



ST. JOHN'S *September 24, 2017*

The Parish Post

CROP Walk TODAY

Join the CROP Walk for their 42nd year of walking to insure that they continue to grow in outreach and service to the hungry in our community and in the world. Today's Walk Registration is at 1:30 PM and the Walk begins at 2 PM at Beach 1 on Presque Isle. Come join us!!

Reformation Celebration Update

All are invited and welcome to join the 500 Year Celebration sponsored by local Lutheran churches, on **Sunday, October 22, 2017** at the Siebenbueger Club, 2114 French Street from 2 - 6 PM. An area choir will lead the hymn singing. Ticket cost is a \$20 donation, and are available thru the Church office — please make checks payable to **St. Paul's Lutheran Church** and in the memo line write "Reformation Celebration". There will be a cash bar. Proceeds benefit LWR.

The Event includes Fellowship at 2 pm; "A Mighty Fortress" will lead off the hymns, followed by Worship and the Sacrament with Bishop Jones presiding at 2:30 pm; Dinner at 3:30 pm; dessert and a presentation of "Time for Little Luther" at 4:30 pm and at 5 pm will be a Hymn Sing and fellowship.

Choir Rehearsals

St. John's is looking for new choir members for both the Bell Choir and the Chancel Choir. Anthems are accessible for all level of voices and don't worry – *you won't be asked to sing a solo*. If you are interested in the bells, training will be provided. Please give to your Church whatever time and talent you have.

CANCELLED—FALL RUMMAGE SALE

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Ruth Guild's Fall Rummage Sale has been cancelled. So, please don't bring your donations to the Church this Fall. Plans are to hold the Spring Rummage Sale on Monday, April 16 and Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Thank you for supporting this event!



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— SEPTEMBER 25 thru OCTOBER 1

Monday, September 25 ~ Romans 16:1-16

Tuesday, September 26 ~ Romans 16:17-20

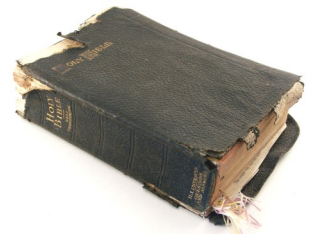
Wednesday, September 27 ~ Matthew 18:1-15

Thursday, September 28 ~ James 4:11-16

Friday, September 29 ~ Acts 13:32-41

Saturday, September 30 ~ Mark 11:27-33

Sunday, October 1 ~ Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-9; Philippians 2:1-13 and Matthew 21:23-32



Dates Worth Adding to Your Calendar:

October 22, 2017 (Sunday) Erie County Lutheran Churches Reformation Celebration

October 29, 2017 (Sunday) Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2017 (Sunday) Reception for Confirmand's in Gym/Parish Center

October 29, 2017 (Sunday) Trunk 'n Treat Neighborhood Outreach at 2 PM—3:30 PM

November 23, 2017 (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day

December 12, 2017 (Tuesday) Gem City Concert Band Free Concert at 7 pm, in Parish Center

June 27, 2018 — July 1, 2018, National Youth Gathering 2018, in Houston Texas

PARISH PASTOR / NAVY CHAPLAIN (PART 1 OF 4): TRAINING AND EDUCATION BY PASTOR ERIK YOUNG

I have said it many times and I truly believe it: I am a better parish pastor because I am a Navy chaplain and I am a better Navy chaplain because I am a parish pastor. You make me better for them; they make me better for you. Being a chaplain in the Sea Services is very much part of my Call as pastor, which was expressed fully and wholly to this congregation from the very beginning of the interview process. Chaplaincy to the men and women of our Armed Forces became part of this congregation's call the day you and I became us. You send me out as your missionary to our service men and women every time I don the uniform. Not only is our ministry bolstered from all that experience has to offer, this church saves major money because of it. But there is a lot of confusion surrounding what exactly it is that I do and what it all means to us as a congregation. Over the next four weeks I hope to give you a little more insight into this calling as I share with you some of what I do and how it benefits us and our mutual calling. For your information (FYI): when there is a BNA (brand new acronym) it will be noted with its meaning next to it the first time it is used.

Education is different than training. In the military there is a distinct difference between education and training. I can educate you on the finer points of soccer and the rules therein; until you actually train to play, no matter how much knowledge is crammed into your head, you will fail. The same goes the other way as well. You can train all you want, but if your training doesn't have the education to back it up, you will get beat every time. The military both educates and trains – but rarely well at the same time.

For “education” I annually attend what is known as the Professional Development Training Conference / Workshop (PDTC/W). (I know the word “training” is in the title but don't let it fool you – this was done to allow us to access a certain pot of money.) The PDTC/W is a chaplain-specific conference that gives us the tools to put into our toolbox to take to our worksite. Think of this as a teacher in-service, complete with accredited CEUs, specifically designed for ministry personnel. This evolution is mandatory to retain proper credentialing in the Navy's Chaplain Corps (CHC). The education received in this setting is often very transferable back to our parish. Some past topics that have been offered at this annual conference include: “Sexual Assault Prevention and Response”, “Pastoral Ministry in the Face of Violence”, “Organizational Leadership”, “Family Resilience”, “Suicide Prevention and Response”, and more. As you can imagine, all of these topics are extremely beneficial to the community in which we as a congregation do ministry. From a financial standpoint, if I were to attend a conference of this caliber on the church's dime, it would cost a minimum of \$1800 (\$450 airfare + \$450 Hotel + \$120 meals + \$180 rental car + \$650 registration and materials). In three years' time the Navy has saved the church over \$5000 in continuing education costs. And that savings continues to grow annually.

As for “training”: when we are training as a military we are training for war; we are training to defend, to fight, and to kill. Though I am not a trigger-puller, I train alongside those men and women that are being asked to do this on behalf of our country, as to help them pick up the pieces of their life when they have to do just that. When I go out of town on RTPs (Readiness Training Periods – generally Tuesday through Saturday evolutions) three times a year and when I go on AT (Annual Training) for my two weeks, we are training for combat. We train in such a way as to bring as many of our people back alive and in one piece as possible when we are in the war zone. For your situational awareness (FYSA): The unit I am currently serving will be deploying to Afghanistan in 2019. I am helping prepare them for that full year in “the sandbox” though I will not be going with them.

As you can see from the way that the Department of Defense looks at education and training, the Northwest Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA is not capable of suppling either in a fashion that is satisfactory or useful to this part of the Call. This is not to say that the synod has nothing to offer in the way of education or training, but instead shows why this particular training and education is mandatory, necessary, and separate.

Next Week: Parish Pastor / Navy Chaplain (Part 2 of 4): “1 Weekend a Month + 2 Weeks a Year”

PRAYING FOR THOSE WE LOVE AND CARE ABOUT AND OUR LEADERS...

<i>Ed Heubel</i>	<i>Lynn Schrimper</i>	<i>Cindy Weber</i>	<i>Our U.S. Veterans</i>	<i>Phil Nagy</i>
<i>Ronald Sommers</i>	<i>Donald Donahue</i>	<i>Lucille Wisinski</i>	<i>Angie Suprynowicz</i>	<i>Carrie Fiske</i>
<i>Bud Bresee</i>	<i>Don Carlson</i>	<i>Leah (cancer)</i>	<i>Hurricane Victims</i>	<i>Walt (Cancer)</i>
<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Patty Myers</i>	<i>Leighton</i>	<i>Bobbie & John</i>	<i>Judith Esser</i>
<i>Bishop Ralph</i>	<i>Matthew Goodwin</i>	<i>Beth Kendall</i>	<i>Mexican Earthquake Victims</i>	<i>Sandy Richards</i>
<i>Elaine Sturtevant</i>	<i>Rochelle</i>	<i>Bishop Elizabeth</i>	<i>Baby DJ (preemie)</i>	<i>Judy Sweeney</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>Dwain Fugate</i>	<i>President Trump</i>	<i>Elizabeth and Liam Richards</i>	<i>Kellie</i>



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER 2017

	Oct. 1, 2017	Oct. 8, 2017	Oct. 15, 2017	Oct. 22, 2017	Oct. 29, 2017
10 AM					
Greeters	Kulisek Family	Harper Family	Martin Family	Olsen Family	Richards Family
Communion Assistants	Lynn McGrath Greg Kay Bob Quinn Sue Carlson	Pat Melzer Dick Melzer Audrey Boam Doug Boam	Pam Gildersleeve Sue Carlson Greg Kay Bob Quinn	Kellie Blatt Julie Boam Judy Martin Barbara Kulisek	Lynn McGrath Sue Carlson Greg Kay Bob Quinn
Ushers	Doug Boam Angie Theiss Bob Quinn Bill Watson	Tim Durst John Durst Matt Olsen Roger Olsen	Dick Melzer Jaden Harper Isaac Richards Jay Richards	Sue Carlson Pam Gildersleeve Bill Kay Greg Kay	Laurie Sanders Susan Packard Lynn McGrath Dennis Sanders
Acolytes	Vanessa Drzal	Becky Carlson	Kerrington Wasiulewski	Chloe Burton	Emma Carlson
Lector	Julie Boam	Max Alwens, Jr.	Jaden Harper	Angela Theiss	Nancy Durst
Worship Leader	Butch Karnes	Butch Karnes	Butch Karnes	Butch Karnes	Butch Karnes
Altar Guild	Marge Altsman Judy Sweeney Linda Radomski	Barbara Huff Barbara Olsen Carlson Family	Marilyn Sommers Nancy Varner Stephanie Sorge	Marge Altsman Judy Sweeney Linda Radomski	Barbara Huff Barbara Olsen Carlson Family
Flowers	Beth Nagy	Denise & Jim Scott	Pat & Dick Melzer	Sue Carlson	Nancy Richards Eddie & James
Counters	Chris Reichert Marj Quinn Bob Quinn	Janet Heubel Nancy Durst	Butch Karnes Diane Bestvina Bob Bestvina	Judy Martin Joel Martin Barbara Kulisek	Janet Heubel Nancy Durst
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8 AM					
Greeters	Ben & Pat Montifiori	Joan Wheeler	David & Betsy Haffley	Ben & Pat Montifiori	Joan Wheeler
Ushers/Acolytes	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Worship Leader and Lector	Butch Karnes	Ron Simonetti	Ron Simonetti	Butch Karnes	Ron Simonetti

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 1, 2017

October 1, 2017

8 AM Worship

Worship Leader and Lector	Butch Karnes
Greeters	Ben and Pat Montifiori
Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher	Volunteers

October 1, 2017

10 AM Worship

Lector	Julie Boam
Acolyte	Vanessa Drzal
Worship Leader	Butch Karnes
Greeters	Kulisek Family
Ushers	Doug Boam, Angie Theiss, Bob Quinn, and Bill Watson
Communion Assistants	Lynn McGrath, Sue Carlson, Greg Kay, and Bob Quinn
Altar	Marge Altsman, Judy Sweeney, and Linda Radomski
Counters	Chris Reichert, Marj Quinn, and Bob Quinn
Flowers	Beth Nagy



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S
September 24, 2017 thru October 1, 2017



SUNDAY	9/24/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		1:30 PM	CROP Walk at Beach 1 on Presque Isle
WEDNESDAY	9/27/2017	10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		12:30 PM	Project Dignity
THURSDAY	9/28/2017	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
		11:30 AM	Mary Martha Circle—Assembly Room
		6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice—Sanctuary
		7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice—Sanctuary
SATURDAY	9/30/2017	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
SUNDAY	10/01/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary



St. John's scheduled events with details are accessible by going to St. John's website stjohnserie.org, and just click on '**Events Calendar**' and "voila"!

† **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.