

Parish Banner for Jesus



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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SEPTEMBER – MAY

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

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

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MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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A Word from Pastor Bill Coleman

On Sunday, September 9, Luther Memorial Church welcomed St. Matthew's Lutheran Church into this ministry. That Sunday will be one of my most memorable Sundays since becoming a pastor. I observed a group of faithful and loving people making a very difficult decision to close the congregation they loved to share their gifts in a new place and with new people. They were true leaders and a deep faith dwells deeply in their hearts. I want to thank them for witnessing to all of us the power of the Gospel. As followers of Jesus, we believe that things die, but as a result of that death, something new comes about. Jesus shows us that there is life after death. As I looked out at the congregation on that Sunday, I witnessed the surprising and beautiful ways that God continues to work among us. God's presence and action may not be apparent all the time, but there are those moments when we see it very clearly, and that Sunday was one of those moments for me. Thank you.

I also want to thank this congregation for how you welcomed the good people of St. Matthew's. I want to thank the Art Committee for their many hours spent at St. Matthew's selecting items to be brought to Luther Memorial Church to be used for the glory of God. I want to thank those who helped move those items from St. Matthew's to Luther Memorial. I want to thank the Congregational Life Committee for the wonderful time of fellowship they offered to all of us after church. I want to thank Ann Flick and Lee Swenson for taking pictures of our newest church members so we can get to know them better. I want to thank Joanne Dahlstrand, Skip and Jan MacInnes and Charlie Lintelman for welcoming them in the narthex on Sunday morning. I want to thank this congregation for wearing name tags and being warm and welcoming and loving. And finally, I want to say thanks to Les Fobes and Norma Buerk for the countless hours they spent working on making the people of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church feel welcome here. They did so much, and for that, I am full of thanks and gratitude to them and to you all.

Christian Education

Confirmation



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

Just like last year our Confirmation Class will be 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 7th, 8th and 9th graders. Pastor Coleman will be contacting the 10th graders to set up one class to discuss their Confirmation which will be held on Sunday, October 28 during the 10:30am worship service.

Schedule of Confirmation Classes

10/13/2018	Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
11/10/2018	Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
12/8/2018	Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship

Adult Spiritual Growth

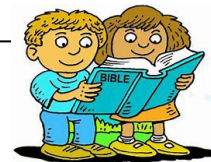
Adult Spiritual Growth class is held each Sunday at 9:15am in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Remember we never stop growing and learning about our faith! If you would like to attend and are in need of childcare, please contact Pastor Coleman so he can make arrangements.



Sunday	Topic	Teacher
10/7/2018	Liturgical Dance – History and Uses	Grace Petron – Mercyhurst University Liturgical Dance Ensemble
10/14/2018	Liturgical Dance – History and Uses	Grace Petron – Mercyhurst University Liturgical Dance Ensemble
10/21/2018	Where the Bible Comes From	Pastor Coleman
10/28/2018	Interpreting the Bible in Context	Pastor Coleman

Bibles for our Third Graders

Congratulations to our third graders who will receive Bibles during the 10:30am worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 28.



BENJAMIN THOMAS BURLING
TY ALEXANDER GALLOWAY
VANCE JAMES MEUCCI
ELIJAH MATTHEW SCHLECHT

PATRICK DENNIS CIMINO
EVELYNN DANIELLE GRAFFIUS
ISABELLA COLLEEN O'BRIEN
GABRIEL N. STROUP

GIA GABRIELLA FRACASSI
MADILYN GRACE MANTSCH
MARCUS ISAIAH ROGAN

Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 15 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.

Reformation Sunday



Please join us in the parlor following the 10:30am service on Reformation Sunday, October 28, as we celebrate with our confirmands as they make their Affirmation of Baptism.

ANDREW JOSEPH BEBKO
ANNA ELLEN KELLER

ALLISON NICOLE BROWN
ZACHARY SHCHOCHKOFF

EMMA CLAIRE COLEMAN
ALEXANDER WILSON SPAULDING

Super Wednesdays Begin October 3



Super Wednesday begins on October 3 at 5:30pm with a meal, followed by faith conversations and prayer. Kids will have time together with Sarah Prylinski and Beth Keller. This is a relaxed and multi-generational event and exists to more deeply form community. You need to eat anyway, so why not step out of your comfort zones and schedules and give it a try! The main dish and drinks on Super Wednesdays will be provided and people who are able are invited to bring a dish to share.

The Super Wednesday schedule includes the following:

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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: October 3, 2018, 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



Pastor's Book Club will resume on Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 6:00pm and will meet on the fifth floor. We will be reading the book *Four Scraps of Bread* by Magda Hollander-Lafon. If you are interested in being more active in the ministry of Luther Memorial Church and meeting new people, this is a great way to do it. We meet once every five weeks and have a great time of conversation and fellowship.

Acolyte Training



Luther Memorial Church will be providing an Acolyte Training on Sunday, October 14 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.

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

November 18, 2018

New Members Received

10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary

December 2, 2018

Kitchen Tidying



Do you have a couple hours to spare to help tidy up our fellowship hall kitchen?

Please stop down on Saturday, October 27 at 9:00am and help arrange our kitchen and make it sparkle. The more, the merrier! If you have any questions, please contact Norma in the church office.

Luther Memorial ReCharge



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

October 7, 2018

November 4, 2018

December 2, 2018

Theme

Being a Good Neighbor

Thanksgiving

The Return of Jesus

Time:

4:00-5:00pm

5:00-6:00pm

Food and Fellowship

Worship

Music in Worship

Bach Cantata

The Luther Memorial Bach Cantata Vespers series invites you to sing with us at the next **Luther Memorial Bach Cantata Vespers** which will be presented on **Sunday, November 25 at 4:00pm** for the 27th Sunday after Pentecost.

The sung portion of the program will include:

- LBW Vespers
- **Cantata No. 140: *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*** - Wake Up, Cries the Watchmen's Voice
- Psalm
- Anthem/Motet: TBA
- Hymns including LBW 31 - *Wake, Awake, For Night Is Flying*



The choral music will be presented with orchestra and organ accompaniment.

Five full choir rehearsals will be held on Sundays **October 21 through November 18 (12:00 noon to 1:15 PM)** - please plan to attend as many of those as you can. The final dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 24 from 9:00 AM to noon. Also, beginning Thursday, October 25, the final 30 minutes (8:00 - 8:30 PM) of our regular evening choir rehearsals will be devoted to this music - you are welcome to join us at that time for additional preparation.

If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact Walt Gaber (814.602.2755, WaltGaber@gmail.com) prior to the first rehearsal you attend.

Wedding Celebration



Our prayers of thanksgiving are with Lynnette Donnelly and Paul Gustafson as they begin their married lives with one another. They were married at Luther Memorial Church on Friday, September 28. Congratulations!

Reflection from Jack Tell – Luther Memorial Church Vice President



One of my favorite Bible verses is Colossians 4:2. Be persistent in prayer, and keep alert as you pray, giving thanks to God. This year my wife, Jane Tell, had two back surgeries at Cleveland Clinic. It was difficult being away from family and friends. We were grateful for all the prayers offered by our Luther Memorial and Mount Calvary brothers and sisters. On various stays at the nearby Holiday Inn I would be in persistent prayer for Jane every evening we were away from each other. Our son, John, and his wife, Sarah, would come whenever they could. On one occasion, John brought Jane's mother for a day visit that thrilled the both of us. Jane was pleased on another Cleveland Clinic stay to receive phone calls from Pastors Coleman and Papson. One cannot mention being persistent in prayer without naming Kevin Harper. I remember seeing in our bulletins prayers and request of a kidney. Pastor Kristen Papson was a near perfect match. As we all know the procedure was a success; Praise God! May we all be persistent in our prayer lives. These are just two examples of prayers of healing but be aware of the many things we can ask for. Whether we receive the answer we seek or not, we know our request will be heard. I know Jane sent a thank you note for all the prayers, cards and food received. I am pleased to say she is improving daily and hopes to return to work when she's able. This is my opportunity to thank our Luther Memorial family for holding us up in prayer and support!

*Sincerely In the Lord Jesus,
Jack Tell.*

Liturgical Dance at Luther Memorial Church



Grace Petron is a member of Luther Memorial church and is currently a senior at Mercyhurst University studying dance and liturgical dance. As part of a class to earn her minor in liturgical dance, Grace will be conducting a research project during the month of October within our 10:30 worship services. The aspects of this project will not be a permanent part of Luther Memorial's normal liturgy. The purpose of this research is to identify where and how often within the service is best to place dance that will most benefit the congregation. During this project Grace will be leading two adult spiritual growth classes on October 7 and 14. During those classes she will be discussing what liturgical dance is, the benefits it brings, the history behind it, the potential problems it poses, and the controversy that it has within the church. She will propose challenging and engaging questions for adults of all ages. Throughout the worship services in October, dancers from the Mercyhurst University Liturgical Dance Ensemble will participate in different aspects of the liturgy. On October 14, the dancers will also perform a piece of original choreography during the Second Sunday Friends & Family event before the service at 10:15am. At the end of the project, on Reformation Sunday, Grace will be conducting a survey. The questions on this survey will center on the congregation's feelings regarding the different aspects of the dance during the liturgy. This survey is specifically for those who wish to participate; no one will be forced to include their opinion if they do not want to. This project will enhance Grace's education on dancing within the church by giving her additional tools to further develop liturgical dance that can be utilized more often in a variety of churches, denominations, and styles of worship.

Stewardship and Leaving a Legacy



- The Stewardship Committee would like to offer the use of **electronic giving** to Luther Memorial's ministry if you are unable to worship on Sunday morning. Please note that you are able to give online by going to the church's webpage at www.luthermemorialonline.org. Feel free to contact our Parish Manager Miriam Scheid with any questions.
- Also, if you are considering leaving a legacy to Luther Memorial Church or Luther Memorial Academy you can do this through two ways: First, by contacting Ryan Ebner who is a Regional Gift Planner for the ELCA Foundation at 814-823-3285 / ryan.ebner@elca.org; or second, through the Erie Community Foundation.

Did You Know



- that there will be prayers for healing during the 10:30am worship service on Sunday, October 21. Laying on of hands and anointing will also be provided by Linda Graffius and Jan MacInnes. Prayer shawls and pocket crosses will also be blessed on that day.

Oktoberfest Celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

FELLOWSHIP HALL
11:30AM

DON'T COOK - ENJOY
LUNCH WITH US

Join us for our Annual Oktoberfest Celebration.

Main Course Provided: Pulled Pork, Bratwurst & Sauerkraut,
Macaroni & Cheese

Beverages Provided: Beer, Cider, Coffee, Water

Please Bring: Side Dish or Dessert to share

A good will donation will be collected.

**Reservations would be appreciated to Norma
at 454-0106, ext. 221 by Sunday, September 30.**



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 11.

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")



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, October 16

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



Come once and you'll be wanting to come again and again! 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've got just the people to teach you. We hope to see you on Tuesday, October 9 and 23, at 10:00am.

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

OWLS ~ Older, Wiser Lutherans

Transportation Solutions will share some driving tips to keep us safe at our next OWLS gathering. Get some great information and enjoy a delicious lunch.

Driving Safe



Wednesday, October 17

Please arrive by 11:15am

Program will begin at 11:30am

Lunch will be served at 12:30pm

Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes (454-0106, ext. 233) or the church office by Friday, October 12.
OWLS meet the third Wednesday of each month.

Youth & Family Events

Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 28
4:00-5:30pm
Luther Memorial Parking Area

This is going to be the most fun you've ever had trick or treating! Put on your most awesome costume and fill your treat bag with goodies at Luther Memorial – bring your family and friends for a ghoulish good time!

Please contact the church office, Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski if you would like to decorate your car and participate in Trunk or Treat. Come up with a great theme, dress in costume, *(there could be prizes)* get your favorite treats to hand out and join in the fun.

Set up in the parking area will be from 3:00-4:00pm. The event will be held rain or shine. This is so exciting!!

Bingo!

Sunday, October 21
Doors Open: 12:30pm
Bingo: 1:00 – 4:00pm
Luther Memorial Church fellowship hall



Get ready to yell BINGO! and win fantastic prizes of wine, cash and a gift cards – something everyone can use.

Tickets are on sale now; \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door.

- Refreshments will be available for purchase: pulled pork sandwiches, chips, pop & water.
- Be sure to feed that sweet tooth and purchase some goodies at our bake sale.
- Have some extra fun and check out the Basket raffle and Chinese auction.

Bethany Storytime Program

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 10th 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 or by phone at 814-898-1233.



2018 Bethany Bash



You won't want to miss the excitement of Bingo at this year's Bethany Bash. Featuring **gift cards** and **two cash jackpot games**; the 2nd jackpot will include cash plus a night on the town (1 night hotel stay, dinner for 2 & tickets to a show).

Date: Sunday, October 7
Time: Doors Open at 11:00am
Games Start at 1:00pm
Location: 254 East 10th Street
Cost: \$20/person, plus \$5 each additional 3-ON (includes food)

Save the date on your calendar and get your tickets now. For more information, please contact Bethany at 456-6254 or by email, mabel@bethanyoutreachcenter.org. All proceeds benefit Bethany Outreach Center.

Women of the ELCA

General Meeting

Deborah Circle

Wednesday, October 10

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, October 2

6:30pm

For more information, contact Judy Johnson
at 833-4600

Conference I Fall Gathering

All women are invited to attend the Conference I Fall Gathering on **Saturday, October 13** at The Colony Pub, 2670 West 8th Street. Reservation forms are available in the church office or you may contact Pat Bellingham at 528-5675 for more information.

10:30am – Mix & Mingle

11:00am – Program

11:30am – Business Meeting

12:00pm – Lunch



Human Trafficking Seminar

Women of the ELCA is committed to our initiative of raising up healthy women and girls. As part of our mission, we have been working with the SOAP project distributing small soaps with the National Human Trafficking hotline number on them. Soaps are placed in restrooms along highways and interstates. The goal is two-fold: to raise awareness to the general public that there is an avenue of help and to put the helpline in places that might be frequented by a teen in trouble.

Human trafficking is the second largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, and it's happening in every state. Theresa L. Flores, LSW, MS is a professional speaker, Human Trafficking Expert, Survivor, Author, and Activist seeking to put an end to human trafficking with specific goals/solutions.

Ms. Flores will provide training on:

Wednesday, October 24

Luther Memorial Parlor

Light supper will be provided at 5:30pm

Training will begin at 6:00pm



All women and guests are invited to attend this three (3) hour training.

Please RSVP by October 20 so enough dinner can be prepared and adequate materials ready.

Reservations to: Pat Bellingham; 814-528-5675 / pat.bellingham@hotmail.com

Mary Alice McMunn; 814-813-5099 / maryal57@yahoo.com

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.



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

Rose-Marie Rose upon the death of her aunt, Hildegard Holtzhower
Linda Brandt upon the death of her brother, David Walz

Labels



Well that isn't a very exciting title! But it is important when it comes to food labels. The FDA had ordered that new nutrition labels be developed and the label was approved in 2016. But, as we all know, things don't happen quickly with government programs. So, it was just this July that the new label made its debut!

The old labels had small print and were difficult to read. So let's start at the top and address the changes that have been made.

- The first line states how many servings per container.
- Then the serving size is listed in bold print and this has increased from 1/2 cup to 2/3 cup per serving.
- Total Fat is now in bold and bigger print. Saturated Fat and Trans Fats are still listed under it.
- Cholesterol has moved up to the next line.
- Sodium is listed next.
- Total Carbohydrates are next with Dietary Fiber and Total Sugars following. The next line is the big change; "Includes Added Sugars" in grams and percentage are now specifically listed.
- Protein is then listed.
- Vitamin A and C have been eliminated. Vitamin D, Calcium, Iron and Potassium have replaced them.
- The statement about the % of Daily Value remains, but they eliminated the graph of Total Fats, Cholesterol, Sodium, Total Carbs and Dietary Fiber for a 2,000 and 2,500 calorie diet.

I want to address the biggest change which is the "added sugars" listing. Sugars are carbohydrates that are found in fruit and milk and some vegetables. They either occur naturally or are added to food during processing. Added sugars are those that are used in the cooking or processing of a food item to change its flavor. Added sugars go by many different names like maltose, dextrose, high fructose corn syrup, agave syrup, cane syrup, and corn syrup. Even "fruit concentrate" is an added sugar. The Federal CDC recommends that added sugars should be kept to less than 10 percent of our daily diet.

So how do you track added sugars? All naturally occurring sugars don't count toward the total. This is good news! If you eat a piece of fresh fruit that may contain 17 grams of sugar you have eaten ZERO grams of added sugars. Artificial sweeteners also do not factor in the added sugar count.

Not all food products have the nutritional label. They may just have the ingredients, their amounts and percentage listed. So you will have to read them carefully. The higher up added sugars are listed, the greater percentage of added sugars is in the product.

Also remember these amounts are per serving size. The new label has also increased the liquid serving size from 8 ounces to 12 ounces. Many of the energy drink cans are actually 2 servings; therefore you are drinking twice the number of added sugars when you drink the whole can. Most of those drinks have little or no nutritional value.

Reading labels and being conscientious about what we eat has many benefits. Doing this will decrease the incidence of dementia, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's disease. Also, the risk of heart disease, stroke and cancer will be decreased along with arthritis and rheumatic diseases. Longevity and vitality will be increased and weight management and control of blood sugars and lipids will be improved.

I have placed print outs of what the new labels look like and they can be found on the table by the school library door.


I also want to extend a warm welcome to the St. Matthew's members. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the Care and Health Ministry program here at Luther. We, Jan MacInnes and I, offer programs like the OWL's, the knitting program and the prayer group. I can also help with health concerns, questions, visitations, and I take blood pressures the third Sunday of every month.

I personally love the fall season and all the delicious foods it brings to our plates. But, I also am careful of the amount of added sugars I eat and this has helped me lower my fasting blood sugar, maintain a steady weight and feel better! Here's to healthy eating!

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

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)
- Hoodies 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 :

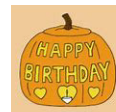
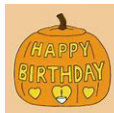
- Wal-Mart, Pizza Hut, McDonalds, Dollar Tree (to pick up personal items or snacks)
- Cracker Barrel/they go monthly



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.

October Birthday Celebrations:

Julie Chandler	10/1	John Overberg	10/9	Thomas Schlecht	10/20
John Lowry	10/1	Doug Werle	10/11	Roger Sturtevant	10/20
Winifred Lyons	10/1	Sarah Hagen	10/12	Joe Helm	10/22
Kristin Chaffee	10/2	Lauren Burling	10/13	Helen Collins	10/23
Mary Altman	10/3	Bonnie Silvis	10/13	Asher Lay	10/23
Diane Parsons	10/4	Kilee Ambrose	10/14	Susanne Seward	10/23
Sarah Prylinski	10/4	Andrew Bossart	10/14	Jean Tatar	10/24
Wilda Sundberg	10/5	Thomas Klomp	10/14	Eden Wojciechowski	10/24
Katherine Nicotra	10/6	Lynn Pheasant	10/14	Ainsley Carolus	10/26
Susan Weber	10/6	Anthony Clemente	10/15	Madeline Mehs	10/26
Brooke McCall	10/7	Mark Kay	10/16	Peter Wojciechowski	10/26
Letisha Osearo	10/7	Amy Scott	10/16	Matthew Rieger	10/28
Zachary Shchouchkoff	10/7	George Perry	10/17	Amy Swenson-Lujbli	10/29
Joshua Stelmack	10/7	Barb Reese	10/18	Jaden Williams	10/29
Jack Cowan	10/8	Ann Louse Bitzer	10/19	Penelope Wolf	10/29
John Downey	10/8	Mark Howell	10/19	Olivia Lakari	10/30
Jack Elliott	10/8	Kara Partusch	10/19	Dorothy Respecki	10/30
Judy Karney	10/8	Diane Pirschel	10/19	Kurt Altman	10/31
Alaina DiTullio	10/9	Fred Sickert	10/19	Benjamin Young	10/31



September Birthday Celebrations for Our Sunshine Members:

WILDA SUNDBERG	10/5	JOHN DOWNEY	10/8	DOROTHY RESPECKI	10/30
5518 Bondy Drive		P. O. Box 233		4206 Azalea Circle	
Erie, PA 16509		Fairview, PA 16415		Erie, PA 16506	



September Council Minutes



1. On motion by Ken Kraut, seconded by Vicky Blasco, the minutes of the June 12, 2018 council meeting were unanimously accepted.
2. On motion by Ken Kraut, seconded by Pat Young, the minutes of the August 14, 2018 council meeting were accepted.
3. Treasurer Greg Kern reviewed the financial reports. On motion, these were accepted unanimously.
4. Thank you notes received from Jane Tell, Bethesda Lutheran Services, Bethany Outreach Center, United Lutheran Seminary and St. Peter's Cathedral were shared with council members.
5. Pastor Coleman asked if a council member would like to share their story or journey to faith in the newsletter.
6. An agreement was signed to enter into the purchase of the Thompson building. Revenue and expenses of the Thompson building will be received and paid by Renew Erie LLC.
7. Pastor Coleman expressed his thanks to council and Les Fobes in particular in working with St. Matthew's to get the congregation and their artifacts incorporated into our community. There is a possibility of asking a local artist to do a pencil and paper drawing of St. Matthew's for display in the parlor.
8. Les Fobes reported on behalf of the Emergency Preparedness Committee and noted that the key fobs and security cameras are working well and make our building more secure. The Committee discussed the purchase of nine (9) blackout blinds for the doors on the first floor of the school, or sixteen (16) blinds for both first and second floors. On motion, it was unanimous that a total of seventeen (17) blackout blinds be purchased for all interior windows of the school.
9. Pastor Coleman shared that there is a group of people ready to begin the visioning process for the church and they will be meeting soon.
10. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9 at 7:00pm.



Luther Memorial Academy

Chinese Auction



Thank you to everyone for participating in our Chinese auction on LMA Sunday. Many stopped in to browse our library and join in the fun of the Chinese Auction, and we hope you were pleased with the many resources available. Reading is important for the development of our children and we strive to offer the most up-to-date books and resources. We are proud of our library and the many opportunities we offer to your children.

Due to your generosity, our library raised \$390 through the Chinese auction. Thank you all for your support.

The Caring Team



Luther Memorial Academy is proud to be part of the Caring Team again this year. Our student representatives are Jeremiah Jones, 8th grade, and Amiricole Pope, 8th grade. Along with Mr. Paul they will attend the annual luncheon on Thursday, September 27 at the Caring Place. We will all "have a heart" during the month of February as we collect for the Caring Place.

Walking Taco Lunches



A Walking Taco for lunch always hits the spot. 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 first Walking Taco lunch will be Friday, September 28.

School Pictures

SMILE! You take a great picture!

School Picture Day is
Tuesday, October 16



Columbus Day

In observance of Columbus Day,
school will not be in session:

Friday, October 5 and
Monday, October 8



Testing Week



During the week of September 24, our Grade 8 students are taking Standardized Tests. Do you best and get a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast.

A Delicious Treat

Got a sweet tooth? Pick up a sweet
treat in the school office.

Pulakos Candy Bars - only \$1



Designer Purse Bingo

Sunday, November 4

Save the date for our biggest fundraiser of the year.

Perry Hi-way Hose Company
8281 Oliver Road

Doors Open: 3:00pm

Bingo: 4:00 - 7:00pm

Admission: \$30



Support LMA and enjoy a night out 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.

Halloween Parade

Wednesday, October 31
1:00pm



What could be more fun than a Halloween Parade?! We invite all parents to join us for this annual event as our children dress in costume and kick off the spooky fun.

Children in grades Kindergarten through 4th will show off their costumes as they parade through our school and outside the building (weather permitting).
If Mother Nature plays a trick on us, the Parade will be held inside the building.

Halloween Dance

Friday, October 26
6:30 – 8:30pm
Middle School Students



Cost: \$5 for PTL Members
\$6 for Non-PTL Members

Payments

MILK MONEY: 2% chocolate or white milk is available each day. The first semester milk money payment is due in August. You are welcome to pay by semester for a discounted rate of \$36 per student or yearly, \$72 per student. The cost per carton is 50 cents.

TUITION BREAK: If you are responsible for a new student(s) attending LMA, your final tuition payment for that year (May) will be waived. Sometimes word of mouth is our best advertising!! If you know a family thinking of changing schools, let them know about us!!



Tuition Procedure for 2018/2019



School tuition payments continue to be processed by Vanco Services, a company endorsed by Thrivent Financial, for the 2018/2019 school year. The cost for this service is paid by the school, which is much better than the \$36 fee charged to each family by the FACTS program.

- The tuition will either be deducted from your checking account, savings account, or charged to a credit card. If the credit card option is chosen, you will be responsible for a 4% fee.
- The authorization form was included in your tuition letter for 2018/2019. This form was to be returned to the school office before June 15.
- Parents have the option of making tuition payments over a 10 or 12 month period.

PTL Meeting

Our first general PTL meeting will be held **Wednesday, October 10 at 6:30pm** in the school library. You do not need to be a member to attend. Why come to a PTL meeting?

- Connect with other parents
- Be the first to hear about important news and upcoming events at school
- Have a voice in the activities and programs the PTL supports
- Learn how the students and teachers of LMA benefit from the work of the PTL
- Volunteer your tie to make a difference in our school community



If you are unable to attend but would like more information, please email Kim Wertz at luthermemorialacademyptl@gmail.com.



Joining the PTL is a great way to support our wonderful school and volunteers are always needed. Simply complete the below form and drop off in the school office. Thank you.

PTL Membership Enrollment Form

Family Name: _____

Student's Name(s)/Grade(s): _____

Email Address: _____

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE OF \$10 IN CASH OR CHECK PAYABLE TO LMA-PTL

Fundraising Opt-Out

I would like to support the PTL and activities it provides for our school, however, I do not wish to fundraise. Here is my opt-out donation:

Name: _____

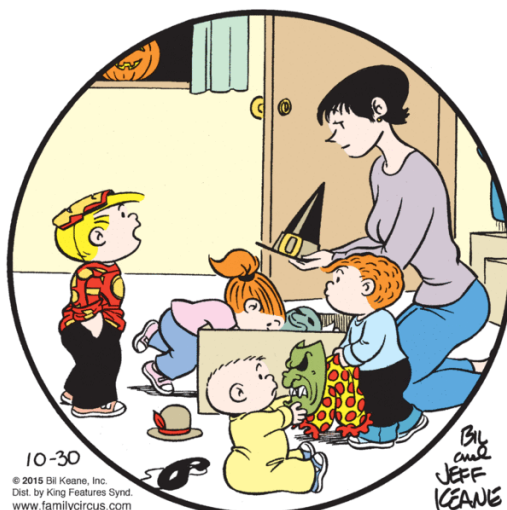
Student: _____ Grade: _____

Donation (min. \$75 requested): _____

One of the things that makes Luther Memorial Academy a great school is our amazing PTL and all the many opportunities for parent and teacher involvement. Each of our committees needs volunteers to get the job done. There are volunteer opportunities that will meet every personality type and every time or schedule constraint - there's something for everyone!

☐ Check here if you would like to discuss the volunteer opportunity that's right for you!

If there are any questions please contact Kim Wertz at luthermemorialacademyptl@gmail.com or call 814-746-9944. Please return this form to the school office. Thank you!



"How 'bout we go out to a few houses tonight just to get some practice?"

OCTOBER 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:30pm Super Wednesday  6:45pm PIAA	4 Middle School- Niagara Falls Kdg.-Schultz Apple Farm 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	5 LMA Closed 6:30pm Club 50	6 10:00am Legos
7 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:30am Oktoberfest 1:00pm Bethany Bash/BOC 4:00pm ReCharge Service	8 School & Church offices closed	9 9:00am Prep/Villa Meeting 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr. 7:00pm Council Meeting	10 6:30pm PTL General Meeting 7:00pm W/ELCA General Meeting	11 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	12 	13 6:00pm Confirmation Class/St. John
14 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:30am Acolyte Training 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal	15	16 School Picture Day  11:00am Monastery of the Heart	17 11:15am OWLS 5:00pm Prayer Group	18 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm LCBA 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	19 10:00am Gr. 1-3 Erie Playouse	20 10:00am Legos
21 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 11:30am Cong. Life Meeting 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 1:00pm Bingo 1:00pm VASA	22	23 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr.	24 Bully Prevention Day 12:00pm School Bd. 5:30pm Human Trafficking Seminar 6:00pm Passtor's Book Club	25 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir	26 6:00pm LMA Halloween Dance 	27 9:00am Fellowship Hall Kitchen Cleaning 1:00pm Piano Recital
28 Reformation Sunday 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Spiritual Growth 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 4:00pm Trunk or Treating	29	30 LMA End of 1 st Quarter	31 1:00pm LMA Halloween Parade 			