



Four Concordia Residents Turn 100

Concordia of Cabot skilled nursing resident Mary Wilhelm Fallon celebrated her 100th birthday on July 5; Concordia of Monroeville skilled nursing resident Eleanor “Lee” Baker on June 25; Concordia at Cabot personal care resident Paul Panach on June 12 and Concordia of Franklin Park personal care resident Anne Krayniak Bucceri on June 6.

Before coming to Concordia last year, Mary resided in Brackenridge, PA. She and her late husband Raymond were blessed with three children – Patti DeWitt of Natrona Heights, Raymond who resides in Punxsutawney and Robert from Brackenridge. The couple also had four grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Mary, who worked as an office manager, is always putting others before her. Besides having a great sense of humor, Mary enjoys sewing and dancing in her free time. Mary’s secret to living to 100 is to just eat healthy and that includes a lot of chocolate!



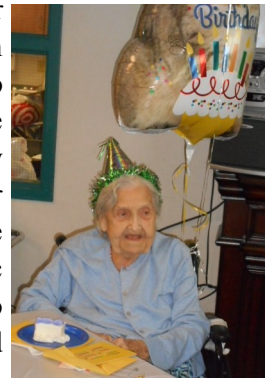
Born at home in Natrona Heights one of six children, Paul remained there until he moved to Concordia just last month. He and his wife Dorothy were married on September 7, 1948 and had four children – David, Keith and Kevin Panach and Jane Jones. He has seven grandchildren and two great-grandsons.



Paul was a staff sergeant in the U.S. When he returned home he worked in the stamping department and the furnaces at Allegheny Ludlum Steel in Natrona. Paul was also a carpenter and built his own house.

Well-known for his rose bush garden, Paul also loved to golf. Paul’s secret for living 100 years; “Don’t drink, don’t smoke and eat his favorite golden delicious apples every day.”

Before coming to Concordia in October of 2015, Eleanor resided on the Northside of Pittsburgh. She and her late husband Ernest did not have any children but were blessed with several nieces and nephews. Eleanor, who likes to be called “Lee” worked in a mirror plant where she fit mirrors. When she was not at work she loved to fish with her husband. Because Eleanor loves animals, especially dogs and cats her family bring their pets to visit for her enjoyment. She even has a collection of ceramic cats. Eleanor’s secret to living to 100 is to just live every day and live a normal life.



Born in Passaic, New Jersey, (only ten miles from New York City), Anne Krayniak Bucceri lived at a retirement home there before moving to Concordia early last year. She married Sam Bucceri on May 18, 1941. They had two children – Linda Danwalder of Evans City and Dennis who resides in Virginia. She has four grandchildren and seven

great-grandchildren.

Anne worked at Botany Woolen Mill where she made yarn and at J.P. Stevens lab testing fabric as well as caring for her mother. She loved to knit and enjoyed crafts and antiques. Anne’s advice after living for a century is “Use your brain, work hard, eat healthy and keep God at the forefront.”

Currently 35 residents in the Concordia family are 100 or more.

Mark your Calendar

August

4. Tri-Parish Event, Bethel, Glenshaw, 5:00 p.m. with a Scavenger Hunt Road Rally and Ice Cream Social at 7:00 p.m.
5. Mt. Calvary's annual picnic, Wall Park, church service beginning at 11:00 a.m., followed by the picnic.
6. Nar-Anon meeting, Bethel, Glenshaw, each Monday at 7:00 p.m.
6. Good Samaritan Hospice Grief Session, at Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park in the Bistro, 7:00 to 8:15pm.
- 6-10. VBS, St. John's Lutheran Church, Morrisdale
- 6-10. Summer Camp, Redeemer Lutheran School, Penn Hills Campus
12. "Benny Benack Jr. Quartet" Haven 2 Patio at Haven Apartments, Cabot, 6 p.m.
13. Good Samaritan Hospice Grief Session, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 15101 in the Bistro, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.
- 13-17. Vacation Bible School Mt. Calvary, Westview, the week of August 13 – 17.
15. Open House, Concordia of South Hills, 1300 Bower Hill Road, Mt. Lebanon, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
16. Concordia 18th Annual Dog Show, Lund Care Center backyard, 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot, 6:30 p.m.
18. "The Pittsburgh Banjo Club" Highpointe at Rebecca, 1871 Highpointe Lane, Allison Park, 6:30 p.m.

September

8. Pittsburgh Zone LWML Board Meeting, Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills, 10:00 a.m.
11. "Johnny Angel Trio" Concordia Haven 1 Dining Room, 112 Marwood Road in Cabot, 7:00 p.m.

October

13. Pittsburgh Zone LWML Rally, Prince of Peace, Freedom, 10:00 a.m. registration
Speaker is Rev. Alex Knowles, Camp Pioneer

PALM Mission Spotlight: Scattering seed, while the SON shines!

by Pr. Bob McCannless, PALM Mission Chairman

By now your congregation has received, and completed, their PALM Mission grant application for 2018 - 2019. We'll be reviewing those applications shortly and making decisions to help these local "seeding" projects get off the ground.

Speaking of which, there is an old Irish saying which I've modified for this column - "Make hay while the sun shines." It refers to the farmer's practice of bailing the silage when it's sunny and dry because those giant hay bales you see in the fields weigh upwards of a ton when dry. They weigh even MORE, when wet - and are harder to gather and move. Proverbs 10:5 provides similar instruction; "He that gathereth in summer is a wise son: but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame (KJV)."

At the end of April, I explored the Rt.228 corridor between Cranberry and Mars as a site for a potential mission-start. Our 2nd Annual Hazelwood Community Day is scheduled for August 11, and as we work to bring the Gospel of Christ to our neighbors there, we pray this will eventually sprout as a mission-start. And we keep looking in every corner of PALM for such mission opportunities, even as we bid farewell to Pentecost - Avella, after many decades of faithful ministry in that community.

Pentecost is now the ninth Lutheran Church to close in my almost sixteen years in Pittsburgh. And our last mission-start to catch on was Ascension - McCandless in 1969.

Brothers and sisters in Christ; the SON... IS shining. It's time to scatter seed. We know WHERE the mission opportunities are; we know where our congregations, AIN'T. Seed scattering is not rocket science. And we absolutely know how to NOT make crops grow. We leave the seed in the bag, or we leave it in the bucket. That is a 100% guaranteed, fool-proof, sure-fire way to NOT spread the Gospel.

And we know 3/4th's of the seed we scatter won't grow. Because some will fall along the path and get eaten by the birds. Some will fall on rocky soil, spring up quickly, but wither away. And some will fall in the thickets and get choked out and NEVER grow. But the seed that falls on GOOD soil? "23 ...the one who received the seed that fell on good soil, is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown" - Matthew 13:23.

It is not up to us to "make" the soil good, "make" the rains fall, "make" the sun shine, or even to "make" the size of the yield. The Holy Spirit does the HARD part. We're just in the seed-scattering business... while the SON, shines.

Mission NEVER takes a vacation. PALM is scattering seed and we pray that you are too so that western PA and MD have a rich harvest in God's kingdom for many years to come.

Devotion

by Rev'd Brian Westgate

“We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of Thy Temple. According to Thy Name, O God, so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth; Thy right hand is full of righteousness.” – Psalm 48:9-10

It's summertime. We are enjoying our summer vacations. We're working on our homes, getting used to new babies, playing and watching games and sports, and just generally taking it easy. Soon though we'll be gearing up for the start of a new school year and utter busyness will return to the fore.

Into this world of taking it both slow and fast breaks in the Sons of Korah with their great Psalm. We hear these words twice a year: On February 2, the day the Church remembers our Lord's Presentation in the Temple on His 40th day, and on Trinity VIII. The Church wants to remind us to get our priorities straight. Our priorities are only straight when we make time for God in our lives every day, every week, every month, every year.

God is our Creator. He's our Savior. He's our Sanctifier (He makes us holy). There's nothing more important than life after death, because that's forever. Get ready for it. Use the time God gives you in this life to do it. Recognize your sinful condition. Ponder what our Lord did for you. Ponder His Death and Resurrection. Do it each Sunday at church. Do it each day at home. Everything else that's less important (work, sports, games, etc.) will then find their proper place, not as our gods but as our servants.



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Mileposters News

The first Mileposters fundraising campaign of the 2018 season is for continuing support to the efforts of LCMS Disaster Response in Puerto Rico. So far there have been rides of 30 miles and 40 miles. The goal is to ride over 200 miles total. Nearly a year since the devastation of Hurricane Maria, the worst natural disaster in their history, many people have stopped being supportive of each other. "We'll never be normal again," one resident said. "Maria really clobbered us. For better or for worse, we've all changed."

Puerto Rico became a special place to the Mileposters after a 2015 ride in Ohio with Pastor Dave Woolsey and his family; Pastor Woolsey's wife is Puerto Rican. So, one of last year's campaigns was to send more aid to the ruined island. The LCMS has opened two "mercy centers", Casa de Amparo y Respuesta a Desastre (House of Refuge and Disaster Response) near Lutheran congregations, which can offer spiritual help as well. They are providing food, water and other supplies, including baby items. The overall goal is to send \$1 million in aid over the next four years.

Also planned are rides to continue long-time Mileposters support of Campus Ministry at First



Trinity Lutheran Church in Oakland.

One new adult captain has qualified so far this season. The second and third candidates did very well on their first training rides. Meanwhile, two candidates for youth captain have been training: a boy and a girl. The girl is pictured with one of our 20-inch tandems at Milepost 25 on the Yough Trail on June 15. The two boys on the ride, both named Gabe, especially enjoyed the popular hand pump there at Dravo Landing, also pictured.



LWML – 2018 EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION

Claire Carlson, Public Relations Director, LWML Eastern District

President Kathy Pavelock opened the 37th Biennial Convention of the Eastern District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) on Friday, June 1, 2018. There were 169 delegates and guests gathered June 1 – 3, 2018 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Niagara Falls, New York, under the theme "The Voice of the Lord", Enlightening, Electrifying and Empowering. "The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders, the Lord, upon many waters. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty." Psalms 29:3-4

Delegates voted to fund 7 projects for a total of \$27,900. Projects to be funded included:

1. Grant F – \$5,000 Funding for a Summer Day Camp – Pioneer Camp & Retreat Center, Angola, NY
2. Grant B – \$5,000 Funding for Care-A-Van Ministries, Batavia, NY, to further the SeniorCitizen community ministry
3. Grant C – \$3,000 Funding for Medical Supplies for Mercy House, Vestal, NY, for medical supplies
4. Grant G – \$5,000 Funding for the purchase and installation of video equipment to enable Live-Streaming of sermons in sign language from an LCMS pastor to two deaf congregations located in Pittsburgh, PA
5. Grant K – \$5,000 Funding to provide perishable food items to seminary students and their families, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN
6. Grant A – \$2,450 Funding for the Lunchbox Summer Program in Hop Bottom, PA
7. Grant D – \$2,450 Funding to purchase Bibles for distribution in Nepal and China through Sowers Ministry, Tonawanda, NY

Grants 6 and 7 received a tie vote. The \$4,900 amount will be split evenly between the two grants and they will be paid at the same time when funds are available. Delegates also elected the following officers to four-year terms:

President: Susan Bell, Philadelphia Zone

Vice President Christian Life/ Special Focus: Linda Bright, Pittsburgh Zone

Vice President Gospel Outreach/Organizational Resources: Sharon McGuan, Buffalo Zone

Treasurer: Beth Scholl, Central New York North Zone

Pastoral Counselor: Rev. John Zimmerman, Anthracite Zone 2

LWML – 2018 EASTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION (con't)

They will serve with previously elected and/or appointed officers of the Executive Committee: Vice President of Communication, Beth Quinn; Financial Secretary, Judy Morrison; and Pastoral Counselor, Rev. Sean Walters. Rev. Dr. John Sound, past LWML Eastern District Pastoral Counselor addressed the body as Keynote Speaker. Patti Ross, LWML President shared greetings. Jan Struck served as Humorous Interrupter.

Another convention highlight included our “Gifts from the Heart” Ingathering Project for Heart, Love & Soul, a non-profit organization dedicated to feeding those in need: body, mind and soul in Niagara Falls. There were 2,696 items and \$680 were collected for this worthy cause. Saturday afternoon enrichment sessions were conducted along with a Pastors’ Event. Servant events participants made encouragement cards for seminarians, cut coupons for deployed military families and had an on-site event at Heart, Love & Soul. Entertainment for the Saturday evening banquet was provided by Comedian Dan Viola from Rochester, New York.

A Mite Walk was held along the walk by the Niagara River with 36 participants. They collected over \$2000 for Mites. Three offerings were collected at convention. The first offering was \$1,272.09 which was collected for the LWML Eastern District 2018-2020 Mission Goal. The second offering was \$944.25 which was collected for Rev. Arthur Zogar’s Liberian Mission. The third offering will be for Grace Lutheran Church, Vestal, NY to help with expenses to furnish their building following the 2016 fire. The amount will be listed in the next issue of the LINK.

Rev. Sean Walters conducted the Bible Study on Saturday morning and Rev. Kristian Bjornstad conducted the Bible Study Sunday morning.

The next LWML Eastern District Convention will be held in June 2020 in Central New York and will be hosted by the Genesee and Central New York North Zones. The next national LWML Convention will be held June 20-23, 2019, in Mobile, Alabama. The theme is "In Praise to the LORD" based on “Sing to the Lord, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations.” 1 Chronicles 16:23–24a

Down Memory Lane

by Augusta R Mennell, Campus Ministry Director
All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center

This summer Chulsoon, a Korean alumnus of Slippery Rock University brought his wife, daughter, and son to see where he had gone to college and to see the Lutheran Student Center he had often visited. He thought it was going to be a trip down memory lane, but I believe that God intended it to be an opportunity for him to once again hear the Gospel that he had heard for several years, during our many discussions.

Soon after coming into the All Saints building, Chulsoon and his wife asked if I would like to hear their children sing a song in Korean that they had memorized in church. The children sang beautifully and were very proud of their music, which sounded like a Psalm. It was very evident that Chulsoon’s wife and his children are Christians.



Chulsoon described his life. He owns a successful school, which teaches English to Korean children. It even prepares college-age students to come to study in America. Chulsoon said he works at the school seven days a week. He is pleased to be so successful, but he intimated that he is tired of doing the same old work day in and day out. He claimed that he did not have time for church.

Out of the blue Chulsoon’s wife stated matter-of-factly that “He is not a Christian.” I saw tears come into her eyes as she said this. Her words shook me and shocked me. I thought Chulsoon would be angry with her for being so outspoken. Her statement was very blunt. Amazingly, he admitted that he was not a Christian. He said that he does not believe because there are “too many hypocrites in the church.” He added that too many people in his wife’s church try too much to pressure him into coming to worship.

So here we were, right back where we began when Chulsoon was a student, eight to ten years ago. Once more we talked about faith. This visit for Chulsoon was turning out to be more than a trip down memory lane. For us, it was another opportunity to share God’s love with Chulsoon, who did listen willingly. We suggested to him that Christians realize that we all are hypocrites, all of us, and that is why we go to church: to receive God’s gift of forgiveness. We again talked about mistakes we Christians make when we try to evangelize our friends and neighbors. We suggested that we need to invite others to church in a loving way, not with a hectoring manner. Attempting to strong-arm a person into belief in Jesus never works.



Down Memory Lane (con't)

Perhaps Chulsoon could tell his wife's fellow believers that.

The visit with Chulsoon and his family ended on a good note. They left feeling cared about no matter what happens next. All Saints will pray that the Holy Spirit will help Chulsoon to open his heart to God. We said goodbye with tears on our faces, not knowing when we will ever meet again, but believing that seeds of friendship and faith have been planted. It was more than a walk down memory lane, it was a gift from the Lord to Chulsoon and his family.

Our goal for the coming school year remains the same as ever. We will open our hearts and church to all the Chulsoons who come to the Lutheran Student Center. We feel it is a privilege to share the Gospel with students. Please pray for our work here.

ASCENSION LUTHERAN

McCandless

On June 10, 2018 a Whole Life Fair was held at Ascension Lutheran Church. This was a follow-up event to the 8-week Whole Life Stewardship program that was held during Lent. At this fair, booths were set up by the various committees and organizations within the church. Prior to the fair, members of the congregation completed a spiritual gifts "test." At the fair, the members were given information about their spiritual gifts and how to become involved in committees and organizations that matched their spiritual gifts.

The Ascension Community Fellowship Luncheon is a free luncheon that is held on the second Monday every month and is open to all as a time for food and fellowship. The next luncheon will be on Monday, August 13 at 11:30 AM at Ascension Lutheran Church (8225 Peebles Road) in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 11:30 AM. Lunch is served at Noon. Please join us and feel free to bring friends. There is always plenty of delicious food! If you have any questions, you may contact Barbara in the church office at 412-364-4463.

BETHEL LUTHERAN

Glenshaw

Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church will be holding a Tri-Parish Event with Zion Lutheran and St. John's Lutheran in Millvale on SATURDAY, AUGUST 4 beginning at 5:00 p.m. with a Scavenger Hunt Road Rally and Ice Cream Social at 7:00 p.m. Bring your family and friends. All are invited. There is no cost to come and have some fun.

CHRIST LUTHERAN

Forest Hills

It has been an eventful time at Christ Lutheran this summer. Here are some pictures and descriptions of what we have been doing.

Pastor Bright looks on as head trustee Frank Elaschat opens the time capsule from 1934 from the original Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Forest Hills on Atlantic Avenue. The items are on display at the church. Charter members' names, The Bible, the Lutheran Witness, and Luther's Small Catechism are among the items found.



Christ Lutheran's Thrivent Action Team was busy on one of the hottest days in June with the beautification of the outside of the church. There are a few people who were too camera shy for a picture. The team was also rewarded with a delicious lunch in addition to the lovely grounds they spruced up.



VBS at Christ Lutheran was at Splash Canyon. The kids had a great time as was evidenced with perfect attendance. Thanks to Gloria Stern and her fine committee for all of their work in adding to the spiritual growth of these children.



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

On July 4, prior to the Brentwood 4th of July Parade, Concordia members handed out free bottles of water to runners in the Brentwood Firecracker 5K Run. Almost 500 bottles of water were given out this year. We ran out about halfway through the parade.



Information fliers about the congregation were also prepared and distributed, and many visitors to our tent inquired about our congregation. A great time of fellowship was had by our members as we served our neighbors this holiday.

Congratulations to Novaleigh Blackburn and her parents, Matt and Paige, who will be baptized into the family of God on August 12.

We will return to "Ordinary time" (10:30 a.m. Divines Service), on Sunday, September 9.



GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN

State College

Good Shepherd Lutheran, State College, hosted twenty people from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League societies at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and St. John Lutheran Church, Munson, PA. They gathered at Good Shepherd on Saturday, July 7, and held the Prayer Service entitled "Living as God's People" from the national LWML website. It very effectively explained the 1 Peter 2: 9-12 text which describes the privilege and responsibility we have as members of God's kingdom. We should constantly be aware of the opportunities to witness Jesus' redemption love with the "various identities we have" to ALL people.

The offering taken and designated for the Eastern District "Disaster Relief Fund" totaled \$120. A delicious luncheon, and opportunity to fellowship with one another, was held afterwards and enjoyed by all. An informative array of LWML items were on display, as well as, a "hand out" page giving the description, purpose, goals and resources available from the LWML headquarters in St. Louis, MO.

St. John's Lutheran, Morrisdale, will hold its annual Vacation Bible School on August 6 – 10. We will be taking the children on a journey through "Splash Canyon."

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

West View

Mt. Calvary in West View hosted its second "Free Market/Flea Market" at the church in June. Members helped to clean out the church, as well as their homes, to donate items for the market. The purpose was that people could come and take whatever they wanted at no charge, but donations were welcomed and will be used for renovations and repairs to the kitchen/fellowship hall. In the weeks leading up to the market, members of the Tuesday night Outreach group cleaned out the church (kitchen, bookcases, cupboards, etc.), sorted the items that had been donated and set them up on tables. A total of nearly \$400 was collected on market day. All leftover items were gathered up and donated to veterans. Mt. Calvary would like to make this an annual event.



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN (con't)

West View

In May, the church celebrated Pastor Scott Kuntz's 50th birthday with an (almost) surprise party for family and members of the congregation at the church. Pastor Kuntz's wife, Nicole, planned a theme party based on many of his favorite things, including the Boston Red Sox/baseball, Penn State, Batman, and Monopoly, and featuring appropriate food: clam chowder, hot dogs, Cracker-jack, peanuts, chicken & veggies (Penn State is an agriculture school), etc. Nicole also sent out approximately 250 emails to LCMS churches across the country, hoping to receive a birthday card for him from all 50 states. The numbers fell a bit short with 44, but that did not diminish the fun of the celebration.



Looking ahead, Mt. Calvary's annual picnic will be at Wall Park, Sunday, August 5, with church service beginning at 11 a.m., followed by the picnic. Mt. Calvary is also preparing for Vacation Bible School the week of August 13 – 17. This year's theme is "Splash Canyon." For more information, please contact VBS leader Georgeanne Paprocki at ganne97@aol.com or call 412-996-2921.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

Oakmont

The beginning of July brought much joy to the saints at Redeemer Oakmont. Connor and Linda Hagey and Pastor and Bethanie Westgate BOTH had babies born within 24 hours of each other. Judah Hagey was born on June 25, and Margaret Westgate was born on June 26. Margaret was baptized on Sunday, July 1, and Judah was baptized Sunday, July 8.



REDEEMER LUTHERAN (con't)

Oakmont

Sunday, July 1, was also Confirmation Day for four youth Catechumens. Confirmands were Autumn Sprouse, Wendy Moore, and Hannah and Lucas Pugliese. May our Redeemer richly bless and keep them, both the newly baptized and the newly confirmed, in the Faith unto life everlasting.



Redeemer rejoiced on Thursday, July 12, to see again Rev.

Dr. Edward Naumann (assistant pastor 2013-15), his wife Monica, sons Martin, William, Robert, and Charles, and to meet Emily who was born in Sri Lanka (and another boy is on the way). He told us about his work as a missionary/theological educator in Sri Lanka during these past two years. He has done many things, including opening a pre-



seminary course, teaching evangelists/vicars to prepare them for ordination, providing continuing education for pastors in Sri Lanka, starting a Lutheran publishing house, reconstituting the Lutheran church in Sri Lanka (Lanka Lutheran Church replaced by Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran



Church), renovating a church building, and more! They will be here in the U.S. for a little more than a month before returning to Sri Lanka (Ceylon).

Air conditioning was installed in Redeemer's sanctuary in July. Summer hours (8:30 Sunday School/Bible Class, 9:45 worship) continue in effect through August. Regular times (9:45 Sunday School/Bible Class, 10:45 worship) will return in September.

ZION LUTHERAN

Bridgeville

The Youth group is off to a great start with its fundraising efforts for the upcoming 2019 Youth Gathering. They still need your help in raising funds. The Youth Group held a Car Wash / Bake Sale on Saturday July 28, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Our second Book Club meeting was held on July 10. We discussed *A Mother's Search for Meaning* by Roberta Bandy. Our third Book Club meeting will be August 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the parsonage. We have chosen a fun summer book called *House of Living Stones* by Katie Schuermann.

Just a reminder to save the Box Tops from your favorite grocery products. We collect Box Tops to support Redeemer Lutheran School — Pittsburgh's only Preschool through 12th grade Lutheran school, located in Oakmont/Penn Hills. You will find a collection box in the hallway outside of Zion's Fellowship Hall.

MONETARY DONATIONS are being collected for one of our life-long members, Lillian DallaPiazza, who lost almost everything in the flooding that occurred had a few weeks ago in Bridgeville. Please consider donating to help replace items such as a washer and dryer, refrigerator, furniture, etc. A collection box is in the narthex for donations.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Oakmont/Penn Hills

The 2017-2018 school year has come to a close at Redeemer! It was a wonderful year full of blessings and memorable experiences, and the final weeks of the year were no exception.

On Friday, May 18, RLS held the annual Wine Tasting Event at Steel City Rowing Club in Verona. Attendees sampled wines and microbrews from around the country while enjoying delicious hors d'oeuvres to the musical backdrop provided by Mrs. Jean Snyder. Art pieces created by RLS students and friends were also available to browse and purchase. Proceeds from the event supported RLS's Performing Arts programs. Thank you to Eureka VanWyk for organizing and directing a wonderful evening!

The following Friday, May 25, was Track & Field Day. K-2nd grade held their events at RLS, while 3rd-8th grade attended the annual joint Track and Field Day with St. Luke Lutheran School at Oliver High School in Pittsburgh. High school students helped with the events at both locations. Parents were able to attend and cheer on the students as they competed in a variety of events. Thank you to the Redeemer and St. Luke staffs for continuing to arrange this day!

That evening RLHS students attended their annual Prom at the Green Oaks Country Club in Rosedale. The evening's theme was "Outer Space." The entire event was planned and organized by Student Council, with Mr. & Mrs. Driscoll and Mrs. Podeszwa chaperoning.



RLHS seniors Lizzy Schinkel and Sam Wilshire enjoying Prom at Green Oaks Country Club

The next morning, some high school students still sleepy from the previous day's events had to wipe the "cobwebs" from their eyes and prepare to sing and dance! On Saturday, May 26, Redeemer musical students headed to the Benedum Center downtown to participate in the Gene Kelly Awards. The Gene Kelly Awards recognize talent and effort in high school musical theater in the Pittsburgh area. Redeemer won awards for Beauty and the Beast in three of their four nominated categories: Best Scenic Design, Best Costume Design, and Best Musical! It was a wonderful evening and a truly unforgettable experience for all involved. We are thankful to Mrs. Dalbo and all parents and students that worked so tirelessly and diligently on this musical. All glory and praise to God, the Creator of music!



REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

(con't)

On Memorial Day, May 28, RLS participated in the Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade, with members of the athletic, robotics, and musical teams marching to represent the school. Thank you to the VanWyk family and Mrs. Schumacher for organizing the school's participation!



RLS participates in the Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade

RLS collected \$240.80 in chapel offerings during May-June. This was contributed to Lutheran Heritage Foundation's "Continuing What Luther Began," a project dedicated to providing catechisms and Bibles for children around the world.

On Thursday, May 31, Redeemer Lutheran High School held its Baccalaureate service for the graduates. The service was held in the Church; Pastor Eric Andr e from First Trinity preached. Then on Saturday, June 2, RLHS was proud to hold its fourth graduation ceremony. We were thankful to the Lord in His providence for once again holding off the rain and allowing the event to take place outside! Twelve students received their diplomas this year. Co-valedictorians Megan McKenzie and Lizzy Schinkel were recognized. Dr. Jennifer Lewis, an internist at Allegheny Health Network and a member of the Concordia Lutheran Ministries Board of Directors, gave the commencement address. The ceremony was followed by a brief reception in the gymnasium. Congratulations to our twelve graduates! May you continue to seek the Lord's guidance as you plan your next steps.



The Redeemer Lutheran High School Graduating Class of 2018

As the school year ends, RLS faculty and staff are working on summer camp organization and looking ahead to plan for next school year. Please keep the school administration in prayer as they seek the Lord's guidance and wisdom.

Upcoming Events:

- Summer Camp, RLS Penn Hills Campus, June 25-August 10
- Oakmont Sidewalk Sale, Saturday, July 28, 10am-4pm; stop by the Redeemer table and say hello!
- Penn Hills Summerfest, Turner Friendship Park, Saturday, August 4, 3-9pm; games, food, music, fireworks to follow; stop by the RLS table and say hello!
- Wednesday, August 22: 1st day of school for the 2018-2019 school year

Summer Concert Series at Cabot Haven Apartments Offers Free Entertainment

The second of four summer concerts at Concordia Haven Apartments community will feature “Benny Benack Jr. Quartet” on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. The concert will be held on the Haven 2 Patio at Haven Apartments, 148 Marwood Road in Cabot, weather permitting.

The son of “the King of Dixieland,” Benny Benack Jr. continues the family musical tradition playing trumpet, clarinet, and saxophone. As a dual-threat in music he has quickly established himself as one of the most versatile artists today. His father’s name was synonymous with the best in jazz, swing, big band, and Dixieland.

Guests will have the opportunity to attend concerts at no charge. Tours of our campus will be available upon request. Attendees will meet our residents and have the chance to talk with them about the worry-free lifestyle at Concordia Havens. Parking is free and convenient to the Haven 2. Walk-ins are welcome - but registration is appreciated. To reserve your seat, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8518 or e-mail lturmer@concordialm.org.

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

Open House Scheduled at Concordia of the South Hills

The public is invited to learn more about why Concordia is the best retirement value in the area on Wednesday, August 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at an Open House on our South Hills campus located at 1300 Bower Hill Road in Mt. Lebanon near St. Clair Hospital.

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

Concordia Hosts 18th Annual Dog Show

Concordia at Cabot Lund Care Center Activities Department will host its 18th Annual Dog Show on Thursday, Aug. 16 at 6:30 p.m. in the Lund Care Center backyard, 134 Marwood Rd., Cabot.

“Dog Days of Summer” is free and open to the public and will feature a number of Concordia employee, resident and family-owned canines competing in Best Performer, Best Groomed, Most Obedient and Most Friendly categories. Several residents serve as judges for the event.

Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs, as seating is limited. To get involved or receive more information, call the Concordia at Cabot Activities Department at 724-352-1571, ext. 8302 or 8241. To keep up with what’s happening at Concordia, visit the Events & News page at www.concordialm.org.

15th Annual CLM Golf Classic Raises More Than \$100K For Charitable Care

More than 170 golfers enjoyed the perfect day at Treesdale Golf & Country Club on Monday, July 9, at the 15th Annual CLM Golf Classic. While actual proceeds are still being tabulated, there is no doubt that we exceeded our net fundraising goal of \$100,000 for the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund which underwrites confidential charitable care for residents and patients who have limited or exhausted financial means. SEI Investments once again served as Signature Sponsor for the event, and Mike Kelly from SEI was on hand as a guest of honor. Our winning team was the foursome from Physician’s Mobile X-Ray.

Thanks to all of our sponsors and supporters. The event would not have been such a success without you!

Finally, special thanks are due to all members of the Concordia Golf Committee whose efforts helped attract our largest group of sponsors, including 20 new or upgraded sponsors. The Committee has worked hard since January and the impact on the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund was well received!



Concordia's Good Samaritan Hospice Conducts Grief Sharing Sessions

Good Samaritan Hospice, a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries conducts grief support groups for anyone who has suffered loss of a loved one. The weekly meeting will begin Monday evenings for six weeks from July 9 thru August 13, 7:00 to 8:15 P.M at Highpointe at Rebecca 1871 Highpointe Lane, Allison Park, PA 15101 in the Bistro.

For more information and to register contact Nikki Rosswog, Good Samaritan Hospice at 800-720 2557.

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Jefferson Twp., PA – The third of four summer concerts at Concordia Haven Apartments community will feature the “Johnny Angel Trio” on Tuesday, Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m. The concert will be held in the Haven 1 Dining Room, 112 Marwood Road in Cabot.

When you experience an evening with Johnny Angel, you become a part of the Fabulous Fifties, the Soulful Sixties, the Unpredictable Seventies and see tributes to The Blues Brothers, Rock ‘n’ Roll Hall of Famers and so much more. They trace the street corner, a cappella scene, the great dance crazes, the familiar singalong tunes we all remember. Whether you are a dancing fanatic .or only want to sit back and groove, the is one you won’t want to miss.

As our guest, you will have the opportunity to hear not-to-be-missed concerts at no charge. Tours of our beautiful campus will be available before each performance. And you will meet our residents and have the chance to talk with them about the worry-free lifestyle at Concordia Havens.

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

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Harold and Diane Blaisdell

Harold and Diane Blaisdell, two of Highpointe at Rebecca's founding residents, decided to move to Highpointe for one reason in particular: they did not want their kids to have the responsibility of taking care of them or worrying about the difficulties that come with maintaining a large house.

The Blaisdells are very grateful to be living at Highpointe and enjoy their new way of life.

“It is an easy lifestyle; you don’t have to worry about anything,” Diane explained. “The people here are fantastic.” Before moving to Highpointe, the couple lived in Cranberry Township for 20 years. Diane grew up in Plum Borough and worked at Mellon Bank as a secretary for a manufacturing representative. Harold retired from the H.J. Heinz Company after 38 years. He called Green County home for most of his childhood. The Blaisdells have two daughters, Lisa and Beth, and two grandsons, Mike and Bobby.

The couple enjoys participating in the numerous activities that Highpointe offers. Harold spends his free time working in the woodshop putting together cabinets and desks. Diane is chairperson of the hospitality committee, helping new residents move in, introducing them to other residents and answering any questions that they might have.

They chose a large two-bedroom apartment to accommodate the dining room furniture they couldn’t part with in their 13-room house. “We love it here,” said Diane. “What used to take nearly four hours to clean, we can finish in ½ hour. And we have never felt cramped or wished we had more room. It’s perfect.”

The Blaisdells also appreciate the convenience and security of Concordia at Rebecca Residence on the same campus. “If anything were to happen to us, Concordia at Rebecca Residence is right there to take care of us,” Harold said. “It is a good feeling.” Their advice to those thinking about joining the Concordia family: “You will have a much easier lifestyle, with a ton to do and a great staff of people.”

If you are thinking about joining Harold and Diane at Highpointe at Rebecca, we invite you to an upcoming event or for a complimentary lunch and tour of our community. Those interested are encouraged to complete an application before our current discounts expire. To learn more, visit www.HighpointeRebecca.org. To schedule your visit, please call Admissions Counselor and Resident Care Coordinator Julie Spirnock at 724-444-1521 or e-mail RebeccaRetirement@ConcordiaLM.org.

Groundbreaking for Retirement Living Expansion Held at Concordia at Sumner

Concordia at Sumner held a Groundbreaking Ceremony Friday, June 15, at 3:30 p.m. on the 64-acre property at 970 Sumner Parkway in Copley to announce its retirement living expansion.

The addition will be a three-story, 105,000 square foot building adding 65 new retirement living apartments according to CEO, Charlene Kish who called guests to “mark a milestone” in the history of Sumner.

Rev. Charles Lentner, better known on the Sumner campus as “Chaplain Charlie” asked for a blessing on “this family of God.” Keith Frndak, President and CEO of Concordia Lutheran Ministries thanked God that Concordia became “a steward in charge of such an asset and welcomed those who are potential residents to what he called a “lifestyle experience.”

A congratulatory proclamation from Copley Township was read and presented by Bruce Koellner, trustee. On behalf of all the retirement residents at Sumner, President of its Retirement Living Resident Association Judy Lasher said they look forward to welcoming new residents next Spring. She and her husband Ed who moved to our community almost two years ago.

Frndak called on Jerry Karle, the project’s architect and led a toast to turning a new page in Sumner’s history. All on the dais then placed the gold shovels to the ground and Rowena Wilkins, Director of Marketing for Concordia at Sumner invited guests to Expansion Informational and Early Commitment Incentive Sessions on Wednesday, June 20 at 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Construction is scheduled to be completed next spring. Architect R. W. Larson and Associates has designed a state-of-the-art life plan community for seniors age 68 and over. Each of the spacious one, two and two-bedroom corner apartments will feature an open concept floor plan with fully applianced kitchen and laundry room. The first-class amenities are a part of the lifestyle at Concordia at Sumner, which offers amenities such as the Terrace Room restaurant, craft room, fitness center, swimming pool and game room.

“Concordia embraces aging in place and we believe this concept allows our residents to thrive and stay independent longer,” said Concordia Lutheran Ministries President and CEO Keith Frndak who has been working with seniors for almost 35 years.

Those interested in learning more about Concordia’s new retirement living expansion are invited to visit us online at www.concordiaatsumner.org or call Director of Marketing Rowena Wilkins at 330-664-1289.

Concordia Lutheran Ministries acquired Sumner in November of 2012. Currently, Concordia at Sumner provides 79 retirement apartments, 22 retirement villas, 48 skilled nursing suites for long term care and short-term rehabilitation and 44 assisted living suites as well as a full spectrum of rehabilitation services.

Summer Concert Series at Highpointe at Rebecca Offers Free Entertainment

The last in our series of summer concerts at Concordia’s newest retirement community features “The Pittsburgh Banjo Club” on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 6:30 p.m. The concert will be held in the private courtyard adjacent to the community room and the patios and balconies of many of our apartments at Highpointe at Rebecca, 1871 Highpointe Lane, Allison Park, weather permitting. Complete with a waterfall and a fire pit, the location is perfect for a summer evening out.

The Pittsburgh Banjo Club, selected for Best of the ‘Burgh by Pittsburgh Magazine in 2017, plays sing-alongs, banjo solos, music from the 1920s and 30s, polkas and Dixieland with an ensemble of banjos, trumpets, tubas and bass. The group has performed at most venues in the greater Pittsburgh area.

An informational session will be held at 5 p.m. following by tours of our new community. In addition, guests have the opportunity to meet our residents and have the chance to talk with them about the worry-free lifestyle at Highpointe.

Parking is free and convenient to the courtyard.

For more information or to RSVP, call 724-444-1521 or visit us online at www.HighpointeRebecca.org.