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## Concordia Salutes 40 Year Employee for Dedicated Service

President and CEO Keith E. Frndak proclaimed the week of September 16 as Arlene Freehling Week at Concordia in recognition of 40 years of service to the Cabot community. For Arlene Freehling, Concordia has been more an extension of home and family than just a place of employment. The Certified Nursing Assistant is a Cabot native, a graduate of St. Luke Lutheran School and Knoch High School and still lives in nearby Saxonburg. She was even a Candystriper at Concordia for two summers prior to beginning full-time work in 1978.

According to Arlene, she was influenced by her sister who worked here and loved her job. But even more impelling was the fact that she wanted to continue a legacy that began with her great aunt Selma Lauer who was Concordia's first matron, hired in 1923. Miss Lauer retired 23 years later and in 1980 came back as a resident.

"My residents are more like family," she said. And some really were relatives. Her mom has lived at Concordia for 27 ½ years and she says with much pride that Concordia was home to six close relatives over the years. She has fond memories of many of those who she cared for. She remembers taking some of them shopping and one in particular, Emmy Aul, came to her wedding and held her sons, Andy now 25 and Bill who is 23, after they were born. Arlene said her job as a CNA is a challenging and requires perseverance and patience but serving God's people is a great reward. "It's a team effort and I couldn't do it all without my co-workers," she added.

Arlene reminisces when her dad plowed the driveway and would deliver eggs to Concordia. In fact, her best friend lived in a house that was located on the land where the fountain is built in front of the Lund Care Center. Arlene enjoys spending time with her husband Chip and the family, and loves to read, exercise, walk and swim. She continues her membership at St. Luke Lutheran Church.



## Concordia Salutes 40 Year Employee for Dedicated Service

President and CEO Keith E. Frndak proclaimed the week of September 2 as Marysue Hitchens Week at Concordia in recognition of 40 years of service to the Cabot community.

Marysue Hitchens of Saxonburg turned 19 on September 3, 1978 and began her work at Concordia at Cabot – a career that has lasted 40 years. And it's not over yet according to the Nursing Assistant turned House-keeping Supervisor in the Lund Care Center Skilled Nursing floor. She continues to serve at Concordia with dedication and makes our organization better by her presence according to Frndak. Living right up the road, she chose Concordia after graduating from Knoch High School. "I love my residents and do all I can to make their life a little easier," she said. "My advice to my team - if a resident needs an extra five minutes, stay with them because they might not be here tomorrow."



Hitchens was drawn to Concordia because she wanted to work with the elderly and has established countless relationships with residents over the four decades she has devoted to the organization. One of seven children (her sister also works at Concordia) she has been a member of the Saxonburg Volunteer Fire Company for 40 years as well. She first volunteered as an EMT and now she and her husband Herb serve as fire police.

Marysue lost her first husband of five years to rheumatic fever on Easter Sunday morning. She remembers how Concordia Chaplain Jack Hartman sat with her that day and credits the family atmosphere with her long tenure. "This is an excellent place to work," she told the staff at Lund as they gathered around her when she was presented with a piece of glass etched with her name and her years of service. Outbursts of laughter rippled through the crowd when she recommended they "strive for 40!" When she's not at work or at the fire hall she and Herb and their two Shelties, Suzie and Buddy enjoy camping in Slippery Rock or Benzette in Elk County. They have a travel trailer and a motor home so when the children and grandchildren are along there's plenty of room. Marysue plans to work for at least three more years and said, "I come every day and do best."

## Mark your Calendar

### November

1. The Cabot Grief Support Group, Haven II, Cabot, Thursday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
4. Veterans Day Celebration & Dinner, Calvary, Murrysville, 1:00 p.m.
9. Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 10:00 a.m.
10. ABC Event, Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
11. ABC Event, Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, Noon to 4:00 p.m.
11. Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting, Haven 1 Dining Room, Cabot, 3:00 p.m.
11. Veteran's Day Service, Minersville Cemetery, Hill District, 3:00 p.m.
11. Stewardship Luncheon, Concordia, Brentwood, following Divine Service
14. Beaver Grief Support Group, Hope Lutheran Church, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
15. Concordia Purse Gala, Lexus Club, PNC Park, 6:30 p.m.
17. Oakmont Hometown Christmas, RLS Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sings
21. Thanksgiving Eve Service, Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, 7:00 p.m.
22. Thanksgiving Day Service, Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, 10:00 a.m.
22. Thanksgiving Day Service & Holy Communion, Redeemer, Oakmont, 10:00 a.m.
28. Beaver Grief Support Group, Hope Lutheran Church, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

### December

2. Blue Christmas Service, Calvary, Murrysville, 7:00 p.m.
12. Beaver Grief Support Group, Hope Lutheran Church, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

*See individual articles for details.*

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## DEVOTION

*by Rev. Brian Westgate*

*"Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord: Hallelujah!" – Psalm 150:6*

We're getting ready to celebrate Thanksgiving Day. We'll go to church on this special day, a day we aren't normally there, to give God thanks for all His gifts to us. We'll give thanks for everything He's given us in this life, everything we have. More importantly we'll thank Him for Jesus' gift to us of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Part of that gift is that we are part of His Church. We are His Church. We don't just go to church, as we like to say. We are His Church. We are baptized into His Name and joined to Him very intimately, more intimately than husband and wife.

What does this mean for us? It means we need to be together. St. Paul tells the Hebrews in Chapter 10 not to give up meeting together at God's Service, since the Day of Judgment is coming.

So, we get together. We come to praise God. We come to confess what He has done for us. We come to give Him thanks. We come to receive His forgiveness through His Word and Supper. This is what a Christian does. This is what the Christian life looks like. To be a Christian, to go to church or be the church, means to be with Christ through His Word and Sacrament, thanking Him for His grace.

**PALM NEWS**

*by Rev. Brian Westgate*

**VETERANS' DAY** - The annual Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries-sponsored Veterans' Day service at Minersville Cemetery will be held this year on Sunday, November 11, at 3:00 p.m. Pastor Westgate will conduct the service, as he is chair of the PALM Minersville Cemetery Committee and president of PALM. Minersville is in the Hill District at Shawnee & Ossipee just east of Herron Avenue and north of Centre Avenue, next to the Milliones School. We hope to see you there.

**MISSION NEWS**

**PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN CENTER FOR THE BLIND – UPDATE**

*by Sherri Crum*

In September we had our first meal of the 2018-19 season. It was so nice to catch up with everyone and hear about what happened over the summer and what is happening in their lives now.

We're looking ahead to November and December. November will be a new collaboration and December will be a holiday celebration. We'll have delicious food, a short concert, and hand a treat bag for folks as they leave to return home.

Would you like to become involved? Here are the many ways you could do so:

- Cook a meal
- Sponsor a meal
- Serve at a meal (set up, serve and escort our guests, clean up afterward)
- Bake/provide dessert for a meal
- Help us make the treat bags extra special by donating 25 of something (socks, hand sanitizer, goodies: bagged snacks, assorted crackers, chocolate—well really anything)
- Other depending upon your interest and our need at the time

So, these next few months should be exciting. I'm looking forward to telling you all about them in an upcoming article, soon.

Want to learn more? You may reach us at any time: Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind, 535 N. Neville Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Phone: 412.682.1800. Email: [sssmiley77@gmail.com](mailto:sssmiley77@gmail.com).

Thank you for your ongoing prayers and support of this ministry to folks who are blind/visually impaired.



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**Mileposters News**

As the rides for Puerto Rico were completed and those appeal letters prepared, the campaign for First Trinity Campus Ministry continued. As of this writing, that mileage total is 181. The minimum goal is 200 miles; the Puerto Rico campaign totaled 605. Since two Three Rivers school bus drivers have agreed to help, the final count will probably be well over 200, although it might not reach 600.

First Trinity's own Tim Palmer family kicked off the Campus Ministry campaign on July 21 with a 20-mile round trip between Mile 0 and Mile 10 on the Montour Trail. More recent rides included a 20-mile September 29 round trip with four riders, including our blind stoker (pictured at Milepost 25, where the conditions were wet) and another 20 on October 7 with the triplet alone. Both trips were between Boston (Milepost 19) and Douglas Run (Milepost 29, where the triplet is pictured) on the Youghiogheny River Trail (part of the Great Allegheny Passage, on the route to Washington, DC), by far the most-traveled stretch of trail for our group. Its five rest rooms and four shelters, plus a water pump, make it very convenient to use, not to mention the popular ice cream stand just past Milepost 29.



The original Youghiogheny River Trail mileposts, for which the Mileposters were named, mark the distance from the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad Station (Station Square) in Pittsburgh to Connellsville, and were placed by the railroad. The highest number is 58.

A series of vest-pocket games events is planned for the fall.



**The Holy Spirit at Work in Japan**

*by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director*

Can you believe that a Muslim student who studied at Slippery Rock University is being influenced by a Japanese Christian family who have been guests at All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center? Campus ministry can provide such wonderful opportunities. Even though we often doubt that God can open doors of faith in the hearts of others, the story of Steve (not his real name) and Kenzaburo from Japan shows what God the Holy Spirit is doing.

Kenzaburo from Japan came to All Saints where he became a baptized Christian. After All Saints and Slippery Rock University, he attended graduate school in Pittsburgh and continued studying the Bible at First Trinity with Reverend Eric Andraé. Because he loved being in America so much, he was reluctant to leave but he did. He stayed in contact with us for years. He always wrote saying how he continued to read the Bible. His parents later told us that he read Luke aloud to them every night.

Only a few years later sad news came to us from Japan. Kenzaburo had died of a heart attack. Since he had not had a Christian memorial service, All Saints and First Trinity Pittsburgh had one for him. Ken's sister, her son and her mother came from Japan to attend. The service was a great comfort and we got to know his sister, Michiko, her son Shun, and his mother Reiko.

Steve, an outgoing, friendly student from Pakistan, is a Muslim who attended SRU about three years ago. While here, he made time to attend worship once or twice at All Saints. He had wanted to come more often, but his schedule was too full. He loved the worship service and the hymns. After he left SRU, we continue to correspond. When he wrote saying he is studying for a master's degree in Osaka Japan, we immediately wrote back telling him how to connect with Ken's sister Michiko, who lives in Osaka and with his parents, who live in nearby Kyoto. Steve said he had become fluent in Japanese, so we knew he would be at ease speaking with Ken's family. Because he is interested, Michiko told him about Christian churches in Osaka. They preach in Japanese and English and are welcoming. He plans to attend.

What a blessing! Steve called from Japan describing the visit he had just had with Ken's family. He followed up the phone call with a letter describing the visit.

... I contacted Michiko here in Osaka.... She invited me to visit Kyoto with her and to meet her parents who live in Kyoto.... She told me her son, who is now in high school, is very active in church and spends time at church camp. Michiko herself also goes to church.... Later, we went to see her parents at their home. They were the loveliest people, so welcoming and loving that I was moved.

Steve closed his letter thanking All Saints for introducing them. He told them he will be in Osaka for least two years, so he hopes to meet them again. He ends by saying thank you for praying for him and his family. He added, "I need yours and your churches' prayers."

Campus ministry is on the cutting edge of missionary work. This is not just one story. It is a story taking place more often than we think. An SRU international student from Turkey came to the recent concert by The Choir. He enjoyed the music even though he had to leave early because he had to study. He met the next day for lunch where we talked. He is quite familiar with the Christian faith but is still committed to Islam. Even so, he listened to the Gospel. He accepted an invitation to visit the Amish during SRU's fall break next week. We will talk about the faith of the Amish as well as enjoy seeing their horse-drawn buggies and famous blue doors on their houses. We won't mind enjoying the leaves changing colors at the same time.

Another Muslim international student from Africa comes regularly to All Saints student meals. Her name is Helen. She dresses in traditional Muslim clothing and is very careful about what she eats at the meals. Yet, she was moved by a church member at the meal who realized the glasses she was wearing were broken (one of the arms was missing) and asked if we could help. She declined the help but was stirred by the concern shown.

It is wonderful how God plants seeds of faith. All Saints is thrilled with what God arranges. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will bring faith to many college students.



Shun, Michiko and Reiko

**ASCENSION LUTHERAN**

*McCandless*

Ascension Lutheran Church (8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) is once again supporting Operation Christmas Child (OCC) this year through Samaritan's Purse. In addition to the shoe box gifts, Samaritan's Purse also spreads the Gospel to these children. If you are interested in packing a shoebox(es), we have both plastic and cardboard shoeboxes available. Shoeboxes are due back to Ascension no later than 11:00 a.m. on November 18, 2018. For more information about packing a shoe box, you can visit the Operation Christmas Child website at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ>. If you would like to participate, please contact Bob Marcellus at [finance@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:finance@ascensionpgh.com).

Ascension Lutheran Church's Pumpkin Fest / Flea Market (hosted by Ascension's Outreach/Evangelism Board) was held on October 6, 2018 and was a wonderful success with members of the community attending as well as Ascension's members. From the many homemade apple and pumpkin pies, pumpkin pancakes, hot dogs, homemade vegetable soup, pumpkins, crafts made by Ascension's ladies, and vendors selling crafts/collectibles, it was very much enjoyed by all.

**BETHEL LUTHERAN**

*Glenshaw*

**Blankets for the Homeless**

Once again, Bethel donated 15 quilt blankets that were sewn together with love by four ladies of the church: Donna Heintz, Kristen Hoffman, Marie Litke and Melanie Rehder. They will go to the homeless outreach mission project at First Trinity Lutheran church in Oakland. The ladies get together once a month for three hours to sew fabric squares together to make a two- yard length blanket that is sewn to fleece material. Thanks to the parishioners for the cash donations for the purchase of the fleece.



**CALVARY LUTHERAN**

*Murrysville*

Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, will hold a Veterans' Day Celebration on Sunday, November 4, at 1:00 p.m. followed by a dinner in our fellowship hall for all attendees.

ABC EVENT (Art Show - Bake Sale - Café) at Calvary Lutheran, Old Wm Penn Highway and School Road, Murrysville, on November 10, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and November 11, Noon to 4:00 p.m. The 43rd Annual Christian Art Show will be held in the lower level fellowship hall. The Bake Sale Fundraiser (Saturday only) in the entry narthex will benefit Lutheran World Relief Hurricane Relief, and the Gallery Café adjacent to the art show in the lower level will benefit Calvary Early Learning Center. Come buy some tasty baked goods, have some lunch and enjoy over 100 pieces of inspiring and beautiful original artwork by local Christian artists.

Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at 7:00 p.m. and Thanksgiving Day service at 10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving blessings to all.

**CHRIST LUTHERAN**

*Forest Hills*

Christ Lutheran welcomed four new members on September 23 with a reception and a cake immediately following the Sunday Service. Pictured below from left to right: Devera Hoblak, Neil Ackerman, Zerabruk Teclealfa, his sons Tommy and Sirak and Eugene Klebingot.



**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN**

*Brentwood*

Our youth enjoyed our annual hayride at Simmons Farm on October 20. It was great to meet new friends from our sister congregations, and for us older "youths," to swap stories around the campfire.

Our Movie Nite this Reformation season (October 26), was "Walther (2011)". This movie was produced by our Synod, which tells the story of C.F.W. Walther and the three surviving boatloads of Saxons who emigrated to America in 1839, and founded the LCMS amid hardship, deprivation, and much theological soul-searching. It was our first Movie Nite of the season and a good crowd and fellowship was had. Our next Movie will be "Paul, Apostle of Christ," on Friday, November 16, at 6:30 p.m. We'd love to have you join us.

Speaking of the Reformation, Concordia members enjoyed our annual dinner outing at Max's Northside Tavern, following the Joint LCMS Vespers Service at First Trinity on October 28. This tradition, now 20+ years old, began with Pr. Steinke back in the 1990's as we go and enjoy good German food and fellowship on Reformation Sunday.

Our annual Stewardship Luncheon will be Sunday, November 11, following the Divine Service. This is a potluck affair. Our Stewardship theme for 2018-19 will be unveiled at this time.

Congratulations to member Ally Payne who just completed USAF Basic Training, and now looks forward to her first posting.

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN**

*West View*

During Mechele Hoover's Vacation Bible School craft class at Mt. Calvary in West View, the children painted rocks as a way of depicting that Jesus is our "rock". However, rather than have the students take their artwork home, Mechele placed the painted stones in the rock garden outside the church. There, they will remain as a reminder to the children and the congregation of the learning and fun involved with this year's "Splash Canyon" theme.



Also, as part of the church's outreach program, the VBS children and their families are encouraged each year to donate offerings for various local organizations. Recent ones have included Plaid Pajama Project, North Hills Backpack Initiative, Pets for Vets, Special Olympics, and School for the Blind, among others. This year, the church decided that "charity begins at home," and designated donations to a fund for remodeling and upgrading the church social hall.

Monies will be used for painting, purchasing new tables and dividers to be used to separate classes, as well as, updated appliances for the kitchen. Along with the VBS funds, money is being donated by members and friends of the congregation, and from church memorial funds.

In addition, as always in October, the congregation donated cookies to the local Meals on Wheels as part of its community outreach.

**Zion Lutheran Bridgeville**



Zion is looking for a Daytime Custodian to provide cleaning and routine maintenance services. This is a part-time position, approximately 20-25 hours per week from Sept.-June, and 10 hours per week during the middle of the summer. Please contact Congregational Chairman Bob Schmidt (412-608-4600) or Board of Trustees Chairman John Lemonovich (412-319-7267) if you are interested in learning more about the position.

**ST. LUKE CABOT FAITH LUTHERAN**

*Butler*

**ROARS ARE HEARD AROUND CABOT, PA WHEN THE ST. LUKE LION MASCOT ACQUIRES A NAME!**

Last year the Lion was officially adopted as a mascot by St. Luke with a mural on the gym doors, painted by art teacher Sue Burtner.

The mural features a quote from Proverbs 28:1, “...the righteous are as bold as a lion.” Once the painting was completed and the door installed, the artist felt that a



**Sue Burtner, Art Teacher at St. Luke Lutheran**

name would help the students identify with their mascot. “According to Proverbs 22:1, ‘A good name is more desirable than great riches,’” said Burtner. “A contest to name the lion was a fun way to welcome the lion to the St. Luke family.”

Seventh grader Mia McGrady submitted the winning entry: TWAJBIN the Lion. “I went on-line, looking at the word ‘righteous’ in different languages,” she told the students in her art class. Though the name is unusual, Mia’s thought process was insightful, and well received by the students. The teachers are focusing on Proverbs 28:1 with the motto of “**Be Bold, be Strong, in Him,**” found throughout the school. We are focusing on **Kindness, Integrity, Respect, and Love** at the forefront of the decisions and actions of our 228 students. May Twajbin greet and inspire many families as they worship and study at St. Luke for years to come!



**Twajbin, the St. Luke Lion Mascot**



**ZION LUTHERAN**

*Bridgeville*

We celebrated the Festival of the Reformation on Sunday, October 28, with guest speaker Rev. Dr. Albert Collver. Dr. Collver serves as the Executive Secretary for the International Lutheran Council, as well as, Director of Church Relations for the LCMS. Dr. Collver preached at both services.

A light brunch was served during the Sunday School hour while Dr. Collver shared with us exciting stories about the spread of Lutheranism throughout the world.

**Zion Youth News and Events** - Thank you for the continued support of our fundraising efforts to send our youth to the Youth Gathering in Minnesota in 2019. Our recent biscuit and sausage gravy breakfast was a success. More fundraisers are planned in the future.



**Adopt a Grandparent** - By partnering with Ginny Granke-Kimberland, you can contribute \$15 which will provide two residents at a nursing home a fragrance-free hand cream. These items are specifically requested by caregivers. Please consider what a blessing this is for the men and women in these facilities. If you would like to donate toward this cause please contact Ginny Granke-Kimberland (412-427-9013).

**JOB OPENING**...Zion is looking for a Daytime Custodian to provide cleaning and routine maintenance services. This is a part-time position, approximately 20-25 hours per week from September to June, and 10 hours per week during the middle of the summer. Please contact Congregational Chairman Bob Schmidt (412-608-4600) or Board of Trustees Chairman John Lemonovich (412-319-7267) if you are interested in learning more about the position.



## NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS

### ZION LUTHERAN

*Lawrenceville*

#### In Memoriam

Zion will commemorate two Christian sisters on November 4th who the Lord took from our midst this past year. Stella Hughes, former member of First Lutheran in Sharpsburg, passed away on June 21 at age 97. Life-long member Loretta Higgs Wilhelm met the Lord face to face on August 27th at age 88. Their families have been invited to worship service and a reception following.

## SCHOOL NEWS

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*Oakmont/Penn Hills*

The Redeemer Lutheran High School National Honor Society inducted two new students into their 2019-2020 membership. Juniors Caleb Mrazek-Yelle and Abby Jackson were honored as new members during a ceremony on Friday, September 21. National Honor Society members commit to leadership and service projects that benefit the school and area communities.



**The 2019-2020 RLS National Honor Society Chapter**

The fall athletic season has nearly concluded here at Redeemer. Our high school girls' volleyball team and coed soccer team wrapped up their calendars in mid-October. As of this writing, our middle school girls' volleyball team has qualified for the playoffs, an exciting achievement in their first year as a team. Our high school cross country team is training for regionals at California University of PA on October 25. We look forward to sharing the results next month.

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL (con't)

*Oakmont/Penn Hills*

Our very own kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Jennifer Loewe, participated in the Iron Man 70.3 competition in Atlantic City in September; swimming 1.2 miles, biking 56 miles, and running 13.1 miles - all in under nine hours! She was greeted on her return to school by a banner signed by our entire Penn Hills campus school community. Way to go, Mrs. Loewe!

**The RLS community congratulates Mrs. Loewe on her participation in the Iron Man competition**



**The robotics team, hard at work**

We shared last month that our high school robotics team had begun working on their model for the Wolverine BEST competition. On Saturday, October 13, the team was able to take their robot and test it on the track at Ross Park Mall for the "Mall Day" Expo. They are now working at a feverish pace to prepare for the two-day competition on October 26 and 27 at Grove City College.

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL (con't)**

*Oakmont/Penn Hills*

We celebrate with our Oakmont campus preschool teacher, Miss Gabby, as she became Mrs. Gabriella Gloeckner on Friday, October 5. May the Lord bless the marriage of Gabby and her husband Jamie.

**RLS Teacher spotlight:** Miss Anna Loshonkohl, First Grade

**Hometown:** I have lived many places but I claim Penn Hills as my home.

**Education:** Penn Hills HS, Geneva College (bachelors), University of Pittsburgh (masters)

**Interesting work experiences:** I volunteer at Lost and Found Pharmacy, an old-fashioned drugstore pharmacy in Penn Hills. I worked maintenance while in college and painted dorms, classrooms, and even lines on the road. I worked at Dollywood for a few years and got to dress up as Larry the Cucumber. They tried to put on the Bob the Tomato costume, but I was too tall.

**Family:** My mother, stepfather, and grandmother all live in the Penn Hills area. My older sister lives in Virginia.

**Hobbies:** knitting, cycling, making jewelry

**Other curious facts about me:** I enjoy making yarn the old-fashioned way by using a spinning wheel or a drop spindle.

**On my decision to become a teacher:** My grandma was a teacher and I learned a lot from her. I enjoyed learning and knew I wanted to work with kids. When I started working at a daycare, I realized that I wanted to teach the children in the same way that my grandma taught me. I wanted them to learn to love the learning process. That is when I decided to get a teaching degree.

**On Redeemer Lutheran School:** This place is amazing. Everyone is serving the Lord together and that is a daily encouragement.

Looking ahead to next month - more athletics news, robotics competition highlights, and a spotlight on another member of the RLS family.

On the RLS calendar for next month:

Annual Veterans Day Ceremony, Friday, November 9, 10:00 a.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church (open to the community)

Preschool through 6<sup>th</sup> grade sings at Oakmont Hometown Christmas, Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup>

**ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**

*Bridgeville*

“Now I know my ABC’s, won’t you come and sing with me”. The Small Steps kids are having a great time. Some students learn how to use scissors while working on fine motor skills. Others practice writing in their Handwriting Without Tears workbook. Making new friends is one of the best things about coming to Preschool.



Zion Lutheran Preschool held its 20th annual Road Rally Fundraiser this month. Children bring anything with wheels as parents cheer them on as they "race" around the cross. It's a fun, energetic event that encourages physical activity all while raising funds for our program.



Zion is blessed to have an enrollment of more than 160 children, ages 2 to 5. Pastor leads Chapel each Wednesday. This week we learned about God’s creation. May the seeds of faith planted in our young people through these programs bear abundant fruit in God’s Kingdom.

### Concordia Adopt A Resident for Christmas

Each December, many of the locations in the Concordia Lutheran Ministries family participate in a program called "Adopt-A-Resident." Skilled nursing and personal care residents provide the activities staff with a wish list. Then, employees, community members, churches, businesses and even independent living residents "adopt" a resident (or in some cases many residents) to make sure they have a gift to open for Christmas.

If interested in participating in the program, call the facility of your choice below to "adopt" a resident. For those who prefer to send a general gift, the activities staff can suggest some newly purchased items that residents typically use. Items should be wrapped and labeled with either the resident's name or, if it is a general gift, what the gift is, and can be dropped off at the appropriate facility.

Here are a few gift ideas:

- Sweat suits
- Door wreaths
- Stamps and stationary
- Digital clocks with large numbers
- Sugar-free candy
- Hair salon gift certificates
- Magnifying glass
- Slippers or slipper socks
- Throws or blankets
- Sports memorabilia

The participating locations are:

#### **Concordia at Cabot**

Call Roberta Breninghouse at 724- 352-1571, ext. 8241 (for skilled nursing residents) or Jaime White at ext. 8302 (for personal care residents). Deadline for gifts is Dec. 15

**Concordia of Cranberry** Call Ashleigh Cuteri at 724-779-4300. Deadline for gifts is Dec. 11

**Concordia of Fox Chapel** Call Kelly Ellena at 412-767-5808. Deadline for gifts is Dec. 16

**Concordia of Franklin Park** Call 724-935-1075. Deadline for gifts is Dec. 1

**Concordia at the Orchard** Call Jodi Macko at 724-285-4490. Deadline for gifts is Dec. 15

**Concordia of the South Hills** Call Heather Voithofer at 412-294-1357. Deadline for gifts is Dec. 14

**Concordia at Ridgewood Place** (Plum Borough) Call Cheryl Sopcak at 412-798-1855. Deadline for gifts is Dec. 10

**Concordia of Wexford** Call Michelle Moan at 724-935-1266. Deadline for gifts is Dec. 1.

Make sure you contact the facility before the deadline! Monetary contributions are always appreciated and can be sent to Larissa Yates, Development Manager, Concordia Lutheran Ministries Foundation, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, Pa, 16023.

### Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting Scheduled

The Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 3:00 p.m. in the Haven I Dining Room at the Cabot campus. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. and dinner will be served following the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

The main agenda item is the election of six members to the Board of Directors. Each member congregation is entitled to three votes, one pastor plus two delegates. The Nominating Committee composed of Dr. Ross Betts (Bethel), Keith Frndak, Gail Holzer (Redeemer) and Dan Driscoll (St. Luke) presented this year's slate of nominees for board approval.

It includes incumbents Stephen Johnson and Dr. Jennifer Lewis, both from Zion, Bridgeville as well as Peter Bodnar (Redeemer), Randy Glasser (Calvary), Rev. Dr. Dan Hahn, (St John's), Paul Hoffman (Bethel), Jim Limbaugh, former board member (St. Luke), Suzanne Larko (St. Luke) and Al Todd (Bethel).

For more information, please contact Director of Public Relations Shirley Freyer at 724.352.1571, ext. 8266.

### Concordia of the South Hills Resident Turns 100

Mt. Lebanon, PA – Concordia of the South Hills resident Anne Pelc Rizza celebrates her 100th birthday on September 16, 2018. Anne lived in Brookline in her family home since the 1960s before coming to Concordia three years ago.

Born in Southside, Anne married James Rizza and they had eight children, Joann Williams, James Jr., Richard who passed away two and a half years ago, Geri Nobile, Rose Tmassi, Bernard, Paul and Robert. Her husband has been deceased for 13 years. In addition to being a wife and mother of eight, she was a waitress and worked in sales.

Her favorite things besides cleaning, cooking and taking care of her children and husband included playing Scrabble and cards with her sister and taking the bus to have her hair done and shop.

According to her daughter Geri, she was quiet and lived a simple life but kept all of them in line.

Her advice for longevity, "Never say a bad word about others and no cussing or swearing!"

### Concordia Reaches Out to the Community with Oktoberfest Event

Ein Prosit, a traditional German toast to health and well-being was heard throughout the Concordia at Cabot campus Oct. 6, as more than 1,600 guests enjoyed the annual Concordia Oktoberfest.



Around 400 children participated in free activities – including pumpkin painting, pony rides, a bouncy castle and hayrides as well as free food vouchers.



The authentic German food, prepared by our chefs was a huge hit, as usual, and The Mikey Dee Polka Band entertained all evening in the Dining Room. The evening ended with a spectacular firework display by Pyrotecnico!



### Concordia of the South Hills Hosts a Holiday Shopping Event

Concordia of the South Hills (CSH) will host the first Holiday Shopping Event featuring a variety of vendors, crafts and auction items in the Independent Living Common Area on Tuesday, Dec.4, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the community. Selections include jewelry, fashion accessories, ornaments, art work, holiday decorations, a stocking stuffer table and more.

All proceeds benefit the CSH Caring Fund to provide benevolent care to those we serve and assist in providing quality-of- life improvements and activities for our residents. For more information or directions, call Concordia of the South Hills at 412.294-1306. Visit Concordia on the Web at [www.concordia-southhills.org](http://www.concordia-southhills.org).

### Vendor Show Scheduled at Concordia Haven I

The community is invited to a Christmas sale on Wednesday, November 7, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. in the Haven I Dining Room located at 112 Marwood Road in Cabot (Entrance 2A) on the Concordia at Cabot campus.

Items for purchase will be provided by 25 vendors including “Jarred”, homemade jellies and salsas and Homemade Cookies by Debbie. Proceeds will be donated to Concordia Haven resident activities. Checks, cash and credit cards (depending on the vendor) are acceptable methods of payment. For more information call Chantelle Sweeney, Activities Coordinator at 724/352-1571, ext. 8251.

### Fifth Annual Purse Gala Benefits Concordia’s Good Samaritan Hospice Camp for Kids

The Fifth Annual Purse Gala to benefit Camp Erin Pittsburgh (a ministry of Concordia’s Good Samaritan Hospice) is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 15 at The Lexus Club at PNC Park.

Presenting Sponsor is New York Life and Heather Abraham from KDKA will be our mistress of ceremonies. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person for a buffet dinner. Twenty designer bags as well as a silent auction will be featured. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Frank Amato, Gala Chairman at 724-845-7338 or go online at [www.PurseGala.com](http://www.PurseGala.com).

Camp Erin Pittsburgh hosts more than 100 children ages 6 to 17 who are grieving the death of someone close to them for one weekend each June. For more information about Camp Erin, call Good Samaritan Hospice at 800-720-2557. Good Samaritan Hospice is a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Heritage Valley and Butler Health Systems.

*You're cordially invited to the*  
*5th Annual*  
**Camp Erin Purse Gala**

Thursday, November 15, 2018  
5:30 p.m. V.I.P. Admission / 6:30 p.m. Regular Admission  
The Lexus Club at PNC Park  
115 Federal Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Benefits Good Samaritan  
Hospice's Camp Erin

\$75 per person  
V.I.P. Tickets available for \$100

For ticket information,  
please call 724-845-7338 or  
visit [www.pursegala.com](http://www.pursegala.com).



JOIN US FOR  
CONCORDIA'S  
SIXTH ANNUAL  
LIVE NATIVITY

\* Sunday, December 16  
148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023  
(Entrance #5, Haven II)  
Performances at 4:30, 5:15 and 6 p.m.

- *Featuring Concordia staff and residents*
- *Live animals*
- *Hot beverages and refreshments*
- *Gift for children 12 and under*
- *Live Christmas music (indoors)*
- *Free admission*

This will be a "walk-through" nativity, so guests are encouraged to dress warmly. Parking at entrances 5 and 6. For more information, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8343 or visit [www.concordialm.org](http://www.concordialm.org).

