



**ST. JOHN'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH

*"You belong here."*

# The Parish Post

Monthly Newsletter



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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.

# EASTER GARDEN



As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we remember loved ones and friends by decorating our Sanctuary with beautiful Lily and Primrose plants. You are invited to contribute in honor or in memory of individuals you know and love. Each child who attends Easter worship is invited to take home a Primrose plant from the cross at the front of the Sanctuary. After the Sunday Traditional service, adults are welcome to take the Lily plants they donated. Volunteers will donate the remaining Lilies to church members and friends who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in assisted care facilities so they too can enjoy a reminder of the Good News of Easter. Though dedications are unlimited, a limited number of Lilies and Primroses will be purchased. Any excess funds will be applied to our Altar Flower and Candle Fund. Please place this order form in an envelope marked "Easter Garden" with your check or cash and return it to the church office by noon on **Wednesday, March 29th**. Your order may also be placed in the offering plate during worship.

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (suggested donation \$14 per plant)

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with the ministry of delivering flowers



**Every Wednesday during Lent beginning at 6 pm  
in the Parish Center**

**Wednesday Soup Supper Studies: The Parables of Jesus (in Matthew)**

- 3/1: The Weeds Among the Wheat – Matthew 13:24-30
- 3/8: Mustard Seed/ Leaven – Matthew 13:31-34
- 3/15: Hidden Treasure/Pearl of Great Price – Matthew 13:44-46
- 3/22: The Unforgiving Servant – Matthew 18:23-35
- 3/29: The Two Sons – Matthew 21:28-32

**HOLY WEEK @STJOHNSERIE**

April 2nd  

**PALM SUNDAY**  
 8am Contemp.  
 10am Trad.

  
**MAUNDY**  
*thursday*  
 7pm

**GOOD FRIDAY**  
  
 Noon & 7pm

  
**HOLY SATURDAY**  
 5pm

April 9th  
*easter*  
**SUNDAY**  
  
 6:50am Sunrise  
 10am Traditional

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**DAYLIGHT  
SAVING  
TIME INFO**

*SPRING FORWARD*

March 12, 2023  
at 2:00 am

**Clock moves an hour ahead**

**Prayer Requests:** Do you have someone or something to pray for? Use the “Prayer Request” link on our church website (<http://stjohnserie.org/prayer-request/>). Enter your request and we will publish it in the Parish Post as well as be able to petition it during the prayers in worship. Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the “Prayer Request” link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

**Just a Reminder:** If you would like anything put in the *Parish Post*, please have it submitted to the church office no later than the 20th of the month prior. The office email is: [office@stjohnserie.org](mailto:office@stjohnserie.org) or call the office at (814) 456-7596.

**Check In for Worship:** As you attend worship with us virtually or in person, please remember to check in. Record your attendance through the app on our “Worship With Us” web page. Or you can check in via email, letting us know where you were, who you were with, and what worship you attended, by texting or emailing that information to [attendance@stjohnserie.org](mailto:attendance@stjohnserie.org).

**Check in for WORSHIP >**

## *Irish Dinner*

*Featuring the music of Brian Gray  
and authentic Éire cuisine*



*March 12, 2023  
5:00 pm*

*For more information or to RSVP, please call  
Faith Lutheran Church at (814)899-9653 by March 10th.*

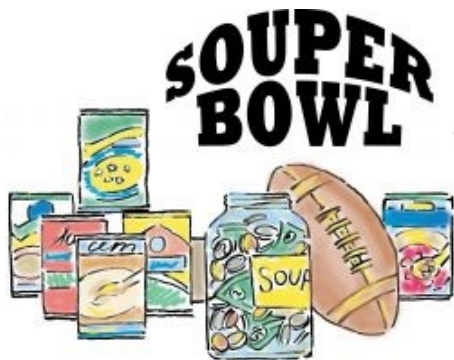


## Our Neighbors' Place

*Seasonal Overflow Shelter*

This is the emergency shelter operating under the umbrella of EUMA (Erie United Methodist Alliance) from mid-November until early April when all the existing shelters are full. It rotates among several Erie Churches. It was held at St. John's from February 1<sup>st</sup> until the morning of February 8th from 7:30 p.m. until 6:45 a.m. A total of 55 different people participated in this outreach. St. John's members totaled 34 and 21 volunteers were from other churches. It was either by their presence for a 4-hour shift, preparing off-site sandwich bags with snacks and a drink or spending hours setting up prior to opening or "tearing down" and cleaning at the end of the week. Faith Lutheran Church provided a variety of donations. A special thanks goes to 4 members of the Presque Isle Corvette Club for preparing, donating and serving a full course hot meal on the Saturday of shelter week. An additional thank you goes to 5 members of Weis Library United Methodist Church for preparing one as well on the final night of shelter week. Admittedly, there was a great deal of preparation and planning involved to make sure we were ready to nightly serve those in need. Our guests were thankful to have a place to shower, eat something (not to mention having a barista prepare coffee to their liking ☺) and a place to sleep for the night.

Your coordinators,  
Diane and Bob Bestvina



A big thanks to all those who participated in the Souper/Super Bowl Sunday for Second Harvest Food Bank and our own "in house" food pantry. A total of 41 items were contributed and a check to use as needed. And, just for the record, the total was 36 Eagles and 6 Chiefs. Oops, that didn't happen. ☺

If anyone has a child who is interested in First Communion, please contact Pastor Erik.





## Registration for the summer of 2023 is OPEN!

Camperships are available for all who need assistance. Call 724-865-2161 or email [registrar@lutherlyn.com](mailto:registrar@lutherlyn.com) for a campership application.

### *Notes from Erin Harper regarding Lutherlyn Summer Camp...*

- Any St. John's child/youth that is entering 2<sup>nd</sup> grade up through those just graduating high school is eligible to attend Lutherlyn.
- If you register prior to 11:59 PM on April 30<sup>th</sup> or at Camp Blast on May 13<sup>th</sup>, there is a \$20 Early Bird discount.
- There is a sibling discount of \$20 for each additional child.
- For 2023, St. John's is subsidizing \$390 for each camper. This is the balance after the \$100 registration fee for a week of Classic Camp Tier I.

The Lutherlyn website has everything you need to know about summer camp and how to register. Registration is online. A \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration. The website is [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com).

When you register, please email a copy of your invoice to me at [kheagle17@roadrunner.com](mailto:kheagle17@roadrunner.com) so we can distribute the St. John's portion.

### *For Confirmation Campers*

I will be sending a separate email with information about confirmation camp. Your child can attend other weeks at Lutherlyn beyond Confirmation camp if they would like, however they can only get the help from the St. John's for Confirmation camp and one additional week.

Again, please let me know what questions you have. Lutherlyn is a wonderful experience!!



### ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL MUSICIANS

The Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival is being conducted June 25- July 23, 2023 for any student in grades 8- 12 during the 2022-23 school year. Programs are being offered in Choir, Orchestra, Band, Musical Theatre, Jazz, and Handbells. It's an exciting comprehensive program offered at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN. Students will be instructed by a nationally renowned faculty and have an amazing pre-college experience. Financial help is available. Brochures are available in the Church Narthex or contact Kathy Swanson.

### ORGAN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The American Guild of Organists is offering Organ Scholarships for anyone interested in learning to play the pipe organ. There is a growing need for organists in America right now. All expenses will be underwritten by the Erie Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Successful applicants will receive a method book and ten lessons with a local organ teacher. Brochures are available in the Church Narthex or contact Kathy Swanson.

### MUSICIANS WANTED

St. John's is always looking for musicians to contribute to our 10:00 AM Traditional Worship Service. If you would like to sing or play an instrument, especially during the Lent and Easter season, please contact Kathy Swanson or call the church office.

## March 2023 St. John's Lutheran Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Fri.	Saturday
			<b>1</b> 6PM SOUP SUPPER	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 5PM WORSHIP
<b>5</b> 8 AM WORSHIP 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 6PM SOUP SUPPER 7PM CONG. COUNCIL	<b>9</b> 11:30AM WELCA	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 5PM WORSHIP
<b>12</b> 8 AM WORSHIP 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 12PM Brew Crew	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 6PM SOUP SUPPER	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 5PM WORSHIP
<b>19</b> 8AM WORSHIP 9 AM Bell Choir Rehearsal 10 AM WORSHIP	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00PM Duf- ford Terrace Board	<b>22</b> 6PM SOUP SUPPER	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5PM WORSHIP
<b>26</b> 8AM WORSHIP 10AM WORSHIP 11AM Bell Choir Rehearsal	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 6PM SOUP SUPPER	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	

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