

February 11, 2018

St. John's The Parish Post



Youth and Family Sledding Event

Join us on Sunday, February 25th from 1-4 pm in Frontier Park for some outside winter fun! The sled-riding hill is located where Cherokee Drive, West 6th Street and Shawnee Drive converge. You can view a map of Frontier Park at: <https://www.leaferie.org/arboretum-map/>.

There will be sleds to share or BYOS (bring your own sled). Dress warm and hope to see you there!



Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Pancake Party

All you can eat pancakes – Adults \$5 and kids \$3 on Tuesday, February 13 with pancakes served at 6 pm. Featuring the Gem City Jazz Ensemble in a FREE Concert at 7 pm.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Worship with us on ASH WEDNESDAY, February 14th at 7am, Noon, and 7pm.

Lenten Soup Suppers, followed by worship, will begin the next week (February 21st) at 6:30 pm.



Project Dignity—February

Throughout the month of FEBRUARY your donations of **hand and body lotion, boxed potato flakes and/or jars of 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!

Choir News

Start your New Year with a resolution to sing and ring for God at St. John's. Choirs rehearse on Thursdays. The Bell Choir rehearses at 6:15 PM and the Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:15 PM. New members are invited and welcome!



**GIVE THE GIFT
OF LIFE!**

BE A LIVING KIDNEY DONOR

Kevin Harper, who is a member here at St. John Lutheran Church has suffered with kidney disease for over fifteen years. He has now progressed to the point that he needs a new kidney. Kevin is currently on a transplant list, but a living donor is a faster option. If you are willing to be tested to see if you are a match for Kevin, please contact Holly Chapman at 412-359-4441. She will provide you with all the information needed for testing. It is understood by Kevin and his family that this is an enormous request which may not be possible for many, but in that case, they ask for your prayers that a match would be found soon.

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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.

Pennsylvania Fun Facts ...

PA State Motto is "Virtue, Liberty, and Independence".

What's "the Keystone State" mean? A "keystone" is a central, wedge-shaped stone which holds all the other stones of a structure in place to form an arch. In early America, Pennsylvania played a vital geographic and strategic role in holding together the states of the newly formed Union. Today, Pennsylvania continues to be of key importance to the social, economic and political development of the United States.

State Slogan: Pursue Your Happiness

On March 8, 2016, it was declared that whoever you are, no matter what you love to do, know that happiness is Pennsylvania's keystone. It always has been. It lives in our historic treasures. Our dynamic urban spaces. Our greater-than-great outdoors. Life. Liberty. The pursuit of happiness. In Pennsylvania, we hold these truths to be as self-evident today as they were in 1776.



People might know Houston as Beyoncé's hometown, others as the world hub of the energy industry, some for its prominence as the flight control center for all of NASA's manned space missions, but we know it best as the host city for the 2018 ELCA Youth Gathering! We also know Houston to be a diverse, multicultural metropolis with thriving performing arts and culinary scenes, over 55,000 acres of green space, large and growing international community, and so much more.

Gathering programming will take place in three main venues, NRG Stadium, NRG Arena and NRG Center, located just outside of downtown Houston in the entertainment complex known as NRG Park, a convention and sports entertainment complex.

First Holy Communion Class

First Holy Communion classes for the Erie Lutheran Parish (ELP) will be held at Luther Memorial on five Sunday's in Lent (**February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11 and March 18**) from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Pastor Young needs to know if your child(ren) are attending as soon as possible so that instructional books can be ordered for them. We are expecting to have a pretty big group, so if you are willing and able to assist, please let Pastor Young know.

In Theaters March 16th! "I CAN ONLY IMAGINE" the Movie

It's the song that brings ultimate hope to so many ... often in the midst of life's most challenging moments. Amazingly, the song was written in mere minutes by MercyMe lead singer Bart Millard. In reality, those lyrics took a lifetime to craft.

Although he found faith at a young age, life wasn't easy for Bart. He leaned into an active imagination and his love of music as escapes from a troubled home life. As he grew older, Bart turned to football in hopes of somehow connecting with his abusive father. But a career-ending injury—combined with the vision of a teacher who saw unlimited potential—set Bart on a musical pathway. View the Trailer for the movie, I Can Only Imagine, at

<http://tickets.icanonlyimagine.com/videos/>

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, February 18, 2018

February 18, 2018

9 AM Worship

Greeter Ben and Pat Montifiori
 Usher, Acolyte and
 Communion Assistant Volunteers
 Worship Leader Ron Simonetti

February 18, 2018

11 AM Worship

Greeters Lois Shaffer
 Communion Assistants Lynn McGrath, Julie Boam, Sue Carlson, and Bob Quinn
 Ushers Tim Durst, John Durst, Roger Olsen, and Kevin Harper
 Acolytes Kerrington Wasiulewski
 Lector Nancy Durst
 Worship Leader Butch Karnes
 Flowers Barbara Olsen
 Counters Barbara Olsen, Judy Martin, and Joel Martin
 A/V Jaden Harper



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S February 11, 2018 thru February 18, 2018

SUNDAY	2/11/2018	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
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SHROVE	2/13/2018	6:00 PM	Shrove Pancake Dinner
TUESDAY		7:00 PM	Free Concert by Gem City Band
ASH	2/14/2018	7:00 AM	Ash Wednesday Worship — Sanctuary
WEDNESDAY		10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		Noon	Ash Wednesday Worship — Sanctuary
THURSDAY	2/15/2018	7:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Worship — Sanctuary
		6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice — Sanctuary
		7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice — Sanctuary
SATURDAY	2/17/2018	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion—Sanctuary
SUNDAY	2/18/2018	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		6:30 PM	Youth Group

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

Marge Altzman
 Kevin Harper
 Barbara Huff
 John Balczum
 Family & friends of Jacob
 Honecker
 Laurie Sanders
 Leah (cancer)
 Thelma Amon
 Rev. Mann
 Kenny Strohmeyer
 Allison & Daniel
 Barry Shaffer
 Sarah Fridrich
 Erika Rapela
 Nancy Varner
 Norm Christie
 Doris Seachrist
 Peter Barthelmes
 Donald Donahue
 Lynn Schrimper
 Ed Heubel
 Dwain Fugate
 Ronald Sommers
 Don Carlson
 Cindy Weber
 Elaine Sturtevant
 Bud Bresee
 Paul Quinn
 Patty Myers
 Judy Sweeney
 Angie Suprynowicz
 Carrie Fiske
 Peace in our Country
 Matthew Goodwin—deployed
 John Tyler—deployed
 Bishop Elizabeth
 Bishop Ralph
 Mayor Joe Schember
 Erie Police Chief Dan Spizarny

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 began using them January 1, 2018. As you will notice, however, there are many empty pew racks (including the choir space!) that still need sets. 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**

Set 2 Bookplate:

In Honor of **In Memory of**

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK — February 12 thru February 18

Monday, February 12 ~ Hebrews 2:1-4

Tuesday, February 13 ~ 1 Timothy 3:14-16

Wednesday, February 14 ~ Psalm 51:1-17

Thursday, February 15 ~ 1 John 1:3-10

Friday, February 16 ~ 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Saturday, February 17 ~ Matthew 9:2-13

Sunday, February 18 ~ Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22 and Mark 1:9-15