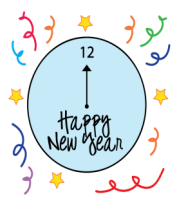


December 31, 2017

St. John's

# The Parish Post



## Regular Worship Times

This Sunday, December 31, we will hold a single morning worship at 10am. As you are probably already beginning next Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, we will move into our long-anticipated contemporary worship style addition, and the new times will accompany these worship updates: 9am Traditional worship and 11am Contemporary Worship (1<sup>st</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays with Traditional Worship 2<sup>nd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays for now). Saturday evening worship times (5:30pm) and format will remain unchanged as we begin the new year.

## Choir News

The first choir rehearsal of 2018 will be Thursday, January 4 with the choir singing on January 7<sup>th</sup>. After the first of the year (2018), the choirs will be singing and ringing at the 9:00 am traditional service.

## Congregational Meeting

In just a few days a new year begins and that also means a busy new year begins at St. John's. The annual Congregational Meeting, including a potluck dinner, will be held on **Sunday, January 21, 2018** following the 11am Worship Service.

Please email your Annual Reports to the Church office by Tuesday, January 8, 2018, so the Annual Report Book can be made available prior to the Meeting.

## 2018 Offering Envelopes

Your 2018 Offering Envelopes are ready for pick-up on tables in the Narthex, by the Assembly Room.

## ELP Epiphany Worship and Dinner

On Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, St. John's is hosting the Erie Lutheran Parish for our annual Epiphany Worship and Dinner. This communal worship will be held in our sanctuary at our regular Saturday evening worship time (5:30 pm). We invite all choristers to meet in our assembly room an hour beforehand to rehearse for special music that evening. Immediately following the worship (approx. 6:30 pm), we will all gather in the Parish Center for an ELP potluck dinner. For more information, please contact Pastor Young.



## Fifth Sunday Offering

**December 31<sup>st</sup>** is the Last Fifth Sunday of 2017! Fifth Sundays happen only a few times each year and on these Fifth Sundays, the cash placed in the offering plates of ELCA congregations goes to ELCA's World Hunger fund. This fund assists people throughout the world to raise crops and livestock, to have access to clean water, and to receive education. You may designate donations to World Hunger on any day of the week, but each Fifth Sunday gives you a special opportunity to improve the lives of others.

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK — January 1 thru January 7

Monday, January 1 ~ Proverbs 1:1-7

Tuesday, January 2 ~ James 3:13-18

Wednesday, January 3 ~ James 4:1-10

Thursday, January 4 ~ James 4:11-17

Friday, January 5 ~ Luke 6:27-31

Saturday, January 6 ~ Isaiah 60:1-6

Sunday, January 7 ~ Genesis 1:1-5; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7 and Mark 1:4-11



## † 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.

## 2018 Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekends Announced

Your marriage relationship is one of the things in life that provides the greatest potential for happiness. Is yours living up to this potential? Please make 2018 the year you resolve to attend a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend to learn how to maximize the joy and intimacy that God intends for your marriage. The following Weekends have been scheduled with one more to be added in Massachusetts in the fall.

\* March 16-18, 2018 at Heritage Hotel Lancaster in Lancaster, PA. A newly-renovated hotel, home of the unique treehouse-inspired restaurant, "Loxley's."

\* April 6-8, 2018 at Toftrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.

\* September 14-16, 2018 at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA. A lovely hotel-style facility in a wooded area of the Poconos, an hour north of Allentown.

\* October 19-21, 2018 at Olmsted Retreat Center. A stunning, hotel-style retreat next to Olmsted Mansion in Allegheny National Forest, 2 hours north of Pittsburgh.

Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included with your \$100 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward the continuation of the program. To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up at your earliest convenience by going to the website: [www.GodLovesMarriage.org](http://www.GodLovesMarriage.org) and paying the registration fee with your credit card, or marking the option to mail a check. For questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Northeast US Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or [fjschamber@comcast.net](mailto:fjschamber@comcast.net).

## Hymnals and Bibles

Thanks to the work of the youth group we have the new *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnals and New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bibles in the pews! We will begin using them this Sunday. As you will notice, however, there are many empty pew racks (including the choir space!) that need these sets still. Please consider donating more of these hymnal/Bible sets to our worshiping community using the form below. As a side note: if you would like an old LBW (green) hymnal or WOV (blue) hymnal, especially if you are looking for a particularly dedicated one, see Butch Karnes. They are free for the taking.

### 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

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#### Set 2 Bookplate:

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#### Set 3 Bookplate:

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#### Set 4 Bookplate:

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# 2017 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA GARDEN

## St. John's Lutheran Church

### Omissions and Corrections

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING MEMORY OF ...

*Ron Fitzgerald, Ronda Nieswonger, Bill Schrimper, Ed Eller, Herbert & Lola Zimmerly, Jimmy Zimmerly, Donna Hoenes, and Macie Kuffer. Given by Kathy Kuffer, Jeremy Kuffer and Nick Fitzgerald.*

TO THE GLORY OF GOD IN LOVING HONOR OF ...

*Lily Grace Kern and Isobel Anne Eller, Given by Mark and Susan Eller*

*Judy Sweeney— loving Mother and Grandmother. Given by Kathy Kuffer, Jeremy Kuffer and Nick Fitzgerald.*

### WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, January 7, 2018

January 7, 2018

9 AM Worship

Greeters	Ben and Pat Montifiori
Usher, Acolyte	Volunteers
Communion Assistants	Volunteers
Worship Leader	Ron Simonetti

January 7, 2018

11 AM Worship

Greeters	The Olsen Family
Communion Assistants	Lynn McGrath, Sue Carlson, Greg Kay, and Bob Quinn
Ushers	Kevin Harper, Jaden Harper, Isaac Richards, and Jay Richards
Acolytes	Kerrington Wasiulewski
Lector	Chuck Evans
Worship Leader	Butch Karnes
Flowers	Marj Quinn
Counters	Chris Reichert, Marj Quinn, and Bob Quinn

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S December 31, 2017 thru January 7, 2018

SUNDAY	12/31/2017	10:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
MONDAY	1/01/2018		HAPPY NEW YEAR DAY — Office is closed
THURSDAY	1/04/2018	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice — Sanctuary
		7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice — Sanctuary
SATURDAY	1/06/2018	4:30 PM	Epiphany Choir Practice — Sanctuary
		5:30 PM	ELP Epiphany Worship and Dinner — Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Pot Luck Dinner — Parish Center/Gym
SUNDAY	1/07/2018	9:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		11:00 AM	Worship with Communion — Sanctuary

**WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR JANUARY 2018**

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>		<u>1/7/2018</u>	<u>1/14/2018</u>	<u>1/21/2018</u>	<u>1/28/2018</u>
11:00 AM	Greeters	The Olsen Family	The Richards Family	Denise & Jim Scott	Dennis & Sally Taylor Kellie & Richie Blatt
Communion	Assistants	Lynn McGrath Greg Kay Bob Quinn Sue Carlson	Kellie Blatt Erin Harper Judy Martin Barb Kulisek	Lynn McGrath Greg Kay Bob Quinn Sue Carlson	Kellie Blatt Julie Boam Judy Martin Barb Kulisek
	Ushers	Kevin Harper Jaden Harper Isaac Richards Jay Richards	Bill Kay Sue Carlson Angie Theiss Greg Kay	Bob Quinn Susan Packard Lynn McGrath Bill Watson	Tim Durst John Durst Ari Richards Roger Olsen
	Acolytes	Kerrington Wasiulewski	Chloe Burton	Emma Carlson	DustiRose Richards
	Lector	Chuck Evans	Susan Packard	Brad Smith	Max Alwens Jr
	Worship Leader	Butch Karnes	Julie Boam	Butch Karnes	Butch Karnes
	Flowers	Marj Quinn	Don Carlson	Denise and Jim Scott	Diane Bestvina
	Counters	Chris Reichert Marj Quinn Bob Quinn	Diane Bestvina Bob Bestvina Butch Karnes	Barbara Kulisek Judy Martin Joel Martin	Jenny Greene Nancy Durst Janet Heubel

<u>WORSHIP SERVICE</u>		<u>1/7/2018</u>	<u>1/14/2018</u>	<u>1/21/2018</u>	<u>1/28/2018</u>
9:00 AM	Greeters	Ben & Pat Montifiori	Joan Wheeler	David & Betsy Haffley	Ben & Pat Montifiori
	Ushers, Acolytes				
Communion	Assistants	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Worship Leader	Ron Simonetti	Ron Simonetti	Butch Karnes	Ron Simonetti

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

<i>Ronald Sommers</i>	<i>Lynn Schrimper</i>	<i>Erika Rapela</i>	<i>Matthew Goodwin—deployed</i>	<i>Carrie Fiske</i>
<i>Nancy Varner</i>	<i>Donald Donahue</i>	<i>California Fire victims &amp; families</i>	<i>Kenny Strohmeier</i>	<i>Angie Suprynowicz</i>
<i>Bud Bresee</i>	<i>Don Carlson</i>	<i>Leah (cancer)</i>	<i>Peter Barthelmes</i>	<i>Sarah Fridrich</i>
<i>Ed Heubel</i>	<i>Our U.S. Veterans</i>	<i>Barbara Huff</i>	<i>John Tyler- deployed</i>	<i>Norm Christie</i>
<i>Bishop Ralph</i>	<i>Doris Seachrist</i>	<i>Thelma Amon</i>	<i>Doris Baranello</i>	<i>Barry Shaffer</i>
<i>Elaine Sturtevant</i>	<i>Rev. John Mann</i>	<i>Bishop Elizabeth</i>	<i>Laurie Sanders</i>	<i>Edie McLanahan</i>
<i>Claude Sturtevant</i>	<i>Judy Sweeney</i>	<i>Allison &amp; Daniel</i>	<i>Bob Bestvina</i>	<i>Cindy Weber</i>