

LUTHER MEMORIAL

C H U R C H



Luther Memorial Church • 225 West Tenth Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 454-0106
e-mail: info@luthermemorialonline.org website: www.luthermemorialonline.org
Luther Memorial Academy • 220 West Eleventh Street • Erie, PA 16501 • 454-0106

Volume 50, Issue 4

May 2023

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

GERANIUM ORDER FORM	Page 2
ASCENSION SERVICE	Page 2
IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR VBS	Page 3
PAVING PROJECT	Page 4
FELLOWSHIP	Page 5
LMA	Pages 11-12

STAFF

Pastor ~ Jay C. Mitchell
jmitchell@luthermemorialonline.org

Cantor ~ Walt Gaber
waltgaber@gmail.com

Christian Education ~ Beth Keller
bkeller@luthermemorialonline.org
Sarah Prylinski
sprylinski@luthermemorialonline.org

Coordinator of Care Ministry/Visitation
and Parish Nursing ~ Linda Graffius, RN
lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org

Care Ministry ~ Jan MacInnes
jmacinnes@luthermemorialonline.org

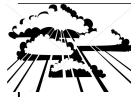
Parish Manager ~ Miriam Scheid
mscheid@luthermemorialonline.org

Secretary ~ Norma Buerk
nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org

Luther Memorial Academy:
Interim Administrator ~ Becky Carey
bcarey@lmaerie.org

Secretary ~ Amanda Fried
afried@luthermemorialonline.org

Bethany Outreach Ctr. ~ Mabel Howard
mabel@bethanyoutreachcenter.org



Dear Luther Memorial,

Alleluia! God has gone up with the shout!
The Lord with the sound of the ram's horn! Alleluia!

This month our greeting changes a little bit. We still revel in the Resurrection Dawn—Easter is the Great Week of Weeks after all—but we also celebrate one of the big feasts of the Church Year: The Ascension of Jesus. Forty days after the Resurrection, we are told, Jesus physically ascended into the heavens. There are plenty of sermons to be preached on why Jesus needed to physically leave his followers but I'll leave those for another year—or for Bishop Lozano who will be preaching for our worship this year. What I want to focus on is Jesus' feet.

His feet? I'm sure you ask. Yes his feet. There are myriad depictions of the Ascension. Indeed, our own beloved tapestry is of just this moment in Jesus' life. And the first place we usually look in these depictions is to Jesus, to his hands of blessing, perhaps to the clouds or even to the disciples. But I think we often fail to look at the ground Jesus is leaving.

My favorite depictions of the Ascension are ones wherein the artist remembered to leave Jesus' footprints on the ground he left. You see, the last thing those disciples saw as Jesus left them was the bottom of his feet. And even being God Incarnate, those feet would have been dirty from the ground he had been walking on, and the scars of the nails were still visible we're told. And then, when everything was said and done, I can't help but imagine that the disciples looked down at the ground, perhaps after looking at one another. And there they would have seen Jesus' footprints.

You see, the stories we tell of our Risen Savior are not just stories of a ghost or a myth but of God Incarnate who actually walked this earth and taught us how to move through life in love for one another and for all. It *still* has an impact. The imprints are still left in this world of this Love of God known in Jesus. And in that we are called to live and move and find our being. What a reason to still be celebrating!

See you in church!

Pastor Jay

Geraniums

Orders due no later than Sunday, May 14



Geraniums will be placed at the altar on Sunday, May 28 in observance of Pentecost.

If you would like to donate a geranium in memory or in honor of a loved one, **please use the form below and return it to the church office with a remittance of \$4.00 per geranium by Sunday, May 14.**

All orders received by Sunday, May 14, will be listed in the Geranium Booklet and included with the service bulletin on Sunday, May 28. Flowers will be planted on church grounds.

Geranium Order Form

_____ Plant(s) in memory of:

_____ Plant(s) in honor of:

From: _____

Geraniums ordered _____ X \$4.00 = _____

_____ Will help plant geraniums on church grounds

(Please make all checks payable to Luther Memorial Church)



Please Note: Geraniums are in 4 ½" pots and are supplied by Stan's Garden Center. Order forms may be placed in the offering plate, or dropped off in the church office.



Ascension of Our Lord



A festival service celebrating the Ascension of Our Lord will be held at Luther Memorial Church on Thursday, May 18 at 7:00pm.

Preaching: Bishop Michael Lozano

Officiating: Pastor Jay Mitchell

The music of this festival service will include the singing of "*He that Believes and is Baptized*", one of the cantatas that J. S. Bach wrote for the Ascension. A small orchestra will support all of the music including this cantata and the hymns.

All of the Erie County ELCA churches have been invited to participate.

If you would like to sing in a **massed choir** for this service (*hymns, liturgy, psalm*), please contact Walt Gaber (WaltGaber@gmail.com) so that sufficient seating and copies of the music can be prepared. Also, please attend the **single rehearsal prior to the service at 5:00pm** to learn the choral portions of the hymns and psalm.

Christian Education

Time for our Kids

Children in PreK – grade 6 will gather for their final class on Sunday, May 21. We will meet from 9:30 – 10:15am and hope to see everyone as we wind down for the summer. Children's Church will begin again in September.



Our LYO, grades 7th – 12th, will meet Sunday, May 21 at 9:30am.

Vacation Bible School

It's a Family Affair! Four fun evenings are planned for children, youth, and adults. VBS has always been such a fun experience for our children, and we are excited to make it a Family Affair this year. Add us to your schedules; I'm sure you can fit us in.

VBS Family Affair: Wednesdays, May 24, May 31, June 7 and June 14
5:30 – 7:00pm

Let's start off with a yummy potluck meal; the main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to share. We'll top it off with a Bible message, craft, music and activities. It'll be the best time ever.



WHAT IS THE ELCA YOUTH GATHERING?



**2024 ELCA
Youth Gathering**

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING IN JULY 2024?

All youth and their parents are asked to attend an informational meeting on Sunday, May 7 at 12:00 noon. Come and find out what a wonderful experience this is for our youth.

Every three years, thousands of high school youth and their adult leaders from across the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America gather for a week of faith formation and fellowship known as the ELCA Youth Gathering. Through inspiring speakers, conversations with partners, Bible study and being immersed in the host city, young people will be inspired, challenged and called to live out their faith in their daily lives. Additionally, young people will have opportunities to explore their vocation and discern where they are being called into this world.

Help! Confirmation Students at Camp Lutherlyn



A number of our youth will attend Confirmation Camp this June. Because confirmation does have a cost we are doing four things. First, Luther Memorial, per the 2023 budget, will pay a portion of the money. Second, each student will pay \$100. Third, to help offset church expenses, our youth are involved in many fundraising opportunities. 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, please call Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or Norma Buerk. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.



Luther Memorial Church's 7th, 8th, and 9th graders will be attending Confirmation Camp at Camp Lutherlyn from Sunday June 18 – Friday, June 23, 2023. Information has been sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

Camp Lutherlyn News

Regular Summer Camp for All Ages



welcome tables.

Lutherlyn is gearing up for Summer Camp 2023! Registration for 2023 began February 1. Lutherlyn continues to adjust their schedule and plans following all American Camp Association and CDC guidelines. Camperships are available for all who need assistance. Brochures are available at the

Silent Auction

Be sure to get your bids in.
Final Bidding is Sunday, May 7



Take some time to browse through the countless items at our Silent Auction and place your bids. Items will be displayed in the parlor through Sunday, May 7.

Bids will be accepted throughout the week by:

1. Completing a bid form and placing in the labeled box in the parlor or dropping off in the church office
2. Contacting Norma in our church office at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org or 814-454-0106, ext. 221
3. Giving your form to Beth Keller

Be sure to check the bulletin board outside the parlor to see the current high bid for each item.

All proceeds from our Silent Auction will be used for our youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024 and to help the church defer costs for our youth attending confirmation camp.

Paving the Way – Capital Campaign Information



The response to the announcement of the capital fund campaign to fund our parking lot project has been most gratifying and we thank all who have accepted the challenge and made a commitment in support of the work. It is important that we account correctly for this special giving. Please pay close attention to the information that is provided in this article so that your wishes are honored and our financial accounting is accurate.

We encourage you to be sure that all gifts that you make to the capital fund are over and above your regular giving. The worst thing we could do in this regard would be to reduce regular support of our mission by diverting existing giving into the capital fund. To facilitate this, we are making special envelopes available for your capital fund giving. For the next three years, you will find special yellow envelopes in the pews that you can use for your parking lot project support. We appreciate your using these special envelopes and keeping your capital fund gifts separate from your regular worship envelopes. We would request that you write separate checks for your capital fund gift and that you not include your capital fund gifts in your regular offering checks. In addition, it would be helpful if you would indicate on your check that the gift goes to the capital fund. The same would be true if you make your offering by electronic means or any other alternative method. If you care to take some of the yellow envelopes home for future giving to the capital fund, feel free to do so or contact the church office and ask for a supply. Also, you are welcome to use any envelope you choose to either mail in your gifts or place them in the offering plate at worship. Simply indicate on the special envelope that the enclosed gift is for the capital fund.

We are also developing a method whereby we can keep the congregation informed of our progress in achieving our goal to fund the parking lot project. Some form of visual display will appear in the parlor area shortly that will show where we stand in terms of commitments received and actual funds provided.



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

Joan Peters, Dave Kinzig's mom, who died Wednesday, April 12.
Pia Glover, Hilary Forman & Trina Rinderle's mom, who died Sunday, April 16.

Fellowship for All Ages

Magic Fingers Grace Group



Can you hear the laughter? Well then, stop in and enjoy your morning with our knitting and crocheting group. Bring along a project you're making; we'd love to see you. The second and fourth Tuesdays of each month are filled with fun and creativity from 10:00am - 12:00 noon in our church parlor. Add us to your calendars; **May 9 and May 23.**

If you have questions on how to knit, we're here to help. Please let us know if you are low on yarn and some can be dropped off to you. Please contact Jan MacInnes, 454-0106, ext. 233 or the church office, ext. 221 with any questions.

OWLS – Older Wiser Lutherans

Tuesday, May 16
11:30am - 1:00pm

Let's go out to lunch! Join us Tuesday, May 16 at the Shrine Club, 2525 West 38th Street, for lively conversation and a delicious meal. A lovely afternoon will certainly put that "spring" in your step. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476 or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221, no later than Friday, May 12.



CampBlast

When: Saturday, May 13
Time: 11:00am - 4:30pm
Where: Camp Lutherlyn
500 Lutherlyn Lane

Head to Camp Lutherlyn for a fun day that highlights everything they have to offer. An entire day of activities and great food, too, all for **FREE**. There are so many awesome activities you'll want to try them all; horseback riding, crafts, archery, zipline, hayrides, crafts and so . . . so much more! Rain or shine you're guaranteed to have a



good time.

There will be special summer camp discounts for NEW campers & for registered campers who bring friends who are NEW to Lutherlyn!

Women of the ELCA

General Meeting

Tuesday, May 2
12:00 noon
Parlor

Our Tuesday W/ELCA and Deborah Circles will gather together on May 2 for their General Meeting. All women are invited to attend.

For more information on our circles you are welcome to contact Pat Young at 455-7736 or 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.

Our Pennies for Poverty collection for the past couple of years at LMC amounted to \$405.76, which was turned in at the W/ELCA Region Meeting on March 27. This will be combined with all the Pennies for Poverty donations collected throughout the Lutheran churches in our Region; all to be given to the Holy Trinity/Bethesda Center on W. 18th Street in Erie to help them with their many kids/adults programs. Our thanks and appreciation to all for your donations, whether it be a few pennies, loose change, or larger amounts of cash or check! (And keep on donating - love you for it!)

Did You Hit Your Head?



The spring and summer seasons are ahead and that means people, especially children, are involved in more activities. Unfortunately this also may mean that they can be involved in accidents which may involve hitting their head causing a concussion. This article is important not only for families with children involved in sports or just being active, but also for any adult. A concussion can happen to anyone.

A concussion is a type of brain injury-or TBI- caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head or body that causes your head to move rapidly back and forth resulting in your brain moving back and forth inside the skull. This sudden movement can cause the brain to bounce around or twist in the skull, creating chemical changes in your brain. Sometimes it can even stretch and damage the brain cells.

They are sometimes referred to as a “mild” brain injury. It is important to realize that when they occur they may not be life threatening, but they are still serious.

Concussions are usually thought of as only sports related. Other causes include bumping your head in a fall, being violently shaken (shaken baby syndrome), car accidents, or even sustaining a fall during dance class or gymnastics. This happened to the granddaughter of my friend. She fell in dance class and hit her head. It took 3 years of seeing many doctors and all kinds of treatments till her parents found the UPMC Sports Medicine Concussion Program in Pittsburgh. She has completed the treatment program there and finally feels her normal self after many years of misery.

It is recommended that if your child plays sports, dance or gymnastics that they have the IMPACT Baseline Concussion Testing. This test can be done locally and many schools/coaches are having their players take this testing. But, I’m not sure about gymnastics, and dancing. Cheerleading programs are now recommending this testing. Talk to their instructors and your family doctor about this testing, as it would be advantageous to your child’s brain health.

Symptoms of concussion don’t always start right away. They may take days or weeks after the injury to become evident. The symptoms may include, but are not limited to:

- Headaches
- Nausea and or vomiting
- Bothered by light or noise
- Dizziness, balance problems
- Feeling sluggish, hazy, foggy or groggy
- Concentration problems/ memory loss

The recommendation used to be-don’t let the person sleep. Now sleep and rest are good for brain healing. Waking the person every 2-3 hours initially is important to check their awareness and level of consciousness. Physical activities or activities that involve concentration, studying, computers/phones/tablets, television, and video games should be avoided. Doing these things may make the symptoms come back or get worse. Many students who have sustained a concussion may have to miss some school time and even return on a limited schedule.

As a parent you should be aware of the signs and symptoms and proper treatment for concussions. Too many people shrug it off as just a “stunner or a knock to the head”. My grandson has had many concussions and he had to give up a scholarship for soccer. He started playing football at a young age and then switched to soccer. At 25 he continues to have some long term effects.

As an adult or adult caregiver to an elderly person, be aware of the increase incidence of falls and possibility of the occurrence of concussions. They may say they are “fine” and don’t even realize they hit their head, so they should be watched.

For many years the long term effects of repeated concussions were not known, or were ignored. Now people who have experienced repeated hits to the head, concussions, and traumatic brain injuries may end up with CTE – Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy. This may lead to mental health conditions, especially depression and thoughts of suicide. Several college and professional athletes have sadly taken their life by suicide. But the research is advancing quickly and some athletes are donating their brains for research. Other conditions that may occur are Parkinson’s disease, dementia or other neurologic conditions. There is a movement among retired pro-athletes to prohibit children from starting to play

(cont’d. on page 7)

DID YOU HIT YOUR HEAD, CONT'D.:

contact sports at younger ages. I heard one retired football player say he was prohibiting his grandson from playing contact sports till he was 16 when the brain is more fully developed. There are also recommendations to not lead with your head and play "heads up ball". I also have heard that they are limiting the "headers" in soccer in young children. Teaching safe playing to young athletes will save their brains. Also, tell you child no matter what sport they play they need to immediately report to the coach or instructors any type of hit to the head. This all sounds so scary but with prevention and early treatment the results will not be as serious.

I know we are all looking forward to a beautiful Erie summer and I hope it will be a safe and wonderful summer for you and your families.

Blessings,

Linda Graffius, RN, Faith Community Nurse

Resources available on request

Fall Prevention

Friday, May 5

10:00 – 11:00am

Luther Memorial / Fifth Floor



It's always best to prevent an accident before it occurs . . . and we can help keep that tumble from happening. Falling is not a natural part of aging. Learn about the many tools you can use to reduce your risk of falling and injury. Presented by Safe in Home services, they will share about motion sensor technology and the 5 P's of Fall Prevention.

This information is not just for seniors. If you assist an elderly relative, please come and learn how to provide better care.

Please RSVP to Linda Graffius, RN at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org or 814-454-0106, ext. 229 or to Norma Buerk at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Blood Pressure Screenings



Be sure to stay on top of your health. Stop in the library (across from the parlor) and get your blood pressure checked on **Sunday, May 21.**



Did You Know?

- Pat Bellingham was recognized as the NWPAsynod advocacy honoree at Lutheran Day in the Capitol on Thursday, April 27. The program was held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Camp Hill. Congratulations Pat!



LMA Spring Program



Luther Memorial Academy will present their Spring Concert on Monday, May 15 and invite you to join them. Doors will open at 5:30pm and students will present a wonderful program at 6:00pm.

Following the program indulge a little and visit the Ice Cream Social, Book Fair and view our students' art displays.

Welcome Spring at LMA!

Thank You



Dear Ms. Buerk:

Pam and I would like to thank you and the many generously contributing people at Luther Memorial for your amazing memorial service for my brother, Mark, last Saturday. Your assistance in making it happen through your guidance expressed to my wife, Pam, during the long period leading up to the actual events on Saturday made it so.

Going into the event we weren't expecting to see the obvious connection that we did between Mark and the church's key people. The choir's selections, their delivery, the music presentation by Cantor Walt Gaber, Pastor Brian Moran's tasteful and personal eulogy of Mark, your new Pastor, Jay Mitchell's, guidance at the columbarium and the meal presentation afterward in Fellowship Hall were over the top.

While as Mark's brother I wasn't surprised to learn of everyone's obvious high regard for him, it was heartening to experience. Thank you.

Sincerely, *Pam and Carl Lechner, Ph.D.s*

Luther Memorial Church family,

David and I would like to thank you for all your prayers, cards and beautiful altar flowers after the passing of Dave's mom, Joan Peters.

With love, *Dave & Jane Kinzig*

May Birthdays

Bill Lasher 5-1
Catherine Lasher 5-3
Elizabeth Lowry 5-3
Ben Pratt 5-3
Amanda Stelmack 5-3
Debra Galloway 5-3
Alexsandra Turowski 5-4
Liz Stroup 5-4
Pam Will 5-5
Bill Braendel 5-5
Katie Zamperini 5-7
Carol Schaal 5-9
Donna Sedelmyer 5-9
JoAnn Wagner 5-10
Vance Meucci 5-10
Mary Mumford 5-10
Gianna DiTullio 5-11
Nathan Carey 5-12



Craig Sundberg 5-12
Dan Young 5-13
Michael Heintzel 5-14
Ryan Henry 5-14
John Laver 5-14
Sharon Rositer 5-15
Julie Sturm 5-15
Diana Alvaro 5-18
Anna Downey 5-18
Ashley Will 5-20
Elaine Kern 5-20
Pat Gilbert 5-21
John Moore 5-22
Michael Nicotra 5-23
Richard Caldwell 5-24
Kyle Warren 5-24
Phil McAfee 5-24
James Sturm 5-24



Mason Snider 5-24
Brad Galloway 5-26
Benjamin Burling 5-26
Gabe Stroup 5-26
Colleen Lasher 5-26
Jamie Schumacher 5-26
M. J. Howell 5-26
Jacob Byers 5-27
Bob Giannelli 5-29
Evelynn Graffius 5-29
Thomas Schlecht 5-29
Rosalie Swenson 5-29
Vincent Tuk 5-29
Marjorie Johnson 5-29
Barb Montgomery 5-30
Emma Chaffee 5-30
Roy Strausbaugh 5-30

Sunshine Birthdays in May

M. J. Howell 5/26
2064 Willow Street, Apt. 403
Wesleyville, PA 16510

Marjorie Johnson 5/29
8399 Lake Pleasant Road
Erie, PA 16509

Bob Giannelli 5/29
1861 West 24th Street
Erie, PA 16502



Roy Strausbaugh 5/30
2323 Edinboro Road, Apt. 380
Erie, PA 16509

April 2023 Statistics

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>8:15am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 2 (<i>Palm Sunday</i>)	33	140	48	221
April 9 (<i>Easter</i>)	41	189	110	340
April 16	36	74	50	160
April 23	33	84	37	154
April 30	33	69	13	115



SPECIAL SERVICES ~ WEDNESDAYS IN LENT

	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 6 (<i>Maundy Thursday</i>)	85	18	103
April 7 (<i>Good Friday</i>)	49	59	108

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

FUNERALS: **LECHNER, MARK** - Date of Death: December 16, 2022 / Date of Funeral: April 15, 2023 / Pastor Brian Moran officiating.

MUMFORD, J. DAVID (Pastor) - Date of Death: March 1, 2023 / Date of Funeral: April 28, 2023 / Bishop Michael Lozano presiding; Pastor Karen Parsh preaching.

MEMORIALS: **PETERS, JOAN - from:**
Betsy & Rudy Kohn

MUMFORD, J. DAVID - from:

Diane & Gary Parsons Diane & Bob Banks
Pam & Dave Davis Joan Lasher

LECNHER, MARK - from:

Patricia & Andrew Teller Greg Kern
Bill Lasher Pat Young

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None recorded.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

MEMORIAL DAY - DID YOU KNOW?

- Memorial Day began as Decoration Day.
- Decoration Day only recognized fallen soldiers of the Civil War until World War I.
- Memorial Day was not an official holiday until 1968.
- Memorial Day is one of the few days flags are ordered to fly at half-staff then full-staff.



Bethany Outreach Center



Thank You! The Bethany Outreach Center continues to serve the underprivileged in our community, and *we are so thankful for the help that the Luther Memorial congregation has been giving us* -- in all forms: money, food & clothing donations!

Clothing Needed: Right now (and almost always) our Clothes Closet could use baby clothes, kids clothes, and adult male clothes (as a priority). However, clothing of all types is always welcome. If you would like to donate clothes or food, please bring them in a bag or box and place them near the white cupboard in the Luther Memorial Parlor area. Someone will deliver them to Bethany each week or so, as needed.

ARE YOU A WALKER? DO THE HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY - WITH THE BETHANY OUTREACH TEAM!

Join us for the Highmark Walk at **Presque Isle on Saturday, June 3, at Beach 11 at 8:30am**. Our team will assemble, and the walk will begin at 9:00am! Sign up to join our team, or donate at:

http://hcf.convio.net/site/TR/Erie/HighmarkWalk?px=1128217&pg=personal&fr_id=3965

Call or text Eric Hedlund if you have any questions or *just want to let him know that you are attending*, at (814) 722-7732.

April 2023 Council Meeting



1. **Minutes** – The February Council meeting minutes were unanimously approved on motion by Jean McMillin, seconded by Mike Hedlund.
2. **Pastor's Report** – After traveling twice to Philadelphia and back, Pastor Jay is now permanently in Erie. Youth ideas were discussed. The Installation service is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 9:30am. Upon motion from Skip Meyn, seconded by Pat Young, it was unanimous that a Pastor's Discretionary Fund be established using offerings from the Installation service.
3. **Property Committee** – Once the required signatures are obtained for the Easement Agreement, the lighting on 10th Street will resume. Paperwork for the parking lot is in order. A company from Ohio, PennOhio, is handling Lindy's commercial parking lot. No set date as of yet; possibly in May.
4. **Capital Fundraising Project and Status** – Some did not receive the mailing. One more Temple Talk is scheduled for Sunday, April 16. A gift of \$50,000 from an estate has been given toward the project.
5. **Organ Lighting Update** – Samples of various lighting choices are coming from China and we are awaiting the shipments.
6. **Safety Committee Update** – Two people per service will be checking in with Mitch or Caiden each Sunday to see if they need assistance. There is the potential for teacher and staff to have key fobs for the doors to school hallways. As the greenspace is developed, cameras for that area will be discussed. At the last school board meeting there was discussion of reviewing their safety plans.
7. **Fellowship Hall Rental** – Two requests have been made to rent the fellowship hall for events. The Waiver Agreement from past years is in need of updating. On motion, it was unanimous that the request made by teachers to rent the space would be at a cost of \$15/hour. On motion, it was unanimous that a cost of \$100/hour, with a minimum rental time of four (4) hours, would be charged to non-members of Luther Memorial.
8. **Organization Chart & Job Description** – Pastor Jay requested that a council liaison attend lunch to review job descriptions with him and Luther Memorial staff and to update if necessary. Gina Snider was asked and she accepted.
9. **Concert Series** – Cantor Walt Gaber requested permission for the LM Concert Series to solicit donations to pay for orchestra and other costs for the upcoming Bach Cantata. An additional envelope placed in the bulletin was suggested by Pastor. On motion, it was unanimous that an envelope be placed as an insert in the bulletins for donations to aid in orchestra and additional costs of the Cantata.
10. **Thank you** – Linda Graffius extended a thank you to those who helped a Luther Memorial member in need.
11. **Greenspace** – Linda shared that she had been in conversation with an artist regarding a mural for the Renew building wall. It was decided that a firm idea needs to be established of what our plans are before moving forward with something of that nature.
12. **Treasurer's Report** – On motion the Treasurer's Report was unanimously accepted.
13. **Council Meeting** – The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00pm





Luther Memorial Academy

Open House



We're going to share the news that LMA is having another Open House in May. We welcome everyone to stop in for a tour and meet with our teachers at our **LMA Open House on Thursday, May 11 from 5:30 - 7:00pm.** Luther Memorial Academy - a private school where students receive a superior education in a Christian atmosphere.

With 46+ years of academic excellence, Luther Memorial Academy offers a safe and engaging setting in which all students can excel.

Spring Program



Welcome spring at our Annual Spring Program on **Monday, May 15.** A wonderful evening is in store for your family. Doors open at 5:30pm and our students will present a wonderful program at 6:00pm. Student attendance is required; all students are to be at the school by 5:40pm.

To round out our fun evening:

- Visit the Werner's Book Fair in the library
- Satisfy your sweet tooth at the Ice Cream Social
- Enjoy our student art work on display
- Pick up some Spirit Wear (cash & carry)

Volunteers are needed; please contact the school office to find out how you can help, 814-454-0106, ext. 222.

The book fair will be open May 12 - May 15 and available to our church families on Sunday, May 14 following services.

It's a Day Off

School will not be in session on
Friday, May 5



Memorial Day

Enjoy a 3 day weekend with a celebration on
Memorial Day,
Monday, May 29.



It's Great to be in 8th Grade!

Thursday, June 1

GRADE 8 AWARDS ASSEMBLY
8:35am - Main Church
Families are welcome to attend.
Last day for 8th grade students.



Thursday, June 2

GRADE 8 BANQUET
6:00PM
GRADUATION DANCE FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL
7:00PM

Sunday, June 4

BACCALAUREATE AND GRADUATION
Main Church
3:00pm

**Students are to report to the Chapel at
2:15pm for the class picture.**

Muffins with Mom

Friday, May 12
9:00am

Our first grade students will celebrate
with mom and enjoy a yummy
morning with muffins.



Scholarship Deadline

Friday, May 12

Get your information in for a scholarship -
don't miss that deadline.
Contact the school office with any questions.



Great Field Trips

Monday, May 8 – Middle School students are looking forward to the trip to Niagara Falls.

Wednesday, May 31 – There will be so much to see when our 3rd and 5th graders visit the Maritime Museum.

Friday, June 2 – A visit to the Erie County Public Library will be perfect for our children in grades

Kindergarten – 2nd.

Page 12



PTL Gatherings

Monday, May 8

6:00pm

PTL Board Meeting



Monday, May 22

6:00pm

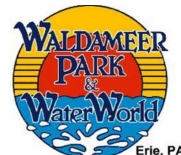
PTL General Meeting

It's Time for Waldameer!

June 9

Celebrating the end of a school year with a trip to Waldameer is the best!

Watch for more information on great prices for tickets this year.



Challenge 24

Tuesday, May 23 & Wednesday, May 24

Our Challenge 24 winners in grades 4-8 will compete regionally in Edinboro.

Good luck!



Field Day

Friday, May 26

Have a hearty breakfast!

A day filled with fun activities will have you moving.



Awards Ceremony

Our last day of school for 2022/2023 is Friday, June 9. All parents are welcome to attend the Awards Ceremony held in the main church beginning at 10:00am. Dismissal will be at 11:30am; no after school program on June 9.

Lego League News



LMA's Lego League team has been invited to a FIRST Lego League tournament at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts June 9-11, 2023. This is a huge opportunity for our team, and we are proud to represent LMA & Erie County.

In order to make this happen for our students, we need to raise \$845 per student, which means a total of \$5,915 for the team. Every little bit helps & all donations and sponsorships can be mailed or dropped off in the school office. Be sure to make checks payable to LMA & earmark them for Lego League.

If you know of an area business that would like to sponsor our Lego League, please share the information with the school office. Thank you.



Wish List



Every little bit helps LMA; thank you.

- Bottled water – small and large
- Large orange cones for PE classes
- Cases of paper
- Paper napkins for lunchtime
- Monetary donations for Art & Music Supplies
- Monetary donations for the MJ Howell fund, which benefits teachers and staff

M A Y 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00pm LMA Legos	2 10:00am Pastors' Study 12:00pm General Meeting-W/ELCA & Deborah Circles	3 	4 5:30pm Hanbells 6:30pm Choir	5 10:00am Fitness Friday LMA Closed	6 10:00am Julia House Meeting
7 8:15/10:30am Worship 12:00pm National Youth Gathering Meeting 12:00pm Choir Rehearsal Silent Auction Bids due	8 6:00pm PTL Bd. 6:00pm LMA Legos 	9 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 6:00pm Council	10	11 5:30pm LMA Open House 5:30pm Hanbells 6:30pm Choir	12 LMA Book Fair Grade 1-9:00am Muffins with Mom 5:30pm Club 50	13 10:00am Quilt Meeting 11:00am Hagan History Tour 11:00am CampBlast at Camp Lutherlyn
14 8:15/10:30am Worship Book Fair open to congregation	15 6:30pm LMA Spring Concert	16 10:00am Pastors' Study 11:30am OWLS/Shrine Club 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Ascension	17 5:00pm Choir Rehearsal/Ascension	18 7:00pm Ascension Service	19 Kdg.-5 th grade Erie Playhouse	20 10:00am Quilt Meeting
21 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:30am Children's Church 11:30am Coffee Hour	22 6:00pm PTL General Meeting 6:00pm LMA Legos	23 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group	24 5:30pm Vacation Bible School/It's a Family Affair 	25 5:30pm Hanbells 6:30pm Choir	26 LMA Field Day	27
28 Pentecost 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 2:00pm Anniversary Celebration	29 Memorial Day Church offices and LMA Closed 	30 10:00am Pastors' Study	31 Gr. 3-5 Maritime Museum 9:00am Kdg. Event 5:30pm Vacation Bible School/It's a Family Affair			