



# ST. JOHN'S

October 15, 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 Siebenbuerger 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.

### Halloween Carnival with Trunk-or-Treat

Sunday, October 29th St. John's will host a Halloween Carnival at 2 PM with Trunk-or-Treat at 3 PM. Join us for this child-focused event: play some games, eat some food, get some candy, receive a free children's book (from Hooked on Books for Kids), and more! And it's all free. Start off your family's fall festivities in the safe and fun environment of St. John's.

### Happy Greetings from Columbus!

Isobel Anne Eller was born on Tuesday, October 3 at 11:53 pm. She weighed 7lbs. and 1.8 oz. and was measured at 17 inches long. She had her first doctor's appointment and all is beyond well! She is back up to birth weight, moves a lot and is eating like a champ. Little Miss Izzy loves to make noise at mommy and daddy, wiggle her whole body and roll side to side. She reacts to loud noises and light. Her eyes are HUGE and blue (for the moment) and she was born with a nice full head of brown hair. Her baptism is scheduled for the Sunday after Thanksgiving and we can't wait for her to meet her church family!



Tanya is doing amazing and recovering from a long hospital stay. She is slowly but surely walking instead of waddling everywhere and is happy to announce she can now fit back into her sneakers! She is also happy to announce that she will be starting back to work after Thanksgiving as an insurance agent with Colonial Life. She is still going to teach some music lessons as she can luckily set her own work schedule, which allows her to be a mommy and work at the same time while Rob continues to work hard in school.

Speaking of Rob, he's enjoying his classes as he gears up for midterms and well deserved week off from classes, especially being able to get rest during the day as it sometimes eludes him at night. He's enjoying his new role as a daddy, especially the cuddles. He knows it will be difficult to balance school and family, but with the great support structure of the community he and Tanya live in, he knows that everyone will have his back. Rob is looking forward to coming back to visit St. John's during Thanksgiving.

### READINGS FOR THIS WEEK— OCTOBER 16 thru OCTOBER 22

**Monday, October 16** ~ Judy 17-25

**Tuesday, October 17** ~ Philippians 3:14-4:1

**Wednesday, October 18** ~ John 6:25-35

**Thursday, October 19** ~ 3 John 9-12

**Friday, October 20** ~ 1 Peter 5:1-5

**Saturday, October 21** ~ Matthew 14:1-12

**Sunday, October 22** ~ Isaiah 45:1-7; Psalm 96:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 and Matthew 22:15-22



So what does the coming year look like for us when it comes to our serving the men and women of our Armed Forces? For starters, the “next year” started last week, as the government begins its fiscal year (FY) on October 1<sup>st</sup> annually. With a new year comes a new training plan with new money to be used to pay for it. As for what my FY18 naval responsibility taskers will be (besides the normal “one weekend a month”):

- RTP 1: NOV 1-4 at Camp Atterbery (IN)
- RTP 2: JAN 23-27 at NAVSTA Ventura (CA)
- PDTC/W: TBA (M-TH sometime between FEB and JUL)
- AT: APR 29 – MAY 12 at Fort Hunter-Liggett (CA) – two Sundays
- RTP 3: AUG 7-11 at NAVSTA Ventura (CA)

Of course anything can change schedule-wise to fit the needs of the Navy, though I highly doubt it will unless we go to another full-scale war (Lord, have mercy...). Also coming is my promotion to full Commander (LCDR è CDR) on June 1<sup>st</sup>. With it comes more responsibility with a new unit in the Navy, Marines, or Coast Guard. About a year from now I will be assigned that new billet (job) with that new command, beginning my next two-year reserve tour on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

It is my hope that this paper has helped clarify for you - so that you can clarify for others - what it is that I do in the Navy Reserve, the mission/ministry door that is opened to our church because of it, and how our congregation directly benefits from my being in the US Navy Chaplain Corps.

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

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| <i>Ed Heubel</i>         | <i>Lynn Schrimper</i>    | <i>Cindy Weber</i>      | <i>Matthew Goodwin-Military deployment</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>Kellie</i>         |
| <i>Las Vegas Wounded</i> | <i>Our U.S. Veterans</i> | <i>Leighton</i>         | <i>John Tyler-Military deployment</i>      | <i>Judith Esser</i>   |
| <i>Bishop Ralph</i>      | <i>Walt (Cancer)</i>     | <i>Beth Kendall</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>Dwain Fugate</i>      | <i>President Trump</i>  | <i>Elizabeth and Liam Richards</i>         |                       |

**Bill Schrimper Plaque Dedication**

Please join us for a spaghetti luncheon following a dedication of a plaque of service for Bill Schrimper on Sunday October 22, at 11:30am. The luncheon is free of cost, but tickets are required and can be obtained by visiting [eventbrite.com](http://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 on the 22nd!!

**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 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



## DeMolay Pancake Breakfast

You are invited to the Pancake Breakfast, hosted by the Erie Chapter Order of the DeMolay, in St. John's Parish Center/Gym **THIS** Sunday, October 15th, 8 AM to 12 PM. The cost of Breakfast is \$ 7 for adults and \$ 4 for children.

### 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.



### Project Dignity Christmas!

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.

#### 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.

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.

### GREAT DEAL! Free membership to all choirs!

Both choirs rehearse on Thursday nights. The Bell Choir rehearses at 6:15 P.M. and the Chancel choir rehearses at 7:15 P.M. Please join us! There are openings in both choirs.

### Reformation 2017!

In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, there will be several special musical offerings at the 10 AM on October 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have as special guests 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.

### 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, 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.

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, October 22, 2017**

**October 22, 2017**

**8 AM Worship**

Worship Leader and Lector  
 Greeters  
 Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher

Butch Karnes  
 Ben and Pat Montifiori  
 Volunteers



**October 22, 2017**

**10 AM Worship**

Lector  
 Acolyte  
 Worship Leader  
 Greeters  
 Ushers  
 Communion Assistants  
 Altar  
 Counters  
 Flowers



Angela Theiss  
 Chloe Burton  
 Butch Karnes  
 The Olsen Family  
 Sue Carlson, Pam Gildersleeve, Bill Kay, and Greg Kay  
 Kellie Blatt, Julie Boam, Judy Martin, and Barbara Kulisek  
 Marge Altsman, Judy Sweeney, and Linda Radomski  
 Judy Martin, Joel Martin, and Barbara Kulisek  
 Sue Carlson

**Ladies ...**

The Ruth Guild will hold their October meeting **THIS** Wednesday October 18th at 7PM, in the Assembly Room. All women are invited and welcome to attend!



**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**  
**October 15, 2017 thru October 22, 2017**

|           |            |          |                                    |
|-----------|------------|----------|------------------------------------|
| SUNDAY    | 10/15/2017 | 8:00 AM  | Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
|           |            | 10:00 AM | Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
|           |            | 6:00 PM  | Youth Group—Parish Center/Gym      |
| WEDNESDAY | 10/18/2017 | 10:30 AM | Bible Study—Assembly Room          |
|           |            | 12:30 PM | Project Dignity                    |
| THURSDAY  | 10/19/2017 | 12:00 PM | AA Meeting                         |
|           |            | 6:15 PM  | Bell Choir Practice—Sanctuary      |
|           |            | 7:15 PM  | Chancel Choir Practice—Sanctuary   |
|           |            | 7:00 PM  | Ruth Guild Meeting—Assembly Room   |
| SATURDAY  | 10/21/2017 | 5:30 PM  | Worship with Communion — Chapel    |
| SUNDAY    | 10/22/2017 | 8:00 AM  | Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
|           |            | 10:00 AM | Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
|           |            | 12:30 PM | Confirmation Class @ Mt. Calvary   |

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