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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,

It's the end of the world as we know it...

One of the changes that came to our keeping of time in the Church with the *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* resources is a resurrection of the period of time in the church year known as "End Times." This season is basically the month of November. In this time which begins with the keeping of the Feaster of All the Saints and the Feast of the Majesty of Christ, we hear some famous stories and some less famous stories. Whether they lay comfortably in our ear or perk our ears to new words, they have a marked shift in theme from the other readings in the Season after the Pentecost. In this month of readings, beginning with All Saints' Day, the focus is less on how to be Church now and more about looking to the return of Christ. It is logical, then, that this period of time concludes with the celebration of Christ's Reign.

In this time in the Church we hear stories like the Ten Bridesmaids in Matthew, or the "mini apocalypses" in Luke and Mark. We hear about "one will be taken and one will be left," and "the Human One will come on the clouds." This is the season when we join our voices with all creation and plead, "Come, Lord Jesus...and quickly!"

You see, this season as the society around us launches into harvest-time and Thanksgiving preparation, as the end of colored leaves and pumpkin patches fade, as the last of the apples have fallen, as the hibernation we experience in the Northern Hemisphere closes in with longer nights and darker days, the reminder is rather to stand and look to the coming of Christ.

Sounds like Advent, yeah? Sounds like themes we share in the lead-up to Christmas. It is not surprising, then, that we find Advent was once a much fuller season. Advent was once a season that lasted from the Sunday after All Saints' Day through Christmas Day. It was most often seven weeks. The time to look to the coming of Christ as both Savior and Sovereign of Creation and as the baby born as a Palestinian refugee in Bethlehem flows very seamlessly together.

In this season, let us look to the coming of Christ. But let us not look to the skies. In so doing, we may miss Christ is already among us in our neighbors. Because the joy of End Times and of its related Advent is that we celebrate the One who is coming and who has already come and who has always been. And for his presence and our call to be the Body of Christ in the world, thanks be to God.

See you in Church!

Celebrate with our Confirmation Students

Congratulations to our youth who were confirmed on Sunday, October 26. They gathered on Sundays since September 21 to prepare for their confirmation. They have studied The Ten Commandments, Apostle's Creed, The Lord's Prayer, Martin Luther, Communion and Baptism.



Patrick Cimino

Patrick's favorite Bible verse: Isaiah 41:10

"Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand".

FAVORITE LUTHER MEMORIAL MEMORY: The fundraisers.

SOMEONE LOVED ME ENOUGH TO HAVE ME BAPTIZED. I'M GLAD THEY DID. NOW I KNOW WHY: It reminds me that God will always love me and he will always have a plan for me, no matter how hard times get. The baptism shows that I'm never alone because God will always be there for me to guide me in my faith. My baptism reminds me that God always forgives me of my sins. My baptism drowned out the old me, and started something I will forever be grateful for.

Evelynn Graffius

Evelynn's favorite Bible verse: 1 Timothy 4:12

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

FAVORITE LUTHER MEMORIAL MEMORY: My favorite memory at church has to be the Lucia Festival. Growing up able to celebrate a holiday of my heritage has made me so grateful. Most people don't get to celebrate holidays connected to their heritage. Having this opportunity to have celebrated this holiday for my entire life truly means so much to me, from being a little Jultomte to being Kris Kringle this year. Every year this has given me, and will continue to give me, such special memories that I will cherish in my heart forever.

SOMEONE LOVED ME ENOUGH TO HAVE ME BAPTIZED. I'M GLAD THEY DID. NOW I KNOW WHY:

My baptism was the beginning of my journey with Christ, and Confirmation is my choice to continue walking with Him, not just because someone else started it for me, but because I believe in it for myself. This reminds me that even though I'm young, my faith is real and powerful, and there I can always lead others. I want to live in a way that reflects Christ's love and truth, and Confirmation is my commitment to that path.

Gabriel Stroup

Gabe's favorite Bible verse: Philippians 4:13

"I can do all things through him who gives me strength"

FAVORITE LUTHER MEMORIAL MEMORY: Altar serving with my mom, especially on the holidays and feast days.

SOMEONE LOVED ME ENOUGH TO HAVE ME BAPTIZED. I'M GLAD THEY DID. NOW I KNOW WHY:

My parents loved me enough to have me baptized so I could grow with my faith. I have a very strong faith and love for the Lord. I am very thankful that I was baptized, God has helped guide me through life and all of its struggles. I now have a strong sense of morals and a strong set of values.

All Saints' Sunday – November 2



All Saints' Sunday is a day of prayer for and remembrance of loved ones who have died in Christ during the past year. We give thanks on this day for all the good people that God has placed in our lives, especially those who are already with God in heaven. We give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of all people. All Saints' Sunday is a day for remembering and giving thanks, as Christians remember the good people they have known and give thanks for the unending goodness of God. Services on Sunday, November 2 will include special prayers for those who have passed away during the past year. If you are unable to attend services with us, please remember these special people in your prayers:

JOANN GUILIANELLI
TINA CLARK DiNICOLA
FRED KERN
ELEANOR JASS
ROBERT GIANNELLI
NANCY DOWNEY
JEFF KRAUS
CATHY MACGREGOR

DAVE COONEY
PAUL BERGER
LUCILLE KRAUT
RON HENRY
ROGER STURTEVANT
SHARON MCGHEE
IRENE MCCULLOUGH
DEE LASHER

KAITLIN WEBER
LOIS FOBES
MARILYN BOHN
DAVE PARSH
PATRICK LUPO
JOHN PETERSEN

“A Requiem in Context”

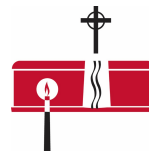
Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Every year on the first Sunday in November we gather together to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. The feast itself is November 1. We give thanks for all those who have gone before us and have shaped our lives of faith. Particularly, in many contexts, we give thanks for those “big names” among the faithful whose names and deeds have come down to us through the generations. We often think about those whose names we put “Saint” in front of. In the Lutheran context, we often include in our celebrations on this day those who have died in the past year remembering and celebrating that through baptism we all are numbered among the saints.

That being said, there is an even longer tradition held in many parts of the Church and throughout the world of celebrating all those we have known who have died—this year and throughout time. This celebration is known commonly as All Souls' Day and is held on November 2, one day after All Saints' Day. It is, formally, the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed.

This year, in collaboration with the Luther Memorial Concert and Cultural Series and the Mercyhurst Concert Choir, we will celebrate All Souls Day with a Requiem Mass in the evening on Sunday, November 2. We will gather not just to hear a beautiful setting of the Requiem Mass composed by Faure, but also to share in a full Mass—with communion and all. We are considering this “A Requiem in Context.”

We hope you will join us **Sunday, November 2 at 4:00pm** for this special service.



Bibles for our Third Graders

On All Saints' Sunday, November 2, our second graders will receive The Whirl Story Bible and our third graders will receive the Spark Bible. Bibles will be presented to our children during the 10:30 worship service. Congratulations to:

ARDEN JULES FETCKO
ELIJAH JAMES MONTROY

RYKIAH LYNN ROGAN
ELIZABETH ROSE WOLF



Pledge Sunday



Luther Memorial will celebrate **Pledge Sunday on November 23** at both worship services. During the service you will be asked to offer your financial commitments. God gladly receives our offerings of time, talent and treasure. Please fill out a commitment of your expected giving, either by the form included in your offering envelopes or the form below and bring it with you on Sunday, November 23. Taking the time to make a commitment really helps Luther Memorial's budgeting process, and more importantly allows you to recommit your lives to our God who gives us all things. **It is critical for you to know, though, that the amount you commit is not as significant as your commitment to**

giving. What you give should be with thanksgiving and with joy. Only you and God know the details of your stewardship.

A Pledge Card is below and at the Welcome Tables. Don't just fill them out. Take some time with them. Pray over them. Open your heart and your mind to listen to how God is taking priority in your life and how you will proportion your support of the ministry here. **We ask that your Pledge Card be returned by Sunday, November 23.**

MY COMMITMENT TO GOD THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH - YEAR 2026

I/we commit my/our entire life in service to our Lord Jesus Christ, and therefore, will offer a portion of my/our income as a thank offering to God in support of the mission and ministry of God at Luther Memorial Church. I promise, with the help of God, to give through Luther Memorial Church during this coming year as follows:

\$ _____	for Current Ministry	Remarks _____
\$ _____	for _____	_____
\$ _____	for _____	_____
\$ _____	Total () Weekly () Monthly () Annually	

___ I am interested in information about electronic giving.

Name _____

Address _____

Stewardship Update for 2025

To be good stewards of our financial resources and to maintain our multi-faceted forms of ministry, Luther Memorial continues to give thanks for your giving and also create ways for your joyful giving to continue. We express words of gratitude to God for our many blessings. Ministries today walk the fine line of being thankful, and always providing words of encouragement to continue to grow in our giving, and so these financial updates are important. Each of us makes a difference and contributes to the health of this ministry. Thank you again for your current and future giving.

Total Budgeted Giving for the Year of 2025	\$309,446.00
Actual Giving through 9/30/2025	<u>\$209,123.76</u>
Needed Giving for Oct., Nov., Dec. 2025	\$100,322.24



Our Neighbors' Place



Our Neighbors' Place is a seasonal overflow shelter that ensures everyone has a warm, safe place to sleep during Erie's winter season.

A community effort, ONP used to operate on a rotating basis among several downtown Erie churches during the winter season. This season ONP will take place at the Community Resilience Center, a single site location provided by Erie County. Guests are provided food, the opportunity to shower, a place to sleep, chaplain services, hygiene necessities, foot care, and are introduced to available homeless services.

Where and When:

- Community Resilience Center (450 E 16th St. Erie, PA 16503)
- This program is seasonal and will open in November 2025 - April 2026.
- Every night from 7:00pm until 6:45am the next morning.

Who We Serve:

- Any homeless man or woman without shelter.

How We Serve:

- Providing a warm overnight space to sleep.
- Supplying one meal to each guest.
- Connection to chaplain services.
- Giving guests an opportunity to shower.
- Bringing in community partners to provide foot care.
- Connection to other homeless resources in Erie County.

How You Can Help:

- **Luther Memorial Church will be volunteering at ONP the week of Wednesday, February 11 - Tuesday, February 17. Your help is needed for 1 night, 2 nights, or as many as you are able. Volunteers hand out towels for showers, offer coffee, hand out meals, provide t-shirts and socks for those that are in need of these items. Meals are pre-made and ready to serve.**

It may seem as though February is long time away, but it comes quickly. Six volunteers are needed for each evening so we ask that you really give some thought to helping. The giving of your time will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, you may contact Norma in the church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 or Sarah Prylinski at 882-1695. Thank you.

Did You Know?



Sarah Prylinski is a member of BUILD's "street outreach team". She concentrates on one of BUILD's four goals: providing trusted access to health care. The other goals include working on safe and affordable housing, offering career and workforce development; and supporting thriving neighborhoods. Sarah helps Emmaus guests navigate the health insurance system, facilitate medical appointments, and makes referrals to Erie County Care Management for housing issues. She also provides "harm reduction" products. Sarah has become a trusted friend to many facing challenges. There is no topic they can't ask and Sarah will listen.



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

Pat Lupo, who died October 1, 2025.
Prayers are with his wife, Jackie, and family.

Christian Education

Sunday Mornings



Our children and youth gather the second Sunday of each month for Sunday School and LYO. Our next classes will be held **Sunday, November 9**.

- Children in grades PreK-grade 5 will gather for Sunday School from 9:30-10:15am;
- Youth (LYO) in grades 6-12 will meet from 9:30-10:15am.

Confirmation Class Revamp! – 11:30am

For students 7th grade through 9th grade, there will be four workshops offered throughout the year on the 2nd Sunday (in odd months: **November 9, January 11, March 8, May 10**) after the 10:30am worship service. In order to successfully complete confirmation classes, each confirmand must attend all four. However, the *same four* will be offered every year in slightly different orders to allow for flexibility in attending all four. There will also be a worship leadership and a biblical literacy component that will need to be completed along with the usual service hours. Finally, ConfirCamp is strongly recommended for *at least* one year between the end of 7th and beginning of 10th grade. Confirmation will still be held in the autumn of 10th grade to each confirmand.



Messages for the Young & Young-at-Heart



During the “Green Season”, Pastor Jay will have messages for the young and young-at-heart on Festival Sundays:

November 2 – All Saints’ Sunday

November 23 – The Reign of Christ

Second Sunday Soirée

Make the second Sunday of each month a time to visit with us in the parlor. We will gather for Second Sunday Soirées for fellowship and conversation from 9:15 – 10:30am. Our autumn gathering will be November 9.



Faith Formation

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



ADULT FORUM

Offered on the Second Sunday of each month from 9:15–10:15am, Adult Forum is an opportunity to form our faith and continue to grow as disciples of Jesus. Topics will be about history, liturgy, faith, and other topics which may or may not be “Bible Study.” **Adult Forum will meet Sunday, November 9.**

BROWN BAG BIBLE

Brown Bag Bible meets on Thursdays at 12:00 noon. Brown Bag Bible is an opportunity to grow more deeply in our understanding of scripture through more in-depth study. You are invited to bring a lunch. We gather in the Conference Room in the Pastoral Suite (Elevator to Floor 4). We will not meet during the month of November. Our next gatherings will be December 4, 11, 18 and January 8. We are using Josh Scott’s *Cross-Examined: Reading the Bible in Times of Division* as our guide.

BIBLE AFTER DARK

We gather on the **FIRST TUESDAYS** of the Month at 6:30pm at Calamari’s Squid Row for conversation, fellowship, and mutual support among the saints! **Join us at Calamari’s on November 4.**

This year we will be studying *Parables: Putting Jesus’s Stories in Their Place*. The cost of the book is \$14 and may be purchased through the church office.

Women of the ELCA

Tuesday Circle

Our next gathering will be held:
Tuesday, November 4
3:00pm

If you have any questions, please contact
Pat Young at 455-7736.



Deborah Circle

Tuesday, November 4
12:00 noon

Luther Memorial Church Parlor

For more information, contact Judy Johnson
at 833-4600.

Spreading Christmas Cheer



We're sending some Christmas cheer and some smiles to the residents of Warren State Hospital this year. During our November 4 meetings, the Tuesday and Deborah Circles will be hard at work filling gift bags with Christmas surprises for these folks.

Please bring all items for the gift bags to your November meetings. If you are not able to attend the meeting, items may be dropped off in the church office by November 3. Thank you to all for your donations to make this Christmas special for these residents.

Thank Offering

Our "Thankoffering" boxes, which go to the national Women of the ELCA office, are due by the November 4 meeting. If you find you are unable to attend a circle meeting in November, you are welcome to drop it off in the church office or give to Pat Young. Thank you.



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.

Fellowship

Family Thanksgiving Night

End your week with some fun! Our Luther Memorial Family Thanksgiving / Scavenger Hunt / Craft Creativity and Delicious Meal Night. That's a mouthful, but it's a night of fun! There's something for everyone no matter your age.



- ❖ Let's start the evening off with a GREAT MEAL. Roaster chicken will be provided; please bring a dish to share.
- ❖ GAMES
- ❖ CRAFTS
- ❖ And even a SCAVENGER HUNT.

Add us to your calendar - Friday, November 21 from 5:30 - 9:30pm. Think of it as your Pre-Holiday Celebration. Hope to see you there.

Let us know you're coming; thanks. Contact Sarah Prylinski with your RSVP.

Family Christmas Extravaganza



What could be better than spending your Friday night at our **Family Christmas Extravaganza**! That's right, this very merry event is Santa approved! Friendships, laughter, games, food; you name it we've got it all here on Friday, December 5. Join us for lots of Christmas festivities and you'll feel jolly all through the season!

You've got to get this date on your calendars; sure don't want to miss it! **Family Christmas Extravaganza Night is Friday, December 5 from 5:30 – 9:30pm.** Be sure to **RSVP to Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Prylinski or the church office by Friday, November 21.**

Craft Show

**Saturday, November 8
10:00am – 3:00pm
Fellowship Hall**

Stocking stuffers, unique gifts, special surprises – everything on your list will be checked off at the November 8 craft show. Bring a large bag to take all the goodies home that you will find at this Professional Craft Show.



Add it to your calendar and start the countdown now.

Magic Fingers Grace Group



**Tuesday, November 11
and November 25**

After that delicious turkey dinner try to put your feet up and relax with some knitting. The November chill is a great time to knit some warm shawls, hats or mittens. Enjoy your knitting and crocheting and join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month between 10:00am and 12:00 noon.

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

**Wednesday, November 19
Penn State Planetarium
11:00am**



Winter skies can be the clearest of the year and the richest in stars. Please join us for a wonderful presentation by James Gavio on some of the things to observe in the Winter and Christmas Sky this season.

RSVP to Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476, or Norma in the church office by Thursday, November 13. The cost per person is \$5. Parking Permits and maps are available from Jan MacInnes or the church office. A parking permit must be displayed on your dashboard to park.

Directions: Drive into campus and stay to the right. Go all the way to the very end of the road. Go around the back of the last building to the Prischak lot. There is a sign on the light post that says Yahn Planetarium but any of the doors will enter into the main hallway of the building.

OWLS



Valentine Luncheon
Friday, February 13, 2026
12:00 noon
Ambassador Conference Center
7792 Peach St

We're already talking about Valentine's Day, but as you all know this is a very popular event. Reservations will be accepted beginning December 28 and will mostly likely fill up by the end of the year. This is a lovely luncheon so reservations need to be in by the end of the year.

Reservations are necessary by the end of December. Only a certain number of reservations will be accepted by the Ambassador Center so it is important to get ours in. To RSVP, please contact Jan MacInnes at 833-0476 or Norma in our church office. Thank you.

Thank You's

Dear Luther Memorial,

Please accept the sincere thanks from the Bethesda Foundation for Children Board of Directors and Bethesda Lutheran Services staff for your generous donation of \$135 in support of Bethesda's Trinity Center. Your gift and support are both greatly appreciated.

Every day, Bethesda helps the lives of over 8,000 kids and families with locations in Crawford and Erie County. Your donation, in support of Bethesda's Trinity Center, enables Bethesda Lutheran Services to provide the kind of quality treatment and preventative programs that make a difference in the lives of the kids we serve and provides Bethesda the ability to continue our services. We could not begin to provide these services without the generosity and thoughtfulness of supporters like you.

Best always,

George R. Trauner, Chief Executive Officer

Dear friends of Bethany,

Thank you for your generous clothing, household items and food donations to Bethany Outreach Center, 80 pounds. As you know, deserving families and individuals in our community go without proper food, shelter, and essential medical care every day due to a variety of factors, including low wages, loss of employment, injuries, illness, age, domestic violence, or homelessness. While all of us are susceptible to hard times, children and the elderly are most at risk and they make up a large portion of the clients that we serve.

With the generous support of people like you, we are positioned to help many families and individuals not only meet their essential daily needs, but to work towards hope for life change.

For more information on how your donation is helping to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community, we invite you to visit our website at www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org. You can also find information there on our upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.

Thank you again, and we look forward to your continued support.

Yours in a better community,

Mabel Howard

Mabel Howard





Poinsettia Order Form

As we prepare to celebrate during the Christmas season, we also remember friends and loved ones with poinsettias for the chancel. Poinsettias this year will be \$8.50 each for a 6 ½" poinsettia. **To place an order, please return the completed form, with proper remittance, to the church office by Sunday, December 7.** Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP DELIVER POINSETTIAS TO OUR HOME-BOUND.
IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE CHECK THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE ORDER FORM.

_____ Plant(s) in memory of:

From: _____

_____ Plant(s) in honor of:

From: _____

Plants Ordered _____ X \$8.50 = _____

(Please make checks payable to Luther Memorial Church)

_____ WILL TAKE ORDER

_____ GIVE TO SHUT-INS

_____ WILL HELP DELIVER PLANTS TO SHUT-INS



RADA

Sale Begins: Saturday, November 1
Orders Due: Tuesday, November 18

RADA kitchen items will make your holiday dinner preparations a breeze. Every RADA knife is handcrafted in the USA, with materials only from America. For more than 75 years these knives have stood the test of time and have a lifetime guarantee.



Catalogs are available on the Welcome Tables. Order forms with payment are due by November 18 to any W/ELCA member or the church office.

Proceeds will benefit community outreach.

Blue Christmas Service

Wednesday, December 17
6:00pm
Main Church



"The joy of a blue Christmas lies in the memories we hold onto."

Grief and love hold hands intentionally, because we grieve in proportion to how much we loved that individual. We grieve because that love has been disturbed from its place and forced to be redefined.

We invite you to our Blue Christmas service this year to remember and honor those who are no longer with us as we look forward with hope and peace.

The service will be live streamed on youtube.com/LutherMemorialOnline and will also be available on our website at www.luthermemorialonline.org the following day.

St. Lucia Festival



The excitement of the holidays is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to our annual St. Lucia Festival on **Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm**. SVEA and Luther Memorial are making preparations for this wonderful program. There are many parts to this program in which you can participate.

- Practices will be held each Sunday, November 16, 23, 30 and December 7. Prior to the St. Lucia program on Sunday, December 14 a brief rehearsal will be held at 11:45am;
- All practices will be held from 11:45am - 1:00pm;
 - Practices for 3rd grade and older will begin **Sunday, November 16;**
 - Practices for 2nd grade and younger will begin **Sunday, November 23;**
- Parents: Please attend the first practice to sign in your child.

For more information, please contact Lena Donnelly at 814-403-7825. We are looking forward to sharing our traditional St. Lucia program with everyone this Christmas season.

Your Holiday Spread

There's so much decorating, shopping and baking during the holidays; let's make meals a snap. Delicious Gahr's hamloaf and sausage will hit the spot with everyone. Favorite sausage flavors are available as well as a new taste sensation, Philly CheeseSteak Bratwurst. For Christmas dinner and any time of the year, you may want to order a few. Continuing to support local companies, Gahr's is located in Franklin, PA.

- ❖ Orders for hamloaf will be accepted through Friday, November 21.
- ❖ To place an order:
 - Order forms are located on the tables at each entrance
 - Contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 or
 - Email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.
- ❖ Cost: 1 lb. hamloaf @ \$6.50 / \$2 lb. hamloaf @ \$12.50
- ❖ A variety of sausage flavors available and Philly cheesesteak bratwurst, too
- ❖ Delivery: Orders will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 14.

**GAHR'S
HAMLOAF**
LLC
(OVEN READY)

Hanging of the Greens



It's time to pull out all the beautiful Christmas decorations and spread that cheer throughout our church.

We'll put the jingle in your step and the merry in your holiday so join us for the Hanging of the Greens on **Sunday, November 30 following each service.**

November Birthdays

Benjamin Shchouchkoff 11-1
Morgan Snider 11-1
Louella Januleski 11-2
Rosanne Braine 11-2
Michael Weber 11-2
Kathy Kraut 11-2
Shirley Lawson 11-2
Grace Pratt 11-2
Bill Allamon 11-3
Kristen Botelho 11-3
Maryann Kozlowski 11-4
Timothy Young 11-5
Landon DeDionisio 11-6
Jason Flood 11-6
Kelley Lang 11-6
John Tell 11-7
Christian Wolf 11-7
Linda Ditz 11-8
Stan Rose 11-8
Anthony Cimino 11-8
Sue Belott 11-9
Richelle Denning 11-9
Benjamin Botelho 11-9



Xavier Spaulding 11-10
Elliot Lang 11-11
Ty Galloway 11-11
Chester Schaal 11-12
Shawn Stroup 11-13
Kathleen Stenger 11-14
Loretta Deeds 11-14
Karissa Henry 11-15
Jonathan Gaber 11-15
Maria Brown 11-16
Jeffrey Carlson 11-16
Emily Symes 11-17
Catherine Snider 11-17
Bea Leemhuis 11-17
Rob Benacci 11-17
Angela Duran 11-17
Taylor Thomas 11-17
Mitchell Boyd 11-18
Matthew Snider 11-18
Savanna Wolfram 11-19
Addison Botelho 11-21
Hunter Scott 11-21

Cecelia Muhanna 11-21
Casey Hedlund 11-22
Kathryn Muhanna 11-22
Nancy Lintelman 11-22
Elena Arnold 11-24
Kayton Kern 11-24
Kristiane Thomas 11-24
Megan Houston 11-24
Maddox Ambrose 11-25
Shelley Rositer 11-25
Bob Collins 11-25
Gary Parsons 11-25
Rose Carey 11-26
Jane Sundberg 11-27
Maxwell Spaulding 11-28
Daniel Hackenberg 11-28
Addison Foutz 11-28
Barbara Chaffee 11-28
Jennifer DiTullio 11-28
Patrick Brown 11-29
Kennedy Duran 11-30
Sara Narusewicz 11-30

November Sunshine Birthdays

Shirley Lawson 11/2
531 Crotty Drive Ext.
Erie, PA 16511

Loretta Deeds 11/14
Holiday Niagara Village
2380 Village Common Dr., Apt. 225
Erie, PA 16506

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Toasty Warm

Warm deliciousness is coming your way on Sunday, November 16. Pick up your homemade soup following the 10:30 service.



Daylight Savings Time

An extra hour of sleep will help you jump out of bed on **Sunday, November 2**. Be sure to turn your clocks back 1 hour before going to bed on Saturday, November 1.

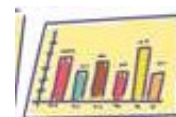


October 2025 Council Meeting

1. **Council Meeting:** Minutes of the September 9, 2025 council meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **Overflow Shelter:** More volunteers are needed for the week in February 2026. Please see Sarah Prylinski.
3. **Property Committee:** The sign in the greenspace area is almost complete. Spotlights are being installed. Chaffee Landscaping will plant red sedum ground cover between the front of the sign and curb.
4. **Church Directory:** An updated directory will be organized and completed.
5. **Fuller Bike Adventure:** The Fuller Center for Housing is a Christian, non-profit organization that builds and repairs homes with partners in the USA and around the world. These volunteers will begin their biking journey in Seaside, Oregon and come through Erie the weekend of July 25. We will host them for July 25 through the morning of July 27.
6. **LMA Playground:** Bids continue to be gathered for the playground rubber flattop surface.
7. **Treasurer's Report:** Presented by Greg Kern, Treasurer:
 - a. \$14,000 ahead of last year's budget
 - b. Total income \$16,000 ahead
 - i. Operating expenses were comparable to last year
 - ii. Expenses still under budget
 - iii. Insurance is under budget
 - iv. Water and sewer still under but slightly more expensive possibly because of sprinkling system
 - v. \$30,000 ahead of last year
 - vi. Discussion of \$1,000 over from September due to Dave Buerk doing more projects and accumulating more hours
 - vii. \$15,000 over what we expected in costs for Capital Campaign
 1. Receivables – Members owe ~ \$4,000
 - viii. There were 17 interested in the vacant unit at the Renew Building; narrowed down to 2 potential tenants
 1. Waiting to hear back from tenant that was offered rental about liability insurance
8. **Cantor's Report:** Bryan Timm highlighted the following events:
 - a. Bishop's Installation on Sunday, October 19;
 - b. Western NY Chamber Orchestra event on Sunday, October 26;
 - c. Mercyhurst Concert Choir joining our All Saints' Service of Faure's Requiem on Sunday, November 2.
9. **Council Meeting:** The next Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 11 at 6:00pm.

October 2025 Statistics

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>8:15am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
October 5	23	70	86	179
October 12	25	57	46	128
October 19	21	63	33	117
October 26	30	107	25	162
AVERAGE	25	75	48	147



BAPTISMS: None recorded.

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None recorded

FUNERALS: None recorded.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

MEMORIALS: PARSH, DAVID – FROM:

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

Diane & Bob Banks Carol & Mark Zamperini

Luther Memorial Academy



50 Year Celebration

SAVE THE DATE Our 50th Anniversary Gala will be on Saturday, May 2. More details will be coming.

We are now accepting donations for our silent auction and basket raffle.

Please contact Michelle Thom at 814-454-0106 if you have an item you would like to donate.

Pizza with the Principal & Pastor



The award luncheon for one student from each class that exemplifies the monthly character trait is off to a great start. Congratulations to our September recipients:

September – Created to be BRAVE
Facing your fears, showing courage
Proverbs 28:1b

Our character trait for October is coming soon: October – Created to be PROUD
Respecting and liking yourself
Genesis 1:27

A Great Season

Thank you to Coach Richter for a successful cross-country season! They concluded with a banquet on Thursday, October 16.



Picture Day

A little touch-up needed on that school picture?

Retakes will be taken Monday, November 3.



Parent Teacher League

A great way to keep up with everything going on at LMA is at our PTL meetings. We'll get you in and out and up-to-date. Our next meeting is Monday, November 17 at 6:00pm in the library.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held during the week of November 3. Please schedule a conference with your child's teacher.

Students will not report to school on Tuesday, November 4 so conferences can be held throughout the day.



Upcoming Field Trips



Wednesday, November 5 – All students will be treated to a performance at the Warner Theater for the Erie Philharmonic.



Wednesday, November 5 – Kindergarten, 3rd, 4th & 5th grade will enjoy a trip to the Erie Firehouse.

Cheer Team

Thank you to Miss Lentz for helping to form the new LMA Cheer Team this year.



Student Newspaper

Mrs. Thom is helping to run the student Newspaper Club again this year. The next edition of the Lion's Report will be out this fall.



Thanksgiving Feast

Tuesday, November 25



As we enter our school on November 25 the aroma of a delicious Thanksgiving dinner will fill the halls. This feast began in 1977 and we continue to gather each year to give thanks. Our students will gather in fellowship hall and share a delicious feast as we give thanks for our many blessings.

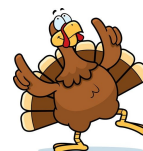
We thank Natalie Montero for her cooking expertise and preparing such a delicious feast. A lion's roar goes out to all other volunteers donating their time to make this feast happen. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Vacation

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation!

School will be closed: Wednesday, November 26 – Monday, December 1

Classes resume: Tuesday, December 2



Christmas Fair



All students will have the opportunity to shop for their family and friends at the annual Christmas Fair held Thursday, December 11 and Friday, December 12. Volunteers will help guide the children as they shop and gift wrapping of their selections will also be available.

Donations of gift bags, all shapes and sizes, may be sent in to the school office anytime. It's so much fun and easy to shop this way, and the children are so proud of their purchases!

Thank you to Brooke McCall for pulling our shopping spree together.

All congregation members are invited to shop on Sunday, December 14 from 9:15 – 10:30am (between services).

First Lego League



First Lego League is back and running! Thank you to our coaches; Mr. Boyd, Mr. Pham, Mr. Torres and Mr. Milligan for continuing the Lego tradition this year. Our Lego enthusiasts are very excited to be taking part in building something extra special.

Substitute Teachers

Are you interested in a substitute teacher position at LMA? It would be great to have you as part of our school team.

What do you need? A love for children and helping them learn. All Clearances are also required.

Please contact our school administrator, Michelle Thom, at 814-454-0106 with any interest.

St. Lucia Festival



The excitement of the holidays is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to our annual St. Lucia Festival on **Sunday, December 14 at 4:00pm.**

SVEA Lodge #296 and Luther Memorial are making preparations for this wonderful program. There are many parts to this program in which you can participate. We are looking for children and young adults to fill the roles for Lucia's Attendants, Baker Boys, Swedish Boys and Girls, Tomte and Narrators.

- Practices will be held each Sunday, November 16, 23, 30 and December 7. Prior to the St. Lucia program on Sunday, December 14 a brief rehearsal will be held at 11:45am;
- All practices will be held from 11:45am – 1:00pm;
 - Practices for 3rd grade and older will begin **Sunday, November 16;**
 - Practices for 2nd grade and younger will begin **Sunday, November 23;**
 - Parents: Please attend the first practice to sign in your child.

For more information, please contact Lena Donnelly at 814-403-7825. We are looking forward to sharing our traditional St. Lucia program with everyone this Christmas season.

Parent Drivers

Parent drivers are always needed for our field trips, and we thank you for your help! Please be sure that our school office has copy of your driver's license, insurance card, and clearances before driving.



Payments



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

Wish List

Every little bit helps LMA; thank you.

- Bottled water – small and large
- Cases of paper
- Plates & napkins



- Monetary donations for Art & Music Supplies
- Monetary donations for the MJ Howell fund, which benefit teachers and staff

Be sure to check out the LMA School Newsletter for more great things happening. Great information at your fingertips all the time! Just scan the QR code or to go:
<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/IFORHQj/enewssignup>



NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:00am W/ELCA Fall Retreat 11:00am Memorial Service
2 <i>All Saints' Sunday</i> 8:15/10:30am Worship 4:00pm Requiem Mass	3 LMA Picture Retakes LMA Parent/Teacher Conference Week	4 <i>Election Day</i> 12:00pm Deborah Circle 3:00pm W/ELCA 6:30pm BAD/Calamari's LMA Closed	5 LMA-Warner Theater Kdg, 3 rd , 4 th , 5 th - Firehouse	6 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells 6:00pm ICM Meeting 6:45pm Choir	7 	8 10:00am Craft Show 10:00am Quilting 10:00am Julia House Meeting
9 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Second Sunday Soirée 9:30am Sunday School 9:30am LYO 11:45am Confirmation 7 th - 9 th Grade	10 	11 10:00am Pericope 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 6:00pm Church Council	12 6:30pm Worship & Music	13 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	14	15 10:00am Quilting 11:30am Bethany Luncheon
16 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:45am St. Lucia Rehearsal 1:00pm VASA	17 6:00pm PTL	18	19 11:00am OWLS/Penn State Planetarium	20 1:00pm Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells 6:45pm Choir	21 5:30pm Family Thanksgiving Night	22 8:00pm St. Lucia Baking Day
23 <i>Christ the King</i> 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:30am Coffee Hour 11:45am St. Lucia Rehearsal	24	25 10:00am Pericope 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 11:00am LMA Thanksgiving Feast	26 LMA Closed Church Offices Closed	27 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> 	28 LMA & Church Offices Closed	29
30 <i>Advent I</i> 8:15/10:30am Worship Hanging of the Greens 11:45am St. Lucia Rehearsal						