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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)

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MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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I love the season of Autumn, although I increasingly do not welcome the longer parts of winter, yet, the season of Autumn fits well with our Christian

theology that things in this world change and die. It's rather sad to know this to be true, and so the community of Luther Memorial Church and Academy stands together facing change and death, as we do something which does not come natural to us these days... remain faithful to the Lord and to this community. We remain faithful so that we may give, but also receive, for who knows when our independent lives come crashing down around us. As one of the many leaders within this ministry I feel called to call us back into community so that we may move forward together, and to know for what we work for here is the Gospel for all to hear and to receive with grateful hearts.

In a moment of encouragement and challenge, I will reaffirm the need to continue to faithfully make our offerings to the Lord in community so that we may do all the things the Lord wants us to do for our neighbors. You will note in this newsletter a stewardship update for 2019, and also the call to make a financial commitment for 2020. Those commitments will be received in worship on Christ the King Sunday, November 24. These commitment forms may also be mailed to the church and will be received through the season of Advent. I thank you in advance for your prayerful giving and continued commitment to this ministry. I would also ask you to consider attending Super Wednesday on November 6. The details are within, but it's special because of our simple meal, faith conversations and prayer for all ages.

Finally, I am encouraged in my faith through our Word and Sacrament ministry and through my face to face interactions with you. I am hopeful for our futures together, and I rejoice at the many wonderful ways you continue to give here and beyond. As you read through this newsletter, read it slowly and really notice the ways in which you make the world a better place.

All Saints' Sunday - November 3



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 Sunday, November 3 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:

ALAN JOHNSON JAIME ROBLES **ELEANOR MAAS** DORIS COONEY SHIRLEY WOLFE MARLENE HARBAUGH ROSE WEBER KATHLEEN CANCILLA CHET BATTERSBY

IOAN RAGEN RICHARD JAY HOLLY STEPHAN Debra Howard EDWINA GESLER ALICE BATTERSBY NANCY MILLER IIM ARNOLD **JOHN MORIARTY** HAROLD DOWNEY **IOHN SWENSON JOSEPH MONTERO** GREG MICHEL GLORIA ASHBY **JANICE MULDER** NORMAN LEE LILLIE BROWN

MARLENE HARBAUGH BARB REESE **ARTHUR JOHNSON** LORETTA NIEMI RICHARD SEIDEL HILDEGARD HOWER **ELEANORE UGLOW** JANE RIDDLE KENT SMITH

BRADLEY SCHLECHT EVELYN MICHAEL

Member Outreach Ministry (MOM)



As chair of the St Matthew's Endowment Committee of Luther Memorial Church, I would like to explain a new category that we have added to our distribution of funds. We are calling it MOM (Member Outreach Ministry).

We are asking members of the LMC community to seek out those in need who might not know help is available or may be reluctant to ask for or accept help. Members can request funds in any amount up to \$500.00 to satisfy an immediate need. The Endowment Committee will be given sole commitment authority by a unanimous vote and direct the Church Council Treasurer to distribute the required funds.

If you would like to submit a request you can contact me, Jean McMillin, Pastor Coleman or any of the committee members - Casey Hedlund, Don Tatar, Gina Sims and John Vali. There will also be Financial Support Request Forms available that can be completed and forwarded to the church office.

We want to empower the LMC family to identify and offer help to someone who may be struggling or dealing with situations where a little outside help can make a difference.

Autumn Coffee Hour

Please join us in the parlor on Sunday, November 5 following our 8:15 and 10:30 worship services to enjoy fellowship and a special Autumn Coffee Hour provided by our Congregational Life Committee.



Soup & Salad Luncheon

Sunday, November 17 11:30am Fellowship Hall



Stop down to fellowship hall for delicious homemade soup along with salad and spend some time with friends.

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

Stay healthy - blood pressure screenings will also be offered by our parish nurses.

Ministry Commitment Sunday



Luther Memorial will celebrate *Commitment Sunday* on November 24 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 24. Taking the time to make a commitment really helps Luther

Memorial's budgeting process, and more importantly allows us to recommit your lives to 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.

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MY COMMITMENT TO GOD THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH - YEAR 2020

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	
\$	Total () Weekly () Monthly	
Name		
Address		

Please return this commitment to Luther Memorial on Sunday, November 24. Consider making a copy of this pledge and place in your bible.

Stewardship Update for 2019

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 for your current and future giving.

Total Budgeted Giving for the Year of 2019 \$345,883 Actual Giving through 9/30/2019 \$205,385 Remaining Giving Needed for Oct., Nov., Dec. 2019 \$140,498









Please note that last year at this time, the remaining giving needed for the months of October, November and December 2018 was \$99,214, so we are prayerful that we may continue to be blessed by your giving over the remaining months of 2019.

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 New Members Received 10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary

November 17, 2019

December 1, 2019

Christian Education

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

Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship 11/9/2019 Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship 12/14/2019

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
11/3/2019	Jesus in Conversation with Three Women: A Relational Prophet
11/10/2019	The Prophets - Hosea
11/17/2019	The Final Judgement - What the Bible Doesn't Say About Eternal Punishment
11/24/2019	The Prophets - Isaiah

Super Wednesday



your calendars:

Super Wednesday is at it again on November 6. Join us at 5:30pm for a great 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! Add our Super Wednesday dates to

December 4, 2019, February 5, 2020, (Season of Lent: March 4, March 11, March 18, March 25 and April 1, 2020)

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



Luther Memorial Church will provide Acolyte Training on Sunday, November 3, immediately following the 10:30am church service. Youth participation makes our worship services very meaningful. Please encourage your child to help serve the Lord and share their gifts within this community.



Bethany Storytime Fall 2019

Bethany Storytime began Saturday, October 12. 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 10:00 am - Noon through November 16 at the Bethany Outreach Center, 254 East 10th Street

Volunteer: If you would like to help our children with this program on any Saturday through November 16, please contact Eric Hedlund by email at eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org or by phone at 814-898-1233.



Music Ministry

Bach Cantata Vespers



On **November 10 at 4:00 pm**, the LM Concert Series will present our next **Bach Cantata Vespers**. We will perform J. S. Bach's Cantata #99 - *Was Gott tut, das ist wohlgetan* ("*What God does, that is done well*" - *LBW 410 -"What E'er God Does is Right"*) written for the 15th Sunday after Trinity in 1724. Three of Mozart's "Church Sonatas" for string orchestra and organ will be performed for the prelude. The gospel reading includes the "Our Father" which we will sing using a translation of Luther's versified catechism on that text.

The nine verses of the hymn will be interspersed with instrumental music on the chorale tune chosen by Luther. Please join us for this evening of worship and fine music as we celebrate our Lutheran heritage with two chorales that should be sung more often. Invite your friends and family and stay for the reception and fellowship afterwards that have become a fixture of these events.

Sing With Us



The Luther Memorial choir will begin rehearsing Advent and Christmas music on Thursday, November 14. As usual, we will sin g for all the Sundays of Advent, the annual St. Lucia Festival and the Christmas Eve services. This would be an ideal time to try out singing in our choir - a six week commitment, seasonal music and an opportunity to enrich your Advent preparation and Christmas celebrations. In addition to the

joy of singing at this time of year, there are at least two extra bonuses - you will view the Christmas Eve candle lighting from the balcony and you will be invited to attend our annual Christmas choir party!

Luther Memorial ReCharge - Sunday, November 3

We invite you to gather with us for a wonderful dinner, fellowship and activities at 4:00pm in the parlor. The main dish and beverages will be provided; you are welcome to bring a dish to share. Contemporary worship service will be held at 5:00pm in the "upper room"; 5th floor. Bring your family and friends to enjoy this very special time together.



Sunday Theme

November 3, 2019 Looking for Jesus

December 1, 2019 The Sudden Coming of the Son of Man

Time:

4:00pm to 5:00pm Food and Fellowship

5:00pm to 6:00pm Worship

Kids for Kids



Kind hearts are the gardens. Kind thoughts are the roots. Kind words are the blossoms. Kind deeds are the fruits. Kindness is shown is so many ways at Luther Memorial Church and Academy. During the holiday season it is our hope to make Christmas brighter for those among us in need.

Our Kids for Kids collection is underway, 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.

St Matthew's Foundation Giving

Through the vision of St. Matthew's Church it was decided to set up a Foundation to provide monies for those in need within the congregation, those locally and throughout the world. When St. Matthew's merged with Luther Memorial last September a significant amount of their assets were restricted to be used for the Foundation. That restricted amount was approximately \$438,346. A committee of five members has developed the framework for that giving, and it is expected that 4% of the restricted fund will be distributed on an annual basis. The distribution categories and percentages are as follows: Local Outreach 20%; ELCA, Synod, Church-wide Ministries 20%; Discretionary Support to Programs or Capital Needs 20%; Member Outreach Ministry (MOM) 40%. Listed below are the distributions as recommended by the St. Matthew's Foundation Committee and approved by the Church Council.

Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County				
Holy Trinity Pasta Kitchen				
AMMPARO	\$2,307			
(Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy)				
Crime Victims Center	\$1,154			
Upper Room	\$1,154			
Luther Memorial Church Family	\$ 500			
Total	\$7,423			



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 attend 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 or visit the church website to begin giving electronically.
- 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.

Kenneth Snider Car Cruise Giving

In gratitude for the life and ministry of Kenneth Snider, these following amounts were given to these organizations in order to make our community a better place. Thanks be to God!

Inter-Church Ministries of Erie County	\$	300
Bethesda	\$	300
ELCA World Hunger	\$	300
LMA Family in Need Fund	\$	207
ServErie	\$	300
Shriners Hospitals for Children	\$	500
Total	\$1	,907



On Sunday, July 21 the Car Cruise was held at Luther Memorial Church. This event was previously held at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, as Ken was a faithful member at that congregation.

Did You Know . . .



- that vases from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church were just recently refurbished to be used on Sunday morning in addition to the current vases that we use from the former Bethany Lutheran Church. A special thanks to Les Fobes for getting the vases refurbished and his continued attention to integrating those special items into our ministry.
- that Luther Memorial Church received \$3,698.62 from the estate of Marian H. Lundgren. Marian was a faithful member at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We give thanks for Marian's faithful life and we ask God for direction on how to use Marian's giving in a faithful way.

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 ½" poinsettia. **To place an order, please return the completed form, with proper remittance, to the church office by Sunday, December 8.** 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:
From: _	
	Plant(s) in honor of:
From:	
	# 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



Each year we look forward to the Annual St. Lucia Fest which begins our holiday season. 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 17 Sunday, November 24 Sunday, December 1 Sunday, December 8

Please join us Sunday, December 8 at 4:00pm for this wonderful holiday celebration.

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

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 3



Remember to set your clocks back one hour

P. A. D.



P.A.D is Peripheral Artery Disease. It is a disease in which plaque builds up in arteries that carry blood to your head, organs and limbs. Plaque, a waxy substance, is made up of fat, cholesterol, calcium, fibrous tissue and other substances in the blood. When plaque builds up in the arteries, the condition is called atherosclerosis. Over time the plaque can harden and narrow the arteries limiting flow of oxygen rich blood to your extremities

and organs.

Symptoms affecting your extremities may include: intermittent claudication which include pain and numbness, aching or heaviness in the leg muscles and leg pain when walking or climbing steps; weak or absent pulses in the legs or feet; pale or bluish color skin; cool or cold temperature of your skin; poor nail growth or decreased hair growth on the legs; sores or wounds on the toes, feet or legs that heal slowly or not at all.

This disease may start if certain factors damage the inner lining of the arteries. These risk factors are: smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol, stroke, heart disease, aging and diabetes. When damage occurs, the body starts a healing process. We all think the healing process is good, but in this case it may cause plaque to build up where the arteries are damaged. Sometimes a section of plaque can break open causing a blood clot to form at the site. All of this severely narrows or blocks the artery.

How is this condition diagnosed? It starts with a good history and physical by your health care provider. Tell them if you have any of the symptoms and risk factors mentioned. You must tell them if you smoke! Talk to them about your diet and family history of heart or blood disease.

During the exam the doctor will check the blood flow in your legs for weak or absent pulses. A stethoscope may be used to determine if an artery is open. They may take your blood pressure in each leg as the pressure in the affected limb will be lower. If the doctor determines you may have P.A.D., you will be referred to a vascular specialist. There are other tests that determine the severity of the disease and most of them are non-invasive.

The treatments for P.A.D include heart-healthy lifestyle changes, medications and procedures or surgery. The important life-style changes are: quitting smoking, heart healthy eating and physical activity.

The goals of treating P.A.D. early include reducing the risk of heart attack and stroke, reducing symptoms of claudication, improving mobility and overall quality of life and preventing complications. Without treatment this disease may progress, resulting in serious tissue damage causing sores or gangrene (tissue death) due to inadequate blood flow. If this condition is serious, bypass grafting, angioplasty and stent placement or atherectomy (removal of the plaque) may be necessary.

You can live with P.A.D. and try to keep it from progressing. Talk with your health care provider if you are experiencing any of the symptoms mentioned. A supervised exercise program may help reduce symptoms. It is important to check our feet and toes regularly for sores or infection and maintain good foot and skin hygiene. Our skin is our largest organ and our first line of defense against infection. I have seen signs in doctor offices to remove your socks and shoes if you have diabetes. I think it should also be done if you have P.A.D., heart disease or stroke history.

Heart healthy life style changes can help prevent not only P.A.D., but also heart disease, heart attack and stroke. We are not going to live forever but let's try to be healthy while God keeps us here on earth. And with November being the month of Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God for all the blessings he gives us.

Blessings, Linda Graffius, RN Faith Community Nurse

Resources; The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute; www.nhlbi.nih.gov.

Women of the ELCA

Tuesday Evening Circle

Deborah Circle

Tuesday, November 5 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



Join us for our monthly gathering on Tuesday, November 5 at 1:00pm. For more information, contact Judy Johnson at 833-4600.

Sharing Some Smiles

Christmas Stockings for the residents of Warren State Hospital will be filled with special treats during our November 5 meeting. Please bring all items for the stockings to our meeting on November 5. Thank you to all who donated items to bring Christmas smiles to these residents.



"Thankoffering"



Our "Thankoffering" boxes, which go to the national Women of the ELCA office, are due by the November 5 meeting. If you did not bring your "Thankoffering" to the October General Meeting, please bring it 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.

Magic Fingers Grace Group



This is the time of year to snuggle up with your yarn and knit an afghan or maybe a hat and gloves. Whatever you decide to create, do it with us at Magic Fingers the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. Bring your knitting or crocheting projects and join us at 10:00am in the parlor for a wonderful morning. We'll be very thankful to see you. Not sure how to knit or crochet? No worries, we're here to show you how. We'll see you on Tuesday, November 12 and November 26.

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

OWLS - Older Wiser Lutherans

Wednesday, November 13 11:30am Shrine Club 2525 West 38th Street



A delicious lunch is waiting just for you at the Shrine Club. Our meal will be served in the room with the large windows so we can enjoy the beautiful Erie scenery.

Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office no later than Friday, November 8.

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, November 19
Where: Luther Memorial Church Parlor

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

Satisfy those Taste Buds!

No time to bake during the holidays? We've got you covered with scrumptious desserts and goodies. 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 10. Pick up at church: Sunday, November 17.



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



Calzones

Pepperoni balls - variety of choices

Garlic knots . . . and more

RADA



Great gifts for the holidays and you will probably want a few things for yourself. RADA orders are being accepted until Tuesday, November 5 by the Women of the ELCA. Catalogs are available on the table under the video screen. Please contact Mary Mumford, 833-5633, or Pat Young, 455-7736, with any questions.

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 8 Ham Delivery: Sunday, December 15

	<u>Approximate Size</u>	<u>Price Per Pound</u>
Whole semi-boneless	13 lbs.	\$4.20
Half semi-boneless	7.5 lbs.	\$4.40
Whole Gourmet boneless	6.5 lbs.	\$4.90
Half Gourmet boneless	4 lbs.	\$5.00

Pampered Chef



Everything you need to cook, bake and dice like a professional can be found at Pampered Chef. See the latest in great kitchen items by attending a Pampered Chef Fundraiser to benefit Luther Memorial Academy on Saturday, December 7 (time to be announced) in the church parlor. Order forms are available in the church and school office and may also be placed by going online to

www.pamperedchef.com/party/luthermemorial. All orders received by December 7 will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Please RSVP to attend the December 7 party to Roberta Lobaugh at 459-6064 or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221.

Festival of Trees



Luther Memorial Academy is kicking off the Christmas season with their first Annual Festival of Trees. Students and staff are looking forward to decking the halls in style this year. But, your help is needed. Donations of 8-9 trees are needed; each being 5 to 6 feet tall. If you are able to donate a tree for their celebration, you are welcome to drop it off in the church or school office. Please feel free to call the church office with any questions. Thank you!

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, November 3 -Sunday, December 8. 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: all sizes (NO white tees)
- Elastic Waistband Sweatpants / no draw string: all sizes
- 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)
- Gloves (5 pair needed)
- Hats (5 pair needed)

COMFORT ITEMS/PERSONAL HYGIENE FOR MEN:

• Brut, English Leather, Old Spice Aftershave

- Gillette razors or other name brand disposable razors; NOT generic
- Travel Size: Body wash/Body Lotion, Deodorant (nonaerosol), Shampoo, Shaving cream
- AXE Deodorant & Body wash
- Sea Bond (2 needed)
- Toothbrushes Soft to Medium bristles
- Hairbrushes
- Nail Clippers, Emery Boards
- Hand Sanitizer Lotion
- Small Mouthwash

OTHER ITEMS:

- Relaxation CD's: Piano, nature; soothing music
- Sketch Pads and Pens

- Adult Coloring Books
- Hangers

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, Visa Cards, 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.

Bethany Bash

Sunday, November 3 St. John's Lutheran Church 2216 Peach Street Doors open: 1:00pm Bingo: 2:00pm

show).

Get in on the fun for the afternoon. Win prizes of gift cards and two cash jackpots. One Jackpot game will include cash plus a "Night on the Town" prize (one night hotel stay, dinner for two and tickets to a

Tickets are \$20 each or 2 for \$30 (includes food); \$5 for each additional

3-ON pack. Try your luck with Tips & Instants, the Basket Auction and 50/50's.

Purchase tickets online at www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org, click "Donate" and enter Tickets under "Write a Note". Tickets may also be purchased by calling 456-6254 or by email at mabel@bethanyoutreachcenter.org.

BOC Turkey Drive

Volunteers are needed on Saturday, November 23 at the Bethany Outreach Center to assist with the annual Turkey Drive. Families that we support throughout the year will be given turkeys and all the sides to go with it so they are able to prepare a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. Approximately 50 volunteers are needed. Please contact Mabel at 456-6254 or www.bethanyoutreachcenter.org if you would like to help.

- Shift 1: 7:30 10:15am (unload truck, set-up / give away)
- Shift 2: 10:15am 1:00pm (give away continued / clean up)
- MVP Shift: 7:30am 1:00pm (all day help)

Christmas Extravaganza

One of the highlights of the year for our youth is the Christmas Extravaganza! Youth in grades 7-12 will spend the evening on Friday, December 6 making Christmas extra-special for families in need. We look forward to sharing the joy of the Christmas season as we help others.



Friday, December 6 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, December 4.

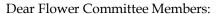
Thank You's

Dear Members of Luther Memorial Church:

Thank you for your donation of cushions for our pews. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. God bless you all!! In Christian love,

Harmony Grove Lutheran Church

The pew cushions from the former St. Matthew's Lutheran Church were given to Harmony Grove Lutheran Church in Indiana County after they experienced a fire in the church.



I was so surprised to receive a phone call, then the delivery of a beautiful bouquet of flowers from LMC. I am truly touched by this kindness offered me. The flowers have lasted quite a while and are setting on my dining room table.

Thank you and Bless you.

Sandra Brindle

Altar flowers remaining in the church after worship are taken to those who could have their day brightened. tre grateful to Diana Alvaro and Betty Pletz for delivering altar flowers for so many years. Thank you Diana and Betty!

If you would like to help deliver altar flowers as well, we could always use the extra help.

Dear Friends:

Thank you so much for our generous gift of \$500 given to Shriners Hospitals for Children for its Erie location, in memory of David J. Schick. This gift will help touch the lives of countless children with orthopedic conditions and other special health care needs.

Sincerely, David R. Schumacher, Development Officer

This money was given from the proceeds from the Kenneth Snider Car Cruise



Dear Luther Memorial Church:

Thank you for making a difference at Lutherlyn! It is friends like you who make it possible for Lutherlyn to keep our vitally important promise to never turn a child away from summer camp for financial reasons. Thank you for your recent gift of \$100!

Yours in Ministry, Deb Roberts - Executive Director



November Birthday Celebrations

Rosanne Braine	11/2	Mike Daniels	11/9	Hunter Scott	11/21
Louella Januleski	11/2	Richelle Denning	11/9	Casey Hedlund	11/22
Kathy Kraut	11/2	Grant Schirmer	11/10	Nancy Lintelman	11/22
Shirley Lawson	11/2	Xavier Spaulding	11/10	Kathryn Muhanna	11/22
Michael Weber	11/2	Ty Galloway	11/11	Elena Arnold	11/24
Bill Allamon	11/3	Elliot Lang	11/11	Megan Houston	11/24
Kristen Botelho	11/3	Chet Schaal	11/12	Andy Kern	11/24
Maryann Kozlowski	11/4	Shawn Stroup	11/13	Kristiane Thomas	11/24
Jennifer Gaeta	11/5 November	Loretta Deeds	11/14	Maddox Ambrose	11/25
Sylvia Johnson	11/5	Kathleen Stenger	11/14	Shelley Cimino	11/25
Timothy Young	11/5	Jonathan Gaber	11/15	Bob Collins	11/25
Bill Coleman	11/6	Maria Brown	11/16	Norma Laird	11/25
Landon DeDionisio	11/6	Jeff Carlson	11/16	Gary Parsons	11/25
Jason Flood	11/6	Rob Benacci	11/17	Rose Carey	11/26
Kelley Lang	11/6	Angela Duran	11/17	Jane Sundberg	11/27
James Bohn	11/7	Bea Leemhuis	11/17	Barbara Chaffee	11/28
John Tell	11/7	Catherine Snider	11/17	Jennifer DiTullio	11/28
Christian Wolf	11/7	Emily Symes	11/17	Addison Foutz	11/28
Anthony Cimino, Jr.	11/8	Taylor Thomas	11/17	Daniel Hackenberg	11/28
Emma Coleman	11/8	Mitchell Boyd	11/18	Maxwell Spaulding	11/28
Linda Ditz	11/8	Matthew Snider	11/18	Patrick Brown	11/29
Stan Rose	11/8	Savanna Wolfram	11/19	Sara Narusewicz	11/30
Susan Belott	11/9	Addison Botelho	11/21		
Benjamin Botelho	11/9	Cecelia Muhanna	11/21		

November "Sunshine" Birthday Celebrations

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



SYLVIA JOHNSON 11/5 8854 Wattsburg Road Erie, PA 16509

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



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

Pop Tab Challenge



The Pop Tab Program raises valuable funds and awareness for the Ronald McDonald House. Money from pop tabs is raised through recycling. This program helps pay for families and children to stay at the House while their child is receiving medical treatment at the hospital. Your support helps ensure that these families will continue to have a place to rest, relax and recover together.

Each time you open a soft drink, soup can, etc., save that pop tab and drop them in our collection box at Luther Memorial. Join us as we support the Thrivent Member Network's Pop Tab Collection Challenge. The goal is 1 million between now and December 1, 2019.

Fourteenth Annual Golf Outing

The fourteenth annual LM Golf Outing was held on September 29, 2019, at 2:00pm at the J.C. Martin Golf Course. It was a great afternoon with 16 players participating; 11 were from Luther Memorial. Good food and fellowship followed the rounds and everyone shared that they had a good time. The groups and their scores follow:

FIRST PLACE: Tim Dugan, Rob & Keri Cooney.

This group shot a 28, 4 under.

SECOND PLACE: Tom Klomp, Ann Czajka, Josie Dzajka, and Pastor Coleman. This group shot a 31, 1 under.

THIRD PLACE: Greg, Jon, Tom and Fred Kern. This group shot a 34, 2 over.

and Justin Howell. This group shot a 36, 4 over.

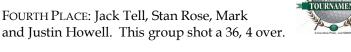
There were 5 skill shots. They were:

Longest drive closest to the line on #3. Men winner was Rob Cooney and women winner was Keri Cooney.

CLOSEST TO THE PIN ON #7. Men winner was Jon Kern and women winner was Keri Cooney.

JOSIE CZAJKA WON THE PUTTING CONTEST. There was a three person play-off and Josie made the 13 foot putt on the third play-off hole.

Tournament Director Greg Kern



September 2019 Statistics

ATTENDANCE:

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	8:15 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M. RECHARGE	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	TOTAL
September 1	35	102		2 (nursery)	139
September 8	35	120	38	1 (nursery)	194
September 15	44	113		16	173
September 22	45	330		2 (nursery)	377
(LMA Sunday	y)				
September 29	31	103		12	146

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

FUNERALS: None recorded.

MEMORIALS: NIEMI, LORETTA - FROM:

Diane & Greg Morosky Alan Niemi Ellen Mever Irene & Bob Filosa Susann & William Schaefer Joanne & Jerome Niemi

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None recorded.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED ~ September 15, 2019 CAPPELLETTY, SUE

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

October 2019 Statistics

ATTENDANCE:



	8:15 A.M.	10:30 A.M.	4:00 P.M. RECHARGE	CHILDREN'S CHURCH	TOTAL
October 6	29	131	68	20	248
October 13	43	128		9	180
October 20	37	133		14	184
October 27	35	170		4 (nursery)	209

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

FUNERALS: SCHLECHT, **BRADLEY J.** - Date of Death: October 18, 2019 / Date of Funeral: October 23, 2019 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

MICHAEL, EVELYN - Date of Death: October 27, 2019 / Date of Funeral: October 29, 2019 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

MEMORIALS: NIEMI, LORETTA - FROM:

Joyce Callen

DOWNEY, HAROLD - FROM:

Rebecca & Harrison McCann

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None recorded.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

September Council Minutes



- 1. *Minutes* of the September 10, 2019 meeting were reviewed and on motion unanimously accepted.
- 2. *Treasurer's Report* Treasurer Greg Kern reviewed the report indicating that church finances are over budget, with higher expenses mostly in the property area. After a brief discussion, the report was unanimously approved.
- 3. *Thank you* Shriner's Hospital sent a note thanking us for the contribution of \$500 from the Kenneth Snider Memorial.
- 4. *St. Matthew's Organ Proposal* Walt Gaber reported on condition of this organ. After extensive discussion of value, a motion was made that we offer the organ for \$10,000, as-is, with buyer to move. The motion passed. Walt will present this to Holy Cross Episcopal in North East, who had expressed an interest.
- 5. St. Matthew's Remaining Items Pastor Coleman shared that the pews will stay in place because the buyer of the building wants them in place to preserve the space for use as a church. The pew cushions were donated to another congregation.
- **6. Morlin Inc. Giving to Luther Memorial Church –** Pastor shared the Jean McMillin and David Morphy donated \$5,000 to Luther Memorial. Some of it will be used to purchase a replacement for the file server. The balance will be used to offset the cost of the new generator.
- 7. Security System Update The recent outage was fixed in one day. The existing unit is no longer made, and repair parts are not available. The Wilkins Company has an inventory of parts and has agreed to maintain it in the future. They also quoted approximately \$8,000 to replace it and recommended a detailed test of the system for \$1,800. On motion it was unanimous that an expenditure of \$1,800 be made on a system test.
- 8. Estate of Marian Lundgren A bequest of \$3,698.62 will be placed in the memorial fund, with 10% tithe to be determined.
- 9. Erie Lutheran Parish Grief Group Pastor Coleman and Pastor Hirsch (Lamb of God) will begin discussion meetings with bereaved members of the Erie Lutheran Parish congregations.
- **10.** Youth A listing of our youth is now available.
- 11. Council Meeting Time The possibility of moving the council meeting time to 6:00pm will be discussed at a later date.
- 12. *Visioning for Luther Memorial Church* -Pastor needs responses from council members about who will provide leadership on detailed items on vision list.
- 13. Staff Relations Committee The committee members are Les & Lois Fobes, Lois Smith, Bob & Diane Banks, Mark Lechner and Becky Carullo. Les reported meeting with staff to bring them up to date. Teams from committee will meet with staff at least twice a year. First round of meetings with staff members will be to complete a job description form.
- 14. *Emergency Practices Task Force* -Les reported that an emergency practices meeting was held in late summer. Floor plans are needed for emergency evacuation for building. (School already has these.) CPR classes and AED classes will be held. New emergency lighting is installed; lights are on continuously but Miriam will look into whether some can be on only when the main power fails.
- 15. *Nominating Committee* Greg Kern reported that Barb Chaffee is at the end of her second term. Les Fobes, John Bartlett and Mike Snider are at the end of their first term. Greg will pursue those three and hope to return us to a count of 15.
- 16. Next council meetings are November 12 and December 10.



Luther Memorial Academy

Designer Purse Bingo

Sunday, November 3

Perry Hi-way Hose Company 8281 Oliver Road

> Doors Open: 3:00pm Bingo: 4:00 – 7:00pm Admission: \$30

Shop for a new purse the fun way – yell BINGO! Bring your friends and family and come on out for a super evening of Bingo. The whole time you'll be supporting LMA! Stylish purses from designer names you crave. Cash only event – BYOB and snacks.

Ticket includes 16 games, bingo dauber and light refreshments. Have some fun at the Chinese auction, 50/50 and small games of chance.

Donations are needed and can be dropped off in the LMA school office including:

- o Bottles of alcohol for raffle
- o Chinese Auction (each class will have a theme basket to donate to- more details to come)
- o If you or someone you know has a business and would like to donate an item, please let us know

Tickets are \$30 each and available in the school office or may be purchased at https://squareup.com/store/LMA-PTL/

Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held the week of November 11.

Early Dismissal: Thursday, November 14 at 11:30am. After School Program will not be held.

School will be closed: Friday, November 15

Erie Philharmonic

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

Thursday, November 21 10:00am Warner Theater No Charge



Walking Taco Lunches



Taco Friday is November 8; definitely a treat after a busy week. 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.

Thanksgiving Feast



Wednesday, November 27

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 27. After-School Program will not be held. Enjoy your Thanksgiving vacation. Classes will resume Tuesday, December 3.

Thanksgiving Vacation

Picture Re-take Day

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving vacation!

Dismissal: Wednesday, November 27 at 12:00 noon

School will be closed: Thursday, November 28 – Monday, December 2

Classes resume: Tuesday, December 3

Not happy with your school picture? Have it retaken on **Tuesday**, **November 19**. Club pictures will also be taken.



Kids for Kids



Kind hearts are the gardens. Kind thoughts are the roots. Kind words are the blossoms. Kind deeds are the fruits. Every day at LMA we see kindness being shown by our students. And the kindness is done eagerly and happily. 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 **Monday, November 4**, 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 25**. The Youth Group will use this money to do the necessary shopping for families on Friday, December 6.

Christmas Fair Preparations



We ask ourselves this every year . . . where did the time go? But here we are planning for the annual Christmas Fair. This event gives our students the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends. All grades will be in the Christmas spirit as they shop during our Christmas Fair on Thursday, December 5 and Friday, December 6.

There's added 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 or Brooke McCall at 873-8009 with any questions. Thank you.

Festival of Trees



Luther Memorial Academy is kicking off the Christmas season with their first Annual Festival of Trees. Students and staff are looking forward to decking the halls in style this year. But, your help is needed. Donations of 8-9 trees are needed; each being 5 to 6 feet tall. If you are able to donate a tree for their celebration, you are welcome to drop it off in the church or school office. Please feel free to call the church office with any questions. Thank you!

Student Council



Have you heard? LMA now has an active Student Council. St udents from Grades 3-8 are eligible to join and run for office. Faculty advisors include Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Hokaj and Mrs. Keller. One of our goals is toward bridging the gap between the elementary and middle school students. Two representatives are elected from each grade. Officers include Lauren Burling, president (8th grade), Ellie Wertz, vice-president (5th grade) and Brayden Fedak, secretary (6th grade).

Last month we raised money for the Regional Cancer Center. In December we would like to organize a Christmas Festival of the Trees. We may need your assistance in locating six additional trees later. As our first ever Student Council at LMA, we hope to share more exciting news with you in the future.

Wish List for Luther Memorial Academy

Luther Memorial Academy always has a need for items for the classrooms and school office. If you are interested in supporting the school through a donation for a specific item, it would be very helpful for the school. A "wish list" of these items with approximate costs follows:



- *Graphic novels for the school library*; \$16-\$18 each These books are very popular with students and Mrs. Birkner tries to keep the available titles current.
- Case of copier paper; \$40 Paper is a large expense for the school. Any donation to underwrite the cost of paper would free up funds in the school budget to cover other curriculum materials.
- *Ipads and covers* (2); \$330 These would be used in the Kindergarten classroom to reinforce math, reading, and phonics concepts.
- Designing Shelters Unit; \$460 With this kit, students are challenged to protect a fictional dog from getting too warm in the sunlight. They'll learn about concepts related to the warming effects of the Sun, light and shadow, and animals and animal needs as they engineer a shady roof.
- *Bee Bot Starter Pack*; \$211 This kit introduces children to sequencing. The materials allow students to plan routes and courses and create their own mat designs.

If you are interested in "sponsoring" any of these items, please note the designated item when making your contribution. The donations can be made by placing it in the collection plate, mailing it to the school, or dropping it off in the school or church office. Undesignated gifts to the school are always appreciated, too!

Bounty for Bethany

Non-perishable food items will be collected November 11 through December 16 and donated to the Bethany Outreach Center for the food pantry. The class that collects the most weight in non-perishable food items will be treated to a pizza lunch!



Valerio's Coupons



Get your Valerio's coupons and support our LMA Sports Programs. Quick easy dinners for the rushed holiday season ahead. And these will make great gifts and stocking stuffers. Running behind for your holiday party preparation; just pull out your coupon and let Valerio's plan it.

- Coupons can be picked up in the school office Monday-Friday; 8:00am 3:30pm.
- Coupons are valid through October 31, 2020!

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.

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	Vai	erio's Coupon Order	
Student Name		Grade	
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# of pizza coupons	x \$10.00 = \$		\$6 for a 12 inch regular sub

NOVEMBER 2019

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00am Legos
3 All Saints 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15/11:30am Autumn Coffee Hr. 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:30am Acolyte Training 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 1:30pm Sorority Meeting	4 6:00pm Bach Rehearsal	5 Election Day 5:30pm Endowment Cmt. 7:00pm W/ELCA	6 5:30pm Super Wednesday 7:00pm Worship & Music	7 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	8 6:30pm Club 50	9 9:00pm Bach Rehearsal 9:00am Sorority Meeting 10:00am Legos 6:00pm Confirmation Class
4:00pm ReCharge 10 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 12:00pm Bach Reh. 4:00pm Bach Cantata/Reception	11 School Conferences during the week	12 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr. 5:45pm Emerg. Prep. Meeting 7:00pm Council 7:00pm PIAA Bd.	13 11:30am OWLS/Shrine Club	14 11:30am LMA Dismissal (no after school program) 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	15 LMA Closed	16 10:00am Legos 5:30pm Family Gathering
17 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:30am Soup & Salad 11:30am Cong. Life 11:45am St. Lucia Rehearsal 11:45am New Member Class 12:30pm Youth Service Project Stanganelli Orders delivered	18	19 11:00am Monastery of the Heart 7:00pm Faith Community Nurses Advisory Bd. LMA Picture Re- take Day	20	21 LMA / Erie Phil. 3:00pm School Bd. 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm LCBA 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	22 Gr. 4 & 6- 8/Mercyhurst Prep.	23 10:00am Legos
24 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:45am St. Lucia Rehearsal 11:45am Family Gathering	25	26 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr.	27 11:00am LMA Thanksgiving Feast 12:00pm LMA Dismissal	28 Thanksgiving Church & School Offices Closed Thanksgiving	29 Church & School Offices Closed	30