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PALM DEVOTION

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

“Thanksgiving”

*Oh, give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good!*

For the gifts of creation that nourish and sustain us;

For the gift of Jesus Christ who takes away the sin of the world;

For the gift of the Holy Cross on which our dear Lord died that we may live;



For the gift of the Holy Sepulcher from which our dear Lord rose in victory over death that we may live;

For the gift of the Holy Word that we may know our sin and hear the voice of our Savior;

For the gift of Holy Baptism in which we are buried with Christ and rise with Him to newness of life;

For the gift of Holy Absolution in which our sins are laid bare and forgiven that we may have peace;

For the gift of Holy Communion in which we are nourished with our dear Lord’s Holy Body and Precious Blood that we may be healed;

For the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter;

For the gift of the Holy Church in which we are surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses who through their various vocations and intercessions assure that we are never alone;

For the gift of the Holy Ministry through which our Lord gathers and shepherds us in green pastures;

For the gift of the resurrection unto eternal life that we may have hope;

For His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 106:1)

Doxology "Take Heart" Respite Retreat



On September 20-22, at Antiochian Village near Ligonier, Doxology: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel held "Take Heart! Strength and Confidence for Demanding Days", a respite retreat sponsored by the LCMS Office of National Mission. This was one of many of these retreats being held this year. ONM is sponsoring these retreats to help pastors as they work with their congregations through this ongoing time of COVID. Intended to give respite, rest, and renewal to pastors, the idea is to help pastors diagnose challenges in ministry, respond sensitively to difficult issues, apply spiritual care tools effectively, diminish discouragement, and sustain faithful ministry in the parish. Teaching at the event was Rev. David C. Fleming, Doxology Executive Director for Spiritual Care, Collegium Fellow, and a pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, MI, as well as Dr. Beverly Yahnke, Executive Director for Christian Counsel, a clinical psychologist who previously was Chair and Professor of Psychology at Concordia Mequon. Chaplain for the event was Rev. Sean Daenzer, Director of LCMS Worship and chaplain at the International Center. Cantor was Mr. Matthew Machemer, Associate Kantor at the Fort Wayne seminary.

Attending pastors from our area included Pastor Spittel and Pastor Andrae from First Trinity, Pastor Greenway from Grace, Pastor Grimenstein from Zion Bridgeville, Pastor Hahn from St. John's Millvale, Pastor McCanless from Concordia Brentwood, Pastor D. Oester from Christ Oil City, and Pastor Westgate from Redeemer Oakmont. Other Pennsylvania pastors present included Pastor Kieselowsky from Philadelphia Lutheran Ministries, Pastor Seifferlein from Mount Calvary Lancaster County, Pastor L. Zimmerman from Calvary Mechanicsburg, and Pastor J. Zimmerman from a dual parish in Scranton. Many other pastors attended, from as far away as Castle Rock, CO. Lecture titles include: "Ministry in the Face of Calamity: A Look at the Landscape," "The Cost of Caring: A Quiet Epidemic," "Prayer, Meditation, and Lament, Spiritual Self-care," "Pastoral Resilience in a Time of Adversity and Challenge," "Promoting Peace in the Parsonage and Every Home," and "Responding to Judgment: The Matter of Conscience." There was also time for the pastors to talk together in small groups about various topics and strategies; chapel services were held twice a day. The pastors also received as a gift a copy of Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil's new book, "Christ and Calamity: Grace & Gratitude in the Darkest Valley." Dr. Senkbeil is Doxology's founding Executive Director for Spiritual Care, and formerly a professor at the Fort Wayne seminary. This book is available from Lexham Press for \$9.99.

What is Doxology? From the website, doxology.us -

DOXOLOGY, a charitable nonprofit 501(c)3 corporation and Recognized Service Organization of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, is comprised of pastors, counselors and laity from various walks of life who are committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, especially as God gives it through the Holy Ministry.

DOXOLOGY offers an innovative program of advanced study retreats to strengthen pastors for the task of faithfully shepherding the souls entrusted to their care.

DOXOLOGY provides pastors with a unique study and renewal experience, rooted in the classic art of the care of souls (*cura animarum*) and informed by the insights of contemporary Christian psychology.

The primary purpose of our organization is to provide training, mentoring and consultation services for pastors seeking to enhance their ability to help people struggling with the ever-increasing personal, family and social complexities of contemporary life. The retreat training environment, grounded in Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, ensures that pastors will be emotionally and spiritually refreshed and equipped by their participation. The Center provides a safe environment for clergy to reflect on their own spiritual and emotional health and assists them to review and enhance their professional competencies and skills as servants of Christ and stewards of God's sacred mysteries. DOXOLOGY strengthens pastors so they can more faithfully pastor others.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November

7. Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Sunday, Zion Lutheran, Lawrenceville, 11:30 a.m. worship service.

11. Annual Minersville Cemetery Veterans Day Service, 11:00 a.m.

14. Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting, Haven I Dining Room, Cabot campus, 3 :00 p.m.

CALENDAR NOTE: DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT ANY OF THE SCHEDULED EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED OR POSTPONED. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH FOR UPDATES. WE PRAY THAT ALL OF YOU ARE SAFE AND HEALTHY.



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CAMPUS MINISTRY

SRU CAMPUS MINISTRY

by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

Why a soccer game matters

All Saints' first student meal of the school year was on Labor Day. We were elated that Slippery Rock University students had seen our posters and signs inviting them to a free, homemade Korean meal.

The students who came included several SRU soccer players. They had spotted the sign outside of our church and student center. They quickly agreed to come for the meal. Foremost it was their first meal at All Saints. They felt very welcome, and very pleased with Jo Dublin's excellent cooking. They smiled with pleasure.

Before leaving the meal, the students were offered boxes of leftovers to carry back to their dorms. We told them our door was always open to them. We let them know we would be calling them soon. They were so enthusiastic about All Saints' friendly welcome that they called out as they left an invitation to me saying: "Mrs. Mennell, come to our soccer game on Wednesday."

All Saints campus ministry is always looking for ways to get to know the students. This is why the soccer players' invitation to the game meant so much. My husband and I did go to the game so they could see that All Saints wants to be a family away from home for them. Getting to meet and know students is crucial to reaching out with faith. We need a chance to meet as friends in order to hear what they believe and to tell them what we Christians believe. The Labor Day meal gave us the chance to go to a soccer game, but more importantly to have the opportunity to win the students' trust so they would give us their phone numbers. It is very important to get students' phone numbers. Having those numbers allows us to call them. When I called the soccer players I immediately identified myself telling students that I was "the lady they talked to at the Labor Day meal." That's all it took. Hearing this they relaxed. They listened to the invitation to have lunch, a free lunch at a local restaurant students enjoy. The students were pleased to have a call and this includes all who came to the dinner, not just soccer players. Some were ready to set a date for lunch. Others asked me to call back so they'd have time to work it into their schedule. They were interested in our invitation.

Getting the opportunity to know students takes a lot of time and may seem pointless, but it is not. The Holy Spirit may use these times to plant and grow seeds of spiritual understanding. There is no magic in inviting students to lunches, trips to see the Amish, rides to Walmart. I met my first Egyptian student when I called him shortly after the Korean meal. It was like meeting an old friend. He met me at the Lutheran student center so that we could walk into town for lunch. He got to see our sanctuary, meet Rev. Jacob Deal and church member Peter Rigney. He chose to eat at Ginger Hill restaurant and we walked there together. The time we spent together was so easy. He told me about being born in Egypt, being taught Arabic by his loving parents, and about his passion for soccer. We talked about how he feels like a citizen of two countries, believes Islam and Christianity are similar, and told of his desire to make his family proud of him. I shared that I would welcome the time to talk more with him. I said there might be similarities in our faiths, but that I would enjoy telling him of the differences. We enjoyed our conversation about his life. He will try to attend another student meal. Since next Sunday Pastor Deal will be taking college students out for lunch after church, I suggested that he might consider coming to see how we worship and then go out to eat lunch with the other students. As we walked back to campus, he told me the next soccer game would be a conference game, and would we come? And yes, Jim and I did go to the game! This friendship could grow.

CAMPUS MINISTRY

SRU CAMPUS MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

Even if a student rejects our invitation, it is still worth making the invitation. Recently a student returned campus ministry's call. She said she just did not have time to have lunch because she was working herself through college, and therefore had no time for lunch. She described how she volunteers as a mentor to new students on campus and how she is helping support a food pantry for students who needed food. I immediately told her I'd like to learn about these two activities from her, even if she had only ten or fifteen minutes to give me. Besides telling me of her heavy schedule, she described herself as "agnostic." She said her parents were religious and wanted her to be, but she could not be. I answered that I would like to learn about why she cannot believe. I would listen and share any time she would like to talk. She did not slam the door shut. She hung up feeling that she is still valued and would still be taken out for lunch - faith or no faith.

This call may seem useless, but it's not. She'll always remember that she was called by Christians who care. All Saints will pray for her and for all the students we get to meet. What a great opportunity God gives to campus ministry.



MISSION NEWS

Mileposters News

From a kid stoker's point of view, some trailside attractions are more important than others. For 24 years, the Yough Twister ice cream stand has undeniably been the most popular, but the owners built a sit-down restaurant on their property behind it, concentrating their efforts on the new addition, which was erected on stilts to withstand a 100-year flood, so there has been no ice cream for about a month now. A playground with swings is located half a mile away, so riders have been enjoying that instead (pictured).

On September 26, six riders, including the group leader, made a round trip from Buena Vista to Douglas Run on the Youghiogheny River Trail, pictured at Milepost 29. It was the third Mileposters ride for the mom at the left in the picture, who was inspired to get her own bike out of storage and bring it along--she had not ridden it for several years. The girl in pink next to her, her daughter's friend, was a first-time rider.

Mileage in this year's campaign to support LCMS ministry in Puerto Rico now stands 2,462, out of a goal of 3,000.



Our Houses of Worship

By Shirley Freyer

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills and Christian Preschool

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Rev. Barry Keurulainen, Vacancy Pastor

The theme of the 50th Anniversary of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church of South Hills, “Celebrating 50 Years of Shepherding - Seeking Sheep for 50 More” continues 11 years later to grow and move forward. Through the retirement of a pastor, Rev. Dan Strussenberg, who served one of the longest tenures in its history, the ministry of a new pastor, Rev. Tim Bickel whose time with this congregation was brief due to a chronic illness, a pandemic that revolutionized church practices and now, again the experience of another call process, this church has not only survived but thrived.

Vacancy pastor Rev. Barry Keurulainen came out of retirement to serve what he calls “one of the leading churches when it comes to influencing Pittsburgh.” Its history attracted him because of its strong Lutheran presence.

Good Shepherd has contributed many people to the church at large. Its members sang in the Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus, and were active in Lutheran Laymen’s League, LWML and Concordia Lutheran Ministries Board according to Pastor Barry.

While the church records chronicle the beginning in 1960, Good Shepherd had its roots in two long established congregations – First St Paul’s on the South Side, founded in 1849 and Bethany in Pleasant Hills in 1937. By 1958, both found the need to enlarge their facilities and thus move their location. Through a gift of land from First St. Paul member Louise Thoma Colteryahn, the current site was chosen, and Bethany was invited to join in the building of a new church. Rev. Theodore Bornhoefdt was installed in August of 1960 and two years later the educational wing housed a nursery school and kindergarten – the beginning of a mission that has flourished into a vibrant pre-school. Initially, it grew into a Head Start program, but the congregation made a decision to replace the government program and called its first Director of Christian Education in 1993.



HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

Current Vice President Ray Betler who served as vice president as well during this transition believes the establishment of a new Christian Pre-School transformed the nature of the church.

“Good Shepherd was well supported financially by upper middle-class members employed by Bettis, Westinghouse and US Steel 50 to 60 years ago,” said Ray, who retired in 2019 from Wabtec as president and CEO. “We tended to be formal and perhaps not the friendliest back then.”

“Today,” he said, “we are grounded, down to earth, still Scriptural and doctrinal and committed to one another.” The Pre-school offers the opportunity to minister to people outside the congregation.

Serving the needs of the community and establishing an education of faith in young children, this mission has grown consistently in students and staff.

Four teachers at Good Shepherd Christian Preschool offer a variety of classes and programs including Toddler Time, a new two-day, 1 ½ hour program for two-year-olds and their caregivers as well as the two-day, 2 ½ hour program for three-year-olds. A Learning Together Class for three- and four-year-olds, a Pre-K four-year-old class with either morning or afternoon sessions three days a week, and a Junior Kindergarten class for five-year-olds that meets each day from 9:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Special extended day programs - “Lunch Bunch” which provides an opportunity to share mealtime with friends and “Discovery Days” allowing children to learn social skills and participate in planned enrichment activities - were provided to give parents schedule flexibility but are being assessed at this time due to the pandemic. “Soccer Shots” is a nationally recognized program for youth soccer development held regularly at Good Shepherd.

Pastor Barry called it a “church that knows how to embrace the traditional and contemporary traditions and passions naturally and spontaneously. There’s a refreshing unity in the mix without drawing sides or being judgmental,” he noticed.

Jeremy Frantz, worship facilitator, leads praise music with his guitar. And accomplished organist for many years, Joan Krueger is among the most talented in the region.

To be sure, there is tradition, even in its architecture. The Memorial Tower houses the bells that were cast for First St. Paul in 1866, dedicated by Rev. Melvin Pingel who served until his retirement in 1988.

Much has been written about its design which architect Charles B. McConnell based on the statement, “The church is a fact of the past. It is a force in the present.” From the arches to the three sets of doors and the open chancel, the empty rough-hewn cross to the missing railing and altar cloths – all have significant symbolism.

“This type of architecture concentrates full attention of every attendant upon the beautiful unit of the Word and Sacrament as emphasized in the Lutheran Confessions,” expressed Dr. A. R. Kretzmann, liturgical consultant. It illustrates the mission to bring the Gospel to the people of all ages so they can live in a right relationship with God and a loving relationship with one another.

“Our church is a family, and we love it,” said Carole Hesse Shade, one of ten charter members who grew up in Mt. Oliver and was a member of First St. Paul. “We know everybody. I never want to leave it.”

HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

Retired from Bell Telephone, Carole has lived in Washington County for the last 50 years, active as a Stephen Minister under Pastor Doellinger's leadership, secretary for LWML, VBS teacher, member of the Altar Guild and decorating committee. "We've stayed together through Bible studies at Betler's for example," she noted even during the pandemic when they resorted to ZOOM.

Ray was chairman of the Re-opening Committee and preached the Father's Day message last year on the first Sunday of re-opening.

"We made a bold decision to provide every means possible to keep our church doors and our pre-school open," he admitted. "It was a labor of love by each and every one in our congregation."

Raised in Library by his grandmother and mother, both lifelong members of First St. Paul, he, and his wife, Joneen began to date at age 13. He earned a scholarship to West Point and upon graduation he was asked to consider making the military his career. He chose instead to come home and marry and claimed it was "the best decision I have ever made, as the Lord knew what he was doing." He worked in a coal mine to pay for his degree at Carnegie Mellon and began a 40-year career as a design engineer with the former Westinghouse Transportation Division.

"When I started to work, I never aspired to be a CEO," Ray said. "The was not the result of my work but His work."

He and Joneen taught Sunday School for 15 years and enjoy having together taught a generation of kids. Together they raised three sons and now have ten grandchildren.

Two other charter members, Ray Vogel and Dee Moore were baptized at First St. Paul where Dee was part of the last confirmation class in 1960. By then Ray had moved to Pleasant Hills and was confirmed at Bethany. He too married his high school sweetheart, Chris and have three daughters and nine grandchildren. Ray, a carpenter by trade, can be seen at church almost daily in addition to his role as chairman of the Elders and a member of the call committee.

He believes the down-to-earth friendliness of Good Shepherd members is what strengthens this congregation, and he works hard to be welcoming.

This church family not only worships together but "plays" together and he is looking forward to a group of seven of them on an Avalon River cruise next May.

A retired cardiac care nurse who spent the greater part of her career at Southside Hospital, Dee and her daughter and grandson travel from Glenshaw each Sunday morning. "Originally from Allentown/Mt. Oliver, my husband and I raised our three children in Carrick," she said, a block away from her childhood home. Active in the LWML, and the altar guild, she taught VBS when one hundred children attended.

"The people in our congregation are like one big family," she agreed.

HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

Another charter couple who spent much of their retirement years traveling is Ron and Dot Gerstacker. “It was a great help not to have built the church from scratch,” said Dot. “It was an honor to be married at First St. Paul,” said the Sunday School teacher of 25 years.

Sandy and Tim Marcovecchio have been at Good Shepherd since July of 1994. Sandy landed a job in Ernst & Young’s Health Care Consulting Group, which brought them to Pittsburgh and found Good Shepherd after perusing the Lutheran Annual and checking out churches in the area.

“Good Shepherd felt most like home,” she said. The people were welcoming but not overwhelming. The service, the building, the area, it all just felt like home. They got involved with the youth program, and ever since, at least one of them has had some type of volunteer or leadership role. Currently, Sandy is office coordinator and Tim is an elder.

They have stayed at Good Shepherd because it has become their family. “Without family in the area, it has been a blessing to feel such genuine love and caring from so many individuals,” she said. “Members have been like grandparents to our children.”

“We have been very blessed through the years that through all of our immediate family’s ups and downs, our Good Shepherd family has been there for us.”

In addition to the Pre-School, other Outreach missions include Pittsburgh’s Light of Life Ministries for the homeless, South Hills Interfaith Movement collecting school supplies for its backpack program as well as food items for its food pantry, the Clover Leaf Food Bank and Pittsburgh’s South Hills Nepalese Community serving as a place where their children can attend pre-school. Boy Scouts and Narcotics Anonymous continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Good Shepherd has strong lay leadership. They are not missing a beat and continue to engage in initiating missional outreach articulated Pastor Barry. “These leaders don’t need to have their hands held.”

They have The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ who continues to lead them as they pray for an undershepherd to come and serve them.

“In their hearts, humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps.”
– Proverbs 16:9



SCHOOL NEWS

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Oakmont / Penn Hills

The Redeemer Lutheran High School National Honor Society inducted six new students into their 2021-2022 membership. Madison Barczy, Grace Bondy, Brianna Boyer, and Adrianna Rossi were honored as new junior class members, with Nathan Jackson and Peter Vanwyk joining as seniors. All were recognized during a ceremony on Friday, September 17. National Honor Society members commit to leadership and service projects that benefit the school and area communities.

The fall athletic season is still in high gear, with playoffs and regional competitions coming later this month. We look forward to sharing results in the next newsletter!

For the first time, Redeemer's middle school girls volleyball team had the chance to play in a "friendly" non-competition match with the team from St. Luke's in Cabot; Redeemer hosted the game in Penn Hills. We hope that this is the first of many more opportunities to come!

We shared last month that our high school robotics team had begun working on their model for the BEST competition. On Saturday, October 9, the team was able to take their robot and test it at the "Mall Day" Expo. They are now working at a feverish pace to prepare for the two-day competition on October 22 & 23 at Grove City College.

RLS Teacher spotlight: *Christa Dixon, kindergarten teacher*

Hometown: *Pittsburgh, PA (Peters Township)*

Education: *PreK-4 Elementary Education and Spanish minor, Grove City College*

Interesting work experiences: *I have worked at Urban Impact Foundation at their summer camp and I have also worked at the zoo!*

Family: *I grew up with my parents, my twin brother, Jonathan, and my younger brother, Daniel. I also have over 30 cousins!*

Hobbies: *I love going on hikes with my dog, Kobe. I also love creating art and crafting.*

Other curious/fun facts about me: *I lived in the Dominican Republic for a year during a study abroad program!*

On my decision to become a teacher: *I have always wanted to be a teacher ever since I was little. Many of my family members were teachers and I always admired the impact they made on their student's lives.*

On Redeemer Lutheran School: *As soon as I visited Redeemer for the first time, I could tell that it was a very warm and welcoming environment. The staff members are all so kind and helpful and really display the love of Christ each day.*

Looking ahead to next month—more athletics news, robotics competition highlights, and a spotlight on another member of the RLS family!

On the RLS calendar for next month: *Preschool-6th grade sings at Oakmont Hometown Christmas, Saturday, November 20*

SCHOOL NEWS

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL (CONTINUED)
Oakmont / Penn Hills

The 2021-2022 RLS National Honor Society Chapter



Middle school friendly volleyball match between Redeemer and St. Luke's



CHRIST LUTHERAN

Forest Hills

(News from Trinity Lutheran Church of the Deaf in Swissvale, PA)

Vicar Vincent Mroz has begun his work at Trinity Deaf. There have been very few gatherings at Trinity since March of last year because of concerns about the virus. This September, with Vicar Mroz's help, they began an 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning Bible study, prayer, and song time with about an hour of fellowship and light food afterwards.

A Thanksgiving-themed November luncheon is planned for Sunday, November 7, at noon. All are invited to attend this special event. Hearing interpreters will be available for those who do not use American Sign Language. A \$5 donation per person is requested to cover the expenses of the meal.

CONCORDIA LUTHERAN

Brentwood

Our Men's Breakfast Group is now (also) our Men's Matinee! We were GOING to see "Cry Macho" this month, but it cycled too quickly through the theaters. So on Oct.20, we went and saw the new James Bond film. We'll be breakfasting at Bob Evans in West Mifflin on November 6, and perhaps planning for our next Matinee at that time as well!

Our first-ever PALM Hayride at Simmons Farm on October 30 was a smashing success! We had all manner of LCMS folks from the South Hills, East Hills and beyond at this event! Having a pavilion to ourselves, we enjoyed great fellowship that night, and can't wait to make this an annual celebration amongst us again next year!

On Sunday, November 14, we'll have our 2022 Stewardship kickoff potluck dinner after the Divine Service that day. Not only will our new stewardship theme be unveiled, this will be our first function of any kind, in our recently refurbished and repainted undercroft - and our first dinner since our Stewardship luncheon of 2019. This is certainly the kind of "normal" we've been looking forward to getting BACK to, as the family of God here at Concordia!

Concordia FINALLY has a facebook page, which we realize puts us 50 years behind the rest of the Synod in the face race. We're inching ever close to streaming our service live there, and are already posting our recorded services there. You can reach us thusly, at, "Concordia LCMS - Pittsburgh"

TRI-PARISH

Pastor Donn Woolweber(pictured) was having some fun greeting all who came to the drive thru Oktoberfest on Saturday Oct 16, at Bethel in Glenshaw. Thanks to the efforts of the Swanson family who coordinated the event, funds were raised for seminary students. Members from Bethel, St. John's and Zion, Lawrenceville made more than 200 apple dumplings! By the way, Pastors Stein was empty!!!



MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

West View

Fall began a busy period for Mt. Calvary in West View. October meant it was time for friends and members of the congregation to bake cookies for Meals on Wheels. The first batches began to appear at the beginning of the month, and continued to be brought in throughout.

Also, thanks to the Hoover families - and after a hiatus last year - Mt. Calvary celebrated Oktoberfest October 24 in the church hall. Watch for pictures and details next month! The Outreach Group is also working on details for the church's Christmas Blessings project.

In addition to fun plans for the congregation, the front sidewalk of the church has been completely redone. Along with new sidewalks, the work included downspout and French-drain redirects, and a garden retaining wall. For the duration of the work, people had to use the side door to enter the church, and some of the members provided "valet service" (no tips accepted) to park cars for those who were accustomed to parking in front of the church.

Finally, Pastor Kuntz and Nikkie celebrated their son Liam's birthday with a fun day at Kennywood. It's hard to say who enjoyed it more - Liam or Dad!



Pastor Scott Kuntz and son Liam enjoy a birthday ride on Kennywood's Jack Rabbit.

ZION LUTHERAN

Lawrenceville

Zion Lawrenceville Celebrates Dedication Sunday

Zion was blessed to celebrate and give thanks for the 153 years this sanctuary has been a place of worship and hospitality. We gave thanks for the many helping hands that have renovated, repaired, and enhanced this house of worship. On Sunday, Oct. 10, we dedicated pews and pew cushions and new flooring as well as the fair linens given in honor of lifelong member Marilyn Johnston by the Dull Family, and the red cushioned chapel chairs given in memory of Mildred Molkenthin by her daughters, Ruth Miller and Shirley Freyer and their families. We pray that they give comfort and care to all who enter God's sanctuary. The church is one body, made of many members. For everybody's part in caring for this church, we give God thanks and praise! All in attendance were invited to a lunch reception in the undercroft following the worship service.

Zion Remembers Those Who Have Joined the Church Triumphant

Zion Lawrenceville will be celebrating the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Sunday, November 7th at our 11:30 a.m. worship service. Those who will be commemorated are Robert W. Kuepper (11/27/20), Evelyn Cameron (11/28/20) and Betty Wannagat (9/14/21) - loved ones who have died in the faith before us, all the while rejoicing for their new life in the presence of their Savior. They are the chosen ones this church year and we honor their lives and their family. The sting of death leaves us dazed and confused and thrusts us into a grief-filled world. We come to grieve with the gift of hope and the promise of eternal life. Since we are members of the body of Christ, we are certain that when we leave this world, we will be reunited with our loved one in heavenly joy. Their families will be honored guests at a brief coffee hour following this service.

Nominees for Board of Directors at Concordia Lutheran Ministries Announced

Member church delegates have been notified that Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 3:00 p.m. at Concordia Haven I, 112 Marwood Rd., Cabot.

Registration begins at 2:30 p.m. Dinner will be served following the meeting at approximately 4:45 p.m.

The main order of business for the day is the election of six members to the Board of Directors. Nominees are incumbents Len Bloom – St. Luke; Peter Bodnar – Redeemer; Rev. Dr. Daniel A. Hahn Jr – pastor of St. John’s; Paul Hoffman – Bethel; James Limbaugh, current chairman – St. Luke as well as Michael Fenger – First Trinity; Donald Olmstead – St Luke; Robert Schmidt – Zion, Bridgeville, and Robert Wilshire – Redeemer. Both Donald Olmstead and Robert Schmidt have served on the Concordia parent board in the past. Delegates will elect six persons to three-year terms. By-laws dictate that all voting must be made in person.

Each member congregation is entitled to three votes – the called pastor plus two delegates. Gail Holzer, Concordia director is chair of the Nominating Committee. Pastor Hahn, also a current director as well as two lay members, Dan Driscoll, St. Luke and Mike Fiffik, Ascension are committee participants. Both have served on the Board of Directors in recent years.

Concordia leadership looks forward to hosting our member church delegates each year on the second Sunday of November. Please contact Director of Church Relations Shirley Freyer at 412-4980-9933 with any questions.



Upcoming Special Events Concordia Lutheran Ministries

Concordia Lutheran Ministries

The Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, Nov. 14 at 3 :00 p.m. in the Haven I Dining Room at the Cabot campus. Registration will begin at 2:30 p.m. and dinner will be served following the meeting at 5 :00p.m.

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Zion Lawrenceville will be celebrating the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on Sunday, November 7th at our 11:30 a.m. worship service. Their families will be honored guests at a brief coffee hour following this service.

Oktoberfest

Concordia's annual Oktoberfest made its full return on Saturday, October 2, after the event was modified last year and limited to a drive-in fireworks show on the Concordia at Cabot campus due to the pandemic. It was great to welcome families, friends and community members back to the Cabot campus to enjoy all of the festivities once again!

Absolutely gorgeous autumn weather set the tone for a joyous day full of seasonal fun for the entire family. Authentic German food, prepared by our talented in-house chefs and food service team, ranged from sauerbraten and bratwurst to spaetzle and kielbasa with several Bavarian dishes in between – it's safe to say that no one left hungry! The PolkaMeisters and Accordionist Lou Gamber entertained the crowd with polka favorites. Our kid attendees (including our "kids at heart" guests) enjoyed a range of activities including hayrides, pumpkin decorating, face stenciling and temporary tattoos, pony rides, bouncy house fun and cool balloons twisted and designed to their liking from artist Steve Haberman!

Oktoberfest concluded with a spectacular fireworks display by Pyrotecnico! Special thanks to our friends who generously sponsored a portion of the fireworks display:

- BioSafety Services
- Get It Done Mailing Service, Inc.
- State Industrial Products

THANK YOU to all who attended, our team members who helped coordinate the event and the volunteers who graciously donated their time to ensure the successful return of Oktoberfest!







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