

February 18, 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!



Lenten Soup Supper and Study

Join us ... beginning this Wednesday, February 21, at 6 pm, for our Lenten Soup Supper and Study, each Wednesday in the Parish Center throughout the Lenten Season.

Special Music

Next Sunday, February 25th, at the 9 am service, St. John's Bell choir will be playing both before the service and during the offertory. Please come and hear our bell choir ring their praises to the Lord.

Choir News

St. John's Choirs rehearse on Thursdays and YOU are invited to join us! The Bell Choir rehearses at 6:15 pm and the Chancel Choir rehearses at 7:15 pm. New members are welcome in both choirs. The choirs will sing and ring at the 9 am traditional service. If you would like to try it out for just a short time, please join us as we prepare for Lenten and Easter music.

Souper Bowl 2018 at St. John's

Dollars and products collected for Project Dignity were equal to the following:

Philadelphia Eagles -74

New England Patriots – 10

Thanks to all those who participated!!

ALSO... Many thanks to the "someone" who donated a huge bag of travel size toiletries for our Project Dignity clients.



**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.

† 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.



"I want to thank all my Church family at St. John's for all your cards and flowers. Most of all for your prayers and visits, which were a great help to me!"

~ Nancy Varner

"Thank you for the visits and beautiful flowers sent from St. John's! I enjoy them very much!" ~ Bob Gringrich

First Holy Communion Class Begins THIS Sunday, February 18

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.

Spring Ruth Guild Rummage Sale

The women of the Ruth Guild have scheduled their Spring Rummage Sale! Set up will be on Sunday, April 15. The Sale is open to the shopping public on Monday, April 16 and the popular "Bag Day" is held on Tuesday, April 17. Your donations of **clean and gently-used** household items, furniture, linens, toys, scarves, costume jewelry, pet items, games, baby items, dishes, pans, pots, shoes, books, CDs, DVDs, and clothing are greatly appreciated. Sorry, TVs cannot be accept!

Your donations help the Ruth Guild to continue to support many ministry opportunities throughout the year ahead!!

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!

Attention Married Couples

Have you signed up for your spring Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend? Plants and grass need tending to grow healthy and strong, and so does your marriage!

Following are the scheduled Northeast US spring Weekends:

- * **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 Toffrees Golf Resort in State College PA. A peaceful resort surrounded by a golf course and nestled in the woods in the center of PA.

Registrations are also being accepted for the fall Weekends: **September 14-16, 2018** at Spruce Lake Retreat in Canadensis, PA; **October 19-21, 2018** at Olmsted Retreat Center in Ludlow, PA; and **November 9-11, 2018** at Hampton Inn Berkshires in Lenox, Massachusetts.

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 to help cover expenses and ensure the continuation of the program.

To be sure to get the Weekend of your choice, sign up TODAY. Simply go to:

www.GodLovesMarriage.org , choose the Weekend desired, and pay the \$100 registration fee with your credit card, or mark the option to mail a check. For questions, please contact Northeast US Contacts for Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or **fjschamber@comcast.net**.

Pennsylvania Fun Facts ...

Pittsburgh is the "City of Bridges." Believe it or not, Pittsburgh has more bridges than Venice! The city boasts more than 445 of them, many of them crossing the three rivers (Ohio, Allegheny, and Monongahela) that meet in downtown Pittsburgh.

Pittsburghers speak Pittsburghese. The Steelers become the "Stillers," wash becomes "warsh," and you'll hear "yinz" substituted for "you guys." Pittsburgh is full of art. From the Carnegie Museum of Art to the Frick to the Warhol to the Mattress Factory, Pittsburgh is actually quite an artsy city. Even **Phipps Conservatory** has an artsy flair, with glassworks dotted throughout the gardens and exhibits.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, February 25, 2018

February 25, 2018

9 AM Worship

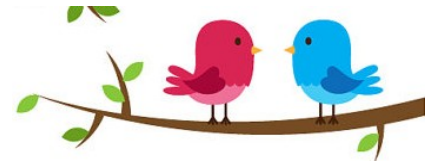
Greeter Joan Wheeler
 Usher, Acolyte and Communion Assistant Volunteers
 Worship Leader Ron Simonetti



February 25, 2018

11 AM Worship

Greeters The Kulisek Family
 Communion Assistants Kellie Blatt, Barbara Kulisek, Erin Harper, and Judy Martin
 Ushers Sue Carlson, Ari Richards, Isaac Richards, and Jay Richards
 Acolytes Chloe Burton
 Lector Jay Richards
 Worship Leader Julie Boam
 Flowers Shantel Kay
 Counters Jenny Greene, Janet Heubel, and Nancy Durst
 A/V Butch Karnes



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S February 18, 2018 thru February 25, 2018

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| SUNDAY | 2/18/2018 | 9:00 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
| | | 11:00 AM | Contemporary Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
| | | 12:30 PM | Holy Communion Class—Luther Memorial |
| | | 6:30 PM | Youth Group |
| TUESDAY | 2/20/2018 | 2:00 PM | Ruth Guild Meeting—Assembly Room |
| WEDNESDAY | 2/21/2018 | 10:30 AM | Bible Study—Assembly Room |
| | | 6:00 PM | Soup Supper and Study—Parish Center |
| THURSDAY | 2/22/2018 | 6:15 PM | Bell Choir Practice — Sanctuary |
| | | 7:15 PM | Chancel Choir Practice — Sanctuary |
| SATURDAY | 2/24/2018 | 5:30 PM | Worship with Communion—Sanctuary |
| SUNDAY | 2/25/2018 | 9:00 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
| | | 11:00 AM | Traditional Worship with Communion — Sanctuary |
| | | 1:00 PM | Youth and Family Sledding Event at Frontier Park |

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

Marge Altzman
 Kevin Harper
 Barbara Huff
 John Balczum
 Family & friends of James
 Papson (Rev. Kristen Papson's
 Father-in-law)
 Laurie Sanders
 Leah (cancer)
 Family & friends of Thelma Amon
 Rev. Mann
 Kenny Strohmeyer
 Tom & Barb Paszkowski
 Amanda Heubel
 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
 Char Burkholder
 Matthew Goodwin—deployed
 John Tyler—deployed
 Bishop Elizabeth
 Bishop Ralph
 Mayor Joe Schember

Hymnals and Bibles

We have begun using the new *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) hymnals and New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) Bibles. However, as you will notice, 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 19 ~ Ephesians 2:1-10

Tuesday, February 20 ~ 1 Peter 3:8-18a

Wednesday, February 21 ~ Matthew 4:1-11

Thursday, February 22 ~ Romans 3:21-31

Friday, February 23 ~ Romans 4:1-12

Saturday, February 24 ~ Mark 8:27-30

Sunday, February 25 ~ Genesis 17:1-16; Psalm 22:23-31; Romans 4:13-25 and Mark 8:31-38