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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 am Worship Faith Chapel  
10:30 am Worship Main Church  
10:30am service live streamed on YouTube.  
Service available on LM website on Monday

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Dear Luther Memorial,

### Alleluia! Christ is risen!

As I write this, we are in the throes of the busy-ness of Lent. While I simply love the pilgrimage and journey of the Lenten fast, it is by no means a slow time of the year for church workers of all varieties. Currently open on my computer besides this cover article are four bulletins and three inserts along with two different e-mail chains – and that's just for one weekend of services!

**But. I. Love. It.** This is my favorite time of the year. Holy Week, particularly the Great Triduum, even more than Easter Day or Christmas Eve is my favorite time to gather with you for worship. These deeply meaningful, liturgically rich, historically rooted, central days of our faith—the very passage of Jesus from death to new life as he drags us along with him—have such a beauty no matter how they are enacted in worship. But, if I do say so myself, I think we do them pretty well here at Luther. And what's more, I am looking forward to welcoming The Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis to join us to help celebrate and share the richness of these days.

These Three Days are our roots, yes. We cannot find our identity as baptized and beloved children of God *without* these days of remembering and watching, of praying and reading, of feasting and rejoicing. The glory of the Easter Dawn is meaningless without journeying with Jesus through the days that precede it.

But we do not enter into these meaningful days without knowing the ending. These roots are just that, they are our roots...and then—like the very flowers that adorn our Sanctuary on Resurrection Sunday—we grow. We bloom and sprout, we radiate with the very Life that is ours from the empty tomb!

And celebrate! We celebrate for the longest period of time of all season in our church calendar—a Week of Weeks! 7 Sundays! 50 days!

I look forward to joining with you in these central days and life-giving celebrations we will share over the coming days (as you first receive this and into the month ahead). And I thank you for your companionship on this journey.

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

## Looking Ahead to The Great Three Days



Be sure to mark your calendars for the Great Three Days: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil. We will be welcoming in The Rev. Dr. Karoline Lewis, Marbury E. Anderson Chair in Biblical Preaching at Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN, as our guest preacher for all three services.

Dr. Lewis is the author of "A Lay Preacher's Guide: How to Craft a Faithful Sermon" (2020), "Embody: Five Steps to Leading With Integrity," "SHE: Five Keys to Unlock the Power of Women in Ministry" (including an accompanying facilitator guide, participant guide, and DVD), and "John: Fortress Biblical Preaching Commentaries," as well as numerous articles and book chapters. She was one of the

100 religious scholars in the United States to contribute to the Values and Voices Campaign.

Ordained in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, Lewis holds degrees from Northwestern University (B.A.), Luther Seminary (M.Div.), and Emory University (Ph.D., New Testament Studies and Homiletics). She has served as Treasurer of Academy of Homiletics and Regional Coordinator for the Upper Midwest Region of the Society of Biblical Literature. Lewis has served as Program Director of the Festival of Homiletics and Chair of the Homiletics and Biblical Studies Section of the Society of Biblical Literature.

Lewis leads conferences, workshops, and retreats internationally on the Gospel of John, the New Testament, interpreting the Bible, preaching, leadership, and women in ministry. She is a contributing writer for Working Preacher, co-host of the site's weekly podcast, Sermon Brainwave, and regularly authors the Dear Working Preacher column. Visit [karolinelewis.com](http://karolinelewis.com) for resources on preaching, leadership, and being a woman in ministry.

**We will be hosting Dr. Lewis during her time in NWP. As such, if you are able financially help with her honorarium, travel, and lodging expenses, please speak with Pastor Jay.**

## Holy Week and Easter Services

### Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion ~ March 29

Festal Eucharist

*with Palm Procession and Passion*



8:15am      Worship - Main Church  
10:30am     Worship - Processional with Palms  
                 Main Church

### Maundy Thursday ~ April 2

Solemn Eucharist of the Lord's Supper

*with Footwashing and Stripping of the Altar*

7:00pm      Worship ~ Main Church



### Good Friday ~ April 3

*Stations of the Cross*

*with Organ Reflections*



Beginning at 12:00 noon - Main Church

### Good Friday ~ April 3

Liturgy of Our Lord's Passion

*with Adoration of the Cross*

7:00pm - Main Church

### Holy Saturday ~ April 4

The Great Vigil of Easter

*with Recitation of Salvation History  
and First Eucharist of the Resurrection*



7:00pm - gathering in the Courtyard

### Easter Sunday ~ April 5

*Festival Eucharist of the Resurrection*

8:15am      Main Church  
10:30am     Main Church



## Luther Memorial Concert and Cultural Series

### Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project

**"Collections" - The Music of Michael Dobrich**  
**Saturday, March 28**  
**7:00pm**

Founded in 2016, the Contemporary Integrational Orchestra Project (CIOP) seeks to provide the enriching experience of playing in a string orchestra to people of all ages, all skill levels and all backgrounds.

The traditionally-held orchestral model is competitive, whereas the CIOP seeks to lessen the intimidation associated with playing in an orchestra by providing a uniquely NON-competitive model by intentionally pairing less experienced players with more experienced players. This allows less experienced players to safely grow and gain experience while also offering the more experienced players the opportunity to develop the art of mentorship.

Instead of competing with other local orchestras, it is the mission of the CIOP to supplement the players with additional opportunities outside of the orchestras that they are already involved with, while proactively forming strong relationships with the orchestral community at large and nurturing ALL musical education in Erie, PA.

We welcome you to the performance of a promising young composer, Michael Dobrich, on March 28.  
Admission is free. A reception will be held following the concert.

### Between the Motion and the Music

**Sunday, March 29**  
**4:00pm**  
**Fred Rueckert, Presenter**

Fred Rueckert, a Rochester Institute of Technology student, will present a documentary showing the Massey Memorial Organ's 1992-1993 re-construction. Begun in late 1992 and completed in June 1993, the organ was reconstructed by the

Fischer Pipe Organ Company of Erie. In 2003, a 32" Bombarde stop was added to the instrument by Fischer Pipe Organ Company. This specialized organ stop was donated to Chautauqua Institution by Mr. Rueckert as his college project and in memory of his grandparents.



A post documentary Q&A will be offered with Mr. Rueckert and Cantor Bryan.

### Astralis Chamber Ensemble

**Friday, April 17**  
**7:00pm**  
***Meditations***  
**Flute, Viola, Harp**

The Astralis Chamber Ensemble is an innovative and dynamic ensemble and performs across the country. These award-winning musicians represent decades of experience performing at many of the world's major venues and notable concert series. With instrument pairings that are unique worldwide, the ensemble has been selected for the dedication of many new chamber works. Concert tours include a range of performances

from leading concert series to underserved communities in order to reach communities of all backgrounds through music.

Please join us on Friday, April 17 for "Meditations" featuring works by Debussy, Dubois and Genzemer.

### Presque Isle Ringers

**Sunday, April 26**  
**7:00pm**

You've never heard bells played like this before! Erie's only community handbell ensemble will be showcasing their amazing and unique instrument. You will see them pluck, mallet, thumb damp, echo and toll as they share their passion for handbells. Please join us for this wonderful concert with reception following.



## Christian Education

### Sunday Mornings

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Children in grades PreK-grade 5 will gather for Sunday School on Sunday, April 12 from 9:30-10:15am.

Youth and families are invited to join us on Sunday, April 12 at 9:30am for discussion on the **National Youth Gathering** which will be held in June 2027. It may be a year away but this event requires a good deal of planning. **If you are interested in attending the National Youth Gathering attendance to this meeting is strongly encouraged.**

### Confirmation Class Revamp! – 11:30am

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Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade through 9<sup>th</sup> grade will meet on Sunday, March 8 for the next workshop. Four are offered throughout the year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in odd months (**March 8, May 10**) after the 10:30am worship service. In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7<sup>th</sup> and beginning of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10<sup>th</sup> grade to each confirmand.



### Faith Formation

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We welcome you to join us for Adult Forum, Brown Bag Bible, and Bible After Dark (BAD). **Faith Formation Calendars** for adults are available in hard copy on the Welcome Table near the Ramp Door. There are electronic copies on the Facebook page and information can be also be found on our website.



#### BROWN BAG BIBLE

Meeting on Thursdays at 12:00 noon, Brown Bag Bible is an opportunity to grow more deeply in our understanding of scripture through more in-depth study. You are invited to bring a lunch. We gather in the Conference Room in the Pastoral Suite (Elevator to Floor 4). **B<sup>3</sup> will resume on Thursday, April 30 with a study on the book of Revelation.**

#### BIBLE AFTER DARK

We gather on the **FIRST TUESDAYS** of the Month at 6:30pm at Calamari's Squid Row for conversation, fellowship, and mutual support among the saints! **Join us at Calamari's on April 7.** We are studying *Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place*.

### First Holy Communion Classes

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First Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, April 19, 2026 during the 10:30am service.

**In preparation for First Communion two Saturday morning sessions will be held on Saturday, April 11 and Saturday, April 18 from 9:00am - 12:00 noon, including snack time.** These 2 All-Family Workshops will be our preparation for the big celebration! Any family interested in First Communion should plan to attend both sessions. Classes will be held in fellowship hall. First Communion is open to all the baptized so any child and family are welcome if you're ready. However, families with children in grades 3-5 are strongly encouraged to participate if your child has not received First Communion yet. Please contact Pastor Jay or the church office if your family will be attending these sessions. Thank you.

## Camp Lutherlyn

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Registration for Summer Camp 2026 began on February 1. For seventy-eight years, Lutherlyn has been combining the love of God, fun, friends, swimming, playing in the woods, adventure challenges, Bible study, worship, cookouts, campfires, discoveries in nature, games, and a few surprises into an unforgettable experience!

Lutherlyn offers a variety of week-long, half-week, and day programs for children entering 1st grade through those who have finished their senior year of high school. Information is located at the Welcome Table.

## Help! Confirmation Students at Camp Lutherlyn

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Confirmation is an important moment in the life of a young person. It is the first time baptized Christian youth profess their intention to live up to the vows of the baptismal and membership covenant and become a professing member of a congregation.

Youth confirmed at Luther Memorial have completed three (3) years of confirmation classes and are also encouraged to attend Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn each summer. This year our youth in grades 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup>, will be attending Confirmation Camp **Sunday, June 14 - Friday, June 19, 2026**. We are excited about the experiences our youth will have as they attend Confirmation Camp this June. Information will be sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. The necessary forms will also be available on Luther Memorial's website. If you have not received the information, please contact the church office. Registration is open now.

Because confirmation does have a cost we are doing four things. First, Luther Memorial, per the 2026 budget, will pay a portion of the money. Second, each student will pay \$110. Third, to help offset church expenses, our youth are involved in many fundraising opportunities and our youth are asked to help with as many of these as possible. And fourth, just like in previous years we are asking for student sponsors. **The cost to sponsor one student for the week is \$100.** So many have been very responsive to this way to give in previous years, so please consider sponsoring one or more students! If you feel called to respond in this way, you may mail a check to Luther Memorial marked Confirmation Camp or call Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or Norma Buerk. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## Youth (and Family) Events

### LIA ~ Lutherans in Action

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**Tuesday, April 14**  
5:30 - 7:00pm

Have you joined us for LIA yet? This will be a perfect time to stop down for a fun evening. Youth in grades 5-12 and their families meet the second Tuesday of each month to discuss planning of upcoming service projects and come up with some very creative ideas. We hope you'll join us.

### Bethany Outreach Center

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**BINGO FUNDRAISER**  
**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
**Polish Falcons Club**  
431 E. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street

Join us for an evening of fun at this event to benefit the Bethany Outreach Center. **Doors will open at 5:00pm** and the **games begin at 6:00pm**. Admission is \$30 per person. Take part in the ALL-CASH BINGO Games, and optional Basket raffle, Tips, and Instants. To purchase admission tickets in advance, please see Pat Bellingham, Eric Hedlund, or Casey Hedlund after church on Sundays, or Norma in the church office on weekdays. On the day of this event the kitchen will be open, so food and drink will available for purchase. We encourage you to RSVP to Mabel at **814-456-6254** so you can reserve a table for your family and friends. **Hope to see you there!**



## Women of the ELCA

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### Tuesday Circle News

The Tuesday Circle will gather on April 7 at 3:0pm in the church parlor.

Our Circle is open to all women. Please contact Pat Young, President, at 455-7736, or our church office, 454-0106, ext. 221, with any questions.

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### Deborah Circle

The Deborah circle will meet on Tuesday, April 7 at 12:00 noon.

For more information on the Deborah Circle, please contact Judy Johnson at 833-4600.

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### Pennies for Poverty

As a continuing project to aid women and children in crisis, special containers for donations to "Pennies for Poverty" are located by the doors to the Main Church and Faith Chapel. Our women's groups thank one and all for your donations of coins and dollars.



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## Fellowship

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### Magic Fingers Grace Group



It will be a guaranteed hoppin' good time when you pop in to our knitting and crocheting group on Tuesday mornings. Put all those beautiful pastel colors to good use and whip up a prayer shawl to brighten someone's day. We hope you stop in and visit with us for a while on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am - 12:00 noon.

Mark it on your calendars for April 14 and April 28.

If you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet, we'd love to show you. Please contact Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476 or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221 with any questions. Please let us know if you are low on yarn and some can be dropped off to you.

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### OWLS Event for All

**Wednesday, April 22**  
**11:00am**

Our April outing is something everyone will find very interesting and enjoyable; a walking tour of Organ Supply Industries with vice-president, Bryan Timm. Bryan will take us on a 30-40 minute tour of the one floor facility. Following the tour a stop for lunch at a restaurant may be in order.

We will meet at Organ Supply Industries, 2320 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street. Please contact Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476, or Norma in the church office if you plan to attend.



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### Second Sunday Socials

Relax on Sunday morning, visit with everyone in the parlor and enjoy some delicious refreshments during our next get together on Sunday, April 12. Please contact the church office if you would like to host this time of fellowship.



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### Easter Flock



Bring the family to **Easter Flock** at Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, 2402 W. Grandview Blvd., **Saturday, March 28** for a spectacular afternoon. Smiles and laughter will be everywhere having fun with face painting, inside petting zoo, crafts, puppet show, raffle baskets and more. Food trucks will also be on site. All this excitement is free so stop in from 1:00-3:00pm for a wonderful time!

## Bread for the World

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*“Open your mouth for those who cannot speak, and for the rights of those who are left without help.” Proverbs 31:8a NLV*

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization urging U.S. decision makers to do all they can to pursue a world without hunger. Every year churches, community organizations and people of faith across the country write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger. Last fall over 20 people here at Luther Memorial wrote letters to Rep. Mike Kelly, urging him co-sponsor legislation to make it easier for women, infants, and children to receive nutritional support. Those letters were hand-delivered to Rep. Kelly’s office in Erie.

*On April 26, 2026, we will again be participating in Bread for the World’s Offering of Letters. At 9:15 and 11:30, you will have the opportunity to write your own letter to Rep. Kelly, urging him to restore, protect, and strengthen U.S. nutrition programs that help families put food on the table. Sample letters will be available, along with fact sheets, paper, pens, and some light refreshments. On May 3 during both worship services, our letters will be brought to the altar for a prayer asking God to bless our offering, that it may contribute to a world without hunger.*

Your letters matter! Leaders in Congress really do listen to their constituents. Every letter you write to your representatives on Capitol Hill is read and cataloged – and tells your representative which issues to prioritize. When enough people speak up, hunger is impossible to ignore!

In Matthew 14:16, when the disciples asked Jesus to send the hungry crowd away, he replied, “You give them something to eat.” Today, that same call comes to us. Join us on April 26 to make your voice heard. Let’s double the number of letters delivered to Rep. Kelly this year!

For more information about Bread for the World, visit [www.bread.org](http://www.bread.org).



## Camp Lutherlyn

### Spring Work Day

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**Saturday, April 25  
9:00am – 4:00pm**

It takes a lot of hands to prepare Lutherlyn for the thousands of people who will visit throughout the spring and summer. In addition to the quickly approaching Summer Camp programs, Lutherlyn also hosts thousands of people who visit on Environmental Education field trips, participate in Adventure and team building programs, and take lessons at the Equestrian Center.



Flower beds need to be weeded, firewood needs to be cut, fences need to be repaired, sticks and leaves need to be removed, as well as a variety of other jobs for volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Lutherlyn provides all of the tools (and a lunch prepared by Chef Lisa) and volunteers provide the willing hands! Lutherlyn is also looking for responsible chainsaw owners to bring a chainsaw and cut up some down trees for us. You can take logs with you to split for firewood.

**Please RSVP if you will be attending so preparations are made for an adequate number of projects and plenty of food is ready for lunch.**

### CampBlast

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**Saturday, May 9  
11:00am – 4:30pm**

**Experience a GREAT day at camp!** Campfire, crafts, gaga ball, archery, pony rides, zipline, bouldering room, hikes, nature activities, hay rides, games, sports, archaeology, disc golf, jump pillow, tours, great food, worship, and MORE! Don’t let the weather stop you – this will be fun rain or shine. **The best part? EVERYTHING IS FREE!!**



No registration is needed. Just show up with all your friends, family, neighbors, and anyone else looking for a fun, free day.

### April Birthdays

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Amy Cunningham 4-1  
Maryanne Chaffee 4-1  
Arlene Evans 4-2  
Kyle Henry 4-2  
Sharon Burke 4-2  
Robert Hessinger 4-3  
Carol Zamperini 4-3  
Veronica Wolf 4-4  
Jordan Woodward 4-4  
Aurora Houston 4-4  
Skip Meyn 4-4  
Sutton Rowland 4-4  
Sue Visalle 4-5  
Karissa Kurtich 4-5  
Paul Meucci 4-5  
Hannah Lujbli 4-5



James Koenig 4-6  
Solomon Washington 4-8  
Rebecca Carullo 4-9  
Barbara Lemke 4-11  
Anna Mezzacapo 4-12  
Bailee Foutz 4-12  
Cathy Beck 4-13  
Andrew Laver 4-14  
Gaberial Noble 4-16  
Jane Moran 4-16  
Autumn Meyn 4-16  
Philip Symes 4-18  
Bryan Timm 4-18  
Chaz Mitchell 4-18  
Judy Crissman 4-21  
Darlene Downey 4-22

Michael Brown 4-22  
Jean McMillin 4-22  
Michael Hedlund 4-22  
Mary Breyley 4-24  
Tessa Wolf 4-25  
Brian Moran 4-25  
Judy Johnson 4-27  
Mary Daniels 4-29  
Alanna Jerauld 4-29  
William Soder 4-29  
Roberta Lobaugh 4-29  
Martha Klomp 4-30  
Ann Flick 4-30  
Ellie Cadden 4-30  
Jeserie Woodward 4-30  
Linda Brandt 4-30



### April Sunshine Birthdays

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Paul Meucci 4-05  
Friendship Towers  
111 East 11<sup>th</sup> St., Box 162  
Erie, PA 16501

Barbara Lemke 4-11  
21 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Apt. 307  
Erie, PA 16501



William Soder 4-29  
Soldiers & Sailors Home  
560 East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Erie, PA 16507



*Our love and sympathy is extended  
to the family and friends of:*

Richard Come who died Monday, February 23, 2026. Our prayers are with his wife, Nancy; daughter, Michelle DeDinisio, and family.

Sam Seggi, Jr. who died Thursday, February 26.  
Our prayers are with his fiancé, Diana Alvaro.

Paul Thom who died Saturday, March 7.  
Our prayers are with his son and wife, Jessie and Michelle Thom (LMA principal).

Shirley Messenger who died Saturday, March 14.  
Our prayers are with her daughter, Darlene Downey, and family.

### Wondrous Monarchs

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Faith Lutheran Church, 5414 East Lake Road, invites you to a presentation by Erie County Master Gardener and Monarch Specialist Sue Scholz on Monday, April 13, at 7:00pm. Sue will share information on the fascinating Monarch migration journey, life cycle, habitat, and how we can help Monarchs survive and thrive.

## February 2026 Council Meeting

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1. **Council Meeting:** Minutes of the February 10, 2026 council meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **Pastor Jay's Report:** Lutheran Schools Week went extremely well. Information was shared regarding the Chrism Mass (Tuesday of Holy Week) and guest preacher, Karoline Lewis of the Lutheran Seminary, who will be preaching during the Great Three Days. All are asked to keep Michelle Thom in prayer at the passing of her father-in-law.
3. **Property Committee:** Use of rental space will be determined. LM will host the Fuller Bike Tour in July. Carol Davidson will begin work on the church directory; volunteers are needed. For those unable to be present to have their picture taken there will be an option to email a photo. The remaining repairs to the boiler will be completed when the weather clears.
4. **Holy Trinity Dinner:** Luther Memorial will prepare and serve a sloppy joe dinner at Holy Trinity on Thursday, April 30. Dinner is served at 5:00pm. Volunteers are needed to assist with serving and cleanup.
5. **Organ Committee:** Bryan Timm and the committee presented basic numbers at a going rate for five (5) of the organs in major churches surrounding Luther Memorial that are utilized in similar ways. It is desired to have a pipe organ which typically lasts 80 years until repair is necessary. This takes up real estate we do not have without altering space. Luther Memorial has been gifted a \$1,000,000 pipe organ from Dwight Jones. The remaining cost of preparing Luther Memorial for this organ would be \$1,800,000. The Organ Committee proposes a three (3) phase project:
  - a. Phase I: Bring in Dwight Jones organ, refurbish, and make alterations. Following these alterations not much will be needed for another 80 years. This can sustain itself, and play/function as "smaller choir pipe organ". Revamp and restructure the chamber area where it will be placed. ~\$375,000.
  - b. Phase II: Allen organ (currently in the choir loft) is replaced. This will happen as the current organ is 12 years past lifetime; 2 years past hopeful lifetime. Set up to be able to take on additional pipe organ added to it. Stand-alone if not. ~\$500,000.
  - c. Phase III: Bethany organ brought in, choir loft restructured and reinforced and merged with the Allen organ replacement. ~\$1,800,000.
    - i. The Organ Committee would like to present this to the congregation to determine fundraising support sometime after Easter; late April or early May.
    - ii. On motion it was unanimous to accept the Organ Committee's recommendation of presenting the 3-phase organ project to the congregation.
6. **Temple Talk:** Letters to be sent to State Representatives to support hunger initiatives: A Temple Talk will be held Sunday, April 19; signing of letters on Sunday, April 26; letters will be blessed on Sunday, May 4.
7. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - a. Currently \$8,000 less than budgeted for YTD due to Property.
  - b. Total contributions up \$5,000 YTD. Under budget with rest of income budget YTD.
  - c. \$20,000 above YTD for property. \$115,000 vs \$93,000 YTD expenses.
  - d. Other repairs for the duration of the year or following year, money from the Mission Investment Fund can be used. A request will need to be submitted for use of those funds.
8. **Council Meeting:** Council will meet Tuesday, April 14, 2026 at 6:00pm.



# Luther Memorial Academy



## 50 Year Celebration!

**SAVE THE DATE:** Our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration will be on Saturday, May 2. Additional information about the event can be found at [www.luthermemorialacademy.org](http://www.luthermemorialacademy.org). Go to "About" and on the drop-down menu click on "50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration". Admission information is also located at the church Welcome Table and in the school and church offices.

### Pizza with the Principal & Pastor

The award luncheon continues for one student from each class that exemplifies the monthly character trait. Congratulations to our February students who demonstrated the trait of COMPASSION.

We're looking forward to our students in March who demonstrate the trait of working collaboratively.



### Book Fair

Students will have the opportunity to shop at the Book Fair Thursday, April 23 and Friday, April 24.

The Book Fair will be open following worship services on Sunday, April 26.



### Pasta Dinner

A Pasta Dinner is in the works. Italian food will hit the spot!

A planning meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25 at 4:45pm.



### Easter Break



**School will dismiss at 11:30am on Thursday, April 2.** After-school will not be in session. A teacher meeting will be held immediately following dismissal.

LMA will be closed for Easter break Friday, April 3 - Friday, April 10.

Students return to classes on Monday, April 13.

### Chipotle Night

**Monday, May 4  
4:00 - 8:00pm**



Stop by Chipotle, 6611 Peach Street, and satisfy your hunger craving. Our PTL is hosting this fundraiser and 25% of sales will benefit LMA PTL.

Flyers are available in the church and school offices. Online orders may also be placed using code YRPWNRP.

### Payments



**TUITION BREAK:** If you are responsible for a new student(s) attending LMA for the entire year, you will receive a \$500 tuition discount applied at the end of the year. Sometimes word of mouth is our best advertising!! If you know a family thinking of changing schools, let them know about us!!

## Lutheran Schools Week



Lutheran Schools Week was recognized with a special service on Monday, March 2. Pastor Ryan Fitch of Camp Lutherlyn delivered a message to our students and we were happy to have some church members and preschools join us.

Following the service we headed to fellowship hall for the “SouPPPPPer” contest. . .

Congratulations to Les Fobes, Church Council President, who won our third annual “SouPPPPPer” contest. Les’ homemade chili earned the prize of the Golden Ladle for 2026!



## Erie’s St. Patrick’s Day Parade



Oh, what a fun time we had! It may have been chilly, but no one noticed because it was a morning full of laughter and excitement.

Thank you to everyone who came out and supported LMA and celebrated St. Patrick’s Day with us. An extra special thank you to Mrs. Noyes and Mrs. Fried for leading the bunch and to John Bartlett for driving the truck.



*Our love and sympathy is extended to the family and friends of:*

Paul Thom who died Saturday, March 7.

Our prayers are with his son and wife, Jessie and Michelle Thom (LMA principal).

## Wish List

Every little bit helps LMA; thank you.

- Bottled water – small and large
- Cases of paper
- Plates & napkins
- Monetary donations for Art & Music Supplies
- Monetary donations for the MJ Howell fund, which benefit teachers and staff

Be sure to check out the LMA School Newsletter for more great things happening. Great information at your fingertips all the time! Just scan the QR code or to go:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/IFORHQj/ewssignup>



**APRIL 2026**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b>  The Triduum Maundy Thurs. Good Friday Easter Vigil	<b>2</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 11:30am LMA Dismissal/Teacher Meeting 1:00pm Grief Group 7:00pm Worship	<b>3</b> <i>Good Friday</i> LMA & Church Office Closed 12:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Worship	<b>4</b> 7:00pm Easter Vigil
<b>5</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8:15/10:30am Worship 	<b>6</b> LMA & Church Offices Closed	<b>7</b> 12:00pm Deborah Circle 3:00pm W/ELCA 6:30pm B.A.D./Calamari's LMA Closed	<b>8</b> 6:30pm Worship & Music LMA Closed	<b>9</b> 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir LMA Closed	<b>10</b> LMA Closed	<b>11</b> 9:00am First Communion Wkshop.
<b>12</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Second Sunday Social 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am LYO/Nat'l. Youth Gath. Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 5:30pm L.I.A. 6:00pm Council	<b>15</b> 6:00pm PTL 	<b>16</b> 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>17</b> 7:00pm Astralis Ensemble	<b>18</b> 9:00am First Communion Wkshop. 10:00am Quilting
<b>19</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 1:00pm VASA 4:00pm Pasta Dinner	<b>20</b> 3:15pm Prayer Group	<b>21</b> 10:00am Pericope 4:30pm School Board	<b>22</b> 11:00am OWLS/Organ Supply Tour	<b>23</b> 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:00am Book Fair 11:30am Coffee Hour 7:00pm Presque Isle Ringers	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group	<b>29</b> 11:30am Pizza w/the Pastor & Principal	<b>30</b> 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	<b>Looking Ahead:</b> Saturday, May 2 7:00 - 9:00pm LMA 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration 	