



ST. JOHN'S *October 1, 2017* The Parish Post

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 Siebenbuegger 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

Rehearsals for Chancel (Adult) Choir and Bell Choir are on Thursday night with the Bell Choir at 6:15 PM and the Chancel Choir at 7:15 PM. New members are welcome. If you would like to join for a particular Church season such as participating through Advent/Christmas, that might be a way to see if you are interested for a longer time or just want to help out for a while. Please contact Kathy Swanson with questions.

Join us for a presentation brought to you by Thrivent Financial, a not-for-profit membership organization of Christians. While many financial firms see money as a goal, we see it as a tool to help the people, causes and communities you hold close to your heart.



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Event Details: Erie Maennerchor Club, 1607 State Street, Erie, PA
Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm
Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm

Social Security Strategize to Maximize

- When it comes to navigating Social Security retirement benefits, the choices can be overwhelming.
- When should I apply?

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— OCTOBER 1 thru OCTOBER 8

Monday, October 2 ~ Philippians 1:3-14

Tuesday, October 3 ~ Philippians 1:15-21

Wednesday, October 4 ~ Matthew 9:2-8

Thursday, October 5 ~ Colossians 2:16-23

Friday, October 6 ~ Philippians 2:14-18; 3:1-4a

Saturday, October 7 ~ John 7:40-52

Sunday, October 8 ~ Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:7-15; Philippians 3:4b-14 and Matthew 21:33-46



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 2 OF 4): "1 WEEKEND A MONTH + 2 WEEKS A YEAR"
BY PASTOR ERIK YOUNG**

We have all heard at one time or another the phrase used to describe the work time of the Armed Forces Reserves or National Guard as "one weekend a month and two weeks a year." The "one weekend a month" is officially known as Individual Duty for Training (IDT), or drills days, and the "two weeks a year" are officially called Annual Training (AT). Both IDT and AT are required by Federal law. These are not optional in any way but are grounds for separation from the Armed Forces if not completed in a manner and time as so required by the powers-that-be. SELRES (Selected Reservists), of which I am one, are required to complete 12-17 days of AT per calendar year as scheduled by the gaining command (the unit to which we are assigned, in my case, the Seabees). These are most often done elsewhere in the world away from Erie.

As for drill periods, we are required to complete 48 per calendar year. Each day can be broken down into 2 IDT periods, therefore 24 days of drilling as a SELRES in addition to AT is required by law. These drills are conducted generally at the local NOSC (Naval Operational Support Center) and are always scheduled for a concurrent Saturday/Sunday – this is where the phrase "one weekend a month" comes from.

So why don't I have to be gone one Sunday a month for Navy drills? Because I have been given permission to reschedule (RESKED) them to RTP days (Readiness Training Period) or to a Thursday or a Friday so I do not miss an additional Sunday with our congregation. I wrote a "point paper" in 2016 for the Commanding Officer of NOSC Erie. The reason I wrote it is because he was wondering why I should be allowed to reschedule my mandatory drill days away from Sundays when no one else was allowed to. Because of this paper I do not miss one Sunday a month with our congregation even though the law could require it. The said point paper has since been published to the CHC for use by its other SELRES chaplains. (Contact me if you would like to read a copy of it.)

Next Week: "Parish Pastor / Navy Chaplain (Part 3 of 4): Financial Impact"

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>Bob Drzal</i>	<i>President Trump</i>	<i>Elizabeth and Liam Richards</i>	<i>Kellie</i>

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.



September 2017

Hello Everyone!

Project Dignity would like to try something a bit different. Our clients will be invited to the Parish Center on December 3rd at 1 pm. Each household can pick out (the number yet to be determined) a new item(s) for a friend or family member, or yes, perhaps an item they need, at no cost. We will also provide gift wrapping and a table for relaxing and warming up with a hot beverage and a cookie.

We are asking the congregation to help with this exciting event. Below are suggested items that could be contributed. Please look for stores that offer \$10 off \$10. Plus, sale/clearance tables are a great place to find bargains as well. We just ask that the item be new and in original packaging if possible.

Suggested items are:

- Small kitchen appliances (toasters, pots, pans, small coffee makers, storage containers)
- Glass/mug sets
- Kitchen and bath towels
- Bath sets
- Blankets (decorative personal fleece kind might be nice)
- Decorative night light
- Jar candles
- Small rug
- Puzzles/board games (children and adults)
- Decorative lawn/outdoor items (would be great prices now)
- Jewelry (except rings, too size specific)
- Men or women zip/crew sweatshirts/thermal underwear (women size M-XL, men size Lg/XL)

We are requesting no food/candy items of any kind please. Also clothes items such as blouses, pants, pajamas, undergarments are not on the list as they are more personal in nature.

Please bring your donated item or items to the Narthex any time from now until November 12th and place them in/near the PD shopping cart. It's ok to leave store tags on, as we are providing new items.

We, at Project Dignity, offer our sincere thanks for your participation in this event. Your gift(s) contribution will be greatly appreciated. For those of you who may prefer making a monetary donation, please label it for 'PD Christmas Shopping' (checks to be made payable to St. John's Lutheran Church).

Enjoy the Joy of giving!

Diane Bestvina

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 8, 2017

October 8, 2017

8 AM Worship

Worship Leader and Lector Ron Simonetti
Greeters Joan Wheeler
Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher Volunteers

October 8, 2017

10 AM Worship

Lector Max Alwens, Jr.
Acolyte Becky Carlson
Worship Leader Butch Karnes
Greeters The Harper Family
Ushers Roger Olsen, Matt Olsen, John Durst, and Tim Durst
Communion Assistants Audrey Boam, Doug Boam, Pat Melzer, and Dick Melzer
Altar The Carlson Family, Barbara Olsen, and Barbara Huff
Counters Janet Heubel, Jenny Green, and Nancy Durst
Flowers Denise and Jim Scott



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S
October 1, 2017 thru October 8, 2017

SUNDAY	10/01/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
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		6:00 PM	Youth Group—Parish Center/Gym
WEDNES-	10/04/2017	10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		12:30 PM	Project Dignity
THURSDAY	10/05/2017	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
		12:30 PM	Project Dignity
		6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice—Sanctuary
		7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice—Sanctuary
SATURDAY	10/07/2017	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
SUNDAY	10/08/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		12:30 PM	Confirmation Class @ Mt. Calvary

Currently, orders for 44 sets of Sanctuary Hymnals and Bibles have been received!
The first order will be placed when orders for 100 sets have been received.