



ST. JOHN'S

October 22, 2017

The Parish Post

Trunk-or-Treat

The Youth and Family Committee is looking for volunteers to pass out candy during the 2nd Annual Trunk-or-Treat event on Sunday, October 29th from 2:00-3:30. We are also looking for candy donations for the event. If you would like to help, please drop off all donations to the church office by Friday, October 27th.

When: Sunday, October 29th **Time:** Please arrive no later than 2:30 pm ("Treating" begins at 3 pm)

Where: Come to the 22nd Street parking lot

A prize paper certificate will be awarded to the best decorated trunk!

***No gruesome or overly scary decorations, please.

***Please do not pass out any homemade treats due to possible allergies.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer there will be a sign-up sheet in the church Narthex beginning Sunday, October 15. Or you can email Leslye Durst at: LeslyeDurst@gmail.com

Bill Schrimper Plaque Dedication

Please join us for a spaghetti luncheon following a dedication of a plaque of service for Bill Schrimper, THIS Sunday October 22, at 11:30am. The luncheon is free of cost, but tickets are required and can be obtained by visiting eventbrite.com or the Bill Schrimper Scholarship Fund Facebook page. While the luncheon is free of cost, there will be a basket raffle and Cakewalk tickets for purchase with all proceeds going back the Bill Schrimper Scholarship Fund. There will also be a limited number of paper tickets available in the church office for those without computer access. We hope to see everyone THIS SUNDAY, October 22nd!

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Lutheran Parish**



at

THE BREWERIE
At Union Station

THEOLOGY PUB

BEER, CONVERSATION & GOD

Every Tuesday Night at 7pm

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

<i>Ed Heubel</i>	<i>Lynn Schrimper</i>	<i>Cindy Weber</i>	<i>Matthew Goodwin-Military deployment</i>	<i>Family and friends of Walt Skopow</i>
<i>Ronald Sommers</i>	<i>Donald Donahue</i>	<i>Richard Volgstadt</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>John Huff</i>
<i>Las Vegas Wounded</i>	<i>Our U.S. Veterans</i>	<i>Barbara Huff</i>	<i>John Tyler-Military deployment</i>	<i>Judith Esser</i>
<i>Bishop Ralph</i>	<i>Phil Nagy</i>	<i>Char Burkholder</i>	<i>Mexican Earthquake Victims</i>	<i>Sandy Richards</i>
<i>Elaine Sturtevant</i>	<i>Doris Seachrist</i>	<i>Bishop Elizabeth</i>	<i>Baby DJ (preemie)</i>	<i>Judy Sweeney</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>Rev. John Mann</i>	<i>President Trump</i>	<i>Elizabeth and Liam Richards</i>	<i>California Fire victims and families</i>

Project Dignity Christmas!

Project Dignity would like to try something a bit different. Our clients will be invited to the Parish Center on **December 16th 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.

Suggested items are:

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

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(s) to the Narthex any time through 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). Speak with Diane Bestvina for details or questions.

St. Stephen's Invites You

St. Stephen's will hold their Annual Card Party on Wednesday, October 25, doors open at 5:30 PM. Donation is \$5 at the door. There will be a Chinese Auction, door prizes and a light meal.

Dates Worth Adding to Your Calendar:

- 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 5, 2017** (Sunday) Daylight Savings Time Ends (turn clocks back 1 hour)
- 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

You Can Be A World Hunger Funnel!

Our Synod needs one person from each Church congregation to be a funnel of information. We'll send you the info and once each month, you pass it along to your congregation, via bulletin, newsletter, or announcement. It's just that easy ... but very important! So if you'd like to help the World Hunger committee, but don't wish to join us, this is your way to help! We just need one person. Let it be you! Call Pastor Matt at 814-725-1840.



Gridley Chapter #324 OES Annual Bazaar and Swiss Steak Dinner

You're invited to the Annual Bazaar on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 3 PM to 7 PM in the Parish Center/Gym with Dinner served from 4:30—7 PM. The bazaar boasts crafts, jewelry, a Bake Sale, Chinese Auction, and More! \$10 per person includes Admission AND Dinner!

Coats for Kids 2017

A Project of Inter-Church Ministries in Partnership with Erie City Mission's Family Care Center, at 1230 French Street. All cold weather clothing donations accepted: gently used/new winter coats and jackets, mittens, scarves, boots, hats, and sweatshirts. Clothing in all sizes for children, teens, and adults. To drop-off donations, call Debbie at 814-504-2703. For more information, call ICM at 814-454-2411.

Thrivent Financial Disaster Relief

As we pray for those who have been affected by the recent disasters, Thrivent Financial is mobilizing its financial resources and members nationwide to help those in need. Thrivent members and others who are interested in ways to help with the recovery efforts are encouraged to visit www.Thrivent.com to learn more about the organization's commitment to match individual personal donations and other ways in which they can help.

We thank you and your church for continuing to keep those who suffer in your prayers and support them as you're financially or physically able. Your commitment to living generously is appreciated.

Reformation 2017! - In honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, there will be several special musical offerings at the 10 AM service on October 29th. We will have as special guest members of the Gem City Concert Band, liturgical dancers from Mercyhurst University and Erika Harper will be cantor and soloist. We hope you can join us to celebrate this occasion.

New Choir Members – It is not too late to be thinking about joining one of our music programs. Choir practices are on Thursday evenings. The Bell Choir practice is at 6:15 PM and the Chancel Choir practice is at 7:15 PM. There are openings in both choirs. If you only want to sing for part of the year (for example until Christmas) - that would be fine. Please give to God and to St. John's whatever time and talent you have.

Women of the ELCA Conference

Conference 1—Fall Gathering on Saturday, November 4, 2017 at the Erie Maennerchor, 1607 State Street, Erie. Mix & Mingle at 10:30. Video presentation of Bishop Eaton's address at the Triennial Convention at 11 AM. Conference 1 Business Meeting at 11:30. Lunch at 12 noon.

Flyers with more information and lunch choices are in the Narthex. Reservations are required.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— OCTOBER 23 thru OCTOBER 29

Monday, October 23 ~ Revelation 18:1-10, 19-20

Wednesday, October 25 ~ Matthew 17:22-27

Friday, October 27 ~ Titus 2:7-8, 11-15

Sunday, October 29 ~ Jeremiah 31:31-34, Psalm 46, Romans 3:19-28 and John 8:31-36

Tuesday, October 24 ~ Revelation 18:21-24

Thursday, October 26 ~ Titus 1:5-16

Saturday, October 28 ~ John 5:39-47



WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 29, 2017

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8 AM Worship

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



October 29, 2017

10 AM Worship

Lector Nancy Durst
Acolyte Emma Carlson
Worship Leader Jared Scott
Greeters The Richards Family
Ushers Laurie Sanders, Susan Packard, Lynn McGrath, and Dennis Sanders
Communion Assistants Lynn McGrath, Greg Kay, Bob Quinn, and Sue Carlson
Altar Barbara Huff, Barbara Olsen, and the Carlson Family
Counters Janet Heubel, Nancy Durst, and Jenny Green
Flowers Nancy Richards / Eddie Martin and James Myers

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SUNDAY	10/22/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
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		11:00 AM	Bill Schrimper Plaque Dedication—Parish Center/Gym
		12:30 PM	Confirmation Class @ Mt. Calvary
MONDAY	10/23/2017	All Day	Office Closed—Carol's on vacation
WEDNESDAY	10/25/2017	10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		12:30 PM	Project Dignity
THURSDAY	10/26/2017	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
		6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice—Sanctuary
		7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice—Sanctuary
SATURDAY	10/28/2017	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
SUNDAY	10/29/2017	8:00 AM	Reformation Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
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		11:30 AM	Confirmand's Reception—Parish Center/Gym
		6:30 PM	Youth Group—Parish Center/Gym

Currently, orders for 50 sets of Sanctuary Hymnals and Bibles have been received!
The first order will be placed when orders for 100 sets have been received.