



VETERANS DAY

ST. JOHN'S The Parish Post

November 12, 2017

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.



Gem City Holiday Concert



Tuesday, December 12th at 7PM—Free Admission

You, your family, and friends are all invited to join us for this enjoyable the Gem City Band's Holiday Concert!

The Concert will be held in the comfort of the St. John's Parish Center/Gym.

Kids in K-4th Grade

All kids, from Kindergarten through 4th grade, are invited to enjoy a Co-ed Open Gym in the Parish Center/ Gym on Thursday, November 16, from 5:30—7 PM. If you have questions, please contact Kevin Harper.

Dates Worth Adding to Your Calendar:

- 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 17, 2017** (Sunday) St. John's Congregational Advent Luncheon
- 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

† 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

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

<i>Las Vegas Victims & 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>Texas Church Shooting Victims and Families</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>Angie Suprynowicz</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>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 & 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>

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.

St. John's Congregational Advent Luncheon

An Advent luncheon for the congregation is being planned for **Sunday, December 17th**, 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 ...

Project Dignity

Throughout the month of NOVEMBER your donations of **Hand and Body Lotion, Boxed Potato Flakes and Jars of Jelly/Jams** are greatly appreciated! Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Thank you for extending your helping hand to our neighbors!

Project Dignity Christmas!

Please help us by turning your donations into Project Dignity by Sunday, December 3rd.

Our clients will be invited to the Parish Center on **December 16th at 1 PM**. Each household can pick out 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. We 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
- ** Small rug
- ** Decorative lawn/outdoor items
- ** Kitchen and bath towels
- ** Blankets (decorative personal fleece kind might be nice)
- ** 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.

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church

Church Council Minutes September 13, 2017

Present: Bob Bestvina, Julie Boam, Sue Carlson, David Haffley, Janet Heubel, Roger Olsen, Judy Martin, Marj Quinn, Kevin Harper, Butch Karnes and Pastor Young. Excused: Don Carlson Guests: Claudia Lee, Diane Bestvina (7:40pm)

The meeting was called to order by President, Butch Karnes at 7:05 p.m.

Opening Prayer and Devotion: Pastor Young shared readings from a book regarding goals of the church. Observations: Primary goal of the Christian Church is to nurture a vibrant life changing faith; Christian education is a key to addressing faith development.

Our first order of business was to address our visitor, Claudia Lee. She was attending with the intent of determining whether she would be willing to serve on council to fill a vacant seat. After a brief discussion with her, she was asked to leave the room while council voted to appoint her to that open position.

Motion made by Bob Bestvina-second by Roger Olsen to accept Claudia Lee as our newest Council member, to fill the vacant seat until the January Congregational meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Claudia was called back in to the meeting and welcomed.

Minutes: Correction to the August minutes to note the resignation by Sandy Richards was a verbal not written resignation. Motion: by Julie Boam-second by Sue Carlson; to accept the minutes as amended. Motion carried.

Pastor's Report: This month's report focused on the questions from last month's meeting regarding Pastor's time away. Addressing the issue of "vacation" vs. "military commitments" Discussion followed. Communicating the time away the weeks preceding would be helpful, perhaps having a guest speaker instead of supply pastors for those services. Pastor will try to condense the information given to council to share with the congregation. Pastor will be gone 4 Sundays for vacation, 2 Sundays for military; and a total of 9 Saturdays. As some military requirements run during the week ending on Saturday he is back for Sunday service but not Saturday night.

A question came up about the Parish Post and their lacking reports of council minutes. Explanation: No June minutes because they were not approved in July because there was no meeting. And no July minutes because there was no meeting.

Finance Committee: Written report

Finance is working on looking back at our giving history for 2015 and 2016 and year to date for 2017. Roger asked for balances in the Capital Appeal and Martin Window Fund. Judy will get that information to Roger. Question regarding our advertising with Dex-Media (phone book advertising). We are not renewing, but still have to pay out our current year. Reminder to staff: if Dex-Media calls to tell them we are not renewing.

Committee Structure: We need to get our committees positions filled and active.

No Report Received: Member Care Committee Faith Community Committee National Youth Gathering Steering Committee Ministry Support Committee

Outreach/Witness Committee -Written report

Old Business:

Kitchen operating Instructions: Power Point, good start needs a few tweaks

Palmer Estate-looking toward a resolution by next week per Attorney David Mack

Contemporary Worship-Updates given; still working toward taking that first step

Bahm Committee-waiting to schedule a meeting

Robert Eller's replacement-still waiting Action by emails to council

To donate \$500.00 from the Tithe Fund to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for "Hurricane Response-USA" and also to ask the congregation to contribute and designate loose offering for the next four Sunday's (Sept 2-24th). Then matching the congregations giving with money from the Tithe Fund. Motion carried.

Motion then clarified, again by email, to be sure all money's donated and designated Hurricane Response-USA would be matched, not just loose offering. Motion carried.

New Business:

Rental Provisions and person needed to oversee rentals.

Kitchen Committee-need to get committee together and take actions to get kitchen equipped and functioning up to its' capabilities

Koinonia: Use of building Feb 9-11 and March 16-18, 2018 sent back for more details

Gym use by Sonny Concepcion on Sunday from 6-9pm. Motion by Butch Karnes, 2nd by Roger to allow use of Gym, through April. Motion defeated. □ New Telephone System- no action taken □ Committees-meetings and budgets need to take place in time to get budget requests to Finance. Budgets need to be to Finance by end of October.

Note: Ruth Guild will not be holding their fall Rummage Sale.

Erie Gives Day 2018-we need to get St. John's name on the list!

Adjournment: There being no further business, Motion to adjourn by Claudia Lee, second by Julie Boam, Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, November 19, 2017

November 19, 2017

8 AM Worship

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

November 19, 2017

10 AM Worship

Lector Susan Packard
Acolyte Becky Carlson
Worship Leader Butch Karnes
Greeters Dennis Taylor, Sally Taylor, Kellie Blatt, and Richie Blatt
Ushers Kevin Harper, Jaden Harper, Isaac Richards, and Jay Richards
Communion Assistants Lynn McGrath, Greg Kay, Bob Quinn, and Sue Carlson
Altar Barbara Olsen, Barbara Huff, and the Carlson Family
Counters Judy Martin, Joel Martin, and Barbara Kulisek
Flowers Sally and Dennis Taylor

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

November 12, 2017 thru November 19, 2017

SUNDAY	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
MONDAY	11/13/2017	10:30 AM	Office is Closed—Vacation Day for Carol
WEDNESDAY	11/15/2017	10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		12:30 PM	Project Dignity
THURSDAY	11/16/2017	12:00 PM	AA Meeting
		11:30 AM	Mary Martha Circle (WELCA) Meeting—Assembly Room
		6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice—Sanctuary
		7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice—Sanctuary
SATURDAY	11/18/2017	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion — Chapel
SUNDAY	11/19/2017	8:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		6:00 PM	Youth Group—Gym/Parish Center



Ruth Guild Daytime Meeting this Month

This month, the Ruth Guild's meeting will be held during the daytime. All Ladies and welcome and encouraged to attend November's meeting on Tuesday, November 21st at 2 PM in the Assembly Room. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Huff or Laurie Sanders.

