

Parish Banner for Jesus



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SEPTEMBER – MAY

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

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

MUSIC MINISTRY

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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On a Sunday in April, I received a note written on a bulletin welcome sheet from a couple who worshipped with us at Luther Memorial Church.

The note said: *"We are here in Erie visiting a sick family member. I have never felt so welcomed to a church as I have felt today. God bless all of you for being so kind and friendly!"*

This note was so meaningful to me because it represents what you continue to do here at Luther Memorial Church. A congregation can be the best at many things, but if people who come to worship feel a coldness and uncaring attitude, it makes a deeper connection with them very difficult. Christianity is about transformation. It's about resurrection. It's about peace, love, grace, mercy, forgiveness and joy. Joy in the gift we have received and then share with others. I see the way you interact with one another and the stranger, and it makes me very proud to be pastor of this church. I want you to feel confident in welcoming and inviting the stranger, and I believe that you can continue to do this. For those people in your life who are searching for a faith community, reach out to them, and walk with them into this place so we can welcome them.

In his book titled *"The Reason for God"*, author Timothy Keller writes: *"Christian theology speaks of the seriously flawed character of real Christians. A central message of the Bible is that we can only have a relationship with God by sheer grace. Growth in character and changes in behavior occur in a gradual process after a person becomes a Christian. The mistaken believe that a person must 'clean up' his or her own life in order to merit God's presence is not Christianity. As the saying has it, the church is a hospital of sinners, not a museum for saints."*

Christian Education

Teacher Reception



Please join us in the parlor following the 10:30 service on **Sunday, May 5** as we recognize and thank our Children's Church teachers for all they have done this year. Spending Sunday mornings with our children is very rewarding as they watch them grow in their faith. We are very thankful for the time they give to each of our children.

Some of our teachers will not be returning in September as they have spent many years nurturing our children. If you would be interested in helping with Children's Church beginning in September, please see Beth Keller or contact the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221. Thank you.



Vacation Bible School

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

A July week to be announced

Monday - Friday

Luther Memorial Church

225 West 10th Street

Ages 4 through Grade 5 (completed)



Monday - Friday

8:30am ~ Breakfast available

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

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

Service project opportunities for Grades 6-12 will be offered at the Erie Zoo throughout the week. An adult chaperone is needed during this time. If interested, please contact Beth Keller or Norma in the church office (454-0106, ext. 221). Youth may earn service hours by:

- Selling buttons at an animal exhibit (10:00am-12:00 noon)
- Grounds keeping (8:30-10:00am)
- Monitor goat, kangaroo, wallaby and lorikeet yards (10:00am-12:00 noon)



Confirmation

Class Time: Saturday night from 6:00-9:00pm

Class Location: St. John Lutheran Church

2216 Peach Street

Confirmation Class is for our 7th, 8th and 9th graders.




Our Confirmation Class has partnered with the youth and pastors of the Erie Lutheran Parish by having one confirmation program, which is building good relationships for Confirmation Camp at Lutherlyn and the National Youth Gathering in 2021. **Our final Confirmation class will be held on Saturday, May 11.**

Help! Confirmation Students at Camp Lutherlyn



Once again we will be sending kids to confirmation camp in June. Because confirmation does have a cost we are doing three things. First, Luther Memorial, per the 2019 budget, will pay a good portion of the money. Second each student will pay \$40. And third, just like in previous years we are asking for student sponsors. **The cost to sponsor one student for the week is \$80.** So many have been very responsive to this way to give in previous years, so please consider sponsoring one or more students! If you feel called to respond in this way, please call Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or Pastor Coleman. We thank you for your prayerful consideration.

Adult Spiritual Growth Classes

 On **Sundays, May 5 and May 12** from 9:15am to 10:15am Gannon University professor Michael DeSanctis will be presenting a lecture called "From Temple to Table: The Changing Place and Practice of Christian Worship". This illustrated, two-part presentation will offer participants a broad view of the history of Christian worship and its architectural setting, from the earliest experiments in the residential settings of Ancient Palestine to the characteristics of today's so-called "megachurch" phenomenon in the United States. The presentation will assume a give-and-take format intended to encourage lively discussion and will conclude with a short tour of Luther Memorial Church itself. Please attend both lectures to show a warm Luther Memorial Church welcome to Professor DeSanctis! You don't want to miss it.

On **Sunday, May 19** from 9:15am to 10:15am, Barbara Chaffee, Luther Memorial member and the CEO of the Tom Ridge Environmental Center Foundation, will be making a presentation and taking questions on Presque Isle State Park, the Tom Ridge Environmental Center and the Presque Isle Partnership.

Pastor's Book Club



Our next get together will be on Wednesday, May 29 at 6:00pm gathering in the parlor. We will continue our discussion on the book "*The Reason for God*" by Timothy Keller. Please read the second and final half of this book.

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



Luther Memorial ReCharge ~ Sunday, May 5

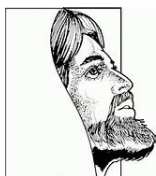


<u>Time:</u>	
4:00-5:00pm	Dinner, Activities, Crafts & Fellowship
5:00-6:00pm	Worship

Begin the month energized; join us for our **ReCharge contemporary service on Sunday, May 5, 2019**. We gather in the parlor at 4:00pm for a delicious dinner, fellowship and activities. The main dish will be provided, you are welcome to bring a dish to share. Worship will be held at 5:00pm in

the "upper room"; 5th floor. Come for the fellowship, the singing, the worship and yes, the delicious food.

Ascension of Our Lord



Ascension of Our Lord worship service
Wednesday, May 30 at 7:00pm
Main Church.
We invite you to worship with us.

Cookout

Sunday, May 19
11:30am



Finally, the smell of hotdogs on the grill. That can only mean one thing; it's time for our monthly cookouts to begin. Join us for those tasty hotdogs and some wonderful fellowship on Sunday, May 19.

Be sure to stop in the library to get your blood pressure checked following the 10:30 service; stay healthy.



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 5, 2019
September 1, 2019
November 17, 2019

New Members Received

10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary

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

Mother/Daughter Banquet

Join us for our annual Mother/Daughter Banquet on Saturday, May 11.

Luther Memorial Church Fellowship Hall

Main Course: Stuffed Chicken Breasts

Also Available: Chicken Tenders for our children and vegetarian entrée upon request



Cost: Adults ~ \$10 (13 and up)
Children 2-12 years ~ \$5
Children under 2 ~ Free

You are welcome to bring a bottle of wine if desired. Reservations appreciated by Sunday, May 5.

Please contact the church office (454-0106, ext. 221) for reservations

Be sure to check out the fun at our basket raffle. We have some beautiful baskets this year. Monetary donations are appreciated and will be used to purchase items for a variety of exciting baskets. Donations may be dropped off in the church office, placed in the Sunday morning offering plate marked "Mother/Daughter Banquet", or given to Sandy Barbaro or Bonnie Silvis.

Basket Raffle



Did You Know . . .



- that new pew cushions are available in the main church for your use. They are located on the bench near the Columbarium. Please take one from the bench and feel free to leave it in the place that you sit for future use. A special thanks to Les Fobes for arranging to purchase them and for those we purchased them in memory of from the memorial fund: Craig Brown, Fred Bohn, Helen Sonney and Cynthia McLaughlin.
- that Luther Memorial Church continues to receive monies from Thiel College in memory of The Lester and Elma Nystrom Scholarship Fund. This year the money was distributed to Thiel College student Emma Carlson.
- that we give thanks to Elvin and Aiden Montero, Sarah Prylinski, A. J., Patrick, Carlo and Anthony Cimino for helping with the Presque Isle Beach Clean-Up on Saturday, April 20. We also give thanks to Elvin Montero, Mark and Joyce Howell, Sandy, Mike and Maddie Mantsch for helping serve a meal at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Thursday, April 25.
- that so many faithful people from this ministry participate in the Bethany Outreach Center Reading Program. For six Saturdays children are read to by these dedicated volunteers. A special thanks to Cindy and Eric Hedlund for leading this program.

Congratulations

We wish a future filled with love, joy and laughter to Angela and Andres Duran and Megan and Tim Houston on the recent additions to their family:

Adam José Duran was born March 27, 2019

Aurora Helen Houston was born April 4, 2019



Geraniums

Orders due Sunday, May 26



Geraniums will be placed at the altar on Sunday, June 9 in observance of Pentecost.

If you would like to donate a geranium in memory or in honor of a loved one, **please use the form below and return it to the church office with a remittance of \$5.00 per geranium by Sunday, May 26.** All orders received by Sunday, May 26, will be listed in the Geranium Booklet and included with the service bulletin on Sunday, June 9. Flowers will be planted on church grounds.

Geranium Order Form

_____ Plant(s) in memory of:

_____ Plant(s) in honor of:

From: _____

Geraniums ordered _____ X \$5.00 = _____

_____ Will help plant geraniums on church grounds

(Please make all checks payable to Luther Memorial Church)



Please Note: Geraniums are in 4 ½" pots and will be ordered through the Luther Memorial Academy PTL flower sale; flowers are supplied by Stan's Garden Center. Order forms may be placed in the offering plate, or dropped off in the church office.

Hospital Visitation



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



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

John Moriarty, father of Mary Daniels, who died Sunday, April 7, 2019
Harold Downey who died Saturday, April 27, 2019

Women of the ELCA

Tuesday Evening Circle

Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00pm

Please join us – for more information,
contact Pat Young at 455-7736



Deborah Circle

Tuesday, May 7 at 6:30pm

For more information,
contact Judy Johnson at 833-4600

Pennies for Poverty

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

May Friendship Day

Church Women United May Friendship Day

Saturday, May 11

1:00pm

Community United Church

1101 East 38th street



Theme: “The Time is NOW! Agree to Differ.”

Pennies for Poverty

As a continuing project to aid women and children in crisis, special containers for donations to “Pennies for Poverty” are located by the doors to the Main Church and Faith Chapel. Our women’s groups thank one and all for your donations of coins and dollars – keep them coming! They really do add up!



Monastery of the Heart

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

When: 11:00am on Tuesday, May 21

Where: Luther Memorial Church Parlor

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



Magic Fingers Grace Group



Spring has sprung – well, we’re getting closer anyway. Pull out those bright yellows and greens and let the sun shine in your knitting. Whatever you choose to knit, join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am; May 14 and May 28. If you’d like to learn how to knit or crochet, we’d love to show you. Brighten up your mornings and spend it with friends.

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

OWLS – Older Wiser Lutherans

Do you have questions on dental hygiene? Join us for our May OWLS gathering on “Tooth Wisdom” and enjoy an oral presentation by Karen Omniewski; Public Health Dental Hygienist Practitioner.



May 15 at 11:00am

“Get Smart about Your Teeth”

Lunch provided

RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, May 10

Wear a Green Ribbon



May is Mental Health month and was created by Mental Health America over 50 years ago to raise awareness about mental health conditions and the importance of mental wellness. Yes, 50 years ago! That's a long time ago! As a nurse I am aware of mental illness and did a three (3) month rotation in Psychiatric Nursing at Gowanda State Hospital in Gowanda, New York. I have to admit, back then, this was my least favorite part of my nursing education. Why has it taken so long to acknowledge and bring awareness to mental health problems, especially in children and adolescents? It can happen to any family, and does, including my own family. Years ago having a mental health problem in the family was embarrassing or even shameful. Fortunately with more awareness that stigma is not felt as strongly.

The number of families who are affected by mental, emotional and behavior disorders in young people is staggering. It is estimated that one (1) in five (5) children or adolescents may have a mental health problem that can be identified and treated. Young people can have mental and emotional problems that are very real, painful and costly. These problems are a source of stress for the child as well as the family, school and society at large. Mental health disorders in children and adolescents are caused by biology, environment or a mix of both. Some biological factors may be genetics, chemical imbalances, and damage to the central nervous system. Environmental factors may include exposure to violence, extreme stress, bullying, toxic substances, or the death of a loved one. These may be hard to identify so when changes are noticed a complete physical, including blood work should be done by their family doctor. There are physical conditions that can cause depression, i.e. endocrine disorders like hypothyroidism. Many times children don't know how to express themselves when they don't feel well.

Of course, most of us realize that the impact of social media on our children and adolescents is less than desirable. This situation needs to be closely monitored starting at a young age.

Nutrition in children, adolescents and adults is coming to the forefront as a possible cause of mental health problems, especially depression. Our brains and bodies need the nutrients of a whole foods diet. This does not include processed foods, fast foods, or high sugar foods which includes most cereals and drinks. They won't be happy with changes in diet, but it is worth trying if it will help them.

Tragically, an estimated two-thirds of all young people with mental health problems aren't getting the help they need. Among children aged 5-18, suicidal thoughts and attempts led to more than 1.1 million ER visits in the U.S. in 2015. Yes, 5 years old! And this may only catch a small percentage of the kids. Why the increase? It could be greater recognition by parents, schools and doctors. Kids may also be under more stress and develop depression at a high rate. The experts say this has to be addressed as a public health problem. It is not normal and is not a "phase". Suicide has to be taken seriously.

So what can you do? Maintain communication with your children. Observe them for different or unusual behaviors, i.e. what kind of music are they listening to? Take them to the doctor regularly or if there is a change. Educate yourself about the signs of depression and warning signs of suicidal thoughts. A big challenge for adults is to let the youth talk about the problem rather than jumping in to "fix" it. It is better to give them permission to talk about their concerns before they act on them in self-destructive ways.

The Mental Health Ministries pamphlet on Mental Illness in Children and Adolescents says: "People with mental problems are our neighbors. They are members of our congregations, member of our families; they are everywhere in this country. If we ignore their cries for help, we will be continuing to participate in the anguish from which those cries for help come. A problem of this magnitude will not go away. Because it will not go away, and because of our spiritual commitments, we are compelled to take action." (Rosalynn Carter)

The first week of May is Children's Mental Health Week. Let's wear green to raise awareness!

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

Sources: www.MentalHealthMinistries.net ; www.WebMD "Suicidal Behavior"

Youth & Family Events

Camp Lutherlyn



Need something to do that's exciting, out of the ordinary and a whole lot of fun? Check out Camp Lutherlyn. Wonderful opportunities are available for the entire family. You are welcome to contact the church office with any questions.

- ❖ **May 11 - CampBlast:** Invite your family and friends to enjoy a totally FREE day of fun at Lutherlyn. This fun day highlights all that Camp Lutherlyn has to offer and is the perfect opportunity for people to learn more about Lutherlyn. Stop in anytime on May 11, 11:30am-4:30pm. (No registration is required; just show up!)



- ❖ **Summer Camp** experiences will be remembered for many years to come. The brochure explains all of the summer camp programs, and the registration form is in the middle of the booklet. All those attending summer camp for the first time are eligible for \$100 off the fee. When registering, simply enter the coupon code FIRST19. Please contact Lutherlyn, 724-865-2161, with any questions. The Family Camp Brochure is also included with the summer camp information.

Cleveland Indians Baseball Trip

Seats have filled up fast for this bus trip; only 13 seats are left! It's always a good day for baseball.

Sunday, July 14
Cleveland Indians vs. Minnesota Twins

- Bus will depart Luther Memorial Church at 9:30am
- Game begins at 1:05pm
- Our seats will be located in the Club section: Seats in Club section 334 are \$107
- 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 Sunday, June 2; 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 power point screen. You may also reserve your spot by contacting Joe Helm at 459-6064.



Thank You



Dear Student Choir Members and Teachers:

Thank you so much for preparing and singing the "Palm Sunday Praise" anthem on Palm Sunday. I was honored that you sang it. Your beautiful voices brought the song to life and reminded me how happy the people and the children were on that Palm Sunday when Jesus came to Jerusalem. You did a wonderful job!

*Thank you and God Bless You,
Eric Hedlund*

May "Sunshine" Birthday Celebrations

ERIKA PIRSCHEL 5/19
Regency at South Shore
322 Washington Place, Apt. 225
Erie, PA 16505



M. J. HOWELL 5/26
2064 Willow Street
Apt. 403
Wesleyville, PA 16510

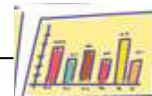
MARJORIE JOHNSON 5/29
8399 Lake Pleasant Road
Erie, PA 16509

Meals on Wheels



Meals on Wheels is looking to hire a new Executive Director. Meals on Wheels delivers meals to seniors and the disabled in the greater Erie area. It has 150 volunteers. Additionally, Meals on Wheels provides grocery shopping for those who are not able to do so. In addition to the Executive Director and 150 volunteers who deliver food and groceries, the office staff includes one full time administrator for the delivery program and a one half time person coordinating shopping. If someone has basic administrative experience, the specifics of the position and its required activities can be learned. Compensation is flexible. Starting about 45k for salary and additional fringe benefits or not, as negotiated. For more information about the position or process to apply please contact Roy Strausbaugh at mstrausbaugh1@neo.rr.com. The candidate will need a cover letter, resume and three letters of reference.

March 2019 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>
March 3	42	125	59	17	243
March 10	34	128		21	183
March 17	33	146			179
March 24	42	137		16	195
March 31	38	115		15	168

SPECIAL SERVICES:

	<u>12:05 P.M.</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
March 6 (Ash Wednesday)	52	40	92
March 13	49		49
March 20	52		52
March 27	54		54

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

FUNERALS: **BATTERSBY, ALICE** - Date of Death: March 5, 2019 / Date of Funeral: March 9, 2019 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

MILLER, NANCY N. - Date of Death: March 23, 2019 / Date of Funeral: March 27, 2019 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

MEMORIALS:

NALEPA, VANESSA - FROM: Marilyn Rositer

GESLER, EDWINA - FROM: Joanne Dahlstrand

HOWARD, DEBRA - FROM: Jane & Jack Tell

BATTERSBY, ALICE - FROM:

Joanne Dahlstrand	Diane & Bob Banks
Marilyn Bohn	Dorothy Overberg
Linda & Dan Young	Pat Young
Mary & John Laver	Jan & Skip MacInnes
Frances Laufer	Marilyn Moore
Sarah & Frank Malena	Ron Schrieffer & Paula Lewis
Jann Battersby	Kelly Group; McLane Church

LETTER OF TRANSFER: **ENGEL, ALICE** - from St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Erie, PA

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ~ March 3, 2019:

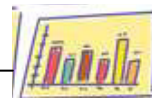
CRISSMAN, JUDY & BOB

ENGEL, ALICE

WEDDINGS: None recorded.



The shortest way is not always right, nor the smoothest nor the safest. Therefore, do not be surprised if the Lord chooses the farthest and roughest, but be sure of this - He will choose the best.

April 2019 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>
April 7	39	141	45		225
April 14	49	208			257
April 21	33	284			317
April 28	28	148		16	192

SPECIAL SERVICES:

	<u>12:05 P.M.</u>	<u>7:00 P.M.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
April 3	42		42
April 10		43	43
April 18 (Maundy Thursday)		132	132
April 19 (Good Friday)		79	79

BAPTISMS: SAXTON, LANDEN RICHARD - Date of Birth: August 31, 2010 / Date of Baptism: April 14, 2019 / Pastor William E. Coleman.

SAXTON, LILLY SUE - Date of Birth: March 19, 2012 / Date of Baptism: April 14, 2019 / Pastor William E. Coleman.

FUNERALS: ARNOLD, JAMES - Date of Death: March 24, 2019 / Date of Funeral: April 5, 2019 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

MEMORIALS:

BATTERSBY, ALICE - FROM:
Kelly Group of McLane Church

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None received.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None received.

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

May Birthday Celebrations

Bradley Klomp	5/1		Joann Wagner	5/10	Richard Caldwell	5/24
Bill Lasher	5/1		Gianna DiTullio	5/11	Barb Holcomb	5/24
Sandy Sickert	5/2		Nathan Carey	5/12	Phil McAfee	5/24
Debra Galloway	5/3		Craig Sundberg	5/12	Mason Snider	5/24
Catherine Lasher	5/3		Aaron Reusche	5/13	James Sturm	5/24
Elizabeth Lowry	5/3		Dan Young	5/13	Kyle Warren	5/24
Ben Pratt	5/3		Debbie Daley	5/14	Benjamin Burling	5/26
Elizabeth Stroup	5/4		Michael Heintzel	5/14	Brad Galloway	5/26
Alexsandra Turowski	5/4		Ryan Henry	5/14	Marion Howell	5/26
William Braendel, Jr.	5/5		John Laver, III	5/14	Jamie Schumacher	5/26
Michael Schloss	5/5		Julie Sturm	5/15	Gabriel Stroup	5/26
Carol Smith	5/5		Gayanne Nieratko	5/16	Jacob Byers	5/27
Mary Weber	5/5		Diana Alvaro	5/18	Bob Giannelli	5/29
Pam Will	5/5		Anna Downey	5/18	Evelynn Graffius	5/29
Christopher Gloekler	5/7		Erika Pirschel	5/19	Marjorie Johnson	5/29
Katie Zamperini	5/7		Elaine Kern	5/20	Thomas Schlecht	5/29
Sarah Karasack	5/9		Ashley Will	5/20	Lee Swenson	5/29
Carol Schaal	5/9		Christopher DeSanti	5/21	Vincent Tuk	5/29
Bill Grande	5/10		Pat Gilbert	5/21	Emma Chaffee	5/30
Vance Meucci	5/10		John Moore	5/22	Barbara Montgomery	5/30
Mary Mumford	5/10		Michael Nicotra	5/23	Roy Strausbaugh	5/30

April Council Minutes



1. *Minutes and Treasurer's Report* of the March 12, 2019 Council Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
2. *Rick Kern* presented property proposals and plans:
 - a. Vestibule heaters at three (3) outside doors in the LMA building are scheduled to be replaced during the summer. A proposal from Connecto Electric was submitted in the amount of \$8,890.
 - b. The 10th Street ramp will be replaced.
 - c. Reconstruction of east entrance to parking lot at school involving new traffic flow for parking lot. Decision was one entrance off 10th Street, and two exits onto 11th Street. Potential problem of buses blocking view on 11th street was reviewed. We agreed to: reconstruct north concrete entrance ramp & sidewalk, reconstruct east LMA entrance and sidewalk, remove and replace crumbled asphalt, seal entire parking lot, restripe parking lot spaces, and install signage to direct new traffic flow. Postponed was construction of 2 stone pillars (3' x 3') at 10th Street entrance, replacing parlor carpeting and some furniture, and redoing upstairs hallways.
 - i. Pastor Coleman moved that we accept proposal for wall heaters as well as construction part of parking lot (not including the pillars), proposed at \$30,500 and draw funding from LM Foundation and as needed, the Luther Memorial endowment. Motion passed unanimously.
3. *St. Matthew's Financial Assets and Endowment* committee members are Jean McMillan, John Evans, Doug Werle, (all St. Matthews) Casey Hedlund, Don Tatar (Luther Memorial). Barb Chaffee moved that Council approve formation of the St. Matthews Foundation Committee for the purpose of disbursing funds to people/organizations in need, that the Committee report to Luther Memorial Church Council its recommendations of the committee structure and how funds will be disbursed from the St. Matthew's Foundation Account, and that recommendations for disbursement from the St. Matthew's Foundation account will come from the St. Matthew's Foundation Committee to Luther Memorial Church Council as a recommendation for approval. Motion passed unanimously.
4. *Lease with Berman Bedding* was presented to Council for review and vote at a future meeting.
5. *Staff Relations Committee* members are (Les Fobes – convener), Lois Fobes, Lois Smith, Bob Banks, Diane Banks, Mark Lechner, Pam Masiroff, Becky Carullo.
6. *Emergency Practices Task Force* reported on security issues:
 - a. A security shade has been purchased and installed for the nursery.
 - b. New locks for classroom doors were considered for \$5,227.10, but further research is needed to find a less expensive solution. Our insurance carrier will be contacted to see if they have any expertise or recommendations.
 - c. Numerous training options, for LMA and safety ministers, are under consideration. Nine people have volunteered as Safety Ministers. Procedures will be developed. Disaster Plan examples have been received from several Lutheran churches. A Walk-thru is planned with Rick Kern and committee members of the inside and outside of the building.
7. *Mother/Daughter Banquet* – Les requested council men to volunteer to help.
8. *Luther Memorial Beach Service* – The service this year will be cancelled as it falls on Pentecost Sunday. Members are asked to attend the ELP beach service on August 11.
9. *Next Meeting* – Scheduled for Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00pm.



Luther Memorial Academy

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society



During March and early April, the Luther Memorial Academy family participated in various contests, special days, and coin collections to raise money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. In this one month period, LMA raised \$1,507 for this organization. This demonstrates the very giving spirit of our students, families, and staff!

Above & Beyond



Empathy, selflessness, and energy describe Luther Memorial Academy students. One in particular, however, goes above and beyond and deserves special recognition.

Adison Prothero-Rivera, 4th grade, takes the initiative to fund raise for cancer causes. Her heart is boundless and her example is priceless.

Walking Taco Lunches – May 3

Last chance to enjoy a Walking Taco Lunch will be Friday, May 3. Taco lunches are \$3 and served in a Dorito or Frito bag with meat, along with choices of lettuce, tomato, cheese and salsa. These lunches help support the FIRST Lego Team.



Flower Sale

Spring and summer flowers will be popping up soon and you're going to want to brighten up your yard with some beautiful flowers from Stan's Garden Center. LMA can make it even easier for you to shop – just order your flowers through our Annual Flower Sale. If you would prefer to browse at Stan's, gift cards are also available.

Order Forms have been sent home with students. Forms are also located in the school and church offices.



Orders Due: Tuesday May 10
Delivery: Friday, May 21
 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the school playground area
Payment: Due when order is placed

Proceeds from the flower sale benefit the LMA Sports programs.

Middle School Field Trip



Middle School field trip to visit the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland is scheduled for Friday, May 10. The bus will leave LMA at 8:15am and return to the school at 6:00pm. All students are to bring a bag lunch and may also bring snacks for on the bus. The cost is \$50/student. Permission forms have been sent home with students. If you have not received a permission form, please contact the school office.

Erie Playhouse

Some LMA students will be going to see the Erie Playhouse production of "Blackbeard" in May. Third grade will be going on Wednesday, May 15, and Kindergarten students will be going on Thursday, May 16.



Hornby Schoolhouse



The 3rd grade class will be going to the Hornby Schoolhouse on Friday, May 17. Students will dress in period outfits and actually have school for the day in a one room schoolhouse. This is a wonderful experience for students to learn about the challenges earlier generations of students faced to be able to get an education.

Move-up Night



Monday, May 13
600pm

Mrs. Romba will have a move up night meeting with our Kindergarten students and their families who will be entering First Grade next year.

Moving on Up



During May students in grades Kindergarten through 4 will have the opportunity to visit and spend some time in their new classrooms they will attend in the fall.

Super Monday ~ May 13

Bring the entire family to our Annual Spring Program, Ice Cream Social and Book Fair.
Welcome spring in LMA style!

5:30pm ~ Fellowship Hall



Spring Program
7:00pm

Directed by music teacher,
Dawn Weborg

Art Show
Featuring the talents of our
LMA students
Coordinated by art teacher,
Amy Gilewicz



BOOK FAIR

Latece Jones is chairman of this event for our children. The Book Fair will be open to our families before and after the Spring Program. Classes will visit on Friday, May 10. All proceeds benefit classroom bookshelves and the library.

PLEASE NOTE: The After-School Program will close at 4:30pm on May 13. All students are to report to the Chapel by 6:45 for the Spring Program.

Field Day & Talent Show



Friday, May 24

A morning filled with activities and fun and afternoon of talent!

Our Annual Field Day will take place in the morning – thanks to the best Phys. Ed. teacher ever; Mrs. Wells!

The afternoon will be packed with entertainment at our Annual Talent Show. We invite you to join us in the afternoon as our LMA students share their awesome talents with us. A lion's roar goes out to Mrs. Weborg for pulling all of this together.

Buddy Picnic

Our Kindergarten and Fifth Grade "buddies" will enjoy a day at Asbury Park in May. This is a wonderful tradition that has been taking place for many years.



LEAF Event



On Friday, May 31, the 5th grade class will be attending the annual LEAF school event at Frontier Park. This event teaches students about the importance of our environment and how to preserve it locally. In preparation for the event, the 5th grade students have been growing two types of wildflowers in the classroom that will be planted at Frontier Park.

Lego Robotic Team



Under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Evans, the LMA Lego Robotic Team is looking for new members for the 2019/2020 school year. The team is open to grades 4-8 and offers an opportunity for the members to work with the FIRST Lego Organization through the S.T.E.M. program. The Team meets regularly on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30pm and Saturdays from 10:00am-3:00pm starting the third week in August to the first week in December. Please contact Mrs. Evans at the school office 454-0106, ext. 222 by Friday, May 17 if your child is interested.

Financial Aid



If financial aid is needed for the 2019-2020 school year, it is imperative that the application form be sent to the school office as soon as possible. Please contact Mr. Paul or Mrs. Fried with any questions.

Memorial Day



Monday, May 27

**LMA will be closed ~
Happy Memorial Day**

*Something fun
for our kids*



M A Y 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 3:30pm Young People's Chorus Reh. 	2 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	3 5:00pm Club 50	4 9:30am Sorority Gathering 2:00pm Haight/Swenson Wedding
5 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:30am Teacher Recognition 11:45am New Member Class 2:00pm ReCharge Reh. 4:00pm ReCharge Service	6 3:30pm Young People's Chorus Reh.	7 3:30pm Young People's Chorus Reh. 7:00pm W/ELCA	8 8:30am LMA Spring Program Rehearsal 1:00pm Young People's Chorus Reh.	9 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	10 Gr. 8/Cleveland 11:30am Young People's Chorus Reh. 7:00pm Young People's Chorus Concert	11 6:00pm Conf. Class/St. John Lutheran Church 5:30pm Mother/Daughter Banquet 
12 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth	13 8:30am LMA Spring Program Reh. 5:30pm LMA Ice Cream Social/Book Fair/Spring Program	14 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr. 7:00pm Council 7:00pm PIAA Bd.	15 Gr. 3/Erie Playhouse 11:00am OWLS	16 6:00pm Handbells 6:00pm LCBA 7:00pm Choir	17 Gr. 3/Hornby School	18 1:00pm Piano Recital
19 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:30am Cookout 11:30am Cong. Life Meeting 4:00pm Family Gathering	20 	21 11:00am Monastery of the Heart	22 5:00pm Prayer Group	23 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	24 LMA Field Day & Talent Show 	25 2:00pm Baby Shower
26 8:15/10:30am Worship 	27 Memorial Day Church & School Offices Closed	28 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr.	29 6:00pm Pastor's Book Club	30 7:00pm Ascension of Our Lord Worship Service	31 Gr. 8/LEAF Event 6:00pm Gr. 8 Grad. Banquet 7:00pm Gr. 8 Grad. Dance	