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PALM DEVOTION

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

“The Hope of the Resurrection”

“My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.” John 10:27-28

Christ is risen! This is an historic fact and the cornerstone of our Christian hope. But it is more than simply a theological axiom. The resurrection of Jesus has real, daily life implications for us. Jesus did not pass from our physical world into some metaphysical realm of ideas. He is risen bodily from the dead and has ascended to the right hand of the Father. He speaks to us daily from His eternal throne, yet not in a far-away voice, but with an ever-present one that we hear and recognize. Whenever His Word is proclaimed, He is in our midst. We hear His voice here, now, in our day-to-day lives. He knows us. He calls to us. We follow Him.

We follow Jesus' voice. We follow His commandments with the clarity of His Word guiding us. When we feel that we are lost, we hear His voice, and it brings us hope and joy. When vexed by temptation and sin, He speaks words of comfort and forgiveness to us. Just as His Word spoke creation into being, so it also speaks us into eternal life. The eternal life that his voice gives is not some far-off, “after we die,” promise. It is a real and present gift that we enjoy even now. It is the forgiven life that is lived in the presence of our God. Though this world of sin, and sometimes even our own flesh, would cloud our vision to His presence, the voice of Jesus pierces through the fog, reminding us that He is near and that our redemption is nigh. Even in our darkest days or at the hour of our physical death, His voice is our beacon of hope and the shining light of our eternal life.



Christ is risen and our sins are forgiven! Christ is risen and death has no more dominion over us! Christ is risen and so we even now walk in newness of life! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

Sponsored by Concordia Lutheran Ministries

PALM in Baltimore

by Rev. Brian Westgate

Pastor Westgate, PALM Secretary, on Mid-Lent Sunday, March 27, preached and conducted Bible Class at Our Saviour Lutheran Church in the City of Baltimore. The occasion was the 80th birthday of the parish pastor, Rev. Charles L. McClean, foremost scholar of the Church's Liturgy in our Synod. The Church of Our Saviour, just down the street from the site of Baltimore's Memorial Stadium is featured in F.R. Webber's *The Small Church*.

During Bible Class, Pastor Westgate introduced PALM's work to those in attendance. The parish is one of the congregations of the Wyneken Project, a sister mission organization of both PALM and Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, all RSO's of the Synod. Our organizations have friendly relations with one another and learn from each other's work and experience. He also noted the work of that congregation and of PALM in serving those in need in the sermon and reminded the congregation that our Savior cares for both our temporal physical needs and, most importantly, our eternal spiritual needs.



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

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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PALM MISSION

MEANS OF GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Uniontown

“Will not be built in a day, but with the blessing of Christ, it will be built”
by Pastor Justin Schmidt

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to start a church from scratch? Try this before worship as you sit in the pew of your church, think about the saints that came before you who started your congregation. That is what is going on right now in Uniontown. A layman and a pastor have started this work.

The thought of starting an LC-MS congregation is exciting! Then you begin to think about how much work it will take. You make a “to do” list of all the things you’ll need to do to get started. Then, the “old Adam” starts to speak to you. This is hard work. There are no guarantees of success. Fear creeps into your heart. But thankfully, the “new man in Christ” steps in and you roll up your sleeves and get to work. You now have a picture of the beginnings of the work in Uniontown.

Pastor Schmidt is working with a layman (Robert Barnhart, who lives in Uniontown area) to build an LC-MS congregation. We have set up a Facebook page, Means of Grace Lutheran Church - please check it out! We have held coffee and Bible study, we are planning on a weekly event in Uniontown, including Pastor at the Pub as well as outdoor worship services in the parks around the Uniontown area during the summer months.

We have received so much support and help to this point, and now I would ask this help from you now, **we need names!** Do you know someone living in Uniontown? Was there a member of your church that moved to that area? If so, please send that information to Justinschmidt40@hotmail.com .

We would ask for one more thing. Please pray for us as we do this work.



Thank you for all the support you have given to this church plant. Robert and I really do appreciate your continued prayer, gifts, and encouragement.

Psalm 37:5 “Commit your ways to the LORD; trust in Him, and He will act”

CAMPUS MINISTRY

SRU CAMPUS MINISTRY

by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

God Provides

All Saints campus ministry believes that God provides all of our needs. Even so, we wondered why God seemed to take so long in answering a very important prayer. We were a bit worried that He might not hear, and that He might not say "Yes."

All Saints Fellowship (ASF) is our student organization which is officially recognized by Slippery Rock University. We have a constitution, a faculty advisor, Doctor Sam Thangiah, and a student president. Having a student president is critically important to our work on campus.

The president of ASF is the link between All Saints campus ministry and SRU. Without a president we cannot attend the several freshmen orientations that are held on campus for incoming students and their families. These orientations give us the opportunity to show incoming freshmen who we are and what we do. Saying hello to incoming freshmen is a marvelous opportunity for All Saints to extend friendship and warm regard for the students. Without a president we cannot officially attend any campus orientations and cannot even post notice of our campus ministry events, such as monthly Korean meals.

In the past ASF had presidents from the Dance Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and most recently from our weekly Bible class. All were Godsendings, but this coming year it seemed no one was available to serve as the president. This was a terrible predicament. All Saints needs to meet students and the principal way was to have permission to be on campus.

Orientations, for example, are exceptionally helpful for All Saints' outreach. Several orientations are held to introduce incoming students to the University experience. All Saints is very appreciative that at these orientations we get to tell students about our worship services, Bible classes, and free student meals. We ask the students who stop to talk to us at the orientations where they are from, what their majors are, and if they like to eat. This question makes them laugh. Then we ask them to give us their phone numbers so that we can call them when they arrive on campus to invite them to our delicious meals. This is a major way we have to connect. When we call in September they are ready to say yes.

Since orientations are so important to the future of our ministry, we wondered how we would meet students if we did not have a president. As you might have already guessed, God provided. He brought to our mind that we had a wonderful student available. He is Leif Lotvedt, a member of All Saints and a psychology-counseling major at SRU. We had not thought of him because he has a full schedule and a wife and daughter. When asked if he would consider being the president, he said he would if our current president would show him the ropes to see if he thought he could fulfill the job. After they met where Leif learned what he would be doing, he said that he would take the job. We are so grateful to have a president to enable us to share our faith on campus. We should have asked Leif sooner. He is a student who wants to help others. His goal is to be a counselor. Being ASF president will allow him to help. We are indebted to ASF outgoing president, Chris, because he made the time to show Leif the ropes.

Another need All Saints is praying for is a person to replace Jo Dublin who retires this month. Jo has made a significant difference in our lives by preparing our student meals since 2010. It will be impossible to replace her because she's been more than a cook. She's been a Christian friend to the students, especially the Asians. She herself is a Christian Korean married to an American. We trust God to provide another way to serve meals to draw college students to All Saints this fall. We send Jo to her new life with hearts filled with gratitude.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

(SRU Continued)

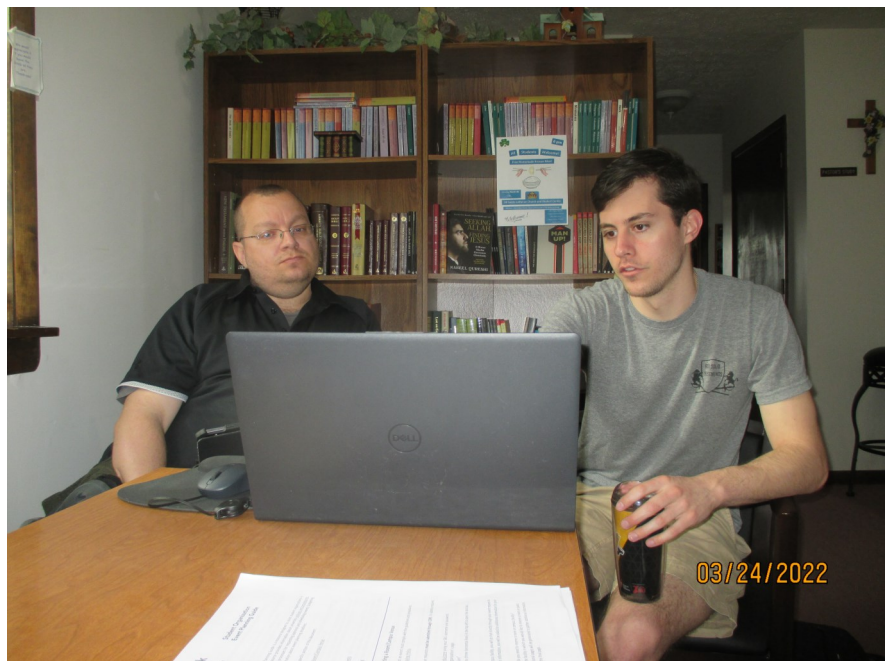
Our thanks and love go with Jo. We gave her a little album filled with photos of her time at All Saints and with a cash gift she can use anyway she wants to. Usually, she gives our gifts to others. In closing, we thank Jo for her Easter joy. Her food meant a lot, but even more her joy-filled love in serving the Lord meant the most.

We are grateful to God for His provision. We know He will never leave us. Please continue to pray for All Saints campus ministry.



Chris Galbraith welcomes Slippery Rock University students to All Saints at campus Orientation event.

“Retiring” All Saints Fellowship President Chris Galbraith, instructs incoming President, Leif Lotvedt

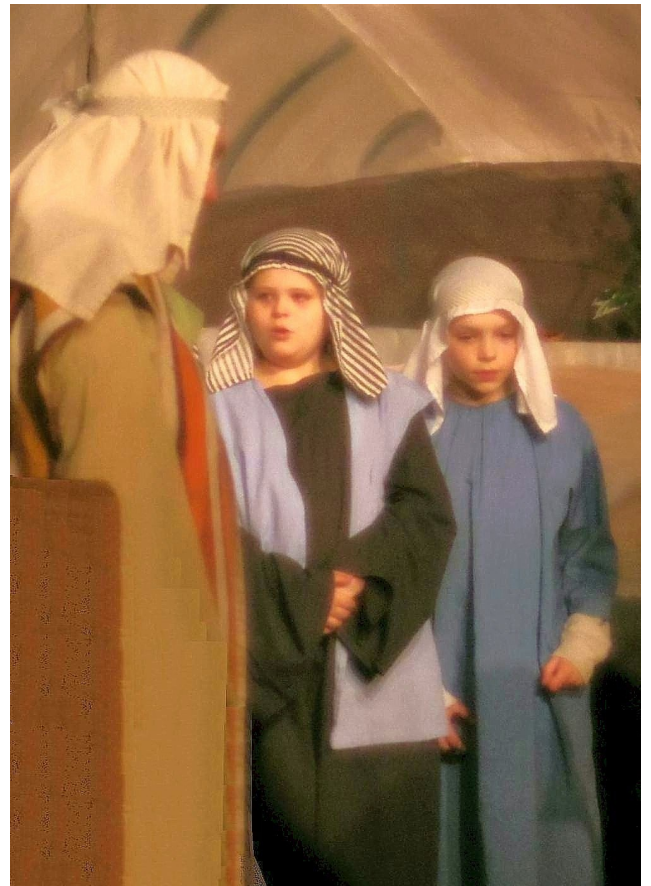


MISSION NEWS

Mileposters News

Two Mileposters riders appeared in a Christian community passion play in West View (pictured); their mother participated as well. Intensive practices preceded four performances on the two weekends prior to Easter.

Early ride plans include more mileage on parts of the Youghiogheny River Trail as well as activities adjacent to the route which will encourage younger riders to go the distance for an overnight journey. Trail conditions should reach optimum about the time you read this. Chess has always been popular, so an oversize set of pieces (the kings and queens are 8 inches tall) has been acquired, and the outdoor chess board at Cedar Creek (pictured) is a planned destination. The possible closure of the Yough Twister ice cream stand, across the river from Sutersville, may have us seeking pizza in West Newton. For years, riders gathered at McDonald's or Wendy's for fellowship after a trip, but the pandemic has put an end to that for the time being.



Houses of Worship By Shirley Freyer

Peace Lutheran Church

107 Carol Drive, McMurray, PA 15317

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Rev. Justin Schmidt, Pastor

Peace Lutheran Church is one of the more recent congregations in western Pennsylvania, having been chartered exactly 14 years ago on May 15, 2008, through a merger of two congregations: Our Savior in Mt. Lebanon, and Hope in the building where this new congregation is located. But its history is replete with congregations joining together for “the sake of the Gospel,” according to Bishop Jamison Hardy, president of the English District, LCMS and first pastor of Peace.



It all began with the founding of Grace Lutheran Church in Dormont in 1908 when six charter members worshipped in their homes until a new church on Pioneer Avenue was dedicated on April 14, 1912. The nearby community of Rolling Hills was growing, and Grace members – looking ahead – purchased a house in the area to accommodate a Sunday School and regular services. Rev. R A. Plautz was assigned to shepherd the group, and in 1947 formed Pilgrim Lutheran Church. By 1953, they dedicated a new building at the end of Country Club Drive in Mt. Lebanon.

Current Peace member Barbara Martin-Taylor, baptized, confirmed, and married at this location, reveals memories her late father, Gene, shared with her. “My father was a young teenager when he and his younger sisters were attending Sunday School and church services in the basement of Pastor Plautz.”

Now two churches were located in proximity, and members of Grace again recognized the changing environment and considered a relocation program. At the same time, Pilgrim was experiencing a pastoral vacancy and studied an opportunity to join Grace. A history, authored by current Peace member John Moessner, stated that “after many hours of hard work, discussion and prayer, both congregations voted to merge and on February 15, 1959, these two sister congregations founded Our Savior Lutheran Church at the former Pilgrim site,” served by Rev. Paul M. Kavash until 1964.

John’s parents joined Hope in the ’60s. As a leader during the Hope/Our Savior merger, he explained that PEACE stands for People Excited About Christ Eternally and suggested that is still a good reason to join this congregation.

Meanwhile, families living in Peters Township campaigned for the formation of a Lutheran congregation closer to home and began meeting at the new firehall at Donaldson’s Crossroads. Firemen furnished folding chairs, and the children sat on the running boards and in the driver’s seat of the engines until they obtained the Pleasant Valley School in 1954 and formed Pleasant Valley Church. That property, plus the sale of the former Grace Church, enabled the purchase of a farm on Old Washington Road and Carol Drive. Rev. Ottis Sauls was called to serve as Missionary-at-Large, a new constitution was written, and the congregation was called Hope Lutheran Church – the building officially dedicated in May 1963.

By 2006, having been served by five full-time pastors, Hope members found themselves in a vacancy situation. Rev. Jamison Hardy, pastor at Our Savior beginning in 2000, was asked to help with pulpit coverage. Bishop Hardy remembered that while neither church was desperate, attendance was dwindling and discussion among the church leaders – Rande Casaday, Mark Martin and John Moessner from Hope; and Roy Augenstein, Ralph Hauser, and Art Mikoleit from Our Savior – led to a monthly meeting for a full year with a straw poll taken after each meeting. It was decided to call a vicar to assist Pastor Hardy in maintaining separate worship sites and Bible Studies while holding monthly fellowship events together. Several committees were created to investigate all aspects of a merger, and by October 2007, the vote was cast “for the sake of the Gospel,” driven by the mission theme, “Excited about Christ.”

HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

A final – and perhaps the most challenging – detail remained to come together: one location. Barb spoke to that trial. “During a merger like that, there is a lot of reminding oneself that the church is not the building. I loved the Our Savior building. I knew every inch. I knew the secret steps. I had been in there at midnight finishing up meeting minutes when the only light was the streetlights outside and the everlasting light. I fully expected a deep, loud voice to say, ‘Barbara! We have to talk!’”

Bishop Hardy noted that as Lutherans, we have independent autonomy, a culture that doesn’t foster collaboration. “I used my pastoral capital in chips and was given the ability to sell what both churches were founded on,” he said.

The original leadership team was joined by Ron Grimm, Paul Stanis and Jim Wolf, members of Our Savior, to prepare the specifics of the new church, including the sale of the Our Savior property.

The Bishop believes the youth of the congregations solidified its success. “In January of 2008, Jim Wolf and I took 12 kids to help build a house for a Lakota Sioux family in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.” They also toured Indian land and got to see a herd of buffalo grazing, did a sweat lodge, and went to Mt. Rushmore. When they returned the youth professed, “This is our church.”

Jim and his wife Mary are St. Louis natives, having met at the University of Missouri. Recruited to Mellon Bank in 1982, Jim is the great-great-grandson of C.F.W. Walther, who was the first president of the LCMS and its most influential theologian. Jim follows that tradition as he currently serves on the LCMS Board for International Mission, its Executive Committee, and its International Schools Task Force. He has led or participated in 15-20 mission and/or humanitarian trips to Kenya, South Africa, and Vietnam – many with Pastor Hardy – and raised money for the 1001 Orphans Project in Kenya while climbing Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania at age 65, through his work as a board member for Concordia Lutheran Ministries.

Fast forward to 2022. Barb said, “At first, there is a feeling of Us and Them but the longer we go on, the more I have to really think about whether a person was from Our Savior, Hope, or came to Peace without even knowing there was a merger.”

President Jeff Reinstadtler has been a member of Hope/Peace for 38 years. He and his wife Sarah joined as a family. The high school sweethearts live in Peters Twp., five minutes from the church, and are pleased that the church is getting back to some normalcy after COVID. As co-chair of the call committee, he had a vested interest in bringing current Pastor Justin Schmidt here. “Pastor and I are always on the same page,” he said.

Pastor Schmidt came home to his native South Hills four years ago. A graduate of Upper St. Clair High School, he was a member of Zion in Bridgeville. He began his first year of college at Virginia Tech studying engineering. The following year, he transferred to Concordia College in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he graduated with a degree in Biblical Studies. While attending college in Ann Arbor, Justin met his wife Marion, who was studying elementary education. Following graduation, Justin continued his studies at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. During his first call to a dual parish at St. Peter’s and Grace in Lakota, North Dakota, Pastor Schmidt joined the North Dakota National Guard as a chaplain. He and his wife have two sons, Wolfram and Augustine, and a daughter, Lilia.

He lives by this overarching question to himself, “Would you want this man to be your grandmother’s pastor?” He longs for the church to be a kind, welcoming family place and calls himself a slave to Christ and the church.

“What’s best for Christ’s church is where my heart is,” Pastor declared. “This is a family and whatever your family needs, we support.”

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"It's not about me," he said. "I serve the church. She doesn't serve me." He is pleased with the capital campaign begun January 1 as it has already reached one goal of replenishing the cost of the church's new roof. The rest will be donated to churches in need and community outreach. "We need to stay hungry and bring Christ into the community."

He counted his last Voter's meeting as a success as it was boring and quick. "If you are internally peaceful, that lack of conflict frees you to look outward." He has taken that seriously as he has his mind set on starting a mission in Uniontown. "The Holy Spirit put it in my heart to do," he said. "As an athlete, I learned that I am OK with failing but not OK with not trying." Already he has joined the Rotary in Uniontown and created a Pastor at the Pub event.

Pastor maintains his Tuesday and Thursday virtual devotions, the Wednesday morning Bible study at Concordia of the South Hills, and a men's Bible study breakfast the last Saturday of each month. While he is complimentary of the robust video set-up and is the first to extend his appreciation to Rick Crain and Ron Grimm, he insists that it exists for the sick and the shut-ins only. Fellowship and Holy Communion are necessary for true worship.



"Once we found Peace, we started looking for housing," said Rick Crain, who moved from Colorado Springs for a new job as a software developer about 11 years ago. "Peace is a loving, caring congregation. There is a great sense of family. When new to the area, we visited multiple LCMS congregations. After visiting Peace, we knew that God had led us to Peace and that it would be our new church home." Rick and his wife settled in Bethel Park with their six children, whose ages now range from 18 to 8. "Everyone was super friendly, down-to-earth, and welcoming. We had five young children at the time with two who were in baby carriers, and we didn't feel awkward or in the spotlight. The people were interested in knowing us and our kids."

He is blessed to be able to use his gifts at Peace. The first livestreaming event was when Pastor Hardy became the bishop. "When we solely offered virtual worship services during the beginning of COVID, the Pastors, elders, and organists led worship service and it was one way that we as a church family could stay connected by worshipping together even when apart."

Lifelong member of Our Savior Ron Grimm agreed, "We have learned some things about ourselves during this time and I believe we are now better able to share our faith virtually and keep in contact with folks around the United States," he said. "The challenge is to retain the fellowship, in-person worship and joy of being together in His house praising Him in all we do and strengthen that church family vibe in quantity and quality as we move forward," he continued.

The magnetism of Peace is shared by charter members as well.

"The people of Peace are my family. It is not too small and not too big. I know who everyone is even if I don't know them well. I like the Biblical stance of the LC-MS," said Barb.

"When we were merging, we had a Secret Angel program at Christmastime when the Sunday School students were given a questionnaire as to their preferences and then given little presents from volunteers in the congregation for each Sunday in Advent." This helped people from each congregation to get to know each other.

"I would hope that they feel the same 'hominess' that I feel. Like, when I see people on the news that have lost everything, such as in a fire, and they say they don't even know what they are going to do. I know what I would do. I would go to my congregation, and I KNOW they would help me," she continued. Ron imparted the same attitude about the attributes of this merged congregation. "We are a friendly, caring, diverse group that loves to grow in faith by being in His word regularly."

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“The two years of joint fellowship during Hope’s vacancy showed that our congregations could put aside their desire to be separate and trust that the good Lord had a plan to bring us together in faith. We were able to work as a team where many committees were entrusted with important decisions and open to prayerfully consider what was best for the new congregation,” Ron said.

The experience has impacted him personally. “Working for the English District as a Gift Planning Counselor, I have the ability to share this experience with several churches that have similar opportunities and reinforce that this experience can be a rewarding and God-pleasing endeavor,” he revealed.

Of the many components that were shared through the merger, among the loveliest are the stained-glass windows, originally installed and dedicated at Our Savior on Easter Sunday in 1968, and then re-dedicated at Peace on Palm Sunday 2014. There are six windows, beginning with the first one depicting The Nativity, The Annunciation, the Old Testament Prophecy, and the Baptism of the Lamb of God through Jesus’ life, to Window #6 illustrating The Resurrection, The Crucifixion, The Ascension, and The Sending of the Holy Spirit.

Ron, referred to as “The Rock of the Church” by Jim Wolf, remarked that especially the Resurrection window portrays Christ’s love for us and “No matter the church building location, God’s people gather, pray, praise and give thanks for all He has done for us.”

In the same way, the Christus Rex, the wooden cross picturing Christ the King placed at the altar, reminds all who enter the sanctuary that with God as the focus, all things are possible.



SCHOOL NEWS

ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

Bridgeville

Dads and Donuts 2022

Let us never forget the importance of a father in a child's life. Yes, Dads and Donuts is fun, it's a time for dads to come to school with their child and have donuts. It's that simple....or is it?

There are several places in scripture that reference the importance of a father.

Proverbs 22:6 "Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it."

Psalms 103:13 "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."

Ephesians 6:4 "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord."

Proverbs 23:22 "Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old."

Fathers are teachers, caregivers, disciplinarians, counselors and role models to their children. Let us give thanks for all the fathers who came to school that day and shared in the love that they, and we have for their children through God's love to us. Enjoy the photos!

Those donuts look yummy!



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

During the recent Lenten season, Concordia members raised over a thousand dollars to purchase and send needed relief supplies through CLM to war-torn Ukraine.



CHRIST LUTHERAN

Forest Hills

Children's Easter Event

Despite rain, sleet, and cold (typical Pittsburgh spring weather) the Sun still shone on our Children's Easter Event. This was our first activity for children since 2019 but has been an annual event.

A Thrivent Care in Community project helped finance our morning of activities. Children ages 2-12 participated in crafts, games, an Easter devotion, an indoor egg hunt, and a snack. Parents and Grandparents were part of the fun with 13 volunteers planning and participating in the event.



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

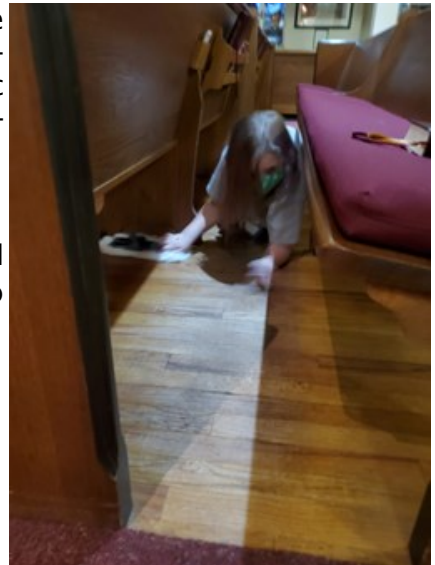
West View

Members of Mt. Calvary gathered at the church on April 9 for the annual cleaning of the altar and sanctuary. The Outreach Group got an early start by polishing the brass cross, candlesticks, offering plates, and the like at their Tuesday meeting. The job was also made easier when Jennifer Skinner had her Girl Scout Daisy Troop 52841 on a mission to "do something good" to thank Mt. Calvary for allowing them to hold their meetings every other Wednesday in the church hall. She suggested they clean the wood floor under the church pews; and combined with the altar/sanctuary cleaning, the timing was perfect. Not only did they do a great job, but their efforts were especially appreciated by the members who are no longer able to bend down or fit under to tackle this job!

During the previous weeks, the Outreach Group was also busy making gifts for those on the Meals on Wheels circuit, as well as Mt. Calvary's shut-ins. Little white bags were decorated to look like bunnies and were filled with a variety of treats.

The sparkling clean church was the setting for the glorious Easter service. The morning started with a coffee and doughnut reception in the church fellowship hall, sponsored by Pastor and Nikkie Kuntz. The sanctuary was filled with lilies, tulips, and hyacinths, offering a splash of color and fragrance. During the service, the voice choir performed, along with guest trumpeter Anthony Thomas. Prior to Covid, Anthony regularly provided music at Mt. Calvary on special occasions, but this was his first appearance in more than two years. Welcome back, Anthony!

If the Pittsburgh Lutheran had a "scratch-and-sniff" feature, you could scratch this photo and sniff the fresh scent of Murphy's Oil which Donna Wilzer, Amy Hohmann, and Wynn Yocum are using to clean Mt. Calvary's altar.



ZION LUTHERAN

Lawrenceville

Zion in Lawrenceville hosted the community on March 20 program by Roxanne Swan, coordinator for the Audubon Center for Native Plants. She presented two topics - "Bird Habitat" and "Rain Gardens." Thanks to the efforts of lifelong member, Rebekah Wudarczyk, and her husband Jude, this was the first in a series of annual springtime outreach events.



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

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 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 OF SOUTH HILLS
1300 BOWER HILL ROAD
MT. LEBANON

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 22

3 P.M.

HARMONY ROOM

Presented by The Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus

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.

All sponsors: Please e-mail a camera-ready organization logo suitable for printing (color preferred, black and white also acceptable) to: giving@concordialm.org.

PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RECEPTION/BANQUET PASSES AND YOUR AD

_____ Additional Reception & Dinner Passes x \$50 each

_____ Full Page Ad - \$175 (5 ½ wide x 8 ½ inches tall) _____ Half Page Ad - \$100 (5 ½ wide x 4 ¼ inches tall)

SUBMIT YOUR PAYMENT

_____ Check: Enclosed and made payable to Concordia Lutheran Ministries Foundation

_____ Credit Card. Please charge my/our credit card as follows: (V/M/D/Am)

Name on Card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

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!