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SUNDAY WORSHIP

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

SEPTEMBER – MAY

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

NEW MEMBER CLASSES

MUSIC MINISTRY Pages 5-6

MONTHLY EVENTS

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

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So how rested are you as summer is winding down? Did you accomplish all that you thought you would? Are you ready for a new ministry and school year? Your answers are probably like mine: “not really, no and no.” Although I did not accomplish as much as I thought I would have or feel as prepared as I would have liked, I trust that my efforts this past summer were honest and well intentioned. **But as I look back over summer, I have come to the resolution that I am very blessed.** I come to that simple and yet powerful conclusion because as time flies by and our kids get older, I stand in the middle of the road of life surrounded by the grace of God. Life is precious and beautiful, and in this admission, we live each day in gratefulness for the daily bread our Lord provides. Sure, our lives may not be exactly how we planned them, or hoped them to be, but we put our feet on the ground at the beginning of the day and make the commitment to live faithfully, generously, sacrificially and lovingly.

As I shared with you in last month's newsletter, I continue to feel called to be pastor at Luther Memorial Church and Academy, and so I find myself at a new beginning among you. I am excited and hopeful about our ministry together and I hope you feel the same as I do. I think this ministry finds itself at a pretty good place with a strong foundation and bountiful gifts among us. This newsletter is filled with many wonderful opportunities to continue to build community, but it takes each of us to work at it, and so please mark those events on your calendar that you will attend. I am asking for a visible sign of that commitment to the Lord and one another **by attending our Rally Day/Children's Church Sunday on September 15** and also the many events during the month of September.

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

September 1, 2019

November 17, 2019

New Members Received

10:30am Worship ~ Sanctuary

September 15, 2019

December 1, 2019



Luther Memorial ReCharge – Sunday, September 8

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	Theme
September 8, 2019	Give Up Your Possessions and Carry the Cross
October 6, 2019	Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed
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

The main dish and beverages will be provided; you are welcome to bring a dish to share. Worship will be held at 5:00pm in the "upper room"; 5th floor.

"God's Work, Our Hands" Service Project



ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH

Sunday, September 8, 2019

12:30pm – 4:00pm

Location: SafeNet property

We will meet at the Bethany Outreach Center, 254 East 10th Street

We ask that you join with our brothers and sisters of the Erie Lutheran Parish in serving together for the annual "God's Work, Our Hands" project. We will be working on the SafeNet property doing cleaning, painting, and yard work. Please sign up for the event on the sign-up sheet located on the table under the screen in the parlor hallway or contact the church office. Thank you in advance for participating.

Christian Education

Children's Church

Some of our teachers will not be returning in September and volunteers are needed as teachers for our children. If you would be interested in helping with Children's Church beginning in September, please see Beth Keller or contact the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221. Thank you.



Christian Education for the Ministry Year 2019 and 2020

Luther Memorial Church partners with parents and grandparents to raise ethical and moral children. Parents and grandparents do so much to raise good and well balanced kids by providing them with many life opportunities and experiences. One of the most important ways to raise ethical and moral children is to teach them the Word of God, which will plant seeds of faith and teach our children to be moral young men and women. Luther Memorial Church provides an excellent Christian Education program *to partner* with parents and grandparents in this endeavor, and are encouraged to stay connected through the below opportunities.

- **Children's Church (Rally Day)** begins on Sunday, September 15 during the 10:30am worship service. Children's Church is for kids age 4 and goes through 6th grade. This is a wonderful ministry for our children. Also, the church nursery is available for children 6 months to 3 years old. Finally, please remember that Pastor Coleman provides a Children's Sermon each Sunday.
- **Confirmation** begins on Saturday, September 14. Confirmation Classes will be held at Luther Memorial Church from 6:00pm to 8:30pm on Saturday nights, September 14, October 12, November 9, and December 14. Just like last year we 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. Confirmation students are also encouraged to participate in the "God's Work. Our Hands" service project and the CROP Walk held at Presque Isle State Park. (See details below). 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 27 during the 10:30am worship service.

Schedule of Confirmation Classes

9/14/2019 Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
 10/12/2019 Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
 11/9/2019 Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
 12/14/2019 Class, Food, Fun, and Fellowship
 Class Time: Saturday nights from 6:00pm to 8:30pm
 Class Location: Luther Memorial Church

9/8/2019 "God's Work. Our Hand's" Project

Project Time: Sunday, September 8 from 12:30pm to 4:00pm
 Project Location: SafeNet Building; meeting at 254 East 10th Street Erie
 Project Work: Landscaping and Minor Home Repairs

9/15/2019 Erie County CROP Walk for Confirmation

Walk Time: Sunday, September 15 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm (meet at 1:30pm)
 Walk Location: Presque Isle State Park - Beach 1

- **Super Wednesday** begins on October 2 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! Our Super Wednesday dates are:

October 2, 2019, November 6, 2019, 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



- **Adult Spiritual Growth** will begin on Sunday, September 8 at 9:15am in the downstairs Fellowship Hall. Remember we never stop growing and learning about our faith!

Date	Sunday Topic
9/1/2019	No Class
9/8/2019	The Big Themes of Luke's Gospel
9/15/2019	The Big Themes of Luke's Gospel
9/22/2019	The Big Themes of Luke's Gospel
9/29/2019	The Big Themes of Luke's Gospel



Pastor's Book Club



Pastor's Book Club will resume on Wednesday, September 25, 2019 at 6:00pm and will meet in the Luther Memorial Church parlor. Please bring a book recommendation for the book club to read. For this first meeting we will be picking the books we will be reading for the year. 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. If it helps get you there, we have wine and light snacks.

Acolyte Training



Luther Memorial Church will be providing Acolyte Training on Sunday, October 6 and Sunday, November 3, immediately following the 10:30am church service. Youth only need to attend one of the classes. Youth participation makes our worship services very meaningful. Please encourage your child to help serve the Lord and share their gifts within this community.

Bibles for our Third Graders

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on Reformation Sunday, October 27, during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 14 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.



College Bound



Many of our youth are off to a new adventure as they begin college. Please contact the church office with their school and email address so we may continue to keep in touch with them. We would like to be sure they receive our newsletters and a card from time to time. Thank you.

Did You Know . . .



- that Luther Memorial Church is a part of the West Bay Front Neighborhood. This organization was created to support our neighborhood and fifteen churches are a part of this organization. For more information check out the following webpage: www.ourwestbayfront.org. Thanks to Joyce Howell and her daughter, Kayla, for making crafts with the kids participating in the West Bay Front Bay Fit on Wednesday, August 14.
- that \$20,179 was given to Luther Memorial Church and Academy on Erie Gives Day and the Bethany Outreach Center received \$7,322! Both amounts are an increase from last year. We are so grateful for those who gave to this ministry in this way. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you!
- that on Sunday, September 8 we will formally dedicate the renovated 5th floor room in loving memory of Linda Collin whose generosity to this congregation provided the funds for the wonderful renovation. There will be a plaque in Linda's memory as a part of the dedication.

Music Ministry

Presque Isle ProMusica - "Summer's Last Fiesta" Concert



The recently formed **Presque Isle ProMusica** will present a free outdoor concert at **4:30pm on Sunday, September 15 at Luther Memorial**. Limited seating will be provided, so you may want to bring a blanket or lawn chair as the orchestra will perform on the lawn of the prayer garden. Invite a friend or two and all of your family and join us for this outdoor concert - a great introduction to light classical music performed by a professional chamber orchestra of local musicians. In case of rain, the concert will be presented in the main church. A reception will follow the concert and free-will donations are always appreciated.

The Luther Memorial Concert Series is once again hosting the Presque Isle ProMusica concerts of the 2019-2020 season at Luther Memorial. Your support (*attendance, word-of-mouth, financial, etc.*) is greatly appreciated. Please contact Walt Gaber if you wish to make a financial donation, purchase advertising in the *Presque Isle ProMusica* concert programs or volunteer to help with the many small tasks of hosting these concert events.

Choir Participation in Synod Installation of the New Bishop



The Luther Memorial choir has been invited as the choir for the installation service of bishop-elect Lozano on the afternoon of **Sunday, October 13 at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church** in Greenville. In addition to an anthem, we will lead the singing of the psalm and gospel acclamation. If you would like to sing in this choir, please contact Walt Gaber or any choir member and plan to attend one or two of the Thursday evening choir rehearsals immediately preceding that date. We will car-pool to Greenville and may plan a time of fellowship/meal on the return trip home.

Bach Cantata Vespers

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 10 at 4:00pm** and will feature a comforting and confident cantata #99 based on one of our solid, but less-often sung hymns - "What God Ordains Is Always Good" (LBW 446).

Five full choir rehearsals will be held on Sundays **beginning September 29 and continuing through November 3 (12:00 noon to 1:15pm)** - please plan to attend as many of those as you can. The final dress rehearsal will be on Saturday, November 9 from 9:00am to noon. Also, beginning Thursday, October 3, the final 30 minutes (8:00 - 8:30pm) 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 for a time of music-making and fellowship, including light snacks following each Sunday rehearsal, please contact Walt Gaber (814-602-2755, WaltGaber@gmail.com) prior to the first rehearsal you attend.



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.



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


Loretta Niemi who died Monday, August 26, 2019

Luther Memorial Concert Series

The LM Concert Series 2019-2020 calendar centers on two **Bach Cantata Vespers**, November 10, 2019 and March 8, 2020. In addition we are hosting the new **Presque Isle ProMusica** (*the replacement for the Erie Chamber Orchestra*) and other programs. This Luther Memorial ministry is made possible through the donations of our supporters. As of mid-August, the following have already made donations for this season - please thank them and consider joining them in support of this ministry.

GUARANTOR (\$500+) Anonymous Walt & Jeanne Gaber Carol Schaal BENEFACTOR (\$200-499) Tim & Cathie Dugan Jonathan & Molly Gaber Cindy F. Henry Brian Hubbard Brian & Jane Moran Susan & Mike Weber	DONOR (\$75-\$199) Marilyn Bohn (<i>IMO Fred</i>) Les & Lois Fobes Bob & Diane Giannelli Bill Lasher Donald & Janice MacInnes Dorothy Overberg FRIEND (to \$74) Diane & Gary Parsons Dorothy Youngman
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To become a supporter of the Luther Memorial Concert Series please complete the attached form and send it to the church or place it in the Sunday offering plate. Your sponsorship is fully tax deductible as allowed by law.

	Please accept my donation for the current 2019-2020 season.			
	<input type="checkbox"/> Guarantor (\$500 or more)	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor (\$200 - \$499)	<input type="checkbox"/> Donor (\$75 - \$199)	<input type="checkbox"/> Friend (up to \$74)
Name: _____ (as you want it listed in program and on our website)				
Name: _____ (for mailing acknowledgement, if different)				
Address: _____				
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____				
Phone: _____ Email: _____				
Complete this form, enclose cash or check and return to the church at 225 West Tenth Street, Erie PA 16501. Thank you.				

Retirement of Father John P. Downey



Father John Downey of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Paul in Erie will be retiring from the Dean of the Cathedral after 32 years of faithful service to the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Luther Memorial Church has been blessed to have such a wonderful neighbor and friend and we give thanks for his ministry. You are invited to give thanks for his ministry at a Choral Evensong (followed by Reception) on Sunday September 22, 2019 at 5:00pm. The event will be held at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 134 West 7th Street. Thank you Father Downey!

September is Prostate Cancer Awareness Month



Blue is the color of the month. I wrote a newsletter article about prostate cancer in 2015 and feel the need to update this important subject.

Prostate cancer is the most common non-skin cancer in America, and the 4th most common tumor diagnosed worldwide. It now affects 1 in 9 men. Previously it affected 1 in 7 men. One new case occurs every 3 minutes, previously it was 2.4 minutes, and a man dies from prostate cancer every 19.1, now 17 minutes. I could not find information as to why this number has decreased. For men of African descent, 1 in 6 will develop this disease. It is estimated that 4 million American men are living with prostate cancer. A man is 35% more likely to be diagnosed with prostate cancer than a woman is to be diagnosed with breast cancer! "Men don't die from prostate cancer" is what most people think. Well, this is not totally true. Yes, if it is caught early enough and treated, then men can "live with it" and sometimes be "cured". The secret is early detection as 99% of patients live 5 years or longer after diagnosis. Unfortunately some men don't like to take the time to obtain medical care. My late husband was one of those men. Consequently and unfortunately when he was diagnosed with prostate cancer, it was too late and it had metastasized to many parts of his body. Please read this article and share it with anyone and everyone you know, especially the men in your lives.

The prostate gland is a part of the endocrine system. It is a walnut-sized gland that sits below the bladder and in front of the rectum at the bottom of the pelvis. Only men have prostate glands. In rare cases prostate cancer can cause symptoms. These symptoms involve the genitourinary tract but may also cause rectal pressure and pain or stiffness in the lower back, hips, pelvis or thighs.

It is generally accepted that there is a genetic link that increases the risk of prostate cancer (PC). The fathers, brothers and sons of men with PC are twice as likely to develop this disease. In many respects, PC and breast cancer are considered to be a related disease. There is now evidence of a hereditary link between PC and breast cancer in women and vice versa in men. This genetic link makes it wise for a man diagnosed with prostate cancer or a woman with a history of breast cancer to advise their direct relatives (sons and daughters, sisters and brothers) to undertake early and adequate screening for prostate and breast cancer. This high risk may be due to genetic factors (known or unknown), shared lifestyle factors or other family traits. So men, don't bury your head in the sand. If your doctor doesn't ask, be sure to tell him/her if there is a family history of PC or breast cancer in your family and get checked!

Getting checked is as simple as getting a blood test called a PSA (prostate specific antigen) and getting a digital rectal exam. Yes, these may be uncomfortable, but they also can be life-saving. If the results are abnormal an MRI, ultrasound, bone scan and biopsy will be needed to determine if it has spread from the prostate to other parts of the body. Researchers are continuously working on improving the tests to diagnose this disease. Please take the time to take care of your health.

So, what can you do to help prevent this disease? Here are 10 health tips from the Prostate Cancer Foundation website:

1. Eat fewer calories and exercise more so that you maintain a healthy weight. Drink water and natural juices instead of soft drinks. Cancer likes sugar.
2. Avoid smoking for many reasons. Consume alcohol in moderation, if at all.
3. Avoid taking more than 1500 mg of calcium per day. Skip the supplements and consume your calcium from leafy green vegetables, beans and fish..
4. Eat more fish. Evidence from several studies suggests that fish can help protect against prostate cancer because they contain "good fat", particularly omega-3 fatty acids.
5. A lack of vegetables in the diet is a risk factor for prostate cancer. Cruciferous vegetables such as cauliflower and broccoli are especially beneficial. Use olive oil for cooking for a maximum health benefit. Tomatoes cooked in olive oil have shown to be beneficial. Also soy and green tea may be helpful.
6. Avoid over-supplementation with mega-vitamins. Too many vitamins, especially folate, may "fuel the cancer" and while a multivitamin is not likely to be harmful, if you follow a healthy diet with lots of fruits, vegetables, whole grains, fish and healthy oils, you likely won't even need a multivitamin. Ask your health care provider about herbal supplements. Some may even be harmful.

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7. When barbecuing, marinate meat and turn it frequently to prevent charring. Charred meat of any type can produce carcinogens.
8. Regular exercise is important. Research now suggests that exercise may be one of the best natural antioxidants, eliminating inflammatory molecules that drive cancer.
9. Relax and enjoy life. Reducing stress in the work place and home will improve your survivorship and lead to a longer happier life.
10. While eating well and exercising may make a difference in the long run, it doesn't always eliminate your risk of having prostate cancer. Talk to your doctor and get a screening done.

Nutrition and wellness go hand-in-hand. Taking control of what you put into your body is a great first step toward reducing your risk for prostate cancer, and other dangerous diseases.

Treatment depends on the stage of the cancer. How fast the cancer grows and how different it is from surrounding tissue help determine the stage. There are many treatment options that may include watchful waiting, surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, chemotherapy or participating in a research study. Please don't hesitate to get a second opinion at a teaching medical center.

So, again, I say this disease affects the whole family. Men talk to your fathers, siblings, and sons. Women do the same. Education is how we will decrease the incidence of this disease. There are many websites available for information and support.

Thank you for this opportunity to educate all of you on this disease that affected my whole family.

Blessings,

Linda Graffius, RN, Faith Community Nurse

Coordinator of Care and Health Ministry

Resources: www.nlm.nih.gov / www.5Komen.org

Blood Pressures



Be sure to stop in the library to get your blood pressure checked following the 10:30 service on Sunday, August 18; stay healthy.

Hospital Visitation



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

Medical Equipment

Please contact the church office or Linda Graffius if you are in need of durable medical equipment following surgery or rehabilitation. Our church has walkers, canes, etc. that can be borrowed as you are recuperating.



September "Sunshine" Birthday Celebrations

JOYCE MOUNTAIN 9/2
Sarah Reed Retirement Center
227 W. 22nd Street, RT 102
Erie, PA 10592



BOB PETERSON 9/14
Sarah Reed Retirement Center
227 W. 22nd Street, Reed Manor 207
Erie, PA 16502

Women of the ELCA

Tuesday Evening Circle

Our monthly meetings will begin on September 3 at 7:00pm. All women are invited to join us. If you have questions about our women's group, please contact Pat Young at 455-7736.



Deborah Circle

Join us for our first gathering of the fall on Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30pm at the home of Judy Johnson. For more information, contact Judy at 833-4600.

Pennies for Poverty



As a continuing project to aid women and children in crisis, special containers for donations to "Pennies for Poverty" are located by the doors to the Main Church and Faith Chapel. Our women's groups thank one and all for your donations of coins and dollars.

Save the Date



Women of the ELCA NWPA will again be partnering with the Southwest Synod ladies for our annual retreat at Lutherlyn on September 13, 14, and 15. Some of the workshops include Prayer Pathway Journaling, Buzz on Bees, Christian Card Making, Holy Hike, Canvas Cross Making and, with our own Linda Graffius, community Faith Nurses and Health Ministries. Zip lining will also be offered but only for pre-registered dare devils. (You must be able to climb up a cargo net!) We are also sponsoring a fundraising event that will benefit W/ELCA Katie's Fund. Katie's Fund endowment supports leadership development, global connections, and Living Theology.



Magic Fingers Grace Group



Pull out all the unused yarn you've accumulated and start knitting or crocheting. Not sure how to knit? No worries, we're here to show you how. Join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am for a wonderful morning. Start your Tuesday with us, it will lift your spirits. We'll see you on Tuesday, September 10 and September 24.

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

OWLS – Older Wiser Lutherans

Wednesday, September 18
Tom Ridge Environmental Center
Lunch and a Movie

Please arrive to TREC by 11:30am. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Menu selections are to be made prior to September 18. "Menus" are located in the church office and on the table under the video screen. Please circle your selection and return to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, September 13. Lunch payment is due at TREC.



Following lunch we will view a 45 minute movie entitled "Mysteries of the Great Lakes". Tickets are \$5.

Carpooling is available; please notify the church office by September 13 if you would like to carpool to TREC. Reservations for this event are due to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, September 13.

Something new and different you're sure to enjoy.

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, September 17

Where: Luther Memorial Church Parlor

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



Youth & Family Events

Erie County CROP Walk for Hunger



Lace up your walking shoes and join us on Sunday, September 15 for the CROP Walk. Take one afternoon and make a difference in our community to help fight hunger. Not able to walk? We invite you to get involved and sponsor a walker.

Sunday, September 15, 2019

1:30 pm Registration Opens

2:00 pm Walk Begins

Presque Isle State Park – Beach 1

CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs. From seeds and tools to wells and water systems, the key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths and their needs.

Indoor Yard Sale ~ September 21

7:30am – 12:30pm

Fellowship Hall



Finish the task of cleaning your closets, your garage, your shed and bring your unwanted items to the church for our annual Indoor Yard Sale. We guarantee you'll find some great bargains, too!

Unwanted items may be dropped off at the church through September 20.

Electronic items and books will not be accepted.

Please contact the church office with any questions.

Vendor Fair

Saturday, September 28
9:00am – 2:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Holiday shopping can start early this year! Stop down to our Vendor Fair on September 28 and browse the large variety of items that numerous vendors will have available.

Professional vendors will be on site and unique craft items will be available. If you're searching for that special and distinctive item, you'll probably find it at our Vendor Fair.



Trunk or Treat



Sunday, October 27
2:00-3:30pm
Luther Memorial Fellowship Hall

BOO!! It's Trunk or Treat time at Luther Memorial! Find a big treat bag to fill, a super duper disguise, grab your family and friends and rush down for a hair-raising evening of fun.

Please contact the church office, Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski if you would like to decorate a booth area 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 fellowship hall will be from 1:00-2:00pm. This is so exciting; can't wait to see the decorations and costumes!

BINGO!

Sunday, October 20
Doors open: 1:00pm
Event: 1:30-4:30pm
Tickets: \$20 / \$25 at the door

Save the date for our next lively afternoon of BINGO. A total of 10 games will be played with prizes of gift cards (8 games) and cash (2 games). And we won't go hungry; enjoy pulled pork, snacks and beverages. Try your luck at our Chinese auction and get some goodies at the bake sale.



Thank You's

Pastor Coleman gives thanks for the Congregational Life Committee for organizing the Wine Outing at Lakeview Winery and for hosting the wonderful Anniversary Tea Party to remember and give thanks for the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church, St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and Luther Memorial Church.



Dear Luther Memorial Church,

Thank your gift of \$122 to ELCA World Hunger. Your generous gift is enabling transformative works of love here in the United States and in 60 countries around the world, providing what is needed to end hunger and poverty. Thank you for making a difference in the lives of our neighbors around the world.

In Christ,

The Rev. Robin Brown

Mission Funding Director

You can donate to World Hunger at Luther Memorial Church on the 5th Sunday of the Month (September 29 and December 29).

From Jan MacInnes:

Thank you to everyone who helped donate to the collection for the Military Boxes and to those who made cookies, cakes and helped with packaging the boxes. We were able to pack up 28 boxes to go to the 910th Air Wing stationed in the desert overseas. Thank you to Beth Keller and her staff that helped the children that attended Vacation Bible School make really special little gifts for everyone. These gifts were included in the boxes. What a great surprise to receive the gifts from the children. God has blessed us with wonderful caring children and adults and that is what makes Luther Memorial so special.

From Gina Sims:

I cannot begin to express my deepest gratitude for everyone's support at our annual Kenneth Snider Memorial Car Cruise which was held on July 21. We are truly blessed to have so many amazing volunteers, individuals who bring their cars, businesses who donate, and of course our supporters who come out every year to enjoy the show. Without everyone this would not be possible. Every year this show grows to be bigger and better, and we were truly blessed with great weather for the event. We had about 40 cars who came out and about 400 individuals who attended. This year our Chinese auction had 100 baskets, we added a bake sale, and we had many activities for the kids. We profited about \$2,000 this year after expenses. A portion of the money will be donated to our local Shriner's Hospitals for Children in memory of Dave Schick. The remaining money will go towards our outreach funds. Ken would be proud of what this event has become and our continued outreach to our community.

Fourteenth Annual Golf Outing



A little rain won't stop us – here's our new date

Sunday, September 29

2:00pm

J. C. Martin Golf Course (38th & Cherry Street / between the zoo and ice rink)

See Greg Kern to register (455-3904)

Fee: \$24/person riding in a cart.
\$19/per person if walking.

Fee includes greens fee, riding cart (if using), food, and prizes.

Ten riding carts available (5 foursomes)

Format: 4 person scramble

Food will be provided by the golf course and will consist of several sandwich choices, bag of chips, cookie and can of pop or water.

Prizes will be pro shop gift certificates and will be awarded for first, second and third places along with five skill shots (closest to pin, longest putt, etc.).

Bethany Storytime Fall 2019

Bethany Storytime begins 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, October 12 – November 16 at the Bethany Outreach Center, 254 East 10th Street

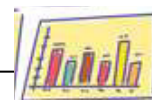
- **Volunteer:** If you would like to help our children with this program on any Saturday (Oct. 12 – Nov. 16), please contact Eric Hedlund by email at eric@bethanyoutreachcenter.org or by phone at 814-898-1233.



September Birthday Celebrations

Arden Fetcko	9/1		Marian Graffius	9/10	Elizabeth Weber	9/17
Gia Fracassi	9/2		Sandy Barbaro	9/11	Christine Gustafson	9/18
Joyce Mountain	9/2		Ella Santillano	9/11	Thomas Hagen	9/19
Michael Pancurak	9/2		Diane Banks	9/13	Mary Alice Ross	9/19
Sandra Renner	9/2		Brian Ambrose	9/14	John Swenson, Jr.	9/19
Matthew Hedlund	9/3		Wendy Kern	9/14	Alex Ruler	9/20
Keri Cooney	9/4		Bob Peterson	9/14	Elijah Schlecht	9/21
Deanna Visalle	9/4		Jeremiah Rieger	9/14	Lincoln Tuszynski	9/21
Joe Barbaro	9/5		Bella Schlecht	9/14	Gabriel Botelho	9/24
Hannah Chaffee	9/5		Brennan Coleman	9/15	Gene Sonney	9/24
Carly Masiroff	9/5		John Jensen	9/15	Betsy Blore	9/25
Lynnette Gustafson	9/6		Austin Nickerson	9/15	Sandra Mantsch	9/25
Ian Heckelman	9/6		Marcus Rogan	9/15	Grant Stelmack	9/25
Peter Lawson	9/8		Anthony Cimino, III	9/16	Sandra Brindle	9/26
Alexander Mehs	9/8		Gary Flick	9/16	Christine Johnson	9/26
Aaron Wettekin	9/9		Adalynn O'Leary	9/16	Claudia Mosso	9/26
Chester Battersby, Jr.	9/10		Nancy Morgan	9/17	Maxwell Albert	9/29
Brett Foutz	9/10		Joann Perry	9/17	David Griswold	9/29

August 2019 Statistics



ATTENDANCE:

	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>4:00 P.M. RECHARGE</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
August 4	38	86		2	126
August 11	Outdoor ELP Service held at Faith Lutheran Church. Services not held at Luther Memorial.				
August 18	39	90			129
August 25	47	99			146

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None recorded.

FUNERALS: None recorded.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

MEMORIALS:

WEDDINGS: None recorded.



Luther Memorial Academy

Luther Memorial Academy Sunday

We begin our school year with a very important tradition of worshipping together in fellowship. Our students and families join with Luther Memorial Church to celebrate our school and the ministry and personal relationship we share. We will worship together on:



Sunday, September 22
Worship service begins at 10:30am
Main Church

This is a required school day; all students are asked to report to Faith Chapel by 10:15am.

Any student unable to be present must have a parental excuse.
All students and faculty will process into the church as a school.

Following worship we will celebrate our school with

Please join us in the parlor for refreshments, provided by the Parent Teacher League, following the worship service.

Chinese Auction



Our school library is funded solely by our Chinese Auction and monetary gifts that are received throughout the year. Our library is well stocked with the most current books that our children love as well as up-to-date resource materials. We invite you to stop in the library this morning to browse the books and supplies that are available to your children.

While you're in the library have some fun and take part in our Chinese Auction. You could win that special item you have your eye on. Donations for the auction (craft/homemade and purchased items, etc.) will be accepted through Friday, September 20. Monetary donations are also very appreciated.

Walking Taco Lunches



Our delicious Walking Tacos are back! 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 27.

Designer Purse Bingo

Sunday, November 3
4:00-7:00pm
Perry Hi-Way Hose Company

Doors open at 3:00pm for an evening of fun at our Third Annual Designer Purse Bingo. Support Luther Memorial Academy and enjoy a night out with friends while playing for fabulous purses from the designer names you love! Ticket includes 16 games of bingo, light refreshments and a bingo dauber! Try your hand at some small games of chance and our Chinese Auction. BYOB and snacks.

Tickets are \$30 each or take advantage of the early bird rate of \$25 by September 15. Purchase tickets at <https://squareup.com/store/LMA-PTL/> or pick them up in the school or church office.



Tuition Procedure for 2019/2020



School tuition payments are processed by Vanco Services, a company endorsed by Thrivent Financial, for the 2019/2020 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.
- Parents have the option of making tuition payments over a 10 or 12 month period.

Payments

MILK MONEY: 2% chocolate or white milk is available each day. The first semester milk money payment will be due in August. You are welcome to pay by semester for a discounted rate of \$36 per student or yearly, \$70 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!!



PTL Membership Enrollment Form

Family Name: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Membership Dues are reduced for the 2019/2020 school year!
Please include your membership fee of \$5 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!

SEPTEMBER 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:45am New Member Class	2 Labor Day School & Church Offices Closed 	3 First Day of School  6:00pm Endowment Cmt. 7:00pm W/ELCA	4	5 5:15pm Lego Parent Meeting 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	6	7 10:00am Legos
8 8:15/10:30am Worship 12:30pm God's Work, Our Hands / SafeNet 4:00pm ReCharge	9 6:00pm PTL Meeting	10 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Gr. 7:00pm Council 7:00pm PIAA Bd.	11	12 5:30pm Legos 5:30pm Teen Night 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	13	14 6:00pm Confirmation Class
15 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth 11:30am Blood Pressures 1:00pm VASA 11:30am Cookout 4:30pm PIP Concert CROP Walk	16 	17 11:00am Monastery of the Heart	18 11:30am OWLS (TREC)	19 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Bells 6:00pm LCBA 7:00pm Choir	20	21 7:30am-12:30pm Yard Sale  10:00am Legos
22 LMA Sunday 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth 11:30am Festival Celebration for LMA	23	24 10:30am Magic Fingers	25 12:00pm School Bd. 6:00pm Pastor's Book Club	26 5:30pm Legos 6:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	27	28 9:00am-2:00pm Vendor Fair 
29 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:15am Adult Sp. Growth 12:00pm Bach Rehearsal 2:00pm Golf Outing	30 					