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## Holy Cross Lutheran Mission – Hazelwood, Pittsburgh, PA The Mission Continues...

The March and September 2018 issues of *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* reported on the first worship service held by the mission on Ash Wednesday and the second annual Community Day held in August. Now, after eighteen months of mission work, Holy Cross Lutheran Mission is ready to move to the next level of work in the Hazelwood neighborhood of the City of Pittsburgh.



For over a year, a dedicated group of about a dozen people have gathered every Wednesday for Noon Prayers and study of the *Bible* and Luther's *Small Catechism*. We have been privileged, through the generosity of many neighborhood merchants and community organizations, to hold these prayers and studies at Josza's Corner Hungarian Restaurant; the Hazelwood Healthy Active Living Community Center; and our most frequent home, the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, Hazelwood Branch.



This prayer and study group includes members who are deeply connected to the life of the Hazelwood community including the Hazelwood Initiative and the St. Paul's Food and Clothing Bank. A deep love for our Lord Jesus Christ and our neighbors in Hazelwood is to be found in this group and their study of Holy Scripture has served to confirm and establish those sentiments.

Led by Pastors Douglas Spittel and Berton Greenway, the people of Holy Cross Lutheran Mission have been able to maintain a weekly presence gathered in prayer around God's Word in Hazelwood. Reactions from neighbors that we encounter on the streets and at the Community Day are positive and we believe that this neighborhood is favorable for the establishment of a permanent LCMS congregation.

In order to move on to the next steps toward that goal, Holy Cross Lutheran Mission is expecting to receive a Vicar from the seminary to begin more intense work in the neighborhood in July. Through the cooperative efforts of Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries, First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church, and the English District, Holy Cross has developed a plan for a Vicar to spend more time in the neighborhood continuing and increasing the work already underway by Pastors Spittel and Greenway. Since a Vicar is, first, a student, he will be under the supervision Pastor Spittel and spend some time at First Trinity learning the basics of parish pastoral ministry along with exposure to the established campus, blind, deaf, and homeless ministries there. Most of the Vicar's supervised work, however, will take place at Holy Cross. He will spend time meeting more neighbors and inviting them to Bible Studies and prayer services that he will organize. The Vicar will be able to work in the neighborhood at times when the Pastors simply cannot due to their other duties and responsibilities. He will, at the same time, learn the work of an evangelist as well as serve Holy Cross with greater outreach time and presence.

We are thankful that Holy Cross Lutheran Mission is blessed to be supported in this Vicarage effort through the generosity of a network of many donors including The English District – LCMS, Concordia Lutheran Ministries, Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries, the English District Eastern Regional Pastors Conference, the people at Holy Cross Lutheran Mission, local LCMS congregations, and individual donors.

**Holy Cross Lutheran Mission – Hazelwood,  
Pittsburgh, PA  
The Mission Continues...**

Please prayerfully consider joining us in this effort with your prayers, volunteer help with the annual Community Day and other events as the Vicarage develops, and financial donations.

Congregations are encouraged to collect special door offerings or include Holy Cross Lutheran Mission as part of their annual mission budget. Individual donors are encouraged to remember Holy Cross Lutheran Mission with commemorative gifts, thank offerings, or a regular ongoing pledge of support. Tax-deductible donations may be made to "Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries," citing "Holy Cross Mission" in the memo line. By bringing together the significant resources of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in the Pittsburgh region, we can help Holy Cross Lutheran Mission grow and prosper in the proclamation of Jesus Christ to our neighbors in Hazelwood.

Thank you all for your continuing prayers and support for Holy Cross Lutheran Mission.

**DEVOTION**

*by Rev. Brian Westgate*

"He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him; I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him My salvation." – Psalm 91:15-16

These words are the Introit Antiphon for Invocavit, the First Sunday in Lent. On this Sunday we hear the story of our Lord's Temptation in the wilderness. He teaches us how to reject temptation using God's Word. He also forgives us for all the times we fall into temptation.

These words apply to our Lord's Passion. They look ahead to the end of Lent. We will see our Lord forsaken by His Father upon The Cross as He suffers hell for us. Yet even in that forsakenness, He called to His Father for help. That help arrived in the Resurrection.

These words apply to us. Call out to the Lord for your deliverance from sin, death, and Satan. Look to Him alone. Mortify the desires of your flesh and focus on Him; set your eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfecter of The Faith. He will hear your prayers. He will stretch forth the right hand of His majesty to defend us against those who rise up against us. He will deliver you from this wicked world through death and then from death on the Last Day to live forever with Him.

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**Mark your Calendar**

**March**

2. Memorial Service for Chaplain Eugene Reddel, St Luke, Cabot 11:00 a.m.
6. Ash Wednesday, Communion Services, Ascension, McCandless, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
6. Ash Wednesday, Concordia, Brentwood, 7:30 p.m.
6. Ash Wednesday, St. Luke, Cabot, 7:00 p.m.
6. Ash Wednesday, Zion, Bridgeville, 7:00 p.m.
13. Lenten Service, Singing Saints Performance, Redeemer, Oakmont
- 13-27 Lenten Services, Ascension, McCandless, 7:00 p.m.
- 13-27 Lenten Services, Concordia, Brentwood, 11:00 a.m.
- 13-27 "Convicted" Lenten Service and Meal, St. Luke, Cabot, 6:00 p.m.
- 13-27 "Behold the man", Lenten Service and Meal, Zion, Bridgeville, 6:00 p.m.
23. Duquesne University Tamburitzans, Dining Room, 112 Marwood Road in Cabot, 3:00 p.m.
- 24, 25. Education Session and Open House, Concordia of South Hills, Mt. Lebanon, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
26. Young at Heart, Ascension, McCandless, 11:30 a.m.

**April**

- 3-10 Lenten Services, Ascension, McCandless, 7:00 p.m.
- 3-10 Lenten Services, Concordia, Brentwood, 11:00 a.m.
- 3-10 "Convicted" Lenten Service and Meal, St. Luke, Cabot, 6:00 p.m.
- 3-10 "Behold the man", Lenten Service and Meal, Zion, Bridgeville, 6:00 p.m.

**May**

11. Concordia Lutheran Ministries Fishing Derby, Saxony Farm Estate in Saxonburg, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**PLEASE read to the end where there is exciting "Breaking news"!**

**Mileposters News**

Games Day was held February 3rd. Six children and four adults participated, focusing on four-way chess. Since the players were less experienced, the games went faster than usual, and three were completed. During past events, with veteran players, no more than one four-way chess game was finished--the attack strategies of four different armies get very complicated, and careful analysis is wise. Since there were more than four people present, a separate board was set up for conventional chess, plus a checkers game. Rounding out the opportunities were two Jenga towers, one plain and one in three colors.



Participants enjoyed pepperoni pizza throughout; at the beginning, they joined in the Mileposters prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest, and let these gifts to us be blessed. And may our souls by Thee be fed, forever, on the Living Bread. Amen."

Vest-pocket games continued as well. Echo pantomime returned, telling the story of Noah and the Flood, plus the fall of Jericho. This activity allows participants to becoming physically involved in the storyline, also repeating its words out loud.



Despite the week of bitter cold in late January, by the time you read this it will be cycling weather again. New teams are forming; the most promising is comprised of three riders who are just right for the quad, right down to the tail gunner. Pictured is the articulated quad back in 2008, eleven years ago, on September 7, at Milepost 35 on the Yough Trail, with riders in full uniform.



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## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### **Penn State Campus Ministry Spring Break Service Trip**

*by Matt Slaybaugh, Revive Campus Ministry*

Revive Campus Ministry at Penn State is bringing a group of six students on a week-long service trip to North Carolina for Hurricane Florence Relief. We will be serving an hour away from Wilmington, NC, which is off the coast.

Our work will include: gutting homes, ministering to home owners, donation sorting, and being an overall encouragement to people in the community. Our students are from all over the country and even the world. One Chinese international student is part of our group. We had the joy of witnessing Haotian Fang's baptism at our church earlier this year.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated for our trip.

### **I have become “a completely different person!” The Lord Keeps Changing Lives through Your Campus Mission in Pittsburgh**

*by Pastor Eric R. Andr e*

The campuses of Pittsburgh present us with such a fertile mission fields filled with so many opportunities. For example, as I recently shared with one of our donors: in just one day last week I attended an inter-faith breakfast conversation and presentation on Martin Luther King and race; dialogued with the ELCA campus pastor regarding where we stand on LGBT issues; played basketball at CMU with a graduate student who's looking for a church home; spent an hour 'tabling' with my "Free Prayer" sign; participated in an interview with a candidate for the Director of [the PGH Christian Studies Program](#) (on whose Advisory Council I serve); prepared for upcoming pre-marital counseling sessions for two of my graduate students from Pitt and CMU; and more.

All of this was great, but perhaps the highlight was receiving this text from one of my seniors: “Pastor Andr e. I am so happy that I have grown so much closer to God over these past few years. I just finished praying to Him and wanted to share that with you. Thank you for your guidance. Can we talk on Sunday? Also it’s amazing! I feel like I’ve been growing so much over the past few years. Especially recently. Sometimes as quickly as to the point where I feel like a completely different person. And it’s all because of a renewed focus on what it means to follow Christ. I just wanted to share my excitement :)” This same young woman, Aerial Euhus, had contacted me this past fall and said, “Pastor Andr e, on Wednesday [before the weekly student Bible Study] I would like to talk about God’s design for women. I feel like the world gives a lot of mixed messages on what women should do and how they should act, but I want to focus on who God calls us to be. Maybe it can be a little mini Bible study, if you will.”

### **I have become “a completely different person!” The Lord Keeps Changing Lives through Your Campus Mission in Pittsburgh (continued)**

*by Pastor Eric R. Andr e*

And so, these past several months, she and I have been reading Scripture, articles, and two books on femininity and masculinity together. The discussion has been very, very fruitful, and beneficial for us both and – in the midst of Sex Week on campus – it strikes me again how counter-cultural and how very necessary our presence and witness is.

Aerial is graduating this April. One of our new initiatives is to give our seniors some departing gifts which will help to sustain their faith as they go out into, and all across, a world often hostile to what they have learned here at Lutheran Student Fellowship: each graduate will receive copies of *The Lutheran Study Bible* and the *Lutheran Service Book* hymnal, as well as a subscription to our national magazine, *The Lutheran Witness*. The cost this year will be approximately \$600 – would you prayerfully consider an additional gift to cover these priceless treasures for Aerial and your other graduates in Pittsburgh?



None of this would be possible without your continued prayers and ongoing financial support. Thank you!

Please **make checks out to First Trinity with "Campus Ministry" in the memo line**, and mail to: Campus Mission, 535 N. Neville St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. You can also **donate online**: scroll about halfway down at [www.LSFPgh.com/donate](http://www.LSFPgh.com/donate).

If you are a **Thrivent member**, please contribute through Thrivent Choice to "Lutheran Student Fellowship of Pittsburgh, PA". PLEASE NOTE THAT all 2018 Choice Dollars® have been made available for Thrivent members to direct and 2018 Choice Dollars expire on 31 March 2019.

**PERSEVERANCE**

*by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director*

Elena (not her real name) is an international student who graduated from Slippery Rock University. During her college years she came often to All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center for friendship and encouragement. When she came back to Slippery Rock to visit recently, it was obvious that she was filled with so much fatigue, anger, and bitterness that she hardly looked like the same student.

Some parents who send their children to college insist on telling them which courses they must study whether their children like the field of study or not. In Elena's case, her parents left the decision to her. As a result, she chose a major that did not lead to a good job. Instead, it led her to a grueling door-to-door sales job. She worked all day, every day. She gave it her best. Nevertheless, her employer was unwilling to help her obtain a green card so that she could remain in this country. Elena had reached a dead end. Her choice of studies had not led to a job permitting her to keep working here. What could she do? She did not want to go home yet, and she did not have money to enroll in more college classes.

Elena came to All Saints Campus Ministry to inform us of her situation. She had done this many times as an undergraduate student. She explained that her only recourse was to get a loan in order to return to college to take job-related classes. Hopefully this will lead to a job allowing her to work here. All this experience has caused her great distress and bitterness. Her family does not have the money to help her and friends have not always been compassionate. She cannot understand why some college students seem to have life so easy, while she, an especially hard-working student, has it so difficult.

Campus ministry sympathizes with Elena. We hurt with her knowing how hard it is to start over. Most of all, we did what we had done many times through the years. We reminded her that Jesus is God's Son who not only died for us but hurts with us. He wants to be her source of comfort when life seems to be so unfair, as it does to her.

Elena has had many opportunities to hear the Gospel and to let the Holy Spirit work faith in her. Her family has Buddhist and Christian connections, and she had an internship with a wonderful Christian organization in the area. She brought students to All Saints

student meals. She attended some worship services. She had numerous conversations with campus ministry about what Christians believe. Still, she has resisted faith in Jesus. She has resisted studying God's Word and still does, although she deeply enjoyed All Saints' friendship. By choice, she prefers to remain a lost sheep. She prefers to depend on her own strength and leans on a close friend who believes that "too much is made of Jesus."

You may wonder what use there is in continuing to share the Gospel with Elena or any student who is so resistant. All Saints campus ministry believes it is because God never gives up on us. It is not campus ministry that can make a student believe; it is only God in His time. All we can do is pray, share, and give unconditional friendship.

Resistance will not stop All Saints. This semester we have gone ahead with the privilege of working with and for students. We attended the January SRU orientation for new students where we handed out printed schedules for our monthly student meals to every activity director there. Each was glad to get an invitation to join us. Each posted the schedule for others to see.

In addition, we are improving our building so that it is more comfortable for students. Our biggest improvement has been building a brand-new roof; putting in a glass door (to be finished in February) so that students can see into our undercroft. We are also deciding which type of fresh new flooring to install in the undercroft. Bright orange chairs given to All Saints free of charge are warm and inviting.

Not only are we making the undercroft cozier, but All Saints Fellowship's president, Akelah Hughes from the British Virgin Islands, has a talent for decorating. She is making every student meal much more festive with her balloons, colorful tablecloths, and smiling welcome to everyone.





## NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS

### PERSEVERANCE (continued)

by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

Classes for learning the basic Bible stories are scheduled and students are coming in. We are also inviting individual students to a free, fun lunch in a local restaurant so that we can get to know them. Reverend Larry K. Loree, Jr. enjoys the company of students so much that he attends as many sports events as he can. Students from Grove City College and SRU enjoy his company. Our plan for the February student meal is to have a talk by Grove City college senior, Moses Greenspan, who will show photos of his summer in Ethiopia, his birthplace.

No matter how resistant college students like Elena may be, All Saints loves them. Lost or found, we are committed to sharing our lives and faith with them. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will open their hearts to the love of the Lord. Visit All Saints anytime. We'd be happy to introduce you to our students and to show off our brand-new roof.

### ASCENSION LUTHERAN

McCandless

On Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019, Ascension Lutheran Church (8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) will have Communion services at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. During Lent weekly Lenten services will be held on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m.

**YOUNG AT HEART** is a retiree group that meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. at various locations to enjoy a casual lunch and fellowship. You are invited to join us.

For more information about the above events, please call Barbara at the Ascension church office (412-364-4463).

### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

#### President Chris Wicher preaches the 95th Anniversary Service at Concordia - Brentwood

Concordia, Brentwood, hosted Eastern District President, Dr. Chris Wicher, at the 10:30 a.m. Divine Service on Sunday, February 24. He also gave a presentation to the Sunday School class that morning.



### CONCORDIA LUTHERAN (continued)

Brentwood

His wife, Beverly (nee, Aul), is a daughter of Concordia having been baptized and raised here as a child. Our celebration was 95 years to the day of Concordia's very first worship service and from whence the congregation marks its charter date.

On January 18, 1924, a group of 125 interested Lutherans met at the GBU (German Benefits Union) Building in Carrick to discuss the formation of a congregation for the growing South Hills area of Pittsburgh. Those original members came primarily from the former St. Paul's, Southside and former Trinity, Mt. Oliver, congregations. With sufficient interest shown, the Concordia mission congregation held its first service in the basement of Elroy Elementary (two blocks from its present location on Brownsville Rd.) that last Sunday in February. One hundred twenty original members signed Concordia's charter following that service.



+ The Laying of The Cornerstone - Concordia +

THIS PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN ON JULY 17, 1927.

OUR PASTOR, AT THAT TIME, WAS PASTOR J.H. SOCKEL.

The congregation met alternately at the GBU and Elroy Elementary until the summer of 1927 when the undercroft of the sanctuary was completed at 3109 Brownsville Rd. Members continued to worship there through that fall until the sanctuary was completed and dedicated on Christmas Day, 1927.



**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN (continued)**

*Brentwood*

Members are now eagerly planning our 100th Anniversary in 2024, and we are especially looking for old mementos and especially any old home movies of events at Concordia from over the years. We are planning a 100th anniversary DVD and would love to incorporate such footage into that project. Contact the church any time at (412) 881-3005 if you have such items. Even if we could just borrow them to make copies, it would be appreciated.

**Other Concordia news**

The Lenten season finds the Holy Spirit doing a "new thing" among us this year. Our Ash Wednesday service is still at 7:30 p.m., but our Lenten Wednesday services, thereafter, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning. To facilitate retired members attendance, what with shorter days and uncertain weather, we have moved those service times to mid-morning to facilitate better attendance and post-service fellowship.

Our Lenten Wednesday theme this year is: "Love IS... 1Corinthians 13 - God's love to US in Christ Jesus." All our welcome to attend and hopefully this time change will allow many more folk who can't make nighttime services to join us.

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN**

*West View*

Mt. Calvary, West View, celebrated the holiday season with its annual Family Christmas Program, "Behold, A Savior! – Songs & Stories of His Birth". The program was presented after the morning worship service on December 23. Many members of the congregation participated in either the narrative portion of the program or in the choir.



**Josephine Skinner played an angel in Mt. Calvary's Christmas program**

**MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN (continued)**

*West View*

The Christmas story was told by Zechariah, Mary, Joseph, the Shepherds and Angels, and the Wisemen. The choir sang three musical selections; the congregation joined in on three Christmas carols; and Harmony Karwoski graced the program with a solo of "Magnificat (Mary's Song)." A reception followed in the church hall.



**Mike Paprocki, Dave McElroy, and George Yocum portrayed the three Wise Men in Mt. Calvary's Christmas program**

In other news, the Outreach group convened again in the new year with cleaning, card-making, and other projects; and – in the quiet following the holidays – one member commented, "We are enjoying each other's company while awaiting Jesus' return." Well said.



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN**

*Oakmont*

The Singing Saints of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri, will be performing a concert on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1261 Pennsylvania Ave., Oakmont, PA.

The choir is on their annual domestic tour, singing this year in the northeastern part of the United States. The touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60-voiced concert choir. They will be performing a varied program that includes classic works by J. S. Bach, Hasler, Mendelssohn and Handel, as well as, some traditional spirituals, hymns and anthems. The award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Baker Marsh. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour. For more information please contact Redeemer Lutheran Church at 412-828-3250.



Saint Paul Lutheran High School is the only LCMS residential high school in the United States, located in central Missouri, about an hour east of Kansas City. The college-prep school offers college level courses, STEM, Honors and AP classes, and numerous opportunities to be involved in sports, music, drama, academic teams and more. For more information about the school, visit [www.splhs.org](http://www.splhs.org).

**ST LUKE LUTHERAN**

*Cabot*

St. Luke will be starting a new Worship Series for Lent authored by Pastor Ben Berteau and entitled “Convicted.” The series will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings starting on Ash Wednesday, March 6. Each service puts on trial a different biblical person, accused of an actual crime from the story of Christ’s passion and death. Ash Wednesday will examine the case against Jesus’ disciples on the charge of defamation of character against the woman who anointed Jesus. The account is found in all four gospels: Matthew 26:6–13; Mark 14:3–9; Luke 7:36–50; John 12:1–8.

**ST LUKE LUTHERAN (continued)**

*Cabot*

The schedule for the Wednesday Lent series will be:

DATE	CHARGE	SCRIPTURE	ACCUSED
March 6	Defamation of Character	Matthew 26:6	Jesus’ Disciples
March 13	Dereliction of Duty	Matthew 26:40	Peter, James, & John
March 20	Treason	Matthew 26:15	Judas
March 27	Perjury	Matthew 26:74	Peter
April 3	Obstruction of Justice	John 18:38	Pontius Pilate

Congregants will enjoy a meal together at 6:00 p.m. and then proceed to the worship service. Please join us as we begin to prepare our hearts and minds for the 40 days leading up to the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior.





**REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

*Oakmont/Penn Hills*

The second half of the year is off to a flying start here at Redeemer. First, we need to step back into 2018...



On December 20, our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Cayce Johnson and her husband Jon welcomed their first child, Mia Grace, into their family. Congratulations to the Johnson family on this beautiful gift of a daughter, and thanks be to God for her safe arrival into this world.

**Announcing Mia Grace, first child of RLS 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher Cayce Johnson & husband Jon**

The basketball season is well under way here at Redeemer; our middle school boys and girls teams have been playing very well, and we have been enjoying the addition of teams for our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders this year. The middle school boys team travelled to Cleveland in January to take part in a weekend tournament, which was an excellent opportunity for them. Thank you to Mr. John Driscoll and Athletic Director Nathan Loewe for coaching and organizing these teams and their opportunities. We are looking forward to the middle school playoffs.

Redeemer Lutheran High School took part in standing up against the horrors of abortion in January. Nine high school students made the 3-day trip to Washington, DC, along with Dean of Students John Driscoll and Administrator Gail Holzer.



**RLHS students & administration attend the March for Life**

The team did some sightseeing on Thursday and participated in the March for Life on Friday. While we mourn the existence of abortion, we are thankful to the Lord for those at Redeemer and all around the world that feel God's leading to speak out against it.

National Lutheran Schools Week was celebrated January 27 - February 1. The extreme cold didn't dampen the fun. Students at Redeemer donned pajamas, wore crazy stripes & polka dots, put on their school colors for school spirit day, and competed in the annual Penny Wars, with winning class receiving a pizza party, and all of the proceeds going to the Lutheran Hour Ministries Peru Project. It was a wonderful week of celebrating Redeemer Lutheran School and Lutheran education around the world.

On Wednesday, February 6, the middle school Robotic Rams competed in the VEX IQ competition in Wexford. The team took 1<sup>st</sup> place in all four categories, including teamwork, driving skills, design, and overall top excellence! Congratulations to the team and to robotics coach Mrs. Schumacher.



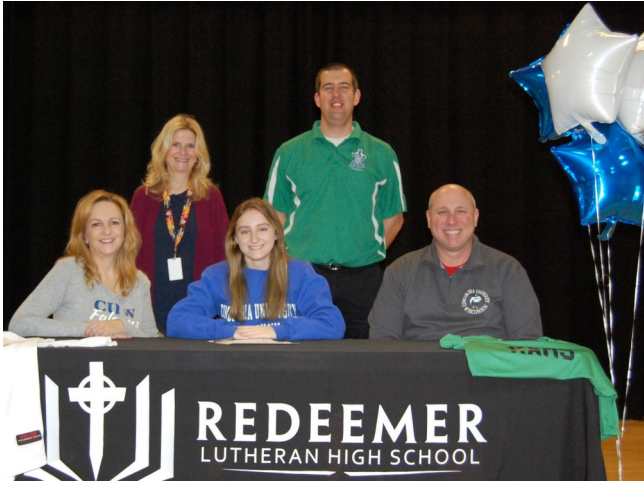
**Redeemer Robotic Rams middle school team takes 1<sup>st</sup> place in all categories in competition**

The following evening, the entire Redeemer school family took part in the annual Education Fair. Each class studied and presented a different country; visitors were given a passport and invited to "travel the world" by touring a different country in each classroom. Samples of dishes from around the globe were available in the "International Café" in the cafeteria. It was a wonderful night to see all that the students had learned and fellowship with other families.

**Keep reading to the end where there is exciting "Breaking news"!**

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL** (continued)  
*Oakmont/Penn Hills*

On February 8, Redeemer Lutheran High School recognized its first athletic signing. Senior Grace Wilshire signed her letter of intent, committing to play soccer for Concordia University Wisconsin this fall. Congratulations, Grace



**Grace Wilshire commits to play soccer for  
Concordia University Wisconsin**

Looking ahead:

April 6 and 7 — Redeemer presents the musical “Mary Poppins.” Contact the school office at 412-793-5884 for ticket information.

Enrollment is now open for all grades. Contact Alison Jackson at 412-793-5884 or [admissions@redeemer-oakmont.org](mailto:admissions@redeemer-oakmont.org) for more information on Redeemer’s programs for preschool through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL**  
*Bridgeville*

During Jesus Time, preschool teacher Mrs. Barb Oechslein was reading the Bible story about Queen Esther. Their letter of the week was "Q" for Queen. She was explaining what a Queen was and what she did... the Queen was in charge of her country. When she asked the children if they knew who was in charge of our country, she expected to hear "The President". What a surprise when the children shouted out "God is in charge!" How right they are.

**ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL** (continued)  
*Bridgeville*



Twice a month all of the classes get together for Kid’s Praise. Sometimes we meet in the classrooms, and sometimes we meet in the sanctuary when it’s paired with Chapel. It’s a time where we sing with music and movement to tunes like Shake Your Sillies Out, Mr. Sun and This Little Gospel Light Of Mine. I love leading this with the kids...it’s my favorite thing to do with them. Mr. Doug joins us in the morning for Kid’s Praise. Mrs. Tevia joins us for Kid’s Praise in the afternoon.





### **Concordia Havens Host Free Entertainment Open to the Public**

The Concordia Haven retirement community invites the public to the first in a series of free concerts at [Concordia Haven I](#).

America's longest-running multicultural song and dance company, the Duquesne University Tamburitzans will perform at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 23 in the Dining Room located at 112 Marwood Road in Cabot (Entrance 2A) on the Concordia Lutheran Ministries campus.

The group is a unique ensemble of talented young folk artists dedicated to the performance and preservation of the music, songs and dances of Eastern Europe. Their performance will be part of an afternoon Jubilee with tours and a meet and greet scheduled beginning at 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

To make a reservation or for more information, please call Kassie Walker at 724-352-1571, ext.

8273 or visit on the Web at [www.concordialm.org/events-news/tamburitzanscabot16](http://www.concordialm.org/events-news/tamburitzanscabot16)

### **Education Session and Open House Scheduled at Concordia of the South Hills**

Learn more about why Concordia is the best retirement value in the area at our Education Session and Open House on Sunday, March 24 and Monday, March 25 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on our campus located at 1300 Bower Hill Road in Mt. Lebanon near St. Clair Hospital.

Director of Finance for Concordia Lutheran Ministries of Pittsburgh Michael Falbo will present "Smart Questions to Ask When Considering Retirement Living" at 1:00 p.m. both Sunday and Monday followed by tours of model apartments.

Refreshments will be served in the Harmony Room in the common area of the community.

For more information, visit the Coming Events section of the website at [www.ConcordiaLM.org](http://www.ConcordiaLM.org). To register or to schedule a private tour, you are invited to call Director of Marketing Christie Wahlen at 412-294-1351.

### **Concordia Announces its 2019 Free Fishing Derby for Kids at Saxony Farm**

Concordia Lutheran Ministries will host a free fishing derby for kids 14 and under on Saturday, May 11 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Saxony Farm Estate in Saxonyburg.

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.

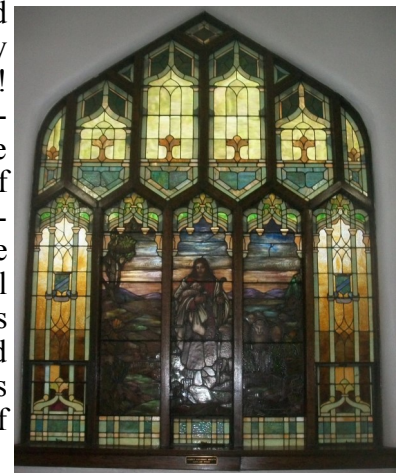
Volunteers will be on hand to help measure fish, detangle fishing lines, teach the basics and more. A tent will be set up with some tables and chairs for those in need of some shade. Guests should bring their own lawn chairs or blankets, if interested.

Lake Saxony is fully stocked with hundreds of blue gills, bass, catfish and more. Since the lake is private, kids have a good chance of catching something.

Registration is requested to help with planning, but walk-ins will be accepted. To RSVP, visit [www.concordialm.org/events-news/fishingderby2019](http://www.concordialm.org/events-news/fishingderby2019) or call Concordia Public Relations at 724-352-1571, ext. 8268 for more information.

## **Breaking News**

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Clarksburg's application for membership in the English District was approved on Tuesday, February 19. God be praised! Stay tuned for information on the service with the solemn rite of reception into the Missouri Synod, sometime after Easter. You will be invited! (included is a picture of the Good Shepherd stained glass window in the rear of the church).



By the time you read this, PALM should be eligible to receive Thrivent Choice Dollars. Just look for Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries. Your Thrivent Choice Dollars will help fund grants to our LCMS missions and ministries here in the Pittsburgh area.



# Kids Fishing Derby

Saturday, May 11, 2019

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/fishingderby2019](http://www.concordialm.org/events-news/fishingderby2019).