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## PEACE LUTHERAN

*McMurray*

Pastor Justin Schmidt was installed at Peace Lutheran Church as our new Senior Pastor on August 26, 2018.



Pastor Schmidt received his first call in 2002 to a dual parish in Devil's Lake and Lakota, ND. During their 6.5 years in ND he served as a Chaplain in the ND National Guard in conjunction with parish ministry, followed by a year of full time Chaplain service. In 2008 the couple moved to Thomasboro, IL where Pastor Schmidt served as parish pastor at Peace Lutheran Church and Pre-School.

In 2011 Pastor Schmidt took a secular job as a Long Gun Production Manager at Altamont Company in Thomasboro, IL. He remained active in ministry by serving churches in central IL by providing pulpit supply. During this time, he became Assistant Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Osman, IL and continued to provide regular pulpit supply at Faith Lutheran Church in Monticello and surrounding LCMS congregations.

He began serving at Christ and St. Luke Lutheran Churches in Delvan and San Jose, IL in April 2013.

The Rev. Justin R. Schmidt and his wife, Marion, have been married for 19 years. They have four children, their adopted daughter Amanda who is an adult, Wolfram 13, Lilia 11, and Augustine 9.



Pastor Schmidt was born and raised in the suburbs of Pittsburgh, PA, but has lived in Canada (Toronto), Virginia, Michigan, Missouri, Wyoming, North Dakota and Illinois. He studied at Virginia Tech University for a year before transferring to Concordia University in Ann Arbor, MI where he earned a BS in Biblical Studies. It is there where he met Marion, who was studying Elementary Education. Following graduation Pastor Schmidt attended Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO where he earned his Masters of Divinity. After Marion graduated, they were married in 1999 and lived in St. Louis while he continued to attend Seminary. During this time, they lived in Gillette, Wyoming for the year of his Vicarage.



## Mark your Calendar

### October

1. Bethel holds a weekly Nar-Anon meeting on Mondays at 7:00 p.m.
2. Concordia concert "Jimmy Swogger & Friends", Haven 1 Dining Room, Cabot. 7:00 p.m.
4. The Cabot Grief Support Group, Haven II, Cabot, Thursday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
5. Happy Hour, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., with accordionist Lou Gamber
6. Concordia Oktoberfest, Haven 1, Cabot, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
6. Ascension Lutheran Church's Annual Pumpkin Fest& Flea Market, Ascension Lutheran Church, McCandless, 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
6. Concordia Oktoberfest, Cabot, 112 Marwood Road, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.
10. Beaver Grief Support Group, Hope Luthera Church, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.
11. The Cabot Grief Support Group, Haven II, Cabot, Thursday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
12. Happy Hour, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Entertainment provided by Hey Joe with Mike
13. Pittsburgh Zone LWML Rally, Prince of Peace, Freedom, 10am. registration  
Speaker is Rev. Alex Knowles, Camp Pioneer
13. Second Annual Oktoberfest, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Mikey Dee Polka Band
14. OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES kickoff, Ascension Lutheran Church, McCandless, Time TBA
14. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Murrysville Area CROP Hunger Walk, Calvary, Murrysville, Registration 1:00 p.m.
18. The Cabot Grief Support Group, Haven II, Cabot, Thursday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
20. 150th Anniversary Sauerkraut Supper, Zion Lawrenceville, 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
21. Open House, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with Rick Farinelli Jazz Combo

### October (con't)

22. Open House, Monday, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
22. Pastor & Mrs. Naumann Missionary presentation, Redeemer, Oakmont, 6:30 p.m.
26. Dinner and a Movie Night, Concordia, Brentwood, 6:30 p.m.
- 26., 27. Open House, Concordia of South Hills, Mt. Lebanon, 1:00 to 3:00p.m.
28. Pittsburgh Area LCMS Reformation Day Service 3p.m. See page 4 for details.

### November

1. The Cabot Grief Support Group, Haven II, Cabot, Thursday mornings, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.
4. Veterans Day Celebration, Calvary, Murrysville, 1:00 p.m.
10. Calvary Bake Sale at Art Show, Calvary, Murrysville
- 10-11 43rd Annual Christian Art Show and Gallery Café, Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville.
11. Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting, Haven 1 Dining Room, Cabot, 3:00 p.m.
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
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.

**DEVOTION**

by Rev. Brian Westgate

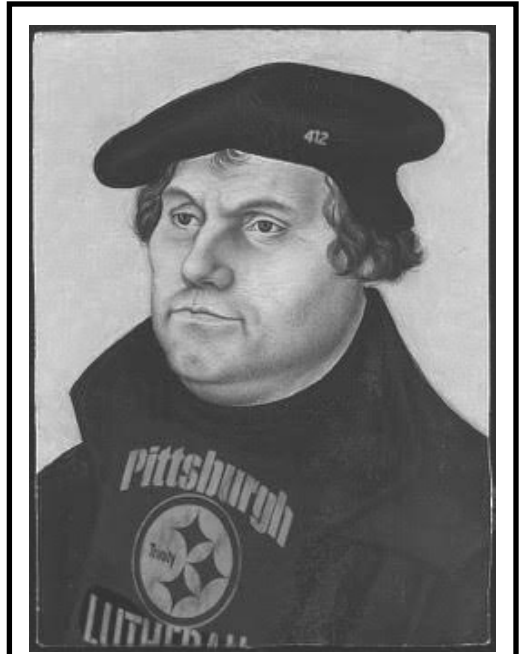
*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9*

It’s October now, so it’s time to look forward to Reformation Day again. The 500th Anniversary year is almost over. Soon it will be **501** years since Dr. Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg.

We do not celebrate a man that day. Yes, we do give God thanks for the work He accomplished through that man’s ministry, but Dr. Luther wants us to celebrate something else: our Lord’s holy Passion. He saw himself as no more than a faithful preacher pointing you to Jesus and His Blood.

That’s why Redeemer Lutheran Church and School exists. We are here to point people to Jesus. We point them to what Jesus did 2000 years ago as the only way to heaven. As one hymn sings, “I am trusting Thee, Lord Jesus, trusting only Thee” is the only way to get there. “A Mighty Fortress is our God” Who died for us; that’s why “Salvation unto us has come by God’s free grace and favor!”

So, let’s celebrate! Celebrate this coming Reformation Sunday and every Sunday at His Altar, even every day in your devotions at home. “Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice with exultation springing!” Your sins are forgiven. Satan is vanquished. Paradise is yours.



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**2018 Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod  
Reformation Day Service**

**Sunday, October 28, 2018, 3:00 PM**

**First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church  
531 N Neville Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213**



Special Guest Preacher:  
The Reverend Dr. Gregory P. Seltz  
Former Speaker of "The Lutheran Hour" and Executive Director of  
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**PALM NEWS**

*by Rev. Brian Westgate*

**VETERANS' DAY SERVICE AT MINERSVILLE**

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.

PALM President Pastor Brian Westgate, Minersville Cemetery Committee chairman, will conduct the service. We hope to see you there. Minersville is in the Hill District at Shawnee & Ossipee just east of Herron Avenue and north of Centre Avenue, next to the Milliones School.

**Are you AWOL, for mission?**

*by Pr. Bob McCanless, OUTGOING PALM Mission Director*

Many thanks to all those who attended the Annual PALM Delegate Meeting on Sunday, September 16. We heard a lot of GOOD NEWS about the mission field of western Pennsylvania and Maryland, of work underway, and plans for the future. And congratulations to all those who were awarded grants for the coming year. We appreciate your mission zeal, and we look forward to hearing good things about how the Lord is blessing your work in the months to com.

As great as our time together was, we were still disappointed that more of our congregations weren't represented at this meeting that only takes place once a year. Yes, the Chieftains of Kansas City can be distracting this time of year, as can anyone else in town visiting our STILLERS. But the last I checked, the mission field of Christ's Church predates the STILLERS by at least 1,900 years. It would seem the mission field, therefore, deserves a BIT more attention.

And as far as that goes, we are still lacking a number of board representatives from the various circuits within western PA and MD. The Eastern, English, and Slovak Districts all have representation in PALM. The question is, is YOUR circuit represented? In other words, does your congregation have an active voice in PALM? Contact your Pastor, sit with him, if necessary, as he contacts your Circuit Visitor to make sure your circuit is represented. And if not, consider volunteering.

And take into account these points, the bigger question we need to ask is - is your circuit, your congregation, your Pastor - are YOU - "AWOL" on mission? "AWOL" is a military acronym, it means, "Absent, without leave." In other words, someone who is AWOL, is derelict of duty. The duty that Jesus gave to us in the Great Commission; "Therefore, as you are going, MAKE disciples of all nations (peoples), baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" - Matthew 28: 19-20a.

"Mission" is everything you and your congregation are doing to reach the lost with the Good News of Jesus. There was a time when "mission work" was considered something professional clergy did on foreign shores, where they didn't speak German. An improper translation of Matthew 28:19 has mistakenly led us to believe that we must GO somewhere else to do mission, and usually FAR away. Rather, "As you are going," more accurately reflects our daily reality, the call to do mission work right where we are - as you are going to work or school; as you are going to the grocery store; as you are going to get your car serviced; as you are going to shop or recreation. As you are going... tell the Good News about Jesus. Scatter the seed of His Gospel. Invite someone to your church to come and see Jesus (John 1: 46b).

PALM is our LCMS "force multiplier" in western PA and MD. We join together for bigger, bolder, mission projects. We harness the unified strength of our 40+ congregations for the mutual sharing of the Good News of Jesus. But is your congregation helping us pull? Or wandering astray? Is mission a high priority with you? Or an after-thought? PALM is only as strong as its weakest link. And besides, our work at PALM is the EASY part. Jesus does the REAL heavy lifting of mission work. After all, at the end of the Great Commission, HE promises to do the hard work. "For surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" - Mt.28: 20b

See you soon, in the harvest fields.

### Mileposters News

The closing ride to support Puerto Rico (where it has now been reported that nearly 3,000 perished) took place August 25-28. Joining Mileposters on the first day were the Braunstein triplet team from Maryland, placing two triplets and a tandem together--the first time either group had been on a ride with two triplets at once--pictured at the Pump House, in the Waterfront, on the Great Allegheny Passage.



The Maryland team continued for the next three days, arriving in Cumberland on August 28, adding 150 miles to the campaign total, which was 605 miles, including an earlier round trip from West Mifflin to Connellsville, PA at 108 miles. Our blind stoker and her captain contributed another 51 miles on July 28; the captain and her son made 12 rides with a total of 192 miles. Other shorter rides made up the balance of the 605. Total mileage for all Mileposters rides since this time last year is 1,018.



On September 2, eight riders started at Western Penitentiary on a special ride for captain qualification, pictured at the penitentiary. Our first new adult captain for the year rode with his son as stoker. Qualifying as captain on her first ride with a stoker aboard the 20-inch convertible tandem was the new captain's daughter, age 10. Our veteran trail mom, who is also her mother, and trained her husband as captain, piloted another tandem; the group leader was aboard the triplet. Two more new adult captains continue in training.



Both rides were greatly enhanced by two energetic new stokers, who were recruited by our trail mom. The younger of the two served as stoker when our ten-year-old captain qualified. They are pictured, on their first ride, with the trail mom and her daughter, at the Branchport Boat Club, on the Riverfront Trail. Rides for the fundraising campaign for First Trinity Campus Ministry are expected to wind up in October.



**Ask a Busy Person**

by *Augusta R. Mennell*, Campus Ministry Director

When you want to get something done, ask the busiest person you know. That is just what All Saints campus ministry did. We asked Akelah, an international student from the British Virgin Islands in the Caribbean not far from Miami, if she would be the president of All Saints Fellowship. Akelah is a very busy student, yet she immediately accepted the job.

It was the director of SRU’s International Program who introduced Akelah to All Saints. The director realized that Akelah could use a friend to help her adjust to university life, and she knew that All Saints would be glad to help.

Akelah had come to SRU to major in Special Education. She is passionate about teaching so that she can help children. She worked hard to have enough money to pay for her studies. She and her husband and two preschool children were ready for the challenge of going to college. Unfortunately, despite having accumulated enough tuition money, her financial situation changed drastically. Due to no fault of her own, she lost most of the money she had accumulated for tuition.

But this setback did not stop her. Incredibly, people from the university and community became aware of her situation and poured out their help. Akelah could hardly believe their generosity. Despite all the help being showered on the family, Akelah was greatly stressed by the experience. Knowing this, the director introduced her to All Saints Campus Ministry for our care.

Akelah quickly bonded with All Saints. She feels like this place is her home. She comes in often to ask for advice, to get rides to the stores, to obtain help in getting her driver’s license, and to share her enthusiasm for bringing students to All Saints. She wants them to come for friendship and a chance to learn about the Christian faith.

Life was so busy for Akelah that it took a long time for it to occur to me to consider asking her to be president of ASF. It seemed so unlikely. Who would think that a student who took care of her husband and two young children in addition to her hectic school schedule could do it? Then she invited family members, who were devastated by a monster hurricane in the Virgin Islands last year, to come and live with her temporarily. Ask a busy person. We did. She said,

“Yes.”

Now that Akelah is the student leader, she is putting her ideas into practice. She came to help us with receiving students at All Saints during the campus-wide scavenger hunt sponsored by SRU. She greeted the “hunters” with real enthusiasm. She made a difference at the Labor Day Korean meal, where she handed out frisbees and tote bags, and made sure the American and international students felt welcome. She is a natural at making new students feel welcome.



## ASCENSION LUTHERAN

*McCandless*

Ascension Lutheran Church's Annual Pumpkin Fest and Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ascension (8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237). Come spend a crisp fall morning with us. For the fifth year, our "almost famous" HOMEMADE APPLE and PUMPKIN PIES will be on sale, as well as homemade VEGETABLE SOUP, hot dogs, beverages, and various other goodies. Of course, there will be PUMPKINS for you to buy. The committee is also venturing into selling handmade cards and crafts that we hope will also become a tradition. Many other vendors with crafts or treasures participate in the FLEA MARKET both inside (even if it rains) and outside the church, weather permitting. To reserve a space for \$20, contact Vicki at [vickig@zoominternet.net](mailto:vickig@zoominternet.net) or 724-816-0413. For more information, please contact Trish at [pyoung1234@comcast.net](mailto:pyoung1234@comcast.net).

RALLY DAY was held at Ascension Lutheran Church on September 9, 2018 with an indoor picnic (due to all the rain!) following the worship service. A wonderful time of fellowship and delicious food was enjoyed by all. Christian Education classes began on September 16, 2018 with classes offered for ages PreK and up.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES will again be collected at Ascension Lutheran Church (8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237). Kickoff Sunday will be Sunday, October 14, 2018. If you are interested in packing a shoebox(es), we have both plastic shoeboxes and cardboard shoeboxes available. Shoeboxes are due back no later than 11:00 AM on Sunday, November 18, 2018. For more information about packing a shoebox, you can visit the Operation Christmas Child website at [www.samaritanspurse.org/occ](http://www.samaritanspurse.org/occ). If you would like to participate, please contact Bob Marcellus at [finance@ascensionpgh.com](mailto:finance@ascensionpgh.com).

## CALVARY LUTHERAN

*Murrysville*

Fall is traditionally a busy time of year around Calvary, this year will be no different. Calvary hosts the following community events during the months of October, November, and December. Please join us for these events as we **'connect people with the love of Jesus Christ'**.

Sunday, October 14, Calvary hosts the **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Murrysville Area CROP Hunger Walk**. Registration for this year's walk begins at 1:00 p.m. in Calvary's Narthex. Participants in the walk can walk as little or as far as they want, or not walk at all and support the walk with contributions. Walkers will be treated to Calvary's traditional post-walk Walking Taco's in our Fellowship Hall, along with other refreshments.

## CALVARY LUTHERAN (con't)

*Murrysville*

Sunday, November 4, Calvary invites everyone in the surrounding communities to take time to celebrate and thank our veterans, and their families, for their sacrifice at this year's **Veterans Day Celebration**. Our Veterans Day program begins at 1:00 p.m. Our celebration includes a program of patriotic songs from both the CELC students and the Calvary Praise Choir. Our local VFW presents and sets the MIA/POW table, lest we forget. Speakers put this day, Veterans Day, in perspective for us. This year's speaker is scheduled to be Marlon Ferguson, the executive director of the Veteran's Place of Washington Boulevard. Mr. Ferguson has been instrumental in orchestrating the concept of a Tiny House Community to be built for Homeless Veterans in Penn Hills. After laying a wreath at our memorial and the playing of TAPS, everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall to share lunch, with stories and memories.

Saturday and Sunday, November 10 and 11, Calvary presents the **43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christian Art Show and Gallery Café**. Each year Christian artists of all ages from around the area are invited to share their talents and enter their original artwork. The art is displayed in a bright open atmosphere that allows the visitor time to appreciate the talents that God has given these artists. Join us in the Gallery Café and have a wonderful lunch including homemade soups before or after browsing the art work. On Saturday, November 10, the Art Show is accompanied by our fund-raising **Calvary Bake Sale** to benefit someone, or family in our church or in the community, in need. Homemade bake goods created by the wonderful bakers of Calvary will be available. If you have a sweet-tooth, this is the place to be.

Sunday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. is reserved for our **Blue Christmas** service. This is a service of remembrance and hope. A quiet, reflective service for those who are grieving, lonely, sad, not feeling particularly festive, or just in need of a time of quiet in the busy-ness of the season. Join us for this beautiful service open to the community. A place of quiet and rest. Join us after the service for light refreshment and fellowship.

Our Worship Life includes service opportunities Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study Tuesdays 10:00 a.m.; Men's Bible Study the first and third Saturdays each month at 8 a.m.; Sunday morning Bible Study 9:45 a.m.



**CALVARY LUTHERAN (con't)**

*Murrysville*

**An Invitation to Artists**

Christian artists of all ages and skills are invited to enter their original artwork in the 43rd Annual Christian Art Show at Calvary Lutheran in Murrysville on November 10 and 11. Preregistration deadline is Monday, October 29. Forms with information are available at the church office by calling (724) 327-2898 or stop by during week-day office hours at Old Wm Penn Highway & School Road or on Calvary's website: [www.CalvaryLCMS.org](http://www.CalvaryLCMS.org). They are also available by calling Sue at (724) 327-4230 or by e-mail at [suznbobk@aol.com](mailto:suznbobk@aol.com). This is an opportunity for Christian artists to share their God-given talents. We look forward to seeing everyone's artwork.

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN**

*Brentwood*

On Saturday, September 8, members braved the elements to celebrate our Third Annual John Toperzer, Sr. Memorial Pirates game at PNC Park. In spite of wind and a light rain throughout the game, the Pirates prevailed over the Marlins 5 to 1, and a good time and fellowship was had by all.

Our first dinner and a movie night, this fall, will be Friday, October 26, at 6:30 p.m. As it will be the end of October, I'm sure a Lutheran/Reformation themed movie will be procured in time for viewing. If you'd like to join us, let us know (412-881-3005), and we'll give you the 4-1-1 so that you can join us.

Our youth are planning our annual October hayride outing at Simmons Farm in McMurray, PA. If your youth group would like to join up with us, call us at (412-881-3005), so we can work out the details.

**MARTIN LUTHER LUTHERAN**

*Punxsutawney*

Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Punxsutawney, will celebrate its 165th anniversary on October 28. It will be in conjunction with our Reformation celebration that day. We will celebrate that first congregation, which was organized by Rev. C.C. Brandt of Pittsburgh, PA, in October, 1853. The prime object was to perpetuate the preaching of the unadulterated Word of God in the tongue of Martin Luther and the administration of the Sacraments according to Christ's institution. The first resident pastor of the congregation was Rev. Raisig of the Ohio Synod.

A constitution was adopted and a charter was granted by the court. At the first meeting of the church council that year, it was decided to call the Pastor and purchase a plot of ground to build the church. The cornerstone for this building was laid on the tenth of November, 1853. The cornerstone was laid by the Pastor, assisted by Rev. C.C. Brandt, Rev. Burnitz, and Rev. Wilken. Afterward in the year 1877 with the difference that existed between the Synods of Missouri and Ohio over the Doctrine of Predestination, the congregation decided to join the Concordia Synod. However in 1886 this Synod disbanded having served its purpose, whereupon the congregation joined the Missouri Synod and has remained until this day.

During the year of 1909, it was determined that it was necessary to either make expensive repairs to the church or build a new. It was decided a new church was in order. So the present church building was built. In the year 1924, the basement of the church was subsequently enlarged to its present size. In 1961 additional education space was deemed necessary and added in addition to the newer part of the basement that presently exists. The garage was subsequently built, the retaining wall between the church and the parsonage and the parking lot improved. Since 1961, the church, parsonage, and property have been kept up by many donations of money and time from those very devoted church members who keep the church in the condition it is at the present time.

**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.

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN**

*West View*

Mt. Calvary successfully completed another VBS week in August. With a program titled "Splash Canyon," the children and volunteers spent a week enjoying Bible Stories, Bible Challenge, music, crafts, snacks, and games and fun – all in the church hall setting that was decorated to reflect the theme.



In addition, some of the children participated in a program during the church service that Sunday, singing songs they learned the previous week. A reception followed in the church hall.





**REDEEMER LUTHERAN**

*Oakmont*

Pastor and Mrs. Naumann will be coming home for missionary home service this month. We will host them for a special event on Monday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. Cookies and punch will be served by the ladies. Please make every effort to attend. We look forward to hearing in depth about their work over the last year and a half in the Dominican Republic.

Please keep Pastor Naumann in your prayers as he recovers from a heart attack he suffered in the Dominican Republic on Wednesday, September 12. By the time you read this, he may be at home in Oakmont continuing to recuperate.

**ST. LUKE CABOT FAITH LUTHERAN**

*Butler*

**Two Churches Joining Together as One**

Sunday, August 19, witnessed a special service to bring together the congregations of St. Luke Lutheran Church of Cabot and Faith Lutheran Church of Butler. This reunification brings much joy to the congregants and pastors alike after 38 years.

St. Luke Lutheran Church was established in 1847, with a one room school house opening in 1866. As the result of a very painful division within the congregation that spilled over into many families, Faith Lutheran was established in 1980. Although a mere 6 miles separate the two congregations, prayer, a spirit of humility in both churches, and the work and leading of the Holy Spirit, stirred a desire to reconcile. Together as one, we are seeking ways to serve the community around us. Throughout this journey toward reconciliation, it is the Glory of God that is at the center of it all. We recognize that reconciliation is at the heart of the Gospel. The joining together of our two ministries brings all the attention to Jesus, who died and rose that we might be one.

“This is a very exciting time for both congregations as they move toward a common goal of serving God together, and to preach and teach the Gospel to Butler and the surrounding communities.” Pastor Amadeus Gandy.

The churches will function as one, under one name, yet be a multi-site church in ministry and worship. The purpose of St. Luke and Faith will be “Making and Maturing Disciples for Mission and Ministry.” The specific focus of Faith, as the Northern Campus of St. Luke, will be in mission to Butler and the surrounding area. Together we will be united in one vision”. “By the power of Christ, we carry the power of hope to the poor, the broken, and the outcast”.

**ST. LUKE CABOT FAITH LUTHERAN**

*Butler*

“There is one body, but it has many parts. But all its many parts make up one body. It is the same with Christ. We were all baptized by one Holy Spirit. And so, we are formed into one body.”

1 Corinthians 12: 12-13.



Pastors Ben Berteau, Barry Keurulainen, Amadeus Gandy, Vicar Brian Bocian  
St. Luke Lutheran Church (below)



Faith Lutheran Church (below)





## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

*Millvale*

St. John's Millvale had a good summer. Fifteen members of St. John's joined people from other area congregations to volunteer at Hazelwood Community Days on August 11, 2018. This PALM-sponsored Community Day supports the local community and the work of Holy Cross Lutheran Mission in Hazelwood.



After St. John participated in Hazelwood Community Day last year, some of our leaders were inspired to host a free carnival for kids in Millvale in connection with VBS. On June 23 a big bounce house outside invited people from around the neighborhood to come share in free fun, games, and food. We were very grateful to have the participation of members of Bethel, Glenshaw for this event.



One of the best things that has been happening at St. John's is God's gift of Holy Baptism. To date in 2018 we have celebrated the baptism of 10 children and 1 adult. Pictured are four families that have celebrated those baptisms. From left to right babies Leo, Jameson, Grace and Roderick (together with Roderick's big sister Evelyn).



## ZION LUTHERAN

*Bridgeville*

**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.

**Zion Preschool and Sunday School** back in session. The 2018-19 school year began this past week for Zion's preschool, with more than 160 students aged 2-5 in our weekday program (a record number). Sunday, September 9, our Sunday School program for kids aged 3 through grade 6 begins as well. Please keep these programs in your prayers throughout the coming months. May the seeds of faith planted in our young people through these programs bear abundant fruit in God's Kingdom.

## NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS

### ZION LUTHERAN (con't)

*Bridgeville*

**Zion Cook-Book** We are excited to be creating another Zion Cook-Book. This will be a fundraiser to raise money for the Kitchen Repair Fund. The first step is we need you all to submit recipes. There are two ways to do this.

1. You can submit a copy of your recipe to the church office.

2. You can submit your recipe online. Online Submission directions:

Go to: <https://www.simplycookbooks.com/html-app/#/login>

Log in: username: secretary@zlcb.org Password: pudding031

Add your Recipe and click Save after you input the recipe.

Submission deadline: October 28. We are hoping to have the cookbook available in November. These will make great Christmas gifts.

### ZION LUTHERAN

*Lawrenceville*

#### Zion Day of History

Zion Lawrenceville hosted around 75 guests at its Day of History on Saturday, Sept. 15. As part of the 150th Anniversary Celebration, Zion invited local historians to present hour-long discussions titled "German Ethnicity and the Lawrenceville Experience" and "The Life of a Doughboy in WWI."



### ZION LUTHERAN (con't)

*Lawrenceville*

In addition, The Pittsburgh Historical Music Society Orchestra provided a concert including the music of the gente society as well as popular songs during colonial times through the Civil War (pictured in the photo).



#### SAUERKRAUT SUPPER AT ZION

In celebration of our 150th Anniversary, Zion Lawrenceville is bringing back its longstanding and popular tradition of the Sauerkraut Supper on Saturday, October 20, from 4:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Menu will include sauerkraut & pork, gravy, mashed potatoes, baked beans, applesauce and apple crisp + a couple of surprises. All are invited. There will be a freewill donation. Please call 412-621-2720 for reservations. All proceeds will be donated to Missions at First Trinity, Neville Street.



## REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*Oakmont/Penn Hills*

Over 280 students walked through the doors at Redeemer's two campuses for the first day of school on Wednesday, August 22. Our middle and high school students began the year with their annual teambuilding retreat. This year's retreat was held at Camp Allegheny, a Christian camp near Ligonier. Students participated in devotional times, outdoor games, and other activities to encourage leadership and bonding. The retreat culminated with a visit to the Flight 93 memorial.



Middle schoolers try out archery at Camp Allegheny

With the advent of the school year comes the fall athletic season. The volleyball, soccer, and cross country teams began practicing before school began, and have been busy ever since with games, matches, and meets taking place all around the greater Pittsburgh area. Our volleyball and cross country teams have expanded this year to include teams and opportunities for middle school students. Thanks to Penn Hills High School graciously allowing us to rent one of their gymnasiums, we are also able to host home volleyball games this year.

RLS athletic achievements for this issue:

The middle school girls volleyball team won their first match this season against Faith Christian School on Tuesday, August 28. A great way to mark their first "home" game.



7<sup>th</sup> grader Emenet Richardson took 15<sup>th</sup> place in the middle school girls cross country event at the Gateway Invitational at Boyce Park on September 1. Go RAMS!!

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Redeemer held the annual Dads Night event on Thursday, September 6. Preschool thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their Dads/father-figures enjoyed a tailgate dinner before participating in a fun evening of games and activities.

Thank you to our teachers for coordinating the event, and to our students and dads for attending.



Pastor Eric Andrae enjoying Dads night with his daughters

Our high school robotics team is gearing up for the annual Wolverine BEST Competition. The event is hosted by Grove City College, with the final competition taking place on October 26 and 27. As of this writing, the team is excitedly preparing for the kickoff; we wish Mrs. Schumacher and the students the very best as they collaborate.

Looking ahead to the next issue:

Details on this year's National Honor Society induction, more sports updates, and a focus on our new first grade teacher, Miss Anna Loshonkohl.

## ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

*Bridgeville*

Zion Preschool and Sunday School back in session. The 2018-19 school year began this past week for Zion's preschool, with more than 160 students aged 2-5 in our weekday program (a record number).

Please keep this programs in your prayers throughout the coming months. May the seeds of faith planted in our young people through these programs bear abundant fruit in God's Kingdom.



## Highpointe Celebrates A First Anniversary

On September 23, 2017 Highpointe at Rebecca opened its doors to offer Concordia Lutheran Ministries' brand of worry-free retirement living to the northern Pittsburgh area. In honor of our first year of growth, fellowship and fun, Highpointe will be offering our opening pricing for 31 DAYS ONLY, October 1 to 31, as well as hosting public events throughout the month. Our residents invite you to join them in celebrating the quality, security and value they have discovered at Highpointe and to learn about all the community has to offer.

### EVENTS

Each event will feature tours, refreshments and much more.

- Happy Hour, Friday, October 5 from 3-5 p.m. Entertainment provided by accordionist Lou Gamber
- Happy Hour, Friday, October 12 from 3-5 p.m. Entertainment provided by Hey Joe with Mike
- Second Annual Oktoberfest, Saturday, October 13 from 1-3 p.m. with Mikey Dee Polka Band and German-themed refreshments!
- Open House, Sunday, October 21 from 1-3 p.m. Entertainment by Rick Farinelli Jazz Combo
- Open House, Monday, October 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
- The One-Year Anniversary events will be held at Highpointe, located at 1871 Highpointe Lane, Allison Park, PA 15101 (some GPS devices don't recognize our address yet – if so, we are next door to Concordia at Rebecca Residence, 3746 Cedar Ridge Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101). Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is appreciated. To RSVP call Julie Spirnock at 724-444-1521 or email us at [RebeccaRetirement@ConcordiaLM.org](mailto:RebeccaRetirement@ConcordiaLM.org). You can also register for the events using the online form on the Coming Events page of our website, [www.HighpointeRebecca.org](http://www.HighpointeRebecca.org).

### DISCOUNTS

Looking at the pricing for any retirement living community can be overwhelming at first, but many current Highpointe at Rebecca residents were surprised to discover that they could live at Highpointe for the same or less than what they were paying in their current homes or apartments – but with all the support services and amenities of our beautiful community. For the month of October 2018 only, Highpointe will be offering One-Year Anniversary Discounts – an opportunity you don't want to miss.

#### 6 Percent Discount

For those who commit to an apartment in the month of October, we are offering a 6% discount on the entrance fee, monthly fee and second person fee.

#### Veteran's Discount

All eligible veterans will receive a 3% discount on their entrance fee. This discount will be added on top of the 6% discount. Only one veteran's discount can be applied per couple. This also applies to spouses of deceased veterans.

#### Rebecca Residence Services Discount

Those who commit to an apartment during October will receive a 10% discount on future health care services at Concordia at Rebecca Residence, which offers short-term rehabilitation, personal care and long-term nursing care. The 10% discount will be applied to your Daily Rate and Level of Care fee.

These advantageous One-Year Anniversary Discounts can save you thousands now and in the future. For example, if you choose a standard two-bedroom apartment, the 6% discount alone can save you between \$16,000 and \$24,000 over 10 years.

Want to learn more? Highpointe staff members are always happy to meet with you to dive into the details of our discounts and pricing models, and answer any other questions you might have. Call 724-444-1521 to talk to an admissions counselor or visit [www.HighpointeRebecca.org](http://www.HighpointeRebecca.org) to schedule a personal appointment or view floor plans, pricing and lifestyle services.

### **Summer Concert Series at Cabot Haven Apartments Offers Free Entertainment**

The fourth and final summer concert at Concordia Haven Apartments community will feature "Jimmy Swogger & Friends" on Tuesday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. The concert will be held in the Haven 1 Dining Room, 148 Marwood Road in Cabot.

Before entering full-time ministry, Jimmy traveled extensively in the gospel concert ministry. He has appeared in numerous television and radio appearances while also doing performances for many past presidents and first ladies. Combining music and ventriloquism, Jimmy commands the stage with experience.

Guests will have the opportunity to hear not-to-be-missed concerts at no charge. Tours of our campus are available when requested. And you will meet our residents and have the chance to talk with them about the worry-free lifestyle at Concordia Havens.

Parking is free and convenient to the Haven I Dining Room.

Walk-ins are welcome - but registration is appreciated. To reserve your seat, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8518 or e-mail [ltturner@concordialm.org](mailto:ltturner@concordialm.org).

You can also register using the simple online form on the Coming Events page of our website, [www.ConcordiaHaven.org](http://www.ConcordiaHaven.org). If you would prefer a personal tour, please call Peggy Trettel at 724-352-5378.

### Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting Scheduled for November 11

Jefferson Twp., PA – The Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 3 p.m. in the Haven 1 Dining Room, entrance 2A, 112 Marwood Rd.

Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. and dinner will be served following the meeting at 5 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.

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

### Concordia of the South Hills Schedules Retirement Living Open House

The public is invited to learn more about why residents at Concordia of the South Hills feel more independent than they ever have on Friday, Oct. 26 and Saturday, Oct. 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Open House events on our 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](http://www.concordialm.org/events-news) or call Director of Marketing Christie Wahlen at 412-278-1300. Visit us online at [www.concordia-southhills.org](http://www.concordia-southhills.org). Personal tours are also available at any time by appointment.



*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).



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## Concordia Oktoberfest Includes Open House at Concordia Haven Apartments

The public is invited to learn more about why Concordia Haven residents feel more independent than ever before in conjunction with our ever-popular annual Oktoberfest on Saturday, Oct 6 from 4:00 to 6 p.m. on our Cabot campus located at 112 Marwood Road.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the Haven I retirement living apartments during the Oktoberfest. Music by the Mikey Dee Polka Band will be featuring in the Haven I Dining Room from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. For the children, there will be balloon artists, caricature artist, pony rides, games, crafts, hayrides, a bouncer castle and more. Children 12 and under will receive free food vouchers for the Quick Tent.

Concordia Visiting Nurses will host a Flu Shot Clinic in the Lobby area and Haven residents will sponsor a rummage sale on the second floor of the Haven I apartment building.

In addition to the entertainment and tours, the Concordia food service staff will prepare a German-themed menu for everyone's enjoyment for a nominal fee. A Quick Food Tent will be set up as well as the traditional beer tent.

Free parking and shuttle service will be available. Guests are encouraged to arrive well before the 7:45 Fireworks display by Pyrotecnica to park in the designated areas to

reduce traffic and safety concerns.

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Personal tours are also available at any time by appointment.

## Concordia of the South Hills Resident Turns 100

Concordia of the South Hills resident Anne Pelc Rizza celebrates her 100<sup>th</sup> 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 also 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!"

