

February 25, 2018

St. John's The Parish Post



Youth and Family Sledding Event

Join us THIS **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

You are invited to join us ... beginning this Wednesday, February 21, for our Lenten Soup Supper and Worship, each Wednesday throughout the Lenten Season. The Soup Supper is at 6:30 pm in the Parish Center/Gym and Worship will be at 7 pm in the Sanctuary.

Special Music

This Sunday (February 25) 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

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 welcome in both choirs. Choirs will sing and ring at the 9:00 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.

Choirs of Walther Christian Academy

The Choirs of Walther Christian Academy, a Lutheran high school in the Chicago area, will be presenting a special concert of sacred music at Trinity Lutheran Church, 14 E. 38th Street, on Saturday, March 10 at 7 pm. The program includes a variety of music ranging in style from classical to spirituals to folk hymns and chant. Admission is free. A freewill offering will be collected to support Walther's choral music mission.



**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.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR MARCH 2018



Service	11:00 AM	3/4/2018	3/11/2018	3/18/2018	3/25/2018
Greeters		The Harper Family	The Martin Family	The Olsen Family	The Richards Family
Communion Asst.		Sue Carlson	Lynn McGrath	Kellie Blatt	Judy Martin
Ushers		Lynn McGrath Tim Durst	Kevin Harper Roger Olsen	Sue Carlson Isaac Richards	Jay Richards Ari Richards
Acolytes A/V		Vanessa Drzal Harper	DustiRose Richards DustiRose Richards	Becky Carlson DustiRose Richards	Chloe Burton Chloe Burton
Lector		Brad Smith	Chuck Evans	Max Alwens Jr	Jay Richards
Worship Leader		Julie Boam	Butch Karnes	Butch Karnes	Julie Boam
Altar Guild		Linda Radomski	Barbara Olsen The Carlson Family	Stephanie Sorge	Linda Radomski
Flowers		Sandy Burton	Nancy Richards Eddie Martin	Marj Quinn	Don Carlson
Counters		Chris Reichert Marj Quinn Bob Quinn	Diane Bestvina Bob Bestvina Butch Karnes	Barbara Kulisek Judy Martin Joel Martin	Janet Heubel Nancy Durst Jenny Greene

Service	9:00 AM	3/4/2018	3/11/2018	3/18/2018	3/25/2018
Greeters		David & Betsy Haffley	Ben & Pat Montifiori	Joan Wheeler	David & Betsy Haffley
Ushers/Comm Assistant & Acolyte		Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Worship Leader		Ron Simonetti	Butch Karnes	Ron Simonetti	Ron Simonetti
Cantor		Carolyn Sturtevant	Shantel Kay	Emma Carlson	Phil Nagy
Lector		Ron Simonetti	Susan Packard	Ron Simonetti	Ron Simonetti



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 accepted!

Donations can be dropped off on the Gym stage, behind the curtains, beginning Monday, March 19th!

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

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, March 4, 2018

March 4, 2018

9 AM Worship

Greeter	David and Betsy Haffley
Usher, Acolyte and Communion Assistant	Volunteers
Worship Leader	Ron Simonetti
Cantor	Carolyn Sturtevant
Lector	Ron Simonetti



March 4, 2018

11 AM Worship

Greeters	The Harper Family
Communion Assistants	Sue Carlson
Ushers	Lynn McGrath and Tim Durst
Acolytes	Vanessa Drzal
Lector	Brad Smith
Worship Leader	Julie Boam
Flowers	Sandy Burton
Counters	Chris Reichert, Marj Quinn, and Bob Quinn
A/V	Harper
Altar Guild	Linda Radomski



THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S February 25, 2018 thru March 4, 2018

SUNDAY	2/25/2018	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		12:30 PM	Worship and Music Committee Mtg.—Assembly Room
		12:30 PM	Holy Communion Class—Luther Memorial
WEDNESDAY	2/28/2018	10:30 AM	Bible Study—Assembly Room
		6:30 PM	Soup Supper —Parish Center
		7:00 PM	Worship—Sanctuary
THURSDAY	3/01/2018	6:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice — Sanctuary
		7:15 PM	Chancel Choir Practice — Sanctuary
SATURDAY	3/03/2018	5:30 PM	Worship with Communion—Sanctuary
SUNDAY	3/04/2018	9:00 AM	Traditional Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		11:00 AM	Contemporary Worship with Communion — Sanctuary
		12:30 PM	Holy Communion Class—Luther Memorial
		6:00 PM	Youth Group

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

Marge Altzman
Kevin Harper
Barbara Huff
John Balczum
Laurie Sanders
Leah (cancer)
Family & friends of Thelma Amon
Rev. Mann
Kenny Strohmeier
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
"Tough decisions that need to be
made"
Alex and family

THELMA J. SEIGLER AMON

Thelma J. Seigler Amon, 96, of Erie, died on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at LECOM Senior Living Center, following a brief illness. She was born on June 20, 1921, in Erie, daughter of the late Vernon and Mabel Corrick Seigler.

A 1941 graduate of Academy High School, she worked for General Electric and for the Erie Public Library. Mrs. Amon was a much loved member of St. John's Lutheran Church, where she was active for many years with the Ruth Guild. She enjoyed knitting, sewing and reading.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Paul L. Amon, in 2005; three sisters, Dorothy Wolf, Ruth Renshaw and Audrey Roberts; and a son-in-law, Aaron Haffley.

Survivors include three daughters, Joyce Moon, Karen Haffley and Pamela Fisher and husband Keith, all of Erie; nine grandchildren, Christopher Moon and companion Shannon Inghram of Kansas City, Mo., Matthew Moon and wife Elizabeth of Union City, Pa., Jeffrey Moon, David Haffley and wife Betsy, Megan Lord and husband Jamie and Julie Firsch and husband William, all of Erie, Mark Haffley and wife Tyra of Girard, Pa., Michael Fisher and wife Sarah of Davenport, Fla. and Sarah Duris and husband Patrick of Wake Forest, N.C.; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Scott Funeral Home, handled the arrangements and the funeral service was held at St. John's Lutheran Church, with Rev. Erik Young officiating. Burial was at Laurel Hill Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

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!

Pennsylvania Fun Facts ...

The Pennsylvania Dutch aren't really Dutch at all. After migrating to America from Germany, they were called Pennsylvania Deutsch, which is the German word for Germanic people. Eventually, the English language converted Deutsch into Dutch.



READINGS FOR THIS WEEK — February 26 thru March 4

Monday, February 26 ~ Hebrews 1:8-12

Tuesday, February 27 ~ Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19

Wednesday, February 28 ~ John 12:36-43

Thursday, March 1 ~ 1 Peter 2:4-10

Friday, March 2 ~ Acts 7:30-40

Saturday, March 3 ~ Mark 9:2-8

Sunday, March 4 ~ Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22