



PRAYING FOR THE
PEOPLE OF
FLORIDA!!

ST. JOHN'S *September 17, 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 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.

Cross Stitchers Are 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 Next Sunday

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 next **Sunday, September 24th**. Registration is at 1:30 PM and the Walk begins at 2 PM at Beach 1 on Presque Isle. For more information and history, check out the CROP Walk's website at www.cropwalkerie.org.

Choir Rehearsals

As we start a new fall season at Church, please remember to support your choirs. New members are welcome and needed in both the Bell and Chancel Choirs. Rehearsals are on Thursday nights. Bell Choir is at 6:15 PM and the Chancel choir is at 7:15 PM.

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!

Dates Worth Adding to Your Calendar:

September 24, 2017 (Sunday) CROP Walk at Beach 1 at Presque Isle at 2 PM

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

Confirmation Class Schedule ...

Please remember that the Confirmation teaching classes will begin on October 8 at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, located at 1603 W 32nd St, Erie.

Sunday	Special Project or Class	Location and Time
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

NAMING HURRICANES

From at least the 1800s, some hurricanes were named after saints. (Hurricane Santa Ana is the namesake storm that struck Puerto Rico on July 26, 1825.) Today, the process is far from random. Tropical storms are named when their maximum sustained wind speed is greater than 39 miles per hour. They graduate to hurricanes when wind speeds exceed 74 miles per hour. When this happens, the Switzerland-based World Meteorological Organization does the naming, pulling from fixed, agreed upon lists. For instance, storms that originate in the Atlantic get one of 21 alphabetized names that switch off by gender. In 2017, we've already ticked through Arlene, Bret, Cindy, Don, Emily, Franklin and Gert before arriving at Harvey and Irma. There are six such lists which repeat every seventh year. (See you in 2023, Arlene.) Should the Atlantic continue to roil this year, expect to see warnings for Jose, Katia, Lee, Maria, Nate, Ophelia, Philippe, Rina, Sean, Tammy, Vince, and Whitney.

**LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE
HURRICANE IRMA**

Hurricane Irma is one of the most powerful storms ever recorded in the Atlantic. On the heels of Hurricane Harvey, the Category 5 storm hit the Caribbean and is expected to skirt or pass directly over Florida, causing widespread damage. As a church, we're standing by our neighbors who are already affected, and we are ready to assist in additional locations as disaster strikes. Lutheran Disaster Response's affiliates are collaborating with community leaders and government officials to respond.

Please give now to support this response.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Irma for years to come.

Unfortunately, Hurricane Irma was not the first major hurricane with catastrophic effects this season, and it may not be the last. To give to the hurricane response where funds are needed most, select "Hurricane response" below. To give directly to relief efforts for Hurricane Irma, select "Hurricane Irma" below.

Your gifts will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Give now to support survivors of disasters

YES, I WANT TO HELP! Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane response \$ _____ DDG0087
 Lutheran Disaster Response: Hurricane Irma \$ _____ DDG0088

Name _____
 Address _____
 City, State, ZIP code _____
 Email address _____

Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gift Processing Center P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009 Write "Hurricane response" or "Hurricane Irma" on your check's memo line.



† 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 17, 2017 thru September 24, 2017

SUNDAY	9/17/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		9:00 AM	Youth & Family Committee Mtg.
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY	9/20/2017	10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		12:30 PM	Project Dignity
THURSDAY	9/21/2017	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	9/23/2017	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
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

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— SEPTEMBER 18 thru SEPTEMBER 24

Monday, September 18 ~ Hebrews 11:23-29

Tuesday, September 19 ~ Romans 14:13-15:2

Wednesday, September 20 ~ Mark 11:20-25

Thursday, September 21 ~ 2 Corinthians 13:1-4

Friday, September 22 ~ 2 Corinthians 13:5-10

Saturday, September 23 ~ Matthew 19:23-30

Sunday, September 24 ~ Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30 and Matthew 20:1-16



Happy Birthday!

A Special "Happy Birthday" to Kathy Swanson, TODAY, Sunday, September 17th!!

PRAYING FOR OUR LEADERS, THOSE WE LOVE AND CARE ABOUT

<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>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>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 @ Phg. hospital)</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>

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"!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, September 24, 2017

September 24, 2017

8 AM Worship

Worship Leader and Lector

Ron Simonetti

Greeters

Joan Wheeler

Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher

Volunteers

September 24, 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

Currently, orders for 46 sets of Sanctuary Hymnals and Bibles have been received!
The first order will be placed when orders for 100 sets have been received.

Sanctuary Hymnals and Bibles

St. John's is replacing the two current pew hymnals (LBWs and WOVs) with a Bible and the newer ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Worship). We are asking folks to purchase sets (one Bible and one ELW) for the sanctuary to help offset the cost of the update.

Purchaser's Name _____

I would like to purchase ___ set(s) at \$36 each set (one Bible and one ELW Hymnal).

Total: \$_____ Cash Check# _____

Set 1 Bookplate:

In Honor of In Memory of

Set 2 Bookplate:

In Honor of In Memory of

Set 3 Bookplate:

In Honor of In Memory of

Set 4 Bookplate:

In Honor of In Memory of

