



# ST. JOHN'S

November 5, 2017

# The Parish Post



Left to Right ... Pastor Erik Young, Jonathan Ball, Jacob Steadman, Isabella Lee, and DustiRose Richards.

As it is custom on Reformation Sunday, we again had four of our youth Affirm their Baptism and become adult members of the church.

Confirmation should not be thought of as a graduation, but instead a marriage between the confirmand and the church. It is a mature and public reaffirmation of the faith and is a commitment to participate in the life of the church and explore the path that God has in store.

Our 2017 class is, **Jonathan Ball** who attends Girard High School, **Jacob Steadman** who attends Fort LeBoeuf High School, **DustiRose Richards** who attends McDowell Intermediate High School, and **Isabella Lee** who attends Collegiate Academy. The students received a Confirmation cross, the Lutheran Book of Prayer, and an embroidered pillow with a personal bible verse.

Please welcome our newest members!

### Dates Worth Adding to Your Calendar:

**November 7, 2017** (Tuesday) Pennsylvania Election Day — Make your Voice Count!!

**November 23, 2017** (Thursday) Thanksgiving Day

**December 12, 2017** (Tuesday) Gem City Concert Band Free Concert at 7 PM, in Parish Center

**December 16, 2017** (Saturday) Christmas Spirit in The Air for Project Dignity at 1 PM, in Parish Center

**December 24, 2017** (Sunday) Christmas Eve Worship Services at 10 AM, 4 PM, 7 PM, and 11 PM

**December 25, 2017** (Monday) CHRISTmas Day!

**June 27, 2018 — July 1, 2018**, National Youth Gathering 2018, in Houston Texas

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

<i>Las Vegas Victims &amp; Families</i>	<i>Lynn Schrimper</i>	<i>Cindy Weber</i>	<i>Matthew Goodwin-Military deployment</i>	<i>NYC Attack Victims and Families</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>Peter Barthelmes—is in need of a liver transplant</i>	<i>John Huff</i>
<i>Ed Heubel</i>	<i>Our U.S. Veterans</i>	<i>Barbara Huff</i>	<i>John Tyler-Military deployment</i>	<i>Hurricane Victims</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>California Fire victims &amp; families</i>	<i>Judy Sweeney</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>John Mann</i>	<i>President Trump</i>	<i>Elizabeth and Liam Richards</i>	<i>Baby DJ (preemie)</i>

### 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!

### DeMolay Spaghetti Dinner

Everyone is invited to enjoy a Spaghetti lunch prepared by the Demolay. A Spaghetti Lunch will be held on **THIS Sunday, November 5, 2017** in the comfort of St. John's Parish Center. Lunch will be served from 11 AM till 2 PM and the cost is \$ 8 for Adults and \$ 5 for children.

### Adult/Youth Choirs

Rehearsals for the Chancel Choir and the Bell Choir are on Thursday nights with the Bell Choir at 6:15 PM. and the Chancel Choir ) at 7:15 PM. **New members are welcome.** If anyone would like to join for a particular Church season such as up 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 shorter period. Any questions, please contact Kathy Swanson.

### Thank You

We would like to thank all the participants in the Reformation Sunday service. The special music included inspirational selections by the Gem City Brass trio, beautiful dancing by the Mercyhurst University Liturgical Dance Ensemble, an inspiring anthem by the Chancel Choir and the lovely solo by Erika Harper. Everyone's participation added to our worship experience and praise of God!

### St. John's Congregational Advent Luncheon

An Advent luncheon for the congregation is being planned for **Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**, following the 10 AM service, in the Parish Center. There will be no charge for this luncheon. In the weeks prior to the luncheon there will be the opportunity to make your reservation, in order to adequately prepare. More details to follow ...

<b>Hurricane Relief</b>	\$500.00 Initial gift from Tithe Account
	\$841.59 September offering from congregation
	\$223.60 October offering from congregation
	<u>\$1,065.19</u> matching from Tithe Account
	<b>\$2,630.38 Total contribution for Hurricane Relief</b>

Steeple/Lighting Fund balance is \$3,031.00

**Currently, orders for 57 sets of Sanctuary Hymnals and Bibles have been received!**  
**The first order will be placed when orders for 100 sets have been received.**



Hi Ladies,

Time to break out the flannel pj's and sweatshirts! Yikes, we went from 75 degrees to 55 in just a few hours. Ah, the joys of living in NWP! Speaking of NWP, Did you know that in the NWP Synod there are 14 counties included in our Synod? Your homework – reply back to me with your county and see if we can get someone from each county to respond. And, while you're at it, send me a picture of your church so I can include it on our membership boards.

REMINDER: Conference 1 is holding their Fall Gathering on November 4, 2017 at the Maennerchor Club beginning with the Mix and Mingle at 10:30. We will be watching a video presentation from Bishop Eaton as she addresses the 10th Triennial this past summer. Please make sure you send in your reservation by October 30th. If you need another form, I'll be more than happy to send you one. We are ordering plated salads and so a specific count will be needed. If you are outside of Conference 1 and will be in the Erie area, you are more than welcome to join us. As always, everyone is welcome at any WELCA event!

Pastor Kim Hirsch from Lamb of God, Erie is looking for some extra Thank Offering Envelopes. If you have any that you won't be using, she'd be happy to hear from you.

Ending Human Trafficking is a Church Wide initiative supported by Women of the ELCA. Did you know...If a missing or homeless child is not recovered within the first 48 hours, there is a 1 in 3 chance they will be trafficked or solicited for sex. 12-14 years of age is the average age of entry into child 'prostitution' in the US. How old is your daughter, niece, grandchild, or neighbor? Go to [www.soaproject.org](http://www.soaproject.org) to find out how you can help.

If you are a woman, if you are a Lutheran, you ARE a Woman of the ELCA. How you choose to participate is up to you. Perhaps you belong to a circle, perhaps you are part of a Bible study, you may join others knitting prayer shawls or blankets, maybe you are blogging on the computer at midnight with other moms in Minneapolis trying to raise Christian children. There is a place for you in this community of women, women that have been created in the image of God! There is a way for you to stay connected: *Gather* is the magazine of the Women of the ELCA, *Café* is a web-based magazine for young adult women, *Bold*

*Connections* is a free monthly e-newsletter, *Daily Grace* is a smart phone app offering daily devotions, reflections, prayers. Check out: [www.womenoftheelca.org](http://www.womenoftheelca.org) to stay connected.

Keep Warm. Peace, Pat

### A Christmas tree before Advent?

Yes, St. John's places a green tree in the lobby in November to serve at least two worthy causes:

1. **Bethesda gift request ornaments**—You are invited to choose a Gingerbread ornament from the tree and register your name as the donor of items for a resident at Bethesda Children's Home. If all the gingerbread ornaments are taken, you may still donate appropriate gifts for Bethesda (a list will be available). Gifts should be gathered in bags, but not gift-wrapped. Please bring all donations to church by the specified deadline (to be announced). On St. John's behalf, the gifts - along with the joy they bring—will be taken to Bethesda.
2. **Hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves**—You may make or buy warm accessories to help children or adults stay comfy in Erie's cold weather! Project Dignity will distribute your donations among clients who live in our community.



### † 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.



## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, November 12, 2017

### November 12, 2017

### 8 AM Worship

Greeters	Ben and Pat Montifiori
Worship Leader and Lector	Butch Karnes
Communion Assistant, Acolyte, & Usher	Volunteers

### November 12, 2017

### 10 AM Worship

Lector	Chuck Evans
Acolyte	Vanessa Drzal
Worship Leader	Butch Karnes
Greeters	Nancy Varner
Ushers	Tim Durst, John Durst, Dick Melzer, and Roger Olsen
Communion Assistants	Kellie Blatt, Julie Boam, Judy Martin, and Barbara Kulisek
Altar	Marge Altzman and Linda Radomski
Counters	Diane Bestvina, Bob Bestvina, and Butch Karnes
Flowers	Pat and Dick Melzer

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

#### November 5, 2017 thru November 12, 2017

<b>SUNDAY</b>	11/05/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		6:00 PM	Youth Group—Gym/Parish Center
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	11/08/2017	10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		12:30 PM	Project Dignity
<b>THURSDAY</b>	11/09/2017	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
		11:30 AM	Mary Martha Circle (WELCA) Meeting—Assembly Room
		6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice—Sanctuary
<b>SATURDAY</b>	11/11/2017	7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice—Sanctuary
		5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	11/12/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		12:30 PM	Confirmation Class at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church



### Christian Roots ...

Every Thanksgiving is an annual reminder of our nation's Christian roots. The Pilgrims began the tradition, and Presidents Washington and Lincoln made it an official holiday.

The details surrounding the Pilgrims were such that they had much to be grateful for.

The Pilgrims were a small congregation who secretly became a congregation in central England in 1606 when they formed a spiritual covenant with one another.