



Praying for the flood victims
in Texas

ST. JOHN'S *September 10, 2017*

The Parish Post

TODAY is God's Work, Our Hands! The Erie Lutheran Parish "God's Work. Our Hands" project is being held TODAY, **Sunday, September 10, 2017** from 1-4 PM at Edison Elementary School. We will be cleaning and painting. Edison Elementary is located at 1921 East Lake Road. Join Us There Today!!

Dear Confirmation Students and Parents,

I am so glad you will be a part of Erie Lutheran Parish's (ELP) Confirmation Program, held for all 7th, 8th and 9th graders in our seven-congregation team. At the end of your three-year journey you will affirm your faith in Jesus and take an even greater role in your church's mission and ministry. We keep the program fun - one of the highlights being a week at confirmation camp at Camp Lutherlyn.

Confirmation begins on **Sunday, September 10** by participating in the "God's Work. Our Hands" service project at Edison Elementary School, 1921 East Lake Road beginning at 1 pm. Also, on **Sunday, September 24** confirmation students will participate in the CROP Walk held at Presque Isle State Park (Beach 1) at 1:30 pm. Confirmation Classes will be held at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church from 12:30 pm to 2 pm on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. I ask for good attendance for all the classes **and to participate in the special events for September**. Please remember that the Confirmation teaching classes will begin on October 8 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 1603 W 32nd St, Erie.

If you have any questions about any of these dates, locations or times, please call me (310-686-6257) or send me an email at pastor@stjohnserie.org. (Below is a schedule to summarize all the information above.)

Peace, Pastor Erik Young

Sunday	Special Project or Class	Location and Time
9/10/2017	God's Work. Our Hands Project	Edison Elementary - 1 pm
9/24/2017	CROP Walk - Presque Isle State Park	Beach 1 - 1:30 pm
Class Location: Mt Calvary Lutheran Church -1603 W 32nd St, Erie, PA		
10/8/2017	Confirmation Class	Mt Calvary - 12:30 pm
10/22/2017	Confirmation Class	Mt Calvary - 12:30 pm
11/12/2017	Confirmation Class	Mt Calvary - 12:30 pm
11/26/2017	Confirmation Class	Mt Calvary - 12:30 pm
12/10/2017	Confirmation Class	Mt Calvary - 12:30 pm
12/24/2017	No Class - Christmas Eve	No Class

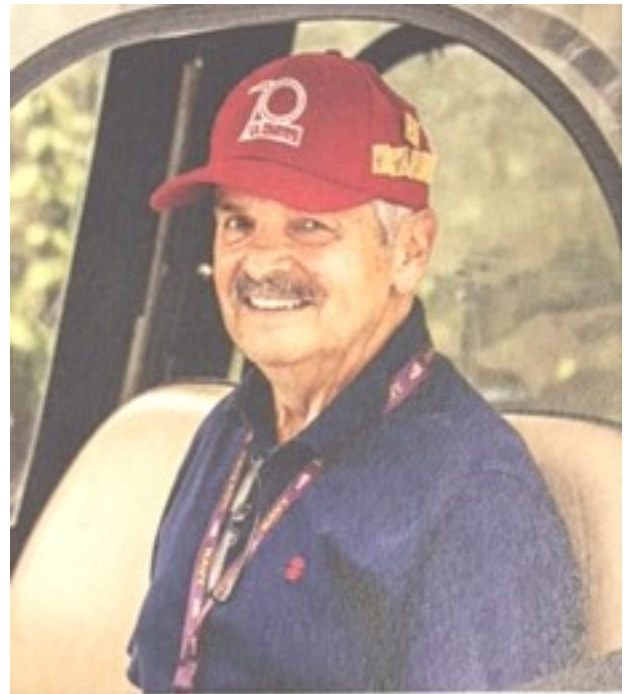
Dates Worth Marking on Your Calendar:

- September 24, 2017** (Sunday) CROP Walk at Beach 1 at Presque Isle at 2 PM
- October 9 & 10, 2017** (Monday & Tuesday) Ruth Guild Annual Fall Rummage Sale
- October 22, 2017** (Sunday) Erie County Lutheran Churches Reformation Celebration
- 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
- June 27, 2018 — July 1, 2018**, National Youth Gathering 2018, in Houston Texas

"It's Payback Time"

The following article was printed in the first issue of The Veteran Centric (newsletter) on July 31, 2017.

Dennis Sanders has volunteered for a total of 2700 hours. He is here on Mondays and Tuesdays for 16 hours every week. While volunteering here at the Erie VAMC, you may see him driving the Erie VAMC Courtesy Shuttle. He braves all types of weather; you will see him out in the snow, rain and even on the brightest sunny day. Either way, he has a big smile on his face and he is out there doing what he can for our Veterans and staff! Dennis is a Navy Vietnam Veteran who also receives his care here. He loves his provider, Dr. Peng! He enjoys being around the Veterans and doing everything he can to help out! He said, "It's Payback time." He feels that it is his time, to give back to the Veterans. He hopes that he can stay in good health to continue giving back for a long as he can! A good day for Dennis is being able to go above and beyond for a patient struggling to get out of the vehicle and making it into the building for their appointment. If you see Dennis out in the parking lot, don't hesitate to hop in, he's more than happy to give you a ride!



Cross Stitchers Needed

"Calling All Cross-Stitchers!! – We are fortunate to have 4 youth who will be confirmed this October. We are looking for 3 more volunteers to cross-stitch a pillow. We will provide all of the supplies and the instructions. Confirmation is in October this year. Please let the office know if you are interested in helping. Thank you!!"

CROP Walk 2017

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. This year's Walk is scheduled on **Sunday, September 24th** with registration at 1:30 PM and the walk begins at 2 PM at Beach 1 on Presque Isle. Check out the CROP Walk's website at www.cropwalkerie.org or contact Sandee at Lamb of God, 825-8830 or lambogod2@verizon.net, Monday or Wednesday between 9 AM and noon.

Reformation Celebration

Erie County Lutheran Church are planning a Reformation Celebration to mark the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther posting the 95 Thesis on the door of the Whittenburg Church. The celebration will take place on **Sunday, October 22, 2017** at the Siebenbuerger Club, 2114 French Street, Erie, PA, from 2—6 PM. The festivities will include worship, sacrament, rousing hymn singing, food, beverage, entertainment and fellowship.

More information, along with tickets, will be shared in upcoming Parish Post editions.

Ruth Guild's Fall Rummage Sale

It's that time again! Start gathering and sorting your items to donate to the Ruth Guild's Rummage Sale. Your donation's can be placed on the Parish Center/Gym stage, behind the curtains, as you bring them. The Sale is scheduled on Monday, October 9 and Tuesday, October 10.

† 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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S - September 10, 2017 thru September 17, 2017

SUNDAY	9/10/2017	8:00	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		11:00	Worship & Music Committee Mtg.—Assembly
WEDNESDAY	9/13/2017	10:30	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		12:30	Project Dignity
THURSDAY	9/14/2017	12:00	AA Meeting
		11:30	Mary Martha Circle—Assembly Room
SATURDAY	9/16/2017	5:30	Worship with Communion — Chapel
SUNDAY	9/17/2017	8:00	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— SEPTEMBER 11 thru SEPTEMBER 17

Monday , September 11 ~ 1 Peter 2:11-17	Tuesday , September 12 ~ Romans 13:1-7
Wednesday , September 13 ~ Matthew 21:18-22	Thursday , September 14 ~ 1 John 3:11-16
Friday , September 15 ~ Acts 7:9-16	Saturday , September 16 ~ Matthew 6:7-15
Sunday , September 17 ~ Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:1-13; Romans 14:1-12; and Matthew 18:21	

PRAYING FOR OUR LEADERS and PEOPLE WE LOVE AND CARE ABOUT ...

<i>Dwain Fugate **</i>	<i>Judith Esser</i>	<i>Gillian Schrenk</i>	<i>Cathy Goellner</i>	<i>Phil Nagy</i>
<i>Ronald Sommers</i>	<i>David "Papa" Parker</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>Ed Heubel</i>	<i>Walt (Cancer)</i>
<i>Ryan</i>	<i>Patty Myers</i>	<i>Leighton</i>	<i>Bobbie & John</i>	<i>Lynn Schrimper</i>
<i>Sharon Hetrick **</i>	<i>Frank Young</i>	<i>Beth Kendall</i>	<i>Cindy Weber</i>	<i>Sandy Richards</i>
<i>Elaine Sturtevant</i>	<i>Bill S.</i>	<i>Julie H.</i>	<i>Baby DJ (preemie @ Phg. hospital)</i>	<i>Judy Sweeney</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>Phillip Ferrare</i>	<i>Kellie</i>	<i>Elizabeth and Liam Richards</i>	<i>Matthew Goodwin</i>
<i>President Trump</i>	<i>Bishop Ralph</i>	<i>Bishop Elizabeth</i>	<i>Hurricane Harvey victims</i>	<i>Our U.S. Veterans</i>

**** Received flower last Sunday**

Project Dignity

Effective now and going forward, Project Dignity will no longer be collecting coupons. It was observed very few clients were actually participating in this activity that took a good bit of time cutting and sorting. We learn from trying so thanks for helping out.

Thanks to all those who contributed water bottles to Project Dignity during the warmer summer months. We will now be turning our thoughts to something a bit different. Stayed tuned for information on a new "project".

Choir Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals are **cancelled** on Thursday, September 14. Normal rehearsals will resume on September 21. Bell Choir at 6:15 PM and Chancel choir at 7:15 PM. New members are welcome!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, September 17, 2017

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8 AM Worship

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



September 17, 2017

10 AM Worship

Lector	Susan Packard
Acolyte	Emma Carlson
Worship Leader	Butch Karnes
Greeters	The Carlson Family
Ushers	Dick Melzer, Jaden Harper, Isaac Richards, and Jay Richards
Communion Assistants	Pat Melzer, Dick Melzer, Audrey Boam, Doug Boam
Altar	Barbara Huff, Barbara Olsen, and The Carlson Family
Counters	Diane Bestvina, Bob Bestvina, and Butch Karnes
Flowers	Pat and Dick Melzer



Hello St. John's family from Columbus!

Well, we have been here at Trinity for 10 weeks and so much has happened!

Robert Update: I have finished up my Summer Greek intensive course and I survived unscathed. It was a great class and we not only covered how to translate the New Testament from the original Greek but how to spot the subtle nuances in the text and how each translation interpreted them. I had a couple weeks off from class and started my work study position in the library and attended new student orientation. I would like to thank St. John's, because of the generous scholarship I received from the church, all of my tuition will be covered. I have met some amazing people here at Trinity that have welcomed Tanya and I into their community. Class has started, and I am learning so much already. My favorite classes thus far are Church History 1 and Alternative Religions in America.

Tanya Update: I have decided (finally) when I will take my "maternity leave" from teaching my wonderful kiddos! I must say I am thoroughly enjoying my job as a private music teacher and I am sad that I will be leaving them in the albeit capable hands of others, begrudgingly. Thus far, I have taught mostly violin and piano, which are by far not my best instruments, but the kiddos seem to be learning fast and love it! I have made some amazing acquaintances that will grow through the amazing community here at Trinity and cannot wait to watch these relationships blossom.

Isobel is growing fast and loves to sit on my right side. She has started moving down away from my ribs and continues to gain that adorable baby fat. I am currently the size of a whale at 37 weeks and have started counting down the days until we meet our little girl! Isobel is still very active (especially at 5 am when I'm attempting to sleep!) and responds to my awful violin playing by kicking and moving around (she also responds with odd movements when I sing to her in the car).