

# Parish Banner for Jesus



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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

## SEPTEMBER – MAY

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

## NEW MEMBER CLASSES

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## MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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There is an awful lot happening within this ministry. The building is filled with activity and people. During the school year, kids roam the halls filling the building with hustle and bustle. Meetings and ministry events fill our weekly schedule. Each corner of our building is being used which makes balancing the demands on the building very interesting. It's a busy place. When evaluating the future of a ministry one of the questions leaders ask is: "Will this ministry be missed if it no longer existed, and if so, by whom?" The question is asked to learn if it did go away, whether people would just shrug and move on. If the answer comes back very few people would miss it or even notice, then the future of the ministry can be called into question.

But if I ask you the question whether anyone would miss Luther Memorial Church and Academy if they no longer existed, I would suspect the answer would be many, many people would miss it very much. I am sharing this with you because so often in life the things most important to us, we take for granted, just assuming it will always be there when we need something, or that, supporting and maintaining a ministry will just happen at the hands of someone else. I am sharing this with you because to support this active ministry into the future it will require financial giving by everyone. As I look at the giving patterns of this ministry, I see the larger reliance on endowments to try to fill in the reduced monthly giving. I know we all feel a bit stretched thin in finances, but our consistent and faithful giving is our way to give thanks to God for our many blessing, and to do our part to keep something hopeful and loving in the world and in the city of Erie.

As your pastor I am asking everyone to make a financial commitment for the new ministry year, as a sign of our love and need for this ministry. I am asking each person to do this, and not just the handful of people who do make a commitment. I am asking you to be consistent each and every month in your giving, as our giving to God is a spiritual discipline. As noted in the newsletter there are ways to give electronically and ways to leave a legacy. I am asking you to make a financial commitment on Christ the King Sunday or the Sundays in Advent. I am so grateful for you and your love for this ministry.

## All Saints' Sunday – November 4

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All Saints' Sunday is a day of prayer for and remembrance of loved ones who have died in Christ during the past year. We give thanks on this day for all the good people that God has placed in our lives, especially those who are already with God in heaven. We give thanks for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in the lives of all people. All Saints' Sunday is a day for remembering and giving thanks, as Christians remember the good people they have known and give thanks for the unending goodness of

God. Services on November 4 will include special prayers for those who have passed away during the past year. If you are unable to attend services with us, please remember these special people in your prayers:

Ronald Kraut  
Lottie Turowski  
Christopher Walter  
Nancy Tuk  
Thomas Scarpitti  
Gertrude Petersen  
Audrey King  
Ronald DeMarco  
Helen Engesser  
Judy Welsh  
Charlies Zwilling

Norma Stierheim  
Evelyn Flowers  
Betty Webb  
Betty Weber  
Mary Eelman  
Karl C. Gaber  
Nancy Swanson  
Mildred Struble  
Jack Karasack  
Rita Reichard  
Carol A. Hush

David N. Paterson  
Logan Flood  
Carol King  
Marian Lundgren  
Hildegard Holtzhower  
David Walz  
Joanne Makynen  
Bob Young  
Bill Schaal  
Linda Sanko  
Barbara McDermott



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

Denise King and Dan Young on the death of their father, Bob Young.  
Carol Schaal on the death of her husband, Bill.  
John and Ann Jensen on the death of John's sister, Linda Sanko.  
Maria Brown on the death of her aunt, Barbara McDermott.

## Update on Hotel Property and Thompson Building

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Luther Memorial Church now owns the Thompson Building and has begun managing the property through a committee as approved by church council. Luther Memorial Church has been negotiating with the hotel owner, but recently the hotel owner informed us he is not ready to sell the hotel property at this time. To continue to move forward plans will be presented to church council in

November to add more handicapped spaces, improve the traffic flow to the church and school property, improve signage, and plans to better use the parking we currently have and parking that is available to us.

## Autumn Coffee Hour

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Please join us in the parlor on **Sunday, November 4** following our 8:15 and 10:30 worship services to enjoy fellowship and a special Autumn Coffee Hour provided by our Congregational Life Committee.



## Thank You

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A special thanks to Jane and Brian Moran for their countless hours spent organizing our church library. Our library had many books which were not being used and they were able to sell those books. The money received from the sold books was donated to the Luther Memorial Academy school library to purchase new books for the students. Thank you to the Morans!

## Ministry Commitment Sunday



Luther Memorial will celebrate *Commitment Sunday on November 25* at both worship services. During the service you will be asked to offer your financial commitments. God gladly receives our offerings of time, talent and treasure. Please fill out a commitment of your expected giving, either by the form included in your offering envelopes or the form below and bring it with you on Sunday, November 25. Taking the time to make a commitment really helps Luther Memorial's budgeting process, and more importantly allows us to recommit your lives our God who gives us all things. **It is critical for you to know, though, that the amount you commit is not as significant as your commitment to giving.** What you give should be with thanksgiving and with joy. Only you and God know the details of your stewardship.

### MY COMMITMENT TO GOD THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH - YEAR 2019

I/we commit my/our entire life in service to Jesus Christ, and therefore will offer a portion my/our annual income. I promise, with God helping me, to give to Luther Memorial's ministry during the coming year, as follows:

\$ _____	for Current Ministry	Remarks
\$ _____	for _____	_____
\$ _____	for _____	_____
\$ _____	<b>Total</b> ( ) Weekly ( ) Monthly	

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this commitment to Luther Memorial on Sunday, November 25.  
Consider making a copy of this pledge and place in your bible.**

## Stewardship Update for 2018

To be good stewards of our financial resources and to maintain our multi-faceted forms of ministry, Luther Memorial continues to give thanks for your giving and also create ways for your joyful giving to continue. We express words of gratitude to God for our many blessings. Ministries today walk the fine line of being thankful, and always providing words of encouragement to continue to grow in our giving, and so these financial updates are important. Each of us makes a difference and contributes to the health of this ministry. Thank you again.

Total Budgeted Giving for the Year of 2018	\$303,595
Actual Giving through 9/30/2018	\$204,381



## 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. For those who pay bills through their bank electronically, you can set up Luther Memorial Church as one of your payees and the money will be sent by your bank directly to Luther Memorial Church. 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](mailto:ryan.ebneer@elca.org) or second, through the Erie Community Foundation.

## Christian Education

### Confirmation



**Class Time:** Saturday nights from 6:00-9:00pm  
**Class Location:** St. John Lutheran Church  
 2216 Peach Street

Our Confirmation Class is partnering 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 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

#### Schedule of Confirmation Classes

11/10/2018      Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship  
 12/8/2018      Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship

### Adult Spiritual Growth

Adult Spiritual Growth class is held each Sunday at 9:15am in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Remember we never stop growing and learning about our faith! If you would like to attend and are in need of childcare, please contact Pastor Coleman so he can make arrangements.

Sunday	Topic	Teacher
11/4/2018	Determining Right from Wrong	Pastor Coleman
11/11/2018	The Many Meanings of the Bible	Pastor Coleman
11/18/2018	Devotional Bible Readings	Pastor Coleman
11/25/2018	No Class	



### Super Wednesdays ~ November 7



**Our next Super Wednesday** will be held November 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.

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



Join us Wednesdays: November 7, 2018, December 5, 2018, February 6, 2019, March 6, 2019 (Ash Wednesday 7:00pm Worship Only), April 3, 2019, May 1, 2019

### Pastor's Book Club



Our next get together **will be on Wednesday, November 14 at 6:00pm**, and at that get together we will discuss the whole book of "Four Scraps of Bread" by Magda Hollander-Lafon. This means you can purchase the book, read it, and attend the November meeting. It is not a very big book, so if you were unable to join us in October, you can still jump right in. If you need to purchase the book, it is available on Amazon or stop by the Werner Book Store in the Liberty Plaza.

## New Member Classes

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

### New Member Information Classes

11:45am ~ Chapel

November 18, 2018

### New Members Received

10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary

December 2, 2018

## Luther Memorial ReCharge

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Luther Memorial Recharge is being offered based on the following observations:

- The number of people who attend Sunday morning worship continues to stagnate or fall.
- Sunday morning is filled with many other activities and events. Sunday is no longer the day of rest.
- Integrating an “inquirer of faith” into our Sunday morning worship is difficult. People who don’t even know who Jesus is or know very little about the Church could find it difficult to understand what is going on.
- Churches who play around with worship styles thinking that it will “bring people into the church” fail to realize that people are seeking a relationship with Jesus first. Connecting people to Jesus and to one another is what is most important, not the worship style, per se, but the connection that is made to the Word... to Jesus.
- Luther Memorial Church’s worship style is very meaningful and we do it very well, and to mess around with what happens on Sunday morning would be foolish and counterproductive. The Lutheran Church has wonderful theology, in that, we believe in the tension between Law and Gospel and the Theology of the Cross. We do not believe in the Prosperity Gospel and there is a deep need to continue doing what we do well.
- An opportunity to worship and connect to Jesus in a smaller community on a late Sunday afternoon could be meaningful and expand Luther Memorial’s mission to make disciples.

### Sunday

November 4, 2018

December 2, 2018

4:00-5:00pm

5:00-6:00pm

### Theme

Thanksgiving

The Return of Jesus

### Time:

Food and Fellowship

Worship

## Did You Know

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- that a student at Thiel College in financial need receives a scholarship from the Lester and Elma Nystrom Scholarship Fund. The Nystroms were members at Bethany Lutheran Church and they set up this fund to benefit future Theil students.
- that Mabel Howard, the Executive Director of the Bethany Outreach Center, sends her words of thanks for the faithful giving to Bethany’s Food Pantry. So many continue to faithfully support this ministry and so Mabel wanted to say thank you!

## Music in Worship

### Bach Cantata



The Luther Memorial Concert Series will present the first **Bach Cantata Vespers** service of the 2018-2019 season at **4:00pm** on **Sunday, November 25**. Presented at the very end of the church year, we will feature Cantata #140 (*Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme* - "Wake up, cries the watchmen's voice"). This popular cantata was written for a Sunday (27th Sunday after Trinity) in the church year that only appears on the calendar when Easter is celebrated in March - it is presented here as a transition between the "end times" of the closing church year and an important theme of Advent - "stay awake, for we don't know when the Savior will come." The central movement of the cantata is an arrangement of the "Wachet auf" chorale - originally set for men's voices and strings and later transcribed for organ by Bach. Other music will include an orchestral prelude, a choral motet and concertato settings of two hymns: "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying" and "Evening and Morning". The Luther Memorial choir will be joined by several singers from area churches and a small orchestra.

**Any Luther Memorial member is invited to participate as a singer.** The following will be available for all participants:

- Weekly rehearsals on all Sundays through November 18: 12:00 - 1:15pm;
- The last portion of our regular Thursday choir rehearsals (8:00 - 8:30) will be devoted to this music;
- Online scores and recordings are available for additional preparation;
- Refreshments and fellowship after the Sunday rehearsals.

If you would like to sing with the choir for this service, please contact Walt Gaber or any choir member and plan to attend our Sunday afternoon and/or Thursday evening rehearsals.

Whether you sing with us or not, please tell your family and friends about this service and plan to attend for the music, worship and fellowship.

### Irresistibly Delicious

Mouthwatering desserts without the fuss! Top off your meal with a delicious dessert and order your holiday pies and cookie dough. Straight from Stanganelli's they are always guaranteed to hit the spot! Proceeds benefit our youth.

**Our youth will be accepting orders through Sunday, November 4.**

**Pick up at church: Sunday, November 18**



Cookie Dough (5 varieties)	\$15 (2.75 lb.)
Cheesecakes (3 varieties)	\$15 (21 oz.)
Pies (10 varieties)	\$13-\$15 (10")



### Christmas Ham Sale

Be sure to order a delicious Smith ham to make your Christmas meal complete. Proceeds benefit our youth. Order forms are located at the hospitality tables or order from any youth member.



**Orders taken through Sunday, December 9**

**Ham Delivery: Sunday, December 16**

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

### Poinsettia Order Form



As we prepare to celebrate during the Christmas season, we also remember friends and loved ones with poinsettias for the chancel. Poinsettias this year will be \$7.00 each for a 6 1/2" poinsettia. **To place an order, please return the completed form, with proper remittance, to the church office by Sunday, December 9.** Thank you.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HELP DELIVER POINSETTIAS TO OUR HOME-BOUND.

IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP, PLEASE CHECK THE SPACE PROVIDED ON THE ORDER FORM.

\_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) in memory of:

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

\_\_\_\_\_ Plant(s) in honor of:

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# Plants Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ X \$7.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

(Please make checks payable to Luther Memorial Church)

\_\_\_\_\_ WILL TAKE ORDER

\_\_\_\_\_ GIVE TO SHUT-INS

\_\_\_\_\_ WILL HELP DELIVER PLANTS TO SHUT-INS

### St. Lucia Festival

*Santa Lucia*



Once again, we are eagerly anticipating the annual St. Lucia Festival. Rehearsals will begin in November and all youth and young children are invited to participate in this traditional Swedish program. All rehearsals will be held at 11:45am for approximately one hour in the main church.

Sunday, November 18

Sunday, November 25

Sunday, December 2

Sunday, December 9

Please join us Sunday, December 9 at 4:00pm for this beautiful annual celebration.

All participants are asked to be at the church by 3:00pm to prepare for the program.

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**

Sunday, November 4

Remember to set your clocks back one hour



## Kids for Kids

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*Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain*

A smile, a hug, holding the door; every act of kindness is appreciated. There are those among us in our school and at Luther Memorial Church that are in need, and we hope to make their Christmas brighter.

Our Kids for Kids collection will begin soon, and all donations will be used to purchase gifts for families of Luther Memorial and LMA in need this Christmas. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please drop this off in the church office or place in the offering plate marked "Kids for Kids". Our Luther Memorial Youth will be working with coordinators, Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski and Pastor Coleman to bring some extra Christmas joy to families.



## Monastery of the Heart

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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, November 20

**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

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In the mood for knitting or crocheting some nice and warm? This sure is the time of year for it. Our Magic Fingers Grace Group meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month to knit, crochet, embroider or a favorite craft of your own. Bring your project and join us for a terrific morning with friends. If you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet, we'd love to show you. We hope to see you on Tuesday, November 13 and 27, at 10:00am.

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

## OWLS ~ Older, Wiser Lutherans

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**molto buona**



Where do you go for molto buona, very good, Italian cuisine? Serafini's, of course!  
Join the OWLS for a wonderful meal and fellowship.

**Wednesday, November 14**

Serafini's Restaurant, 2642 West 12<sup>th</sup> Street

**11:30am**

Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes (454-0106, ext. 233) or the church office by Friday, November 9.  
OWLS meet the third Wednesday of each month.

## Women of the ELCA

### Tuesday Evening Circle

### Deborah Circle

Wednesday, November 6  
7:00pm - Parlor

All women are invited to join us

If you have questions about our women's group, please contact Pat Young at 455-7736



Tuesday, November 6  
6:30pm

For more information, contact Judy Johnson at 833-4600

### “Stuffing the Stockings”

Christmas Stockings for the residents of Warren State Hospital will be filled with special goodies during our November 6 meeting. Please bring all items for the stockings to our meeting on November 6. Thank you to all who donated items to make this Christmas a little more special.



### “Thankoffering”



Our “Thankoffering” boxes, which go to the national Women of the ELCA office, are due by the November 6 meeting. If you did not bring your “Thankoffering” to the October General Meeting, please bring to the November meeting, drop it off in the church office or give to Pat Young. Thank you.

### 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.

### November Birthday Celebrations for Our Sunshine Members:

SHIRLEY LAWSON 11/2  
531 Crotty Drive Ext.  
Erie, PA 16511

MIKE DANIELS 11/9  
213 Boston Store Place  
Erie, PA 16501



LORETTA DEEDS 11/14  
6 West Metcalf  
Erie, PA 16508



## HIPPA and the Church

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So what does HIPAA have to do with our faith communities? Most of us can remember the days when the minister announced at the beginning of the service who was in the hospital and some even told what was wrong with them! Gone are those days, because HIPAA has changed things.

What do the letters HIPAA represent?

- H-Health
- I-Insurance
- P-Portability
- A-Accountability
- A-Act

This policy became a law in 1996 but it became more apparent after 2003 when administration policies and procedures went into effect. The original intent of this legislation was to protect patient confidentiality in relation to information recorded, transmitted or electronically stored.

There are some misconceptions about how privacy laws apply to ministries. One article I read stated "Even though HIPAA does not apply to churches, the church should ensure the privacy of its members out of respect to them". HIPAA does apply to churches because we care for our members whether they are well or ill and have to respect their wishes of privacy.

Do the rules apply to hospital or home visits? Do they apply to prayer lists? How do they affect the Faith Community Nurse depending on if they are paid or a volunteer?

The local hospitals have recently become stricter about churches finding out if members are in the hospital. When we call we have to know the name of the member. So what does this mean for you as LMC members? If you or a family member has a planned or unplanned admission and you WANT Pastor or me to visit, you MUST call the church and let us know. Otherwise, we won't be able to visit and provide you with spiritual care during your hospital stay. This also applies to long term care and rehabilitation facilities. We do realize that some people do not want visitors and we certainly will respect your privacy.

The Faith Community Nurse is a Registered or Licensed Practical Nurse, and they have to maintain the usual standards of professional confidentiality and, therefore, must follow the HIPAA regulations. This sometimes can be difficult for the FCN because we are all friends and we share many things, but unless the patient has given us permission, we cannot share their medical information.

Our prayer list is also affected by HIPAA. We have a very active prayer list and group of people praying, and we don't want that to change. It is an important part of the caring congregation of Luther Memorial. Our prayer group has a specific list that includes the name, the reason, and who put them on the list that we use for our prayers. We go over this list about every 6 weeks to update who is being kept on and who can be removed. We also have included updates about the person's illness or problems. We will only continue to do that if we have the permission of the person on the list.

Here are some guidelines:

- If you are putting a person on the list and that person doesn't know, we will just put their name on the bulletin list and the prayer group list with no reason.
- If the person knows they are being added, ask them if they want to include the reason on the prayer group list. That is considered giving verbal or email permission to share the reason with the prayer group, Pastor and the church secretary.
- Please communicate to us how long you want the person on the list or let us know later when we can remove them.
- According to HIPAA we shouldn't record a lot of details about their illness or other problems. And anyway, GOD knows what their specific needs of body, mind and spirit are for help and healing.

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HIPAA and the Church, cont'd:

Even though HIPAA does not specifically mention faith communities we need to ensure the privacy of our members out of respect for them. We need to balance our commitment to pray and live in community with one another with a desire to respect their privacy. I also have to add that if you want to share your illness, blood pressure, or any other medical information with each other then go right ahead. HIPAA can't control our friendships and how we interact with each other.

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

References:

- HIPAA, Privacy and Care of Church Members; Webster, Jonathan, DMin, BCC. Oct. 2013
- Some Not All Ministries Are Subject To HIPAA Requirements; [www.brotherhoodmutual.com/resources](http://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/resources)
- HIPAA and the Parish Nurse; Schnorr, Marcia RN, EdD, Parish Nurse Coordinator, LCMS Health Ministries



Have you had your blood pressure checked lately?  
Stop in the library on Sunday, November 11 and get yours checked by our parish nurses.

## Youth & Family Events

### Christmas Extravaganza

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Our Luther Memorial youth in grades 7-12 look forward to the excitement of the Christmas Extravaganza every year. We look forward to sharing the joy of the Christmas season as we help others.



**Friday, November 30 5:30pm - 10:30pm**

5:30 - 6:30pm	Registration at Ci-Ci's Restaurant (Harborcreek on Buffalo Road) Cost: \$5 per person
7:00 - 8:00pm	Shopping at WalMart (Harborcreek on Buffalo Road)
9:00 - 10:00pm	Return to Luther Memorial for Gift Wrapping and Ice Cream
10:00pm	Parents Pick Up Youth

**Add it to your Christmas schedule and RSVP to Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Prylinski or the church office by Wednesday, November 21.**

### Bethany Storytime Program

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This 6-week program for children ages 3 - 10 includes reading stories, doing crafts and other educational activities with them. It is held on Saturdays, from 10:00am - 12:00 noon, October 6 - November 10 at the Bethany Outreach Center, 254 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

- Volunteer: If you would like to help our children with this program on any Saturday (Oct. 6 - Nov. 10), please contact Eric Hedlund by email at [eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org](mailto:eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org) or by phone at 814-898-1233.



## Military Care Packages

**Military Care Packages** will be sent to our servicemen and women for Christmas. Donations and cards may be placed in the marked boxes in the parlor area. Homemade cookies may be dropped off in the church office, marked "military". Monetary donations are appreciated to help with the shipping cost. Please help us support our troops with some gifts from home and prayers for their safe return. **Donations are accepted Sunday, October 14 – Sunday, November 18.**

Tuna packets	Sunscreen		Cracker packs with peanut butter, cheese & cracker packets
Beef Jerky / Slim Jim	Lip balm		Cookie packs (OREO, etc)
Cereal mixes (oatmeal, crème of wheat)	Moisturizer lotions		Nuts
Any instant items (must be microwavable)	Deodorant (preferably Gillette for Men; it doesn't melt in transit)		Pretzel packs (snack packs of any kind)
Protein Drink Mixes (Propell /Gatorade that can mix in the water bottles, etc.)	Disposable razors (Gillette Mach 3 & cartridges)		Gum
Oodles of Noodles, Ramen	Shaving cream		Candy (careful of chocolate; it can melt in transit)
Noodles	Gel Shoe Insoles		Snack items in packs
Breakfast bars, etc.	Foot spray & Foot Powder (Gold Bond)		Hot sauce packets
Homemade goods / Rice Krispy Treats	Body soap		Peanut Butter in plastic jars
Baby Wipes / Wet Ones	Socks – White, Green, or Black		Jelly in plastic jars
Q-tips	Toothpaste		Crackers
Shampoo (liquid and dry)	Dental floss		Magazines (sports, boating, hunting, Birds in Bloom, fishing)
	Toothbrushes		

**Monetary gifts will also help with the mailings**

## Supporting our Veterans

Contributions are being gathered for care packages which will be donated to the VA Hospital in Erie for Christmas. Our Christmas gifts will be delivered to the Men's Fifth Floor Unit. **Donations may be dropped off Sunday, October 14 – Sunday, December 2.** Please contact Jan MacInnes, 833-0476, or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221, with any questions.

### NEW CLOTHING FOR MEN:

- Short Sleeve Colored Tees: size Medium to XXXL (NO white tees)
- Elastic Waistband Sweatpants / no draw string: size Medium to XXXL, XL (4 needed), XXL (5 needed)
- Flannel Lounge Pants: size Medium to XXXL
- Colored Crew Sweatshirts: size Medium to XXXL (NO white ones), XXXL (4 needed)
- Hoodeis with Zip Front XL (4 needed), XXL (5 needed)

### COMFORT ITEMS/PERSONAL HYGIENE FOR MEN:

- Brut, English Leather, Old Spice Aftershave
- Large boxes of Kleenex

- Gillette razors or other name brand disposable razors; NOT generic
- Travel Size: Body wash/Body Lotion, Deodorant (non-aerosol), Shampoo, Shaving cream
- AXE Deodorant & Body wash
- Denture cleaning tablets
- Dental Cream
- Baby Wipes
- Toothbrushes – Soft to Medium bristles
- Combs, Hairbrushes
- Nail Clippers, Emery Boards
- Hand Sanitizer Lotion
- Small Mouthwash

### OTHER ITEMS:

- Relaxation CD's: Piano, nature; soothing music

- Sketch Pads, Pens, Large Print Word Search Books, Easy Crossword Books

### FOOD ITEMS (Please be sure all food items are NOT expired):

- Peanut Butter Crackers (small packs)
- Ho-Ho's, Twinkies/chocolate
- Hersey chocolate bars (small bars)
- Hot cocoa packs/regular & sugar free

### GIFT CARDS :

- Wal-Mart, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Dollar Tree (to pick up personal items or snacks)
- Cracker Barrel/they go monthly

Thank you to everyone for their donations for the Veterans in our local VA Medical Center. It is so good that we can bring a little sunshine and joy into their lives and let them know we care.



**September 2018 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>
September 2	45	94		0	139
September 9	28	180	34	3	245
September 16	29	127		21	177
September 23	54	328		5	387
September 30	30	155		23	208

**BAPTISMS:** THAXTON, WYATT THEODORE - Born: August 15, 2018 / Baptized: September 16, 2018 / Parents: Katherine & Daniel Thaxton.

**FUNERALS:** None recorded.

**MEMORIALS:**

REICHARD, RITA - FROM: Judie Harrison-Means

**HONORARIUM**

GUSTAFSON, LYNNETTE & PAUL - FROM:

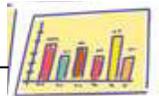
Diane & Bob Banks      Patricia Boyd

**LETTER OF TRANSFER:** None received.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ~ SEPTEMBER 9, 2018:**

We welcome all those that have joined us from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

**WEDDINGS:** GUSTAFSON, PAUL AND DONNELLY, LYNNETTE - Wedding: Friday, September 28, 2018 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

**October 2018 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>
October 7	25	148	53	22	248
October 14	27	131		14	172
October 21	37	138		12	187
October 28	37	215			252

**BAPTISMS:** None recorded.

**FUNERALS:** YOUNG, ROBERT - Date of Death: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 / Date of Funeral: Monday, October 8, 2018 / Pastor William E. Coleman co-officiating.

**SCHAAL, WILLIAM A., SR.** - Date of Death: Thursday, October 4, 2018 / Date of Funeral: Monday, October 8, 2018 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

**SANKO, LINDA** - Date of Death: Saturday, October 6, 2018 / Date of Funeral: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

**MCDERMOTT, BARBARA** - Date of Death: Saturday, October 6, 2018 / Date of Funeral: Thursday, October 11, 2018 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

**MEMORIALS:**

**SCHAAL, WILLIAM A.** - FROM:

Pat Young                      Colleen McCarthy & Dan Hill  
Jan & Skip MacInnes      Joanne Dahlstrand  
Carolyn & Bob Carlson      Barbara Dauer  
Cheryl Brown                Mary Louise & Don Zone

Judy & Stephen Taylor      Wilda Sundberg  
Traffic Club of Erie          Jane & John Tell  
Linda & Jim Thompson      Becky & Paul Anderson  
Judy & Frank Liebenritt      Diane & Bob Banks  
Janet & David Hubler        Carolyn Eisenberg  
Marilyn Rositer & Ed Hokaj    D. Garth & Petty Hetz  
Mary & Robert Martter       Carol & Tom Tupitza  
Knox McLaughlin Gornall & Sennett, P.C.  
UPMC Hamot Breast Imaging Center

**YOUNG, ROBERT** - FROM: Joanne Dahlstrand

**LUNDGREN, MARIAN** - FROM: Joanne Dahlstrand

**SANKO, LINDA** - FROM: Dorothy Youngman

**HONORARIUM**

GUSTAFSON, LYNNETTE & PAUL - FROM: Pat Young

**LETTER OF TRANSFER:** None recorded.

**NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:** None recorded.

**WEDDINGS:** None recorded.

## October Council Minutes

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1. **Opening:** Devotions were led by Jack Tell.
2. **Minutes:** The minutes of the September 2018 Council meeting were reviewed and accepted unanimously.
3. **Treasurer's Report:** Greg Kern reviewed the Treasurer's Report and this was accepted unanimously.
4. **Health Insurance:** On motion, it was unanimous that the health insurance be renewed through UPMC for the upcoming year.
5. **Thompson Building Committee:** Discussion was held regarding the formation of a committee in order to manage the Thompson Building as we move forward. Multiple items will be reviewed by this committee. Pastor will speak with Attorney Tupitza regarding any liability issues and how to structure a committee around the management of the LLC.
6. **Morlin Incorporated:** Pastor discussed a recent gift received and wanted council to be aware of the generosity of the church members.
7. **Hotel Purchase Committee:** The hotel owner has verbally agreed to the offer. The owner asked to remain in the hotel until end of January; the hotel committee expressed concern about potential liability for someone remaining in the property. Currently, the two attorneys are working out a resolution. Hoping to receive a signed agreement this week and a congregational council meeting for October 28 or November 4.
8. **Human Trafficking Seminar:** Pat Bellingham mentioned this seminar scheduled for October 24 at 5:30 for those who would like to become involved in the work being done by the W/ELCA committee.
9. **Upcoming Council Meetings:** Tuesday, November 13 and Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00pm.

## November Birthday Celebrations:

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Rosanne Braine	11/2	Xavier Spaulding	11/10	Hunter Scott	11/21
Louella Januleski	11/2	Ty Galloway	11/11	Casey Hedlund	11/22
Kathy Kraut	11/2	Elliot Lang	11/11	Nancy Lintelman	11/22
Shirley Lawson	11/2	John Laver, IV	11/11	Joseph Mehs	11/22
Mike Weber	11/2	Kelly Pancurak	11/11	Kathryn Muhanna	11/22
Bill Allamon	11/3	Olivia Kallner	11/12	Elena Arnold	11/24
Kristen Botelho	11/3	Chester Schaal	11/12	Kayton Kern	11/24
Jennifer Gaeta	11/5	Shawn Stroup, I	11/13	Megan Silvis	11/24
Sylvia Johnson	11/5	Laura Bossart	11/14	Kristiane Thomas	11/24
Tim Young	11/5	Loretta Deeds	11/14	Maddox Ambrose	11/25
Bill Coleman	11/6	Kathleen Stenger	11/14	Shelley Cimino	11/25
Landon DeDionisio	11/6	Harold Downey	11/15	Bob Collins	11/25
Jason Flood	11/6	Jonathan Gaber	11/15	Matt Flowers	11/25
Kelley Lang	11/6	Maria Brown	11/16	Norma Laird	11/25
John Tell	11/7	Jeffrey Carlson	11/16	Gary Parsons	11/25
Christian Wolf	11/7	Rob Benacci	11/17	Rose Carey	11/26
Anthony Cimino, Jr.	11/8	Angela Duran	11/17	Jane Sundberg	11/27
Emma Coleman	11/8	Bea Leemhuis	11/17	Bryan Young	11/27
Linda Ditz	11/8	Catherine Snider	11/17	Barbara Chaffee	11/28
Stan Rose	11/8	Emily Symes	11/17	Jennifer Ditullio	11/28
Sue Belott	11/9	Taylor Thomas	11/17	Addison Foutz	11/28
Benjamin Botelho	11/9	Mitchell Boyd	11/18	Daniel Hackenberg	11/28
Mike Daniels	11/9	Matthew Snider	11/18	Maxwell Spaulding	11/28
Richelle Denning	11/9	Savanna Wolfram	11/19	Patrick Brown	11/29
Morgan Bossart	11/10	Addison Botelho	11/21	Sara Narusewicz	11/30
Grant Schirmer	11/10	Cecelia Muhanna	11/21		



# Luther Memorial Academy

## Designer Purse Bingo

**Sunday, November 4**  
 Perry Hi-way Hose Company  
 8281 Oliver Road  
 Doors Open: 3:00pm  
 Bingo: 4:00 - 7:00pm  
 Admission: \$30



Support LMA and enjoy the afternoon with friends while playing for fabulous purses from the designer names you love! Cash only event - BYOB and snacks.

Get your Bingo fix - 16 games, Bingo dauber and light refreshments included!

Tickets available in the school office. Have some fun at the Chinese auction, 50/50 and small games of chance.

## Middle School Eerie Field Trip



On Friday, October 12 Luther Memorial Academy middle school students went on a spooky local field trip. They toured three historical sites in Erie - the Erie Cemetery, the Watson Curtze Mansion, and Union Station. Students were able to get a taste of Erie's history through these insightful tours. A highlight of the excursion was a tour of the underground tunnels beneath Union Station.

## LMA Sunday Contributions



Thank you to everyone who donated to Luther Memorial Academy on LMA Sunday, September 23, 2018. These contributions are so very important to helping us continue our educational mission in the Erie community. It is also a testament to the generosity of the Luther Memorial family.

A special thanks to Bob and Diane Banks for underwriting the cost of a new world globe for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and a donation by Pat Young to subsidize school office supplies expenses. We are also appreciative to the anonymous donors who gave funds for graphic novels for the school library. Every donation is important and appreciated!

## Lion's Roar

A *Lion's Roar* goes out to Pastor Brian and Jane Moran for reviewing many books and resources in our school and church libraries and donating the proceeds of the sale of items no longer needed to our school library.



## Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held the week of November 5.

**Early Dismissal:** Thursday, November 8 at 11:30am.  
After School Program will not be held.

**School will be closed:**  
Friday, November 9



## Erie Philharmonic

All grades will be treated to this special concert presented by the Erie Philharmonic:

**Thursday, November 15**  
10:00am  
Warner Theater  
No Charge



## Walking Taco Lunches



Energy for the rest of your afternoon; a walking taco. Taco lunches are offered to the students during specified Friday dates. 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.

Our next Walking Taco lunch will be Friday, November 30.

## Thanksgiving Feast

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**Wednesday, November 21**

Feast: 11:00am

Dismissal: 12:00 noon

Our entire school and invited guests will join together in fellowship hall to give thanks and enjoy a delicious Thanksgiving meal. This tradition has been taking place since 1977.

A lion's roar goes out to **Annette Stover** who will chair this yearly PTL event. We also give a lion's roar to **Mr. and Mrs. McAfee** who contribute to the cost of this feast and roast the turkeys all night for our students and invited guests to enjoy. This feast is a way that we are able to say thank you to the people who have made our school great.

Please contact Annette Stover at 440-2494 or the school office if you are able to help, as volunteers are always needed.

**Dismissal will be at 12:00 noon on November 21. After-School Program will not be held.**

**Enjoy your Thanksgiving vacation. Classes will resume Tuesday, November 27.**

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## Thanksgiving Vacation

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation!

**Dismissal:** Wednesday, November 21 at 12:00 noon

**School will be closed:** Thursday, November 22 – Monday, November 26

**Classes resume:** Tuesday, November 27



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## Great Stocking Stuffers

Pick up a sweet treat in the school office and put a smile on their face!

**Pulakos Candy Bars - only \$1**



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## Kids for Kids



*Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see. Mark Twain*

Our LMA students express kindness every day in many ways. A smile, a hug, holding the door; every act of kindness is appreciated. There are those among us in our school and at Luther Memorial Church that are in need, and we hope to make their Christmas brighter.

Small cloth bags will be sent home with each student on **Thursday, November 1**, and we hope they return filled with coins and bills knowing that someone's Christmas will be brighter because of the kindness you have shown. All monies will be used to provide Christmas for those in need in our school and church family. It is requested that the bags be returned to the school office by **Monday, November 19**. The Youth Group will use this money to do the necessary shopping for families on Friday, November 30.

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## Christmas Fair Preparations



The air has a bit of a chill to it and we've already seen some elves scampering about. That means preparations are underway for our annual Christmas Fair. All grades will have the opportunity to shop for family and friends during our Christmas Fair on Thursday, December 6 and Friday, December 7.

There's always some extra excitement as students in each grade have a chance to win a prize basket as well.

Volunteers are needed to help students with shopping at the Fair and donations of gift bags would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Tracy Heutsche at 392-4608 with any questions. Thank you.

## NOVEMBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	2 6:30pm Club 50	3 10:00am Legos 
4 <i>All Saint's Sunday</i> 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth class 9:15/11:30am Autumn Coffee Hour 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 1:00pm VASA 4:00pm ReCharge Service Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 LMA Parent/Teacher Conferences throughout week 	6 <i>Election Day</i>  7:00pm W/ELCA	7 5:30pm Super Wednesday 7:15pm Worship & Music	8 11:30am LMA Dismissal 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	9 LMA Closed	10 10:00am Legos 6:00pm Confirmation Class/St. John
11 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth class 11:30am Blood Pressures 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal	12	13 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 7:00pm Council 7:00pm PIAA Board	14 11:30am OWLS/Serafini's 2:45pm School Board/Teacher Meeting 6:00pm Pastor's Book Club	15 10:00am LMA to Erie Philharmonic 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm LCBA Meeting 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir 	16	17 10:00am Legos
18 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:45am New Member Class 11:45am St. Lucia Rehearsal 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal Stanganelli Delivery Ham Sale Begins	19 6:00pm Bach Orchestra Rehearsal	20 11:00am Monastery of the Heart 6:00pm Bach Orchestra Rehearsal	21 11:00am LMA Thanksgiving Feast 12:00pm LMA Dismissal	22 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> School & Church Offices Closed 	23 School & Church Offices Closed	24 8:00am Bach Rehearsal
25 <i>Christ the King</i> 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth class 11:45am St Lucia Rehearsal 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 4:00pm Bach Cantata & Reception	26 LMA Closed 	27 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group	28 12:00pm School Board	29 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	30 5:30pm Youth Event	