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PALM DEVOTION

by The Reverend Dr. Douglas H. Spittel, PALM President

“Our Resurrection Hope”

*For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.-
1 Corinthians 15:22*

If Jesus Christ was crucified but remains dead in the tomb, we are without hope. Our sins would remain. Death would continue to have the final say. We would be dust. Our lives and accomplishments would be nothing more than vapor in an endless, uncaring universe.

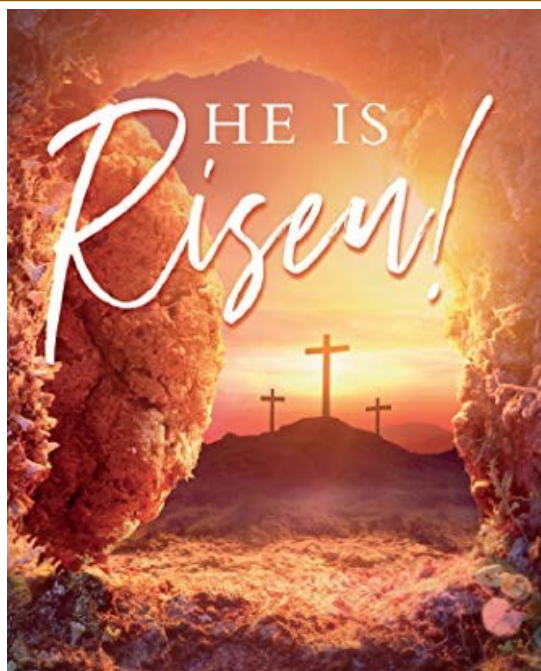
Christian hope, far from a glib shrug of the shoulders and a mumbled “I hope so,” raises us to consider all our efforts, works, and lives to be a part of an unending history. Christian hope soars to the heavens specifically because it is grounded in an event in our history. Saint Paul writes and testifies,

³ For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. ⁶ After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. ⁷ After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. ⁸ Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. - 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Many witnesses have testified, and suffered torture and death for that testimony, that they saw Jesus risen from the dead and alive with their own eyes. The resurrection of Jesus was neither an apparition of wishful thinking nor a comforting story for a grieving community. It is the honest testimony of witnesses who saw Jesus alive in the flesh. It is a life-altering reality for us all.

Jesus promised that they would destroy the temple of His body but that in three days, He would raise it up. He promised that He would return to bring His people to live with Him and that He would give us eternal life. In His resurrection, Jesus shows all His promises to be true. Most importantly, His promise to take away our sins by His crucifixion and, through the forgiveness of sins, to give us life and salvation is found to be true in His victory over death and the grave.

When Jesus rose from the dead to be seen by so many witnesses, we, too, were raised from the power of sin and death. Now we see that being precious in God's sight, our lives are raised from obscurity to eternal communion with God. Jesus is alive! So also, are we alive in Him forever! Alleluia!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April

3 and 4. Concordia Open House and Seminar, Haven Retirement Living Apartments, Cabot, 2:00 p.m.

5 to May 10. Good Samaritan Virtual Support Group, Each Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

6 to 28. Stations of the Resurrection presented by Pittsburgh Lutheran Choir. See flyer this issue for dates, times, and locations.

14 and 15. Concordia of the South Hills Open House, Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

15. Free Spaghetti Dinner Drive Through, Ascension Lutheran, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

21. Good Samaritan Hospice Memorial Service, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Freedom Pa, 3:00 p.m.

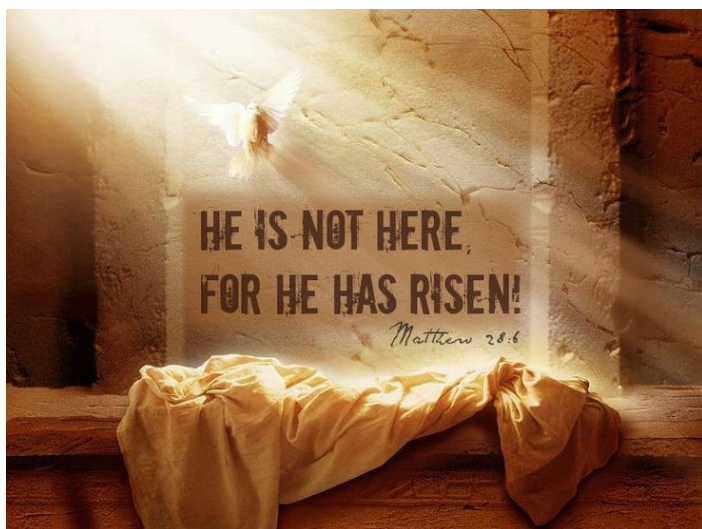
22. Speaker Series: Children and Technology, Kent Rogers, Ascension,, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

27. Golf Outing, Victory Hills, Elizabeth, PA, Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills

28. Good Samaritan Hospice Memorial Service, St Luke Lutheran Church, Cabot, 3:00 p.m.

May

18. Concordia Fishing Derby, Saxony Farm Estate, Saxony, Pa. 8:0.0 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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COMING SOON: CHANGES TO THE PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN

*The Reverend Dr. Douglas H. Spittel, PALM President
and Mr. Justin D. Spittel, PALM Functions Director*

Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries and our predecessor organizations have published *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* since at least 1932. Looking through all the archived issues of the magazine not only takes us down memory lane but also reminds us of the importance of chronicling all the events and projects that the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod has undertaken in Pittsburgh over the past century.

Over the decades, we have had many dedicated writers and editors who have served this publication faithfully. Family and life events mean that our volunteer staff changes over time.

Change is inevitable, but it does not have to be negative. When approached prayerfully and deliberately, change leads to greater efforts that honor the past and engage the future. When this happens, the PALM Board of Directors considers how *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* may continue to serve our organization and our churches best in the years to come.

The Pittsburgh Lutheran is changing again.

There will be no May 2024 issue of *The Pittsburgh Lutheran*. A special committee of the Board of Directors will examine the publication's past, present, and future to create a plan for its continuation. The committee consists of the PALM secretary, Mr. Richard Crain; Mission Director, the Reverend Adam Thompson; and the two of us. We will consider the best ways in which we can accomplish several goals:

- We will continue to publish *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* as the journal of record of PALM, the LCMS congregations, and the LCMS community in the Pittsburgh area and beyond.
- We will make *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* more accessible to a larger number of readers in our congregations, considering both print and a variety of digital media.
- We will include more news stories from our congregations and mission outreaches.
- We will include more regular reporting of PALM Board of Directors activities.
- We will highlight area-wide church events with in-depth reporting and photography.

PALM is committed to aiding communication between LCMS congregations and missions in our area. We encourage you to subscribe to *The PALM Digest*, our email-based platform, so you can read uplifting news and timely announcements of local events.

The Pittsburgh Lutheran is not going away - it is changing for the better. We will continue to publish *The Pittsburgh Lutheran*, our venerable long-form journal, to chronicle the events and happenings in the LCMS community in our area.

Keep sharing your stories with us at our new email - news@palmpa.org. We will see you in June as our near century of reporting continues!



HOLY CROSS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHAPEL

Hazelwood

Built on the Rock the Church shall Stand Even when Steeples are Falling.

According to a recent study, fewer than half of Americans belong to a church. If that doesn't hit close enough to home, you can watch churches close all around us here in Western Pennsylvania. Of the seven LCMS congregations which formed Concordia Lutheran Ministries, only two remain open. Sadly, many once beautiful houses of worship, are now converted into breweries, concert halls, and apartment buildings marketed as, "nice, unique living space[s]." Consequently, in Hazelwood, Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel, your mission church in the Hazelwood community, stands as both the only outpost of Sacramental Christianity Hazelwood and the only open church left on Second Avenue, our "main drag." The former St. Stephen's Roman Catholic Church is closed, the former Good Shepherd Episcopal Church is closed, and the building for Morningstar Baptist church is condemned by the city.

When you look at the number of closed and small congregations in Pittsburgh, you can easily begin to despair. I understand the feeling as I too recently mourned the closure of St. Matthew's on the North Side. As we carried her altar and chancel furniture out of that magnificent building all those gathered were solemn and in a state of mourning. But Jesus has words to remind you and me of who we are amidst these uncertain times. Our Lord says,

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.



PALM MISSION

Did we hear that right? You, me, and our churches are the “light of the world?” What an amazing statement! Prior to the construction of steeples, stained glass windows, the formation of our beloved Synod, and the chartering of our PALM congregations, Jesus referred to the faithful as the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world.” Faith alone saves. And if that wasn’t wild enough, these words of comfort flow from the previous statement which reads: ¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” These statements of Jesus remind you and me of this simple, comforting, and profound Scriptural truth: The Lord Jesus Christ has not, and will not abandon you, His bride, the church. Jesus Christ will never leave you, nor forsake you.

A beautiful reminder of this is Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel. The LCMS never had a presence in the Hazelwood community of Pittsburgh prior to the PALM Community Day in 2017, but now we have a mission church with a pastor and its own building that hosts daily prayer services, weekly Bible Studies, Bi-monthly community dinners, and regular food and clothing distributions which serve 150+ families a month. Holy Cross on any given day is congregation with all her doors wide open to care for all the needs of body and soul. While it’s a tragedy to watch congregations dating back a century close, it’s a great joy to see new ones emerge. When you think about the impact God has made in Hazelwood in only seven years, we have no need to despair. For we, like Mary in the garden, who are in need of comfort and consolation during these dark times. And Jesus provides our needed consolation. Hear the words of St. John who writes:

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

Here is your consolation: Jesus has conquered death. Nothing can overtake Him, and nothing can prevent His will from being accomplished. We pray this daily in the Lord’s Prayer as we say, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” And we learn from the catechism:

How is God’s will done? God’s will is done when He breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God’s name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will.

Dear Christian, I pray these words are of the utmost comfort to you, your parish, and your pastor. The fact that you have faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ is the accomplished will of God. Your faith working out in faithful worship to God and service to the neighbor is the light of the world! And no matter what the devil, the world, and your sinful nature does to prevent these good things from occurring in our beloved city, the good and gracious will of God will be accomplished. He will continue to establish His Kingdom through His Word and Sacrament; nothing can stop Him.

PALM MISSION

Therefore, take comfort dear brother and sister in Christ. Jesus is still softening hearts, converting souls to the one true faith, and daily ripping people out of the tight grasps of the devil and rebirthing them into His Holy Kingdom through Baptism where they are continually fed by His Word and Sacraments. And if you ever need that reminder, come, and visit Holy Cross to be encouraged and reminded of this beautiful work here taking place here in your midst. In conclusion, let us together sing these beautiful words of comfort from *Lutheran Service Book* hymn 645: Built on the Rock:

Built on the Rock the Church shall stand
Even when steeples are falling.
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;
Bells still are chiming and calling,
Calling the young and old to rest,
But above all the soul distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.

Surely in temples made with hands
God, the Most High, is not dwelling;
High above earth His temple stands,
All earthly temples excelling.
Yet He who dwells in heav'n above
Chooses to live with us in love,
Making our bodies His temple.

We are God's house of living stones,
Built for His own habitation.
He through baptismal grace us owns
Heirs of His wondrous salvation.
Were we but two His name to tell,
Yet He would deign with us to dwell
With all His grace and His favor.

Here stands the font before our eyes,
Telling how God has received us.
Th'altar recalls Christ's sacrifice
And what His Supper here gives us.
Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim
Christ yesterday, today, the same,
And evermore, our Redeemer.

Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,
That, when the church bells are ringing,
Many in saving faith may come
Where Christ His message is bringing:
"I know MY own; My own know Me.
You, not the world, My face shall see.
My peace I leave with you. Amen."

-Rev. Benjamin Janssen
Pastor, Holy Cross Evangelical-Lutheran Chapel in the Hazelwood Community of Pittsburgh.

All Saints Campus Ministry

By Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

Tarot Cards? I Thought That She Must Be Joking

The student writer began her front page-center column article in the student newspaper by saying she had brought her deck of tarot cards with her to college, and she intends to rely upon them for guidance and comfort during her entire time in college. She believes that they bring her marvelous comfort. She intends to use them as her guide for life while away from home. The article also indicated that her goal is to share her belief in tarot cards with her peers.



Her article shocked me. I did not know what tarot cards were really all about, but I did know that the First Commandment tells us that we are to have “no other gods.” Yet, her tarot cards were to be her primary guide. I immediately found a dictionary to look up what tarot cards are exactly. The dictionary defines tarot cards as “Any set of 22 playing cards used for fortune-telling.” Tarot cards are clearly unchristian. Tarot cards are not what God wants for students to use as their guide and plan for life. Actually, it is tragic when students or anyone else believes their lives are in the hands of a deck of cards. Really?

All Saints realizes that many college students have never studied the Bible so they don’t know who God is. Some, however, have learned about Christianity but they have left their faith. So how should All Saints respond so that students can learn the difference between life with God or life with tarot cards?

Campus Pastor Rev. Jacob Deal and Vicar Zachary Wessel are working to let students know that tarot cards are not the answer; that Christianity is. Rev. Deal has created a class for students who do not know anything about Christianity. He has placed posters around campus inviting students to come for a free class called “What is Christianity?” They are very welcome to ask the questions they may have about Christianity. Rev. Deal and Vicar Wessel like nothing better than making time to teach the Christian faith to students.

Sunday morning Bible class at All Saints is another time when students are the focus. Several students drive to All Saints Bible from Grove City College in order to attend this class. It’s an informal time when students can ask questions about the Psalms, which is the topic of the class right now. The students enjoy having their questions about the Psalms answered. They even bring friends from other denominations to the class, it is that enjoyable.



It appears that paganism is on the rise in America, and the world for that matter. The article on tarot cards was not written by a student who is alone in using such means to deal with life. The March 2024 issue of the Lutheran Witness has a column on page 4 called “Snippets.” It noted the growth of paganism in Iceland. It describes the recent construction of a temple to a pagan Icelandic God. Worship at that temple is growing in popularity. And paganism is growing in the United States, too, including our college campuses.

Our goal at All Saints is to share the Christian faith so that students realize that Christianity is the right answer to their search for life’s meaning.

(Left: Poster by Rev. Deal inviting students to come to Bible study.)

Redeemer Lutheran School

Oakmont, PA



It's never the wrong time of year to freeze for a good cause! Several RLHS students participated in the Polar Plunge at Acrisure Stadium at the end of February, raising over \$2000 for the Special Olympics. Thank you to all who participated, and to team captain Jacob Hudzinski and teacher Mr. Driscoll for organizing the event for the students.

Four middle school basketball players were named to the league's all-star team this season. Ben Saf-ran, Charlie Felder, Izabelle Bansah, and Juliette Andrae participated in an all-star game and a 3-point contest. Congratulations to these 4 athletes for working hard and representing Redeemer well this season!

While Redeemer may not have competed during the final round of basketball championships, the school was still present! Redeemer was officially recognized for donating the most meals during the league's food drive. Sophomore Anika Vanwyk was selected to perform the National Anthem before one of the games as well. It was a privilege to represent the Lord and RLS to the community during the competition.

Redeemer continues to enroll for the 2024-2025 school year! For more information, visit us online at rlspittsburgh.org, or contact Alison Jackson in admissions at 412-793-5884 or admissions@redeemer-oakmont.org.

Redeemer's food drive efforts recognized during WPIAL basketball championships.



Izabelle and Juliette represent Redeemer in girls' all-star game (in green)



RLHS students participate in the Pittsburgh Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

Ben and Charlie waiting for boys' all-star game to begin



NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS

MT. CALVARY

West View, PA

The Outreach Group at Mt. Calvary in West View was busy preparing for Easter by designing gifts for a couple of different groups. Folks on Meals on Wheels are always recipients of the group's crafts, and this year it was a goodie bag filled with a variety of treats, plus handmade Easter greetings attached to the outside. The group also designed little gift bags for Jennifer Skinner's Girl Scout Daisy Troop 52841 that meets at the church, and is so helpful with many of the church's activities. Along with treats, their gift bags included a poem that explains how M&Ms tell the Easter story. (See the attached photo.)

Like many other churches, Mt. Calvary prepared for Easter with a thorough church cleaning, and special music by the bell and voice choirs during the service. Similarly, VBS will be held this year the last week of June. More details on both items next month!



CHRIST LUTHERAN

Forest Hills, PA

So, the **81st** P.A.L.g.S. golf outing is on. We had a Great turnout for the last couple outings let's have that continue. 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 **80** plus golfers. So, we need **YOU**. Proceeds go toward tuition for students at Redeemer Lutheran School.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 27, 2024**. 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 to the school, we will again be having sponsorship holes at different levels: **HOLE IN ONE LEVEL IS \$500 AND ABOVE, EAGLE LEVEL IS \$100 - \$499 and a BIRDIE LEVEL IS ANY AMOUNT UNDER \$100**. We will also put your name / company name on a sign and place it on different holes around the course.

Please 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.

NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS

ZION LUTHERAN

Lawrenceville, PA

LECTURE SERIES

Zion in Lawrenceville is hosting a series of lectures each month on behalf of the Lawrenceville Historical Society. Featured speakers are local professionals in the various topics. Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. The church address is 237-37th Street. Admission is free. All are welcome. Parking is available after 7 p.m. in the parking lot located below the church or on the street. Topics include:



Tuesday, April 16, Gary Grimes: “Nineteenth Century Lawrenceville Artists

Gary Grimes is a retired art dealer, art appraiser, and art historian. He is regarded in the Pittsburgh art community as the foremost authority on nineteenth century Pittsburgh art and artists. At 85 years old, he still runs in the Pittsburgh marathon. He has resided in the city since 1975.

Tuesday, May 21, Jennie Benford: “Matthew Dunn: Blind Congressman

Jennie Benford is a Local & Family History Librarian at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. She is well known for her outstanding tours of Homewood Cemetery.

Tuesday, June 18, Slim Forsythe Trio: “Songs of Western Pennsylvania”

Kevin “Slim” Forsythe is a local musician, composer, and author. For almost twenty years he has performed locally in several genres, but he specializes in old time country and mountain gospel music. His video, “Live from Nied's Hotel,” which was aired on WQED-TV, earned a Mid-Atlantic Emmy for Arts Program nomination. He is an inductee of the Old Time Country Music Hall of Fame and volunteers with Pastor Andrae’s Campus Ministry.

Tuesday, July 16, Ray Czachowski: “History of the Lawrenceville Boys and Girls Club”

Ray Czachowski is a long-time volunteer at the Lawrenceville Boys and Girls Club. He directs the property activities of NDC Asset Management.

Tuesday, August 20, Karin Legato: “100 Years of Ladies Fashions

From 1969 – 2014 Karin was owner and partner with her late husband, James of Emphatics, a lifestyle boutique built on the belief that fashion was an important art form and expression of freedom. The vision let the couple go to Paris in the late '70s where a young group of designers emerged and revolutionized the fashion industry. After James’ passing, The Phoenix Art Museum acquired “Emphatics Archives” including 400 pieces and ephemera. Where an exhibition titled “Emphatics Avent Garde Fashion 1963-2013 was mounted in November of 2016 and exhibited through January of 2017. Today Karin continues to partner with the Japanese Design House of Issey Miyake.

NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS

ZION LUTHERAN

Lawrenceville, PA

(Lecture Series continued)

Tuesday, September 17, Frank Kurtik: "George Croghan"

Frank Kurtik is a local historian. He is a retired docent and events coordinator at Heinz Chapel, as well as having worked for the Heinz family.

Tuesday, October 15, Beaver Heritage Foundation: "P & LE's Beaver Railroad Station"

David O'Leary and Mark Miner are founding members of the Beaver Heritage Foundation. They will provide a power point presentation of the railroad station that eventually became the Foundation's Museum.

Tuesday, November 19, Tom Powers, and Jim Wudarczyk: "40th Street Bridge Centennial"

Tom Powers, a local historian, and author is the owner of Power Media and Design and current president of the Lawrenceville Historical Society. Jim Wudarczyk is also a local historian. He has authored, or co-authored, fourteen books. He has provided hundreds of lectures and has written over four hundred articles on Pittsburgh and Civil War history. Together they were nominated for a Pennsylvania Golden Quill award for their article on the Allegheny Arsenal explosion of 1862.

For more information, please call Jude Wudarczyk at 412/419-5756.

CALVARY LUTHERAN

Murrysville, PA

The 47th Christian Art Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21, 2024 at Calvary, Murrysville. Hours are Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; Sunday: 12:00 noon – 4:00 p.m.

Artists who would like to enter their original art work can obtain entry forms as follows: at the church office during weekday office hours or by calling 724-327-4230; from the church website <http://www.CalvaryLCMS.org>; or by calling Sue Kemper at 724-327-4230. The pre-registration deadline is Friday, April 12



UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

ASCENSION LUTHERAN

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Ascension Lutheran, 8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, 412-364-4463, has two special events in April:

April 15, 2024, 4:00 to 7:00 pm, FREE Spaghetti Dinner Drive Through, Meal includes Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Rolls & Butter, and dessert. All are welcome.

April 22, 2024, 6:30 to 8:30, Speaker Series: Children and Technology, presented by Kent Rogers, LPT, of Christian Counseling Associates will speak on the psychological aspects and Reverend Adam Thompson, Pastor of Ascension, will speak on the theological aspects. It will be held in Fellowship Hall (enter at rear of church.)



Spaghetti Dinner



PITTSBURGH LUTHERAN CHORUS resumes weekly rehearsals at Zion, 237-37th St., Lawrenceville each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in preparation for the Stations of the Resurrection presentation in April. All are welcome to join. Parking is available at the Lower Lot. All you need is a love of music. Perhaps your congregation is interested in hosting a concert. At this time, all Saturdays and Sundays in April are open. Please contact Shirley Freyer at 412/480-9933 or e-mail sfreyer@concordialm.org to reserve a date.



Grief Support Group

Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH), a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, will host a free grief support group for adults on Wednesdays from March 13 through May 1 at the Concordia at Cabot Haven II, 2nd floor classroom, Entrance 5, 148 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023.

This free grief support group will be led by GSH Bereavement Coordinator Marcia Jones-Washington and will provide an opportunity to share with others who have also experienced the death of someone close to them.

Many people find that learning more about grief, connecting with others and listening to other people's stories helps them feel comforted on their grief journey.

Registration is required by Wednesday, March 6, for the support group.

For more information or to sign up, call Brittany Foy at 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4428.



Good Samaritan Hospice Virtual Support Group

Good Samaritan Hospice will host a Virtual Support Group for adults who have experienced a loss. The group will meet from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. every Friday from April 5 to May 10 and provide participants the ability to share with others who have also experienced the loss of someone close to them. These small, informal groups normally have about 4 to 7 people in each session. Many people find it helpful to listen to each other's stories, discovering that none of us is as alone as we might think we are.

Attendees will need to register before the group to receive a link to join. For more information or to register, call Brittany Foy at 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4428, by March 28.



Good Samaritan Hospice Memorial Services

Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH), a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, will hold a memorial service at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 21, at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 60 Rochester Rd., Freedom, PA 15042 and on Sunday, April 28, at St. Luke Lutheran Church, 330 Hannahstown Road, Cabot, PA 16023.

These memorial services are open to all who are dealing with grief, even if they do not have a loved one in GSH care. Registration is recommended.

To register, call 1-800-720-2557. Learn more about Good Samaritan Hospice by visiting www.Good-SamaritanHospice.org.



Concordia Fishing Derby 2024

Concordia will host a free fishing derby for kids ages 14 and under from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 18, at Saxony Farm Estate, located at Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg, PA 16056.

A fishing license is not needed for kids under 16, but all children will require a chaperone.

Concordia will provide bait, and prizes will be awarded throughout the day. A limited number of fishing poles will be available for kids to borrow, but participants are encouraged to bring their own if they have one. Free hot dogs and refreshments will be available. Bring lawn chairs or blankets as well, if possible. Registration is preferred. For more information or to register by phone, call Concordia Public Relations at 724-352-8268.



Concordia Open House Event

The Concordia Haven Retirement Living Apartments will host open house events featuring educational seminars at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 4 in the Haven I. The Concordia Haven Retirement Living Apartments will host open house events featuring dining room at 112 Marwood Rd., Cabot, PA 16023, Entrance 2A. Each event will start with a brief educational seminar, titled “Smart Questions to Ask: What Other Retirement Communities Won’t Tell You.” Attendees can enjoy complimentary hors d’oeuvres and happy hour, tours and learn more about the Concordia Haven worry-free lifestyle.

Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is preferred. Call Admissions Counselor Peggy Trettel at 724-352-5378 (or email at PTrettel@concordialm.org.)



Searching for the Best Place to Retire?

Let us help you get started!

Concordia Haven Retirement Apartments Seminar and Open House

Wednesday, April 3 and Thursday, April 4

Concordia

www.ConcordiaHaven.org
112 Marwood Road • Entrance 2A • Cabot, PA 16023 • 724-352-5378

Smart Questions to Ask: What Other Retirement Communities Won’t Tell You

Concordia Haven Retirement Apartments Seminar and Open House
Wednesday, April 3 & Thursday, April 4 at 2 p.m.

Whether you’ve just started looking for a retirement living community or have been researching for months, Concordia’s experts can help you narrow your search and learn what questions to ask.

Join us for an informational seminar and discover more about different types of retirement communities, what is included in their fees, how to evaluate their financial stability and more.

Enjoy hors d’oeuvres, drinks and tours – registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Please call Admissions Counselor Peggy Trettel at 724-352-5378 to RSVP. Can’t make the date? Call to schedule your personal tour. Learn more at www.ConcordiaHaven.org.

Concordia Open House Event

Concordia of the South Hills will host open house from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. April 14 and 15 on its campus, 1300 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243. Concordia offers the best in quality, security, and value, and we'll explain how we set ourselves apart in a brief information session, followed by tours and delicious appetizers and refreshments.

Registration is preferred for these events, but walk-ins will be accepted. Register by calling Director of Marketing Christie Wahlen at 412-294-1351.



Concordia of the South Hills: Discover Why We're the Best of the Best!

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BEST OF THE
FIRST PLACE
Observer-Reporter
Tribune Review
Newsweek
U.S. News & World Report

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Concordia of the South Hills was recently recognized as a top community by four agencies:

- “Best of the Best” Retirement Community: Observer-Reporter
- “Best of the Best” Retirement Community: Tribune Review
- America’s Best Continuing Care Retirement Communities: Newsweek
- Best Short-Term Rehab Facilities: U.S. News & World Report



Join us at our open houses to learn about these awards and the security/peace of mind our community provides!

The Concordia Difference

While there are many retirement communities to choose from in Pittsburgh, few offer the quality, security and incredible value that is found at Concordia. With so many of life's hassles simplified and additional help available if needed, our residents enjoy a worry-free lifestyle that takes a lot of weight off their shoulders. We invite you to compare us to other communities – then come discover the difference Concordia could make in your life.



Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 18, 2024

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Saxony Farm Lake

Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg



No entry fee

Open to all kids 14 and under

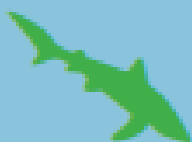
Free refreshments

Bait provided by Concordia

Prizes all day

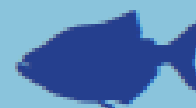
Participants must have an adult chaperone

Bring your own fishing pole and lawn chair



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Call Concordia Public Relations for more information at 724-352-1571, ext. 8268. Register by scanning the QR code or by visiting the Events section of the Concordia website:
www.concordialm.org/events/concordia-fishing-derby-2024/



Stations of The Resurrection Schedule

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

LUND CARE CENTER @ 2 P.M.

OERTEL CARE CENTER @ 3:30 P.M.

134 MARWOOD ROAD ~ CABOT 16023

SUNDAY, APRIL 7 – 2:30 P.M.

CONCORDIA OF THE SOUTH HILLS HARMONY ROOM

1300 BOWER HILL ROAD ~ MT. LEBANON 15243

SATURDAY, APRIL 20 – 2 P.M

CONCORDIA AT RIDGEWOOD PLACE

1460 RENTON ROAD ~ PLUM BORO 15239

SUNDAY, APRIL 21

CONCORDIA AT REBECCA RESIDENCE CHAPEL

3746 CEDAR RIDGE RD ~ALLISON PARK 15101 @ 2:30 P.M.

HIGHPOINTE AT REBECCA CHAPEL

1871 HIGHPOINTE LANE ~ ALLISON PARK 15101 @ 4 P.M.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

CONCORDIA OF MONROEVILLE

4346 NORTHERN PIKE ~ MONROEVILLE 15146 @ 2:30 P.M.

Adult Grief Support Group

A Grief Support Group hosted by Good Samaritan Hospice

**Every Wednesday from
March 13 through May 1**

2 - 3:30 p.m.

Concordia at Cabot, Haven II Classroom

Entrance 5, 148 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 18023

This free grief support group will be led by GSH Bereavement Coordinator Marcia Jones-Washington and will provide an opportunity to share with others who have also experienced the death of someone close to them. Many people find that learning more about grief, connecting with others and listening to other people's stories helps them feel comforted on their grief journey.

Registration is required by Wednesday, March 6, for the support group. For more information or to sign up, call Brittany Foy at 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4428.



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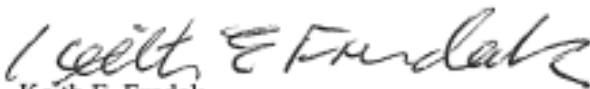
To Whom It May Concern:

It is the policy of **Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care**, which includes the facilities of Concordia Home in Cabot, Concordia at Ridgewood Place, Concordia at the Orchard, Concordia Physician Practice and Harmony Physical Rehabilitation, to promote equal opportunity and non-discrimination. In compliance with the provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1975, the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act of 1995, the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993, Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (2010), and all requirements imposed thereto, to the end that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, handicap or disability, creed, ancestry, sex, religion, or age, be excluded from participation or discriminated in the provision of any care or services.

Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care is an equal opportunity employer and will continue to comply with all state and federal laws prohibiting discrimination in employment. The non-discrimination policies of Concordia Lutheran Health and Human Care apply to all patients, residents, applicants, and employees at all its facilities and locations.

Please file this notice with your records.

Sincerely,



Keith E. Frndak
President & CEO