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PALM DEVOTION

by Rev. Brian Westgate

"Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes; and I will keep it to the end." - Psalm 119:33

Dearly beloved, it is hard to believe another school year is about to start. It seems like 2018-19 just ended, yet 2019-20 is about to begin. Our children and grandchildren will learn many things and many different subjects. They will learn them to give them a basis for everything that happens in life, so that they may be productive citizens of our country when they are adults.

But no subject is more important than God's Word. That's why our Lutheran schools exist. That's why God gives parents. Dr. Luther expressly states in his Large Catechism that parents are to teach their children the Catechism. We thank God that our pastors and schools do it, but that does not leave us off the hook (I'm a parent too!). God calls every Christian parent to teach his or her children God's Word.

Why is God's Word so important? Why does Asaph in Psalm 78:1-4 sing: "Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and His might, and the wonders that He has done"?

Because our children need to hear the glorious deeds of the LORD. They need to hear how God created everything in 6 24-hour days out of nothing, contrary to the ungodly theory of evolution. They need to hear that God created us male and female and ordained that marriage be a man and a woman for wife, and you know every word of that statement is contradicted today by the world. They need to hear that we are sinners who can't save ourselves from eternal death; we can only be saved for eternal life by the Death and Resurrection of Christ our God. His salvation comes to us through preaching and the Sacraments.

So, let's keep on teaching God's Word, one and all. So, let's study it. Read it every day. Go to your pastor's Bible Class. Listen attentively to the sermon. Ponder what you've heard after church and maybe even all week. Go back to the Catechism to remind yourself what you memorized and learned years ago, and open your hymnal to sing the great hymns of our Faith. Teach these things to your children - Scripture, Catechism, Chorale - and don't be afraid to have them memorize. Let us in these ways write in their hearts the saving Word of God made flesh for our salvation.

Mark your Calendar

August

- 15. Mingle on Main, St. Luke Booth, Saxonburg, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- 15. "Dog Days of Summer", Lund Care Center Backyard, Cabot, 6:30 p.m.
- 24. Good Samaritan Hospice's Third Annual Memorial Butterfly Release, Concordia at Villa St. Joseph campus in Baden, 2:00—4:00 p.m.
- 27. Young at Heart, Ascension, McCandless, 11:30 a.m.
- 27. The East Winds Symphonic Band, Haven II Backyard Patio, Cabot (Entrance 5), 7:00p.m.
- 31. Concordia Hospice of Washington (CHOW), Second Annual Memorial Butterfly Release, The Barn at Ike's Place, Amity, 2:00 p.m.

September

- 8. Concordia Homecoming and Brunch, Concordia, Brentwood, Sunday School Kick-off
- 15. Rev. Richard Wokoma, LCMS Missionary to Nigeria, Zion Bridgeville, 8:30 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- 24. Young at Heart, Ascension, McCandless, 11:30 a.m.

November

- 11. Veteran's Day Service, Minersville Cemetery, time TBD



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Which Is the Key Building on Campus?

by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

This summer my husband and I traveled to California to see our oldest grandchild graduate from high school. Like all grandparents we beamed with pride as her name was called out at the graduation ceremony.

We spent time visiting our granddaughter, Karly, before returning home to Pennsylvania. One of the highlights was driving to see the college she will attend in the fall. We were impressed by the attractive campus, by the size of the art department (her major), and by the kindness of the professor, who was still on campus even though students had already left for the summer break.

He asked Karly if she planned to attend the school. When she said yes, he volunteered to give her a personal tour of the art department. He gave her tips on which classes to take, how to get internships, and where to locate the buildings where her classes would be. He made her feel very welcome.

As we left, the professor added that he comes to Pittsburgh once a year because it is his wife's home town. He has all sorts of Steeler paraphernalia in his home, including a collar for his dog with the Steelers logo on it. When we invited him to stop in at All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center when he comes to Pittsburgh, he exclaimed that he had attended a Lutheran camp in Erie when he was a kid. What a small world.

After meeting the professor, we slowly drove around the campus just to see what it looked like. We searched to see if we could find any sign of a Christian campus ministry center, where students like Karly could go for friendship and to get the chance to know more about the Christian faith. All Saints knows from experience that campus ministry is a difference maker. Campus ministry is crucial for students who come to college with faith as well as it is for those who come with no belief in any god, let alone in the Triune God. It would be a blessing to have a Christian campus ministry on every campus for all the nation's grandchildren to experience.

All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center in Slippery Rock believes that campus ministry is so important that we joyfully attend every Slippery Rock University orientation for incoming students. We do this so that we get to invite them to All Saints. You should see the anticipation, hope, and outright fear on the students' faces as they file by the orientation tables. What an opportunity All Saints Fellowship has to introduce our campus ministry to students.

We introduced ourselves to Spencer, who told us he is a Lutheran, that he did lots of volunteer work in his church, and would like to do volunteer work with us when he arrives in the fall. What a privilege to invite him to help us with his ideas for reaching out to college students. We will certainly show him that All Saints is here for him.

Spencer is not the only Lutheran we met at orientation. We welcomed Brandon and Emma, too. They accepted our invitation to come to our Korean student meals. We even got to invite Robert, who still suffers jet lag because he had just arrived from San Diego, California. It is really a treat to let students know that our church and campus ministry is here for them.

Which Is the Key Building on Campus?

by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director (continued)

Orientation is a great opportunity to share words of welcome and to give away good books like Lee Strobel's useful book, The Case for a Creator. This is a book my husband wishes had been available when he was an undergrad. It is a book he believes will help the students who struggle with the relationship of science and Christianity. Too often students have lost their faith because they believe the lie that God couldn't have created the universe.

Campus ministry cannot do it alone. Grandparents and parents are needed to pray with us for college students. Their prayers do matter. Prayers and more prayers will help our students, including grandchildren, because God could love them no more than He does.



Mileposters News

A special Father's Day movies event was held June 16, attended by five kids and three adults, who enjoyed an episode of *The Real McCoys* and analyzed the pilot for a spinoff series following *The Greatest American Hero*, with William Katt, Robert Culp, Connie Sellecca, and Mary Ellen Stuart, who is an active leader in the drama department at Wheaton College, Billy Graham's alma mater, along with her husband, Mark Lewis, who is the director.



Pictured with two new stokers and a long-time captain at Western Penitentiary is our newest trail dad, another veteran cyclist, who qualified as the second new adult captain June 28, bringing the number of adult captains to six. Another ride is pictured at the quarry on the Panhandle Trail with two of our new stokers. The summer's first new quad stoker team, who made their initial ride May 19, on June 28 did a 12-mile round trip on the quad (bike for four riders) on the Youghiogheny River Trail (part of the Great Allegheny Passage), between Boston and Dravo Landing, along with other riders. The stokers are pictured retrieving some water from the well at Dravo, no easy task since the level has dropped with increased trail use, but our five-year-old first-time stoker was up to the challenge. Another quad ride took place three days later, with four other bikes and nine

riders total. There have been eighteen new Mileposters riders so far this year.

On July 4, the group leader celebrated the 24th anniversary of his first ride on the Youghiogheny River Trail (Great Allegheny Passage) by posting the best time in five years on a 20-mile ride: one hour and 54 minutes, all stops included, between Milepost 18 (Dead Man's Hollow) and Milepost 28 (Industry). July 8 was his first 30-mile ride of the season. Soli Deo Gloria.



At this writing, Mileposters have traveled 648 miles in their campaign to raise support for LCMS work in Puerto Rico, already exceeding the 2018 total of 605 miles. To build more mileage, an 85-mile round trip to Connellsville is planned, plus a trip to Rockwood. The Puerto Rico goal this year is a thousand miles.

HOLY CROSS MISSION

Hazelwood

Vicar Timothy Kern and his lovely wife, Hanna, have arrived in Pittsburgh. The vicar was installed at First Trinity Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 7, during the Divine Service. There was a welcome luncheon following the service. The vicar will be supervised and taught by the Rev. Dr. Douglas Spittel at First Trinity. He will be working with the Holy Cross Mission in Hazelwood and with various ministries of First Trinity. On Wednesday, July 10, the saints from Holy Cross Mission and a few members from First Trinity welcomed the vicar and his wife at Jozsa's Corner Hungarian Restaurant.



Raised in the town of Millington, MI, Timothy was baptized, catechized, and confirmed at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School. He attended high school at Valley Lutheran High School in Saginaw, MI. After one semester at Saginaw Valley State University, he transferred to Concordia University Chicago (CUC) in River Forest, IL where he studied history (major), Ancient Mediterranean Studies (minor), and pre-seminary studies. He also played trumpet in the CUC Wind Symphony and graduated in May 2014.

After earning his Bachelor of Arts degree, Timothy was a long-haul truck driver for nearly two years. He did this in order to save money for his seminary studies which he began in June 2016. Vicar Kern has completed 2 years of study at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN (CTSFW). Over the past year, he studied at Lutherische Theologische Hochschule through an exchange program with our sister-church, the Selbständige Evangelisch-Lutherische Kirche (SELK), in Oberursel, Hesse, Germany.

On June 28, Timothy married Hanna (Hoffbeck) who is from Shelbyville, MI. She earned her Masters of Arts in deaconess studies from CTSFW earlier this year. Hanna is very talented and plays many instruments including: piano, organ, and accordion. The newlyweds are thrilled to be placed in the beautiful city of Pittsburgh.

In his first few months, Vicar Kern will be working on the Hazelwood Community Day. The Community Day will be on August 10 in Hazelwood. At the Community Day, there will be games, excellent food, and various booths representing PALM and various other institutions in the community. Volunteers are welcome!

LOCAL MISSION

MINERSVILLE CEMETERY

by Rev. Brian Westgate

Pastor Westgate conducted the annual PALM Memorial Day service at Minersville Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Memorial Day. He was assisted by Pastor McCanless, who led the civic portion of the service. Thirteen people were in attendance.

The next service at Minersville will be on Veterans Day. Service time will be published closer to November 11. We hope to see you there then. Do put these yearly services on your calendars.



SAVE THE SEMINARY

The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society

Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod president, Matthew Harrison, has commissioned The Siberian Lutheran Mission Society to see to the continued flourishing of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia. The critical, short-term goal is to provide operating funds for this year and each year through 2023. Long-term, the goal is to build a \$7 million, permanent endowment, capable of making the seminary self-sufficient by 2023.

The challenge for the mission society is to raise an additional \$75,000 each year through 2023 to cover the complete cost of operating the seminary. As word spreads, generous individual donors and congregations are responding, but we greatly need the support and prayers of Missouri Synod Lutherans everywhere, as well. Will you help us spread the word about our immediate and long-term goals to keep the Novosibirsk seminary operating?

Securing the perpetual sustainability of the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk requires meeting two vital goals simultaneously—raising \$75,000 each year through 2023 to keep the seminary doors open until the long-term goal of establishing a \$7 million endowment has been reached.

Below is a link to a 6-minute video you may find useful to tell the story about the “Save the Seminary Campaign:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMXx1fbbxRY&feature=youtu.be>



**Rev. Richard Wokoma, LCMS Missionary to Nigeria
Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville, Sunday, September 15th**



Visiting Zion 2017

Rev. Richard Wokoma, who serves the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as a theological educator in Africa, will be visiting Zion, Bridgeville Sunday, September 15. He will be the guest preacher at the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Divine Services and will give a presentation with Q & A at 9:15 a.m. between both services. A light brunch will be served.

Rev. Richard Wokoma was born in Africa. He graduated from Schiller International University, London, in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in international relations, and in 1986 with a master's degree in international law. He then attended New York University and started on a doctoral degree. During this time, he decided to attend Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, where he received his Master of Divinity in 1997. During his seminary vicarage, he studied at Drew Theological School at Drew University, Madison, N.J., and received his Master of Sacred Theology degree focused on patristic and early Christian liturgies.

Once his seminary studies were completed, Rev. Wokoma returned to Africa to translate the Book of Concord into his native language, Kalabari. He also preached in local African congregations and conducted Bible studies and led devotions. In 2001, he received a call from the LCMS Texas District



Visiting Pittsburgh 2017

to serve in the Houston area. While in Texas, he served as director of the LINC Bible Institute and traveled to Africa several times to teach seminarians and pastors. In September 2013, he accepted a call to be a theological educator in Africa. Since this time, he has been teaching and preaching at different congregations each week.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

ASCENSION LUTHERAN

McCandless

YOUNG AT HEART is a retiree group from Ascension Lutheran Church that meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 11:30 AM at various locations to enjoy a casual lunch and fellowship.

You are invited to join us! For more information, please call Barbara at the Ascension church office (412-364-4463).

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

Concordia Homecoming set for Sunday September 8 - As part of our on-going 95th Anniversary celebration and to kick-off the new Sunday School year, Concordia will be having a "homecoming" on Sunday, September 8, followed by a brunch in the undercroft. Former members are especially invited to return that day and celebrate with us. Many thanks to our Evangelism Committee for heading this up.

4th Annual John Toperzer Memorial Pirates game planned - Plans are being made for our annual outing to PNC Park for a Pirates game this fall. Named for John Toperzer, Sr., a longtime member and Pirates fan, this outing is full of fun and friendship with our members, and those who knew John through his 30+ years of work on the PALM and CLM Boards. If you'd like to join us, call the church for more details at (412) 881-3005 ASAP

ZION LUTHERAN

Bridgeville

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PALM

The Annual PALM Delegate Meeting will be held on Sunday, September 15, at 3:00 p.m., at First Trinity Evangelical-Lutheran Church. More information will soon be received by the congregations.

Concordia Lutheran Ministries

On Saturday, Aug. 24, Good Samaritan Hospice (GSH), a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries will host a Memorial Butterfly Release from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Concordia at Villa St. Joseph campus in Baden. This third annual event is open to all who wish to honor the memory of their loved ones. Children are welcome but no pets, please! Refreshments will be provided. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration to reserve a butterfly at \$10 is necessary. Please contact the Concordia Lutheran Ministries Foundation office at 724-352-1571, ext. 8363 for more information.

On Saturday, Aug. 31, Concordia Hospice of Washington (CHOW) will host the Second Annual Memorial Butterfly Release at 2:00 p.m. at The Barn at Ike's Place, 80 Ikes Road in Amity. This event is open to all who wish to honor the memory of their loved ones. Children are welcome but NO pets please! Refreshments will be provided. Each butterfly to be released is \$10. Pre-registration to reserve a butterfly is necessary. Please contact Joyce Robinson at 724-250-4500. Checks should be made payable to Concordia Hospice of Washington and sent to 10 Leet Street, Washington Pa 15301.

Concordia at Villa St. Joseph will hold a Second Annual Community Day on Saturday, August 31 from 1:30 to 4:00p.m, at 1030 State Street in Baden. For the children, there will be super bubble stations and an endless sidewalk chalk canvas, a caricature artist, a juggler and more. Entertainment will be provided by the ever-popular Gene Testa on the keyboards. Tours of Concordia at Villa St. Joseph will be available. The event is free and open to the public. Call Activities Director Chris Gebhart at 724-869-6306 for more information

The East Winds Symphonic Band will perform on Tuesday, August 27 at 7:00 p.m. on the Haven II Backyard Patio located at 148 Marwood Road in Cabot (Entrance 5). Based in the eastern suburbs of Pittsburgh, the band, composed of approximately 70 individuals presents a variety of music arranged for concert band. Open to the public, attendees should register by contacting Kassie Walker at 724-352-1571, ext. 8273. If inclement weather, the concerts are moved to Haven I Dining Room, 112 Marwood Road.

CHRIST LUTHERAN

Forest Hills

Members and friends from Christ Lutheran serve at the Sunshine Kitchen, McKeesport. Our Women's Service Guild partners with Sunshine Community Ministries in McKeesport.



The Garden of Eatin project at Christ Lutheran began in March with the delivery of 2 truckloads of leaf mulch and 20 yards of wood chips. Raised beds were built from treated lumber. Wood chips were spread around the beds to absorb excess water. The main bed frames were built over the bottom frames using lumber treated with non-toxic weather proofing product. Chicken wire was then stapled inside the beds to keep out burrowing animals. Stay tuned next month for our progress.

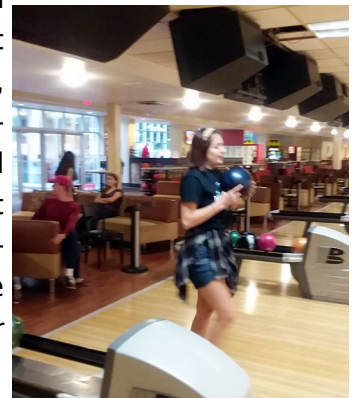


CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

"Walther League" Bowling Night a big hit with Good Shepherd and Concordia youth.

Thanks to Grace and Anthony Chioda, youth group leaders from Good Shepherd - Whitehall, Concordia members had a nice bowling night at Princess Lanes on Friday, May 31. Much pizza fellowship, spares and strikes were shared that night, and we look forward to doing some more activities together in the future.



CONCORDIA LUTHERAN (continued)

Brentwood

Concordia cools off participants and spectators on the 4th of July - Members gathered bright and early on Thursday, July 4, for our third straight water giveaway at both the 5k race and Independence Day parade that morning. Thanks to last year's donations and generous Concordia members, we gave away over 1,100 bottles of water, on this clear, steamy, 90-degree day!



Concordia members arrive before 8:00 a.m. to get set up.

Donations from this year's event, will go towards the purchase of water for NEXT year's parade and race. Many thanks to John Toperzer for heading this up, and members Joan Smith, Larry and Karen Rorex, Barb Mosco, and Zachary McCanless, who helped set up and give away water.



Members give out water and "The Easter Story" to our Nepali-Bhutanese friends



Runners are happy for a cold drink from Concordia.



The Port Vue FD cools off with Concordia water

In addition to water, we also gave away fliers about Concordia and who we are, as well as "The Easter Story" in the Nepali language to our many Nepali-Bhutanese neighbors in attendance.

MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

West View

For the first time, Mt. Calvary in West View held Vacation Bible School in the evening. Titled "Miraculous Mission," the program ran June 24 to 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. Because a complimentary light dinner was served downstairs for children and parents beforehand, the opening and closing portions of the program were held in the church.

Both the sanctuary and the church hall were decorated to denote the Miraculous Mission of VBS, which is to tell others of the love of Jesus for His children. Tom and Jon Hoover led a team that decorated the downstairs hall with planets and stars and rocket ships, while the sanctuary featured a "starry sky," complete with a telescope.



Throughout the week, the children learned about creation, and Jesus' death and resurrection, and that He will come back for us. The final program took place Friday evening following the last class, and featured all of the children; many of the parents and family members were in attendance.

In addition, all monies collected in the offering went to this year's mission project, Cupcakes for Cohen. Cohen is a young boy in the area who is suffering from numerous illnesses, including a golf-ball-sized tumor on the pituitary gland, diabetes, and loss of vision in one eye. His condition is taking both an emotional and a financial toll on his parents, who sell cupcakes to help pay the medical bills. The goal was to collect \$500, but the VBS offerings and donations exceeded that, and Mt. Calvary continued to accept donations for Cohen through the end of July.

Thanks to all the volunteers who prepared the meals, taught classes, helped with set up and clean up, and worked behind the scenes, and especially to VBS Director Georgeanne Paprocki, who organized everything.

In other news, Mt. Calvary has a variety of 3-part (SSA) sacred music available at no cost. There are 15 to 30 copies of each selection, and approximately 50 different titles - both traditional and classical music. Several collections are available



as well. Everything is contained in three boxes, and nicely organized into folders. The music is free to a church or choir director, but it must be picked up. If you are interested or have questions, please send an email to Sharon Pritchard, music director at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, West View (15229): spritchard3939@gmail.com.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN

Oakmont

On Pentecost Sunday, Kelsey Sprouse was confirmed by Pastor Westgate. She is a daughter of Andy Sprouse, granddaughter of Linda Sprouse, and great-granddaughter of Imogene King. May our Redeemer bless and keep her in the true Faith unto life everlasting.



ST LUKE LUTHERAN

Cabot and Butler

COFFEE AND LEMONADE UNDER THE PAVILION

St. Luke members are enjoying conversation and fellowship twice a month on Saturday evenings. After our regular worship service, congregants are invited to drink coffee, lemonade and have some snacks. We are trying to re-establish the Biblical tenet found in Romans 12:5 ESV, “so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

It is a joy to see our members linger after the service and invest in each other’s lives. We are thankful to have volunteers who are willing to give of their time to make this happen. Ray and Peg DeCecco chair this ministry and they feel that it is important for members to get together and become more acquainted with each other, to help each other, pray for each other, and get to know what is going on in the lives of others. Some people stay for a short time and others stay for as long as an hour. This is a great opportunity for St. Luke Cabot and St. Luke Butler members to become more unified as one church body.

ZION LUTHERAN

Bridgeville

Sunday School News - Sunday school sessions have ended for the summer months and will resume on Sunday, September 8.

VBS News - We had an amazing time at ROAR Vacation Bible school. We learned about some pretty interesting animals and people on our 'safari' in Africa. Eighty-one children and 48 volunteers learned that even though life can be full of changes, scary or unfair...God is good!

A numerous amount of toiletry donations was collected for the First Trinity Homeless Ministry in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh. We collected \$761.92 for Castillo Fuerte (Mighty Fortress), the mercy arm of the Peruvian Lutheran Church. Instead of being alone after school, children go to Castillo Fuerte where they receive help with homework, have daily chapel and eat a decent meal.

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REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Oakmont / Penn Hills

It's hard to believe that the 2018-2019 school year ended almost two months ago! It was a wonderful year full of blessings and memorable experiences, and the final weeks of the year were no exception.

On Saturday, May 18, Redeemer held the annual "Redeemer on the River" event at Steel City Rowing Club in Verona. Attendees sampled wines and microbrews from around the country while enjoying delicious crock pot recipes prepared by school parents. Items were also available for browsing and bidding in a silent auction. Proceeds from the event went to support Redeemer's programs. Thank you to Eureka Van Wyk and the event volunteer committee for organizing and directing a wonderful evening!

The following Friday, May 24, was Track & Field Day. Kindergarten through 2 grade held their events at Redeemer, while 3rd to 8th grade students attended the annual joint Track and Field Day with St. Luke's 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's staff for continuing to arrange this day!



Enjoying friendly competition at the annual Track & Field Day event

After the track and field event, high school students headed home to quickly freshen up and change! RLHS students attended their annual Spring Formal that same evening, held this year at the Oakmont Yacht Club. This year's event had a nautical theme. The entire event was planned and organized by Student Council, with Mr. and Mrs. Loewe chaperoning the evening.

The following day, two RLHS 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 25, senior Grace Wilshire and junior Abby Jackson headed to the Benedum Center downtown to participate in the Gene Kelly Awards. The Gene Kelly Awards recognize excellence in high school musical theater in the Pittsburgh area. Abby and Grace had the privilege of representing Redeemer in the finale during the awards ceremony.



Abby Jackson & Grace Wilshire represent Redeemer at Gene Kelly Awards

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL (continued)

Oakmont / Penn Hills

On Memorial Day, May 27, Redeemer participated in the Penn Hills Memorial Day Parade, with members of the athletic, robotics, and musical teams marching to represent the school. Informational flyers were shared with families along the parade route. Thank you to the Van Wyk family for organizing the school's participation!

On Friday, May 31, Redeemer Lutheran High School held its Baccalaureate service for the graduates. The service was held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, with Pastor Michael Podeszwa preaching. Until recently he was pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Freedom, but he is now serving as pastor of a church west of Saginaw, MI.



Redeemer Lutheran High School Class of 2019

On Saturday, June 1, Redeemer Lutheran High School was proud to hold its fifth 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! Eight students took to the podium to receive their diplomas this year. Co-valedictorians Alethea Carroll and Grace Wilshire were recognized. Mr. Mark Wilt, who retired last year as principal of St. Luke Lutheran School near Cabot, gave the commencement address. The ceremony was followed by a brief reception in the gymnasium. Congratulations to our graduates! May you continue to seek the Lord's guidance as you plan your next steps.

The school year ended on Friday, June 7, with many RLS families enjoying the festivities at the Strawberry Festival at Redeemer Church that evening. Redeemer music students shared their talents by performing at the music recital during the event. It was a wonderful evening, and a perfect way to end the year, enjoying the beautiful weather and the fellowship with one another. Thank you to all the school staff and church volunteers that made the event such a success!

Even as the school year wound down, Redeemer still had an eventful summer on the calendar! Vacation Bible School was held at Redeemer Church June 17-21, with many RLS children attending and many faculty, staff, and older students volunteering.

That same week, our high school missions team served at Youth Haven Ranch in Michigan, a Christian camp organization focused on serving the needs of disadvantaged children. The team of eight students and two adults completed construction and maintenance projects around the facility and had the opportunity to spend time with some of the campers. Mr. John Driscoll and Mrs. Carol Schumacher were the adult leaders for the week.



RLHS mission team heads to Youth Haven Ranch in Michigan

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL (continued)

Oakmont / Penn Hills

Summer camps began at Redeemer’s Penn Hills campus on June 24, continuing until August 9. These camp sessions for grades K-8, students from all over the community offer some fabulous opportunities for fun crafts, games, instructional activities, and weekly pool trips.

At the time of this writing, Redeemer faculty and staff are gearing up for the 2019-2020 school year. Please pray for the Lord’s wisdom and guidance to be with all involved in the preparations and planning for the new year.

CONCORDIA NEWS

Concordia Community Support Services (CCSS) Announces Leadership Promotions

Concordia Community Support Services (CCSS) Chief Executive Officer Martin Trettel recently announced the appointments of key leadership positions, in an effort to support the exponential growth that the organization has experienced. The promotions include **Misty Ingram** of Butler as Chief Operating Officer; Butler resident **Stacy A. Mathers** as Director of Quality and Compliance; **Kimberly Kepple** of Sarver as Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) and **William Bellas** of West Kittanning as Director of Therapy.

“Collectively, this new leadership team has more than 40 years of experience with Concordia and almost twice as much in the clinical setting,” Trettel said. “Our employees are the foundation of our progress and these individuals possess the values as well as the wisdom to adapt to our ever-changing health care environment. Together, we look forward to this new chapter in our history.”

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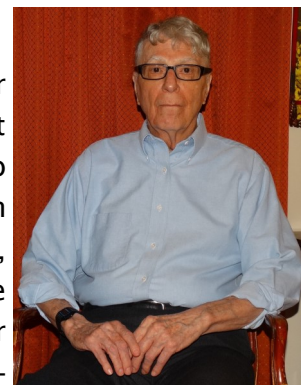
Highpointe at Rebecca Home to Calendar Artists

Concordia’s 2019 Calendar was distributed and the public has been introduced to our own artistic Hall of Fame with the resident artists whose paintings have been highlighted.

Titled “Brush Strokes,” each month features a different painting by a resident who lives at one of our locations.

May Artist – Bill Edwards

Bill Edwards, the calendar artist for May and July, first started teaching himself to draw when he was seven years old. Over the years, He won admission to the Pennsylvania Watercolor Society, Northeast Watercolor Society and National Watercolor Society as well as many awards. His paintings were also shown in national and international shows – even in the very first Three Rivers Arts Festival. After working at Clarion University for more than 45 years, Bill retired from teaching. He and his wife moved to Highpointe at Rebecca from their home in Franklin about a year ago.



Highpointe at Rebecca Home to Calendar Artists (continued)

June Artist – Nada Askew

Nada Askew, a Highpointe at Rebecca resident who is originally from Mechanicsville, Virginia, has been interested in art since she was a little girl. She studied art in college for one year before getting married and raising her family.



“My painting of sunflowers in Concordia’s calendar was something I just made up; I didn’t have a photo to use for it,” Nada said. She painted the piece before moving to Concordia’s newest retirement living community, Highpointe at Rebecca, about a year ago.

“People are so friendly and welcoming,” she said. “I never regretted moving here.”



Concordia Golf Classic 2019 Raises Funds for Charity Care

Concordia’s 16th Annual Golf Classic celebrated another record-breaking year raising more than \$115,000 for the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund. This Fund underwrites confidential charitable care for residents and patients who have limited or exhausted financial means. Over 170 golfers participated in the outing yesterday at Treesdale Golf and Country Club in Gibsonia.



The winning foursome from Gallagher.

SEI Investments once again served as Signature Sponsor for the event, and Mike Kelly from SEI was on hand as a guest of honour. The winning team was the foursome from Gallagher Benefits Services. Representatives from Providence Pharmacy finished second and the group from Intelligent Electronic Systems, LLC and Navigator Group Purchasing placed third in our event.

Keith Frndak, President and CEO of Concordia with Gordon Marquette and Dave Dille from Ascension and Fred Heintz Jr, a Concordia board member from Bethel

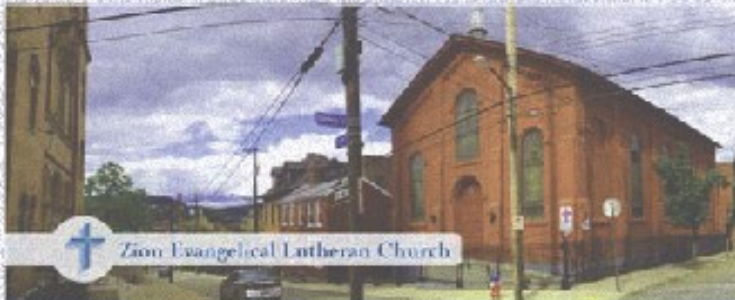


Rev. Justin Schmidt, pastor at Peace with his father, Bob Schmidt, a Concordia Board member form Zion, Bridgeville

For more information about our Golf Classic or how do give a gift to Concordia’s charity care fund, please contact Larissa Yates, Development Director at 724-352-1571m ext. 8363.

Zion's 151st History Event

September 15, 2019 - 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



Free to the Public

237 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201
Phone: 412-621-2720

2 p.m. - Journey to the past with The Wayward Companions. A small group of musicians, in 19th Century Period dress, will perform lively and engaging music of the era's popular songs.

3 p.m. - Lawrenceville's own Jim Wudarczyk, author of several local history books, will address "Butler Street: Footsteps of the Past". The talk will discuss the history and architecture of Butler Street.

4 p.m. - Tom Powers, President of the Lawrenceville Historical Society, will address "The History of Penn Avenue". He will be discussing the rich history of Penn Avenue and some of its architecture.

1:30-2 and 3-5 p.m. - Zion's church historian Rebekah Johnston will provide 15 minute docent tours of the church building and courtyard.