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Noted Creationist to Speak at Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville

Dr. Kevin Anderson, a former National Institutes of Health postdoctoral fellow and university professor of microbiology, will be at Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville, on Saturday, July 28, at 2:00 p.m. to give a presentation on the spectacular findings in 2011 of soft tissue in the brow horn of a fossilized Triceratops dinosaur. His talk, Echoes of the Jurassic, will be followed by a lengthy question and answer time of an hour or more. Dr. Anderson and his associates discovered the dinosaur soft tissue near Glendive, Montana. Similar findings had been reported in the scientific literature by Dr. Mary Schweitzer in 2005. Dr. Anderson and associates accepted their own findings as evidence that dinosaurs existed up to only a few thousand years ago, thereby casting great doubt on the “age of dinosaurs” which is theorized to have been 65 million years ago. Dr. Schweitzer, on the other hand, has postulated an intricate natural process by which dinosaur could have been preserved for millions of years.

All are invited to attend Dr. Anderson’s talk which will be presented from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a short break at about 3:00 p.m., followed by questions and answers from the audience. This will be a fantastic opportunity to hear firsthand a discovery that has rocked the scientific world. Dr. Anderson and Mark Armitage have published their findings in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

The reasons why his findings cannot be “explained away” by contamination or some esoteric natural preservation of bone cells and soft tissue from the dinosaur horn will be the discussed by Dr. Anderson. The presentation will be at a layperson’s level with the key issue being that the application of science in this case does not support evolutionary time. Zion is located at 3197 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017.

Dr. Anderson will be a featured speaker in Pittsburgh at the International Conference on Creationism (ICC) from July 29 to August 1 at the Green Tree DoubleTree Hotel in Pittsburgh. Evening meetings of the ICC will be free to the public. Details on this international conference are given at www.creationicc.org.

Concordia Fashion Show Raises More than \$20,000

The 13th annual Concordia Fashion Show “Peaches and Cream” hosted residents, staff, and family members as well as our church members and local community for a day of fun, fashions, and feasting. The audience was entertained by 25 models who walked the runway for five fashion houses, 55 auction baskets, 125 mystery bags and several vendors this past Saturday, May 13 at Butler Country Club. Final figures have not yet been reached but preliminary reports appear to show more generated more than \$20,000 to benefit the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund for charity care. Thanks to all who supported our annual event.



Mark your Calendar

June

- 1 Strawberry Festival, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Oakmont
- 2 Redeemer Lutheran High School Graduation, Penn Hills campus, 10:00 a.m.
- 2 Car Cruise, Calvary, Murrysville
- 3 Church Picnic, Calvary, Murrysville Times TBA
- 3 25th Anniversary of Good Shepherd Christian Preschool Picnic and Goodbye to Matt and Deanna Doering, Good Shepherd Church, State College
- 3 Mary Gibbons Band, Concordia Haven II, Cabot, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 Nar Anon, Bethel, Glenshaw, each Monday at 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Last Day of School, Redeemer, Oakmont/Penn Hills
- 9 to Aug 13 Grief Sessions, Highpointe at Rebecca, each Monday for 6 weeks, 7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
- 10 Open House, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 11 Open House, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 18-19 Indoor Flea Market, Concordia of South Hills, Mt Lebanon, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Free Market / Flea Market, Mt. Calvary, West View, 9:00 a.m.
- 23 Concert "Birds Over Arkansas", Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Ice Cream Social, Concordia Haven I, Cabot, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 25 Ice Cream Social, Concordia Haven I, Cabot, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 25 to Aug 10 Summer Camp sessions, Redeemer Lutheran School Penn Hills campus
- 28 Concordia Grief Walk, Pie Traynor Loop, North Park, 9:00 a.m.

July

- 9 CLM Golf Classic, Treesdale Golf and Country Club, 8:30 a.m. registration
- 12 Pastor Edward Naumann Mission Update, Redeemer, Oakmont, 5:00 p.m.
- 21 Concert "Three Guys Named Moe" Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 6:30 p.m.
- 26 Concordia Grief Walk, Pie Traynor Loop, North Park, 9:00 a.m.
- 28 Echoes of the Jurassic by Dr. Kevin Anderson, Zion, Bridgeville, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 29 Concordia Summer Festival, Lund Care Center, Cabot, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

August

- 18 Concert "The Pittsburgh Banjo Club" Highpointe at Rebecca, times TBA
- 23 Concordia Grief Walk, Pie Traynor Loop, North Park, 9:00 a.m.

Vacation Bible School

- June 18 to 22:** Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville
9:00 to 11:30 a.m.
- June 18 to 22:** Redeemer Lutheran, Oakmont
9:00 a.m. to Noon
- June 18 to 22:** Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills
9:00 a.m. to Noon
- June 24 to 29:** Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville
9:00 a.m. to Noon
- July 16 to 19:** Ascension Lutheran, McCandless
5:45 to 8:15 p.m.

See individual articles for details.

Palm Mission Spotlight

by Pr. Bob McCannless, PALM Mission Chairman

Campus Ministry prepares for local High School graduates this fall.

As our high school seniors have just graduated, and now turn their eyes towards college, PALM is blessed to have two of the best Campus Ministry programs in all the Synod as part of our constituency at All Saints, Slippery Rock, and First Trinity, Oakland.

Serving the students of Slippery Rock University, as well as, from Grove City College, Pastor Loree and Pastor Seaver are gearing up for an influx of new students this fall. Putting your PALM Mission dollars to work, they will be reconfiguring the undercroft of All Saints church with new flooring, fresh paint, and new furniture to make for a more welcoming environment in which students can relax, work, study, and fellowship.

Having recently hosted Pastor David James from Voice of the Martyrs ministries following a viewing of the film "Tortured for Christ", international and local students learned of the difficulties still encountered in many parts of the world at being faithful to Christ Gospel. The plan is to sponsor more events like this at All Saints in the future.

Incoming students should look for Pastors and members of All Saints Campus Ministry at your June orientation. You'll also be welcomed to campus at the Labor Day picnic there on the church grounds. You can contact them when you hit campus at (724)794-4334, or just walk to McDonalds from campus - you cannot NOT run into All Saints THAT way!

Pastor Eric Andrae of First Trinity is always about a campus SOMEWHERE in the city. Serving students at Pitt, CMU, Duquesne, Robert Morris, Chatham, Carlow, CCAC, and Point Park Universities. First Trinity hosts numerous Bible studies throughout the year, conducts catechetical training, and hosts many other events for new

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Devotion

by Rev'd Brian Westgate

“O Lord, I have trusted in Thy mercy: my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation. I will sing unto the Lord: because he hath dealt bountifully with me.” – Psalm 13:5-6

These words begin the Liturgy of the First Sunday after Trinity, the first Sunday in June this year. The Church puts these words before us now because our review of our Savior's life has come to a close. Now we respond to what He done for us.

We are sinners. We displease our God. He should turn His face from us, as Psalm 13:1 implies. But the story of salvation tells us He did something different. God the Son came down from heaven, became one of us, and died for us. God the Father turned His face away from Him; that means He suffered hell for us. Then He rose. He announces to us through His Word that our sins are forgiven, and eternal life is ours. Believe it, and it is yours!

How do we respond? This is a life-changing message. The Trinity season teaches us this. It teaches us how the message comes to us and what it does to us. The Word is preached, and it makes us want to please God with what we do, think, and say. We pray to Him, praise Him, and thank Him. We serve others (at home and at work and anywhere else) joyfully. We gather in His house to hear from Him and be strengthened for our journey through this life to the heavenly home.

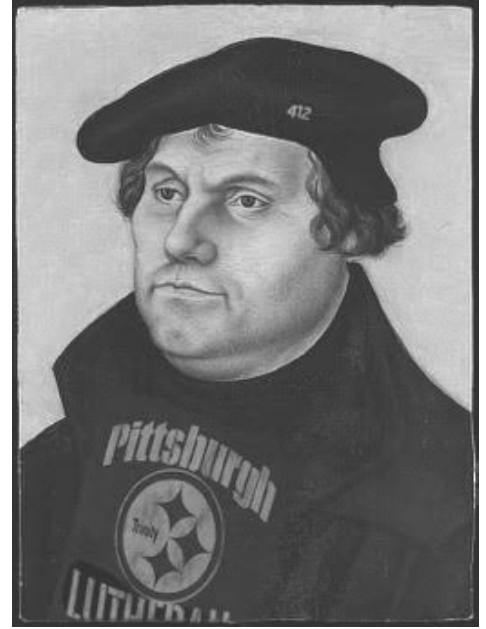
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and returning students.

Part of your PALM Mission dollars to this ministry, has already helped continue English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for international students. Pastor Andrae also recently confirmed two international students.

Worship and study opportunities still abound for summer school students. New students should look at their respective campus orientation this summer as Pastor Andrae attends ALL of those as well. You'll also see him at Campus Activity Fairs in the fall. The new and returning students will be welcomed back with the annual Student Fellowship Barbeque the weekend AFTER Labor Day. This is a 20-year long tradition that you won't want to miss!

If you, or your son or daughter, are attending school in the city this fall, contact Pastor Andrae and let him know (412) 683-4121. Campus Ministry looks forward to serving you and keeping you grounded on the solid rock of Christ no matter which school you're attending.



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Mileposters News

There are three candidates for new Mileposters captains this year. The first, pictured at Milepost 25 on the Youghiogheny River Trail (Great Allegheny Passage), has begun training and is doing well. She has seventeen grandchildren, several of which are expected to become stokers.



The weather has at last become spring like, and rides are well underway. May 5th saw our original blind stoker on a trip on the Eliza Furnace Trail, pictured at the Greenfield trailhead with her son. Both are veteran riders, having completed a trip from Pittsburgh to Cumberland, as well as many shorter rides.



Three experienced stokers are in line to become junior captains. After riding one of our small tandems alone for 20 miles, each will then do another ride with a carefully-selected stoker, in order to qualify. Since, after qualifying, two of them may be captaining on the same ride, both 20-inch tandems are being prepared. The second one acquired by Mileposters has now been fitted with crank shorteners (pictured). Crank shorteners allow different-size riders to be comfortable on the same bike by placing the pedals in the appropriate positions. Our original 20-inch tandem, which came from Philadelphia, had shorteners fitted when it was first placed in service. It is a convertible bicycle which can be used by itself or attached to the triplet to create an articulated quint--a bike for five riders.



Pastor Wurmbrand Inspires Campus Ministry

by Augusta R Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

Can you imagine being tortured for fourteen long years and still being able to love and forgive the guards who beat you so viciously that your feet were permanently deformed? Rev. Richard Wurmbrand, a Lutheran pastor in communist Romania, endured just that.

All Saints campus pastor, Rev. Larry K. Loree, Jr. brought Wurmbrand's story to All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center through a movie called "Tortured for Christ", as well as through Rev. David James and layperson Laura Krajeikvon, volunteer spokesmen for the Voice of the Martyrs organization. The movie graphically showed the suffering Rev. Wurmbrand went through. So does his book, *Tortured for Christ*, which is even more intense. Tears came to many eyes as we watched the movie as sadistic guards deliberately inflicted pain designed to cause Christians to renounce their faith.

The most powerful part of the story was the pastor's refusal to stop praying openly in his cell. His guard asked him what more he had to pray about. Pastor Wurmbrand replied that he was praying for the guard.

Pastor Wurmbrand's story inspired campus ministry because it poignantly shares that if he had not told his brutal guards and other suffering prisoners, they would not have known the Gospel. Atheism had been drilled into their heads for so long that they really did not know Jesus at all. They had never heard of Him! It may seem shocking, but many college students do not know even the Bible stories telling of Jesus. This includes American students as well as international. The Voice of the Martyrs organization will never give up telling the story of persecuted Christians who need our prayers. Neither will campus ministry give up the opportunities we have on campus to tell the old, old story, even if it takes a lot of time, effort, and prayer.

Ray Broman is a graduating senior from Grove City College who comes faithfully to worship at All Saints. He came to hear Rev. James and Laura Krejeikvon describe the witness given by Rev. Wurmbrand and many other Christians; they would not renounce their faith even when it meant torture and painful death or worse - the murder of their children in



On the left is Ray Broman, graduating senior at Grove City College, speaking to the Rev'd David James on the left.

front of their eyes. Ray, who is active in his faith, works with a group that promotes life. He left the Voice of the Martyrs session inspired by what he heard.

An international student came often to visit us at All Saints during this last semester. She enjoyed talking, shopping, and thinking aloud about where she will study next year. On the surface it seemed that faith seeds were being planted through loving friendship. In reality, every time anything Christ-centered was available, she said she was too busy or too tired or she had forgotten. During one heart to heart talk she said she needed to wait to go home to North Africa so she could worship there. When she said that, we both burst out laughing because she realized that this was just an excuse. She went on to explain that she isn't sure she even believes. It's just that her mother is a Christian and her mother believes she will go to Heaven. So, the student wants to be where her mother will be, and yet she does not believe. Campus ministry has made it clear that our friendship is not based on a person's faith. We invited her to use her remaining time in Slippery Rock to consider what the Bible says.

Two other students who often come for snacks, help, rides believe that although they are Christians, they do not need the church. One is emphatic that she has all she needs on her app. She "goes to church" online. But she cannot receive the Lord's Supper online! And she cannot give Christian fellowship to fellow believers either by watching an app.

Another student from Africa did not have the money to continue her graduate education classes. The door seemed closed, especially since her relatives at home were unwilling to allow her parent to sell some property in order to help her through school. Yet God opened the door! A wonderful Christian woman who lives near Slippery Rock University's campus became aware of the need for help and she has opened her home to the student. The only cost will be some minimal help in the home. But in spite of the miracle of help, the student feels she's too busy to worship.

So, what is the answer? To give up? To stop trying? No! All Saints loves students too much to quit. Like Pastor Wurmbrand we love sharing God's Word too much to give up on these students. Pastor Wurmbrand's story inspires us. The blessing is having Steve, a former student, drop in to tell us how much he is excited that two friends came to his new church at his invitation. He will continue what he learned at All Saints - to share the Gospel! Pastor Wurmbrand's story inspires us to do this. Please pray for us.



From left to right, Laura Krajeikvon, Laura's daughter, August Menell, Pastor Larry Loree, Jr., Rev'd David James.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN

McCandless

A Cinco de Mayo Mexican Buffet was held on May 5, 2018 at Ascension! There was a huge, delicious Mexican buffet filled with tons of food and wonderful fellowship. A good time was had by all!

Ascension's LWML sponsored a Mother/Daughter Luncheon on May 12, 2018. Over 40 mothers and daughters attended and enjoyed a delicious catered meal and entertainment.

You're invited to Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Ascension Lutheran Church! OPERATION ARCTIC (by Answers in Genesis) will be held July 16 to 19 from 5:45p.m. to 8:15 p.m.! The children (entering PreK through 6th Grade) will create crafts, play games, sing songs, complete a service project, and warm up to the Word as they explore the coolest Book on the planet and discover how they can know for sure that the Bible is God's written word! Dinners will be provided for VBS families and volunteers. To register or for more information, please call Barbara at Ascension's church office (412-364-4463).

BETHEL LUTHERAN

Glenshaw

Bethel has once more hosted a picnic dinner for the blind ministries at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland in late May.

Bethel will be joining Zion Lutheran Church and St. John's Lutheran Church in a Tri-Parish Church Picnic in June.

We celebrate the wedding of Ben Swanson to Katelyn Miller on June 2.

CALVARY LUTHERAN

Murrysville

The month of May gave us opportunity to serve our community in the monthly food bank distribution and National Day of Prayer events. Both opportunities were a blessing to many.

Our Early Child Care Center celebrated another year in their closing programs on May 18th and Kindergarten Graduation on May 26th. We at Calvary are proud to be in partnership with the Calvary Early Learning Center.

June brings us our Car Cruise (2nd) that raises money for Murrysville Meals on Wheels, our Annual Church Picnic with outdoor worship on the 3rd, and VBS June 18 - 22 9 AM - 11:30.

We worship Saturdays at 5:30 PM, Sundays at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM. Calvary continues to connect people to the love of Jesus.

CHRIST LUTHERAN

Forest Hills

Timothy Mark Bright, (pictured) son of Pastor Ronald and Mrs. Linda Bright was confirmed on May 6th. The congregation was invited to a delicious luncheon following the service in the Fellowship Hall.

On Sunday, April 15th, Christ Lutheran had a special musical guest. Michael Yakoblev, (pictured) formerly of the Moscow Symphony, joined organist Doug Skalka for five musical selections at our worship service. The music was beautiful. Mr. Yakoblev was in the US visiting his friend, Gregory, who lives across the street from the church. He approached Pastor Bright in the parking lot and expressed his interest in playing for the church!



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

May was a busy month for members. Members watched the Thrivent produced "Bonhoeffer: Agent of Grace" film on May 18, as our Movie Nite feature for May. Our Movie Nites will go on hiatus for the summer but will resume in September.

New congregational officers were elected at our Voter's Meeting which followed the Divine Service on the Festival Day of Pentecost. New and returning officers will be installed the second Sunday in June.

Members enjoyed our annual spring bowling night on Friday, May 25. Concordia's youth - and OLDER "youth" - enjoyed bowling, food, and fellowship that night at Princess Lanes in Caste Village, Whitehall.

Our summer worship schedule begins on Sunday June 3. Sunday School will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. The Divine Service will move to 10:00 a.m. We will maintain this schedule until the Sunday AFTER Labor Day (September 9) when we will resume our "ordinary" times.



Concordia members Tommy and Zachary McCanless at the CLM fishing derby on Saturday May 5.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN

State College

Matt Doering has been leading worship music at Good Shepherd and leading campus ministry to Penn State students for the past 3 years. He has received and taken a call to serve at his brother's church in Georgetown, TX, just north of Austin. Matt and his wife Deanna have been a huge blessing to the people of Good Shepherd and to the campus of Penn State. Please join us in praying for them as they head back to Texas. Also, please pray for Good Shepherd as we seek to fill interim positions for leading worship music and for campus ministry and plan for our next call for a campus ministry position.

On June 3 we will be having a picnic to celebrate 25 years of our Christian preschool ministry as well as sending off Matt and Deanna. There will be food, games, face-painting, a bounce house, lots of fun, and sharing the grace and truth of Jesus.

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

West View

Mt. Calvary in West View celebrated "Youth Sunday" on May 6, but this year's observance was presented with a twist. The annual event comprises of a volunteer group of music director Sharon Pritchard's voice and piano students who perform selections together during the worship service. However, this year, because of schedule conflicts and a smaller number of participants, the format was altered to include adults among the students, and each of them sang a solo.

Among the songs were "How Great Thou Art," "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," "Make Me Glad," "Magnificat," "Lead Me, Guide Me," "Daystar (Shine Down on Me)," and "You Are Mine" – a song originally sung at a service at the Flight 93 memorial in Shanksville, in memory of those who perished in the 9/11 terrorist attacks. Sharon asked each of the participants – John Allen, Harmony Karwoski, Cassidy Laffey, Lex O'Connell, Peggy Skelton, Jenny Snyder, and Jenna Woelke – to write a few sentenc-

es for the written program about why they chose their songs, and what the lyrics meant to them.

The service closed with the soloists and the congregation joining together for the Benediction, "Praise the Lord," sung to the tune of "Edelweiss."

The performers' voices are a gift from the Lord, and they used them this day to glorify Him.

In other news, Mt. Calvary is planning a "Free" Market/Flea Market on Saturday, June 23, at the church beginning at 9 a.m. Take What You Need/Donate What You Want. All proceeds will be used for renovations and repairs to the kitchen/fellowship hall in the basement.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

Oakmont

PASTOR EDWARD NAUMANN RETURNS - Pastor Edward Naumann is coming home for a brief time in July. Redeemer Oakmont invites everyone to come to Redeemer on Thursday, July 12, as he personally updates us on his mission work in Sri Lanka with the Ceylon Evangelical-Lutheran Church. He will be available at 5:00 p.m. Dinner will be held at 6:00 p.m. and his formal presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Please contact the church at 412-828-9323 or email the pastor at bwestgate@redeemer-oakmont.org to RSVP by July 1.

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN

Morrisdale

St. John Lutheran, Morrisdale will be holding an 125th Anniversary celebration on the church grounds at 3495 Winburne – Munson Road, Morrisdale (Forest), PA 16858 on Saturday, July 21st, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on the church grounds. Come and fellowship with us enjoying a pig roast buffet filled with tons of food. Games and other entertainment will be offered. All are welcome to celebrate with us.

St. John Lutheran Preschool will honor their alumni and former teachers at some point during the celebration on July 21st.

St. John will be holding a 'Divine Service' on Sunday, July 22nd at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to celebrate with us our Savior's great salvation and His work through His Church in Morrisdale over the years. Former clergy and those who happen to be in the area are welcome to vest and participate in the service.

ZION LUTHERAN

Bridgeville

Vacation Bible School Shipwrecked Rescued by Jesus, June 25 to 29, 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Sign up Today!!!

Cost: \$15 / child or a maximum of \$40 / family. Ages: 4 years old (before 9/1/18) through 12 years old.

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Forms available at www.zlcb.org/vbs. Email questions to sundayschool@zlcb.org

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Penn Hills / Oakmont

On Saturday, April 14th, Redeemer hosted the annual musical character breakfast and preview performance. Parents and children enjoyed a morning of yummy breakfast, crafts, activities, and photos with the characters from our musical, Beauty and the Beast. Cast members then visited Concordia's Highpointe at Rebecca Residence to give a special performance.

The following weekend, it was "showtime!" All the weeks of rehearsing, set painting, costume hemming, and prop making came to fruition as Redeemer presented Disney's musical Beauty and the Beast to three sold-out shows on April 20th & 21st. The cast, crew, and orchestra gave fabulous performances! Thank you to all who attended, to all who gave of their time and talents to contribute to the event, particularly our music director, Mrs. Dalbo, and to our Lord Jesus for the success of the weekend's performances.



Redeemer Lutheran School Beauty and the Beast cast.

On Friday, April 27, the entire school was abuzz with activity! After morning chapel, preschoolers through 4th graders participated in our annual Bring a Friend Day event. Our grownup visitors took part in fun activities, games, and snack time together with their student buddies, all centered around our barnyard theme. The morning even included a square dance!



RLHS alumna Carmella Williams and first grader Isabella Corona take part in Bring a Friend Day.

SCHOOL NEWS

The rest of our student body enjoyed special field trips for the morning. 5th and 6th graders visited the Audubon Society and Beechwood Farms for a wonderful time of discovering nature and worshipping in an outdoor chapel service. 7th and 8th grade middle schoolers drove to Nesbit Lanes in Plum after chapel for some bowling and pizza. High schoolers held chapel together at Redeemer Church in Oakmont and then headed to an art studio in Butler for a special painting workshop.



RLHS students enjoy a painting workshop.

In the afternoon, everyone came back together as the Pittsburgh CLO performed “Arriba, Arriba!” This production is a musical tribute to Roberto Clemente. It was wonderfully done, as always, and the students thoroughly enjoyed it.

Believe it or not, our Friday didn’t end there! We held our first Trivia Night that evening to raise funds for the high school mission trip to Texas to assist with hurricane recovery efforts. Mrs. Podeszwa organized the event, with Connor Hagey presiding as the “game show host” for the evening. It was a great night of friendly competition, and a wonderful way to end the day.

In addition to all these events, the past month has brought awards and recognition to several of our students:

Lizzy Schinkel continued her participation in the scholarship essay contest sponsored by the American Legion. Lizzy placed first in the local, inter-district, and county level competitions, and placed third in her final competition in the western section! She received recognition for her hard work during the organization’s Youth Achievement Dinner.

Senior Sam Wilshire was selected as a school nominee for the 2018 WPIAL/James Collins Scholar/Athlete Program. This program recognizes student achievement in the areas of academics, athletics, and school and community service.

Two of our juniors, Alethea Carroll and Grace Wilshire, received the 2018 Valparaiso University Award for Excellence. This award is given to recognize outstanding academic achievement, student leadership, and service.

Congratulations to all of these students; we are proud of you!

On May 1st, Redeemer participated in our inaugural middle/high school track meet. Students in grades 6th to 12th traveled to Shady Side Academy in Fox Chapel to compete in track & field events with students from sur-

rounding Christian schools. Several of our students took first place in their events, and our middle school boys took first place overall in their age group! Thank you to our athletic director Mr. Loewe for heading up our participation in this event, and to all other teachers and parents that helped to train and support our students that day!



RLS middle school boys take 1st place overall at area track meet.

Perhaps some of the biggest news of the month: On May 9, we were informed that Redeemer was nominated for several of the Pittsburgh CLO Gene Kelly Awards for our musical performance! The Gene Kelly Awards committees review musical performances in the greater Pittsburgh area to recognize excellence in a variety of categories and budget levels. We have been nominated for the following award categories:

- Best Musical
- Best Costume Design
- Best Scenic Design
- Best Execution of Music Direction

On Saturday, May 26, our cast will attend the awards ceremony at the Benedum Center and have the opportunity to perform onstage!

When June arrives, our school year will come to a close, but our summer programs will be up and running! The summer kicks off with Redeemer Lutheran Church’s Vacation Bible School program June 18 to 22. The program runs from 9:00 a.m. to noon daily and is available for children 3 years old through those entering 5th grade in the fall. Partial day camp will be available in the afternoon that week for those children and families that are looking for a full day option.

Beginning the week of June 25, the action switches to Redeemer’s Penn Hills campus for our summer camps! Redeemer offers seven weeks of summer camp at our Penn Hills campus this year, with partial and full day options and different themes each week. Summer camp is open to students entering kindergarten to 7th grade in the fall. All camps are designed and led by our own faculty. For more information, please visit us online at rlspittsburgh.org and click on “Summer Camps” or call the school office at 412-793-5884.

ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Bridgeville

Spring has finally sprung. We learned all about the beautiful signs of spring. Here are just a few....

D...is for duck. We learned all about ducks.



How flowers grow. The children planted flowers for their moms for our annual "Moms and Muffins."

Evelyn just witnessed a monarch butterfly emerging from its chrysalis. We learn all about the life cycle of the butterfly every April. The children set the butterflies free on the last day of school.



We learned that the rainbow is a sign of God's promise to never flood the earth again.

Mrs. Terri and Brody worked hard on decorating Mother's Day cards.



Concordia Hosts the 137th Summer Festival

Concordia Lutheran Ministries announces its 137th Anniversary Summer Festival on Sunday, July 29th from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Lund Care Center back yard on the Cabot campus.

The 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel, Senior Pastor, First Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and Director of the Concordia Lutheran Ministries parent board will lead worship service.

Kids 12 and under are entitled to free food items worth \$3.00 in the quick tent and can enter a fishing derby. Other crafts and games will keep them busy in the gazebo.

Rivers City Brass will lead the entertainment under the tent from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Our chef has created a menu featuring popular summer picnic entrees – Rotisserie style chicken leg quarter or breast, Bar BQ pulled pork sandwich, smoked brisket, hamburger, or hot dog at \$7 including two sides, dessert, and a beverage. The Quick Tent items, burger, hot dog, chicken tenders and grilled chicken breast sandwich are \$2.00.

The event is open to the public and admission is free. For more information, call Public Relations at 724.352.1571, ext. 8266 or visit www.concordialm.org.

Summer Concert Series at Highpoint at Rebecca Offers Free Entertainment

Concordia Retirement Living residents invite the public to a free performance featuring the "Birds Over Arkansas" at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 23 in the courtyard weather permitting.

The concert will be held in the private courtyard adjacent to the community room and the patios and balconies of many of our apartments at Highpoint at Rebecca, 1871 Highpoint Lane, Allison Park, weather permitting. Complete with a waterfall and a fire pit, the location is perfect for a summer evening out.

Formed in 2011, the group includes keyboard, mandolin, acoustic guitar, and other instruments and was chosen as an Artist to Watch in 2016 by Big Fuss Records. Their music, often described as Americana folk or acoustic rock, combines thoughtful lyrics, beautiful melodies, and unique rhythmic structures to create a sound all its own.

As our guest you will have the opportunity to hear not-to-be-missed concert at no charge. Tours of our beautiful new community will be available before each performance. And you will meet our residents and have the chance to talk with them about the worry-free lifestyle at Highpoint.

This marks the second in a series of concerts held through August. Dates and entertainment for the rest of the season are:

July 21 – Three Guys Named Moe

August 18 – The Pittsburgh Banjo Club

Parking is free and convenient to the courtyard.

Registration is preferred, but not required. Contact Nicole Courson at 724-444-7774 to register.

Three Guys Named Moe Concert

The third in a series of summer concerts at Concordia's newest retirement community features "Three Guys Named Moe" on Saturday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. The concert will be held in the private courtyard adjacent to the community room and the patios and balconies of many of our apartments at Highpointe at Rebecca weather permitting. Located at 1871 Highpointe Lane, Allison Park, the location is perfect of a summer evening out, complete with a waterfall and a fire pit. Parking is free and convenient to the courtyard.

Influenced by great entertainers like Frank Sinatra, Louie Prima and Louis Armstrong, this Pittsburgh jazz combo is the official band of KDKA Radio's Morning Show, Spaghetti Breakfast, Pirate/Steeler rallies and remote holiday broadcasts. They do it all, including pop standards, big band tunes, R&B, classic rock, Motown, jazz and much more!

For more information or to RSVP, call 724-444-1521 or visit us online at www.HighpointeRebecca.org.

Concordia Haven Brings Back Mary Gibbons Band

Concordia Haven Apartments will host the Mary Gibbons Band on Sunday, June 3 at 6:00 p.m. on the Haven II Patio, 148 Marwood Rd., Cabot. The public is invited to join them free of charge.

The band was formed by Mary Gibbons, former director of the Elderton high School Band and her husband, Kevin, former director of the Kittanning Fireman's Band. Several of the musicians are retired or current band directors and music teachers. The Band specializes in swing music from the 1930s, '40s and '50s and will perform favorites of the big band era. The audience enjoys singing along loving the nostalgia the music creates.

This is the first in a series of Summer Sunday Patio Concerts. The East Winds Symphonic Band is scheduled for July 22 and Benny Benack Quartet in August 12,

Reservations are preferred, but not required. Contact Lynn Turner at 724-352-1571, ext. 8518.

Concordia of the South Hills Schedules Annual Indoor Flea Market

Retirement living residents at Concordia of the South Hills are hosting the Annual Indoor Flea Market on Monday and Tuesday, June 18 and 19 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The sale will be held in the Harmony Room on the ground floor at the 1300 Bower Hill Road location in Mt. Lebanon. This event, a benefit for the Concordia of the South Hills Caring Fund, is open to the public. For more information contact Ina Silver, Director of Community Life at 412/294-1306.

Concordia's Good Samaritan Hospice Conducts Grief Sharing Sessions

Good Samaritan Hospice, a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries conducts grief support groups for anyone who has suffered loss of a loved one. The weekly meeting will begin Monday evenings for six weeks from July 9 thru August 13, 7:00 to 8:15 P.M at Highpointe at Rebecca 1871 Highpointe Lane, Allison Park, PA 15101 in the Bistro.

For more information and to register contact Nikki Rosswog, Good Samaritan Hospice at 800-720 2557.

Concordia's Walking Through Grief

There are many benefits of exercise that positively impact physical and mental wellness. Join us for a social, supportive 1.4-mile walk connecting with others who are grieving a loss. The walks will take place Thursdays, June 28, July 26, and Aug 23 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Pie Traynor Loop in North Park. Participants should meet at Harmar Pavilion.

Please call 1-800-720-2557 to RSVP or for more information.

Concordia Retirement Living Hosts Open House Events

Concordia Haven Apartments is hosting an Ice Cream Social and Open House on Sunday, June 24 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Monday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Haven I located at 112 Marwood Road (Entrance 2A).

Interested persons are invited to learn more about the Concordia Haven Apartments. Tours of the Haven I building and model apartments will be offered, and guests will have the opportunity to ask questions. Learn more about why Concordia is the best retirement value in the area. And take advantage of our special discounts during this limited time.

Visit www.concordiahaven.org for more information. To register or to schedule a personal tour, call Peggy Trettel at 724-352-5378.

Open House Events Held at Concordia Newest Retirement Community

A Welcome Summer Cookout Open House at Concordia's newest location, Highpointe at Rebecca in Allison Park, will be held Sunday, June 10 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Monday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The public is also invited to tour three model apartments as well as the common areas indoors and outdoors.

Highpointe residents and their financial advisors have said that their new home and service package is the best retirement living value in the Pittsburgh North region, and there's still time to join them at a discounted rate. Now is the best time to learn more about these limited-time offers:

1) A 3% discount on your Entrance Fee, Monthly Fee and Second Person Fee.

2) A 3% veteran's discount on your Entrance Fee for veterans/spouses who meet eligibility requirements.

3) In addition, we have provided our current residents with a coupon for \$2,500 to invite their family or friends to make the move to Highpointe. If the family member or friend re-deems the coupon when signing their agreement to move into Highpointe, they receive \$2,500 off their Entrance Fee.

These percentage points could work out to thousands of dollars over the years when you consider that while the Entrance Fee is only paid once, the Monthly Fee and Second Person Fee discount will apply for as long as you live at Highpointe. This one-time offer is even more advantageous when combined with our other current discounts.

For more information or to RSVP, call 724-444-1521 or visit us online at www.HighpointeRebecca.org. Come and meet our founding residents to learn more about the community and why they chose Highpointe at Rebecca.

Concordia Lutheran Ministries Acquires Villa St. Joseph in Baden



Concordia Lutheran Ministries of Pittsburgh acquired Villa St. Joseph, a CARF accredited 120-bed skilled nursing and rehab facility off Route 65 in Baden today. The facility, now called Concordia at Villa St. Joseph, holds a 5-star rating from Medicare and is licensed for Medical Assistance. The facility will be part of the Continuing Care Retirement Community of CLM of Pittsburgh.

The Sisters of St. Joseph established Villa St. Joseph in 1997 to meet the critical health care needs of elderly residents in Beaver County and surrounding communities as well as the needs of their own sisters.

"The Sisters of St. Joseph have been committed to the success and vitality of the Villa since its foundation. Concordia Lutheran Ministries has indicated that it recognizes the quality of care and excellent service provided by the Villa and has expressed a commitment to build on the solid foundation of Villa St. Joseph," said Sister Mary Pellegrino, Congregational Moderator for the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Concordia President and CEO Keith Frndak said, "Concordia searches for certain characteristics when considering prospects to expand our mission to serve seniors. Our Board of Directors believes that Villa St. Joseph offers an excellent opportunity to continue to be a Christian consolidator," he said. "It is a faith-based community with a reputation for high quality care and we look forward to serving the people of Beaver County for many years. Con-

cordia welcomes our new staff members and residents into the Concordia family."

Concordia has appointed Rachelle Arnold as Administrator. She has served as Administrator at Harmony Physical Rehabilitation on the Concordia of Monroeville campus. Visit our website at www.concordiavillastjoseph.org.

CEO Keith Frndak is available for interviews. Please call Director of Public Relations Shirley Freyer at 724.352.1571, ext. 8266 to coordinate.

Concordia Lutheran Ministries Expands into Florida



Concordia Lutheran Ministries acquired St. Joseph's John Knox Village of Tampa Bay, a continuing care retirement community in the heart of Tampa's vibrant university area. It is located on a major thoroughfare across the street from the University of South Florida's main campus.

Now called Concordia Village of Tampa, the well-established community was part of the BayCare Health System and St. Joseph's Hospital which was founded by the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany. Located on 14 acres, the Village consists of 247 independent living apartments. The Medical Center provides 163 units in skilled nursing and rehabilitation, 144 assisted living units and 26 memory care units.

Concordia President and CEO Keith Frndak said, "Because Concordia is a mission-driven organization, it continually looks for ways to grow our mission. Our Board of Directors believes that John Knox Village offers an excellent opportunity to continue a Christian ministry," he said. "It is a large, faith-based community with a reputation for high quality care and we look forward to serving the people of Florida for many years. We welcome the team and residents to our family."

Current Executive Director Lisa Lyons will remain at the helm.

"The Boards of Directors of John Knox Village and BayCare Health System are very pleased to be turning over the operations of the community to a provider with Concordia's reputation," said Kimberly Guy, Senior Vice President at BayCare Health System. "We are confident that Concordia will provide high quality care to the residents and treat the staff with the greatest respect and integrity."

CEO Keith Frndak is available for interviews today. Please call Director of Public Relations Shirley Freyer at 724.352.1571, ext. 8266 to coordinate.

137th Annual Summer Festival

Sunday, July 29, 2018
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Lund Care Center Backyard, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

Kids Fishing Derby & Activities including Caricature Artist

River City Brass Band

Worship Service at 4 p.m. featuring
Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel, Senior Pastor, First Trinity Evan.
Lutheran Church, Shadyside, CLM Board Member

Summer Picnic Themed Menu



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