

# LUTHER MEMORIAL

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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.  
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Dear Luther Memorial,

June is a full month. There is so much going on, so much to take note of, so much for the history books if you will. Some of it good. Some of it less good. All of it noteworthy in our life together as church.

On June 8 we will celebrate the Day of Pentecost, the gift of the Holy Spirit, the birthday of the Church Universal. We will welcome Bishop Lozano for his episcopal visit with us in the morning. *Don't forget to get your geranium orders in!*

We will also celebrate with our LMA Lions on June 8 as we share in our 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Commencement Exercises. Bishop Lozano will join us for that celebration as well.

The following weekend, as our Lions are celebrating the end of the school year, the NWPAsynod will gather for our annual Synod Assembly. This year we hold a bishop's election. Bishop Lozano has said he will stand if nominated. By the end of the weekend, either he will be re-elected or we will have a new bishop!

On June 15 we will, of course, celebrate Fathers' Day. While this is not a church holiday, it is also the Feast of the Holy Trinity! And if that's not enough, we will send our youth off to ConfirCamp for the week. This is also the beginning of the Beginners Boot Camp at LMA for the first two weeks of summer!

On the 19<sup>th</sup> we will mark the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Juneteenth. We will celebrate independence for *all* citizens in the United States with the end of slavery 2 years after the end of the Civil War. This is good news, though of course it is tempered with the knowledge that persons were enslaved at all and some for two years longer than they needed to be.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> we will mark the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the slaughter of the Emanuel Nine. These nine persons were murdered during a Bible Study in their own church because of the color of their skin. This is a particularly noteworthy commemoration for us as members of the ELCA since the shooter was a member of the nearby ELCA congregation and a White supremacist.

June 28 is the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Revolution and the celebration of Pride as well for our LGBTQIA+ siblings. This is a reminder for us as a church that there are still so many who feel isolated, ostracized, marginalized, and estranged from the family of God because of who they love and how they identify.

And while all these are notable and important, one astounding anniversary in the month of June is the 1700<sup>th</sup> (yes, One Thousand Seven Hundredth) anniversary of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. This is the Creed we often recite together in worship. For more information about the Creed and the anniversary, look for the article inside. This is a big anniversary for celebration!

And, of course, July brings its own celebration at the beginning of the Fourth of July. Not to mention the myriad Saints we have to remember and celebrate. Even in the length of summer, there is reason to celebrate! See you in church!

*Pastor Jay*

## Congratulations to Our Graduates

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We applaud our youth as they complete milestones in their education. Please congratulate our graduates and wish them the best as they continue their education and new careers. They have worked hard and we are proud of their accomplishments.

A reception honoring our graduates will be held following the 10:30 service on Sunday, June 8.  
Please join us in the parlor to recognize and congratulate our graduates.



### Our 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Grad moving on up to high school:

ALEX COONEY	Parker Middle School	General McLane High School
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### We wish the best to our graduating high school seniors:

BRODY CAROLUS	Collegiate Academy	Trade School <i>Electrician</i>
GRACE GRAFFIUS	McDowell High School Erie County Technical School <i>(Early Childhood Education)</i>	Slippery Rock University <i>Early Childhood and Special Education</i>
MARIAN GRAFFIUS	Collegiate Academy <i>Capstone diploma for AP &amp; research studies</i>	Penn State University <i>Astronomy and Astrophysics</i>
AVERY ELSA JANTZI <i>Arlene &amp; John Evans granddaughter</i>	McDowell High School	University of Pittsburgh
KARA PARTUSCH	McDowell High School	Baldwin Wallace University <i>Music Education</i>
JEANA WILLIAMS	Collegiate Academy Erie Community College (Assoc. Degree)	Penn State University / Behrend <i>Nursing</i>

### Congratulations to our college graduates:

LYDIA COWAN <i>Mary Mumford's granddaughter</i>	Western Michigan University <i>BA in Communications &amp; BA in Creative Writing</i>	University of Alabama (Grad School) <i>MFA in Fiction (writing)</i>
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## Worshipping at Presque Isle

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**Congregational Worship Service**  
**Sunday, June 22**  
**Presque Isle**  
**Runner's Club Pavilion**  
**(Near Beach 1)**

10:30am - One Service Only  
11:30am - Tureen Luncheon



Not everyone has a beach so close to home. Let's enjoy it together; join us for worship and a picnic lunch.

- Hotdogs, condiments, lemonade & coffee provided
- Please bring a dish to share
- Please bring your place setting
- Please bring your lawn chairs
- Stay for some games; bring some of your favorites along.

## Outreach Offering

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Giving offerings to outreach ministries allows Luther Memorial to support vital work beyond our church walls, like serving those in need and spreading the gospel. It enables us to fulfill our mission of serving God and others by funding programs that improve lives, both physically and spiritually.

Two of our summer months have five Sundays; June 29 and August 31. On these Sundays our morning offerings will be given to support:

- Lutheran Services in America ([lutheranservices.org](http://lutheranservices.org)) on June 29, and
- Global Refuge ([globalrefuge.org](http://globalrefuge.org)) on August 31



## Christian Education

### Sunday Mornings

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#### Second Sunday of each Month

Our last Sunday School class for children in PreKdg.- Grade 5 was held May 18. We will be on break until September.

### Confirmation at Camp Lutherlyn

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Luther Memorial Church's confirmation class will be attending Confirmation Camp at Lutherlyn from June 15 to June 20. Luther Memorial youth join together with other congregational youth from the Northwest Pennsylvania Synod. Lutherlyn is a ministry of the Northwestern PA Synod and is sustained by the offerings of so many wonderful servants. We also wanted to give a word of thanks to the parents who have encouraged their youth to attend and to so many wonderful sponsors for our youth to attend camp.

Thank you to those who have donated to help our youth attend this year's camp. Luther Memorial continues to be blessed by warm and generous hearts.

Joan Chalikian  
Marilyn Rositer

Amy McDougall  
Pat Young

Betty Pletz

## Youth (and Family) Opportunities

### LIA ~ Lutherans in Action

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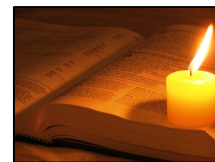
**Tuesday, June 10 & July 8**  
5:30 – 7:00pm

Meeting the second Tuesday of each month, youth in grades 5-12 discuss and complete service projects together. Families are invited to join us this summer for some fun activities that are planned as well.

### B.A.D. – Bible after Dark

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Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book Context by Josh Scott. We gather at **Calamari's** on the **first Wednesday** of each month at 6:30pm. Copies of the book can be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage or other sustenance as we chat! We will be gathering throughout Lent for mid-week and Sunday services. **We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, June 4 and July 2.**



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

Kaitlin Weber, Susan and Mike Weber's daughter, who died Saturday, May 3, 2025.

## **The 1700<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed**

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Dear church,

Seventeen hundred years ago, the first ecumenical council was convened in Nicaea to discern matters central to the Christian faith, namely: *How do we understand Jesus Christ?* The council sought to end disputes about the divine nature of Jesus and his relationship to God — in an attempt to unify all of Christendom. Naturally, debates arose, and different schools of thought emerged. In the end, near-consensus was reached — and later expanded in 381 — which resulted in the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. Ever since, Christians have articulated the complexity of the faith in clear and simple terms.

This anniversary is an opportunity to celebrate the God-given gift of our visible unity and an invitation to share that more fully. It is also an occasion to claim our place in the 1,700-year-old conciliar ecumenical movement that began with a common affirmation of our faith “so that the world may believe” (John 17:21).

At the same time, this anniversary invites further reflection and even self-critique. A later addition to the creed called the “filioque” (“and the Son”) — made by the Latin Church in an attempt to resolve yet another dispute — has contributed to division between the Eastern and Western churches for almost a millennium. This enduring issue has been meaningfully addressed in a joint statement issued last year by the Joint International Commission on Theological Dialogue Between the Lutheran World Federation and the Orthodox Church. This fruit of 40-plus years of dialogue presents us with the opportunity to move toward healing age-old divisions within Christ’s church, both globally and in our own context.

This study guide seeks to aid our common reflection on this development in the context of the good Lutheran question *What does this mean?* You will find here a variety of ways to explore the mysterious truth of the Holy Trinity through worship, praying the Nicene Creed, guided conversation, and engagement with biblical and liturgical texts and hymns, and to seek local reception of the joint statement with our Orthodox siblings.

I’d like to offer a special word of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Jonathan Linman, pastor of Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Phoenix, Ariz., and Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Representative for the Grand Canyon Synod, who was the primary author and curator of this study guide. I would also like to thank the Rev. Dr. Dirk Lange, assistant general secretary for ecumenical relations at the Lutheran World Federation and co-secretary of the International Commission that produced the Joint Statement, and Bishop Emeritus Don McCoid, former bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, former executive for ecumenical and inter-religious relations in the Office of the Presiding Bishop, and longtime co-chair of the Joint International Commission on Theological Dialogue Between the LWF and the Orthodox Church, who served as consultants. Lastly, Deacon John Weit, executive for Worship, and Kathryn Lohre, executive for Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations and Theological Discernment, have supported this work on behalf of the Office of the Presiding Bishop.

I pray that your study, reflection and reception of the Joint Statement on the Filioque will not only enliven our commitments to Lutheran-Orthodox relations and dialogue but be a bold witness of Christian unity in a time of deep divisions in Christ’s church and God’s world.

In Christ,



The Rev. Elizabeth A. Eaton Presiding Bishop  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

### **and the Lutheran-Orthodox Joint Statement on the *Filioque***

The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Orthodox Church have issued a joint statement on the addition of the Filioque clause to the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed, a theological issue that has divided the Eastern and Western Church traditions for almost a thousand years.

The word ‘filioque’ (‘and the Son’ in English) to describe the procession of the Holy Spirit, was added by the Latin Church to the Creed centuries after its composition to counter Arianism [which denied the divinity of Christ, the Son] but the Eastern Church has always protested this insertion.

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In a Common Statement of the Joint International Commission on Theological Dialogue between the LWF and the Orthodox Church, both partners 'suggest that the translation of the Greek original (without the Filioque) be used in the hope that this will contribute to the healing of age-old divisions between our communities and enable us to confess together the faith of the Ecumenical Councils of Nicaea (325) and Constantinople (381).'

The Commission developed the statement at its 18<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session held in Cairo, Egypt, in May [2024]. The Commission emphasized that the Creed is a foundational liturgical and doctrinal statement and expressed hope for a renewed focus on Trinitarian theology in the life of churches. 'We both affirm the full divinity and personhood of the Holy Spirit, which was expressed in different ways in the eastern and the western traditions.'

The Common Statement is the result of over 40 years of dialogue and ecumenical commitment between the LWF and the Orthodox Church. It is offered as a sign of reconciliation for the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Nicaea in 2025. It also marks a hopeful step toward greater theological understanding and unity between Lutheran and Orthodox churches.

**If you are interested in learning more, there will be an Adult Forum held  
on Sunday July 13 and 20 between the services.**

## Counting Committee

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We are excited to announce that we are forming a new Counting Committee and are looking for volunteers! We need individuals to help count all the offerings following the 10:30am worship services. If you're interested in contributing to this important role or would like more information, please contact the church office or Gina Snider at [gms0606@gmail.com](mailto:gms0606@gmail.com) or 814-602-7679. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

## Cross Sponsorship for our LMA Lions

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As we prepare for our celebrations of the 50<sup>th</sup> Academic Year of LMA, crosses will be hung in each classroom. Crosses were made available for sponsorship in honor or in memory of someone and we thank those that have sponsored a cross:

School Administrator's Office: Mrs. Susan Belott  
School Office: Mrs. Pat Young  
Kindergarten: Jan & Skip MacInnes  
First Grade: Linda & Jeff Swanson  
Second Grade: Carol & Bob Davidson  
Third Grade: Women of the ELCA  
Fourth Grade: Catherine Martin

Fifth Grade: Jessica, '88 & Jena, '90  
Sixth Grade: Liz Stroup  
Seventh Grade: Linda & Jeff Swanson  
Eighth Grade: Barb & Ross Walter  
Library: Lois Washill  
Specials Room: Nancy & Rob Benacci  
Art Room: Patricia Mitchell



## LMA is Hiring

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Two teaching positions are open for the 2025/2026 school year:

- Full-time fifth grade classroom teacher – A degree in education or a related field is required. Elementary classroom experience is preferred. Candidates must be proficient with classroom technology and basic communication tools.
- Part-time music teacher – General music classes for grades Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup> one day per week. The teacher will design and implement engaging lesson plans that cater to diverse learning styles. The position also includes planning, rehearsing and directing the LMA Sunday performance, end-of-year music program and other events as needed. Qualifications: BA in Music, Music Education or related field; teaching experience preferred.



Please send a letter of interest and current resume, including three references, via email to LMA Administrator, Michelle Thom, at [mthom@lmaerie.org](mailto:mthom@lmaerie.org).



## Flea Market

**Third Saturday; May - September**  
**9:00am - 12:00 noon**  
**Luther Memorial Parking Lot**

Let's get a fresh start for the summer. Bring all your unwanted treasures and sell them at our Flea Markets beginning on Saturday, May 17. Flea Markets will be held the third Saturday of each month through September:

**May 17      June 21      July 19      August 16      September 20**

- Set up begins at 8:00am; Flea Market opens at 9:00am
- Fill your car and trunk with all items to be sold
- Each parking space is a cost of \$10
- Tables needed to lay items on are your responsibility. These will not be provided.
- Event will be held rain or shine; bring coverings if they are needed.
- Please contact Sarah Prylinski, 814-882-1695 or [prylinskisj@upmc.edu](mailto:prylinskisj@upmc.edu) if you will be participating.



## Car Washes



**Sunday, June 1**  
**9:00am & 11:30am**

Your car will sparkle after it gets a good scrubbing. Our youth will be waiting with buckets of sudsy water following church services on June 1 in the 11<sup>th</sup> Street parking area.

## Women of the ELCA

### W/ELCA Picnic

**Tuesday, June 3**  
**W/ELCA Picnic**  
**5:00pm**  
**Church Parlor**

Our circles will be gathering for our end of the year picnic supper.

- Main course will be provided
- You are invited to bring a side dish or dessert to share
- Beverage will be provided
- Table service provided (plates/silverware)



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

### Deborah Circle

We'll meet for our June gathering on  
**Tuesday, June 3 at 12:00 noon**  
**Church Parlor**

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



### 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.



### Summer Office Hours



The Church Office will be open  
 Monday, June 9 - Monday, August 25  
 8:30am - 2:00pm.

Office Hours on Fridays will be  
 8:30am - 12:00 noon.

### Spic & Span

Carpets and floors will be cleaned throughout the church and school during the week of July 28.

Please contact the church office if you plan to stop in, as some areas of the building will be inaccessible. Thank you.



## Fellowship

### Magic Fingers Grace Group



The sunshine just makes you smile and so does knitting, crocheting and visiting with friends. Dust off those winter cobwebs and pop in the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to work on your favorite yarn projects. We meet from 10:00am – 12:00 noon and would love to share the morning with you. Mark it on your calendars for the summer.

**June 10 and June 24      July 8 and July 22      August 12 and August 26**

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.

### OWLS

It's sunny skies ahead and we have some relaxing events for this summer. Pull out your calendars and highlight these happy events:

A POTLUCK PICNIC  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18  
11:00AM – 1:00PM



Under our beautiful magnolia tree on the west side of the church is where you'll find us for a picnic lunch. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. We'll feast on hotdogs, hamburgers and maybe even some root beer floats. If you have a favorite yard game, bring that along too. In case of inclement weather we will gather in the parlor. No matter what, there will be great conversation and fun.

Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, by Wednesday, June 11. Thank you.

VICTORIAN PRINCESS CRUISE  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 9  
BOARDING BEGINS: 11:15-11:30AM (NO LATER)



Sail the waters of Presque Isle with us and enjoy a delicious lunch. Cost per person is \$44.

RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, by Friday, June 27, with payment.

### Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise



**Sunday, July 13  
1:00 – 4:00pm  
Luther Memorial Church  
(Rain or Shine)**

Join us for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise and bring your family and car enthusiast friends!

- All Makes, Models & Years Welcome
- No Registration Fees & Free Admission

Participating cars are able to park beginning at 12:00pm.

Dash Plaques and Goodie Bags for first 100 cars

Car Blessing ✨ Kid's Choice Awards

- Dozens of cars for car enthusiasts
- Basket Raffle
- Entertainment by Magic Steve
- Music by DJ Bill Mason

- Food by Happy Camper Snack Shack
- Bake Sale
- 50-50 Raffle

✨ Proceeds benefit Shriner's Children's Erie and Luther Memorial's Youth (LYO) ✨

## June Birthdays

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Carter O'Leary 6-1  
Jennifer Young 6-2  
Jan Birkner 6-2  
Mark Cadden 6-2  
Tyler Keller 6-3  
Aimee Huston 6-3  
Doug Blair 6-4  
Martha Stickner 6-5  
Brian Carlson 6-6  
John Evans 6-6  
Stuart Satur 6-7  
Richard Hessinger 6-7  
Dave Birkner 6-7  
Bethany Fried 6-8  
Jesse Graffius 6-8  
C. Noelle Partusch 6-8  
Kristen Ambrose 6-9  
Nancy Rogan 6-9  
Marshall Boyd 6-9  
Cindy Hedlund 6-10



Brent Young 6-10  
Diane Giannelli 6-11  
Ava Fracassi 6-11  
Judith Steff 6-11  
Carol Nicotra 6-12  
David Lintelman 6-12  
Blake O'Brien 6-12  
Rykiah Rogan 6-13  
Doug Chaffee 6-13  
Andrew Bebko 6-14  
Regan DeDionisio 6-15  
Molly Gaber 6-16  
Robert Davidson 6-16  
Elizabeth Cowan 6-16  
Sally McAfee 6-16  
Linda Swanson 6-16  
David Ruler 6-16  
Zandra Shaffer 6-17  
Maureen Montero 6-17  
Ed Hokaj 6-18

Cecilia Ulrich 6-18  
Katie Schlecht 6-19  
Susan Cappelletty 6-20  
Mara Fromyer 6-21  
Jackson Young 6-21  
Ellie Young 6-21  
Grace Graffius 6-22  
Juliet Woodward 6-23  
Virginia Long 6-23  
Tanner Galloway 6-23  
Karen Lundwall 6-24  
Karen Parsh 6-25  
Allison Brown 6-26  
Dorothy Youngman 6-26  
Mary Laver 6-26  
Donovan Rogan 6-27  
Heather Pirschel 6-29  
Sally Allen 6-29  
Timothy Houston 6-30  
Tyler Noble 6-30



## July Birthdays

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Ray Schaney 7-1  
Ann Jensen 7-1  
Mattix McCall 7-1  
Heidi Heilman 7-2  
Cameron Durian 7-2  
Tara Durian 7-3  
Carlo Cimino 7-3  
Jeana Williams 7-4  
Bill Galloway 7-4  
Stephanie Ames 7-7  
Cynthia Treiber 7-8  
Zoe Carolus 7-8  
Jon Brown 7-8  
Dale Carullo 7-8  
Robert Maas 7-8  
Amanda Warren 7-9  
Dave Parsh 7-10  
Stephanie King 7-10  
Lorraine Johnson 7-10



Brody Warren 7-12  
Nicole Lippert 7-12  
James Woodward 7-13  
Emmett Andrae 7-15  
Ron King 7-16  
Mandy Graffius 7-17  
Katherine Ulrich 7-17  
Julie Ditz 7-17  
David Morphy 7-17  
Greg Kern 7-17  
Maggie Jensen 7-17  
Brian Hubbard 7-17  
Sarah Davis 7-18  
Richard Seward 7-19  
Bill Steff 7-20  
Elizabeth Wolf 7-20  
Rebecca Burling 7-21  
Nick Lang 7-21  
Madeline Satur 7-22



Christine Narusewicz 7-22  
R. J. Treiber 7-22  
Jeanette Blair 7-23  
Ezra Montroy 7-24  
Elvin Montero 7-24  
Steve Durian 7-25  
Jeff Will 7-27  
Kristen Lawson 7-27  
Rob Cooney 7-28  
Greg Parsh 7-28  
Patricia Mitchell 7-29  
Lennon Andrae 7-29  
Michael Patterson 7-29  
Noah Montroy 7-29  
Drake Howell 7-30  
Carla Andrejewski 7-31  
Tucker Galloway 7-31  
Diana Schaney 7-31



## June & July Sunshine Birthdays

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Judith Steff 6/11  
667 Silliman Avenue  
Erie, PA 16511



Dorothy Youngman 6/26  
1856 Lakeside Drive  
Erie, PA 16511

Laura Beth Kraut 7/6  
321 East Avenue  
Erie, PA 16507

Dave Parsh 7/10  
Westlake Woods  
3302 West Lake Road, Apt. 222  
Erie, PA 16505

Jeanette Blair 7/23  
4115 Sassafras Street  
Erie, PA 16508



## Thank You

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Luther Memorial:

On behalf of all of us here at A Hand Up Erie, we would like to thank you for your generous donation to our organization.

Without you, we could not continue our mission of helping those less fortunate in our community.

*Hand Up Erie*



## May 2025 Council Meeting

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1. **Minutes** - On motion, the minutes of the April 8, 2025 Council Meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **Pastor Jay's Report** - The Erie Conference will host the Ascension Worship service at Luther Memorial on Thursday, May 29. Preparing a Summer Series Educational Forum, as well as Adult Faith Formation. Bishop Lozano will take part in our worship on Pentecost Sunday, June 8 and the LMA Graduation Ceremony. First Holy Communion was received by four children.
3. **School / Offices Carpeting** - Bids have been received from South One and ProSource. On motion it was unanimous that the bid from South One be accepted.
4. **Luther Memorial Church & Academy Sign** - The foundation was dug for the sign on May 13. Sprinkler pipes were damaged when the initial digging for electric was done. The damage was repaired by the company and covered under their insurance. Rubble will be cleaned up and the area will be prepared for grass.
5. **Office doors** - Glass will be inserted in the doors of Pastor's office, conference room, Cantor's office and Christian Education office. The materials have been ordered. Total price; \$463.
6. **Exit Signs** - These are ready and will be installed.
7. **Erie Conference Shared Ministry Task Force** - Please complete the survey. All are encouraged to attend the Ascension service on May 29.
8. **Audit** - Pat Young completed the audit for the last fiscal year; no discrepancies found. A copy of her audit is on file.
9. **LMA** - To date, 22 confirmed new students have enrolled for next year. Two more have shown interest. Graduation is Sunday, June 8. A full time 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and very part-time music teacher are needed for next year.
10. **Treasurer's Report** - There has been a significant jump in the 'Property' line due to the down payment on roofing and the boiler repairs right before Easter. On motion the Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.
11. **Council/Staff Members** - A family picnic will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2025 at 6:00pm in fellowship hall.
12. **Counting Committee** - A Temple Talk will be offered in regards to forming a Counting Committee. Information will also be shared in the bulletin and word of mouth.
13. **Meeting** - The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:00pm.



## Luther Memorial Academy

### Congratulations to Our Graduates!

A huge lion's roar and congratulations to our graduating class of 2025. We wish our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduates the best as they continue their high school education. We look forward to hearing about their continued accomplishments! Well Done!

ABIGAIL ALLEN	Mercyhurst Prep High School
SIMONE BOYD	NW PA Collegiate Academy
LYRIC DABROWSKI	Mercyhurst Prep High School
GIA FRACASSI	NW PA Collegiate Academy
HOLDEN HARRIS	NW PA Collegiate Academy
DAKOTA MCGILL	NW PA Collegiate Academy
IMANI MOORE	McDowell High School
WYATT NOYES	Mercyhurst Prep High School
GABRIELLA PAGE	Cathedral Prep High School
ISLA POWELL	NW PA Collegiate Academy
DEACON RIVAS	NW PA Collegiate Academy
JUSTIN STOVALL	Cathedral Prep High School
ALEXANDER TEETS	NW PA Collegiate Academy



### Let the Celebration Begin!

#### Friday, June 6

GRADE 8 AWARDS  
ASSEMBLY  
1:00pm – Main Church  
Families are welcome  
to attend.



#### Friday, June 6

GRADUATION BANQUET  
6:00pm  
GRADUATION DANCE  
6:30 – 8:30pm  
The dance is sponsored by the PTL

Tickets:  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Free  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students: \$5  
Guests: \$8

#### Sunday, June 8

BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION  
Main Church  
3:00pm  
Reception following provided by PTL,  
students and families of the  
Class of 2026.

**Students are to report to the Chapel at  
2:30 for the class picture.**

Our graduates will continue their celebration on Monday, June 9 with a trip to Kennywood Park.

### Kindergarten Celebration and Award Ceremony

**Thursday, June 12  
1:00pm  
Church Parlor**

Kindergarten will enjoy an end-of-year celebration and promotion ceremony. All parents and families are invited to attend. This is also the last day of school for our Kindergarten students.



### Last Day!!

**Friday, June 13** is our last day of school. The School Awards Presentations for grades 1 – 7 will be held in the main church at 10:00am.

**School dismissal will be at 11:00am** and then it's off to Waldameer for our school picnic. Stop by Shelter Train #1 sometime for a snack. We will be taking a **group picture at 2:00pm.**



## Out & About

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### Tuesday, June 3:

First and second grade will visit the Bicentennial Tower and Erie County Public Library.  
Third through fifth grade will visit the Art Museum.

### Wednesday, June 11:

Kindergarten through second grade will visit the Children's Museum.  
Third through fifth grade will take a field trip to Manchester Beach in Fairview.



## Walking Up Day

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All students will have the opportunity to spend a class period in their next grade on **Tuesday, June 10**. Students will travel to the homeroom they will be in next year for a fun activity. Teachers will be able to share with the students some of the exciting things they will be learning.



### The 3 "P's"!

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Congratulations to these students who earned Pizza with the Principal and Pastor in April for being HONEST. In May students have been modeling the character trait BRAVERY.

## Financial Aid

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If financial aid is needed for the 2025-2026 school year, it is imperative that the application form be sent to the school office as soon as possible. Please contact Mrs. Thom or Mrs. Fried. **Applications were due May 16.**



## Registration

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Registration is currently open for the 2025-2026 school year. Reserve your spot with a \$50 registration fee. Additionally, current families that refer a new student to LMA will receive \$500 off next year's tuition!



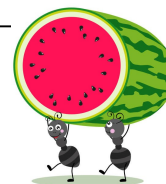
## School Summer Office Hours

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- The school office will be open through **Friday, June 27** from 9:00am – 1:00pm.
- Office hours will be by appointment during July.
- The office will reopen on **Monday, August 4** for the remainder of the summer from 9:00am – 1:00pm.
- First day of school is **Tuesday, August 26**.

See all your friends, have some tasty picnic food and play some games at our Back to School Picnic. This is a great way to kick off our 2024-2025 school year.



Head down to Presque Isle at the Rotary Pavilion and join in all the fun!

Keep your children excited about learning at our Summer Boot Camp! It is a wonderful opportunity for incoming and current Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. Attend for one week or two; Monday, June 16 through Friday, June 27.

- Drop off: 8:00am – 8:15am

Pick up: 11:15am – 11:30am

Morning snack and lunch included daily

\$135 per child for one week OR \$250 for both weeks

After care is available until 4:30pm for an additional charge

- Children do not need to be students of LMA to participate in Boot Camp.
- If interested and haven't registered, contact the school office at 814-454-0106, ext. 222 or Mrs. Thom, Principal, at [mthom@lmaerie.org](mailto:mthom@lmaerie.org)



# Orientation

All parents are asked to attend the Parent Orientation Night on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30pm in the main church. Individual classroom meetings will be announced and parents will be notified soon.

## 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

## JUNE 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:30/11:30am Car Wash	<b>2</b> 11:30am Pizza w/Pastor & Principal	<b>3</b> 12:00pm Deborah Circle 3:00pm W/ELCA Grades 1 & 2- Fieldtrip	<b>4</b> 6:30pm B.A.D./Calamari's	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Choir	<b>6</b> 1:00pm Gr. 8 Awards 6:00pm Gr. 8 Banquet 6:30pm Middle School Dance	<b>7</b> 10:00am Quilting 
<b>8</b> <i>Pentecost</i> 8:15/10:30am Worship 3:00pm Gr. 8 Bacc. & Graduation	<b>9</b> Gr. 8 Class Trip 	<b>10</b> 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 1:45pm "Walking" Up Day 5:30pm LIA 6:00pm Council	<b>11</b> 4:30pm Julia Hospice House	<b>12</b> <i>Synod Assembly</i> 1:00pm Kdg. Celebration	<b>13</b> <i>Synod Assembly</i> 8:30am Awards Assembly 11:00am Dismissal Last Day of School	<b>14</b> <i>Synod Assembly</i>
<b>15</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship Confirmation Camp begins	<b>16</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp	<b>17</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp	<b>18</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp 11:00am OWLS	<b>19</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp	<b>20</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp  Confirmation Camp Concludes	<b>21</b> 9:00am Flea Market
<b>22</b> 10:30am Beach Worship Service/Runner's Club NO 8:15am service	<b>23</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp	<b>24</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group	<b>25</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp	<b>26</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp	<b>27</b> LMA Summer Bootcamp	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship	<b>30</b> 					



## JULY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <i>Fourth of July</i> Church offices closed 	5
6 8:15/10:30am Worship	7 	8 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 6:00pm Church Council	9 11:15 OWLS/Victorian Princess 4:30pm Julia Hospice House	10	11	12
13 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum 1:00pm Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise	14	15 3:30pm Prayer Group	16	17	18	19 9:00am Flea Market
20 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:30am Adult Forum	21	22 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group	23	24	25 4:00pm Caram Wedding Rehearsal	26 1:00pm Caram Wedding
27 8:15/10:30am Worship	28 Floors/Carpets Cleaned 	29 Floors/Carpets Cleaned	30 Floors/Carpets Cleaned	31 Floors/Carpets Cleaned		

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