRINKS, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, and PERSONAL CARE ITEMS. Thank you so much!

**Misplaced Bible**

Any help you could offer in locating this Bible would be greatly appreciated. Please notify the Church office.

NRSV Reference Bible (New Revised Standard Version), Burgundy Bonded Leather, Cat. No. 80987, Published by Zondervan, ISBN 0-310-90234-7 (UPC: 9 780310 902348). It was likely published in 1989 or 1990.

- Features:
- Center-column reference system with references based on key words, phrases and concepts.
  - 14 in text maps and charts.
  - Presentation pages and additional study helps.
  - New book introductions written especially for the New Revised Standard Version text.
  - Includes a completely new NRSV Concordance.
  - 8 full-color exclusive Zondervan maps.

† **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.

**PRAYING FOR OUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND LEADERS ...**

<i>Dwain Fugate—healing</i>	<i>Judith Esser</i>	<i>Gillian Schrenk</i>	<i>Cathy Goellner</i>	<i>Phil Nagy</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>Oscar Pencille</i>	<i>Walt (Cancer)</i>
<i>Ben Montifiori</i>	<i>Patty Myers</i>	<i>Helen Robinson</i>	<i>RJ Daggett</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>Lona (healing)</i>	<i>Olive Pifer</i>	<i>Mark Fedorchak</i>	<i>Paul Quinn</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>Phillip Ferrare</i>	<i>Anthony Knepper</i>	<i>Elizabeth Richards</i>	<i>Family and friends of John Berger</i>
<i>Our Country</i>	<i>President Trump</i>	<i>Bishop Elizabeth</i>	<i>Bishop Ralph</i>	<i>All our U.S. Veterans</i>

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

**WALNUT CREEK HC & REHAB**, 4850 Zuck Road, 16509 ~ Bob Gingrich, Rm. 502 (836-3473)

**SARAH REED**, 2214 Sassafras Street, 16502 ~ Harriet Kraus

**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 St., 16504 ~ Marie Schweingruber, #3331

**GOLDEN LIVING -WESTERN RESERVE**, 1521 W. 54 St., 16509 ~ Carl Shields

**GOLDEN LIVING -WESTERN RESERVE**, 1521 W. 54 St., 16509 ~ Betty Zimmerman

**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

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**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, July 9, 2017**

**July 9, 2017**

**8 AM Worship**

**Worship Leader and Lector**

Butch Karnes

**Greeters**

Ben and Pat Montifiori

**Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher**

Volunteers

**July 9, 2017**

**10 AM Worship**

**Lector**

Chuck Evans

**Acolyte**

Sandy Richards

**Worship Leader**

Butch Karnes

**Greeters**

Marjorie Donahue and Lois Shaffer

**Ushers**

Roger Olsen, Matt Olsen, Tim Durst, and John Durst

**Communion Assistants**

Sue Carlson, Pam Gildersleeve, Greg Kay, and Don Carlson

**Altar**

Marge Altsman, Judy Sweeney, and Linda Radomski

**Counters**

Janet Heubel and Nancy Durst

**Flowers**

Sally and Dennis Taylor