

# Parish Banner for Jesus



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15am Worship ~ Chapel  
10:30am Worship ~ Main Church  
Children's Church  
Nursery

## SEPTEMBER – MAY

9:15am Spiritual Growth Class  
(Sundays in Fellowship Hall)  
12:30pm Confirmation ~ grades 7-9  
(2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

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## MONTHLY EVENTS

11:45am Luncheons / Cookouts  
Blood Pres. Screenings  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday each month

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We invite you to join us  
for our Holy Week  
and Easter Sunday services:

## Palm Sunday ~ April 14



8:15am Worship ~ *Chapel*  
10:30am Worship – Processional with Palms  
*Main Church*  
12:30pm First Holy Communion Class

## Maundy Thursday ~ April 18

7:00pm Worship ~ *Main Church*  
First Holy Communion Students  
commune / Stripping of the Altar



## Good Friday ~ April 19

7:00pm Tenebrae Service  
*Main Church*



## Easter Vigil – Saturday, April 20

8:07pm Erie Lutheran Parish Easter Vigil  
*Cathedral of St. Paul*  
134 West 7<sup>th</sup> Street



## Easter Sunday ~ April 21

8:15am Worship with Holy Communion  
*Main Church*  
10:30am Worship with Holy Communion  
*Main Church*



## WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: MARCH 13 – APRIL 10



Each Wednesday in Lent, Luther Memorial Church will gather for food, fellowship, study and worship to deepen the bonds of our faith community.

### Afternoon Session

12:05pm      Worship service in the Main Church  
12:35pm      Light Lunch Meal – *A light meal will be provided in fellowship hall by volunteers following the 12:05 worship service.*      Cost: \$5.00  
                 April 3 – Baked Cod  
                 April 10 – Hot Chicken Salad  
1:05pm      Lenten Study on the Second Lesson in Lent



### Topics for Weekday 12:05 Worship Service

Fourth Wednesday in Lent – “To Know Christ in Suffering and Resurrection”

Fifth Wednesday in Lent – “Humbled to the Point of Death on a Cross”

### Evening Session

5:30 – 6:15pm      Fellowship Meal – *A main dish will be provided, and if possible, bring a side dish or drink to share.*  
6:15 – 7:15pm      Devotion and a Lenten Study on the Second Lesson in Lent

We have designed our evening session to make it as easy as possible for all people to participate, especially after a busy day of work and school. **Therefore, to encourage a multi-generational event, Luther Memorial will be providing the main dish, and as noted above, if possible please bring a side dish or drink to share.** Rather than preparing food at home, you are invited to come here and eat, and then stay for the Lenten Study.

### A Healthy Lent



Our Health Ministry Team hopes you have been taking some walks to improve your health during the Lenten season. The main church will continue to be open each weekday through April 17 from 9:00am-3:00pm so you can do your laps. One mile equals 20 laps around the main church. We’re getting into some sunnier weather so taking a walk outside would lift your spirits, too.

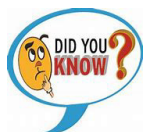
We hope you are walking to improve your wellness of body, mind and spirit.

### Super Wednesdays



We continue to come together on Wednesdays in Lent for a potluck dinner followed by faith conversations and prayer. Beth Keller and Sarah Prylinski have activities planned for our kids. This is a relaxed and multi-generational event and exists to more deeply form community. We’re all hungry at dinner time, so please join us and bring a friend or two. The main dish and drinks on Super Wednesdays are provided and people who are able are invited to bring a dish to share. We hope you join us on April 3 and April 10; our final two Super Wednesdays. **Every week starts with a delicious meal at 5:30pm.**

### Did You Know . . .



- that Jaden Williams has received Second Honors at Cathedral Prep High School. Congratulations Jaden, and keep up the good work!
- that disciples of Jesus from Luther Memorial Church will be serving an evening meal at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Erie on April 25 at 5:00pm.
- that Luther Memorial Church continues to support needs in the Erie community by financially contributing to the Inter-Church Ministries voucher system which provides help with temporary housing, gas cards and food coupons to those in need.



## ***EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM***

**Orders Appreciated by Sunday, April 7**

As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 21, we also remember friends and loved ones with beautiful spring flowers for the chancel. We invite you to order **lilies, hyacinths, tulips, azaleas or hydrangeas**; each in a 6" pot. To place your order, please use the form below and return it, with the correct remittance, to the church office no later than Sunday, April 7. Thank you.

Volunteers are needed to deliver flowers to our friends who are unable to leave their homes and worship with us. If you are able to help with delivery, please indicate so at the bottom of the order form.

\_\_\_\_\_ flowers in memory of:

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ flowers in honor of:

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From: \_\_\_\_\_

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**FLOWERS:**

# Lilies Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

# Hyacinths Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

# Tulips Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of flowers \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

**PLANTS:**

# Azaleas Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

# Hydrangeas Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Number of plants \_\_\_\_\_ X \$16.00 = \_\_\_\_\_**

(Please make checks payable to Luther Memorial Church)

\_\_\_\_\_ Will take order

\_\_\_\_\_ Give to Shut-ins

\_\_\_\_\_ Will help deliver plants to shut-ins

## Sunday, April 7

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**Worship services** with prayers and anointing will be offered on Sunday, April 7. Prayer shawls will also be blessed during our services.



### Acolyte Review

Children and youth interested in taking part in our worship services as acolytes are invited to attend a brief "Training / Refresher" lesson on Sunday, April 7 at 11:30am. Parents are invited to bring their children to the main church following our 10:30 worship service. The opportunity to serve as an acolyte introduces our children to meaningful ways to serve in our church.

Please feel free to speak with Beth Keller or Pastor Coleman with any questions.

## Luther Memorial ReCharge ~ Sunday, April 7

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	<u>Time:</u>
4:00-5:00pm	Food and Fellowship
5:00-6:00pm	Worship

We hope you join us for our **ReCharge contemporary service on Sunday, April 7, 2019**. We will gather in the parlor at 4:00pm for a delicious dinner, fellowship and activities. The main dish will be provided, you are

welcome to bring a dish to share. Worship will be held at 5:00pm on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. Come for the fellowship, the singing, the worship and yes, the delicious food.

## New Member Classes

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Luther Memorial has scheduled these classes for the purpose of creating opportunities to invite those people God places into your lives into the fellowship of this ministry. Authentic evangelism happens when each disciple invites and welcomes others to hear about God's love and forgiveness. It is as simple as that. This is a ministry growth strategy! You are an evangelist! You are on the evangelism committee!

### **New Member Information Classes** **11:45am ~ Chapel**

May 5, 2019  
September 1, 2019  
November 17, 2019

### **New Members Received** **10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary**

May 19, 2019  
September 15, 2019  
December 1, 2019

## Welcome to Our New Members

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**Bob & Judy Crissman** - Originally from Erie, Bob & Judy have been married for 11 years. The queen of their home is their dachshund, Annie. Now retired, Bob is a machinist by trade. He enjoys yard work and woodworking. Also retired, Judy is a registered nurse and holds an accounting degree. She likes to crochet, knit and cook.

**Alice Engel** - Alice moved from Monongahela, PA to Erie when she was 7 years old. Her father, a pastor, accepted a position in Erie. Alice was a driving force in the opening of Luther Memorial Academy when Pastor Black was at LM. She traveled the country researching private schools and became the principal when the school opened. At one time she was the Christian Education director at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Alice has 2 children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. She enjoys knitting and quilting.



## Christian Education

### First Holy Communion Classes

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First Holy Communion classes will continue through Palm Sunday, April 14.

The following young people are attending class during Lent and will make their First Holy Communion at the 7:00pm Maundy Thursday service on April 18:

**MARSHALL JAMES KENNETH BOYD**  
**TY ALEXANDER GALLOWAY**  
**VANCE JAMES MEUCCI**  
**ELIJAH MATTHEW SCHLECHT**

**PATRICK DENNIS CIMINO**  
**EVELYNN DANIELLE GRAFFIUS**  
**ISABELLA COLLEEN O'BRIEN**  
**KAITLYNN MARIE STARR**

**ADDISON LEE FOUTZ**  
**MADILYN GRACE MANTSCH**  
**LANDEN RICHARD SAXTON**

All students are asked to be at the church by 6:15pm on April 18 for preparation and pictures preceding the Maundy Thursday service.

### Celebration

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Our First Holy Communion students have worked hard over the past few weeks and we would like to congratulate them with something special. We hope everyone can join us for a skating party to celebrate. Thank you to Ann Flick for planning this special afternoon. We have reserved the entire skating rink for this fun event.

Let's skate and celebrate with our First Holy Communion students.

First Communion **Students**: No Charge

**Sunday, April 28**

5:00 - 7:00pm

Presque Isle Skating Rink, 3162 West Lake Road

**Cost: \$3 payable to Beth Keller**

Rental of roller blades - \$2

Snacks and food are available at the rink snack bar

**EVERYONE is invited to skate and celebrate with us.**

**Please contact the church office or let Beth Keller know you if plan to attend.**

*Family Skate!*



### Vacation Bible School

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**ROAR VBS** is an African adventure for all our explorers. Imagine bright, vibrant colors, untamed grasslands and majestic views and spend a week at VBS discovering together.

**A July week to be announced**

**Monday - Friday**

Luther Memorial Church

225 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street

**Ages 4 through Grade 5** (completed)

Service project opportunity for Grades 6-8.



Monday - Friday

8:30am ~ Breakfast available

9:00am - 12:00pm ~ VBS Program

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP US MAKE THE GOOD TIMES ROAR!** Please contact Norma in the church office or Beth Keller at 454-0106 to volunteer. This will be an unforgettable week for our children, and you, too.



## Confirmation

**Class Time:** Saturday nights from 6:00-9:00pm  
**Class Location:** St. John Lutheran Church  
2216 Peach Street  
Confirmation Class is for our 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

Our Confirmation Class has partnered with the youth and pastors of the Erie Lutheran Parish by having one confirmation program, which will build good relationships for Confirmation Camp at Lutherlyn and the National Youth Gathering in 2021.



### Schedule of Confirmation Classes


4/13/2019 Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship 5/11/2019 Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship

## Help! Confirmation Students at Camp Lutherlyn



Once again we will be sending kids to confirmation camp in June. Because confirmation does have a cost we are doing three things. First, Luther Memorial, per the 2019 budget, will pay a good portion of the money. Second each student will pay \$30. And third, just like in previous years we are asking for student sponsors. **The cost to sponsor one student for the week is \$80.** 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 Pastor Coleman. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.

## Adult Spiritual Growth

 **Adult Spiritual Growth class** gathers on Sundays from 9:15am to 10:15am in the downstairs fellowship hall. We have been studying other religions through the video series produced by The Great Courses. The series is called "Cultural Literacy for Religion: Everything the Well-Educated Person Should Know". **Classes will not be held during April; class will resume in May.**

## Pastor's Book Club



Our next get together will be on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00pm. We will be discussing the book *"The Reason for God"* by Timothy Keller. Please read the Preface, Introduction and Part One "The Leap of Doubt" which will be to page 130. We will meet in the parlor.

If you are interested in being more active in the ministry of Luther Memorial Church and meeting new people, this is a great way to do it. You are welcome to speak with Pastor Coleman with any questions. We meet once every five weeks and have a great time of conversation and fellowship.



## Hospital Visitation



If you or someone you know is admitted to either UPMC-Hamot or St. Vincent and would like a visit from Luther Memorial Church please contact the church office. The hospital policies no longer permit them to advise us when members have been admitted, so we have to rely on your input to know when we have someone who is in the hospital. Thank you.

## Blood Pressure Screenings



Stay healthy - blood pressure screenings will be offered by our parish nurses on **Sunday, April 28.**

## Music in Worship

### Bach Cantata Vespers

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Thank you to all those who contributed to the **Bach Cantata Vespers** celebrating the *Annunciation of Our Lord*. Our dedicated choir met for many hours of extra rehearsals with several members (*Bob Banks, Doug & Emma Chafee, Jonathan & Molly Gaber, Amelia Smith*) preparing solo and small ensemble parts. Pastor Coleman and Jack Tell provided liturgical leadership and scripture readings. Les Fobes led many volunteers greeting the concert-goers and hosting the wine & cheese reception. The LM Concert Series committee (*Pat Bellingham, Molly Gaber, Brian Hubbard, Greg Kern & Mark Lechner*) continue to provide support and execute the many tasks required to sustain this program. Also, "thank you" to all those who have made financial contributions to the Concert Series and faithfully attend and support our offerings. An hour and a half of great music and worship followed by other hour and a half of fellowship made for a great evening.

### Presque Isle ProMusica

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We are sorry to announce that the **Presque Isle ProMusica Good Friday concert** has been cancelled due to insufficient funds. This orchestra recently obtained 501(c)(3) non-profit status but does not yet have sufficient funding to pay the musicians for the remainder of the 2018-2019 season. We are in the process of soliciting grants and anchor sponsorships in order to fully fund a 2019-2020 season. Although several Luther Memorial members have made financial donations, much more is needed.

How can you help?

- **Suggest corporations or individuals that might be interested in financially supporting this orchestra and its concert series**
- Send a tax-deductible financial donation (*payable to Presque Isle ProMusica*) to the church office
- Purchase advertising in the orchestra's concert programs for next season
- Visit the orchestra's website ([PIProMusica.org](http://PIProMusica.org)) to make an online donation or purchase advertising
- Spread the word about the orchestra and its residency at Luther Memorial
- Attend the concerts and invite others to accompany you

Please contact Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com); 814-602-2755) for more information or offers to help.

### Palm Sunday

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The **Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble** under the direction of C. Noelle Partusch and Grace Petron will participate in our Palm Sunday service on April 14. They will lead the Palm Processional and enhance portions of our liturgical singing with liturgical dance.

### Sing with Us

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Anyone wishing to sing with the choir for a short period of time might consider joining us for the services of **Holy Week and Easter**. If so, please contact Walt Gaber and begin attending the 7:00 pm Thursday evening choir rehearsals.



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

Alice Battersby who died Tuesday, March 5, 2019.  
Nancy Miller, Ella Moore's sister, who died Saturday, March 23, 2019.  
Jim Arnold, Pam Arnold's husband, who died Sunday, March 24, 2019.

**Bill Schaal, Sr. Stewardship and Leaving a Legacy**



Luther Memorial Church gives thanks to Bill Schaal, Sr. for leaving a legacy to this ministry in the generous amount of \$200,000. The \$200,000, per Bill’s request, will be added to the Luther Memorial Foundation account which is reserved for property spending. Bill died on October 4, 2018. We rejoice in Bill’s faithful stewardship throughout his life and his deep commitment to the proclamation of the Gospel. Bill is very much missed at Luther Memorial Church, but his legacy remains with us, until we gather with him, in the presence of the Lord.

If you are considering leaving a legacy to Luther Memorial Church or Luther Memorial Academy you can do this through two ways: First, by contacting Ryan Ebner who is a Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation at 814-823-3285 / [ryan.ebner@elca.org](mailto:ryan.ebner@elca.org); or second, through the Erie Community Foundation.

**St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church Foundation**

Luther Memorial Church Council was recently informed, from the former St. Matthew’s congregation, that assets will be transferred to Luther Memorial Church for the legacy of St. Matthew’s. It has been decided that a majority of the money will be restricted for the purpose of supporting ministry in the Erie community, and a portion will be transferred to the Luther Memorial Church endowment. The allocation is as follows:

Total St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church Endowment (Restricted)	\$416,975
Funds to Luther Memorial Church Endowment (Unrestricted)	<u>\$102,354</u>
Total Assets	\$519,329



The St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church Endowment (Restricted) will have a committee of five people managing the distribution of the funds and they will make their recommendations to church council. The committee will determine the best ways to help others in the community, and as a result, to continue the legacy of St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church. Three former members of St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church and two members of Luther Memorial Church will serve on the committee, and their names will be shared with the congregation when finalized.

**Mother/Daughter Banquet**



Our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 11. Highlight that date on your calendar and treat those wonderful women in your life to a delicious home cooked meal and some fabulous entertainment.

**Serving Others**



For the last several years on the fourth Thursday of February, St. Matthew’s has had the privilege to provide a sloppy joe supper for the surrounding Holy Trinity neighborhood. Even though we now belong to the Luther Memorial family, some St. Matthew’s folks still wanted to provide the dinner again this year. Thank you to the many folks for helping to make it happen. We were very blessed to receive Thrivent Action Team Dollars for the event, which covered everything needed for the dinner. We so appreciated their generosity!

Thank you very much to the team for all their efforts in assuring that the dinner would be a success: Ron King, Patty Vali, Michael Snider, (accompanied by his younger son, Mason) Doug Werle, John & Ella Moore, Juliette Woodward (John and Ella’s granddaughter), Joe Helm and Roberta Lobaugh.

We look forward to preparing the dinner again February 27, 2020!



## Cleveland Indians Baseball Trip

**Sunday, July 14**  
**Cleveland Indians vs. Minnesota Twins**

The seats are going to fill up fast for this bus trip! What better way to spend a summer day than taking in an exciting baseball game. Make sure to get your reservations in and bring along your friends.



- Bus will depart Luther Memorial Church at 9:30am
- Game begins at 1:05pm
- Our seats will be located in the Club section: Seats in Club section 334 are \$107
- There are also a few seats in sections 346 and 348, which are closer to home plate. These seats are \$118
- Prices include your seat, bus trip and the All-You-Can-Eat of typical ball park food AND the buffet in the Club Lounge.

Payment is due Sunday, June 2. A sign-up sheet is located on the table under the power point screen. You may also reserve your spot by contacting Joe Helm at 459-6064.

## Thank You's

Thank you so much for allowing our Lego Team to use the church for our meetings on Thursdays and Saturdays.

*Thanks, The LMA Lego Team.*

*The Lego Team made a very generous donation of \$200 to Luther Memorial Church.*



Thank you for the grief booklet on the grieving process. We are all doing fine after the passing of my father. He had a great life. We were truly blessed.

*Becky Carullo*



Hi Jan (MacInnes),

We have distributed all the prayer squares we had and are down to the last ten or so in my office. When you are able we'd love to have more! Please pass on my appreciation to the sweet ladies who make them. I let everyone here know how the lovely ladies of Luther Memorial provide our hospital with these sweet items and how their ministry, though off site, blesses our patients and staff here! The Eucharistic Ministers give them away, parents in the NICU enjoy them, and I have offered them to staff, patients, and visitors alike. They are small but mighty!!

Thanks so much!

*Tracey Townsend - UPMC Hamot*

## Easter Hams

Time is running out to order your Easter ham; always delicious from Smith's. Order forms are located at the hospitality tables or order from any youth member.



**Orders taken through Sunday, April 7**  
**Ham Delivery: Sunday, April 14**

	<u>Approximate Size</u>	<u>Price Per Pound</u>
Whole semi-boneless	13 lbs.	\$4.00
Half semi-boneless	7.5 lbs.	\$4.20
Whole Gourmet boneless	6.5 lbs.	\$4.75
Half Gourmet boneless	4 lbs.	\$4.95

## Women of the ELCA

### W/ELCA

### Deborah Circle

W/ELA GENERAL MEETING  
will be held:

**Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm**



**Tuesday, April 2**  
6:30pm

For more information, contact Judy Johnson  
at 833-4600

### Pennies for Poverty

As a continuing project to aid women and children in crisis, special containers for donations to "Pennies for Poverty" are located by the doors to the Main Church and Faith Chapel.

### May Friendship Day

**Church Women United May Friendship Day**  
**Saturday, May 11**  
**1:00pm**

Community United Church  
1101 East 38<sup>th</sup> street



Theme: "The Time is NOW! Agree to Differ."

### 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 – keep them coming! They really do add up!



### Monastery of the Heart

Monastery of the Heart welcomes you to join us for this spiritual growth group as we continue to study prayer using the book *"The Breath of the Soul, Reflections on Prayer"* by Joan Chittister as our guide.

**When: 11:00am on Tuesday, April 16**

**Where:** Luther Memorial Church Parlor

Please join us for any of the gatherings. For further information contact Linda Graffius at 454-0106, ext. 229.



### Magic Fingers Grace Group



Spring has sprung – well, we're getting closer anyway. Pull out those bright yellows and greens and let the sun shine in your knitting. Whatever you choose to knit, join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am; April 9 and April 23. If you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet, we'd love to show you. Brighten up your mornings and spend it with friends.

Please contact Jan MacInnes, 454-0106, ext. 233 or the church office, ext. 221 with any questions.

### OWLS – Older Wiser Lutherans

Our OWLS group will be taking part in the Wednesday Lenten worship services during March and April. Join us each week as we prepare for Easter by attending our Lenten series:

**March 13 – April 10**

12:05 – Service

12:35 – Luncheon

1:05 – Lenten Study led by Pastor Coleman



## Vaccines and You

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Most of us think that immunizations pertain mostly to children and young adults. But, there are important immunizations that adults should also consider receiving. Just the other day someone asked me “is it too early to get a flu shot?” They had heard it only protects you for three (3) months. Of course, I researched it and a local Infectious Disease Physician reports that it should protect you during the whole flu season. Even healthy adults can become seriously ill and can pass certain illnesses onto others. Immunizations are especially important for adults 60 years of age and older, and for those who have a chronic condition such as asthma, COPD, diabetes or heart disease. Immunizations are also important for anyone who is in close contact with the very young, the very old, people with weakened immune systems and those who cannot be vaccinated.

This information was taken from the National Public Health Information Coalition Website and they recommend that all adults should get the following vaccines:

- Influenza (flu) vaccine each year to protect against seasonal flu;
- Td or Tdap- These protect against whooping cough (pertussis). Every adult should get a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine once if they didn’t receive it as an adolescent. Then they should receive a Td (tetanus, diphtheria) booster shot every 10 years. In addition they recommend that each time a woman is pregnant they should receive a Tdap vaccine, preferably at 27 through 36 weeks. We are hearing more about the Tdap vaccine because of the increase in whooping cough in the last few years. The vaccine received as a child doesn’t last into adulthood. And for many of us older adults, we never received the vaccine as a child;
- The CDC recommends that all adults 65 years and older should receive the vaccine for pneumonia. There are two (2) types available now and you should discuss with your health care provider which one is appropriate for you.

The need for other adult vaccines such as shingles, hepatitis, HPV depends on one’s age, occupation, travel health status and other risk factors.

Many people ask me if I have received the “shingles shot”. I did receive the “old” shingles shot and now a new series of two (2) shots is recommended. I do need to do this series. Then they ask if I think they should get it. I cannot determine that for them, but here are recommendations and information about receiving the shingles vaccine:

- The NPHIC recommends the shingle vaccine for adults 60 years and older;
- Shingles occurs when the latent varicella zoster (chickenpox) virus is re-activated later in life;
- Pain from the shingles lesions, called post-herpetic neuralgia can be very severe and can last a year or more. The new vaccine series has more protection for the complication of post-herpetic neuralgia;
- Fifty percent of people who live until age 85 will develop shingles;
- In people 60 years and older, the new shingles vaccine reduces the risk of shingles by 90% and the effectiveness lasts above 85% for at least the first four years. It also reduces the risk of post herpetic neuralgia by 67%. So, yes, you can still get shingles after you have had the vaccine, but it shouldn’t be as severe. Also, you can get shingles more than once.

Vaccines are thoroughly tested before licensing and carefully monitored even after they’re licensed to ensure their safety. Side effects from vaccines are usually minor and temporary. Some people may have allergic reactions to certain vaccines, but serious and long-term effects are rare. Complications from a disease such as shingles can be serious. Hearing problems and vision loss are two potential complications from having shingles.

Talk with your health professional to learn which vaccines are right for you based on your age, health, job, lifestyle and other factors and take steps to stay up to date to make sure you have the best protection from serious disease. We all want to pass on family traditions, a grandmother’s quilt, a dad’s love of books – but no one wants to pass on a serious illness. Take charge of your health and help protect those around you by asking about vaccines at your next health professional visit.

*Blessings,  
Linda Graffius, RN Faith Community Nurse  
Coordinator of Care and Health Ministry*

## April Birthday Celebrations

Maryanne Chaffee	4/1		Solomon Washington	4/8	Michael Brown	4/22
Amy Cunningham	4/1		Rebecca Carullo	4/9	Darlene Downey	4/22
Beverly Held	4/1		Elaine Lohse	4/10	Michael Hedlund	4/22
Sharon Burke	4/2		Pia Glover	4/11	Mary Breyley	4/24
Arlene Evans	4/2		Megan Kern	4/11	Brian Moran	4/25
Kyle Henry	4/2		Barb Lemke	4/11	Sue Ellen Wojciechowski	4/25
Robert Hessinger	4/3		Bailee Foutz	4/12	Tessa Wolf	4/25
Otto 'Skip' Meyn	4/4		Anna Mezzacapo	4/12	George Meucci	4/26
Robert Nieratko	4/4		Andrew Laver	4/14	Judy Johnson	4/27
Sutton Rowland	4/4		Jaye Menoher	4/15	James Altman	4/28
Veronica Wolf	4/4		Sue Chase	4/16	Mary Daniels	4/29
Jordan Woodward	4/4		Christopher Held	4/16	Roberta Lobaugh	4/29
Karissa Kurtich	4/5		Corey Held	4/16	Viktor Soder	4/29
Hannah Lujbli	4/5		Jane Moran	4/16	Linda Brandt	4/30
Sue Visalle	4/5		John Swenson, Sr.	4/18	Ellen Cadden	4/30
Jasmine Eagle	4/6		Philip Symes	4/18	Ann Flick	4/30
Jordan Gloekler	4/6		Susan Tharp	4/18	Martha Klomp	4/30
James Koenig, Jr.	4/6		Jennifer Pentycowe	4/20	Jeserie Woodward	4/30
Brenda Kuttruff	4/8		Judy Crissman	4/21		

## April "Sunshine" Birthday Celebrations

PIA GLOVER 4/11  
2716 Lafayette Road  
Erie, PA 16506



BARBARA LEMKE 4/11  
21 West 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. 307  
Erie, PA 16501

## ServErie



ServErie is a community renewal program led by churches across the Erie area. Our desire is to connect willing volunteers with specific neighborhoods and organizations who are poised to serve those in need in our city.

**Saturday, April 6**  
**8:00am - 12:30pm**

Our next event is Saturday, April 6. Registration is necessary and can be done online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/serveriesaturdayapril6>. Everyone will gather at St. Luke Catholic Church, 421 East 38<sup>th</sup> Street, and depart from there for the site they will be

volunteering at for the morning.

You are welcome to contact Sarah Prylinski at 882-1695 with any questions. Please do not drop youth off without registering.

## Reconciling in Christ



Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Erie, PA will be hosting a Reconciling in Christ training event on April 26 (5:30-9:00pm) and 27 (9:00-5:00pm). Registration fee is \$100. This is a great way to start the conversation about congregations becoming more inclusive and welcoming of our LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Queer) siblings. You can sign up at <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/bic/> by clicking on the event link at the top right corner of the page. Then, you'll be able to select our specific event in Erie, PA. Any questions, feel free to contact Pastor Kristen Papson at [kristen.m.papson@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.m.papson@gmail.com).

## March Council Minutes

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1. **Minutes and Treasurer's Report** of the February 12, 2019 Council Meeting were unanimously approved.
2. **Thank you notes** were received from the LMA Lego League for the church's continued support, Becky Furlo for receiving books on the grieving process and Tracy Townsend of UPMC Hamot for receiving prayer squares and knitted items from our Magic Fingers Grace Group.
3. **St. Matthew's Lutheran Church Financial Assets and Endowment Committee** – Pastor shared that this will be a five (5) person committee consisting of three (3) people from St. Matthew's, and two (2) from Luther Memorial. The committee will determine how to manage funds which originated with St. Matthew's. Luther Memorial Attorney Tom Tupitza will file paperwork with the Commonwealth to eliminate St. Matthew's 501c(3) status. Luther Memorial member Don Tatar will be assisting as he has considerable church experience with these matters.
4. **Staff Relations Committee** – Les reported that those serving on this committee are: Lois Smith, Bob Banks, Diane Banks, Lois Fobes, Mark Lechner, Les Fobes (as a convener) and one (1) person from St. Matthew's.
5. **Berman Bedding** – Documentation is progressing regarding the lease for the parking lot.
6. **Emergency Preparedness Committee** – Six (6) people have volunteered to help with building security; training will be held for those interested.
  - a. An additional window shade for the nursery has been requested and will be ordered.
  - b. LMA is seeking a product to prevent the classroom doors from opening from the outside without interfering with safe exit.
  - c. The committee is investigating an in-service program on safety. There is a workshop available and the committee will be looking into details.
7. **Service Opportunities** – Pastor is considering a committee to speak with others regarding service opportunities. ServErie will be taking place on April 6. Dates of opportunities for service will be featured on the table under the powerpoint screen.
8. **Property** – Chairman Rick Kern reported on the recent completed projects:
  - a. The 5<sup>th</sup> Floor renovation is complete
  - b. The squirrel-cage fan which once ventilated the plenum has been removed and shelving has been built in the extra space.
  - c. New signage has been installed in the former J. H. Thompson building.**Projects** under consideration were presented:
  - a. School vestibule heaters – to be replaced this summer
  - b. Paint & Carpeting for 5<sup>th</sup> floor hallway estimated at \$6,145
  - c. Carpet Replacement – Parlor, Sacristy & Hallways – estimated total \$23,463
9. **Columbarium Expansion** – The original columbarium committee contingency plan was that the columbarium fund maintain a sufficient balance to engage a mortuary service to remove cremains and maintain in another location if this would become necessary. After 12 years, 50% of the niches are reserved or in use. Plans are being considered to expand the size of the columbarium by 72 to 200 niches.
10. **Parking Lot** – Due to the constraints imposed by the cost of required stormwater management work, extensive parking lot reconstruction is not feasible. Less extensive repairs are possible, such as:
  - a. Reconstruction of the 10<sup>th</sup> St. ramp to ease grade, and the east entrance to the school for safety
  - b. Reversal of traffic flow per plans after further study, including involvement of LMA
  - c. Repair/replace portions of current pavement, seal and restripe entire parking lotThese repairs would be at an estimated cost of \$29,283 with \$13,500 additional option for stone entry pillars at 10<sup>th</sup> Street entrance.
11. **Council Meeting Date** – April 9, 2019 at 7:00pm





## Luther Memorial Academy

### Etiquette Luncheon



**Thursday, April 25**

The Class of 2019 will be introduced to the art of fine dining during the annual Etiquette Luncheon. All of the graduate families have the opportunity to assist with this important event. Thank you to Mrs. Ramey for coordinating this event. We also thank Mrs. Birkner and Mrs. Wells for teaching the curriculum to prepare the students.

If you are an 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent and have not been contacted to help, please call the school office.

### World's Fair



Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students researched various countries of the world and created displays showing what they learned at the Annual World's Fair on Tuesday, March 26. The students shared traditions, history and foods from many different countries. This traditional annual event is enjoyed each year.

### Highmark Caring Place



LMA students raised \$250 for the Highmark Caring Place during the month of February. We are proud of our students and the compassion they show for others.

### Easter Vacation

School will be closed  
**Monday, April 15 – Monday, April 22**  
for Easter vacation.

Students will return to school on  
**Tuesday, April 23.**



### Bake Sale

**Need a little something sweet?  
We've got the perfect treat!**

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade class at LMA will be conducting a Bake Sale on **Friday, April 26.**

Proceeds will go towards supporting technology needs at our school.



### Baked Potato Lunch

*Fill up with a delicious baked potato for lunch:*

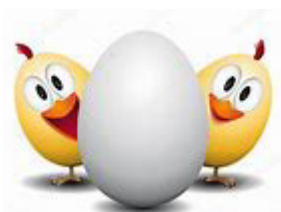
**Friday, April 26**  
\$3.00

Proceeds benefit our Sports Program



### Walking Taco Lunches – May 3

Our next Walking Taco Lunch will be Friday, May 3 and they are always a big hit. Taco lunches are \$3 and served in a Dorito or Frito bag with meat, along with choices of lettuce, tomato, cheese and salsa. These lunches help support the FIRST Lego Team.



**Happy Easter**

## A P R I L 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> LMA Gr. 2-7 Testing Week 5:30pm LMA Parent/Player Soccer Meeting	<b>3</b> 12:05 Lenten Worship 12:35 Luncheon 1:05 Lenten Study 5:30pm Super Wednesday 5:30pm LMA Soccer Meeting 6:45pm PIAA Meeting 7:00pm Worship & Music	<b>4</b> 6:00pm Lego Family Dinner 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 10:00am Middle School Intramurals 
<b>7</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:30am Acolyte Training 12:30pm First Communion Class 1:00pm VASA 4:00pm ReCharge	<b>8</b> 5:00pm Prayer Group	<b>9</b> 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr. 5:45pm Emerg. Prep. Meeting 7:00pm Council	<b>10</b> 12:05 Lenten Worship 12:35 Luncheon 1:05 Lenten Study 5:30pm Super Wednesday	<b>11</b> 6:00pm LCBA 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	<b>12</b> LMA After School not in session 6:30pm Club 50	<b>13</b> 6:00pm Conf. Class/St. John Lutheran Church
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 12:30pm First Holy Communion Class 	<b>15</b> LMA Closed	<b>16</b> 11:00am Monastery of the Heart LMA Closed	<b>17</b> LMA Closed 7:00pm W/ELCA General Meeting	<b>18 Maundy Thursday</b> LMA Closed 7:00pm Worship 8:00pm Choir 	<b>19 Good Friday</b> LMA Closed Church Offices Closed 7:00pm Tenebrae 	<b>20</b> 8:07pm Easter Vigil @ Cathedral of St. Paul 
<b>21 Easter Sunday</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 	<b>22</b> LMA Closed Church Offices Closed	<b>23</b> 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr.	<b>24</b> 12:00pm School Board 6:00pm Pastor's Book Club	<b>25</b> 11:00am Gr. 8 Etiquette Luncheon 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	<b>26</b> LMA Bake Sale (Gr. 6)	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:30am Blood Pressures 11:30am Cong. Life 5:00pm First Holy Communion Skating Party 5:00pm ReCharge Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 3:30pm Young People's Chorus Rehearsal	<b>30</b> 3:30pm Young People's Chorus Rehearsal				