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SUNDAY WORSHIP

8:15 am Worship Faith Chapel
10:30 am Worship Main Church
10:30am service live streamed on YouTube.
Service available on LM website on Monday

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This year, we are joining with the church throughout the world in recognizing *The Season of Creation* running from the 1st of September through the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4. You will notice some of our prayers and hymns focusing us on creation themes. We will gather on Wednesday evenings for *Bless This Night* from Holden Village focusing on creation. And on October 4 we will welcome our furry and fluffy friends to worship with us and hold a special blessing of our pets and animals friends in celebration of St. Francis.

While this season is new to our liturgical practices as Lutherans, it is by no means a new concept. Our siblings in the Eastern churches have held September 1 as the Feast of Indiction—the beginning of the liturgical year and the celebration of our Creation in Christ. That day, worship begins with the prayers:

O Fashioner of all creation, Who in Thine authority hast appointed the times and seasons: bless Thou the crown of the year with Thy goodness, O Lord, preserving in peace Orthodox Christians and Thy city, and save us through the prayers of the Theotokos.

O Christ our King Who livest in the highest, Creator and Maker of all things, visible and invisible, Who hast fashioned days and nights, seasons and years: bless Thou now the crown of the year; preserve and keep in peace Orthodox hierarchs, this city and Thy people, O greatly Merciful One.

The year, at least liturgically, is kept from the time of creation—the crowing of the year by creation—rather than in the middle of the depths of winter. The year, from planting to reaping, has come to completion.

Using this feast as a starting point, Pope Francis gathered church leaders from across the Church Universal—Catholics, Protestants, Orthodox, Evangelicals and Independents—to talk about sharing a single feast focus on God's gift of creation, particularly in light of the climate crisis we find ourselves in. Pope Francis and those who gathered sought a time when the whole Church could gather around not just celebration for God's gifts in creation but also lament and repentance for the sins we have committed against those gifts.

And so, this year, we begin our keeping of this feast. I invite you to open your heart in thanksgiving for God's goodness in creation as well as to the ways each of us is being called to work toward the healing of creation from the ways we have scarred our sacred home.

Pastor Jay

From the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod, gathered in Assembly in June, passed the following resolutions:

APPROVED
ELCA Resolution
from the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA
on World Council of Churches' Ecumenical Decade
of Climate Justice Action

...THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod urges every congregation, synod, ELCA related educational institution, affiliated ministry, separately incorporated ministry, individual member, and the churchwide office of the ELCA to commit to active participation in the WCC's Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action, since the ELCA is a member communion of the World Council of Churches; and be it further

RESOLVED, the various expressions of the ELCA in our synod be guided over the next decade by "the convictions to guide discernment and actions toward the challenges posed by the climate kairos" adopted in the ELCA's 2023 social message, Earth's Climate Crisis, which include the following:

- "Reduce greenhouse gas emissions at the rate scientists project will keep global warming below 2.0 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit) and as close as possible to 1.5 degrees Celsius.
- Support an interim U.S. target of 50% reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by 2030;
- "Support mitigation strategies to achieve these goals;
- "Promote scientific literacy and instruction about global warming and climate change in all our educational institutions;
- "Engage in legislative advocacy at all levels of government, individually and collectively;
- "Join with ecumenical, interfaith, and secular partners working to address the climate crisis; and be it further

RESOLVED, the congregations in our synod be guided over the next decade by "the convictions to guide discernment and actions toward the challenges posed by the climate kairos" adopted in the ELCA's 2023 social message, Earth's Climate Crisis, which include the following:

- "Promote creation care through preaching, worship, and educational programming;
- "Consider adopting congregational commitments to creation care, for example, by becoming a Creation Care Covenant Congregation via Lutherans Restoring Creation;
- "Provide pastoral care to those struggling with "climate anxiety" and other related mental health concerns, especially our youngest people;
- "Witness publicly to the climate crisis and "walk the talk" by:
 - Achieving the same levels of greenhouse gas reduction that the ELCA urges the U.S. government to pursue;
 - Investing in energy efficiency and renewable energy systems;
 - Reviewing how ELCA landholdings can be used to sequester carbon, promote biodiversity, and/or encourage other life-giving relationships with creation;
 - Becoming "anticipatory communities" that model climate resiliency (e.g., emergency shelters, cooling spaces, community gardens);
- "Engage in acts of community organizing to build stronger relationships and more resilient communities that can take action to create meaningful climate solutions and World Council of Churches, "Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action: Moving Together in Ecological Metanoia for Transformation." ELCA Social Message, Earth's Climate Crisis, pp. 13-17. ELCA Social Message, Earth's Climate Crisis, pp. 13-17. help people understand that they have the power to make lasting change; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod urges the ELCA Church-wide Organization to devote additional funds and staffing to lead us in this kairos moment when decisive action is required, and to help all expressions of the ELCA participate actively in the WCC's Ecumenical Decade of Climate Justice Action; and be it further

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RESOLVED, the ELCA shall launch a fund-raising campaign "Climate Justice Action for the Life of the World," (in concert with the appropriate ELCA church-wide offices), as a means to strengthen awareness, commitment, and advocacy across all congregations, synods, and ELCA church-wide; and to raise at least \$1 million for concrete programs dedicated to greenhouse gas reduction and other efforts to address Earth's climate crisis in response to God's urgent call for decisive action in this kairos moment.

RESOLVED, that the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod Assembly instruct the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod Council to request that the ELCA Church Council and Conference of Bishops implement the previous Resolveds.

APPROVED

***A Resolution Rejecting Christian Nationalism
and Affirming the Gospel's Call
to Public Witness and Civic Engagement Rooted in Christ Alone***

...THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA clearly and publicly reject Christian nationalism as incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, Lutheran confessional teaching, and the social teachings of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod commits to working against the power of Christian nationalism in our congregations and communities by affirming that Christ alone is Lord of the Church and that no nation, ethnicity, or political ideology may claim divine authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod actively strives to affirm a vision of Christian public life grounded in humility, service, the cross of Christ, love of neighbor, and consistent with the social teachings of the ELCA - in particular: "The Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective" and "Faith and Civic Life: Seeking the Wellbeing of All"; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod commits to sharing resources for leaders and congregations, as appropriate and timely, such as: studies on Christian identity and public life, worship resources, and civic engagement opportunities especially as coordinated through the ELCA Advocacy Office and the Lutheran Advocacy Ministry in Pennsylvania; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod calls upon the Office of the Bishop to issue statements against Christian nationalism as it pertains to the life and ministry of congregations and communities in the synod and to share messages from the Office of the Presiding Bishop with the synod regarding the same; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod encourage rostered ministers and lay leaders to speak clearly against instances when Christian language, symbols, or scripture are misused to justify exclusion, violence, or political supremacy and to engage others influenced by Christian nationalist narratives with pastoral sensitivity, curiosity, and invitation for dialogue; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod encourage all rostered ministers to prayerfully and diligently address their congregations about the responsibilities of civic life by supporting "efforts to increase voter registration and access to polling places and early voting while opposing state efforts to raise barriers to the ballot box" and to help dismantle structural barriers that limit voting rights and civic participation; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod encourage all NWPA congregations and ministries to build bridges, foster reconciliation, practice communal discernment, provide opportunities for difficult conversations, and address polarization constructively in their communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod commits to partnering with ecumenical and interreligious organizations working to defend religious liberty for all people, consistent with ELCA social teachings and the Declaration of Inter-Religious Commitment, as opportunities arise; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Synod offers appreciation for the efforts in the ELCA and church-related organizations that contribute to healthy civic life through service, advocacy, and education.

Brother Sun and Sister Moon!



We will draw the Season of Creation to a close on Sunday, October 4 when we commemorate Francesco d'Assisi, the beloved patron saint of animals and ecology. To this day, St. Francis is invoked in blessing over pets and animals of all kinds. This come the various stories from his life:

In one case, it is said, that while the people of Assisi laughed at Francis when he tried to proclaim the gospel of impoverished Jesus, as he turned to leave he saw a field of sparrows who seemed to be listening to him. He proclaimed to them and they listened with rapt attention. When he finished and dismissed them, they flew away singing.

In another story, Francis was befriended by a wild wolf who became a gentle companion in his loneliness.

As part of our celebration of creation and thanksgiving for God's gifts to us, we will welcome our fluffy and furry and four-legged friends to worship with us. Please note: all pet visitors must remain leashed and/or crated for the duration of worship and be well behaved around other animals. We will also welcome all our animal friends to worship in one quadrant of the worship space to allow for those who prefer to remain at a distance. For pet friends who cannot sit still for an hour or play nicely with others, you are invited to bring a picture. We will offer a blessing of all our pets at the end of worship.

Evening Prayer

Bless This Night, an evening prayer service from Holden Village will be held each Wednesday in September as we keep the Season of Creation; September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. We gather at 6:30pm in the Luther Chapel. Hope to see you there!



Look Ahead! An Early Start!



Look ahead, we will share in an extended celebration of Advent this year. There will be ample information in the coming months, but get ready now! In our keeping of the ancient 7 weeks of Advent, we will begin the church year on Sunday, November 8 as we share in the story of the Wise and Foolish lampholders. Get excited for this resurrection of an ancient practice and new opportunity for us to wait in anticipation of our God who came and is coming!

Are You In?

WE'RE ROUNDING THE CORNER AND GETTING READY TO PRINT OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY
ARE YOU IN?

It's time we update our last directory from 2022 to make sure we stay connected with everyone.

*We are hosting one more Sunday photography session for individuals or family pictures on **Sunday, September 13***

- ❖ The first session is from 9:15am until 10:15am (after the 8:15 service and before the 10:30 service)
- ❖ The second session is from 11:30am until the last picture is completed

When you arrive, you will complete your personal information before having your picture taken.

Take the elevator to stop #5 for direct access to our temporary Photography Studio



Confirming your membership status helps us keep our records accurate so we can continue communicating with you.

- ❖ If you are member whose information has changed since 2022 and have not had a chance to update our records at church, please contact our church secretary, Norma Buerk, by phone at 814-454-0106, ext. 221, or email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org. It would be appreciated if you contact us by Sunday, September 20 so a new directory can be completed and distributed. Thank you.

Christian Education

Blessing of the Backpacks



We are sending you off with lots of prayer and many blessings as you begin the new school year. Blessing of the Backpacks for all those school-bound this fall was part of our worship services on Sunday, August 30. Backpacks, briefcases, lunch boxes, received a blessing and a tag. The tag will remind you that God is with you throughout the day and school year.

Faith Formation for All Ages

Be sure to grab your FAITH FORMATION CALENDARS AVAILABLE ON ALL WELCOME TABLES. There are opportunities for all ages as we grow higher and wider and deeper in our life of faith.



FAITH5!

This fall we are kicking off a new program called Faith5: Cross+Gen. This program gathers all ages around various topics to share in single “eduworship” opportunity. We will gather in the parlor at 9:15am on the Second Sunday of each month and share a chance for everyone from our oldest to our youngest members to share and learn and grow and have a fun time growing deeper and broader and higher and further in faith together! It won’t be the same without you! Join us for our first Faith5: Cross+Gen gathering on:

Sunday, September 13

October 11 – Candle Making for All Saint’s Day

BROWN BAG BIBLE

Meeting on Thursdays at 12:00 noon, Brown Bag Bible is an opportunity to grow more deeply in our understanding of scripture through more in-depth study. You are invited to bring a lunch. We gather in the Conference Room in the Pastoral Suite (Elevator to Floor 4). **B³ invites you to join us Thursday, September 3, 10, 17 and 24.**

BIBLE AFTER DARK

We gather on the FIRST TUESDAYS of the Month at 6:30pm at Calamari’s Squid Row for conversation, fellowship, and mutual support among the saints! Make BAD part of your summer outings and **join us at Calamari’s on September 1 and October 6/**



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

John Klomp who died July 19, 2026.
Our prayers are with his brother, Tom, and family.

Youth (and Family) Events

LIA ~ Lutherans in Action

Tuesday, September 8
5:30 – 7:00pm

We will begin organizing the donated items that have been received for our yard sale. Many hands would be a great help. Proceeds from the yard sale benefit our youth so c’mon down and lend a hand.

LIA will continue to meet the second Tuesday of each month and focus on community based hands-on projects. Families are encouraged to join us.

Monthly gatherings are shared in the newsletter and on the BAND App. If you are not familiar with the BAND App, contact Sarah Prylinski, 814-882-1695, as events are also posted on the app.

Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group



The nice warm weather is still with us through September so get out and enjoy it while you can! Keep the knitting going and pop in to see us in the parlor the second and fourth Tuesday each month from 10:00am-12:00 noon. We're looking forward to seeing you September 8 and 22 to visit and enjoy our favorite yarn projects.

If you'd like to learn how to knit or crochet, we'd love to show you. Please contact Jan MacInnes, 814-833-0476 or the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221 with any questions. Please let us know if you are low on yarn and some can be dropped off to you.

OWLS

Wednesday, September 16

11:00am - 1:00pm

Lunch Provided



Do you have a favorite card game? Board game? Maybe Jenga is more your style. Whatever game you like to play, let's give it a whirl at our **GAME DAY** on September 16. Have some laughs, some fun and a delicious lunch with the OWLS. If you have a favorite

game, bring it along. Please RSVP to Jan MacInnes by Friday, September 11.

Family Scavenger Hunt ~ Sunday, September 20

Do you like solving clues? Finding that needle in a haystack? Then our Family Scavenger Hunt is perfect! We've got a mystery for you to solve and everyone will have an afternoon of fun reaching our mystery destination. We will begin at Luther Memorial Church where each family/group will receive their first clue and be on their way. Lots of fun and lots of laughter.



- Scavenger Hunt begins at 1:00pm and will conclude no later than 5:00pm.
- RSVP to Sarah Prylinski, 814-882-1695, or the church office no later than Wednesday, September 9.

Oktoberfest Celebration

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

FELLOWSHIP HALL

11:30AM

**DELICIOUS FOOD &
WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP
ENJOY!!**



Our Annual Oktoberfest Celebration is coming up!

Main Course Provided: Bratwurst & Sauerkraut
Hotdogs and 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 27.

Erie County CROP Walk for Hunger

Sunday, September 27

Beach One -

Registration at 1:00pm

Walk at 2:00pm

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities around the world.

Please join us in the fight against hunger. The steps we take and funds we raise will make a difference in the lives of others.

Sponsor a walker or walk yourself and take part in this year's **Crop Walk on September 27.**

Take the afternoon and make a difference in our community to help fight hunger.



Women of the ELCA

Tuesday Circle

Our monthly meetings begin on September 1 at 3:00pm. 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

We'll kick off September with our gathering in the church parlor on Tuesday, September 1 at 12:00 noon. For more information, contact Judy Johnson 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.

Retreat

September 25 - 27, 2026
Camp Lutherlyn
500 Lutherlyn Lane
Butler, PA 16001

The NWP and SWPA Women of the ELCA will hold their fall retreat September 25-27. We will reflect on the verse Mark 4:23:
"If you have ears to hear then hear."

Registration closed on August 28. Please contact Pat Bellingham, 814-602-5983, with questions. You may also contact

Jennifer Schaefer, 724-664-2077 or Jenniferlyns@comcast.net with any questions. Payments may be made to Jennifer Schaefer, c/o W/ELCA Lutherlyn Retreat, 1210 Beach Drive, Latrobe, PA 15650.



THANK YOU TO OUR WOMEN'S CIRCLES FOR PROVIDING GOODIES FOLLOWING SERVICE:
SEPTEMBER 13 - TUESDAY W/ELCA CIRCLE
SEPTEMBER 20 - DEBORAH CIRCLE



Indoor Yard Sale



Lots of treasures can be found at our Indoor Yard Sale. Whether you're decluttering your home or looking for some fabulous deals, this sale is just what you're looking for. Stop down, look around, and great items will be found!

Saturday, September 19
8:00am - 12:00pm
Fellowship Hall

Items for the sale may be dropped off at the church beginning the week of September 6. Books, TV's or large electronic items, and soft furniture will not be accepted. Please contact the church office with any questions.

Thank you, Luther Memorial Church

From Saturday, July 25, through Monday morning, July 27, our *Congregational Life Committee* hosted 22 women and men from the Fuller Center Bike Adventure. We coordinated their stay during a leg of their 74-day journey from Oregon to Maine, having last hosted this group in 2022. They have six or seven stops along their route, working with local groups to build or rebuild homes, and sometimes clean up the home's outdoor spaces. Their stop in Erie was for a rest weekend, not building days.

Their Cyclist Tim, an accomplished pianist was invited to play our grand piano in the sanctuary with Cantor Bryan Timm during the Offertory on Sunday, July 26. The cyclists who attended worship commented on our sincere welcome, and we exchanged handshakes during the sharing of peace. This shared moment of unity left a lasting impression on everyone.

Several members anonymously donated to the Fuller Center which will support their ongoing mission to eradicate poverty housing and provide adequate shelter for people in need. In addition, one family donated \$500 to honor the *Congregational Life Committee* for their volunteer work on this project and their dedication to Luther Memorial.

On Monday morning at 6:30 as they were ready to start off again, they gathered for this group picture at our front door.

O'YEAH!

That is the "thank you" shout-out from the Fuller Cyclists.

We are grateful for your warm welcome, thankful for your safe shelter, and blessed by your kindness!



Thank you from Pastor:

Dear Luther Memorial ~

Thank you so much for your wonderful celebration for my birthday. Your love and cheer has been such a blessing as we journey together in faith.

Also I am stunned by the beautiful stole for the Easter Season and all those times we give thanks for "your servants the bees" whose wax goes into our Paschal Candle.

With humble gratitude & much love,
Pastor Jay



Erie Gives Day 2026



Thank you to all of our donors for helping to make Erie Gives Day a huge success. The official results will not be announced until mid-September, but approximately \$47,120 was raised for Luther Memorial Church, Luther Memorial Concert Series and Luther Memorial Academy.

September Birthdays

Arden Fetcko 9-1
 Gia Fracassi 9-2
 Michael Pancurak 9-2
 Matthew Hedlund 9-3
 Deanna Visalle 9-4
 Keri Cooney 9-4
 Joe Barbaro 9-5
 Hannah Chaffee 9-5
 Ian Heckelman 9-6
 Lynnette Gustafson 9-6
 Peter Lawson 9-8
 Abigael Treiber 9-9
 Mari Graffius 9-10
 Brett Foutz 9-10
 Chet Battersby 9-10



Sandy Barbaro 9-11
 Ella Santillano 9-11
 Diane Banks 9-13
 Elizabeth Mendoza 9-13
 Wendy Kern 9-14
 Bella Schlecht 9-14
 John Jensen 9-15
 Austin Nickerson 9-15
 Marcus Rogan 9-15
 Anthony Cimino 9-16
 Gary Flick 9-16
 Leo Mendoza 9-16
 Adalynn O'Leary 9-16
 Christine Gustafson 9-18
 Kim Wertz 9-18

Mary Alice Ross 9-19
 Tom Hagen 9-19
 Alexander Ruler 9-20
 Elijah Schlecht 9-21
 Patricia Martin 9-22
 Gabriel Botelho 9-24
 Sandra Mantsch 9-25
 Grant Stelmack 9-25
 Betsy Blore 9-25
 Husaynzyad Adan Abu-Zabiba 9-25
 Christine Johnson 9-26
 Claudia Mosso 9-26
 Stephanie Penberthy 9-27
 Cecilia Montroy 9-28
 Dave Griswold 9-29

Remote Area Medical Clinic

RAM, Remote Area Medical Clinic, is now in its third year. RAM offers free dental, vision and medical services. **The Clinic will be held Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13.**

- The parking lot opens at 11:59pm with the Clinic opening at 6:00pm.
- Park and register at ECAT Wayne Lot, 934 East 7th Street.
- The Clinic is located at ECAT Wayne, 650 East Avenue.
- Services offered are at a first-come, first-served basis.



August 2026 Statistics

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>8:15am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
August 2	34	49	30	113
August 9	32	43	38	113
August 16	29	60	31	120
August 23	28	61	23	112
August 30	27	56	10	93
AVERAGE	30	54	26	110



CONCERT & CULTURAL SERIES:

	<u>7:00pm</u>	<u>YouTube</u>	<u>Total</u>
August 8 (Ozzy Osbourne)	91	28	119

BAPTISMS: None recorded.

Jan & Skip MacInnes

FUNERALS: None recorded.

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None recorded.

MEMORIALS: MACGREGOR, DON: from:

WEDDINGS: None recorded.

Luther Memorial Academy
"Small School. Big Heart. Where Students GROW in Everyway."



LMA Sunday

Each year this very special Sunday brings together students and families of LMA and Luther Memorial Church as we celebrate our school, the ministry, and personal relationship we share. We will see everyone at Luther Memorial on:



Sunday, September 27
Worship begins at 10:30am
Main Church

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

Following worship that morning we are looking forward to everyone joining us for the CROP Walk.

Erie County CROP Walk for Hunger

Join us following worship service on Sunday, September 27 for the CROP Walk. Join us at Beach 1; registration begins at 1:00pm with the Walk beginning at 2:00pm.

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a gathering of people in a place. We're part of a movement, taking steps and raising funds together to provide meals for those in our own community who need them - and supporting programs that create greater food security in communities around the world.



Sponsor a walker or walk yourself and take part in this year's **Crop Walk on September 27**. Take the afternoon and make a difference in our community to help fight hunger.

Welcome Our New Teachers

Join us in welcoming our new teachers to LMA. It's going to be a wonderful school year!

Miss Maria Insana – 1st grade
Mrs. Michelle Harrington – 5th grade
Ms. Elizabeth Kantz – 7th grade
Mr. Jamarja Hines-Tate – Physical Education



Labor Day

School will not be in session on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.
Enjoy a three day weekend.



Mum Sale

One \$10 voucher is good for one 8 inch potted mum from Gerlach's 3161 W. 32nd Street.



Support LMA with color this fall by purchasing a \$10 voucher and picking up a beautiful mum at Gerlach's Garden Center. Vouchers will be sold from August 12, 2026 – September 25, 2026.

Vouchers must be cashed in by October 5, 2026.

Proceeds will benefit Luther Memorial Academy PTL.

LMA Block Party

Saturday, September 12
12:00 noon – 4:00pm
Luther Memorial
Rain or shine

LMA will kick off their 2026-2027 school year with a fabulous Block Party. Your family and friends will have a day filled with fun and laughter as we gear up for another terrific school year.

Test your aim with cornhole tournaments. Adults; \$25 team of 2 / Children; \$10 team of 2. Register by calling the school office at 814-454-0106, ext. 222.

The day will fly by with all the excitement and activities for everyone to enjoy.

Delicious food	Great music provided by Lopaka Rootz	50/50
Carnival games	Beer & wine (donations accepted)	Basket raffle
Putt-Putt Golf	Bounce House	Bingo





Use this QR code to purchase block party tickets ahead of time and to register for cornhole.

MAP Testing

Fall Testing for Kindergarten through Grade 8 begins Tuesday, September 8.



Let's see those happy faces! Picture day is Monday, October 5.



Pizza with the Principal & Pastor

In June we recognized the character trait of ACHIEVEMENT; completing something successfully, using your own effort and skill. Walk BRAVELY into the future! We recognize all students for their hard work and effort this school year.

Tuition Help



New this year! Family Volunteer Tuition Credit Program allows families to earn a \$250 tuition credit by volunteering at approved school events and activities. Check with our school office for more information.

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Tuition Procedure



School tuition payments will continue to be processed by Vanco Services, a company endorsed by Thrivent Financial, for the 2026/2027 school year. The cost for this service is paid by the school.

- 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 2026/2027. This form is to be returned to the school office.
- Parents have the option of making tuition payments over a 10 or 12 month period or splitting into two (2) semester payments.

Wish List

Every little bit helps LMA; thank you.

- Bottled water – small and large
- Cases of paper
- Plates & napkins



- Monetary donations for Art & Music Supplies
- Monetary donations for the MJ Howell fund, which benefit teachers and staff

PTL Membership Enrollment



Family Name: _____

Student's _____

Name(s)/Grade(s): _____

Email Address: _____

Please include your membership fee of \$15.00 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)

Be sure to check out the LMA School Newsletter for more great things happening.
Great information at your fingertips all the time! Just scan the QR code or to go:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/IFORHQj/enewssignup>



SEPTEMBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30am Pericope 10:00am Grace Group 12:00pm Deborah Circle 6:30pm BAD	2 6:30pm Evening Prayer 	3 10:00am Diabetes Program 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible	4	5
6 8:15/10:30am Worship	7 Labor Day Church & School Offices Closed 	8 9:30am Pericope 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group 3:00pm W/ELCA 5:30pm LIA 6:00pm Council	9 6:30pm Evening Prayer	10 10:00am Diabetes Program 12:00pm Brown Bag Bible 1:00 Grief Group 5:30pm Handbells	11	12 12:00pm LMA Block Party 
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