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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
(2nd, 4th Sundays)

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

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MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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I wanted to say thank you, thank you and thank you, for this past ministry year of 2017. I thank you for your faithful and generous giving, because as you will read in the annual report, this year was a positive one financially, as well as all the faithful ministry done by this congregation! Please be sure to read through the Annual Report which includes all the details of this past year. We can see what we have done **together** through the wisdom and guidance of God. The Annual Report will be posted to our website and hard copies will be available throughout the building. I am grateful that I am pastor at Luther Memorial Church, and that you are a part of my life.

Next, I wanted to give you updates on Luther Memorial's new sound system and the motel next to the church. First, Church Council recently approved a bid from Levco Communications to install a new sound system in the main church. The purchase of the new sound system has been made possible through a very generous donation. A committee spent a year meeting with several sound companies, asking many questions, comparing bids, and then made a recommendation to council. We anticipate much better sound and hearing, especially through the hearing assist units that will be available to those who need them. Much more information will be shared about the new sound system in the future. The new sound system will be installed by no later than Palm Sunday, March 25.

Second, in regards to the motel property next to the church, Church Council approved a bid for an appraisal to be done on the motel property. As the congregation is aware through a congregational letter, Luther Memorial Church was approached by the motel owner asking if we had any interest in purchasing the motel property. Based on the responses to the letter, enough interest was expressed to get more information, such as what the property would be used for, the value of the property, and financial contributions from congregational members. Please know that at this time we are only gathering information so a good decision can be made.

Lenten Worship



During Lent we will gather as a community each Sunday and Wednesday to worship with one another. You are also encouraged to be present for each of these days and to have personal devotional time during the week by using the devotional *"The Word in Season"*. This devotional is located at the hospitality tables and in the parlor.

ASH WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 14

12:05pm

Worship in the Main Church
Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
No meal will be served

7:00pm

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Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
No meal will be served

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: FEBRUARY 21 – MARCH 21

Each Wednesday in Lent, Luther Memorial 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.

Cost: \$5.00

February 21 – Macaroni & Cheese

February 28 – Hot Chicken Salad

March 7 – Fish

March 14 – Stuffed Shells & Meatballs

March 21 – Hamloaf

1:05pm

Lenten Study on the Psalms and Gospels of Lent

Topics for Weekday 12:05 Worship Service and Lenten Study:

First Wednesday in Lent – "What's the Good of Prayer?"

Second Wednesday in Lent – "The Simplicity of Prayer"

Third Wednesday in Lent – "The Struggle for Prayer"

Fourth Wednesday in Lent – "Prayer as Intercession"

Fifth Wednesday in Lent – "After God's Silence"



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 Psalms and Gospels of 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.

Lenten Luncheons



Lenten Luncheons are offered for each of the five (5) Wednesdays in Lent; February 21 – March 21. The luncheons will be served at 12:35pm in fellowship hall. Please contact Betty Pletzt, 898-1053, or Norma Buerk, 454-0106, ext. 221, if you would like to help. Thank you.

Shrove Tuesday



Everyone is invited to an **All You Can Eat Pancake Dinner** at St. John Lutheran Church, 2216 Peach Street, on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00pm. Cost is \$5/adults and \$3/children.

A concert by Gem City Band will be presented at 7:00pm.



Luther Memorial ReCharge ~ February 11



Please join us Sunday, February 11 for Luther Memorial Recharge from 4:00 to 6:00pm in the downstairs fellowship hall. Luther Memorial Church continues to expand its ministry by offering a time of fellowship and a worship service which is meaningful, yet more casual. Recharge expands our ministry by making it possible to worship later in the day on Sunday, and create an intimate and less intimidating space to welcome people deeply rooted in faith, new to the faith, or searching for faith.

Join us February 11 for dinner at 4:00pm. The main dish will be provided as well as beverages; please bring a dish to share.

Recharge is held the first Sunday of each month, but our February service will be held on the 11th so everyone can root for their favorite team on Super Bowl Sunday, February 4.

Schedule for Luther Memorial Recharge

4 pm to 5 pm – Fellowship, Games and Dinner

5 pm to 6 pm – Worship in Fellowship Hall

ReCharge at Faith Café

Saturday, February 3

7:30 – 9:00pm

Faith Café at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church
3520 Perry Street

Our ReCharge Praise Band has been invited to play at the Faith Café at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church on Saturday, February 3. Come and enjoy great music, good food, wonderful fellowship, and make new friends! The Faith Café at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church has been created to help spread God's word through music. Many different



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Annual Reports



A hard copy of Luther Memorial's Annual Report can be found on our hospitality tables and a copy is posted to our church website at www.luthermemorialonline.org Please take the time to review the report and be grateful for the wonderful ministry happening in this place. As a reminder, we continue to actively use the church website to post Sunday bulletins, ministry newsletters and a daily calendar. Also, when ready, there will be a new phone, address and photo directories which will be password protected.

Sunday Inserts in Sunday Bulletins

Luther Memorial Church has been using new forms to keep track of worship attendance, address or phone changes, email addresses, guest information, prayer needs, sermon reflection and ways to sign up for upcoming ministry events. **You are encouraged to use them each Sunday to improve communication among one another and the church staff, and allow people to get involved more quickly.** After completing a Sunday Insert form, please place it in the offering plate.

Christian Education

First Holy Communion Classes



First Holy Communion classes, taught by Ann Flick, will begin Sunday, February 18. We will come together with the Erie Lutheran Parish for these classes. Our Students will receive special instruction on Sundays throughout Lent at 12:30pm at Luther Memorial Church. Students will make their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, March 29, at the 7:00pm service. Class will meet in the fifth floor youth room. The final class will be held on Palm Sunday, March 25.

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be taking part in these classes. If your son or daughter is older and has not had the opportunity to attend First Communion class, we invite them to take part. Please contact Norma at 454-0106, ext. 221, if your child will be attending. Thank you.

Confirmation



Confirmation Class will be held at Luther Memorial Church from 12:30 to 2:00pm on **Sundays, February 11 and February 25**. We will continue to partner 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 2018. The Erie Lutheran Parish confirmation program is for 7th, 8th and 9th graders.

Adult Spiritual Growth

Adult Spiritual Growth gathers on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. We are currently studying the Historical Books of the Old Testament; books like Joshua, Judges and Ruth, and First and Second Kings. Pastor Coleman appreciates all those who have been attending these classes and is thankful for so many interested in deepening their spiritual growth. Please note that there will be no class on Sunday, February 11.

Sunday	Topic	Teacher
2/4/2018	The Historical Books of the Old Testament	Pastor Coleman
2/11/2018	No Class	No Class
2/18/2018	The Historical Books of the Old Testament	Pastor Coleman
2/25/2018	The Historical Books of the Old Testament	Pastor Coleman



Super Wednesday



Our next Super Wednesday is scheduled for **February 7** at 5:30pm with a meal, followed by faith conversations and prayer. Kids will have time together with Sarah Prylinski and Beth Keller. This is a relaxed and multi-generational event and exists to more deeply form community. You need to eat anyway, so why not step out of your comfort zones and schedules and give it a try! The main dish and drinks on Super Wednesdays will be provided and people who are able are invited to bring a dish to share.

The Super Wednesday schedule includes the following:

Time	Segment
5:30 to 6:15pm	Meal
6:15 to 7:15pm	Devotional Time for Adults / Activities for Kids
7:15 to 8:15pm	Committee Meetings



Pastor's Book Club



On **Tuesday, February 27 at 6:00pm** we will begin our next book, *"Would You Baptize an Extraterrestrial?... and Other Questions from the Astronomer's In-Box at the Vatican Observatory"* by Guy Consolmagno and Paul Mueller. In preparation for our first gathering, please read the Introduction, Day 1, Day 2 and Day 3.

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. We meet once every five weeks and have a great time of conversation and fellowship. We hope you will join us on Tuesday, February 27.

Music Ministry

Bach Cantata Vespers



Our next **Bach Cantata Vespers** service will be presented on Ascension Day, Thursday, **May 10 at 7:00pm**. The featured cantata will be No. 37, *Wer da gläubet und getauft wird* (*He that Believeth and is Baptized*), written by Bach in 1724 for the Ascension Day of that year and repeated in 1731. The prelude will consist of an organ concerto played on our small pipe organ. The service will contain a psalm, hymns and an anthem. The cantata will be sung in German, but everything else will be sung in English. Rehearsals will be held at 12 noon on the five Sundays after Easter (April 8 - May 6). An introductory rehearsal will be held in mid-March at a date to be announced. If you would like to sing with us, please contact Walt Gaber (814-602-2755 or WaltGaber@gmail.com).

Second Sunday Family and Friends Prelude



The February 11 **Second Sunday Family and Friends Prelude** will feature the **Mercyhurst University Liturgical Dance Ensemble**, directed by our own C. Noelle Partusch and her student, Grace Petron. Please arrive by 10:15 on that Sunday to experience the full program offering.



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

Gertrude Petersen who died Tuesday, January 2, 2018

Audrey King who died Sunday, January 28, 2018

Did You Know....



- that with money given in memory of Christopher Fobes, the son of Lois and Les Fobes, Luther Memorial Church purchased a new electronic keyboard for our Sunday evening Recharge services!
- that Stan Rose, Eric Hedlund, Bill Lasher, Frank DiCenzo and Jesse Graffius have finished their terms as church council members. A special thanks to Stan Rose and Eric Hedlund who have served faithfully as church council president and church council secretary, respectively.
- that under the able leadership of Pat Bellingham, The Women of the ELCA are serving others by focusing on raising up healthy women and girls through the SOAP project and the Lily Project. Both projects seek to help women and girls in risk and harm from sexual assault and violence.

New Member Classes



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

February 18, 2018

May 6, 2018

September 2, 2018

November 18, 2018

New Members Received

10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary

March 4, 2018

May 20, 2018

September 16, 2018

December 2, 2018

Cabin Fever Coffee Hour



Snow keeping you cooped up? Come in out of the cold and join us for our Cabin Fever Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 4 following each service. It's nice and cozy in our parlor. Thank you to our Congregational Life Committee for making our fellowship time so very delightful.

"Souper" Bowl



The Souper Bowl of Caring is a national project sponsored by churches to help alleviate hunger in the community. Soup kettles will be at the entrances of the church on Sunday, February 4 if you would like to make a donation. All donations received are kept in our local community.

Soup & Salad Luncheons



Sunday, February 18
11:45am Fellowship Hall

We sure need the extra warmth of some hot soup this winter. Join us for a nice warm bowl.

Stay healthy. Remember to get your blood pressure checked by our Parish Nurses.



Spring Tureen Dinner



Sunday, March 4
11:30am in our Fellowship Hall

It may not be spring yet, but we can dream. Join us for our Spring Tureen. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. The main dish (ham) and beverages will be provided.

Cocktails & Color

Tuesday, March 13
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Millcreek Square
\$40/person

Imagine sipping your favorite cocktail while a local artist instructs you step-by-step in replicating the night's featured painting. Release your inner artist and join us for another evening of Cocktails & Color. To register, please use this link <https://sites.cimplebox.com/events/registration.aspx?s=4296&c=2455&eid=380339&r=0.3764720>. Please contact Sarah Prylinski or the church office with any questions. Proceeds from this event will benefit our travel to the National Youth Gathering.



Gift Card Bingo



It's never too early to get your tickets for Gift Card Bingo and it's a guaranteed super fun way to spend your afternoon. Mark it on your calendars for Sunday, April 15 beginning at 1:00pm in our fellowship hall. Tickets are available now by seeing Sarah Prylinski or picking them up in the church office. Get ready to shout **BINGO!!**

Thank You

Thank you for the lovely and delicious Christmas basket! You are so kind to remember our mother with gifts and cards. She's 99 now. She struggles, but we still having loving visits.

*God bless you,
Jeannie (daughter) and Velma Gunselman and her family.*



Dear Luther Memorial family,

We opened our door several days before Christmas to find a box filled to the brim with food and a gift card. I must admit we cried. Once we could compose ourselves, an overwhelming sense of love came over us. Thank you all for caring so deeply for your parishioners. We are extremely grateful and humbled.

Our year has had some downturns, however, it has included many blessings, and for that we are humble appreciative.

All our love, Jane & David Kinzig

Thank you to everyone who was so gracious in helping to make the Military Box Collection a success. We were able to prepare 34 boxes to be sent to our service personnel overseas to bring comfort, joy and love to them this Christmas Season and let them know how much we care about them. Thank you also to the children of Luther Memorial Academy for their wonderful cards they made for us to send in the boxes. It means so much to know that people care. God has blessed us with such a wonderful congregation of caring and loving people that share in these efforts.

Jan MacInnes, Nancy Benacci and Carol Zamperini

A special thank you to all the knitters of Luther Memorial Church and the love they share to others by making prayer shawls, pocket crosses, hats, mittens and scarves. A special thanks to Dot Respecki for all the faithful knitting she has done and will continue to do!

Pastor Bill Coleman

To our friends at Luther Memorial Church,

Please accept my deepest thanks for your willingness to provide a luncheon following my mother's funeral. It was difficult managing the day's arrangements from a distance. You lifted a great burden from my shoulders by taking this on. With so many people coming from a distance, the luncheon provided a nice time of fellowship following the service. Thank you so much for giving so generously of your time and your talent to make this happen.

*Gratefully yours,
Joan Chalikian for the Petersen family*

Thrivent Financial Members

Thrivent Financial has a new program called Action Teams. Luther Memorial Church has already received the benefit of this program through many congregational members who are Thrivent members. Each Thrivent member is eligible for two \$250 gift cards for an Action Team. These gift cards can be used for programming, fundraising, service projects, or for education purposes.

Steps to apply for an Action Team Card through Thrivent Financial:

1. Think about a project you would like to make happen at Luther Memorial Church, the Bethany Outreach Center, or another service ministry. Feel free to call Pastor Coleman to discuss.
2. Visit www.Thrivent.com/actionteam (You will need your Thrivent.com login name and password)
3. Hover over "Member Involvement" and click on "How to get involved"
4. Click the "Thrivent Action Team" link in the 3rd paragraph
5. Click "Apply & Report" in the left menu
6. Request a Project - The project date must be at least 21 days in advance



New Blood Pressure Guidelines



And Exactly "What is the Widow Maker?"

For the first time in 14 years, the American College of Cardiology and the American Heart Association released new blood pressure guidelines. For a long time the goals for blood pressure parameters have been controversial.

Heart disease, which accounts for ¼ of all deaths in the U.S., is the leading cause of death among both men and women. High blood pressure, or hypertension, is second only to smoking as a preventable cause of heart attack and stroke.

Previously, normal BP was in the range of 120/80 and below. The top number is the systolic pressure and refers to the pressure in your arteries as your heart contracts. The bottom number is the diastolic pressure, the pressure in your arteries when the heart relaxes or between heartbeats. Previously, high BP was 140/90. Now, if your BP is 120-129/80 you have an elevated BP. A top number of 130-139 and a bottom number of 80-89 are considered Stage 1 hypertension. Readings greater than 140/90 are Stage 2 hypertension.

This change means 46% of US adults are identified as having high BP, compared with 32% under the previous parameters. You may be thinking, "Oh no, more pills to take!" But the guidelines also emphasize that Doctors need to focus on a whole framework of healthier lifestyle changes for patients.

By catching changes early, people with elevated BP can take steps to achieve healthier numbers through lifestyle changes and interventions, i.e. lose weight, stop smoking, exercise regularly, diet modifications with caffeine and salt limitations, limiting alcohol and stress reduction modalities and most important, keeping track of your BP. You and your Doctor can use a "risk calculator" to determine your risk of heart disease or stroke over the next 10 years. This can be found at www.cvriskcalculator.com. This assessment, combined with the other recommendations can prompt more thorough doctor-patient conversations to determine whether life style changes alone can help, or if medication may be necessary.

Many of you have heard of the heart attack call the "widow maker". What is it exactly? There are 3 arteries that run over the surface of the heart and supply it with blood. There is 1 artery on the right side called the right coronary artery and 2 on the left side, which is the main side. The left anterior descending, LAD runs down the front of the heart and supplies the front and main wall and the left circumflex supplies the side wall. When the LAD is totally blocked or has a critical blockage it is known as the "widow maker". No one knows who came up with this term, but the reason is likely that if the artery is blocked right at the beginning of its course, then the whole artery goes down which results in the whole front wall of the heart going down. If immediate help and interventions are not done then the consequences are often catastrophic and may lead to death. Fortunately for those that do survive and make it to a medical center where they do interventional cardiology, a stent can be placed to restore circulation. The outlook for patients who experience this is improved if the patient gets help immediately!!

February is "heart month", and I hope this information will help you understand the importance of managing your blood pressure and to get help immediately if you develop the signs of having a heart attack.

So, take care and if you're going to eat chocolate, especially on Valentine's Day, make sure it's dark chocolate.

Blessings,
Linda Graffius, RN
Faith Community Nurse

Monastery of the Heart

All are welcome to join us for a 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: Tuesday, February 20
11:00am

Where: Luther Memorial Church Parlor

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



Women of the ELCA

W/ELCA

Deborah Circle

TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE:
Our next gathering will be held:
Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00pm



Tuesday, March 6
6:30pm

For more information, contact Judy Johnson
at 833-4600

Celebrate Abundance

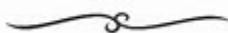
Northwestern Pennsylvania Synodical
Women's Organization
31st Annual Convention
May 11 - 12, 2018
Olmsted Manor, Ludlow, PA



Registration due by April 8, 2018 to
Lori Nowacki
1170 River Road, Warren, PA 16365
Checks payable to NWPA/SWO

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!



Magic Fingers Grace Group



Knit some nice warm shawls, mittens, hats - it's cold outside. Stay inside, have some hot cocoa & bring your yarn projects and enjoy our fun time together. Join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am; February 13 and February 27. Remember, if you don't know how to knit, we'd love to help you get started.

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

OWLS - Older Wiser Lutherans

Our OWLS group is encouraged to take part in the Wednesday Lenten worship services during February & March. Join us each week as we prepare for Easter by attending our Lenten series:

February 21 - March 21

12:05 - Service

12:35 - Luncheon

1:05 - Lenten Study led by Pastor Coleman



On Tuesday, February 13 our OWLS will attend the All You Can Eat Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at St. John Lutheran Church at 6:00pm. Dinner is \$5/adults and \$3/children. The Gem City Concert Band will perform at 7:00pm. Please join us for a wonderful evening.

Youth Updates

Soup & Salad

Sunday, February 18

11:30am

All youth are asked to assist with set-up and clean-up.



Super Wednesdays

All youth are encouraged to join us for Super Wednesdays throughout Lent – Wednesdays, February 21 – March 21.



Every week starts with a great meal at 5:30pm.

National Youth Gathering 2018



Much preparation for our travel to Houston, Texas in June still needs to be done, and it will be here before we know it. The Gathering is a faith formation experience like none other and has become a milestone in the lives of many Lutheran high schoolers. Our Luther Memorial family has been so supportive of our efforts, and a simple thank you doesn't seem enough. We are so very grateful for your constant support of all that we do. Thank you from all of us!

Luther Memorial Youth

Andrew Bebko	Adriana Mineweaser
Allison Brown	Michael Paul
Rebecca Brown	Olivia Rieger
Emma Coleman	Penny Witosky-Rieger
Caleb DiCenzo	Sutton Rowland
Alaina DiTullio	Tyler Shchouchkoff
Daniel Hackenberg	Zach Shchouchkoff
Anna Keller	Alexsandra Turowski

Holy Trinity Youth

Maria Ali
Sarah Ali

Mt. Calvary Youth

Emily Baccus
Mary LaBenne
Amanda Wright

Chaperones

Maria Brown	Jerry Keller
Pastor Bill Coleman	Pastor Kristen Papson
Asha Herba	Sarah Prylinski
Beth Keller	Stacie Shchouchkoff

Silent Auction

We invite everyone to have some fun and place your bids on the fantastic items which will be showcased at our Silent Auction. Items will be on display beginning Sunday, February 25. Proceeds will benefit the trip to the National Youth Gathering.



Bidding Begins: Sunday, February 25

Final Bids Received: Sunday, March 25

All winning bidders will be contacted the afternoon of Sunday, March 25.

Easter Hams



Orders for Easter hams will be accepted February 11-March 17. Order forms will be available with our youth and in the church and school offices. The kids have found all the goodies from the Easter Bunny, now it's time for something really delicious!

Hams will be ready for pick up at the church on Palm Sunday, March 25.

The Super Bowl Spread



Getting ready for the Super Bowl? Your orders will be ready to be picked up following services on Sunday, February 4.

Pepperoni Balls

Wings


Pizzas

Subs

Pretzel Sandwiches

Stromboli

February Birthday Celebrations:

Amy Coleman	2/1		Christopher Allen	2/13	Robert Weisman
Jessica Copfer			Ron DeMarco		Cheryl Andrae 2/22
Rick Kern			David Ditz		Sheryl Kern
Cheryl Hessinger	2/2		Betty Pletz		Cathie Dugan 2/23
Cheralyn Laver			Ashley Shade		Chris Vrenna
Linda Allen	2/3		Jonathan Kern	2/14	Emma Downey 2/24
Linda Burling			Laura Symes		Atticus Wojciechowski
Montie Collier			Carl Anderson, III	2/16	Pam Arnold 2/25
Lois Smith			Jasper Eagle		Nancy Benacci
Vickie Diehl	2/4		Beth Keller		Keith Perry
Peter Laver			Jordyn Williams		Grace Spaulding
Jim Koenig	2/5		Griffin Sundberg	2/17	Joseph Pentycofe 2/26
Suzanne Pancurak			Stone Sundberg		John Bartlett 2/27
Cameron Casey	2/6		Carolyn Carlson	2/18	Amelia Lang
Ashley Young			Shirley Collier		James Benson 2/28
Cathy Meyn	2/7		Lena Donnelly		Robert Carlson
Adam Nicotra	2/8		Jane Kinzig	2/20	Christine Fracassi
Charlie Lintelman	2/10		Rhonda Kuhrman		Britney Visalle
Alexander Spaulding	2/12		Coleen DiCenzo	2/21	
Paul Young			Lila Heckelman		

February Birthday Celebrations for Our Sunshine Member:

Ron DeMarco 2/13
 Regency at South Shore
 322 Washington Place, Box 233
 Erie, PA 16505



Camp Lutherlyn

Camp Lutherlyn isn't just for summer camps; there are many events throughout the year for the whole family to enjoy:



February 2018:

3rd: Saturday Safari (Compasses and Orienteering): This mostly outdoor activity will involve learning how to use a basic compass. Several different courses will be done using compasses and distances. Time permitting, everyone will learn how to combine a map and compass to navigate. (Registration Deadline: Jan 30)

March 2018:

3rd: Saturday Safari (Maple Sugaring): This Saturday Safari features winter tree identification, tapping a maple tree, collecting sap, and observing the evaporation process. (Registration Deadline: March 1)

24th: Intro to Blacksmithing Class: Learn the art of Blacksmithing in the Woodland Forge at Lutherlyn. All materials are supplied and classes are taught by master blacksmith, Flavius Brinsfield. (Registration Required)

20th - 25th: Crafting Retreat: (Formerly known as our Mystery Quilt Retreat) This week (or just a weekend) will awaken your creativity and stimulate your crafting ambitions. There's also the opportunity to work on a Mystery Quilt, receiving clues throughout the weekend. (Registration Deadline: March 9)

December Council Minutes

1. Treasurer's report was reviewed and upon motion were unanimously accepted.
2. The Sanctuary Sound System Task Force recommended a proposal by Levco Communications for the new sound system. The bid has been fully funded by a generous donation. The proposal was accepted unanimously.
3. After discussion, it was decided that the new council beginning in February 2018 will address the Vision document and work through the recommendations on the vision responses.
4. The Nominating Committee shared that four positions of the six are filled.
5. The Motel Purchase Task Force gave an update that positive responses have been received to move forward with the process. The committee has contacted Luther Memorial's attorney for the legal steps necessary in considering moving forward with the possible purchase of the hotel and property.
6. Rick Kern reported that at the February 2018 meeting he will present a proposal to replace the flat rubber roof over Luther Memorial Academy in the summer of 2018.
7. Pat Bellingham gave a report on the active Women of the ELCA and their ministry.
8. Reminders were announced:
 - a. Annual Meeting reports from committees will soon be needed.
 - b. The Annual Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 28
 - c. Budget meetings are scheduled for January 16 and 21
 - d. The next Council meeting is scheduled for January 9 and 7:00pm

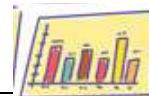


January Council Minutes

1. Discussion was held regarding the Vision Task force summary and a suggestion was made by Stan Rose to begin with Internal Ministry Communications, as directed by council.
2. Nominating Committee shared that six (6) people have agreed to serve on council thereby filling all council vacancies: Ann Flick, Mark Howell, Brian Hubbard, Mark Lechner, Lori Perry and Carter Solt.
3. The Motel Purchase Task Force reported that enough interest has been shown to warrant taking the next step toward investigation of the purchase of the motel. It was unanimous that Sammartino, Stout & Lo Presti complete an appraisal of the property for a fee of \$3,250.
4. A security-related report from the Emergency Practices Task Force was reviewed and council will use this as input to aid the direction of the work of the committee. Les Fobes suggested that Synod be contacted to see if they already have materials and/or presentations regarding this topic. Pastor Coleman will look into this.
5. The new sound system is planned to be implemented by Palm Sunday, March 25.
6. Greg Kern is working on the proposed budget for the Council Budget meeting scheduled for January 16, 2018.
7. Special presentation possibilities for the Annual Meeting are the Visioning Process, Motel Property Purchase, Roof Repair and the Emergency Practices Task Force.
8. Meeting reminders were noted. The next Council Meeting is scheduled for February 13, 2018 at 7:00pm.



"If good things lasted forever, would we appreciate how precious they are?"
-Hobbes



December 2017 Statistics

ATTENDANCE:

	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>4:00 P.M.</u> <u>RECHARGE</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S CHURCH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
December 3	37	142	40	3 (nursery)	222
December 10	35	138		23	196
December 17	34	146		3 (nursery)	183
December 24	One Service				114
December 31	Services cancelled due to weather				

SPECIAL SERVICES:

	<u>6:00 P.M.</u>	<u>10:30 P.M.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
December 13 (Blue Christmas)	39		39
December 24 (Christmas Eve)	219	88	307

BAPTISMS: FETCKO, ARDEN JULES - Born: September 1, 2017 / Baptized: December 10, 2017 / Parents: Chris & Emily Fetcko / Pastor William E. Coleman.

LETTER OF TRANSFER: STROUP, SHAWN, ELIZABETH, MITCH, GABRIEL - from Abiding Hope Lutheran Church, Erie, PA.

FUNERALS:

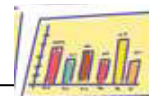
NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:

MEMORIALS:

WEDDINGS:

WALTER, CHRISTOPHER - FROM: Nancy & John Purchase

January 2018 Statistics



ATTENDANCE:

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January 7	37	83	29		138
January 14	23	97		20	140
January 21	34	150		20	204
January 28	combined service				
Annual Meeting		115			

BAPTISMS:

PETERSEN, GERTRUDE - FROM: Mercy Center for Women
Lois & Les Fobes

FUNERALS: SCARPITTI, TOM - Date of Death: January 18, 2018 / Date of Funeral: January 22, 2018 / Funeral held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church / Assisting: Pastor William E. Coleman.

LETTER OF TRANSFER:

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:

MEMORIALS: COFFEY, JACK, MARJORIE & JIMMY - FROM: Linda Coffey Harris

WEDDINGS: HOWELL, JUSTIN DRAKE and SAVELLI, BRITTANY ANN - January 6, 2018 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.



Luther Memorial Academy

Congratulations to our Luther Lego Lions



The 2017 Lego Lions came back from the FIRST Northwestern Pennsylvania Lego League Tournament with another trophy for the school. The tournament was held at Penn State Behrend on Saturday, December 9. The team participated in Core Values, Project Presentation, Robot Design and Robot Games.

This year there were 47 teams participating. The Lego Lions were awarded the "Research" trophy at Saturday's tournament.

To win the "Research" trophy the team needs to show in detail the research of the project and present in a clear manner so all can understand the problem and the solution to the project.

The team researched the wet pipe systems that are used in many homes and buildings to put out fires. They came up with a solution to help control the release of water during a fire and the importance of turning off the sprinklers before water damage occurs.

The trophy will be on display in the school's trophy case after Christmas break. Congratulations to the team members and coaches: Bella Fried, Jacob Gross, Ashton Prothero, Jeffrey Logan, Cooper Bebko, Lucas Osborne, Rick and Kim Evans, James Osborne, and Catherine Washill. Job well done!



Winning Research Project

Other Lego News



Starting in January the team will host S.T.E.M. Nights. These nights will focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math as the students will be asked to travel from different stations participating in different STEM activities. Look for more information to come home in January.

National Geographic Geography Bee School Finals



The annual LMA Geography Bee final competition was held on January 18, 2018, in the Chapel at Luther Memorial. Ten finalists participated in a very competitive event. All the finalists are to be congratulated on a job well done!

When all was said and done, 7th Grader **Natalie Ramey** emerged as the 2017/2018 National Geographic Geography Bee school champion. Way to go, Natalie! Congratulations are also extended to the second place finisher, **Jillian Warner**, and third place finisher, **Srinivas Edara**.

Geography Bee Class Champions

8th Grade – Zoe Barron, Nasir Mohammed, and Jillian Warner

7th Grade – Jessica Tenney

6th Grade – Cooper Bebko

5th Grade – Lucas Osborne

4th Grade – Isaiah Fried

Finalists

8th Grade – Jaden Williams

8th Grade – Srinivas Edara

7th Grade – Natalie Ramey

6th Grade – Winston Elliott

Lion's Roar

A huge Lion's roar to Latece Jones; mother of Jeremiah, grade 6. Latece was here to set up our Christmas Book Fair, help our children purchase just the right book, and pack up the Fair. Thanks to her, our Book Fair was wonderful. Thank you!

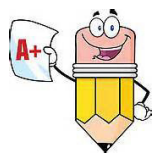


Jr. Achievement

The volunteers and representatives from Junior Achievement will be working with our students again this year. Mr. Chris Romba has made all arrangements for his group to be here on Monday, February 1.



Report Card Day



Did you check those bookbags on Friday, January 26 . . . Report Cards were sent home.

School Break



School will be closed:
Friday, February 16 – Winter Break
Monday, February 19 – President's Day
Have a wonderful four day weekend!

Middle School Dance

Come on out for some fun at our winter dance!

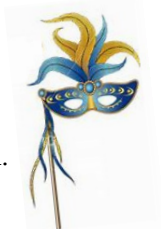
Friday, February 23

Masquerade Dance

Cost: \$5 for PTL Members

\$6 for Non-members

Guests must be in middle school.



Easter Candy

Romolos Easter Candy Sale

Monday, February 12 – All orders are due with payment

Wednesday, March 21 – Orders delivered



Read Across America Day

Friday, March 2



Mrs. Birkner is making plans for one of the most popular days of the year!! She is working her magic to provide an exciting day as we celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday – a day full of excitement, fun and surprises. There is a great deal of organization required to make this day successful. As part of the celebration, a reading contest for LMA students runs from January 31 to February 28. Thank you, Mrs. Birkner!

Baked Potato Lunch

Fill up with a delicious baked potato for lunch:

Friday, February 23

\$3.00

Proceeds benefit our Sports Program



Soup & Sandwich

Grilled Cheese & Tomato Soup

Friday, February 9

Cost: \$2.00 or

\$1/sandwich; \$1/soup


Proceeds benefit our Technology Fund



Just for Fun



FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	2 11:30am Dismissal / No ASP 6:30pm Club 50 	3
4 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth Class 9:15 & 11:30am Coffee Hour 	5	6 6:30pm Deborah Circle 7:00pm W/ELCA	7 5:30pm Super Wednesday 	8 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm LCBA Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	9	10 1:00pm PIAA General Meeting 5:30pm USA Dance
11 8:15/10:30am Worship 12:30pm Conf. Class @ LM 4:00pm Recharge Service	12	13 10:00am Magic Fingers 6:00pm Emerg. Preparedness Meeting 7:00pm Council	14 Ash Wednesday 12:00pm School Board 12:05pm Service 7:00pm Service Services in the main church	15 5:30pm Scouts/Boys 5:30pm Impact Gathering 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir 	16 LMA Closed	17
18 First Sunday In Lent 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth Class 11:30am Soup & Salad 11:30am Cong. Life 11:45am New Member Class 12:30pm First Com. Class 1:00pm VASA	19 President's Day Church & School Offices Closed 	20 11:00am Monastery of the Heart	21 12:05pm Service 12:35pm Luncheon 1:05pm Bible Study 5:30pm Super Wednesday 	22 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	23 6:30-9:00pm LMA Winter Dance	24
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