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PALM DEVOTION

by The Reverend Dr. Douglas H. Spittel, President,
Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries

“Death and Life”

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23

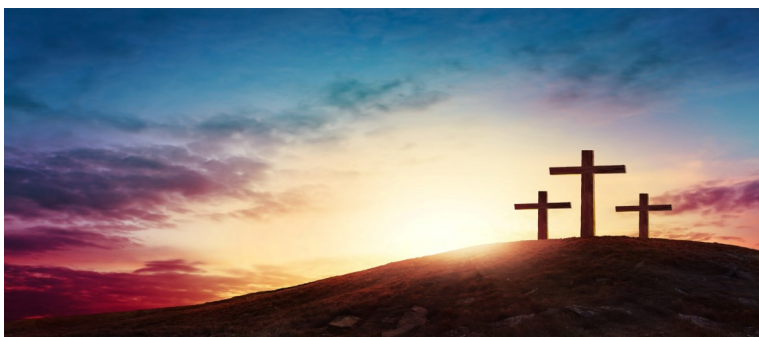
In March, I wrote concerning Romans 6:23 and the call for us sinners to repent of our sin and look to Christ alone as our hope. This month, we celebrate Romans 6:23 enacted by our Lord Jesus Christ. April is a month of optimism and awakening. Spring has begun, in fits and starts in March, but it is in April that the plants begin to emerge, the trees begin to bud, and the songbirds return to our skies. With the lengthening of the days and the shortening of the cold nights, we emerge from our homes into the fresh air and showers of April.

So too, this year, April is a time of spiritual celebration and renewal for the Church in Pittsburgh. The first half of the month we will spend in Passiontide from dark Gethsemane to the horror of Golgotha. We cry out “Lord, have mercy!” as we behold the wages of sin paid by the passion and death of our Lord Jesus. He takes the place of every one of us, enduring the accusations, mockery, and pain of our sin. He gives up His life on the cross to make satisfaction in full to the Father. He breathes His last precious breath, crying out, “It is finished!” And so our repentance is complete in Him.

Then, in the middle of the month, we enter the garden with the women and the disciples to discover that the tomb is empty, and Christ is risen! The tomb is not our destination. Death has no victory. Christ is risen and life is given to us. Christ is risen and we are free. Christ rose from the grave on the third day and life is now ours forever. We see not only that we are forgiven in the cross of Jesus, but that where there is forgiveness, there is life and salvation!

Jesus Christ is our Champion. Jesus Christ is our Victor. Jesus Christ is our Lord and Redeemer. He has paid the wages of our sin and now gives us eternal life. Christ is risen, Alleluia! Truly He is risen, Alleluia!

Lord
have
mercy



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

- 2 An Evening at LeMont, RLS Fundraiser, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 Easter Event, Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills, 10:30 a.m.
- 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY Service Mt. Calvary, West View, 6:00 p.m.
- 15 GOOD FRIDAY Service Mt. Calvary, West View, 12:00 p.m.
- 17 EASTER SUNDAY Service Mt. Calvary West View, 10:15 a.m.
- 21 Honors for Hans Andrae, First Trinity, Oakland, 7:30 p.m.
- 24 [Good Samaritan Hospice \(GSH\) memorial](#) services, St. Luke Lutheran School Church, 330 Hannahstown Rd., Cabot, PA, 2:00 p.m.
- 24 Zion Ev. Lutheran Church, Stations of the Resurrection, Concordia at Haven 1, Cabot, 3:00 p.m.
- 29-30 Redeemer Lutheran School presents The Sound of Music, see article for details. Times TBA
- 29 Sound of Music, Redeemer Lutheran School, more info next month
- 30 P.A.L.g.S. GOLF OUTING, Victory Hills Golf Course, Elizabeth, Pa, 9:00 a.m.

May

- 1 Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH) memorial services, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 60 Rochester Rd., Freedom, PA, 2:00 p.m.
- 14 Concordia Lutheran Ministries, fishing derby, Saxony Farm Estate in Saxonburg, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

September

- 24 P.A.L.g.S. GOLF OUTINGS, Victory Hills Golf Course, Elizabeth, Pa, 9:00 a.m.



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ANNIVERSARY

A Service of Praise & Thanksgiving

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

13th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont

SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2022

3 P.M.

Sponsored by Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries

SPECIAL GUEST PREACHER:

Rev. Dr. David P. Stechholz

Bishop Emeritus, English District-LCMS

ORGANIST:

Kantor Jonathan Hoyt

RECEPTION

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CLM Chaplain Accepts Call

by Rev. Brian Westgagte

Pastor Robert Wacker was installed as pastor of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church of Warren, OH, on Sunday, February 27. Warren is to the north of Youngstown. Wacker, who has served as a chaplain at Concordia Lutheran Ministries since he graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary in 2016, was installed by Ohio District President Rev'd. Dr. Kevin A. Wilson.

Pastor Dan Hahn of St. John's Millvale preached. In his sermon he reminded pastor and people alike that we have a Beautiful Savior to proclaim. Pastor Wacker is looking forward to reaching out to the area which he prayerfully believes is full of potential.

Several pastors from several districts attended, including Pastor Jacob Deal (SELC, Ss. Peter & Paul Sharon, vacancy at All Saints Slippery Rock); Pastor Chris Just (English, St. Thomas Streetsboro), President Wilson, Pastor Adam Salinas (Eastern, chaplain, CLM), Pastor Wacker, Pastor Westgate (English, Redeemer Oakmont), Pastor Doug Riley (Ohio, circuit visitor), Pastor Eric Tritten (Ohio, 3VP, Gloria Dei Hudson), Pastor Brian Bocian (Eastern, St. Luke Cabot), Pastor Paul Frerichs (Ohio, Redeemer Cuyahoga Falls), and Pastor Hahn. Also attending was Pastor Charlie Lentner and Pastor Ken Kelly, Sr.

We all wish Pastor Wacker well as he takes up his first parish call and pray for God's richest blessings on Trinity Church of Warren, OH.



Pittsburgh Pastoral Conference

Dear Fellow Redeemed in Christ Jesus:

You are invited to our upcoming retreat for the laity and clergy – “Philippians Workshop.” The retreat will feature our Synod’s Coordinator for Stewardship, Pastor Heath Curtis. The retreat will be held on Tuesday, May 10.

This retreat will be an uplifting and informative event for the LCMS congregations in the Pittsburgh Region and beyond. Registration includes a meal at the beginning of the lay retreat. Deadline for registrations is Easter Sunday, so please encourage your congregation’s pastors and members to sign up soon! We look forward to spending time in prayer and study with you at this retreat. Pastors will meet for prayer beginning at 2:30pm; laity are invited to arrive for supper at 5:30pm. Please RSVP, with the attached credentials to the address in the sidebar. Lay registration is \$10, for dinner; please include with the registration when mailed in. Pastors’ registration fees are covered by the congregational yearly dues to the PPC.

In Christ our God,

The Officers of the Pittsburgh Pastoral Conference
Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

2022 Grant Recipients and Continued Mission Funding

By Justin D. Spittel, Treasurer

The Board of Directors of PALM has awarded 2022 Annual Mission Grants to the following recipients:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in State College, PA was awarded \$1,000 in support of their 2022 Spring Service Trip.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in Universal, PA was awarded \$3,000 in support of the church's steeple restoration.

Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Chapel in Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, PA was awarded \$7,000 in support of continued outreach in the Hazelwood community.

The **Lutheran Student Fellowship of Pittsburgh** was awarded \$1,900 in support of continued outreach to the many universities in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

The **Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind** was awarded \$500 in support of their monthly outreach.

The **Pittsburgh Lutheran Deaf Ministry** was awarded \$500 in support of their monthly outreach.

SS. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church in Sharon, PA was awarded \$500 in support of their upcoming Community Day.

We appreciate the work that these congregations and missions carry out to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their communities and persons served.

Are you looking to support a new mission? Do you have an idea for a mission plant? Contact PALM via mail or electronically, we are here to help!

All missions through PALM are eligible for grant funding; you need only apply. Visit www.palmpa.org/funding for our Small and Annual Mission Grant Applications.



"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:40

PITTSBURGH PASTORAL CONFERENCE

PRESENTS

PHILIPPIANS WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Pastors and Lay Leaders: Does your parish struggle to meet the budget? Does the thought of hearing (or preaching) a sermon on financially supporting the church make you cringe? How do we encourage generous living without becoming legalists?

On May 10, 2022, Pittsburgh Pastoral Conference will host the Philippians Workshop with LCMS Coordinator for stewardship, Rev. Heath Curtis at First Trinity. Bring your Bible, your questions, and your love for your church. Pastors arrive at 3:00 p.m.; Lay Leaders arrive at 5:30 p.m. for dinner; Out the door no later than 8:30 p.m.

Registration for Lay Leaders is \$10 for dinner. RSVP by EASTER SUNDAY to bwestgate@redeemer-oakmont.org

The Lutheran Pastor/Theologian and Stewardship

3:00-4:00 Now What? Stewardship Under the Cross

4:00-4:15 Break

4:15-5:15 Preaching and Planning: Pastor as Shepherd

5:15-5:30 Break

The Lutheran Lay Leader and Stewardship

5:30-6:15 Supper

6:15-6:30 Break/Cleanup/Transition

6:30-7:15 What's Lutheran About Stewardship?

7:15-7:30 Break

7:30-8:30 Congregational Planning

**Stewardship Workshop Registration
Tuesday, May 10, 2022**

Pastor/Secretary: Please mail your registration form, and your laypeople's registration forms, along with any price of registration due, to the Pittsburgh Pastoral Conference at 535 N. Neville St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Congregation: _____

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CAMPUS MINISTRY

SRU CAMPUS MINISTRY

by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

Every Campus Should Have a Campus Ministry

What Is a Campus Ministry Director? What does a campus ministry director do? What is campus ministry?

It is easy to identify a deaconess, a pastor, or a church secretary, but much harder to recognize a campus ministry director. Quite often visitors assume that I am All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center's secretary, but I am not. I don't have the skills necessary for that kind of work.

Campus ministry directors can be pastors or deaconesses. Campus ministry directors can also be laypersons who love sharing the Gospel with college students, American and international. That's me. Lay campus ministry directors work with pastors and the congregation to Go and Tell. That's how I got started. It's a servant role. It's also the best job in the world. It is so important that every campus demands a campus ministry to help students with their need for Jesus.

What do campus ministry directors do? Campus ministry at All Saints reaches out to students who currently attend Slippery Rock University, Grove City College, and Westminster University. Just as important, campus ministry is reaching out to students who graduated years ago. We especially reach out to graduates who live in countries where war is a reality, or threatens to become a reality. We pray hard for them. We pray for Val, who came from the Ukraine to All Saints. He came for friendship and Bible classes. He was not a Lutheran. He joined a local Baptist church, married a beautiful lady from Ukraine, and remained in the US. Almost all internationals were grateful to be in America because they had had little religious freedom in their homelands. Another graduate of more than a decade ago is from Taiwan. She studied dance at SRU, but decided to teach when she went home, where she takes care of her parents. We have stayed in touch through email. We have urged her to study God's Word which she had done while a student here. We are so thankful to be connected with her. Recently she told us how glad she is to be part of a teacher's Bible study group, which gives her courage to care of her parents and to be ready for changes which may come if and when war comes to Taiwan.

Campus ministry studies the Bible with students who currently are attending classes. Taking students out for lunch or taking them to get their driver's license is fun, but the most enjoyable experience is sharing God's Word while studying books like Romans and Exodus. Three years ago a young couple, Chris and Samantha, came to a Korean student meal and then to worship. They accepted our invitation to study the Bible, and have not missed a class in three years. They were looking for a church. They were a Reformed and a Catholic couple. When he asked what LCMS believes about baptism and the Lord's Supper I thought that would end the study. Why? Every other time I had had this discussion, I had lost the students - they no longer attended the Bible study. It did not happen this time! When I explained our views on baptism and the Lord's Supper, he was entirely in agreement. He wanted a church with our LCMS beliefs. The reality of the Lord's Supper fills them. Although they decided to be Catholic, they still asked if they could study the Bible at All Saints every week. They just love to read the Word. We use the People's Commentary Bible for our studies. We agree that we do not agree on several fundamental issues, but we do thrive on reading the Bible. I wish they had become Lutherans, but even so this study has been one of the best things I've ever been able to do. Since they both will graduate this May I will give Chris a copy of the Concordia Lutheran Confessions, a book he uses as a reference; a book he has let me know he would love to own. He's been such a fine president of All Saints Fellowship and he will be very hard to replace.

In fact, Chris and Samantha will never be replaced. They, like our many other students, will live in our hearts forever. What a blessing to have been part of ministry to college students. Every campus should have a campus ministry.



Mileposters News

Riders gathered the day before Valentine's Day to learn about the origin of the celebration, which generates more sales of greeting cards than any other holiday except for Christmas. They gathered in family groups in front of tablet computer screens, to prevent spread of the coronavirus (pictured). Nearly half of them were unchurched; they witnessed a clear account of St. Valentine and his self-sacrificing love as well as a strong presentation of the Good News. Afterwards they enjoyed baked treats and took home freshly cut roses.

A training ride on a kick bike, the first of 2022, took place on March 6, starting at Western Penitentiary. The fishpond at the Branchport Boat Club, along the Riverfront Trail (pictured), looks different in the third month as compared to later in the year.

Group planners have agreed to make a long-distance ride during the summer. The last three such rides were two round trips to Connellsville, PA, which takes two days, and a one-way trip to Cumberland, MD, which takes four. There have been six one-way rides to Cumberland by groups, and one round trip, which took seven days, by the group leader, who has ridden to Washington, DC seven times.



Houses of Worship
By Shirley Freyer

Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

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Rev. Paul Cwynar, Pastor

By Shirley Freyer

It is a common practice to refer to members of our church as our church family but indeed rare for a member to cite her personal family as the church body. Life-long member Jenn Costolo revealed that this was the case for her.

Only 1 ½ years old when her father died, Jenn said, “Mom never re-married so the men of the church really became father figures for me doing all the things a dad would do with their daughter.” Her parents, Vera and David Johnson were founding members of Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Chippewa Twp., Beaver County.

According to an article in the Beaver County Times, the church took root in January 1952 when four couples asked the pastor of Christ Lutheran Church (Rev. Herbert Poellot) in New Castle to establish a Lutheran Church affiliated with the Missouri Synod. Six months later Stephen Brusco, a student at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis was placed as a field worker in the Beaver Falls area. Services and Sunday school began in the teenage hall at the Beaver Falls Municipal Building until the present location was purchased and the two-car garage on the site was remodeled and dedicated as a church building on April 9, 1956. The Church of the Lutheran Hour was then named Mt. Olive.

Rev. Stephen Brusco was installed as pastor. Glenn Kraynie, a member for 61 years told how he was beckoned by this young man who lived in an apartment and had no car.

“He went into the community knocking on doors. Working in my yard, he came up to me in his white shirt and tie, coat over his shoulder and introduced himself, I invited him in for a cool drink,” he remembered.

After meeting Glenn’s wife, Lisabeth and daughter, the new pastor asked who played the piano and noted that the new church had an organ but no one to play it. “My wife protested but he was very insistent until she finally agreed to try.” She played the hymns and after three weeks began to play the liturgy and continued for 30 years.

There was no pulpit, Glenn said and since woodworking was a hobby, he built a lectern which still holds the guest book.

An addition on the small” white building” was completed in the fall of 1957 and the congregation was formally received into membership of the Eastern District on June 23, 1958, at the convention at Camp Pioneer. Construction of the present house of worship began in 1960 and dedicated on October 14, 1962. During those two years of construction, members met at the Chippewa Elementary School in the gym and two classrooms said Deb McCauley, current treasurer of the congregation. The new structure, of contemporary design seated 220. In addition to the sacristy off the chancel a pastor’s study adjoined the narthex, a meeting room, and an equipment room. The original white building housed Sunday School and dining.



HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

In addition to Glenn Kraynie and E.W. (Bill) Logan were building committee chairmen then and currently are the oldest members. Bill, age 93 and his wife Jeanne, who live in a local assisted living community adopted Vera and Jen (Costolo) Johnson. Jenn remembered them “at my confirmation, graduation, my two daughter’s baptisms and a huge part of our lives.” John brings his mom, Jeanne Logan to worship.

Scott Rodenbeck was only two years old when he and his parents transferred here from the mid-west due to his father’s job in pharmaceutical sales. Looking for an LCMS church, they met Pastor Brusco doing his door-to-door evangelism.

“He took my parents throughout Beaver County from Sewickley to Chippewa and they settled in Patterson Twp. in 1966,” said Scott, a nurse for 27 years at Heritage Valley Health System, Beaver.

“Dad was an elder and head of the youth group.” John Logan fondly remembers those youth group outings in New Hampshire hiking up a mountain, white water rafting in Ohio Pyle and Camp Pioneer retreats. Both John and Scott serve as elders just as their fathers before them.



Growth continued, Pastor Brusco took a call in his hometown of York (Mt. Olive just received word of his passing on March 4 from his wife, Pauline) and Rev. James Drickamer came to serve in 1977 followed by Rev. Herbert Hinsch.

With the new pastor, Rev. John Pingel in 1983 came two big expansion projects related John. Originally from Long Island, Pastor Pingel was a graduate of Concordia College, Bronxville, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and holds a B.A. in English and a M.A. in psychology from Geneva College. “Pastor Pingel had so many different ministries,” said Scott. “The Divorce Recovery programs was a great outreach which drew 30-50 people from all different walks of life,” he mentioned.

The Fun and Fit nights once a month as well as the Two of a Kind for 1 ½ to 3-year-olds and their parents or grandparents fed into the Pre-school.

“He grew the church,” said Deb, who retired from the Beaver Falls municipal building staff. “He got to know all of us and would start a committee and put people together who he knew would get along,” she continued.

“When I was 12, he confirmed me and I remember his being an excellent teacher who cared deeply for his people,” said Jenn. “He taught me about being real and not having to be a super Christian; he was a wonderfully compassionate man,” she explained. Jenn, a natural health consultant talked about the Helpmeets program for women who were divorced or widows, a Life with God series, Apologetics to present why we believe what we do.

“He and his mom and dad spent Easter dinners with us,” she remembered, “And his sermons inspired me to an existence of less fear and more joy.”

Such growth dictated a second service time as well as a 10,000-foot addition including a fellowship hall, classrooms, kitchen, and an office in 1990. Mt. Olive Christian preschool was initiated in August of 1991. It was one of the largest and best-known pre-schools in the area with six classes of pre-school age children. Jenn, as Pre-School Director, served 100 children. Glenn believes it brought a lot of people into the church. “It was a membership builder,” he articulated.

And cause for yet another construction project.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

A Future Planning Committee of 30 parishioners representing a cross section of the congregation met weekly for two years. All departments and members were surveyed to receive input to expand programs. Discussions were centered on expansion of ministries and creation of new ministries for outreach. By 2000, an architect was hired and plans for Phases I and II were developed. In January of 2001, a three-year capital campaign was announced. Deb, a member since she was 12, recalled this last addition when “Laborers for Christ” stayed all summer in mobile trailers from April of 2004 through its dedication on September 11, 2005.

Five years later, Pastor Pingel took a call to Salem Lutheran Church in West Seneca, NY. Rev Eric Ash arrived in time to celebrate the 60th Anniversary on Nov 3, 2012. But the cost of the additions the decline in membership, the closing of the pre-school – all have contributed to a challenging situation. Families moved out of the area due to job relocation, marriages have taken them to different locations, deaths of some of our beloved members but not as many births to keep the congregation growing. Scott, Deb, and John each have three siblings but are the only ones who have stayed at Mt. Olive. What flourished in 2012 at 146 families, is now down to 91 this past Christmas Eve.

The 90,000 square foot addition is currently being rented by a non-denominational church Champion Life. Chippewa Meals on Wheels utilizes some of the space. After Pastor Ash left to serve Trinity in Wellsville, NY, the congregation has been blessed for the last two years with the arrival of Rev. Paul Cwynar who moved to his native home on 21 acres in March of 2020. “I grew up here, graduated from Center High School, worked in the Babcock & Wilcox steel mills,” he said. He then graduated from St. Mary’s College and Christ the King Seminary in East Aurora, NY. From 1987 until 2008 he served Roman Catholic parishes in Pittsburgh until he moved home to care for his mother and fulfill his last ministry at St Francis Cabrini in Center Twp. After she died, he took some time off and worked in Berkeley, CA where he met his wife and through the colloquy program became a Lutheran pastor in 2012. He went from Oklahoma City to Nashville, IL and moved to Chicago where he was pulpit supply for more than five years.

“We love the people, and I will serve as long as they want me,” Pastor said candidly. He is also preaching once a month at Christ in New Castle having finished a full-time vacancy at Prince of Peace in Freedom. Beginning his ministry in the first two months of the Covid shutdown he broadcasted through Facebook until Pentecost.

“Jen, her husband, Rich, and Daniel Rodenbeck (Scott’s son) provide the media for Sunday morning service, a playlist and power point presentation and we worship anywhere from 25-40,” Pastor noted.

Last year he confirmed seven girls, hosted an Epiphany Party in his home and instituted a Children’s Church. Members are planning a simple supper on Maundy Thursday and an evening VBS this summer. In 2018, 130 kids attended. The Outdoor Food Pantry has also been a godsend for the community.

“We are doing a Bible Study on the book of Isaiah, and I call these faithful few the ‘remnants.’ When you cut down a tree, there is still life and branches still pop out where these are and have new life.”

Isaiah 37:31 And the remnant who have escaped of the house of Judah Shall again take root downward, And bear fruit upward. These faithful few are staying the course. “This is our privilege, not our duty to be able to worship our creator,” declared Jenn.

John spoke from his heart, “Because of all those things that I have experienced, my parent’s dedication - when things got rough, I stuck my heels in.”

“This church is a very important part of my life and has raised me and strengthened my faith,” said Scott. “It is so important to worship together and have a church family you are happy to see. I met my wife, Linda through a singles group at First Lutheran, a former sister congregation. There are benefits to be part of a denomination that has checks and balances.”

The congregation is searching for a buyer and fervently praying that the Lord would guide and direct a joint venture.

SCHOOL NEWS

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Oakmont / Penn Hills

Spring is upon us! RLS is enjoying the milder temperatures, the longer hours of daylight, and the joy of preparing to celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus.

Robotics:

The middle school team competed in the state competition, taking 2nd place overall and earning 2nd place in the Teamwork Challenge. Congratulations to our Robotic Rams and to our coach Mrs. Schumacher!

Basketball season wrap-up:

Congratulations to all of our basketball teams on making the playoffs. Thank you to all of the coaches for a great season!

Middle School Girls:

The girls finished first place in the Greater Pittsburgh Division of the SWCAC. They made it all the way to the championship game, taking 2nd place!! Anika Vanwyk and Jaden Craig were selected to play in the All-Star Fellowship Game. Jaden won the 3-point contest at the competition.

Middle School Boys

The boys finished second place in the Greater Pittsburgh Division of the SWCAC. The boys lost to Hillcrest in the quarterfinals of the playoffs. Ben Safran and Noah Susek were selected to play in the All-Star Fellowship game.

High School Boys

Our boys were excited to make it to the playoffs this year, just the 2nd year as part of a league! Jesse Vanwyk was named all-league MVP for his performance in the regular season. The team was once again able to play in the Bible Baptist Invitational Tournament in Latrobe to end the season, a perennial favorite for the boys.

Enrollment is now open for the 2022-2023 school year at RLS! Redeemer offers programs for pre-school through 12th grade. Many classes are at or near capacity; we encourage interested families to connect with us soon! For more information, contact Alison Jackson at 412-793-5884 or admissions@redeemer-oakmont.org. Don't forget to visit us online at rlspittsburgh.org and on our Facebook page!

Coming in April

[April 29th & 30th: Redeemer Lutheran School presents *The Sound of Music*](#). For ticket details, please contact Redeemer at 412-793-5884 or school@redeemer-oakmont.org.



RLS middle school girls basketball team takes 2nd place



RLHS sophomore Jesse Vanwyk named basketball all-league MVP

Robotic Rams take 2nd place in state competition



SCHOOL NEWS

ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Bridgeville

Hosanna in the Highest!

Our most recent chapel lesson was “The Triumphal Entry” when Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey. Pastor, along with his chapel helpers, put the story board together and created a beautiful scene that shows Jesus riding into Jerusalem being greeted by the crowds shouting “Hosanna in the highest”. The children pretended to hold palm branches and shouted “Hosanna!”

Over the next several weeks during chapel, they will hear how Jesus cleans the temple; that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead; that Jesus gets arrested; and of course how He was crucified and rose three days later. In simpler terms, I told the children that we were going to learn how Jesus went from riding a donkey into Jerusalem to dying on a cross... so much to hear and learn.

Stay tuned for more pictures from our upcoming Chapel lessons. To see their precious faces and expressions as they learn the Easter story is truly amazing.



Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills

Mission Ministry

Good Shepherd participated in the *March to Sack Hunger* campaign hosted by SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Mission). The Church and Preschool together collected non-perishable food and personal care items to enable SHIM to re-stock their pantries to help feed the 2,500 individuals attending their food distributions each month. Donations were delivered to SHIM the last week in March. Through Easter Sunday, we are collecting a Love Offering for aid groups affiliated with St. Peter and St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie and St. John the Baptist Ukrainian Catholic Church on the South Side. These local churches have been working with and trust these five groups to direct funds efficiently and safely. All contributions will be matched up to \$12,500 by a loving family in our congregation.

Donations received one week into a 3-week collection.



CHRIST LUTHERAN *Forest Hills*

Our annual Easter Event has returned after a two year hold. On April 9 at 10:30 a.m. we will be hosting children 2 years to 11 years of age for an outside event. Learn the true meaning of Easter and have fun with a devotional time, a snack, and an egg hunt. Bring chairs or a blanket for seating. If rain, activities could be moved indoors.

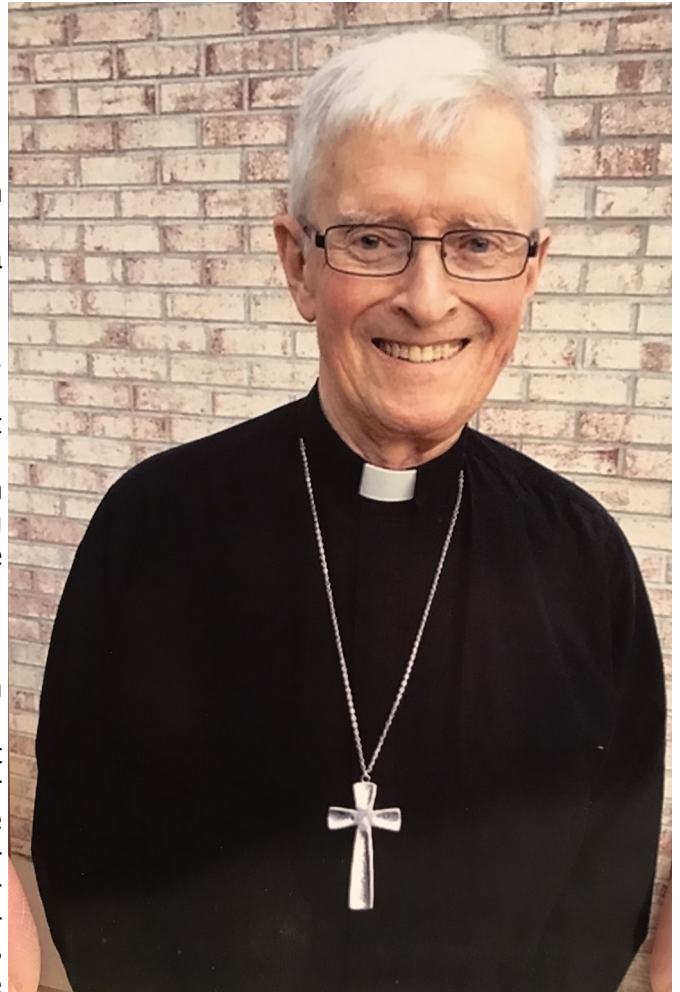
Sign up by calling the church office at 412-271-7173 to reserve a spot or email your name, children's names and ages, and your phone number. Email registrations will be taken at assitant@christlutheranf.org. We ask that an adult accompany any children.

FIRST TRINITY LUTHERAN
Shadyside/Oakland

HONORS FOR HANS ANDRÆ

At the encouragement of Circuit Visitor, Rev. Brian Westgate, a special bi-lingual Swedish-English worship service will be celebrated by Rev. Eric Andræ, a native of Sweden - in honor of his 88-year-old father, Rev. Hans Andræ - on Thursday, 21 April 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at First Trinity Lutheran Church, 535 N. Neville St. in Shadyside/Oakland. This non-communion service will include the full written text in both Swedish and English. A reception with light refreshments will be held after the service, at which time a special announcement will be made regarding the recognition of Hans Andræ's lifetime of service to the Church. ALL WELCOME! PLEASE RSVP TO ERIC ANDRÆ BY APRIL 14.

Hans Andræ is readily acknowledged far and wide in our Synod - by local leadership, as well as national - as a true man of God and a pastor faithful to Christ and His people. His zeal for the Church and love for people are unparalleled. All who have met him have been profoundly struck by his warmth, his optimism, his kindness, his capability, and his commitment to Lutheranism. Since being ordained on Trinity Sunday, 24 May 1959, he has served Christ's Church in Sweden and in the United States, at the local parish level, as well as at regional, national, and even international levels. Serving first in the Church of Sweden (1959-1979) and then in the LCA/ELCA (1979-2007), my father rejoiced in being colloquized into the LCMS in 2008.



Hans and his brother Göran, sons of Vanja (née Johansson) and Anders Andræ, were born on Midsummer's Day, 24 June 1933 in Trolleås parsonage in Vimmerby, Sweden.

Hans conducted theological studies at Uppsala University 1954-1959. Trinity Sunday, 24 May 1959, Hans (with brother Göran) was ordained by Bishop Torsten Ysander in Linköping Cathedral. Hans Andræ served at four parishes from 1959-1979 within the Linköping diocese, in which he also was the president of the Church Coalition for Bible and the Confessions [*Kyrklig samling*], whose national chair was Bo Giertz.

From August 1964 to March 1965, Hans was a fellow of the Sweden-America Foundation. He first studied theology at Union Seminary in New York and then visited congregations and church institutions in Atlanta, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Chicago.

On 11 June 1966, Hans was married to Sylvia Irvine in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Hagerstown, Maryland. Their first home was in Penn Hills, where they worked at Zion Lutheran Church, Sylvia as organist and D.C.E., Hans as associate pastor. In addition to Eric (b. 1971), they were blessed with two other children: Rebecka (b. 1969) and Christina (b. 1978), all born in Sweden.

FIRST TRINITY CONTINUED

In 1979-85 he served the Northern Maine Lutheran tri-parish (Gustaf Adolph in New Sweden, Trinity in Stockholm, and Faith in Caribou) and 1985-96 at Holy Trinity in Jeannette. He became a proud U.S. citizen in 1988. As pastor emeritus since 1996, he was a vacancy pastor in eight congregations, including St. Peter & St. Paul Lutheran Church in Central City for nearly two years; he provided pulpit supply to many others, including for the final time at Redeemer, Oakmont on Trinity IX, 2 August 2015. He also served as Circuit Visitor of the Pittsburgh Southwest Circuit of the Eastern District 2012 until 2013.

Hans has been responsible for a unique 70+-year journalistic contribution to his hometown newspaper, *Vimmerby Tidning*, reporting and commenting on everything from the school trip to Gothenburg in June 1946, "Church news from Tuna" - and many more articles, including "The inspiring works of art in Vimmerby church" (July 2012) and "Who killed Jesus?" (March 2013). The most comprehensive article was "My father - the parish pastor in Vimmerby" in the Christmas issue 1961. Many other articles and letters to the editor have been published in other periodicals, as well.

In 1979 he was elected by the pastors of the Linköping diocese as an alternate for the national Church Assembly in Sweden, which at that had only 100 representatives for the entire 7.7-million-member church body.

In 2005 he translated the ninth and final chapter of Giertz's classic novel, *The Hammer of God*. Five years later he also translated the entirety of Giertz's first book, *Christ's Church*. He provided detailed introductory and biographical material for both books.

Please contact Pastor Eric Andræ at ericandrae@gmail.com for more information.

Join us for Passiontide and Easter at First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church

Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (April 11, 12, 13):

- 9:30 AM Matins
- 7:00 PM Divine Service
- 8:00 PM Vespers

Maundy Thursday (April 14):

- 9:30 AM Matins
- 7:00 PM Divine Service
- 8:00 PM Vespers

Good Friday (April 15):

- Tre-Ore -
 - 12:00 PM Matins
 - 1:00 PM Divine Service
 - 2:00 PM Vespers
- 7:00 PM Way of the Cross Devotional

Holy Saturday (April 16):

- 8:30 AM Matins
- 12:00 PM Vespers

Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord:

- Saturday (April 16): 8:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter
- Sunday (April 17): 11:00 AM Divine Service



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

West View

Pastor and Nikkie Kuntz hosted a Games Night for members and friends at Mt. Calvary on Feb. 26. (Pastor Kuntz pointed out that it had to be held before Ash Wednesday because we're not allowed to have fun during Lent!) Attendees enjoyed meatballs, hot dogs, veggies, chips, and lots of cookies and candy! In addition to the other munchies, Liam Kuntz served popcorn from the popcorn machine; but fun was at the top of the menu.

Mechele Hoover taught the little ones how to play Slamwich, a card game her own youngsters liked when they were growing up. They also played Mexican Train Dominos and Toss Across Tic Tac Toe, and enjoyed tossing extremely large Yahtzee dice. While that was going on, the adults tried out Mad Gab and Do You Know Me? As Georgeanne Paprocki pointed out about the latter, "Now we all know a little more about each other - even things we may not have wanted to know!"

Mechele reported that as soon as her family got home, granddaughters Leilani and Amelia asked if the church could have another Games Night. Thanks to the Kuntz family for planning such a fun evening.

In the weeks leading up to Games Night, the repairs and updates to the men's room were completed.

Mt. Calvary is looking forward to Easter season celebrations, including Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 p.m., Good Friday service at 12:00 p.m., and Easter Sunday at 10:15 a.m. The Easter service musical performances will include guest trumpeter Anthony Thomas.



Mechele Hoover teaches youngsters some new games at Games Night



ZION EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

CONCORDIA AT CABOT
HAVEN I DINING ROOM

112 MARWOOD ROAD

Cabot, PA 16023

Stations of The Resurrection

FOCUS ON THE VARIOUS APPEARANCES OF JESUS
DURING THE 40-DAY PERIOD BETWEEN HIS
RESURRECTION
AND HIS ASCENSION.

ALL THE STATIONS ARE BASED ON SCRIPTURALLY RECORDED
INCIDENTS IN THE FOUR GOSPELS AND THE BOOK OF ACTS.

*You are invited to our praise & prayer worship
presented by the Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus.*

SUNDAY, APRIL 24
3 P.M.

Concordia to Host 2022 Free Fishing Derby for Kids

[Concordia Lutheran Ministries will host a free fishing derby for kids 14 and under on Saturday, May 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Saxony Farm Estate in Saxonburg.](#) Concordia will provide bait, a few fishing rods to borrow (attendees should bring their own if they have one), hot dogs and refreshments, prizes and parking - all free of charge. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There will be volunteers on hand to help measure fish, detangle fishing lines, teach the basics and more. Guests should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets, if interested. Registration is requested to help with planning, but walk-ins will be accepted. To RSVP, visit the Events & News page of the Concordia website, www.ConcordiaLM.org. You can also call Concordia Public Relations at 724-352-1571, ext. 8268 for more information.

Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 14, 2022

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saxony Farm Lake

Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg



No entry fee

Open to all kids 14 and under

Free refreshments



Bait provided by Concordia

Prizes all day

Participants must have an adult chaperone

Bring your own Fishing pole and lawn chair



Call Concordia Public Relations for more information at 724-352-1571 ext. 8268.

Register online by visiting the Events & News section of the Concordia website:

www.concordialm.org/events-news/fishingderby2022.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

Christ Lutheran

Forest Hills

With everything that has gone on in the last year it is time we get together. SOCIAL DISTANCING OF COURSE. So, the 77th P.A.L.g.S. golf outing is on. We had a Great turnout for the 75th. Many of you have participated in the past. We have appreciated your support and look forward to seeing you again. We are also excited about seeing any new golfers that wish to join us. We hope to have 75 plus golfers. So, we need YOU. Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 30, 2022, and September 24, 2022. It will be held at Victory Hills Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA with a 9:00 a.m. SHOT GUN start, a hot dog at the turn, and a buffet dinner afterwards with prizes. The cost is \$90.00 per person. Please call to sign up 412-271-7173. We would like to have as many golfers as possible and have fun and fellowship all at the same time. If you are not a golfer or cannot attend the outing but would like to show your support by sponsoring a hole you may send a donation in any amount to Christ Lutheran Church, 400 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. 15221 Memo: Golf Outing. Thank you! Hope to see you there.



Concordia Lutheran Ministries

Memorial Services Scheduled

Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH) will hold two memorial services in memory of those who spent their final days under our care, or for anyone dealing with grief. The first service will be held at St. Luke Lutheran School Church, 330 Hannahstown Rd., Cabot, PA 16023 on Sunday, April 24 at 2 p.m. The second service will be held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 60 Rochester Rd., Freedom, PA 15042 on Sunday, May 1 at 2 p.m. 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. Registration is recommended. To register or receive more information, call 724-720-2557 or visit the Events & News Page of the Concordia website, www.ConcordiaLM.org.



Good Shepherd Lutheran

Holy Week Worship and Events: Good Shepherd is bringing back the Journey to the Cross experience on Good Friday. This family-friendly event gives participants a multisensory experience of the path Jesus walked during his last days on earth. Activities include tasting Passover foods and learning about the Lord's Supper, touching a crown of thorns and seeing a whip to imagine the true pain of Jesus' trials and suffering, and much more. The Journey begins at noon on Good Friday, April 15, and everyone is welcome to attend.

Additional Holy Week Services will be led by Vacancy Pastor, Barry Keurulainen, and will be livestreamed on our YouTube Channel.

Palm Sunday - 10:15 am

Maundy Thursday - 6:00 pm

Good Friday Tenebrae - 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday Festival Resurrection - 8:30 am and 11:00 am

Easter Breakfast will be served at 9:45am by our Youth

Annual Notice of Non-Discrimination Policy

To Whom It May Concern:

In accordance with the Provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1995, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010), and the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, please be informed that it is the policy of Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care, to admit and treat all residents without regard to race, color, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, religious creed, handicap, disability, or any other category that may be protected under applicable law.

This non-discriminatory policy applies to all applicants, residents, employees, and physicians of Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care. Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care is an equal opportunity employer and provides employment, compensation, and other terms and conditions of employment without regard to race, color, ancestry, national origin, age, sex, religious creed, handicap, or disability.

It is the policy of Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care to comply with these acts in all areas and no person shall be excluded from participation in, or be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in the provisions of any service, including but not limited to our skilled, assisted living, and homecare services.

This policy and notification is inclusive of Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care and all its locations, which include: Concordia at Cabot; Concordia at Ridgewood Place; Concordia at The Orchard; Concordia Haven Apartments and Concordia Physician Practice. Employees and others working for Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care are expected to implement and abide by this policy of non-discrimination in services and employment opportunity.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Frndak

President & CEO of Concordia Lutheran Ministries

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES

NETWORKING LUNCH

FOR CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANTS

APRIL 29, 2022

NOON

Highpointe at Rebecca
1871 Highpointe Lane
Allison Park 15101

You are invited to be our guest as you join your colleagues for a buffet lunch, speakers and an opportunity to share your challenges and your successes. Bring your newsletters, directories and other projects on your to-do list.

RSVP no later than April 26 by calling or texting Shirley Freyer at 412/480-9933 or emailing sfreyer@concordialm.org YES!

Enjoy a brief overview of Concordia's hospice and volunteer program. Also, a short description of retirement living and an optional tour of Highpointe as well as an introduction to our corporate director of admissions who can describe the priority list congregants of our member churches are entitled to.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

2022 CLM Golf Classic

Treesdale Golf & Country Club
Monday, July 11, 2022

8:30 a.m. - *Registration, Breakfast, Gifts & Skill Contests*
(Putting Green and Driving Range open)

10 a.m. - *Shot Gun Start (Scramble)*

3 p.m. - *Reception*

4 p.m. - *Banquet & Program*



2022 CLM Golf Classic Sponsorship Opportunities

	Golf Spots	Tee Sign	Contest Hole	Logo on Web and listed in Magazine	Banner	Shirts	Program Ad
Signature	SEI New ways. New answers.®						
Platinum \$7,500	4	✓	✓	✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Gift \$5,500	4	Branding on (1) gift item distributed at the event		✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Gold \$5,000	4	✓		✓	✓	2	Full-page ad
Golf Cart \$4,000	4	Signage on all player golf carts used during the event			✓		Half-page ad
Shirt \$3,500	2	Branding volunteer/staff shirts and (2) shirts to keep				2	Half-page ad
Banquet \$3,500	4	Visual and Verbal Recognition during post-event banquet			✓		Half-page ad
Refreshments \$3,000	2	Signage on all refreshment carts used during the event			✓		Half-page ad
Social Hour \$2,500	2	Visual and Verbal Recognition during post-event banquet		✓	✓		Half-page ad
Breakfast \$2,000	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)				✓	2	
Practice Range \$2,000	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)				✓	2	
Contest Hole \$1,500		✓	✓	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)		1	
Silent Auction \$1,000	Invitation to post-event reception for (2)				✓	1	
Green & Pin \$800	Customized Pin Flag and greenside signage				Individual Golfer: \$225 Foursome: \$900		
Tee \$450		✓					

All reservations must be received by June 11, 2022 for inclusion in program.

Contact Larissa Yates at 724-352-1571 ext. 8363 or lyates@concordialm.org or Barb Tillmann at 724-352-1571 ext. 8355 or btillmann@concordialm.org for more information or to register.





18th Annual CLM Golf Classic Sponsorship & Participation Form

Monday, July 11, 2022 – Treesdale Golf & Country Club – 10:00 a.m. Start

CONTACT INFORMATION

Organization Name*: _____

**as you would like it to appear on promotional materials, website, program, etc.*

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHOOSE YOUR PARTICIPATION LEVEL:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Platinum Sponsor (\$7,500) (2 available) | <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Sponsor (\$5,500) (2 available) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Sponsor (\$5,000) | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf Cart Sponsor (\$4,000) (3 available) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banquet Sponsor (\$3,500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Shirt Sponsor (\$3,500) (1 available) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments Cart Sponsor (\$3,000) (3 available) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Hour Sponsor (\$2,500) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Breakfast Sponsor (\$2,000) (2 available) | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Range Sponsor (\$2,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contest Hole Sponsor (\$1,500) | <input type="checkbox"/> Silent Auction Sponsor (\$1,000) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green & Pin Sponsor (\$800) | <input type="checkbox"/> Teebox Sponsor (\$450) |

Golfer Package at \$225 each = enclosed amount of \$ _____

IDENTIFY YOUR GOLFER(S)

Golfer 1 / Cart 1 (Captain) _____

Golfer 2 / Cart 1 _____

Golfer 3 / Cart 2 _____

Golfer 4 / Cart 2 _____

SUBMIT YOUR LOGO AND/OR ADVERTISEMENT BY JUNE 10, 2022

More on reverse side

All sponsors of \$ 3,000 and higher : Please e-mail a camera-ready advertisement suitable for printing (color preferred, black and white also acceptable) to: giving@concordialm.org. Full page = 5 ½ wide x 8 ½ inches tall. Half page = 5 ½ wide x 4 ¼ inches tall.

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_____ Additional Reception & Dinner Passes x \$50 each

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Signature: _____

_____ Bill Me. Please send an invoice for payment processing.

_____ I can't attend, but wish to donate. My/our contribution is enclosed for \$_____.

Please send payment and return a copy of this contract to: Concordia Lutheran Ministries Foundation, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023 E-mail: giving@concordialm.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!