

January 7, 2018

# St. John's The Parish Post



## 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 9am 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.

## ELP Epiphany Worship and Dinner

THIS 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.



## Project Dignity—January

Throughout the month of JANUARY your donations of **Hand and Body Lotion, boxed potato flakes and jelly** would be greatly appreciated! Items can be placed in the grocery cart in the Narthex. Thank you for extending your helping hand to our neighbors!

## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK — January 8 thru January 14

Monday, January 8 ~ Romans 4:1-12

Tuesday, January 9 ~ Acts 22:2-16

Wednesday, January 10 ~ John 1:29-34

Thursday, January 11 ~ 2 Corinthians 10:1-11

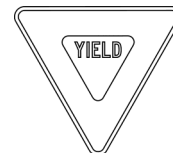
Friday, January 12 ~ Acts 13:16-25

Saturday, January 13 ~ Acts 13:16-25

Sunday, January 14 ~ 1 Samuel 3:1-20; Psalm 139:1-6,13-18; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 & John 1:43-51



Commandments are no more restrictive to the spiritual man than street signs are to the motorist. Neither prohibits our progress; to the contrary, they enhance it by serving as guideposts or directional signs to help us find and reach our destination.



## † 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:

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

**January 14, 2018**

**9 AM Worship**

**Greeter** Joan Wheeler  
**Usher, Acolyte** Volunteers  
**Communion Assistants** Volunteers  
**Worship Leader** Ron Simonetti

**January 14, 2018**

**11 AM Worship**

**Greeters** The Richards Family  
**Communion Assistants** Kellie Blatt, Erin Harper, Judy Martin, and Barbara Kulisek  
**Ushers** Sue Carlson, Angie Theiss, Bill Kay, and Greg Kay  
**Acolytes** Chloe Burton  
**Lector** Susan Packard  
**Worship Leader** Julie Boam  
**Flowers** Don Carlson  
**Counters** Diane Bestvina, Bob Bestvina, and Butch Karnes



**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S January 7, 2018 thru January 14, 2018**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1/07/2017</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Sanctuary</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion—Sanctuary</b>
		<b>6:30 PM</b>	<b>Youth Group</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>1/10/2018</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Bible Study—Assembly Room</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>1/11/2018</b>	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Mary Martha Circle Meeting—Assembly Room</b>
		<b>6:15 PM</b>	<b>Bell Choir Practice — Sanctuary</b>
		<b>7:15 PM</b>	<b>Chancel Choir Practice — Sanctuary</b>
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>1/13/2018</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion—Sanctuary</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>1/14/2018</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Sanctuary</b>
		<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship with Communion — Sanctuary</b>

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

Ronald Sommers	Lynn Schrimper	Erika Rapela	Matthew Goodwin— deployed	Carrie Fiske
Nancy Varner	Donald Donahue	California Fire victims & families	Kenny Strohmeyer	Angie Suprynowicz
Bud Bresee	Don Carlson	Leah (cancer)	Peter Barthelmes	Sarah Fridrich
Ed Heubel	Our U.S. Veterans	Barbara Huff	John Tyler- deployed	Norm Christie
Bishop Ralph	Doris Seachrist	Thelma Amon	Doris Baranello	Barry Shaffer
Elaine Sturtevant	Rev. John Mann	Bishop Elizabeth	Laurie Sanders	Edie McLanahan
Claude Sturtevant	Judy Sweeney	Allison & Daniel	Bob Bestvina	Cindy Weber
New Mayor Joe Schember	County Executive, Kathy Dahlkemper	Erie County Sheriff, John Loomis	New Erie Police Chief Dan Spizarny	Erie Co. Council- men, Carl Anderson & Scott Rastetter

# God's Top Ten

1. Put God First
  2. Worship Him Only
  3. No Bad Words
  4. Work 6 Rest 1
  5. Obey Your Parents
  6. Harm No One
  7. Don't Cheat
  8. If It's Not Yours,  
Don't Take It
  9. Tell the Truth
  10. Don't Be Jealous of  
Other People's Stuff
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