



First LCMS Mission Church Plant in Pittsburgh in the 21st Century

by Pastor Douglas Spittel, PALM Urban Ministries Director

"We adore Thee, O Christ, and we praise Thee, because by Thy Holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world."

The Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Mission held its first service on Ash Wednesday, February 14, 2018, in St. Paul's Lutheran Church in the Hazelwood neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh. In August of 2017, PALM held a Community Day in Hazelwood which included booths from several of our area congregations and mission outreaches along with City of Pittsburgh Fire, EMS, and Police, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and games by our Pioneer Camp and Retreat Center in Angola, New York. Since that Community Day, the Reverend Douglas Spittel, PALM Urban Ministry Director, has been spending time in the neighborhood meeting merchants, residents, and local volunteers. Along the way he has often been asked to pray in and for the neighborhood, businesses, and non-profit organizations. He especially developed a close relationship with the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church at the corner of Second Avenue and Mansion Street where their free clothing and food distribution is a pillar of the community.



This very small congregation welcomed the ministry of PALM so warmly that they invited Pastor Spittel to conduct an Ash Wednesday Service for them. Now a full ministry of the Word and Ash Wednesday being the first day of Holy Lent, Pastor Spittel and our PALM President, the Reverend Brian Westgate, thought it appropriate to rename the "Hazelwood Mission Project" to the "Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Mission." The Ash Wednesday Service at Noon was the Office of Prayer and Preaching from the Lutheran Service Book with the Imposition of Ashes and Corporate Confession and Absolution. Eighteen souls were present for the Service. Pastor Douglas



Spittel and Leigh Spittel, along with Bob and Cynda Souer from Peace Lutheran Church in McMurray attended. Everyone else in attendance came from the Hazelwood neighborhood. Several people in attendance had not been to church in several years.

Pastor Spittel preached on the Gospel for Ash Wednesday, concentrating on the words of Jesus, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." These words encouraged the new mission to focus on Jesus as our enduring hope and His precious death and resurrection as the cure for our sin. Where there is forgiveness of sins in Christ, there is life and salvation. Today, there is life and salvation in Hazelwood. This is a humble beginning, please support this new mission with your prayers, time, talent, and treasure. All glory be to God!



Mark your Calendar

March

- 2 Open House, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 2:00 p.m.
- 4 Open House, Concordia Haven Apartments, Cabot, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 4 Lisa Rock Band, Concordia Haven I, Cabot, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Open House, Concordia Haven Apartments, Cabot, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 11 Open House, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 12 Open House, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 9:00 am to 3:00 p.m.
- 16 Open House, Happy Hour, North Hills Harmony Line Men's Chorus, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 23 Senior Safety Seminar, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 3:00 p.m.
- 23 Education Fair, Redeemer School
- 24 Easter Egg Hunt, Redeemer, Oakmont, 9:00 a.m.
- 24 Easter Egg Hunt, Calvary, Murrysville, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- 25 Palm Sunday Breakfast, Calvary, Monroeville, 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.
- 26 & 27 Open House, Concordia of South Hills, Mt. Lebanon, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 27 Concordia Easter Cantata, Cabot, 7:00 p.m.

April

- 7 Kick the Tires Missional Living and Disciple Living Workshop, Good Shepherd Lutheran, State College, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 20 -21 Beauty and the Beast Musical, Redeemer School
- 22 150th Anniversary Service, Zion, Lawrenceville, 2:30 p.m.
- 29 Martin Luther Hymn Festival, Heinz Chapel, University of Pittsburgh, 7:00 p.m.

May

- 18 Concordia 2018 Fashion Show, Butler Country Club, 10:00 a.m.

July

- 9 C.L.M. Golf Classic, Treesdale Golf and Country Club, Gibsonia, 10:30 a.m. start

Kid's Corner

Do you know a child who loves to create? We are currently accepting submissions of children's drawings, paintings, art, and poetry for future issues of The Pittsburgh Lutheran.

Send submissions to:

Pittsburgh.lutheran.editor@gmail.com

Wednesday Night Lenten Services

Every Wednesday throughout Lent

Ascension, McCandless: Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Service 7:00 p.m.

Calvary, Murrysville: Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Meditation 7:00 p.m.

Concordia, Brentwood: 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer, Oakmont: 5:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Holy Week Services

March 29 -Maundy Thursday

Ascension, McCandless: 7:00 p.m.

Concordia, Brentwood: 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer, Oakmont: 7:30 p.m.

March 30 - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Ascension, McCandless: 7:00 p.m.

Concordia, Brentwood: 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer, Oakmont: 7:30 p.m.

April 1 – Easter Sunday

Ascension, McCandless: 9:30 a.m.

Concordia, Brentwood: 10:30 a.m.

See individual articles for details.

What are we waiting for? Christmas?

by Pr. Bob McCandless, PALM Mission Director

Whenever myself, my little brother, or little sister, were 'dragging tail' for an appointment, that was one of my dad's favorite lines. Well, it's the one line I can REPEAT in a church newsletter anyways...

This was the theme of my Ash Wednesday sermon in fact, inspired by the epistle lesson that night, from 2Peter 1: 2-11. Verse 5ff reads, "5 For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; 6 and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. 8 For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 But if anyone does not have them, he is near-sighted and blind, and has forgotten that he has been cleansed from his past sins. 10 Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall, 11 and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

This makes for a meet, right, and salutary Ash Wednesday message, BUT... shouldn't we ALREADY be on this path – living out our sanctification by the Holy Spirit, long before this Lenten season started?

Mission work is very similar to this. It's often demanding work, which is often why we don't want to start it in

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Devotion

by Rev'd Brian Westgate

“See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have”. – St. Luke 24:39

Ash Wednesday fell on Valentine’s Day, and now we’re preparing for Easter. This gives us another cruel coincidence, since Easter happens to fall on April Fool’s Day this year.

There are people out there who want you to think Jesus’ Resurrection is the cruelest April Fool’s joke of all time. They claim the Apostles made it up, that they wanted it so bad they dreamed He came to them perhaps.

Scripture does not allow for this. One of the recurring images in Scripture is the failures of the faithful. Abraham pretended his wife was just his sister – twice. Peter denied Jesus. The disciples were complete wimps that Passover weekend, locked up in the upper room. No way they were making this up. If they did, they would have given it all up when faced with the cross themselves.

We confess He suffered under Pontius Pilate. These things didn’t happen in a myth. They happened in history, our history. God entered history. He came down to earth. He died. He rose. The result? Your sins are forgiven. Eternal life is yours. “This is most certainly true.”

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the first place. Everybody loves that story in Acts 2, where 3,000 get baptized in a single day. We think – “Why couldn’t this happen at my church – that would be awesome!!!”

Then we get to thinking about it (which always gets us in trouble) – “Where would we put 3,000 new members at our church? Would I lose my favorite pew and spot? How would we pay for the increased utilities used? How are we going to pay for all the necessary Sunday School, VBS, and catechetical materials we’re going to need? Will we have to add a second – or third service? Can the organist and Pastor cover all that? Will we need another Pastor, or some commissioned ministers?” And most importantly; “Am I going to lose my parking spot at the church?!?!”

Suddenly, 3,000 new members, sounds like more trouble than it’s worth. So, we go back to sitting on the Gospel, hoping no one comes in and disturbs our ancient and sacred ‘routines.’ Never mind, that that’s the opposite of what Jesus told us to do in the Great Commission – it’s not His beloved pew that’s gonna be lost in this crowd now, is it?

Continuing mission efforts in Hazelwood are being planned for this summer. Washington, PA, Robinson Township, and Indiana, PA are being discussed as places to investigate for new missions. Many African immigrants are here in Pittsburgh, and many are Lutheran, but don’t know how to connect with us, yet. Hispanic ministries, Asian ministries, campus ministries, and many others are underway, and much remains to be harvested with them. Lent is an ideal season to rethink what we’re doing; how we’re doing it; and how we can do better the mission of PALM. I hope that’s something we’ll all be thinking about in this season.

But don’t stop with JUST ‘thinking about it’ – what are we waiting for anyways? Christmas? Tell the Good News about Jesus today. Let the Holy Spirit do the hard part of mission work, and we’ll make a spot for the new baptism or convert in our midst. Baptizing 3,000 in a day is easy; making that first contact, is hard. But mission is a whole lot harder, if we don’t do it... at all.



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Mileposters News

The campaign to raise support for Puerto Rico's long-term recovery from Hurricane Maria has been completed. The total of contributions was nearly \$800.

Because of last year's exceptionally mild winter, the Mileposters season got off to an early start. At this writing, this year's mileage is 41 less than last. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the count will have improved.

A significant addition to the distance traveled for 2018 is planned to be the Mileposters' sixth ride from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC. The first was in 2005; the group of six is pictured in motion leaving the starting trailhead at the Boston Bridge. The nine-day ride was the only one where all the riders who started completed the trip; it also included a six-year-old stoker. The 2006 trip took ten days; only five of the seven first-day riders made it the whole way; another joined us in the middle. One participant did not know how to ride a bike, and never learned. 2008 was again ten days, with four starting and another three joining in the middle; only the group leader made the whole ride. For 2010, five started; only three went the entire distance; the time was back to nine days. In 2012, five riders started the trip; after that the group leader completed it by himself, riding the triplet, again in nine days total.

Overnight accommodations have included tent camping, hostels, bed and breakfasts, and all kinds of hotels. Food is whatever can be caught, from peanut butter and jelly through McDonald's and the finest restaurants. Some trips have had almost no moisture, but in 2006 we nearly drowned in a "200-year rainfall". Daily mileage ranges from less than 20 to a record-setting 60.

If you would like to have the adventure of a lifetime, you are invited to join us this year. Come for one day, several, or the entire trip.



Thank You Robin

by Augusta R Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

What a wonderful, inspiring, encouraging letter. It came from Robin, who lives in Massachusetts. Her son, Moses, is a student at Grove City College and attends worship and student meals at All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center. Robin wrote saying how thankful she is that this LCMS campus ministry is here in Slippery Rock for her family. She wrote, "My husband still talks about the sermon Reverend Loree preached at the August service that Herb attended. (When he brought his son, Moses, to Grove City College)"

This letter is especially meaningful because it addresses a question campus ministry often faces: is it worthwhile? Sometimes ministry to young students seems to bear fruit, but other times not so much. Sometimes seeds are planted but don't seem to bear fruit, since we don't see baptisms. This letter from Robin, who is an active LCMS layperson inspires campus ministry to go on planting seeds. After all, what is the option?

Robin wrote that she and her husband, Herb, are thankful that someone shared the Gospel with them. She described their lives before Christ as being in darkness with no joy. Now they are filled with the satisfaction of sharing the Gospel in rural Western Massachusetts. She wrote, "We have been very blessed in our recent contacts with college students...." She continued, "We hosted eight Iranian students on Christmas Day. We had truly wonderful conversation with them in which I was able to share how the Lord led me to give Moses his name, and to share other ways he has guided us. One student asked her what the differences between Islam and Christianity were. Herb has studied Islam and frequently memorizes and meditates on the Bible, so, he was ready, willing and able to answer." She went on to describe their Christmas party with Malaysian students, and the ESL (English as a second language) class they hold for students from Yemen, Afghanistan, and the Sudan. Their joy in sharing the Gospel is inspiring. Robin and her family are not counting the number of students they see becoming Christians. They just plant seeds and let the Holy Spirit do the rest.

What does this have to do with campus ministry? Why is it so inspiring? Because it reminds those of us in campus ministry that although it might seem easier to stop doing ministry to students because they don't often ask to be baptized, it is still very worthwhile. There is joy in sharing Jesus. There is little joy in just concentrating on those who already know. This attitude is not joy filled and is not a satisfying option. All Saints will continue to work to reach students.

This week Isuri came to say a final goodbye. She has become family. She has helped with student meals, attended a few church services, and, often came to talk about life. Clearly, she loves and admires her Buddhist parents who are her role models. They are sensitive, affectionate, and hard-working parents. Isuri brought them to visit in our home. When her parents left for home they asked us to stand with their daughter after they returned home to Sri Lanka. They trust us to care for her even

though they have heard us say that we believe that Jesus is the meaning of life. Isuri has been at ASLC for three years, but, prefers to be Buddhist. Does this mean that campus ministry wasted its time? No! Seeds are planted. The story is not concluded yet; it is not yet the ninth inning or the last quarter of the game. For Isuri it is still the first inning. We were not asked to grow the seeds, just to plant them. This we did with all the love possible. As Robin's letter reminds campus ministry, the rest is up to the Holy Spirit.

Thank you, Robin, for your letter. It is a great reminder that we should share the Gospel on campus; that we should enjoy doing it; that we should let the Holy Spirit do His work. And yes, please tell your story one day. It will inspire us, too.



Moses (second from the left) and his father, Herb, (second from the right) visit with two students, Warm (far left) and Gelia (far right).

ASCENSION LUTHERAN

McCandless

WEEKLY LENTEN SERVICES will continue at Ascension Lutheran Church (8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. (March 7, 14, and 21). All are welcome to join us for worship and, prior to worship, for a delicious meal and fellowship. Our Lenten soup and salad suppers are every Wednesday during Lent from 5:00 p.m. until our service at 7:00 p.m.

PASSOVER MEAL AT ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHURCH – Please join us March 28 as we once again host a Passover meal like the one Jesus and His disciples shared the night before He became our Paschal Sacrifice. Abraham Sandler, Congregational Leader of the Rock of Ages Messianic Jewish Congregation, will join us to celebrate this traditional meal. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to experience what Jesus and His disciples shared at their last meal together. We will see how the

rituals and traditions God commanded His people to follow in the Old Testament lead us to a deeper love and understanding of Yeshua, the Son of God, sent by the Father to be our Savior. In addition to that, we will have an excellent meal, delicious desserts, and a great social time. We will serve dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. Rabbi Abraham will lead us in the Seder Ritual from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. There is no charge, but a freewill offering will be accepted. You may register at <http://ascensionpgh.com/> or call Russ Lucas at 412-445-8902. Please register early to be sure you don't miss out on this special event.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES at Ascension Lutheran Church are as follows:

- Maundy Thursday Service with Holy Communion – March 29, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
- Good Friday Tenebrae Service – March 30, 2018, at 7:00 p.m.
- Easter Sunday Service with Holy Communion – April 1, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.

BETHEL LUTHERAN

Glenshaw

Dr. Gary Swanson has been holding children's sermons at Bethel on Sundays for over 15 years. On Sunday, January 28, Gary Swanson gave the first sermon to his first grandson, Oliver. Gary has nine children, 8 boys and 1 girl. His son Tad is holding Oliver as he watches his grandpa deliver the "Good News".



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR - Bethel Lutheran Church, Glenshaw, will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 4, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. There will be a free-will offering to benefit the White family who lives next to Bethel and recently suffered a house fire.

RSVP at email secretary@bethelglenshaw.org

THE SEDER is a ritual meal which commemorates the events of the Exodus. We will serve this meal on Saturday, March 10, at 5:00 p.m. For all interested in attending, please RSVP by email to secretary@bethelglenshaw.org by March 8.

CALVARY LUTHERAN

Murrysville

On Sunday, February 11th Calvary confirmed 6 students. Pictured are Jude Walker, Madison Wunschel, Ashlin Walker, Rocco Himes, Dylan Giles, and Ben Cava. Eighty-five people attended the Confirmation. A banquet was held in their honor on Friday, February 9th where 72 people attended.

Our Wednesday Lenten Theme is "What's the Point?" Dinner at 6:00 p.m. and Meditation at 7:00p.m.

Calvary will hold our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 24th at 1:00 p.m. and our Palm Sunday Breakfast from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Wishing all of Pittsburgh and beyond a blessed Lenten journey.



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

Our Lenten Wednesday theme this year is, "Come, Lord Jesus - be our guest - let Thy gifts, to us be blessed. AMEN". Wednesday services continue through March, at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Week services are as follows: Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.; Good Friday Tenebrae Service at 7:30 p.m.; Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Our next "dinner & movie night (and maybe a Bible study afterwards)" will be on Friday, April 27, at 6:30 p.m. We will be viewing the extended version of Mel Gibson's, "The Passion of the Christ." All are welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN

State College

Kick the Tires: Intro to Missional Living & Discipleship Workshop

by Matt Doering, Christ Follower | Musician | Husband

Saturday, April 7, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Good Shepherd Lutheran in State College

Come learn from Greg Finke (author of *Joining Jesus on His Mission: How to Be an Everyday Missionary* and *Joining Jesus - Show Me How: Discipling Everyday Missionaries*) and his wife Susan, as they discuss living out the call of Jesus to love God and love our neighbor everyday of our lives. The workshop is open to anyone interested in learning how to join Jesus on His mission as part of their everyday lifestyle.

This workshop will be free to those interested (freewill offerings are welcome to help cover the cost). Lunch will be provided. For those traveling a distance we will have a limited number of places where people can stay for free with a host family on Friday evening. First come, first serve. We will need to have a rough count of attendees. For any questions or concerns, email blesstatecollege@gmail.com.



CHRIST LUTHERAN

Forest Hills

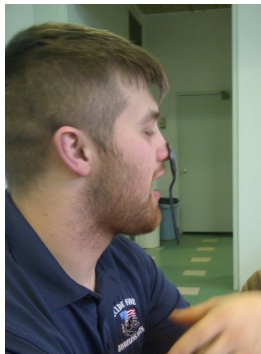
On February 10, the Women Service Guild at Christ Lutheran had their 6th annual Winter Blues Luncheon at Palmieri's in Plum Borough. They had food, fun and most importantly a chance to be in Christian fellowship. Seven of the women have attended every year.



TRINITY LUTHERAN

Monroeville

February 4 was Trinity Monroeville's annual Valentine potluck dinner. It was held after Sunday morning worship. As two of the pictures show, the kids seemed to enjoy it more than anyone else. As another picture shows, one of the adults decided to get in on the fun as well.



ZION LUTHERAN

Bridgeville

Sunday School - March Unit – Courageous Queen – The story of Queen Esther

Esther's expression of faith looks very different from some of the other heroes in the Bible. During a dangerous and incredibly stressful situation, Esther demonstrates her remarkable faith. With the help of her cousin and the prayers of her people, she is able to gather the courage to take action against injustice, accomplishing God's will.

"Hope in the Lord! Be strong! Let your heart take courage! Hope in the Lord!" ~Psalm 27: 14

February was Mission Month - The Sunday school children sent 34 cards to Zion's homebound and sick members, assembled over 600 bags of love for our U.S. Troops, and visited residents at Broadmore.

Thank you to everyone who helped this month.

Sunday school is 9:20-10:20 a.m. every Sunday. Send questions to sundayschool@zlcbb.org.

It's not too soon to mark your calendar for VBS:

Make a splash at VBS
 Vacation Bible School
 Zion Lutheran Church
 June 24 – 29, 2018
 9:00 a.m. to noon

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Penn Hills / Oakmont

2018 has brought some erratic weather to the Pittsburgh area, but it hasn't slowed things down here at Redeemer!

On Thursday, January 11, Redeemer presented its 3rd annual Shakespeare performance. This year's selection was the Bard's comedy, "A Midsummer Night's Dream." The students put on a delightful performance. We are grateful, as always, to Mr. Driscoll for his diligent work with our students.



"A Midsummer Night's Dream" Shakespeare cast.

Redeemer celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week January 21-27 together with LCMS schools all around the country. It was a terrific, activity-filled week. Monday's focus was Author Day, with teachers and students alike wearing the costumes of their favorite books. Our middle school students spent the morning participating in special activities with our preschoolers, which is always a highlight for our littlest students.



Elementary teachers enjoying Meet the Author Day.

Tuesday was Sports Day, giving everyone the opportunity to "sport" the names of their favorite athletic teams. Some of our classes also had the opportunity to try different sports, inspired by the upcoming Winter Olympics.

Wednesday was a busy day, with our preschoolers and interested families visiting our "big school" for our annual

SCHOOL NEWS

K for a Day event. Teachers organized a special morning to introduce students to a typical day of kindergarten, while parents observed and attended a special information session with the principal. In addition, we observed “Funny Hat and Silly Sock Day,” which made for some very interesting fashion statements around the campus.

Thursday was RLS Spirit Day! Students and faculty wore the school colors of green and white while participating in a day full of team-building activities. Students were split into multi-grade groups to play “Knowledge Bowl” to see which team knew the most about RLS teachers. It was a very “spirited” competition. The day ended with an enthusiastic pep rally to support and cheer on our basketball teams.

Friday was the last day for Lutheran Schools Week, but it was certainly not the least. Our younger students had a Pajama Day, while our older classes “strutted the red carpet” and had the chance to dress their best for a Formal Day. Preschool through 6th grade also enjoyed special assemblies with the Children’s Museum, while middle and high school students played “The Best Friend/Sibling Game” to see which 2-person team knew each other the best. At noon, all students took part in the live nationwide singalong of the Lutheran Schools Week song (the video can be viewed on our Facebook page). The week culminated with a Family Movie Night, presented by senior Lizzy Schinkel. Families were able to gather together in the gymnasium on Friday evening to enjoy the movie “Charlotte’s Web.” The cost of admission was a donation of a gently used children’s book to support Lizzy’s project for the Children’s Hospital. It was a wonderful way to close out the week.



K-12th students participating in nationwide NLSW Hymn Sing.

Throughout Lutheran Schools Week, the classes participated in the annual “Penny Wars” competition, with each class seeking to gather the most pennies while placing silver change and paper money into the containers of other classes. There were several categories of winners. The 5th grade won the preschool-6th grade competition for the most pennies, while the 7th & 8th grade classes won the middle and high school penny war. The class that contributed the most money overall (pennies plus all other cash) was the 6th grade class, with a total of \$181.51. Of course, the true “winner” of the competition was the Cambodia Project of Lutheran Hour Ministries, who will re-

ceive all of the proceeds. Over \$940 was contributed to further the work being done there in the name of Christ.

On February 5, Redeemer celebrated Senior Night for the senior members of our basketball teams. The Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf graciously allowed us to recognize our senior team members during our game time there for the evening. Congratulations to our seniors Sam Wilshire, Zach Pugliese, Megan McKenzie, Lizzy Schinkel, and Suni Missouri.

Speaking of basketball, our middle school boys’ basketball team continues to be undefeated in league play. At the time of this writing, we are looking ahead with great excitement to the championship tournament later this month. We look forward to sharing the results with you next month.

It may be the dead of winter, but here at Redeemer, it’s time to look ahead to the future. On February 1, enrollment opened for current families. The announcement was enhanced with a special unveiling of our new logos, including an exclusive design solely for our high school. February also includes the tradition of Open House sessions, with interested families invited to visit us on Thursdays. Please be in prayer for all those families that are searching for the right school for their children at this time of year.

Looking ahead:

March 18: Preschool Sunday at Redeemer Lutheran Church

March 23: Education Fair at Redeemer Lutheran School—open to the public

April 20 & 21: “Beauty and the Beast” musical performance

Our new logos! Schoolwide, High School, and Athletics/Competitive Teams.



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ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Bridgeville

“That Sam-I-am! That Sam-I-am! I do not like that Sam-I-am!” “Do you like green eggs and ham?”

Our PreK children sure do. The letter of the week was “G” and Dr. Seuss’ “Green Eggs and Ham” was the story being read. After the story they actually made, and ate (some reluctantly),

“green eggs” by mixing a few drops of green food coloring to the eggs. After they mixed the two together the teacher cooked ...ok....microwaved the eggs for the kids to enjoy.

Julia and Olivia stir the eggs with the food coloring to make them green!!



Mrs. Kathy is explaining to the children to carefully add the food coloring to the eggs.



Concordia at Sumner Names Community Relations Coordinator

David Lee has recently been appointed Community Relations Coordinator for the Admissions and Marketing Team at Concordia at Sumner according to Administrator Stephanie Chambers.

Lee’s duties will include continuing to create brand awareness, building new community relationships, maintaining, and establishing skilled nursing referral sources, assisting in securing skilled nursing as well as assisted living admissions.

“He brings a lot of enthusiasm and great ideas having worked in long term care since age 16,” said Director of Marketing Rowena Wilkins. “I look forward to all the relationships that I will be building with the residents and their families at Concordia as well as my co-workers,” said Lee.

Lee is a recent graduate of Malone University in Canton with a major in Communication Arts and a minor in Marketing. Since May of 2012, he has worked at Canton Christian Home as a resident care assistant, dietary aide and marketing and community relations intern. This past year he also served as a home health aide for Northeast Professional Home Care. He lives in S.W. Canton and enjoys theatre and singing.

Concordia Announces Three Promotions

Wendy Moore, RN of New Bethlehem was named Corporate Director of Skilled Nursing Services according to Natalie McKay, Administrator, Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Services at Concordia at Cabot. Moore will be traveling throughout the Concordia system to support the skilled nursing leadership teams at the various Concordia Skilled Nursing units. Her support and guidance will focus on education/training, regulatory updates, policy & procedure compliance and development, mock and Department of Health (DOH) survey assistance and Quality Assurance/Process Improvement efforts. In her new role she will also be a part of the Corporate Audit team.

A graduate of Slippery Rock University (SRU) with a B.S. in Health Sciences, she held several leadership positions before joining Concordia in 2011. She lives in New Bethlehem with her husband Dana, two sons, Landan, age 10 and Connor who is six and their two dogs, Bo and Luke. She enjoys walking, reading and going to the beach as much as possible!

“I have been humbled by the opportunity to work for such an amazing organization,” said Moore.

Also promoted as Director of Nursing (DON) for the Skilled Nursing Unit at Cabot is Karen Beilstein, BSN, MHA. Beilstein will oversee the daily operations of the nursing team including staffing, management, regulatory compliance, quality initiatives, policy & procedure creation, implementation, and education as well as developing projects to enhance care and services to our patients and residents. Beginning her career at Concordia as a dishwasher 17 years ago, Beilstein has served as Nursing Su-

pervisor, RNAC, EMR Clinical Data Manager and most recently as ADON. She graduated with a B.S. in Nursing from SRU and a Master's Degree in Health Administrator from Ohio University. Beilstein lives in Saxonburg with her husband, Anthony, their six-year-old daughter Adalyn and four-year-old son Jeremiah, two dogs and a chinchilla. Her favorite pastimes, reading, shopping, and preparing to complete her second half marathon in May. When asked what drew her to Concordia, she said, "I was within walking distance to my house and Concordia offered short shifts I could easily work after school when I started to work here." She continued, "What has kept me here is that I believe in the mission and have always felt supported and encouraged to grow."

Replacing Karen Beilstein as Assistant Director of Nursing (ADON) for the Skilled Unit is Regina Brosenitsch, RN., who will support the newly appointed DON with all her responsibilities and act as DON in her absence.

As a child her ambition was to be a nurse and in 2009 she accepted a job as a Nurse Aide at Concordia at the Orchard and transferred to Cabot after she earned her associates degree in nursing at Butler County Community College. She was a supervisor prior to her promotion.

She and her husband Sam live in Fenelton and have two children, Judah and Avelynn. They enjoy fishing, kayaking and remodeling. "Luckily, I have worked with nurses and aides who have helped me grow as a nurse and have been able to further my career in nursing," she remarked upon acceptance of her new position.

SEI leads the charge to the 2018 CLM Golf Classic

While many of us equate February with snow, the development team at Concordia sees plenty of green. As in tees, fairways and putting surfaces! Planning is in full swing for the 15th CLM Golf

Classic, to benefit Concordia's Good Samaritan Endowment Fund, our charitable care fund which helps residents and patients with reduced ability to afford their long-term care. This popular event returns to Treesdale Golf & Country Club, Gibsonia, PA, on Monday, July 9 with a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start. Thankfully, and with gratitude to SEI Investments, we are off to a fast start of reaching our goal of raising \$100,000! Michael Kelly and his team at SEI have started this year's effort with a renewal of its Signature Level sponsorship, as a show of meaningful support for Concordia and those it serves through the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund. Registration is now open for the big day – and we encourage you to get on the ball (pun intended) as the 2017 Golf Classic was a sellout! To learn more, or sign up as a sponsor or golfer, contact Concordia at (724) 352-1571 ext. 8363, or head to give.concordialm.org and hit "Give Now" to reserve online. Book your foursome before our event sells out again!

Resident Choir at Concordia Haven Presents Its Annual Easter Cantata

The Concordia "Alleluia" Chorale will celebrate the Easter season with the cantata, "Behold the Lamb," telling the events of Easter through the eyes of a Jewish shopkeeper in Jerusalem.

Haven III resident Carol Oliver who has directed the semi-annual performances for the last seven years estimates that the average age of our choir members is 86. She said, "Our goal is to serve God as a resource for the renewal of faith in ourselves and others." She adds, "We pray He will help us to use our talents and gifts to touch hearts through sacred music."

Martha France, Haven I resident is the accompanist. Rev. Ralph Storm, Haven I resident is the narrator.

The Cantata is free and open to the public at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 27 at 112 Marwood Rd in Cabot, Entrance 2A. Following the Cantata performance refreshments will be served. For more information on this event, please contact Lynn Turner at 724-352-1571 ext. 8518 or visit Concordia's News and Events page (www.concordialm.org/events-news).

Good Samaritan Hospice to Hold Memorial Services in Cabot, Freedom

Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH), a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, will hold two memorial services in memory of those who spent their final days under hospice care at its Wexford facility, Cabot or Heritage Valley inpatient units or with Good Samaritan Hospice home care.

The first service will be held at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 330 Hannahstown Road in Cabot on Sunday, April 15 at 3 p.m. The second service will be at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church on Rochester Road in Freedom on Sunday, April 22 at 3 p.m. Concordia Chaplain Rev. Duane Voorman will conduct the services. These memorial services are open to all who are dealing with grief, even if they did not have a loved one in GSH care. A reception will follow both memorial tributes.

The services will be a time to pray and give thanks, to celebrate the lives of those no longer with us, look to God and within, and begin the healing process. It will also be a time to understand that the journey through grief is different for every person.

Registration is recommended. To register or receive more information, call 724.933.8888. Visit GSH on the Web at www.good-samaritanhospice.org.

Concordia of the South Hills Retirement Living Hosts Open House Event

The public is invited to learn more about why Concordia is the best retirement value in the area on Monday, March 26 and Tuesday, March 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Open House on our South Hills campus located at 1300 Bower Hill Road in Mt. Lebanon near St. Clair Hospital.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the building including retirement living apartments as well as personal care and short-term rehab/skilled nursing units. Refreshments will be served in the Harmony Room in the common area of the community.

For more information or to register online visit the Events and News section of the website at www.concordialm.org/events-news or call Director of Marketing Christie Wahlen at 412-278-1300. Visit us online at www.concordia-southhills.org. Personal tours are also available at any time by appointment.

Open House Events Held at Concordia Newest Retirement Community

Our newest location, Highpointe at Rebecca in Allison Park will feature three model apartments – one bedroom, two bedroom and large two bedroom – to the public.

Friday, March 2 from noon until 2 pm. lunch will be served, and an information session will follow describing the benefits of retirement living firsthand.

Open House is scheduled on Sunday, March 11 from 1 – 3 p.m. and Monday, March 12 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Staff will be available to tour those interested in learning more about the Concordia brand of worry-free living.

On Friday, March 16, Highpointe will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Open House

Happy Hour and entertainment by North Hills Harmony Line Men's Chorus from 3 to 5 p.m.

Chris Simcoviak, a police officer in Ohio Township will discuss Senior Safety on Friday, March 23 at 3 p.m. in the Community Room.

Highpointe residents 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:

A 6% discount on your Entrance Fee, Monthly Fee and Second Person Fee. Effective March 31, 2018 this discount will decrease from 5 % to 4%.

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

A 10% discount on future health care services at Concordia at Rebecca Residence, located on the same campus.

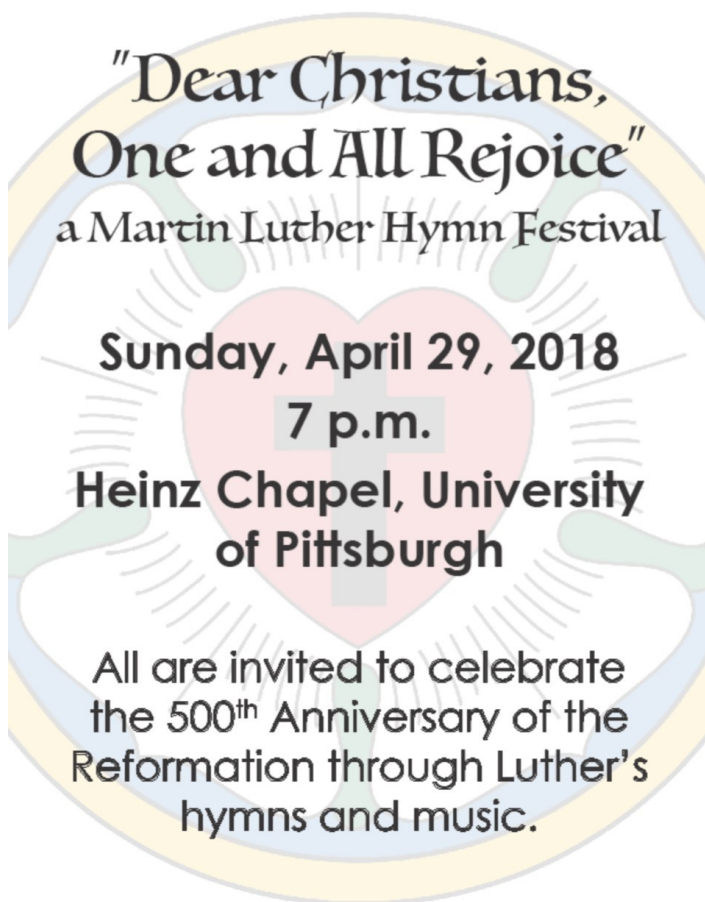
For more information or to RSVP, call 724-444-1521 or visit us online at www.HighpointeRebecca.org. Come and meet our founding residents to learn more about the community and why they chose Highpointe at Rebecca.

Concordia Retirement Living Hosts Open House Events

Concordia Haven Apartments is hosting a St. Patrick's Day themed Open House on Sunday, March 4 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. and Monday March 5 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.



**"Dear Christians,
One and All Rejoice"**
a Martin Luther Hymn Festival

Sunday, April 29, 2018
7 p.m.

**Heinz Chapel, University
of Pittsburgh**

All are invited to celebrate
the 500th Anniversary of the
Reformation through Luther's
hymns and music.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES 2018 FASHION SHOW

Peaches and Cream



Saturday, May 12, 2018
Butler Country Club
310 Country Club Lane, Butler, PA 16002



10 a.m.

\$40

\$37 if paid before April 1

10 a.m. - Registration, Basket Auction,
Mystery Bags and Shopping (clothes and
accessories)

11:45 a.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - Fashion Show

\$40 per ticket Tables of 10: \$400
Valet Parking

Please call 724-352-1571, ext. 8355 to make your
reservation or go online at give.concordialm.org,
click GIVE NOW and select "Events." Seating is
limited and available by RSVP and advance
payment only. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Please make checks payable to:
CLM Foundation and send to:
134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

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Concordia Lutheran Ministries Good
Samaritan Endowment Fund, providing
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