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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15am Worship ~ Main Church
10:30am Worship ~ Main Church

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Pastor's Message

So during this very different time for all of us, we have been doing what needs to be done, and I trust that one day the Covid-19 virus will be under control. In watching the news, we have discovered many different perspectives and views on the virus and how to best control it. I have my own view points, which may not be the same as yours, but quite frankly, that's life. A community, our community, is made up of people who are different from one another, but in spite of those differences, we do what is good for those in our community. Essentially, we sacrifice something of ourselves for the good of others, which means we will not always get our way, and as we know from personal experience, this is not something we like.

On a personal level, I have been doing pretty well. I have adjusted, as best as possible, to this new way of doing ministry, but I am struggling with the lack of physical connection to others. At times, I feel like our community is sort of hanging on, which is understandable, but as our physical separation continues, there is a chance we may permanently lose our connection to one another. I have been wondering, what our community will look like when things are back to normal. Will our kids and youth come back? Will others who have found new places to be, or activities to do, just keep doing those things? I felt a strong momentum in our ministry, but will that continue?

I am sharing this with you because I want you to know that my care for you and this church has not abated, and I will be hopeful that you are doing your part in staying connected to us. I would ask you to please reach out to me if I can be helpful to you. You should know that our church council has developed a policy for ministry and building use going into the fall and is included in this newsletter. We will be sharing in the September newsletter what our ministry will look like this fall to be safe while also keeping us connected. **Finally, please remain faithful with your monthly financial offerings** and consider Erie Gives Day on August 11! I pray to Jesus to hold us together.

Luther Memorial ReCharge



Summer ReCharge Worship

Sunday, August 2

4:00 – 5:00pm Picnic

5:00 – 6:00pm Worship



We are looking forward to worshipping outdoors for our ReCharge Service in August. Please bring a blanket or lawn chairs and a picnic basket with goodies for you and your family. We'll gather outside at 4:00pm to enjoy one another's company (of course being mindful of keeping socially distant). Be sure to have your masks handy as well. Worship will follow at 5:00pm.

In case of inclement weather, please check for updates on our Luther Memorial Facebook Page and the ReCharge Facebook Page.

Worship Service for Sunday, August 9



On Sunday, August 9 worship services will not be held in person at Luther Memorial because Pastor Coleman will be on vacation and the ELP beach service has been cancelled due to Covid 19. So as a result our Luther Memorial worship service will be recorded and available at 6:00am Sunday, August 9 on our LM website, Facebook page and YouTube Channel. In person worship services (and Facebook Live) will resume again on Sunday, August 16 at 8:15am and 10:30am.

Opportunities for Continued Connection to Luther Memorial Church

- **Sunday Morning Worship** – Facebook Live at 10:30am, and then the recording will be posted to the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel by 12:00pm.
- **Tuesday Morning Prayer** – Live on LM Facebook Group page at 9:00am, and available to watch a recorded version on the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** – Posted to LM Facebook Group page, Church Webpage and YouTube Channel at 10:00am.
- **Thursday Evening Prayer** – Live on LM Facebook Group page at 6:00pm, and available to watch a recorded version on the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel.



Uplifting Thoughts

Dealing with an illness at any time is difficult, but when you find yourself out of town and away from friends it can be very lonely. Pastor and Mary Mumford will be staying in Florida for an undetermined amount of time while Pastor recovers and regains strength. The cards and notes they have received are very appreciated.

On July 10 Pastor was moved to a long-term rehab skilled nursing facility. Due to the Covid restrictions in Florida, Mary is not permitted to visit, therefore, all cards she receives for him have to be forwarded by mail. If you would like to send a card to Pastor, please use the below address:

Riviera Palms Rehab Center, Room 206
926 Haben Blvd.
Palmetto, FL 34221



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

Sandy Brindle (brother, Dennis Brindle) who died Saturday, June 27, 2020
Virginia Kochanczyk (sister, Marjorie Johnson) who died Tuesday, July 7, 2020

Luther Memorial Church Guidelines for Ministry Groups and Committees During Covid-19



At the July 14, 2020 church council meeting Luther Memorial's Church council voted to allow Church committees to gather in the church building with the understanding they would follow all the health and safety guidelines recommended by the CDC and practiced by Luther Memorial Church. Following these guidelines will be required for all ministry groups and gatherings held in the building and on the property of Luther Memorial Church.

Expectations and Guidelines:

- If a meeting or gathering can happen online, consider doing that first. Remember that Luther Memorial Church has a Zoom Account and to schedule a Zoom meeting contact Norma Buerk or Pastor Coleman to set up the meeting.
- Realizing the need for physical connection a person to person meeting may be preferred, but please follow the following procedures.
 1. Contact the church office to schedule the meeting or gathering.
 2. Know the number of those attending so you can hold the meeting or gathering in a large enough space to practice physical distancing of 6 feet between each person.
 3. Have a sign in sheet for names attending, or the ministry leader needs to document the names of those attending to be prepared for contact tracing if that is needed.
 4. Wipe down all tables and chairs or any object that will be touched by those attending with disinfecting products before the meeting or gathering. After the meeting or gathering wipe down again all tables and chairs and objects which have been touched. If bathrooms are to be used, please direct those attending to a particular set of bathrooms and wipe down before and after the common surfaces which will be touched.
 5. Have hand sanitizer available.
 6. Masks are required to be worn inside the building. If the meeting or gathering is outside masks are recommended, but not required, when physically distanced from one another. But if you are moving around and interacting with others and not properly distanced, masks are required.

Finally, please be accommodating to all of those who serve on your committee or are considered a part of your gathering. Even with these guidelines, you or those in your group may still not feel safe. Luther Memorial Church's council has been working on finding the safe and reasonable middle ground during this pandemic, so we humbly pray for continued guidance and direction. Please feel free to contact Council President Les Fobes, Director of Care Ministries Linda Graffius, or Pastor Coleman with any comments, questions or concerns about these guidelines.

Magic Fingers Grace Group



**Tuesday, August 11
and
Tuesday, August 25
10:00am - 12:00 noon**

Feeling a little stressed? Relax a little and join us for our Magic Fingers Grace Group. Bring your knitting, crocheting or other yarn project and join us for a wonderful morning.

Weather permitting, we will meet outside in the green space under the magnolia tree. In case of rain we will meet in the parlor. Please bring your own drink and

chair (for outside) and be sure to wear your mask. Maintaining our social distancing we will sit in a nice big circle so we can chat, laugh and work on our yarn projects together.

Please RSVP for the August 11 gathering by Friday, August 7. For the August 25 gathering, please RSVP by Friday, August 21. You are most welcome to contact Jan MacInnes, 454-0106, ext. 233 or the church office, ext. 221 with any questions.

Music Ministry

From our Cantor



We thank the members of the choir and other instrumentalists who have faithfully prepared and recorded hymns and psalms from their homes for the past several months. Please know that this was a "labor of love and dedication" to our worshiping community. A big part of singing in a choir or playing in an ensemble is the satisfaction and enjoyment one receives by being part of a group making music together. In this case, each individual had to not only work, prepare and sing or play in isolation, but also learn new tools and technologies - without the satisfaction of hearing and blending with other voices around them. Each of them felt it was important to continue singing, giving voice to our faith during these trying times and providing a degree of familiarity and normalcy to the Luther Memorial family through music - one of our great strengths and heritage. If you have found their efforts meaningful and enriching, please let them know your appreciation via a note or phone call.

Musicians participating in the creation of recordings:

Soprano: Patricia Boyd, Molly Gaber

Alto: Carol Carlson, Mary Laver

Tenor: Mark Lechner, David Ruler

Clarinet: Otto 'Skip' Meyn

Bass: Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto 'Skip' Meyn

Saxophone: Bob Banks

Organ: David Ruler

Violin: Linda Melaragno

Finally, please pray with and for me that we navigate this pandemic with wisdom, patience and sensitivity to all the changes we are experiencing. As mentioned above, there is anecdotal evidence that group choral singing may present an increased risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Until science provides better understanding of the extent of that risk and methods of effective mitigation, our "virtual choir" will continue to prepare hymns and anthems for use in our services. We have previously refrained from using recorded music in our services, believing that live offerings represent our "best" offerings. However, we are thankful for technologies that provide this temporary compromise, allowing us to safely and wisely continue to offer up our music as best we can.

Thank You

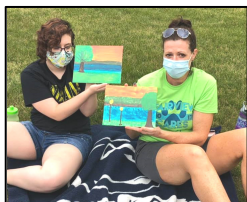


At the church's monthly council meetings, Pastor Coleman shares communications the church receives, and especially thank you notes. Luther Memorial Church has received many thank you notes over these last several months for helping with food and transportation, to making financial contributions, to praying for and supporting others. So here are some of the thank you notes this ministry has received, and please know that your discipleship and your faithful financial contributions make all of this possible.

- Rosie Rose offered a word of thanks for a financial contribution to help purchase supplies for the many masks she (and many others) have been making. Rosie and her faithful helpers have made 1,023 masks! Well done, good and faithful servants!
- Arlene and John Evans sent a note of thanksgiving for all the efforts the people of Luther Memorial Church have been making in keeping us all together with our online worship services, prayer services and bible studies.
- Dorothy and Bill Youngman send thanks for all the meals, milk, snacks and food which have been delivered to them. The note said: "Rain or shine, always the delivery with kind words and a smile. We hope you have some idea how much this all means to us."
- Linda Soles sent a note of thanks for all the kindness and generous gifts which have been delivered to her. Linda writes: "It has been a long road, but I feel very blessed and thankful. I certainly appreciate all the thoughts and prayers."
- Camp Lutherlyn sent a thank you note for the \$1,500 donation from Luther Memorial Church. Normally, we would have attended Confirmation Camp, but with Covid-19, camp was cancelled this year, but we felt it important to support the Camp in this time of need.
- Lakeshore Community Services sent a note of thanks for the donation we made to them of Lysol wipes and toilet paper when those were in short supply during the early months of Covid-19.
- Bethesda Foundation for Children and the Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County offered thanks for our monthly contributions to support their ministries of care and outreach.

Family & Youth News

Fun Events!



Our Painting Event at Liberty Park on Thursday, July 23 was a very artistic and fun evening. The weather was great and 15 of us had a wonderful time creating some beautiful canvas paintings.

If you happened to miss this one, join us for our **family rock painting event in August**. We've got all the rocks you'll need along with paint and brushes. Make a paperweight or some decorative little rocks for your garden; use your imagination. Be sure to watch our bulletins and Facebook for the August date and time.

A Virtual Auction

ONLINE AUCTION IS
OPEN FOR
BIDDING

A Virtual Silent Basket Auction will be coming your way very soon. Our youth have been working behind the scenes putting together some original baskets that will be available for our Silent Auction. Pictures of the baskets will be available to view on Facebook, our Sunday morning bulletins and also emailed. You will be able to bid on the baskets by emailing or calling Norma in the church office.

Mark your Calendars for a "Different Kind" of CROP Walk



The CROP Walk of Erie County has been an annual event to walk at Presque Isle for the purpose of raising money for local and world hunger. The Bethany Outreach Center has been a recipient of money raised through this event. Because of our need to be safe, responsible and good community members, the CROP walk will not be held in the normal way because of the large crowds that typically gather. But because hunger issues have not gone away, the CROP Walk Committee will be encouraging church congregations and agencies to walk for hunger on Sunday, September 27. The walk would start at the local church with those from the congregation participating. So the vision is to have separate walks for one shared purpose.

The CROP Walk Committee is in the process of developing material to share with congregations and agencies in how to make this successful and safe. So, knowing that more information will be coming, **please mark your calendars for Sunday, September 27, after the 10:30am worship service for a CROP walk.**



A Hand Up Erie



Volunteers are needed and welcome at the service organization A Hand up Erie. A Hand up Erie picks up and delivers donated furniture to those people who would benefit from receiving donated furniture. Volunteers are needed to help pick up and deliver the furniture. Also, if you have a donation you can contact them through their Facebook page, their website at www.ahanduperie.org, or email AHUERIE@gmail.com. If you have additional questions about the organization or ways to

help you can reach out to Mark Howell, a member of Luther Memorial Church, who is very involved with this service organization. Volunteers are welcome to meet each Saturday at 9:00am at their building located at 1367 West 12th Street. It is one long building and A Hand Up Erie uses the back portion of the building. Cars will be parked there along with some trucks and trailers. There is no signage specifically for A Hand Up Erie. You can always check their Facebook page to see when their deliveries are scheduled. Delivery dates are usually posted so people are aware of the day they are delivering in case they would like to help with deliveries. Thank you.

Are You Lonely Tonight?



Some of you will remember this song performed by Elvis Presley in 1960. The lyrics describe the loneliness felt at the end of a relationship. But, it could also describe how many are feeling with the imposed “shelter in place” that we are experiencing. We humans are social people, some in different degrees than others. And some who have described themselves as introverts are even feeling the effects of social isolation or loneliness.

Social isolation and loneliness are not the same. Social isolation is structural. Loneliness is a feeling. But the effects are the same. Researchers say the need to be around people is “hard wired” into our brains. An important point for those sitting at home is that it’s not the physical company of others that defines loneliness. What matters most is feeling that “someone has your back”. It’s not being alone - it’s feeling alone - a mismatch between what you want and what you need. So my concern is when a loved one is in the hospital or long term care they need to know that they are thought of and cared about.

Some of the detrimental effects of this can be high blood pressure, increase in heart disease/stroke, early onset of dementia and premature mortality. Research says that the effect of loneliness is the equal to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. These are real problems and our healthcare system has not addressed this problem until now with the advent of the pandemic. Does your health care provider ask you if you feel lonely? Some underlying risk factors that may exist and can increase the effects of social isolation/loneliness are:

- Physical – having a chronic illness, hearing loss
- Psychological – having depression, anxiety or dementia
- Societal/Cultural – household status, retirement, bereavement

During this time it is not just happening to adults, but also to children. They are talking about missing their families (grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles, etc.) friends and teachers. Many children have access to digital devices and can facetime. But maybe their grandparents can’t do this. Roughly 1/3 of Americans over the age of 65 say they never use the internet and 49% say they don’t have internet service at home! Parents need to encourage them to call each other or even write a letter! Unfortunately people who are socio-economically disadvantaged are affected more by social/physical isolation and loneliness.

Some suggestions for reducing the negative consequences of this problem are to:

- Stay engaged – Make a checklist of daily activities to motivate you and help create a sense of accomplishment. Be sure to include “talk to someone”, as well as an exercise and stretching time. Keep your mind active with reading, puzzles or art projects; or start a recipe exchange with family, friends or church members. Pets are also important in giving us a sense of purpose.
- Stay active – Walk around your house, yard or neighborhood. Do virtual exercise classes if possible. Start a new hobby or pick up one from your childhood.
- Stay connected – Watch our online services and Pastors weekly prayer services and Bible study. If you are unable to watch them, please contact us to help you.
- Call someone – make a list of 5 people who live alone and call one each day of the week. Watch fun things on TV. Turn off the news!!

These are just a few suggestions from ALOA- Adult Lutherans Organized for Action, www.ALOAserves.org.

When the pandemic and quarantine began, Pastor gathered Norma, Miriam, and myself together to discuss and plan how we could stay connected to our shut-ins, elderly and most vulnerable members. I am proud to say we have an ongoing outreach of preparing and delivering meals, making phone calls and sending cards. I participated in an ALOA webinar about social/physical isolation and loneliness and had the opportunity to share what we are doing with people from Lutheran churches across the country. Thank you to all the volunteers helping us! If you are in need of food or would like to receive or make phone calls or cards, please contact myself or Norma.

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I want to end with the June 25, 2020 devotion from the Women of the ELCA Daily Grace – All the Lonely People. “It is God’s love and only God’s love that can conquer the depths of loneliness; and the church is where we ought to be able to find and experience that love. Perhaps we as Christians need to be reminded that whenever we reach out to another in friendship, each time we help another human being, we are not only offering God’s love to that person, we are helping to overcome the loneliness of an aching world.”

Take care and stay well.

Blessings,
Linda Graffius, RN
Faith Community Nurse

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)



NAMI is continuing to offer MHFA and Youth MHFA to the Erie community. These trainings are entirely free to the public, but seating will be limited, so be sure to register.

All guidelines are being followed for social distancing to ensure the safety of participants and instructors. Class sizes will be limited to eight participants per class. Spots are available for the following training dates:

* Friday, August 14

* Friday, August 21

* Friday, August 28 (youth attendees only)

All classes are from 8:30am – 5:00pm

MHFA and Youth MHFA help participants to identify, understand, and respond to the signs of mental illness.

Spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis, so you will receive a confirmation email if you are registered. If several are interested NAMI will come to Luther Memorial to provide the class. Please contact Linda Graffius or Norma in the church office if you would like to attend. For more information on NAMI, visit NAMIerie.org/firstaid.

August Birthday Celebrations

Madeline Ulrich	8/2		Lincoln McCall	8/13	Alicia Hessinger	8/23
Dorothy Overberg	8/5		Linda Young	8/13	John Albert, II	8/24
Bernie Blore	8/6		Ed Cunningham	8/14	Cooper Bebkko	8/24
Matthew Downey	8/6		Allison Meyn	8/14	Ken Kraut	8/24
Jeanne Gaber	8/6		Mario Mezzacapo	8/14	Gene Kutruff	8/24
Pat Young	8/6		Barbara Hickey	8/15	Mason Schlecht	8/24
Pat Bellingham	8/7		Wyatt Thaxton	8/15	Caiden Snider	8/24
Kelley Meyer	8/7		Mike Arnold	8/16	Terry Hokaj	8/25
Linda Soles	8/7		Bob Banks	8/16	Owen Sweeney	8/25
Samantha Stelmack	8/8		Jerome Gaeta, Jr.	8/18	Ashli Sweeney	8/26
Jim Woodward	8/8		Alisyn Rogan	8/18	Anja Blasco	8/28
Katherine Blair	8/9		Scott Shaffer	8/18	Jean Hedderick	8/28
Isabella O'Brien	8/9		Patricia Boyd	8/20	Anna Keller	8/28
Ian Steff	8/10		Jean Joyce	8/20	Les Fobes	8/30
Tessa Bartlett	8/11		Eric Hedlund	8/21	Zachary Byers	8/31
Marilyn Bohn	8/11		Grace Petron	8/21	Judie Harrison - Means	8/31
William Hines, II	8/11		Kathy Sahlmann	8/21	Nancy O'Leary	8/31
Mark Lechner	8/11		Chris Pirschel	8/22	Landen Saxton	8/31
Alan Eagle Jr.	8/12		Michael Grande	8/23		

August Birthday Celebrations for our Sunshine Members

LINDA SOLES 8/7
613 Noble Avenue
Erie, PA 16511

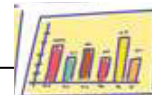
JEAN JOYCE 8/20
West Lake Woods
3302 W. Lake Road
Apt. 200
Erie, PA 16505



MARILYN BOHN 8/11
702 Ardmore Avenue
Erie, PA 16505

JEAN HEDDERICK 8/28
Sarah Reed Retirement Center
2214 Sassafra St.
RT 234
Erie, PA 16502

June 2020 Statistics



ATTENDANCE:

8:15 A.M. 10:30 A.M. 4:00 P.M. RECHARGE CHILDREN'S CHURCH TOTAL

All services in June cancelled due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Worship services offered on the Luther Memorial website, Facebook and YouTube.

Tuesday Morning Prayer, Wednesday Morning Bible Study and Thursday Evening Prayer also offered online.

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

ENGEL, ALICE - FROM:

Albert Gesler, Jr.

FUNERALS: None recorded.

WALTER, RALPH - FROM:

Albert Gesler, Jr.

MEMORIALS:

SCHULTZ, RICHARD - FROM:

Michelle & William Fendya & family Nancy Varner
Lois & Les Fobes

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None recorded.

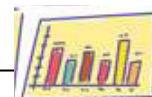
ALL FATHERS - FROM:

Jan & Skip MacInnes

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

July 2020 Statistics



ATTENDANCE:

	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>4:00 P.M. RECHARGE</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
July 5	31	49			80
July 12	24	55			79
July 19	25	46			71
July 26	27	43			70

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

Lois Smith

Dorothy Youngman

FUNERALS: BRINDLE, SANDRA - Date of Death: June 27, 2020 / Date of Service: July 6, 2020 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

Marilyn Bohn

Roberta & Joseph Marafine

Marilyn Rositer

MEMORIALS:

ENGEL, ALICE - FROM: Donna Sedelmyer

LETTER OF TRANSFER: WOJCIECHOWSKI, SUE ELLEN & PAUL - Transfer to Lutheran Church By the Lake, McCormick, SC

BRINDLE, SANDRA - FROM:

Rebecca Widdecombe Rosemarie & William Schaaf
Pat Young Jan & Skip MacInnes
Dorothy Overberg Patricia & Chris Dubbs

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

July Council Meeting via Zoom



1. **Minutes** of the July 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed and on motion unanimously accepted. Note was made that the meeting was a regular, not a special, meeting. Upon motion, the minutes were accepted unanimously.
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Greg Kern reviewed the details of his written report indicating that church finances are good. Income and expenses are better than expected, and investment performance is "slowly coming back."
3. **Communications** - Numerous notes of thanks were received. The details of these will appear in the August newsletter.
4. **Use of building for ministry** - Pastor Coleman presented 4 options for opening the church to other functions besides worship. Following discussion, option 4 was amended to include the proviso that church council (Les Fobes and Pastor Coleman) prepare a document establishing requirements for any group to use space in the building. Upon motion, this was approved unanimously.
5. **Sunday offering and counting procedures** - Les Fobes reported on a meeting he held with Miriam Scheid on temporary procedures for counting the offering. After discussion, it was unanimously approved that the offering be counted on Mondays, by Miriam Scheid and one member of council.
6. **Sunday Worship Service for August 9** - Pastor Coleman will be on vacation on August 9 and does not feel comfortable training someone else to lead the service because of the many different procedures necessitated by the coronavirus. Pastor will, before his vacation, conduct the Service as it was in the weeks prior to July 5, being streamed on YouTube and available for viewing through the church's website.
7. **Council Meeting Date** - The next council meeting will be held Tuesday, August 11 at 6:00pm via Zoom.



Luther Memorial Academy

First Day of School



The first day of school for Luther Memorial Academy is Monday, August 24, 2020. LMA staff and school board members have been working diligently to have procedures in place to maintain the health and safety of all. LMA students and families have also been given a remote learning option for the beginning of the school year. Your prayers are appreciated as we begin the school year in uncharted territory.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone!

School Lunches

Our school has measures in place to keep our students healthy and safe. Therefore, hotdog lunches will not be served this year.



- All students are asked to bring a packed lunch to school each day along with their own drink.
- All students are asked to bring a water bottle to school each day as all water fountains will be turned off.

Erie Gives Day 2020 – Luther Memorial Church; Luther Memorial Academy



YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO HELP A NON-PROFIT
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2019 8:00AM – 8:00PM
12 HOURS OF GIVING

Day and Time: Checks will be accepted on Monday, August 10. The online event takes place on Tuesday, August 11. You have 12 hours to make your donation between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm.

Participating Nonprofits: Your organization must be a 501(c)(3) and either be a member of [The Nonprofit Partnership](http://TheNonprofitPartnership.org) or have an Agency Endowment with the Erie Community Foundation to participate in Erie Gives. **Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Academy and Bethany Outreach Center appreciate your support.**

Gift Amount: The minimum gift is \$25. There is no limit to the amount of money you may give. There is no limit to the number of organizations you can donate to in a transaction.

Making a Donation: Simply log on to www.eriegives.org or call the Erie Community Foundation at 454-0843.

Credit Cards: Only Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted. The credit card processor charges a nominal fee per transaction. The Erie Community Foundation does not receive any fees. (Credit card gift cards will not be accepted.)

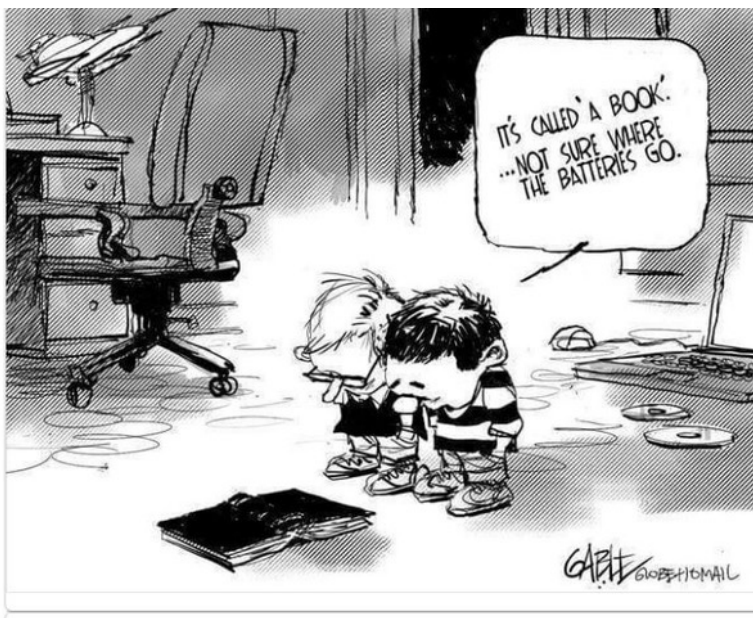
Checks: Donors can write a check for their Erie Gives donation.

- Checks must be made out to The Erie Community Foundation;
- All check donations must be accompanied by a Check Donation Form. For your convenience, the Check Donation Form is included with this newsletter. It is also available for download at www.eriegives.org.
- Checks must be delivered to The Erie Community Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) no later than Monday, August 10, 2020.

Prorated Match: The Erie Community Foundation and our sponsors will enhance each donor's gift by providing a prorated match to each gift made to a nonprofit.

Your Receipt: You will receive an email receipt of your gift; please retain it for tax purposes. Unless you choose to remain anonymous, your donor information will be sent to the appropriate organizations.

When the Nonprofits receive your donation: Due to COVID-19, the annual Check Distribution Day will not be held at the Erie Zoo. This year, all Erie Gives donations will be mailed to nonprofits.



Erie Gives Check Contribution Form

Please make checks payable to The Erie Community Foundation and kindly deliver to the Foundation (459 West 6th Street, Erie, PA 16507) with this completed form no later than August 10, 2020.



ALL INFORMATION IS REQUIRED

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Check Number: _____ Contribution total: \$ _____

Please list how you wish to be identified in print: _____

Example: John & Jane Doe | John Doe | Anonymous

Does your employer match donations? ☐ Yes ☐ No Company Name: _____

Please note, the employee is responsible for completing the employer's company match paperwork.

	Erie Gives Nonprofit Name All nonprofits below must currently be listed on the Erie Gives website.	Gift Amount \$25 minimum
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