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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 & 10:30am *In-person Worship
held in the Main Church*

10:30am service live streamed on YouTube
Service available on LM website on Monday

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September begins a season of change. Summer is coming to an end, school is back in session, and soon enough we will notice a change in the weather. We are a month removed from Pastor Coleman's last service with us, and we are experiencing higher numbers of positive Covid cases resulting in new requirements to be followed throughout the community.

Though it might not always be welcome, change is inevitable. We are encouraged because God blesses us with the tools and the wisdom to navigate these changes.

We are blessed to have among us two retired pastors in Pr. Moran and Pr. Lundwall who are willing to offer their time to the church to lead worship, and help in many other ways. We are also blessed to have many others who step up to lead the church in various roles. Thank you to all those willing and able to serve our congregation each and every day.

A few things to look forward to this month. Recharge will gather on Sunday, the 12th of September. We will kick off Sunday School for the children of our church, grades Kindergarten and up, on September 19. On LMA Sunday, September 26, we will join with students of Luther Memorial Academy and celebrate the leadership of all the teachers and staff. Please join us for any or all of these events.

Just as Paul explains to the Corinthians, we are all part of one body. God places us in this world with talents different from the rest, but together we are stronger because of our individuality. We also remember that we are part of the world around us. Nature depends on us, as we are also dependent upon nature. God created the beautiful world around us, so let's continue to do our part to maintain that beauty.

With all that happens around us, and the changes in the world, we focus on our relationship with God the Father, that He will guide us home.

I close with the Serenity prayer that I have prayed myself for many years.

God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference.

Michael Snider

Luther Memorial ReCharge

Sunday, September 12

Time:

3:00-4:00pm Fellowship (socially distancing)

4:00-5:00pm Worship



from 3:00-4:00pm. Our service, filled with music and praise, will be held from 4:00-5:00pm. **Please note the time change of one hour earlier than in the past.** If possible, please RSVP your attendance.

We have been coming together for worship and praise on the **2nd Sunday of the month** during the summer. Our next gathering will be Sunday, September 12. Please join us for fellowship and a delicious catered meal.

Live Streaming 10:30am Worship Service



Sunday services are held in person at 8:15am and 10:30am in the main church. **Our 10:30am worship service is live streamed on our church YouTube Channel using our camera equipment.** As you will be able to see, the camera equipment allows for more movement of our worship leaders, along with a much enhanced sound quality.

To watch the worship service on YouTube live, go to YouTube, and in the search bar, type in "Luther Memorial Church, Erie Pa". Subscribe to the channel. We understand this will be an adjustment for some, but if you have any problems or questions, please reach out to Norma Buerk.

A recording of the worship service is posted to our church webpage during the week. To watch the service on Luther Memorial Church's website go to the "Resources & Online Worship" tab and then click on the "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study" tab.

Holy Communion Practice for those Worshipping from Home on Sunday Morning



At Luther Memorial Church we are grateful to provide the option of worshipping from home or worshipping in the building, and to allow each person to make the best decision for themselves, but there is a real loss for those unable to come to worship in the church building on Sunday morning, as they are unable to receive bread and wine from the Lord's table. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine when those who are in person for worship do. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

Delicious Soup

Nothing hits the spot like a bowl of hot chicken noodle soup. And, you can get it freshly homemade on Sunday, September 19. Be sure to pick some up following the 10:30 service. At only \$6 a quart, you may want to pick up two!




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

Cheryl Albert (Dave, husband; son, Dan) who died Saturday, August 7, 2021

Music Ministry

Support the Luther Memorial Concert Series



The LM Concert Series 2020-2021 season was cancelled due to the pandemic. We hope that all of you have missed attending live music events and are looking forward to the resumption of those in the near future. Although we are planning some sort of 2021-2022 season which will hopefully include the return of our **Bach Cantata Vespers** services, the recent trend of the delta variant has caused us to cancel the immediate plans for this fall. We will continue hosting the **Presque Isle ProMusica** chamber orchestra as they navigate the same issues. This Luther Memorial ministry is made possible through the donations of our supporters. Although we have enough funds to begin this next season, we require your support to continue into 2022 and beyond.

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 2021-2022 season.

____ Guarantor	____ Benefactor	____ Donor	____ Friend
(\$500 or more)	(\$200 - \$499)	(\$75 - \$199)	(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.

Many thanks to the following who have made donations for the 2021-2022 season.

Guarantor (\$500 +)

Walt & Jeanne Gaber

Jean McMillin & David Morphy

Carol Schaal

Benefactor (\$200-499)

Jonathan & Molly Gaber
Dee Lasher
Linda Melaragno
Patricia Young

Brian Hubbard & Carol Nile
John & Mary Laver
Brian & Jane Moran

Mrs. Judy Johnson
Susanne J. Makay
Lois K. Smith

Donor (\$75-199)

Marilyn Bohn
Eric & Cindy Hedlund
Sally & Phil McAfee
Dorothy J. Youngman

John & Arlene Evans
Marjorie Johnson
Carol Nile

Les & Lois Fobes
Bill & Colleen Lasher
Dorothy Y. Overberg

Friend (up to \$74)

Cheryl Brown
Ann & Gary Flick
Lee Swensen

Helen & Robert Collins
Donald & Janice MacInnes

IMO Rick Diehl
Gary & Diane Parsons

Thank You

Thank you to all our choir members who have faithfully prepared and recorded hymns and liturgical songs for use in our worship services during the pandemic. Beginning in March 2020, they learned how to use new technologies and how to sing in the isolation of their homes. Everyone found the experience completely foreign to their previous choir experiences because of the isolation and singing without the support and camaraderie of a choir. Over the course of sixteen months, we recorded approximately 175 hymns to support our congregational singing while worshiping from our homes and while gradually returning to in-person worship. Most of these recordings may be found on the Luther Memorial website (LutherMemorialOnline.org/Music_HymnRecordings).

Please take a moment to thank the following individuals for the blessings they have given us through their talent, dedication and effort.

Soprano: Pat Boyd, Molly Gaber

Alto: Carol Carlson, Mary Laver

Tenor: Bob Banks, David Ruler

Bass: Jonathan Gaber, Ken Kraut, Otto 'Skip' Meyn

Presque Isle ProMusica - Free Summer Concerts



The Presque Isle Pro Musica (*a chamber orchestra in residence at Luther Memorial*) has presented a series of free concerts throughout the summer at Luther Memorial. As we all monitor our community's progress and response to the pandemic, they chose to ease back into live performances with small ensemble concerts.

The schedule of concerts presented at 7:00 PM on the 2nd Sundays of each month follows:

June 13:	Chautauqua Brass
July 11:	Jonathan Moser (<i>violin</i>) & Amber Shay Nicholson (<i>piano</i>)
August 8:	LeAnne Wistrom (<i>flute</i>), Paul Schlossman (<i>oboe</i>) and Sarah Kahl (<i>piano</i>)
September 12:	Louis Nicolai (<i>violin</i>), James Pearson (<i>cello</i>) & Sonny Froman (<i>drums</i>)

These concerts are free and open to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted at the door. Luther Memorial's current COVID-19 protocols will be in effect. **Sunday, September 12 is your last chance to enjoy one of these concerts.**

Women of the ELCA Circles

Tuesday Circle

We hope you will join us for our meeting on September 7 at 4:00pm. All women are invited to join us in the church parlor.

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



Deborah Circle

Join us for our Circle gathering in the church parlor on Tuesday, September 7 at 12:00 noon.

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.



Christian Education

Children's Church

A great way to begin the autumn season is with our Children's Church Kick-off on Sunday, September 19. Bring the family and join us in fellowship hall from 9:30 – 10:15am to get reacquainted and ready for a wonderful year. Donut holes (individually packaged) and juice will be provided.



Children's Church for our kiddos will begin in October:

Pre-K and Kindergarten – first Sunday of the month

Grades 1-3 – second Sunday of the month

LYO – third Sunday of the month

Grades 4-6 – fourth Sunday of the month

Bibles for our Third Graders

Bibles will be presented to children in third grade on Reformation Sunday, October 31, during the 10:30am service. Please contact Norma in the church office by Monday, October 18 if your son and/or daughter are in third grade so a Bible can be prepared for them. Thank you.



Acolyte Training



Luther Memorial Church will be providing Acolyte Training on Sunday, September 19 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.

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.



Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group



Friends, laughter, and good conversation just makes you feel good. . . and what better place to get that than with our knitters and crafters. Bring your knitting, crocheting or other project and join us the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 10:00am for a wonderful morning. If you need some help learning how to knit, we've got you covered. Brighten up your mornings, and we'll see you on Tuesday, September 14 and September 28.

Those unvaccinated are asked to wear a mask.

Please contact Jan MacInnes, 454-0106, ext. 233 or the church office, ext. 221 with any questions. Please let us know if you are low on yarn and some can be dropped off to you.

OWLS – Older Wiser Lutherans

**Wednesday, September 15
11:30am**

We will be treated to a visit from the Tamarack Wildlife Center on **Wednesday, September 15**. These wildlife experts will share amazing information about a variety of majestic birds they will bring to share with us.

- Lunch will be provided following the presentation.
- Due to travel costs (Saegertown) and transport of the birds a donation of \$5-\$10 is appreciated.
- Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by **Wednesday, September 8 as a minimum of 20 people is needed for this program.**



Family Events

Indoor Yard Sale

Saturday, September 11 7:30am – 12:00 noon

Fellowship Hall

Masks are required during the sale.



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

Unwanted items may be dropped off at the church beginning September 5.

Electronic items and books will not be accepted.

Please contact the church office with any questions.

Erie County CROP Walk for Hunger

Sunday, September 26



The Board of the Erie County Crop Walk did not rent the Peninsula Facilities for this year due to the uncertainty of Covid. Each congregation/organization is asked to plan their own walk on Sunday, September 26. Our Luther Memorial walk was so successful last year that we have planned a **walking tour of the History of the Underground Railroad in the downtown area.**

The tour is based on a two mile walk; however, it could be completed in one mile with transportation. Transportation will be available from UPMC Hamot to Luther Memorial and various parking lots. We thank volunteers from UPMC Hamot for this transportation. Other options include: Permission to park at St. Paul's Episcopal Parking Lot and First United Methodist's Parking Lot. You may also wish to park on French Street below Sixth.

We will meet at Luther Memorial on September 26 at 1:30pm for registration. Each participant will receive a booklet with 12 sites in our downtown neighborhood (Sixth and Sassafras to French Street from Sixth to Second Street). Walk at your own pace and enjoy some history.

Walk with family and friends, get some exercise and take part in this year's CROP Walk. As we walk for the great need of World Hunger and aid food pantries in our own community, we remember our ancestors of our community who helped those in need and in search for freedom.

Not able to walk? We invite you to get involved and sponsor a walker.

Please mark your calendar for September 26.

Oktoberfest Celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

FELLOWSHIP HALL

11:30AM

**ENJOY DELICIOUS FOOD
AND WONDERFUL
FELLOWSHIP**

Join us for our Oktoberfest Celebration.

Main Course Provided: Pulled Pork, Bratwurst (hotdogs) & 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 26.**



Thank You's

To the People of Luther,

Thank you very much for all the good wishes you have sent to me. Thank you to Jan MacInnes for the good dinner and thank you to Norma for the flowers. Thank you to Pastor for the visit and bringing me the white prayer shawl.

My love and prayers are with you all.

Wilda Sundberg



Dear Luther Memorial Congregation,

Please accept the sincere thanks from the Bethesda Foundation for Children Board of Directors and Bethesda Lutheran Services staff for your generous donations in support of Bethesda's Trinity Center. Your gift and support are both greatly appreciated, especially in light of recent events, to help our youth through this tough time.

Every day, Bethesda helps the lives of over 1,000 kids and families with locations in Crawford and Erie County. Your donation, in support of Bethesda's Trinity Center, enables Bethesda Lutheran Services to provide the kind of quality treatment and preventative programs that make a difference in the lives of the kids we serve and provides Bethesda the ability to continue our services during this crucial time. With your help, we continue to work to provide promising futures to children, youth and families. We could not begin to provide these services without the generosity and thoughtfulness of supporters like you.

Best always, *George R. Trauner*
Chief Executive Officer



Dear Care Ministry Family,

We are so grateful for all of the wonderful goodies that were so lovingly prepared for us. Thank you for your never-ending kindness. We feel very blessed to have you all as part of our church family! Thank you!

Love, *Jack & Jane Tell*

Our Care Ministry recently acquired a new walker and knee scooter which is available for anyone in need. A note of thanks goes out to Tom Klomp who assembled these two pieces of medical equipment. Thank you, Tom!

The purchase of these two pieces of medical equipment was made possible by a generous donation to our Care and Health Ministry from Pat and Henry Gilbert. Thank you, Pat and Henry!

Please remember that we have medical items available for loan (canes, walkers, shower chairs, etc.). Simply contact our church office if you are in need.

Linda Graffius, Faith Community Nurse



Dear Luther Memorial Family:

On behalf of Joe Helm's family and my family, we would like to thank everyone at Luther Memorial for all your love and support, thoughts and prayers, flowers, phone calls, cards and visits during the time following Joe's accident. We wouldn't have gotten through it without you! Thank you for the memorials made to Luther Memorial in honor and memory of Joe. I know Angel Joe is pleased and humbled by everyone's thoughts and kindnesses and love.

God Bless you All!

Sincerely,
Michelle Helm Kroh & family, Amy Helm Kurtich & family, Roberta Lobaugh & family



Luther Memorial:

I appreciated being remembered with the delicious meals I received. Even pretty flowers for the table to make me smile. Our members who work on this committee are very special in giving of themselves. Please let them know they are very much appreciated.

I am enclosing a check for the care ministry fund to help with this important outreach. Luther Memorial is blessed with so many wonderful people who care.

Thank you and God Bless,
Dorothy Overberg



Women of the ELCA

From Pat Bellingham

Recently, the Church-wide organization of Women of the ELCA met virtually for their Triennial Convention. Several constitutional changes were made:



- The number of church-wide executive board members is reduced from 21-15, including 4 officers.
- Synodical Women's boards may number 3 or more.
- Allowing 2 members of the same congregation to serve on the board.
- The constitution now allows for digital conventions
- The constitution now reads that the executive board shall be at least 20% women of color or whose primary language is other than English and at least 20% will be under 45 and/or members of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Memorials include:

- Continuing to fight Human Trafficking
- Supporting solar energy
- Supporting Thursdays in Black – a global initiative to promote a no tolerance culture for gender based violence
- Encouraging immigration reform
- Engaging in education against school violence and mass shootings
- Focusing on unjust treatment of women and girls by providing education and prayer
- Encouraging recycling and reusing

Locally, our Women have begun to meet in person for social activities, bible study, and community service. We will be having our joint retreat with the Southwest Synod women at Lutherlyn on September 18. It will be a one day event.

We have resumed our activities for the SOAP Project – Saving Our Adolescents from Prostitution. Several of our women have been canvassing hotels in Erie County with information and resources for the hotel industry on how to recognize and handle human trafficking on their properties. Since 80% of the activities in human trafficking happen in a hotel, they are the front line workers that need to have this information. If you are interested in being part of this team, let me know!

We are also continuing our service to women and girls in our area through our Lily Bag project. Gift bags with new undergarments, clothing, prayer squares, tissues are given to St. Vincent, AHN and distributed to women and girls who have been assaulted and need clean clothing to wear home after their emergency room treatment. Luther Memorial will be collecting items for the bags in a tub by the parlor for the next several weeks. What we need: soft cotton bras, cotton briefs, plain t-shirts, sweat pants in sizes small through XXL, socks, and prayer squares (one size fits all)!

What kind of angel are you?

MESSENGERS OF GOD (by Daily Grace)

The funny thing about angels is that we paint them as lovely and sweet, charming and even cherubic, yet whenever they appear in the Bible, their first words tend to be “Do not be afraid.” Sometimes we see artistic depictions of a fierce Gabriel or an imposing Michael. However, most depictions of angels, particularly female ones, seem created for looks, not for action—hardly the formidable messengers of God we read about in the Gospels!

Real messengers of good news and mercy not only come in all shapes and sizes but would rarely be described as shrinking violets. Think about the most beloved woman of valor you can recall from your family or congregation, neighborhood, or community. Chances are she's not only a vessel of grace and goodwill but also someone you wouldn't want to mess with when she's on a roll. “Do not be afraid,” indeed. Give these women some room to maneuver!

This message is an excerpt from “Angels among us” by Laura J. Gifford in the March 2021 issue of Gather.

Peace, through Christ,

Pat Bellingham, President

Synodical Women's Organization W/ELCA

September Birthday Celebrations

Arden Fetcko	9/1	Marian Graffius	9/10	Joann Perry	9/17
Gia Fracassi	9/2	Sandy Barbaro	9/11	Elizabeth Weber	9/17
Joyce Mountain	9/2	Ella Santillano	9/11	Christine Gustafson	9/18
Sandra Renner	9/2	Diane Banks	9/13	Kim Wertz	9/18
Matthew Hedlund	9/3	Brian Ambrose	9/14	Tom Hagen	9/19
Keri Cooney	9/4	Wendy Kern	9/14	Mary Alice Ross	9/19
Deanna Visalle	9/4	Bob Peterson	9/14	Alexander Ruler	9/20
Joe Barbaro	9/5	Jeremiah Rieger	9/14	Elijah Schlecht	9/21
Hannah Chaffee	9/5	Bella Schlecht	9/14	Gabriel Botelho	9/24
Carly Masiroff	9/5	Brennan Coleman	9/15	Betsy Blore	9/25
Lynnette Gustafson	9/6	John Jensen	9/15	Sandy Mantsch	9/25
Ian Heckelman	9/6	Austin Nickerson	9/15	Grant Stelmack	9/25
Peter Lawson	9/8	Marcus Rogan	9/15	Christine Johnson	9/26
Abigael Treiber	9/9	Anthony Cimino, III	9/16	Claudia Mosso	9/26
Aaron Wettekin	9/9	Gary Flick	9/16	Stephanie Penberthy	9/27
Chet Battersby Jr.	9/10	Adalynn O'Leary	9/16	Dave Griswold	9/29
Brett Foutz	9/10	Nancy Morgan	9/17		

September Birthday Celebrations for our Sunshine Members

Joyce Mountain 9/2
 Sarah Reed Retirement Center
 227 W. 22nd St., RT 102
 Erie, PA 16502



Bob Peterson 9/14
 Sarah Reed Retirement Center
 2214 Sassafras St., Apt. 113
 Erie, PA 16502

August 2021 Statistics

ATTENDANCE:

	8:15am	10:30am	YouTube	Total
August 1	49	162	137	348
August 8	30	50	81	161
August 15	32	61	N/A	93
August 22	26	64	50	140
August 29	31	58	27	116



BAPTISMS: None received.

FUNERALS: ALBERT, CHERYL - Date of Death:
 August 7, 2021 / Date of Funeral: August 14, 2021 /
 Pastor Brian Moran officiating.

MEMORIALS: KOENIG, James Sr. - FROM:
 Lois & Les Fobes

HELM, JOE - FROM:

Winnie Lyons Lois & Les Fobes

CRISMAN, ROBERT - FROM:
 Lois & Les Fobes

LETTER OF TRANSFER: None received

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None received.

WEDDINGS: None received.



August 2021 Council Meeting

1. **Minutes** of the July 2021 council meeting were not yet available.
2. **Treasurer's Report** - Treasurer Greg Kern reviewed the details of the written report indicating that church finances are in good order. It was noted that our congregation has been very faithful in their offerings to our ministry and should be thanked for their continued faithfulness. After a brief discussion, Ken Kraut moved and Pat Young seconded approval of the report. Motion carried without objection.
3. **Communications** - Those received are printed in the monthly newsletter.
4. **Introduction of Terry Hokaj** - Motion was made by Ken Kraut, seconded by Dave Griswold that Terry will serve on council and complete Joe Helm's term for 2021.
5. **LBW Hymnals** - Review of Walt Gaber's Recommendation for the Disposal of Surplus Luther Book of Worship (LBW) Hymnals was discussed. Luther Memorial will retain the necessary hymnals for the main church, chapel, balcony and choir room. The surplus will be donated to College Lutheran Church of Salem, VA. On motion by Ken Kraut, seconded by Dorothy Overberg, passed unanimously.
6. **Covid Updates** - Luther Memorial's current procedures will continue and follow CDC guidelines as needed. There will be a slight decrease in the amount of congregational singing going forward.
7. **Interim Pastor** - Discussion has taken place with Bishop Lozano and we are following his guidance in securing an Interim Pastor. Requested information by the Synod office is being sent so they are able to place an Interim with Luther Memorial.
8. **Property** - Repair is needed to the air conditioning system in the church office and affected school offices. Cost of repair is \$5,000 and will be done by Morewood. Ken Kraut moved and Vicky Blasco seconded approval of the repairs. Motion carried without objection.
9. **Council Meetings** - Meetings will continue to be held in person only. If necessary, due to covid, this will be revisited.
10. **Memorial for Pastor Ralph Walter** - Ann Flick reported that Christopher Paul, LMA administrator, is in contact with Fast Signs securing information on a flag for the school.
11. **Preparedness & Response Committee** - Linda Graffius plans to hold a meeting in September or October.
12. **Hotel Update** - We are currently in a holding pattern until December when Luther Memorial will take possession. Bids are being investigated from demolition companies.
13. **Pictorial Directory** - Michael Snider suggested that an updated pictorial directory may be a good idea in the near future.
14. **Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 7:18pm. The next council meeting will be held in person and is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14 at 6:00pm

Blood Pressures



Keep up with your health and have your blood pressured checked. Blood pressures are offered the third Sunday of each month following the 10:30am service. We welcome you to stop in the library on September 19 for your check-up. We ask that you be fully vaccinated to have your blood pressure checked.

Did You Know . . .



- that \$23,725 was given to Luther Memorial Church and Academy on Erie Gives Day and the Bethany Outreach Center received \$14,341! We are so grateful for those who gave to this ministry in this way. Thank you for your generosity and God bless you!



Luther Memorial Academy

New Teacher at LMA

Welcome to Mrs. Cheryl Steele, our new 4th grade teacher. Mrs. Steele has been teaching for many years in the Erie School District and we are blessed to have her join our LMA family.



Luther Memorial Academy Sunday

Everyone enjoys this very special Sunday service each year when 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 26
Worship service begins at 10:30am
Main Church

Due to ongoing concerns attendance is not mandatory this year, but we would love to see many of you there.

Chinese Auction



Our school library is funded solely by our Chinese Auction and monetary gifts that are received throughout the year. Our school librarian, Mrs. Sally McAfee, keeps our library well stocked with favorite books of our students and up-to-date resource materials. A fun way to support our library is to take part in the Chinese Auction. You could win that special item you have your eye on.

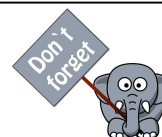
To ensure safe distancing the Auction will be held in the parlor this year and open for three (3) sessions. Tickets are available in the school and church offices and the auction will be available:

Thursday, September 23	8:30am - 2:00pm
Friday, September 24	8:30am - 2:00pm
Sunday, September 26	Following worship services

Donations for the auction (craft/homemade and purchased items, etc.) will be accepted through Monday, September 20. Monetary donations are also very appreciated.

Payments

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!! Call the office for details.



Tuition Procedure for 2021/2022



School tuition payments are processed by Vanco Services, a company endorsed by Thrivent Financial, for the 2021/2022 school year. The cost for this service is paid by the school, which is much better than the fee charged via PayPal.

- The tuition will either be deducted from your checking account or savings account.
- The authorization form was included in your tuition letter for 2021/2022. 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.

Valerio's Sub Coupons

Get your Valerio's coupons and support our LMA. A quick and easy dinner for your busy family.



- Coupons are \$6 each;
- Coupons can be picked up in the school office Monday-Friday; 8:00am – 3:30pm;
- Coupons are valid through December 31, 2021.

PTL Membership Enrollment Form – 2021/2022



Family Name: _____

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

Email Address: _____

Please include your membership fee of \$5 in cash or check payable to LMA-PTL



A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."



SEPTEMBER 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 	3	4
5 8:15/10:30am Worship	6 Labor Day Church & School Offices Closed 	7 12:00pm Deborah Circle 4:00pm W/ELCA	8 6:00pm Legos	9 6:00pm Handbells 7:00pm Choir Yard Sale Set up	10 Yard Sale Set up	11 7:30am Yard Sale/Fellowship Hall 
12 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:30am Acolyte Training 3:00pm ReCharge Service 7:00pm Presque Isle ProMusica Concert	13 6:00pm Legos	14 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 6:00pm Church Council	15 11:30am OWLS  3:00pm School Board 6:00pm Yard Sale Setup	16 6:00pm Handbells 6:00pm Legos 7:00pm Choir	17	18
19 8:15/10:30am Worship 9:30am Children's Church Kick-off 11:30am Blood Pressures taken 1:00pm VASA	20 6:00pm Legos	21 4:30pm Select Meeting	22	23 6:00pm Handbells 6:00pm Legos 7:00pm Choir LMA Chinese Auction Open	24 LMA Chinese Auction Open	25
26 8:15/10:30am Worship LMA Chinese Auction 1:30pm CROP Walk / starting at LM	27 6:00pm Legos	28 10:0am Magic Fingers Grace Group	29	30 6:00pm Handbells 6:00pm Legos 7:00pm Choir		