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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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Reading is one of my greatest pleasures. I love libraries and all things books. A dream vacation would be to travel to the world's great libraries and just take it all in. I am a big fan of our local library, and not once have I been able to walk in there without taking out a book. I continue to be excited to learn and to grow in my knowledge of the world and the human condition.

One thing I read each month is the magazine called *The Christian Century*. Each month there is a thought provoking article, and after I read it, I feel more knowledgeable about the wider Church. In the January 29, 2020 edition there is an article written by author Amy Peterson. Amy writes about the meaning of being kind. At a writer's conference she attended she was described as kind by her prayer partner, but her immediate reaction to the word was distaste. The term kind seemed to her sentimental rather than strong, and so she wasn't so sure she wanted to be described as kind, because it seemed like a characteristic of weakness... and not strength.

But Amy goes on to do some research about the word kindness through the Roman Catholic theologian Janet Soskice, and what she discovered through Soskice's book called *The Kindness of God*, is that in Middle English the words "kind" and "kin" were the same... that is to say that Christ is our "Kinde Lord", which is not to say that Jesus is tender and gentle, although that may be implied, but to say that he is our kin... our kind. Amy goes on to say that: "I paused after reading this sentence... to try to peel the sentimental layers off my definition of kindness and replace them with this fact: that to be kind meant to be kin... that God's kindness meant precisely that God became my kin.. Jesus, my brother, and this was a foundational truth about who I was."

So, kindness is about seeing the image of God in everyone and learning to love them as our "kin" in ways that don't oppress others, and to have this sort of kindness requires real strength.



WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT: MARCH 4 – APRIL 1

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
 March 4 – Stuffed Shells and Meatballs
 March 11 – Baked Cod
 March 18 – Hot Chicken Salad
 March 25 – Macaroni & Cheese
 April 1 – Hamloaf
1:05pm Bible Study and conversation



Topics for Weekday 12:05 Worship Service

First Wednesday in Lent – “The Temptation of Jesus” – Luke 4:1-13
Second Wednesday in Lent – “Jesus Heals a Crippled Woman” – Luke 13:10-17
Third Wednesday in Lent – “The Lament over Jerusalem” – Luke 13:31-35
Fourth Wednesday in Lent – “The Parable of the Prodigal and His Brother” – Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Fifth Wednesday in Lent – “Mary Anoints Jesus” – John 12:1-8

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 Sunday Lessons 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.

Lenten Luncheons



Lenten Luncheons are offered for each of the five (5) Wednesdays in Lent; March 4 – April 1. The luncheons will be served at 12:35pm in fellowship hall. Please contact Betty Pletzt, 898-1053, or Norma in the church office at 454-0106, ext. 221, if you would like to help. Thank you.

OWLS – Older Wiser Lutherans

Our OWLS group is encouraged to take 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 4 – April 1
12:05pm – Service
12:35pm – Luncheon
1:05pm – Lenten Study led by Pastor Coleman

Luther Memorial ReCharge



March 1, 2020

4:00-5:00pm	Food and Fellowship
5:00-6:00pm	Worship

We invite you to join us for our **ReCharge service on Sunday, March 1** as we enter the season of Lent. We will gather in the parlor at 4:00pm for a delicious dinner, fellowship and activities. The main dish is provided; you

are welcome to bring a dish to share. Our worship service will be held at 5:00pm in our "Upper Room". We hope to see you for worship as we lift our voices in praise to our Lord for all that he has done.

Super Wednesdays

Each Wednesday in Lent we gather together 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 will be provided and people who are able are invited to bring a dish to share. We look forward to seeing you during Lent; **March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 and April 1.**

The schedule includes the following:

5:30 to 6:15pm	Meal
6:15 to 7:15pm	Devotional Time
7:15 to 8:15pm	Committee Meetings



Super Wednesday is a great evening for our youth, as well. Bring some friends along to eat and spend the evening.

Spring Tureen



Everyone is looking forward to warmer weather so we'll kick off spring with our Spring Tureen.

Join us in the fellowship hall on **Sunday, March 1** for a delicious luncheon and enjoy the company of great friends. The main dish and beverages will be provided; you are welcome to bring a dish to share.

Soup & Salad Luncheon

Sunday, March 15
11:45am
Fellowship Hall



There's still a bit of chill in the air so keep warm with our home-made soup.

All youth are asked to attend and lend a helping hand with set-up and clean-up.



Be sure to have your blood pressure checked by our parish nurses.

Thank You

Dear Care Ministry Group,

Thank you for the Journeying through Grief booklets, which I found helpful. Your care ministry is much appreciated.

Blessings,

Pastor Gary Harbaugh



Every Step Counts



Our Health Ministry Team encourages everyone to view the Lenten season as an opportunity to improve your health. Beginning Thursday, February 27, the main church will be open each weekday during Lent from 9:00am – 3:00pm so you are able to “do some laps”. One mile equals 20 laps around the main church. Listen to your favorite music or bring a friend to chat with, but make every step count towards good health.

We hope many of you will walk to improve your wellness of body, mind and spirit.

Church Council 2020

We give thanks for our congregational leaders. Please keep our Luther Memorial Church Council in your prayers so they may lead with us with wisdom and faithfulness.



Les Fobes (President)	John Bartlett (Assist. Treasurer)	Mark Howell	Lori Perry
John Tell (Vice-President)	Vicky Blasco	Brian Hubbard	Michael Snider
Mark Lechner (Secretary)	Ann Flick	Ken Kraut	Carter Solt
Greg Kern (Treasurer)	David Griswold	Dorothy Overberg	Pat Young

Stewardship and Leaving a Legacy



- The Stewardship Committee would like to offer the use of **electronic giving** to Luther Memorial's ministry if you are unable to worship on Sunday morning. Please note that you are able to give online by going to the church's webpage at www.luthermemorialonline.org. Feel free to contact our Parish Manager, Miriam Scheid, with any questions.
- Also, 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.ebneer@elca.org; or second, through the Erie Community Foundation.

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

May 3, 2020
August 30, 2020
November 22, 2020

New Members Received

10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary

May 17, 2020
September 13, 2020
December 6, 2020



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

Robert Wagner, (JoAnn, wife) who died Friday, January 31, 2020.



EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM

Orders Appreciated by Sunday, March 29

As we prepare to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord on Easter Sunday, April 12, 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, March 29. 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:

From: _____

_____ flowers in honor of:

From: _____

FLOWERS:

Lilies Ordered _____

Hyacinths Ordered _____

Tulips Ordered _____

PLANTS:

Azaleas Ordered _____

Hydrangeas Ordered _____

Total Number of flowers _____ X \$7.50 = _____

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

Daylight Savings Time



Be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7.
Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8.

Christian Education

First Holy Communion Classes



First Holy Communion classes will begin on the First Sunday in Lent, March 1. We will come together with the Erie Lutheran Parish for these classes. Our students will receive special instruction on Sundays throughout Lent from 12:30-1:30pm at Luther Memorial Church. Students will receive their First Holy Communion on Maundy Thursday, April 9, at the 7:00pm service. The final class will be held on Palm Sunday, April 5.

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are invited to take 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



Class Time: Saturday nights from 6:00-8:30pm
Class Location: Luther Memorial Church

We 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 2021. Luther Memorial's confirmation program is for 7th, 8th and 9th graders.

Schedule of Confirmation Classes

3/14/2020	Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
4/11/2020	No Class - Easter Vigil
5/9/2020	Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Adult Spiritual Growth

Adult Spiritual Growth gathers on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15am in the downstairs classroom next to the Fellowship Hall. We have been having conversations around the topic of aging, and Pastor Coleman appreciates all those who have been attending these classes. For our new topic on *Acedia* please note the definition is borrowed from Medieval Latin *acēdia* "apathy, torpor, sloth," borrowed from Late Greek *akēdía* "negligence, apathy," going back to Greek *akēdeia* "carelessness, indifference," noun derivative of *akēdēs* "uncared for, without care or worry, careless, heedless."



Sunday	Topic
3/1/2020	Aging - Preparing to Leave a Legacy
3/8/2020	Acedia - Resistance to the Demands of Love
3/15/2020	Acedia - Depression and Acedia
3/22/2020	Acedia - Staying Put to Get Somewhere
3/29/2020	"MIDEO" Presentation - My Informed Decision on Video

The MIDEO program is a scripted video developed by you with the help of trained professionals. This will inform your family and necessary healthcare providers of how and what care you are to receive in an emergency. All are encouraged to attend the Adult Spiritual Growth class on March 29 to learn more about this program. The program will also be offered from 12:00-1:00pm on March 29. (Please see Linda Graffius' article in this newsletter for more information.)

Men's Group

Pastor Coleman is interested in starting up a Men's Group at Luther Memorial Church. If you are interested in being a part of this group, please let him know. The Men's Group would gather for fellowship, service and spiritual growth.



Music Ministry

Bach Cantata Vespers



On **March 8 at 4:00 pm**, the LM Concert Series will present our next **Bach Cantata Vespers**. We will perform J. S. Bach's Cantata #93 - *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten* ("If you but permit dear God to prevail"). This chorale survives today as found in our Lutheran Book of Worship (LBW 453 - "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"). Our choir, with several other singers from the community, have been diligently preparing this music and other choral works which will be presented with orchestral and organ accompaniment. Other music will include hymn settings of "Oh, Blest the House" and "If You But Trust in God to Guide You", a choral work by Felix Mendelssohn and an orchestral Voluntary interpreted by the Mercyhurst Liturgical Dance Ensemble under the direction of our own C. Noelle Partusch.

Please join us for this evening of worship and fine music as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage with many variations on two fine Lutheran chorales. Invite your friends and family and stay for the reception and fellowship afterwards - a fixture of these events that round out the evening. Where else can you experience worship, music and fellowship of this quality? And it is an opportunity to open our own home to the Erie community and offer our gifts for all to appreciate and enjoy.



Magic Fingers Grace Group



Knit a rainbow of color for St. Patrick's Day. Take all those bright happy colors and create a cheery prayer shawl. It would be magical to have you join us at our Magic Fingers Grace Group gatherings. Bring your yarn project and sit down with some friends for a wonderful morning. Magic Fingers meets twice a month to knit, crochet, embroider or work on a favorite craft of your own. We've got extra yarn if needed and we're always here to help with a project.

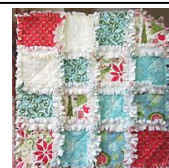
Stop down the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and check it out at 10:00am; March 10 and March 24.

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

Group Quilting Project

Saturday, March 28
10:00am

Join with our knitting group to create rag quilts which will be donated to the Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilt Program in Africa. Men **and** women are invited to participate, and no sewing experience is required. There is something for everyone to do; cutting, ironing, measuring. If possible, please bring an iron and/or sharp cutting scissors. Please bring a bag lunch; drinks of coffee, tea or lemonade will be provided. Please contact Jan MacInnes or the church office with any questions.



Monastery of the Heart

We invite you to open your heart through fellowship, reading and spiritual growth and join us for our next gathering.



What: Monastery of the Heart Book Club
When: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 from 11:00am - 1:00pm
Where: Luther Memorial Church Parlor

We will continue reading, *Dear Joan Chittister: Conversations with Women in the Church*. Copies are available to borrow or purchase.

All are welcome! Let us know you are coming by calling Norma in the church office at 454-0106. Monastery of the Heart gathers in the parlor on the third Tuesday of each month at 11:00am.

Women of the ELCA

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Deborah Circle

TUESDAY EVENING CIRCLE:
Our next gathering will be held:
Tuesday, March 3 at 4:00pm



**Tuesday, March 3
1:00pm**

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. Our women’s groups thank one and all for your donations of coins and dollars.

Conference I Spring Gathering

Saturday, April 4, 2020
Trinity Center
462 West 18th Street
10:30am: Mix & Mingle



Our Mix and Mingle will be followed by our guest speaker George Trauner, Executive Director of Bethesda Lutheran Services. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon; cost \$5.

Our In Kind offering will benefit Bethesda Trinity Center. Registration is due to Betty Pletz by Friday, March 27.

What’s the Cure for Loneliness?



We are a nation of lonely people, and loneliness is linked to serious health problems like depression, sleep disorders and chronic pain, among others. The World Health Organization ranks loneliness as carrying a higher health risk than smoking and as great a risk as obesity. Isn’t that astounding?

Research also shows that friendships and social networks can lead to healthier diets, more exercise, and better sleep habits. Research even shows that friendships provide a greater positive impact in your life than do family ties.

So if loneliness is bad for your health, what is its cure? As a participant in Women of the ELCA, I’m quick to answer with “living in community.” Lutheran women find their friends and build social networks through Women of the ELCA. The connections we make contribute to our emotional, spiritual and physical health. We know that healthy women can produce healthy families, churches and communities, and can develop healthy, more just and holistic societies.

So, go out there today and make a friend. You’ll be helping you and that new friend lead a healthier life.

Prayer Room



The NWPA Women of the ELCA have discussed prayer and how it fits into everything we do and it has become clear to us that prayer is something that is ever-changing and that most adults need a refresher course in. A Prayer Room has been set up at Lamb of God Lutheran Church, 606 East 38th Street, during the Lenten season. Beginning Friday, February 28, it will be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10:00am – 12:00 noon. The Prayer Room will be available on these days through Friday, April 10.

You are invited to attend a gathering on Thursday, March 5, hosted by the women of Lamb of God, at which time we will explore the prayer room together and Tracy Heutsche will be available to answer any questions.


The Prayer Room will be open for evening hours on Thursdays from 5:00 – 9:00pm on March 12, 19, 26 and April 2. Additional hours are available upon request by contacting Tracy Heutsche at 392-4608.

Prayer stations will be added to the room each week during the entire Lenten season. Every one of all ages is encouraged to come experience prayer!

Vendor Fair

Saturday, March 28
9:00am – 1:00pm
Fellowship Hall

That’s right, we’re back, bigger and better than ever! Word is out that we have a great location for a Vendor Fair – a weather guarantee of no rain (held indoors), no admission fee, one-of-a-kind crafts, Pampered Chef, Color Street for your nails, and more – all of it right here.



Stop down on March 28 to find that perfect item for you or a friend. And come hungry; hot ham & cheese sandwiches are available for purchase.

Usborne Cards


Handcrafted cards for all occasions with coordinating envelopes in a keepsake box are available for purchase from our youth. Five different boxes are offered:

- Cards for All Occasions (Box 1)
Thanks & Blanks Box
- Cards for All Occasions (Box 2)
Kids Birthday Box
- Holiday Cards



Boxes contain 30 cards; the holiday box contains 50 cards. At only \$30 per box, these unique cards are sure to meet your needs throughout the year. Each set comes in a beautiful organizer box for future use. Save money now and time later. Order forms are located in the church office.

Save the Date



Be sure to reserve the date of Saturday, May 10 for our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet at 5:30pm in fellowship hall. Dine in style with dinner prepared just for you by some very gifted chefs; some men of our church. Have some laughs with games and entertainment. And try your luck at our Basket Raffle; the prizes are fabulous!

Monetary donations for items to assemble baskets are needed. If you would like to make a donation, this may be placed in the Sunday offering plate marked “Mother/Daughter Banquet” or dropped off in the church office. Please call the church office with any questions.

Easter Hams

Once the Easter Bunny has done his job dropping off goodies, it’s time to make that delicious meal. There’s nothing better than a Smith’s Ham. New this year are the dinner size hams; perfect for a smaller family.

Pricing for the hams will be available the first week of March. Listed below are the hams and sizes which will be available. Please check our weekly bulletin for pricing. Order forms will be located at the hospitality tables, the church office and with any youth member.



Orders taken through Sunday, March 29
Ham Delivery: Palm Sunday, April 5

<u>Approximate Size</u>	
Whole semi-boneless	13 lbs.
Half semi-boneless	7.5 lbs.
Whole Gourmet boneless	6.5 lbs.
Half Gourmet boneless	4 lbs.
Whole Dinner boneless ham	3 lbs.
Half Dinner boneless ham	1.5 lbs.

Do You Have a Plan?



I have previously written a newsletter article about advanced care planning for decisions about what care you want made in a serious medical situation. When should this be done? Most people think it's something to be done in "old age". But, at any age, a medical crisis could leave you too ill to make or communicate your own healthcare decisions.

Since I wrote that article in March of 2018, a new program has been developed by a local physician, Dr. Fred Mirarchi. I do need to say here that neither Pastor nor I have a vested interest in this company. We just want to offer you information about this new way to make your medical wishes known for your healthcare providers and your family.

The problem of not knowing the patient's wishes arises in a crisis situation. Adrenalin is running high in the medical staff caring for you. Seconds are important and now they ask "what are the patient's wishes and where is the paperwork?" Also, you have to remember that your private physician won't be there in the emergency room or wherever the incident happens. "Medical strangers", a paramedic, an ER doctor, or a hospitalist who don't know you or your history or your wishes will be caring for you. The decision needs to be made within seconds. And maybe your assigned health care power of attorney is not available or out of town. And I think we all know or have experienced the lack of communication that can happen within the medical system.

Dr. Mirarchi experienced this with his own father. So he conducted a lot of research and developed the Institute on Healthcare Directives which provides education for healthcare providers and the public about end of life planning and how to retrieve this information.

He then developed the MIDEO card, My Informed Decision on Video. This is a video of yourself telling your family, healthcare providers and healthcare power of attorney how and what care you want to receive in an emergency. This is not just for a sudden cardiac event but also for an accident or serious illness.

It is a scripted video that is developed and made with the help of trained professionals. It is then encrypted onto a card that can be read via a QR code on a smartphone. Seeing your loved one tell their decisions takes the burden off you as their family or their designated health care power of attorney and also off of the healthcare provider giving you care. This can also help prevent over-treatment or under-treatment of a medical condition.

Pastor asked me to make arrangements to have a representative come to Luther Memorial to present a program about the MIDEO card. Brandi Monroe will be here on Sunday March 29. The first session will be from 9:15-10:15am and the second session will be from 12 noon-1:00pm in fellowship hall. You don't have to attend both sessions. The program will also be presented at the OWL's gathering on Wednesday, April 22. If you would like more information, the website is www.mideocard.com. Another advantage is that insurance companies, including Medicare, are covering the cost. A co-pay may depend on your individual insurance.

We hope you will attend, and even if you have your Living Will/Healthcare Power of Attorney completed, the MIDEO card is an important adjunct to those paper forms. Remember a medical crisis can happen to at any time so being prepared is important.

*Blessings,
Linda Graffius, RN
Faith Community Nurse*

Did You Know . . .



- that on Sunday, February 2, Luther Memorial Church participated in the "Souper Bowl of Caring". To connect the Super Bowl with hunger issues, Luther Memorial contributed over \$325 to benefit the ELCA World Hunger Campaign and the Bethany Outreach Center. Thank you for your faithful and generous giving.
- that Luther Memorial Member, Ellen DiPlacido is looking for people interested in gardening and willing to volunteer their time at the Emmaus Soup Kitchen Garden this upcoming Spring. Ellen and a dedicated group of volunteers have been growing fresh vegetables for the soup kitchen and others at the community garden behind the soup kitchen. If you would like more information or would like to sign up to help, please contact Pastor Coleman at bcoleman@luthermemorialonline.org

Cleveland Indians Baseball Trip

The smell of hotdogs, the sound of the bat hitting that ball, the warmth of the sun – it's baseball season.

Sunday, June 21
Cleveland Indians vs. Chicago White Sox

- Bus will depart Luther Memorial Church at 9:30am
- Game begins at 1:00pm
- Our seats will be located in the Club section: Seats in Club section 334 are \$119
- Price includes 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 on or before Sunday, May 3; checks payable to Joe Helm. Checks may be sent to Luther Memorial Church, 225 West 10th Street, 16501. A sign-up sheet is located on the table under the video screen. You may also reserve your spot by contacting Joe Helm at 459-6064.



Freedom of Religion Forum

March 5, 2020
St. George Church
Peach & Washington Street
7:30 – 9:00pm
Free-will offering will be accepted

All are invited to attend the Freedom of Religion Forum on March 5. Being presented is the constitutional basis for the practice of religious freedom in the USA, as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights, and to discuss the historical background for religious liberty and freedom of conscience in the writings and traditions of Catholicism, Protestantism, and Judaism. Speakers will consist of representatives from these faiths, including: the Very Rev. Dr. John P. Downey, retired Dean of

the Cathedral of St. Paul, and presently, the Canon Theologian of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern PA.; Rabbi Rob Morais of Temple Anshe Hessed; and well-known constitutional lawyer Mickey Pohl, an Erie native and Attorney of Counsel for Jones Day Law Firm, who helped lead the successful lawsuit by various American Catholic Church organizations to overturn the Affordable Care Act contraception coverage mandate in health plans. Questions and participation from the audience will be welcome.



Camp Lutherlyn

There are exciting events taking place year round at Camp Lutherlyn. Explore and take advantage of some of their activities. To learn more, go to www.lutherlyn.com.



March 1 – Maple Sugaring: The deadline for registration is March 3; register for one session only.

Come learn about winter tree identification and how to tap a maple tree, collect sap, and observe the evaporation process. Dress to be outside. There will be a morning session from 9:30am- 12:00pm and an afternoon session from 1:00- 3:30pm.

March 17-27 – Quilting/Crafting Retreat: This week (or just a weekend) will awaken your creativity and stimulate your crafting ambitions.

Summer Camp: Registration opened on February 1. Some camps are already filling up, but there is still plenty of space for your favorite camper and their friends to sign up! Many of Lutherlyn's first-time campers decide to register for summer camp after hearing their friends talk about it, so help spread the word and tell your friends and neighbors with camp-aged children all about Summer Camp at Lutherlyn! Registration forms are located on the table under the video screen.

Family Camp: Come and experience this week of fellowship and fun. Relax and enjoy days filled with devotions, hiking, singing, crafts, swimming, recreation, canoeing, and LOTS more! Lutherlyn staff will lead hours of educational and recreational activities for the entire family. And NEW this year, you can register for Family Camp ONLINE!

March Birthday Celebrations

Walt Gaber	3/1	Chase Chaffee	3/10	Aubrey Warren	3/20
Chrissie Seward	3/1	Katie Romba	3/10	Phillip Carlson	3/21
Jessica Wettelin	3/1	Ava Fetcko	3/11	Artie Rogan	3/21
Don MacGregor	3/2	C. J. Galloway	3/11	Solveig Santillano	3/21
Jeff Swanson	3/2	Lori Hamblin	3/11	John Steff	3/21
Rich Braendel	3/3	Rose Sonney	3/11	Suzanne Franks	3/23
Pam Davis	3/3	John Coffey	3/12	Ella Moore	3/24
Edward Laird	3/3	Patrick Cimino	3/14	Lois Washill	3/24
William Brandt	3/4	Olivia Rieger	3/14	David Leemhuis	3/25
Lori Perry	3/4	Patricia Vali	3/14	Shannon McAdoo	3/25
Eva Heckelman	3/5	Karen Braendel-Kemp	3/15	Jennifer Fried	3/26
Cindy Henry	3/5	Danielle DiCenzo	3/16	Marilyn Rositer	3/26
Eric Lawson	3/5	Brody Carolus	3/17	Brian Chaffee	3/27
Ryan Cunningham	3/6	Alexander Cooney	3/17	Mark Chaffee	3/27
Jeff Davidson	3/6	Linda Graffius	3/17	Adam Duran	3/27
Andrea Kiefer	3/6	Abigail Hallmark	3/17	Thomas Burling	3/28
Ross Walter	3/7	Erin Rositer	3/17	Jennifer Foutz	3/29
Jessica Spaulding	3/8	Chris Romba	3/18	Dee Lasher	3/29
Mitch Stroup	3/8	Jim Brown	3/19	Naomi Smith	3/29
Dolores DeMarco	3/9	Lilly Saxton	3/19	Victoria Gaeta	3/30
Nancy Downey	3/9	Penelope Witosky	3/19	Christopher Sims	3/30
Brady Gustafson	3/9	David Zamperini	3/19	Renee Steff	3/30
Meghan Snider	3/9	Matthew Zamperini	3/19	Christian Fuhrman	3/31
Emma Braine	3/10	Karen Michel	3/20	Robert Michel	3/31

March Birthday Celebrations for our Sunshine Members

CINDY HENRY 3/5
2506 Azalea Circle
Erie, PA 16506

ANDREW KIEFER 3/6
21 West 9th Street, Apt. 301
Erie, PA 16501

DOLORES DEMARCO 3/9
P. O. Box 126
Fairview, PA 16415

DEE LASHER 3/29
2323 Edinboro Road, Apt. 330C
Erie, PA 16509

NAOMI SMITH 3/29
513 Cherry Street
Erie, PA 16507

Newspaper Collection



LMA continues to collect those valuable newspapers. Dr. Steve Ropeski, Gannon professor, stops by periodically to gather our donations. He then recycles these and uses the proceeds for environmental projects. Dr. Ropeski is known as "Batman" to many of our students as he visits each year and presents a program on bats. We are very happy to assist him with this project as he uses his super-hero powers to care for our environment. Thank you for your donations.

Habitat for Humanity



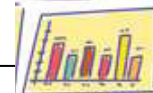
Each Summer Habitat for Humanity plans a faith build inviting anyone from the faith community to get involved. To find out more about what's planned for 2020, an informational meeting will take place at the Habitat for Humanity offices, 4922 Pittsburgh Avenue, in the community room. **There are 2 options for attendance; Wednesday, March 25 at 10:00am or Thursday, March 26 at 6:30pm.** Please rsvp to Nancy Milkowski at the Habitat offices at 454-7025, ext. 104. The Habitat for Humanity offices are located off of West Grandview Blvd. in the business park. The building is the 6th on the right; brown with green trim. Enter the north parking lot and come to the north facing door for the entrance to the community room.



February Council Minutes

1. *Minutes* of the January 14, 2020 meeting were reviewed and on motion unanimously accepted.
2. *Election of Officers* – The following were nominated for the 2020/2021 term: Les Fobes, president; John Tell, vice-president; Mark Lechner, secretary; Greg Kern, treasurer; John Bartlett, assistant treasurer.
3. *Treasurer's Report* – Greg Kern reviewed the details of his written report; church finances are as expected. After a brief discussion the report was unanimously approved.
4. *Stewardship* – Stan Rose reported that the Stewardship Committee needs to be activated again. He followed with a brief presentation on giving.
5. *Property Committee* – Pastor Coleman shared that Rick Kern is stepping down as Property chairman but is willing to serve under advisement to the to-be-formed committee. Council will now form a Property Committee.
6. *Review (not audit)* – Pat Young will serve in the role of review of 2019 and ongoing income and expenses.
7. *St. Matthew's Organ Sale and St. Matthew's Official Merger* – Pastor Coleman shared that the organ is in place and paid for. The State has officially agreed to the merger of St. Matthew's and Luther Memorial.
8. *Memorial for Pastor Ralph Walter* – This is currently in a holding pattern.
9. *Side Entrance Railing* – Costs will be presented during the February meeting. The new Property Committee will handle.
10. *Staff Relations Committee* – Les Fobes reported that all but three (3) of the staff job descriptions have been received.
11. *Preparedness and Response Committee* – Existing policies were found to work in a recent incident.
12. *June Synod Convention* – Pastor noted that delegates will need to be selected at the March council meeting.
13. *Future Council Meeting Dates* – March 10, April 14, May 12; at 7:00pm.

February 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>
February 2	45	129		1 (nursery)	175
February 9	31	158	38	14	241
February 16	39	132		16	187
February 23	41	128		16	185

BAPTISMS: SNIDER, MORGAN MAE – Date of Birth: November 1, 2019 / Date of Baptism: February 9, 2020 / Parents: Michael and Meghan Snider.

FUNERALS: WAGNER, ROBERT – Date of Death: January 31, 2020 / Date of Funeral: February 8, 2020 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

MEMORIALS: WAGNER, ROBERT – FROM:

Laurie & David Hudson	Cecily & William Sesler
Patricia Young	Thomas Hagen
Carol Schaal	Jan & Skip MacInnes
Marilyn Rositer	Custom Engineering
Deborah & Douglas Murphy	Elizabeth Miller
Rowland Wu	

LEE, ANNA MAE – FROM: Mary Lou DeLuca

MICHAEL, EVELYN – FROM: Women of the ELCA

SEDGWICK, CHRISTINE – FROM: Women of the ELCA

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None recorded.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

WEDDINGS: None recorded.



Luther Memorial Academy

LMA is looking forward to sharing with our community the excellent school where children will excel in learning, develop friendships and look forward to going to school each day. We welcome you to stop in on March 22 and bring your family and friends. Additional flyers are available in the school office.

LUTHER MEMORIAL ACADEMY

43 years of academic excellence



**Sunday,
March 22**

2 - 4 pm

225 W. 10th Street • Erie

Tour the school

Meet the Teachers

Learn more about LMA:

- diverse student body
- small class size
- dedicated teachers
- faith-centered
- affordable tuition
- before & after school care
- extracurricular activities
- athletics



**Kindergarten-8th grade
enrolling now for the
2020-21 school year**

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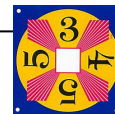
Have a Heart for The Caring Place



Our students' imaginations led to some super school spirit days in February. All monies collected will be sent to The Caring Place. The Caring Place is a wonderful program for grieving children. We are proud to be part of the Caring Team!!

Challenge 24

Our Challenge 24 competition was held Thursday, February 20. Brooklyn Coleman prevailed and is our 2019-2020 Challenge 24 school champion. **Congratulations to Brooklyn and to Dominic Bellotti, our 2nd place finalist.** Thank you to Mrs. Carey for continuing this excellent math program.



Bingo Night

Family Bingo Night
Thursday, March 12
6:00 – 8:00pm
Fellowship hall



Be sure to come and experience the thrill of yelling *BINGO!*

Spring Break

Friday, March 13 – Monday, March 16

Looking forward to a hint of spring, LMA will be closed on Friday, March 13.

A Teacher In-service day will be held Monday, March 16. Students do not report to school.



World's Fair



The 7th grade will be putting on the annual World's Fair in fellowship hall on Tuesday, March 10. Students are working hard to research different countries of the world and create displays that show what they have learned. This is an exciting tradition for LMA and the 7th graders enjoy sharing what they have learned with all of our students.

Easter Candy



The PTL sponsored Romolos Easter candy sale received orders through Thursday, February 13.. Delivery of candy is scheduled for Monday, March 30. If you have questions regarding your order, please contact Sandra Mantsch at 814-218-9315 or email at msred411@msn.com. Anticipated delivery date to the school is Friday, April 5.

Grilled Cheese & Soup



Enjoy a tasty lunch on **Friday, March 6** with grilled cheese & soup. Cost is only \$2 for soup & sandwich or \$1 for a choice of 1. Proceeds benefit our Technology Lab.

Valerio's Coupons




Get your Valerio's coupons and support our LMA Sports Programs. Pick up quick easy dinners when you're in a hurry.



- Coupons can be picked up in the school office Monday-Friday; 8:00am – 3:30pm.
- Coupons are valid through October 31, **2020!**
- \$10 for 1 large, 1 topping pizza
- \$6 for a 12 inch regular sub

Coupon orders may be sent to the school office and Mrs. Fried will send the coupons home with your child that day. Please detach the order slip below and put in a sealed envelope marked 'VALERIO'S' with full payment.

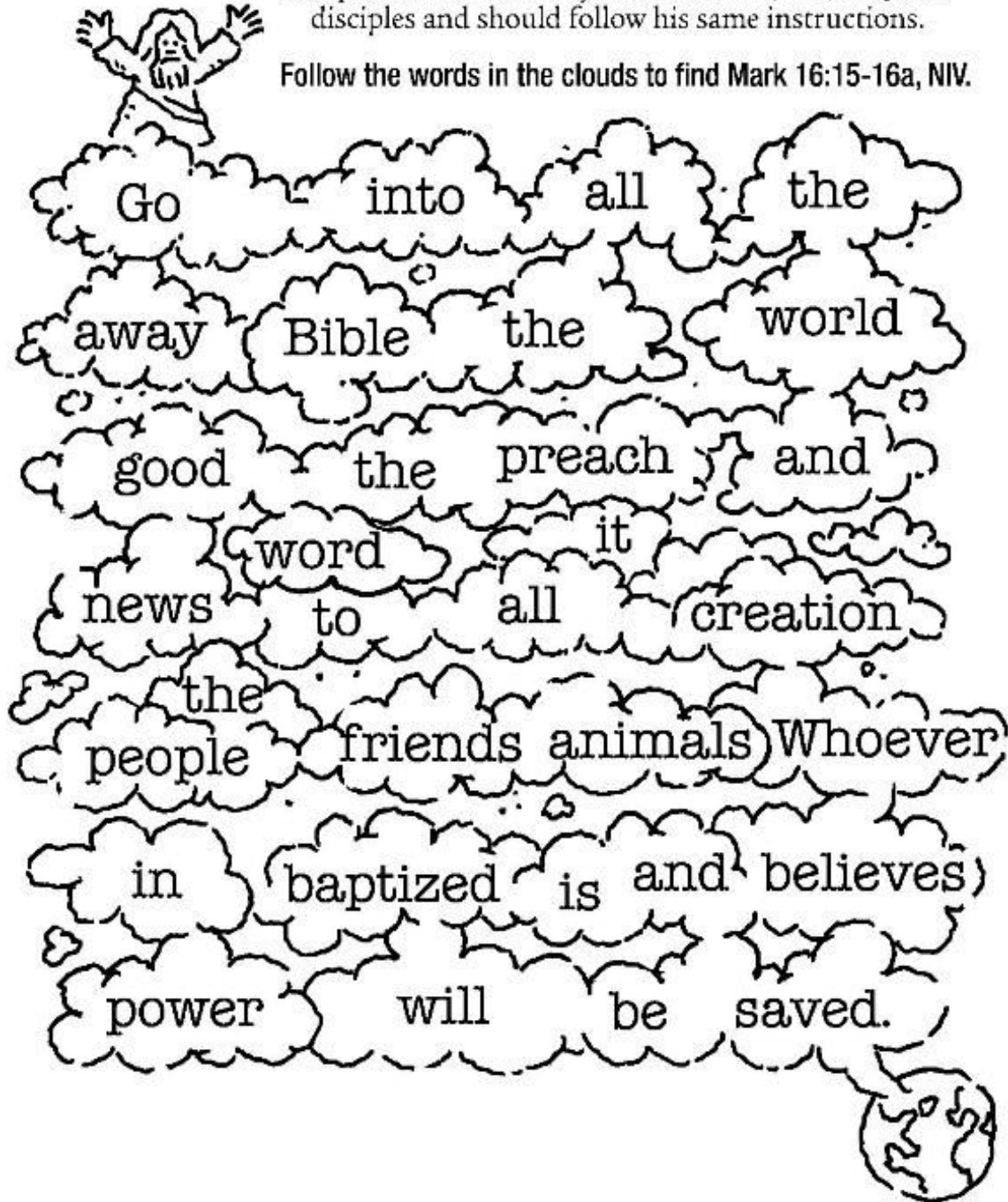
MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 First Sunday in Lent 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth 11:30am Spring Tureen 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 12:30pm First Holy Com. Class 4:00pm ReCharge	2 6:00pm Bach Rehearsal	3 	4 12:05pm Worship 12:35pm Luncheon 1:05pm Lenten Study 5:30pm Super Wednesday	5 3:00pm Organ Lesson 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	6	7 9:00am Bach Rehearsal
8 Second Sunday in Lent 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 12:30pm First Holy Com. Class 4:00pm Bach Cantata & Reception	9 6:00pm PTL General Meeting	10 8:30am LMA World's Fair 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr. 5:45pm Preparedness Cmt. 7:00pm Council 7:00pm PIAA Bd.	11 12:05pm Worship 12:35pm Luncheon 1:05pm Lenten Study 5:30pm Super Wednesday	12 3:00pm Organ Lesson 6:00pm LMA Family Bingo Night 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	13 LMA Closed 6:30pm Club 50 	14 9:00am Sorority Meeting 5:00pm Baby Shower 6:00pm Confirmation Class
15 Third Sunday in Lent 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth 11:30am Soup & Salad 11:30am Cong. Life Cmt. 12:30pm First Holy Com. Class 1:00pm VASA	16 Teacher In-service/no school for students	17 11:00am Monastery of the Heart 	18 12:05pm Worship 12:35pm Luncheon 1:05pm Lenten Study 5:30pm Super Wednesday	19 3:00pm Organ Lesson 6:00pm LCBA 6:00pm JDRF Fundraiser/Painting Night 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	20	21
22 Fourth Sunday in Lent 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth 12:30pm First Holy Com. Class 2:00-4:00pm LMA Open House	23	24 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr. 6:30pm Faith Community Advisory Board	25 12:05pm Worship 12:35pm Luncheon 1:05pm Lenten Study 5:30pm Super Wednesday	26 3:00pm School Bd. Lesson 3:00pm Organ Lesson 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	27 10:00am Fellowship Hall Kitchen Cleaning 2:30pm Vendor Fair Setup	28 9:00am Vendor Fair 10:00am Quilting Project
29 Fifth Sunday in Lent 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am/12:00pm Mideo Program 12:30pm First Holy Com. Class	30 LMA Testing Week 	31 6:00pm ELP Meeting/location TBD				

"I am with you always."

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he encouraged his disciples in the work they had to do. We, too, are Jesus' disciples and should follow his same instructions.

Follow the words in the clouds to find Mark 16:15-16a, NIV.



Answer: "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." (Mark 16:15-16a, NIV)