

# 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.  
Service available on LM website on Monday

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*Dear Luther Memorial,*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Better get used to it. We'll be saying it for a while. Easter is the longest of our liturgical seasons during the "Christ Cycle" which lasts from the First Sunday of Advent until the Day of Pentecost (about 6 months). We will soon be transitioning into the "Church Cycle" of the church year which lasts from the Feast of the Holy Trinity until the Reign of Christ Sunday (about 6 months) which is often affectionately called "The Green Season."

This season, as we watch buds and blossoms spring forth and the days grow longer and (hopefully, eventually) warmer, we celebrate the New Life granted us from Jesus' empty tomb.

I am struck every year that Jesus is buried in a new tomb, a freshly hewn cave, borrowed from a rich follower...but in every account, in a garden. Now, I think we all know it was not a garden like we might have in our front flower beds or even with some vegetables in the back. The Garden here is more like a parkland. But nevertheless, Jesus is buried in the Garden and he springs forth with new life for us all.

It sounds very much like his teaching, "unless a grain be buried and die, it remains just a grain. But if it is buried it will bear much fruit." The fruit of Jesus' burial is our new life. And thanks be to God for that!

As you take advantage of the beauty of Spring this year (I think we can call agree well deserved after the record-breaking winter we had), perhaps as you choose your flowers and vegetables for planting and hopefully get those fingers into some soil, as we celebrate all the joys of this celestial season, let us remember the joys of this liturgical season. In Christ is our life. And in the beauty of Spring all around us we are reminded that the gift of life is for us and forever.

I pray this Spring is warmed by the Resurrection Dawn for you!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

*Pastor Jay*

## Ascension Service

Thursday, May 29  
7:00pm  
Luther Memorial Church



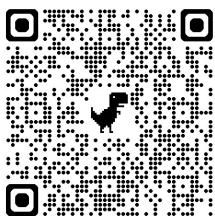
Alleluia! God has gone up with a shout! May 29 marks the 40<sup>th</sup> day of Easter. Don't blame us...it's always a Thursday. This day is a major feast of the Church as we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus. We are told that Jesus walked—alive—among the people for 40 days and then ascended into heaven in order to fill all things. The Church has been gathering to celebrate ever since.

This year, Luther will be hosting the Erie Lutheran Conference congregations for the celebration. We will worship at 7:00pm. There will be a reception to follow.

We are also hosting a Conference-Wide Choir for the evening. If you're interested in singing with the ensemble, or playing any instrument, please contact Cantor Bryan or talk with him after church.

God has gone up with a shout! The Lord with the sound of the trumpet! Alleluia! See you there!

## Help Mission and Ministry in Erie County



The Erie Lutheran Conference—17 congregations in Erie County—is looking toward the future of ministry in our area. Serving in our conference are only four full-time equivalent pastors. And of the 17 congregations, only 3 have a full time pastor (the other FTE pastor is shared between two congregations). In 5-10, the number of full time pastors (not retired) will very likely be only 2. This is not a reason to fear or fret but a reason to open our hearts, minds, eyes, and ears to the various ways that God is calling us into the future! The Church of Jesus will stand the tests of time...whether it looks like it does today or not is only known to Jesus. As part of this planning and dreaming, folks have gotten together as a taskforce to consider models of collaborative ministry in our area. But this is not work just for a few people sometimes, but work that we are all called to do in God's future. In our planning and dreaming, we are looking toward what ministry looks like years down the road. As part of this dreaming and planning, YOU are invited to fill out a survey to assess the positions, feelings, hopes, and dreams of the Lutherans in Erie County. To take the survey, you can follow the QR Code, or talk with Pastor Jay about a link to take the survey online.



## 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



**Sundays, May 4, May 18 & 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 May 4 and June 1.



## *Geraniums*

Orders due Sunday, May 18

Geraniums will be placed at the altar on Sunday, June 8 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 18.** All orders received by Sunday, May 18, will be listed in the Geranium Booklet and included with the service bulletin on Sunday, June 8. Flowers will be planted on church grounds.

### Geranium Order Form

\_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) in memory of:

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\_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) in honor of:

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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.



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

Roger Sturtevant who died Saturday, March 29, 2025. Our prayers are with his children,  
Susan Dailey, Roger, Bob & Dave.

Sharon Rositer (McGhee), Marilyn Rositer's daughter, who died Saturday, March 29, 2025.

Irene McCullough, Linda Young's mom, who died Thursday, April 17, 2025.

Dolores (Dee) Lasher, Bill Lasher's mom, who died Thursday, April 24, 2025.

## Faith and Society

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### The Church and Criminal Justice: Hearing the cries A Social Statement on Criminal Justice Brief Overview

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) affirms the fundamental principles of the U.S. criminal justice system such as due process of law and the presumption of legal innocence. Yet, this church hears people's cries that reflect the current system's serious deficiencies. Drawing from the biblical witness to God's wondrously rich forms of love and justice, we are compelled by a "holy yearning" to address the need for a change in public mindset and for dramatic reforms in policies and practices. This statement calls upon Christians to strengthen or take up ministries of compassion and justice. Drawing on evidence and data, it affirms some current efforts at improving the system while identifying numerous other reforms that urgently need implementation.

The statement makes the following basic points:

- The ELCA is prompted to speak and to act because so many cries of suffering and despair emerge from the criminal justice system — from victims, the incarcerated, their families, communities, those wrongly convicted, they who work in the system — and have not been heard.
- Drawing from Holy Scripture, this church holds up a vision of God's justice that is wondrously richer and deeper than human imitations and yet is a mirror in which justice in this world, God's world, must always be assessed.
- In assessing the current system, the ELCA gives thanks for its principles and orientation toward justice. This church recognizes many in the system who serve their professional vocations with competent and humane performance. Yet, this statement recognizes serious deficiencies. An underlying punitive mindset, budgetary constraints and persistent inequalities based on race and class frequently challenge its basic principles and impose significant costs on all involved in the system, and on society as a whole.
- Christians are called to confess that we, as individuals and in our common life together, often have fallen short in responding to criminal justice — both in response to crime's harm and to problems in the justice system.
- Guided by historic "marks" of the church, the ELCA is called to renewed ministry on behalf of those whom the system affects: victims of crime and their families, the incarcerated and their families, affected communities, those who work in the system, and many others.
- Through ministry with and bearing the burdens of those in the criminal justice system members of this church can respond wisely through four practices: hearing the cries, hospitality, accompaniment, and advocacy.
- The ELCA supports positive trends for reform such as greater emphasis on victims' rights and needs, use of restorative justice, community-based alternatives to incarceration, legislation that reduces sentences for certain offenses, the emergence of specialized courts, and the growing emphasis on reentry. These efforts should be funded and supported adequately.
- Because mass incarceration causes significant harms, both personal and social, the ELCA strongly urges those who make and administer correctional policies to take all appropriate measures to limit the use of incarceration as a sanction for criminal offenses. Toward that end this statement identifies three specific paths: pursue alternatives to incarceration, reform sentencing laws and policies, and closely scrutinize national drug policy.
- Four other imperatives also require vigorous action from policy makers: the criminal justice system must acknowledge the disparities, and address the implicit and explicit racism that persists within; it must recognize the special needs of juvenile offenders; it must stop the privatization of prison facilities; and finally, it must foster the full reintegration of ex-offenders into community.

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- A fundamental transformation of mindset about criminal justice is required that challenges the logic equating more punitive measures with more just ones. Individuals must be held accountable, but every person in the criminal justice system deserves to be seen and treated as a member of human communities, created in the image of God and worthy of appropriate and compassionate response.
- To God we owe thanks for human reason and its abilities to discern — with compassion and wisdom — how human communities might reflect at least the justice of the law. “For what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8).
- Ten Implementing Resolutions direct specific actions consistent with the principles and recommendations set forth in the statement. A glossary provides assistance with legal terms.



## Youth (and Family) Events

### LIA ~ Lutherans in Action

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**Tuesday, May 13**  
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.

### Summer Kick-off

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**Sunday, May 18**  
2:00 – 4:00pm



Begin our summer gatherings with some fun playing bocce at Blessed Sacrament, 1626 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street. The bocce courts are under a covered pavilion so rain won't stop us. Please bring a snack to share; beverages will be provided.

Thank you to A. J. Cimino for inviting us for a great afternoon.

### Book Group

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On the second Monday of odd months we gather in the parlor at 6:00pm for a Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay. We invite you to join us on **Monday, May 12** as we begin the book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith* by Heidi Neumark. During our discussion Heidi Neumark will be on Zoom with our group. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

### 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. Our next gathering of B.A.D. will be **Wednesday, May 7**.



## Fellowship

### Magic Fingers Grace Group

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There's nothing like spending time with friends to start your day with a smile. Add knitting or your favorite yarn project and it's a recipe for a very happy day. Enjoy some company while you knit and join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. We meet from 10:00am – 12:00 noon and would love to share the morning with you. Mark it on your calendars for **May 13 and May 27**.

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

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Wednesday, May 21  
11:30am



We are excited to welcome Kasey McGregor from the Chosen Mission Project in Millcreek, to our OWLS gathering in May. Kasey will offer a presentation on the history of the Chosen Mission Project and how this ministry has grown and developed.

Lunch will be served following the program. If you would like to make a contribution to the Chosen Mission Project a collection will be taken.

Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, by May 16. Thank you.

## Women of the ELCA

### General Meeting

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On Tuesday, May 6 the Deborah and Tuesday W/ELCA Circles will meet at 12:00 noon in the parlor for their Spring General Meeting. All women are invited to attend.

Circles meet the first Tuesday of the month and are open to all women. For more information on the Deborah Circle which meets at 12:00 noon, please contact Judy Johnson at 833-4600. The Tuesday Circle meets at 3:00pm; please contact Pat Young at 455-7736, or our church office, 454-0106, ext. 221, for more information.

### NWPA Convention

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Come to the Light  
John 8:12  
"I am the Light of the World"

The NWPA Synodical Women's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention will be held at Olmsted Manor Friday, May 30 beginning at 3:00pm and end on Saturday, May 31 at 3:00pm. *This is not Memorial Day weekend.* We invite you to attend for the entire weekend or just Friday or Saturday. For registration forms, email

Pat Bellingham at [Pat.bellingham@hotmail.com](mailto:Pat.bellingham@hotmail.com) or contact Jean Knapp at 814-558-1331.

### Pennies for Poverty

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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.





## Christian Education

### Sunday Mornings

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#### Second Sunday of each Month

Our last Sunday School class for children in PreKdg.- Grade 5 will be held May 18 at 9:30am. We will be on break until September.

### Youth (and families)

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LIA (Lutherans in Action) will gather the second Tuesday of each month throughout the summer from 5:30-7:00pm. Youth in grades 5-12 (and families are invited, too) will gather to discuss and complete service projects together and take part in some fun activities.



### Messages for the Young & Young-at-Heart

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It doesn't matter your age – Pastor Jay will share Messages for the “Young” every Sunday during the 10:30am service.

### First Holy Communion Classes

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First Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, May 4, 2025 during the 10:30am service. Our students and families participated in two Saturday morning sessions in preparation for this special day. We celebrate with the following young people who will be making their First Holy Communion:

DELANEY MARY MARNEN  
MASON JAY SNIDER

ELIJAH JAMES MONTROY  
SAMANTHA CLAIRE STELMACK

### 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 15 – Friday, June 20, 2025**. We are excited about the experiences our youth will have as they attend Confirmation Camp this June. Information has been sent to all parents and students about the details of Confirmation Camp. The necessary forms are also 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 2025 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.** 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.

## May Birthdays

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



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



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

## May Sunshine Birthdays

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

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



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

## Habitat for Humanity Golf Outing

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Monday, June 2  
12:00 noon  
Lawrence Park Golf Club



Greater Erie Area Habitat for Humanity presents "A Round to Remember"; the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament in memory of Bob Baran.

Volunteers are needed at check-in from 10:00am-12:00 noon. Witnesses at the hole-in-one holes are needed from 12:00-2:30pm and 2:30-5:00pm

You don't have to be a golfer to be a sponsor.

- Sponsorships of \$1,000 and above include golfers;
- Sponsorships of \$100 to \$500 are available;
- Foursomes and singles are available.

For more information you may contact Dr. Roché Vermaak at 814-454-7025, Habitat for Humanity

## Bethesda Golf Outing

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The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Golf Outing will be held Monday, June 2. For over 105 years Bethesda Lutheran Services has worked to provide promising futures for children, youth, and families through individualized mental and behavioral health services provided in a residential, school or community setting.

This year's goal is to raise \$30,000 to support the Kilimanjaro Club and you can help by becoming an official sponsor of the Annual Charity Golf Classic. Tickets are on sale: \$125/individual golfer or \$500/team. Help shoot for promising futures and participate in our golf outing. For more information contact Bethesda at 814-724-7510, ext. 228 or [ashields@bethesda1919.org](mailto:ashields@bethesda1919.org).



## **April 2025 Council Meeting**

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1. **Minutes** – On motion, the minutes of the March 11, 2025 Council Meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **Pastor Jay's Report** – Sign-up sheets for Second Sunday Soirée and Council Greeters passed around.
  - a. Pastor reported on Erie Conference retreat. Next step: congregational survey is going out to represented congregations regarding "How do we support existing ministries with limited full-time pastors over the next 5-10 years?"
  - b. Harvest 912 will be doing ministry in the parking lot areas Saturday, April 19 from 8:00 – 11:00am.
  - c. Holy Week activities and services highlighted.
3. **Property Committee** – Finalized bids have not been received from South One or ProSource for the classroom carpeting. Installation timing is during summer break. A carpet sample was shown.
4. **Hospitality Committee** – Council continues to look for a chair.
5. **Holy Trinity Dinner** – Thursday, April 24, 2025; volunteers are needed.
6. **Security Guard** – Richard Rowland's current wage was based on the previous security guard wage rate. During Richard's interview he voiced a desire for \$15/hr. wage. There is a proposal to provide a wage increase brought to Church Council. The current workload is approximately 20 hr./week at the current wage rate of \$14.50/hr. The proposed wage rate is \$15/hr. Motion to increase the wage rate of \$15/hr. was unanimously approved.
7. **Second Sunday Soirée** – Hosted by Council on Sunday, April 13. The purpose is to promote fellowship between the 8:15 and 10:30am services.
8. **Safety Committee** – Exit signs are ready to be installed.
9. **Hosting of Documentary Film** – Proposal made by Cantor, Bryan Timm, to host Linda Karn's documentary film, "Matthew Shepard is My Friend" under the banner of Luther Memorial Concert Series. Consideration of heightened security. Estimated attendance may fill the sanctuary. Tentative timing of the event would be late June / early July. Motion to approve hosting the event with one opposed. The decision was made for Bryan Timm to collect further planning details for review at the next council meeting. Approval was not given to host the event.
10. **Renew Erie Building / Bethany Outreach Center** – Bethany Outreach Center Liability Insurance lapsed due to failure of the Bethany Outreach Center Executive Director to provide details to the insurer. Required details were provided to the insurer; Bethany Outreach Center Executive Director confirmed the details. Liability insurance will be restored, expected by Friday, April 11.
  - a. Lack of Bethany Outreach Center leadership leads to continuing concerns such as traffic issues, boxes blocking tenant access, and operational un-clarity.
  - b. Church Council Executive Board to meet with Bethany Outreach Executive Board to present concerns and propose steps to resolve same.
11. **Fellowship Hall Rental Issues** – Significant issues have risen with recent renters regarding excessive attendance and clean-up required. The Property Committee will re-visit the Rental Agreement.
12. **"A Hand-up Erie"** – MOMS Group has a request for \$1,500 for purchase of new beds and repurposing existing beds. On motion it was unanimous to "Pre-Approve" this request.
13. **Treasurer's Report** – On motion, Treasurer Greg Kern's report was unanimously approved.
14. **LMA** – Administrator, Michelle Thom, encouraged council members to attend the PTL Trivia Night on Saturday, May 3. Nine (9) new students have enrolled for next year.
15. **Council Meeting** – The next meeting is Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:00pm.

**March 2025 Statistics**

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>8:15am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 2	25	101	84	210
March 9	20	91	30	141
March 16	22	63	32	117
March 23	23	72	24	119
March 30	26	72	23	121
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>142</b>

**SPECIAL SERVICES:**

	<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>12:30pm</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
March 3 (Lutheran School Week)		110		23	133
March 5 (Ash Wed.)	43		33	15	91
March 12	45				45
March 19	32				32
March 26	35				35

**BAPTISMS:** None recorded.**LETTER OF TRANSFER:** None recorded**FUNERALS:** None recorded.**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:** None recorded.**MEMORIALS:** MACGREGOR, CATHY - FROM:**WEDDINGS:** None recorded.

Cindy Henry

**DOWNEY, NANCY - FROM:**

Barbara &amp; Ross Walter

**April 2025 Statistics**

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>8:15am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 6	22	73	30	125
April 13	31	104	59	194
April 20	34	171	48	253
April 27	25	73	32	130
<b>AVERAGE</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>176</b>

**SPECIAL SERVICES:**

	<u>12:00pm</u>	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
April 2	35			35
April 9	37			37
April 17 Maundy Thursday		44	24	68
April 18 Stations of the Cross	25		31	56
April 18 Good Friday		39	26	65
April 19 Easter Vigil		33		33

**BAPTISMS:** None recorded.**MACGREGOR, CATHY - FROM:**

Greg Kern

**FUNERALS:** None recorded.**LETTER OF TRANSFER:** None recorded**MEMORIALS:** MCGHEE, SHARON - FROM:**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:** None recorded.

Betty Pletz

**STURTEVANT, ROGER - FROM:****WEDDINGS:** None recorded.

Greg Kern



## Challenge 24

Congratulations to Wyatt and Rilan who competed in the final Challenge 24 competition on Tuesday, April 1. Rilan took home the championship for the second year in a row!



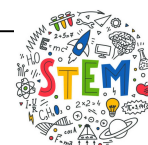
## Law Day Student Presentation



Our seventh and eighth grade students will be attending the 2025 Law Day Student Presentation on Tuesday, May 6 at 11:00am put on by the Erie County Bar Association (ECBA) at the historic Warner Theatre. Dr. Greg Jackson will present "History That Doesn't Suck" live, providing students an opportunity to understand how law and legal processes protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share.

## STEM Bux

The STEM Bus will be visiting LMA on **Thursday, May 22**. Students in Grades K-2 will get to visit it for some hands-on learning activities.



## NWEA Map Testing

All students will be completing the third round of standardized testing the week of May 12. This test provides valuable information of student achievement and growth.



## Math Options



Four 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have been selected to attend Math Options Day at Penn State Behrend on **Tuesday, May 13**. Students will have the opportunity to learn about STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics) college majors and careers. They will participate in fun team challenges and hear from a panel of students and professionals who are involved in these areas.

## End of Year Trips

**Sixth Grade:** Sixth grade student, Nylah James, will be in the production of Phantom of the Tollbooth, Jr. at the Erie Playhouse. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade class will attend this performance on Thursday, May 15 at 10:00am.

**Middle School:** Friday, May 16 - Gannon Cyber Security and Elevate Jump Park

**Eighth Grade:** Monday, June 9 - Kennywood



## Author Visit

Author John Hinman will be visiting and presenting to middle school on **Thursday, May 22** during library classes. John Hinman graduated from Edinboro University with a degree in education and taught middle school students for almost thirty years. He wrote his first novel, True Heroes of Gettysburg, to instill an interest in the Civil War in his students.

## Memorial Day



LMA will be closed on Monday, May 26 in recognition of Memorial Day.

## Field Day



**Friday, May 30**

A morning of super fabulous activities for the entire school. Rain or shine, we'll be smiling!

## Bread Box Awards

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LMA is a finalist for the 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Bread Box Awards put on by Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest Pennsylvania. Mrs. Thom will be attending the event with two student representatives on Wednesday, April 30.

## The 3 “P’s”!

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Congratulations to these students who earned Pizza with the Principal and Pastor in March for being CURIOUS. In April students have been practicing HONESTY and in May they will model BRAVERY.



## Summer Boot Camp

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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.

- Individualized instruction at your child’s level
- Build skills for school success
- Students will meet teachers, and administrators and be introduced to classrooms and daily routines
- The opportunity to meet new friends and have lots of fun

Drop off: 8:00am – 8:15am

Pick up: 11:15am – 11:30am

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

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

- Register by May 23 by contacting the school office at 814-454-0106, ext. 222 or Mrs. Thom, Principal, at [mthom@lmaerie.org](mailto:mthom@lmaerie.org)



## 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 are due May 16.**



## Payments

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**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!! Have them call to schedule a tour today!



## Wish List

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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

## MAY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9:00am First Holy Communion Workshop 10:00am Quilting
<b>4</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 10:30am First Holy Communion 9:30/11:30am Car Wash 12:00pm Bingo	<b>5</b> 11:30am Pizza w/Pastor & Principal	<b>6</b> 12:00pm W/ELCA General Meeting 6:00pm Shepard Meeting	<b>7</b> 6:30pm BAD/Calamari's	<b>8</b> 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Choir	<b>9</b> 9:00am Mother's Day Tea (Gr. 1)	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship	<b>12</b> 3:30pm Prayer Group 6:00pm Book Group	<b>13</b> 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 5:30pm LIA 6:00pm Council	<b>14</b> 4:30pm Julia Hospice House 	<b>15</b> 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Choir	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 8:00am Flea Market 10:00am Quilting
<b>18</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:30/11:30am Car Wash 2:00pm Family Event/Bocce/ Blessed Sacrament	<b>19</b> 6:00pm PTL	<b>20</b> 3:15pm School Board	<b>21</b> 11:30am OWLS	<b>22</b> 5:30pm Handbells 6:30pm Choir	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 
<b>25</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship	<b>26</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> Church Offices & LMA Closed	<b>27</b> 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group	<b>28</b> 10:00am Early Connections Pre-K Graduation	<b>29</b> 7:00pm Ascension Worship Service	<b>30</b> LMA Field Day	<b>31</b> Sharon Rositer visitation: 12:00pm/service @ 1:00pm / gathering following