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#### PALM DEVOTION

by The Reverend Dr. Douglas H. Spittel, President, Pittsburgh Area Lutheran Ministries Suffering, Death, and Life in Christ

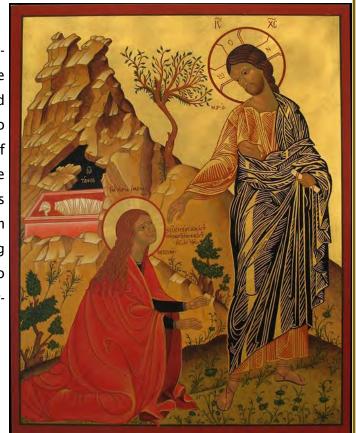
Go to dark Gethsemane and see the Man who, while you are weary and heavy-laden - unable to watch for even one hour, watches and prays for you. See Him bear your burden and carry your load, sweating drops of blood while you sleep.

Go to Jerusalem and see the Man who, while you are frightened and deny Him - seeking to hide yourself and fit in with the crowd, bears the insults and scourging that you deserve.

Go to Calvary's holy mountain and see the Man who, while you withdraw and weep for yourself,

suffers the indignity and death of the cross for your sin in your place.

Haste to the tomb, see the Man tending the garden of souls, inquire of Him where life may be found. Fall at His feet, see the Man and behold your God. This gardener is Jesus, the One who created the garden in Eden, who is the sower of the Word across the generations of man on the Earth, who sets the mob in garden plots of fifties and hundreds to nurture them with the Word in fishes and loaves, who is our Spring breaking forth victorious over the tomb of death, who brings us into the new Garden where life is eternal.



# Mark your Calendar

# **April - Easter Services**

# **LENTEN SERVICES - April 1**

- St. Luke Butler, time TBA
- Ascension, McCandless, meal at 5:00 p.m., service at 7:00 p.m.
- Tri Parish, Bethel, Glenshaw, dinner 6:00 p.m., service 7:00 p.m.

#### PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 5

- Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, Breakfast 9:00 to 10:30 a.m
- Concordia Lutheran, Brentwood, 10:30 a.m.
- St. Luke Cabot, time TBA.
- Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Palm Sunday Brunch, Zion, Lawrenceville, 12:30 p.m

# **MAUNDAY THURSDAY - APRIL 9**

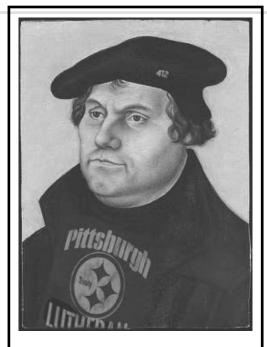
- Ascension, McCandless, 7:00 p.m.
- Bethel, Glenshaw, 7:00 p.m.
- Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, 7:00 p.m.
- Concordia Lutheran, Brentwood, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Luke Cabot, time TBA.
- Tri-Parish, Zion Lawrenceville, 5:30 p.m.
- Tri Parish, St. Johns, Millvale, 7:30 p.m
- Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville, 7:00 p.m.

# **GOOD FRIDAY - APRIL 10**

- Ascension, McCandless, 7:00 p.m.
- Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, 7:00 p.m.
- Concordia Lutheran, Brentwood, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Luke Cabot, time TBA
- Tri-Parish, St. Johns, Millvale, 7:30 p.m.
- Tri-Parish Good Friday Services, Zion Lawrenceville, 5:30 p.m.
- Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville, 7:00 p.m.

#### **HOLY SATURDAY - APRIL 11**

- Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, 5:30 p.m. (Contemporary)
- St. Luke Cabot, time TBA. Easter Egg Hunt, 12:30 pm.



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# Mark your Calendar (continued)

#### April (continued)

# **EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 12**

- Ascension, McCandless, 9:30 a.m.
- Calvary Lutheran, Murrysville, 8:30 a.m. (Classic), 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary)
- Concordia Lutheran, Brentwood, 10:30 a.m.
- St. Luke Cabot, time TBA
- Zion Lutheran, Bridgeville, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- 4. Easter Family Event & Egg Hunt, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 10:00 a.m. free and open to the community
- 4. Easter Egg Hunt, Calvary, Murrysville, 1:00 p.m.
- 4. Easter Egg Hunt, St. Luke Cabot/Butler, Father Marinaro Park, Butler, 1:00 p.m.
- 19. Open House Concordia Haven Apartments, Cabot 1:00 p.m. seminar followed by tours until 3:00 p.m.
- 19. Open House Concordia of the South Hills, 1:00 p.m. open house followed by tours until 3:00 p.m.
- 19. Tri-Parish Choir Concert, Stations of the Resurrection, Concordia of Franklin Park, Sewickley, 3:00 p.m.
- 19. Tri-Parish Choir Concert, Stations of the Resurrection, Concordia of Cranberry, Mars, 6:00 p.m.
- 20. Open house, Concordia Haven Apartments, Cabot, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 20. Open House Concordia of the South Hills, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 23. Cahal Dunne Concert, Concordia Haven I Dining Room, Cabot, 7:00 p.m.
- 24. Movie Nite, Concordia Lutheran, Brentwood, 6:30 p.m.
- 24. Calvary Early Learning Center Spring Program, Murrysville, 10:00 a.m.
- 25. 75<sup>th</sup> P.A.L.g.S Golf Outing, Victory Hills Golf Course, 9:00 a.m.

- 26. Tri-Parish Choir Concert, Stations of the Resurrection, Concordia at Rebecca Residence Chapel, Allison Park, 2:30 p.m.
- 26. Tri-Parish Choir Concert, Stations of the Resurrection Highpointe at Rebecca Chapel, Allison Park 4:00 p.m.
- 27. Movie Nite, "The Reliant", Concordia Lutheran, Brentwood, 6:30 p.m.

#### May

- 2. Concordia Spring Fashion Luncheon, Butler Country Club, 10:00 a.m.
- 9. Concordia Annual Kids Fishing Derby, Saxony Farm Estate, 8:00 a.m.
- 12. Open House Concordia of the South Hills, 1:00 p.m. open house followed by tours until 3:00 p.m.
- 17. Open house, Concordia Haven Apartments, Cabot, 1:00 p.m. seminar followed by tours until 3:00 p.m.
- 17. Open house, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 1:00 p.m. seminar followed by tours until 3:00 p.m.
- 18. Open house, Highpointe at Rebecca, Allison Park, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 18. Open house, Concordia Haven Apartments, Cabot, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 18. Open House Concordia of the South Hills, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

# <u>June</u>

12-14. Camp Erin Pittsburgh (Bereavement Camp for kids 6-17), YMCA Camp Kon-O-Kwee Spencer www.camperinpittsburgh.org

<u>CALENDAR NOTE:</u> 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.

#### **PALM NEWS**

# Mark your Calendar (continued)

# July

- 13. Concordia 17th Annual Golf Classic, Treesdale Golf and Country Club, 8:00 a.m.
- 13-16. Vacation Bible School, Ascension, McCandless, 5:45 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.
- 26. Concordia 139th Annual Summer Festival, Cabot Campus, 12:30 p.m.

# October

3. Concordia Oktoberfest, Cabot Campus, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

TBA. Camp Erin Purse Gala, fall 2020



# **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

# **REVIVE**

by Matt Slaybough, DCE, Director of Campus Ministry

Penn State classes have been moved to online learning throughout the rest of the semester.

Spring commencement likely will be delayed.

Please keep our students in your prayers as they adjust to this transition.



#### **CAMPUS MINISTRY**

#### Let's have lunch!

Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

There is no substitute for personal interaction. Loved ones who live in nursing homes have faces that become radiant when a friend walks in the door. Pastors who get together for a hot cakes breakfast laugh a lot as they enjoy each other's company. Students who get to have a free lunch and the chance to share their thoughts never forget that Lutheran campus ministry loves them.

One of the biggest challenges for me as All Saints Campus Ministry Director is finding a way to have personal visits with college students. All Saints' monthly Korean meals are a good start for giving students the means to know about the friendship we have to offer, but the meals are not the only way. I have found that having lunch one-on-one with students does the job, too.

Wang (not his real name) from Nepal was glad to get an invitation to lunch. He chose to eat at Slippery Rock's newest restaurant, Taco Bell. Wang told me about his family. Some live in Nepal. Others live in the USA. An uncle is a doctor who gave him the opportunity to shadow him because this is the work he wants to do. In a personal setting like this we were comfortable talking about family, faith, and education. He told me he is Buddhist – a secular Buddhist. He believes that he is a good person. He believes that being kind and good is the way to please God. He is not certain about what happens after death. Since our time to visit was short because he had a class to attend, I didn't think he would want me to tell him about what Christians believe. I was really pleased when he asked me to at least give him a quick summary of the Christian faith. He listened as I told him that God loves us so much that He had His Son die on a cross for our sins. I explained that Christians believe they need what God's Son did because no matter how much we try we cannot be perfect.

Wang related that he had attended an excellent academic school in Nepal run by Augustinians. He had learned all the secular information he needed to do well in college, but he said he did not learn much about Christianity. He said he understood that Jesus was born in a stable because His family were "outcasts". Having lunch in private gave us the way to discuss faith.

Hopefully, we'll have lunch again. I want to show him an excellent article in the Lutheran Heritage Foundation's January-February 2020 issue. The article is a story of a Buddhist who became a Christian and now feels so free of the wrongs he had done. He now knows he is forgiven. It is so exciting to be able to share the freedom that the Christian faith gives. It is especially exciting to have the chance to share – over lunch – with a student.

Anne (not her real name) is an American college student who wants to teach. She's had lunch with me before. She attends Sunday worship regularly. She's a pastor's daughter and already has faith. She comes to have lunch just because it is enjoyable since we can talk about almost everything. As we ate at Bob's Sub Shop, she asked about what advice she should give a friend.

#### CAMPUS MINISTRY

# Let's have lunch! (continued)

Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director

Her friend goes to church once in a while, but wants her boyfriend to come to church more often than he does. During this lunch we debated what advice she should give her friend. We talked about the "witness" her girlfriend was giving to her boyfriend. We wondered if he knew her faith was important to her because she attended worship just now and then. We concluded that her girlfriend might want to learn more about her own faith. Did it really have meaning? We shared that asking her boyfriend to go to worship with her would be a good beginning to strengthen her own faith and his.

As we finished lunch, Anne talked about her father. He is an LCMS pastor who was not a strong believer before becoming a pastor. Someplace along the way the Holy Spirit changed him. Could it have been her mother's influence? Anne would like to know more about her father's faith. We talked about how wonderful it would be for both of them if she asked him to tell her about how God brought about this change.

Lunch with college students helps me to understand what the "baggage" is that they carry. I was struck with that realization by an article by Deon Prue, of Haskell Light Campus Ministry to Native American college students in Lawrence, Kansas. She writes in the Lutheran Indian Ministries <u>Lenten Devotions</u> for March 4: "We don't ignore their baggage, we help them carry it to our final destination." This is All Saints' goal, too. Time to visit during lunch is a good time to show students that they can take their baggage to Jesus, who gave His life for them.



Chris and Samantha are enjoying lunch with Mrs. Mennell in SlipperRock.

# **LOCAL MISSION**

## **Mileposters News**

Prospective new riders and their families were invited to a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. Games were provided, and doughnuts for the kids. Jenga proved to be the most popular game; one girl and her mother (pictured) faced off against the group leader. Little brother will fit fine in our bike trailer.

Although it has been a mild winter, and total mileage is far ahead of last year (168 as of this writing), rainy days, and the inevitable cold ones, have held us back. We did do a kick bike exploration event early in March; the quad stoker team posed with the Groffdale 24/20 Amish kick bike (pictured) prior to the session. The Groffdale, with its low deck, is the easiest of our kick bikes to ride. None of the boys had ever ridden a kick bike before, but the similarity to a scooter helped give them quick success. One of them was especially pleased since he has trouble balancing a standard bicycle.





#### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

# **ASCENSION LUTHERAN** - *McMurray*

Ascension Lutheran Church (8225 Peebles Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237) is continuing the Eyes on Jesus Lenten Series from Concordia Publishing House. All are welcome to join us prior to our last Lenten service on April 1st for a delicious meal and fellowship at our Lenten soup and salad supper beginning at 5:00 PM followed by our Lenten service at 7:00 PM. We look forward to reflecting on Jesus' death and celebrating His resurrection during Holy Week with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at 7:00 PM culminating with our Easter Sunday service at 9:30 AM.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Ascension July13-16, 2020 from 5:45 PM until 8:15 PM with a meal for the VBS families and volunteers beforehand. Our VBS theme will be announced soon! For more information, you may contact the church office at 412-364-4463.

# **CALVARY LUTHERAN** - Murrysville

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 4, at 1:00 p.m..

Our Palm Sunday Breakfast is from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Saturday 5:30 p.m. (Contemporary) and Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. (Classic)

and 11:00 a.m. (Contemporary)

Calvary Early Learning Center's Spring Program is April 24 at 10:00 a.m.

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN** - Forest Hills

Christ Lutheran will have its last Wednesday Lenten dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m. on April 1. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services will be held at 7:00 p.m. Easter services are at 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday**, **April 25**, **2020** for the **75th** P.A.L.g.S. golf outing. It will be held at Victory Hills Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA with a **9:00 a.m. SHOT GUN** start, a hot dog at the turn, and a buffet dinner afterwards with prizes. See the article for more information.

# **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN** - Brentwood

Our movie Nite returns on Friday, April 27, with a showing of "The Reliant (2019)," starring Eric Roberts, Kevin Sorbo, and Brian Bosworth.

#### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

## **REDEEMER LUTHERAN** - Oakmont/Penn Hills

Saturday, April 18: *Annie* Musical Breakfast, crafts, activities, pictures with the cast, and more! Contact the school office for information on how to register to attend.

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June 15-19: Vacation Bible School, 9:00 a.m.-noon, Redeemer Lutheran Church

June 22-August 7, Summer Camp Sessions at Redeemer Lutheran School Contact the school office at 412-793-5884 or Mrs. Kelly at mkelly@redeemer-oakmont.org for more information

# **Concordia Lutheran Ministries**

Good Samaritan Hospice, a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, and Concordia Hospice of Washington conduct grief support groups for anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one. **Good Samaritan Hospice** will hold a support group at Haven II, 148 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA on Thursday, April 23, through Thursday, May 28, from 10-11:30 a.m. The programs are open to the public and free to all attendees. Registration is required. Please contact Bereavement Coordinator Nikki Rosswog, MSN at 1-800-720-2557, ext. 4423 for more information. **Concordia Hospice of Washington** will conduct a bereavement support group in six-week sessions on Wednesdays at the Waynesburg First Church of the Nazarene, 115 Deerfield Lane in Waynesburg at 6 p.m. The first session begins Wednesday, April 22. For more information, please call 724-250-4500, ext. 2109.

Planning is in full swing for the 17th Annual CLM Golf Classic to benefit Concordia's Good Samaritan Endowment Fund – our charitable care fund that helps residents and patients in need afford their long-term care. This popular event returns to Treesdale Golf & Country Club (Gibsonia, PA) on Monday, July 13, with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Registration is now open - to sign up as a sponsor or golfer, call 724-352-1571, ext. 8363, or head to give.concordialm.org and click "Give Now" to reserve online. Book your foursome before our event sells out again!

Concordia Lutheran Ministries' 2020 Spring Fashion Luncheon "Pearls and Lace" will be held on Saturday, May 2, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Butler Country Club. All proceeds benefit the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund, Concordia's charitable care fund that provides care to residents and patients in need. Tickets are \$40 and include lunch, valet parking and the fashion presentation. Seating is limited and available by RSVP and advance payment only. Please call 724-352-1571, ext. 8355 to make your reservation or visit give.concordialm.org.

Cahal Dunne, an award-winning singer, songwriter, story teller and comedian, will perform a free show, which is open to the community, on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Haven I Dining Room. To make a reservation or for more information, please call Kassie Walker at 724-352-1571, ext. 8273.

#### **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS**

# TRI-PARISH (BETHEL, ST JOHN's and ZION, Lawrenceville)

Members of the Tri-Parish Choir will present in word and song the events following our Savior's in those last days before His Ascension. The Tri-Parish Choir is directed by Ruth Molkenthin Miller, organist at

Zion, Lawrenceville. The choir includes Pastors Dan Hahn and Art Litke and congregants from Bethel, Glenshaw, St. John's Millvale and Zion, Lawrenceville. All are invited to attend:

Sunday, April 19 - 3 p.m. Concordia of Franklin Park, 1600 Georgetowne Dr., Sewickley 15143

Sunday, April 19 - 6 p.m. Concordia of Cranberry, 10 Adams Ridge Blvd., Mars 16046

Sunday, April 26 - 2:30 p.m., Concordia at Rebecca Residence Chapel, 3746 Cedar Ridge Rd., Allison Park

Sunday, April 26 - 4 p.m. Highpointe at Rebecca Chapel, 1871 Highpointe Ln., Allison Park 15101

Zion, Lawrenceville will host a Palm Sunday Brunch following worship on April 5 at 12:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday and Good Friday Services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Dan Hahn at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10 at Zion, Lawrenceville. He will also conduct services at his church St. John's, Millvale at 7:30 p.m. Rev Art Litke will conduct services at Bethel at 7 p.m.

#### **NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS**

#### **CALVARY LUTHERAN**

Murrysville

Calvary Murrysville offered opportunities for Lenten meditations and worship each Wednesday evening starting with a meal.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held Saturday, April 4, at 1:00 p.m..

Our Palm Sunday Breakfast is from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship will be held at 7:00 p.m.

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Calvary remains committed to connecting people to the love of Jesus.

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN**

Forest Hills

So, the **75th** P.A.L.g.S. golf outing is on. Since this is a special milestone there will be special prizes and activities. Many of you have participated in the past. We have appreciated your support and look forward to seeing you again. We are also excited about seeing any new golfers that wish to join us. We hope to have 75 plus golfers. So, we need **YOU**.

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. It will be held at Victory Hills Golf Course in Elizabeth, PA with a **9:00 a.m. SHOT GUN** start, a hot dog at the turn, and a buffet dinner afterwards with prizes.

# **CHRIST LUTHERAN (continued)**

Forest Hills

The cost is \$80.00 per person. Please call to sign up 412-271-7173. We would like to have as many golfers as possible and have fun and fellowship all at the same time. If you are not a golfer or cannot attend the outing but would like to show your support by sponsoring a hole you may send a donation in any amount to Christ Lutheran Church, 400 Barclay Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. 15221 Memo: Golf Outing.

Thank you! Hope to see you there.

#### **CONCORDIA LUTHERAN**

Brentwood

Our movie Nite returns on Friday, April 27, with a showing of "The Reliant (2019)," starring Eric Roberts, Kevin Sorbo, and Brian Bosworth. It's a modern-day story of economic collapse that causes widespread rioting and social unrest, leaving a lovesick 19-year-old girl struggling to care for her siblings in a stretch of woods bordered by lawless anarchy, wondering why a good God would let this happen. We'll gather at 6:30 p.m. - feel free to bring a snack or 'shareable' with you!

#### MT. CALVARY

Westview

While many churches plan sunrise breakfast services for Easter, Mt. Calvary in West View is instead holding a Palm Sunday breakfast. Pastor Scott Kuntz's wife, Nikkie, told church council that she would like to plan a breakfast the week before, because Easter is always such a busy day. And she offered to do all of the cooking – although members of the congregation will be helping with the preparations. This will be the first time the kitchen at Mt. Calvary will be used for an "official" function since the renovations have been completed.

In other news, the VBS team, led by leader Georgeanne Paprocki, met and chose the week of July 27 - 31 for this year's program. Titled "Rainforest Explorers," it will once again be held in the evening, based on last year's success, with a light dinner served for kids and parents beforehand.

# **REDEEMER LUTHERAN**

Oakmont/Penn Hills

Redeemer Lutheran Church in Oakmont this year celebrates the 120th Anniversary of the Founding of the Congregation and the 40th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Sanctuary. The congregation plans to celebrate these anniversaries with a special Vespers for All Saints Day, Sunday, November 1. All our Pittsburgh-area LCMS congregations are invited. Stay tuned for more information!

#### ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN

Clarksburg

We'd like to share some good news with you and PALM.

St. John's rejoices with the celebration of its very first baptism! Iosefa Wolfgang Gandy, the son of Pastor and Britta Gandy, was baptized into Christ on Sexagesima Sunday, February 16, 2020. God bless him as he grows in the faith and embraces his identity in Christ.





# ST LUKE, CABOT

Butler

# **Easter Egg Hunt**

With Easter rapidly approaching, St. Luke is planning two Easter egg hunts. One will be led by the Missionaries in Butler (MiB) mission group of our congregation. They will be hosting this event for the first time on April 4th at 1:00 pm in Father Marinaro Park, Butler. The second hunt will be at St. Luke Cabot on April 11th at 12:30 pm. We are hoping to broaden the scope of this ministry by having the two events in two different areas on two different days. There will be games, crafts, and the egg hunt as well as a devotion. St. Luke Cabot usually has over 200 children participate. We believe that this is an amazing opportunity to reach into the community and spread the good news of lesus's death and resurrection.

Mark 16:15 ESV "And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."







# ST LUKE, CABOT (continued) Butler

# Pastor Keurulainen Retiring

A season of changes is taking place at St. Luke. Our much beloved pastor, Barry J. Keurulainen will be retiring in November of 2020. He has led the congregation for 37 years as Lead Pastor, advisor, spiritual encourager, counselor, and in countless other ways. With the Lord's guidance, he has helped St. Luke weather storms and grow spiritually.

While his departure will mean changes, we are very excited about the man who will step into his shoes. Pastor Ben Berteau has been St. Luke's Associate Pastor for the past two years and was installed as the new Lead Pastor on February 16th. Reverend Dr. Chris Wicher officiated at the ceremony, with family and friends nearby. Both Pastor Barry and Pastor Ben will be leading together until Pastor Barry officially steps down.

Pastor Barry will be filling his schedule with writing, teaching, guest preaching and hopefully enjoying a little bit of leisure time. He feels confident that the congregation of St. Luke will be well tended by the very capable hands of Pastor Ben.







# REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

Oakmont/Penn Hills

Our middle school basketball teams completed their seasons, with each team earning a playoff spot. The boys team lost to Rhema Christian by one point in overtime in the first round, and the girls lost a very close and hard-fought game in the second round to Portersville Christian. The girls team won the division overall in regular season play. Players from both teams also took part in our athletic conference's first All-Star/ fellowship games, as Redeemer hosted both events at Penn Hills High School with players from conference teams around the area participating. Congratulations to both teams, and thanks to Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Loewe for coaching; you made us all RAM proud! We look forward to next season.

Incredible news for our MS robotics team! After placing 1<sup>st</sup> in the regional competition on February 24, our middle school Robotics Rams team advanced to state competition on March 5. The team was awarded first place in Robot Skills in Western Pennsylvania, and were also given the Design Award for their engineering skills! The team has qualified for VEX IQ Worlds competition! Congratulations Redeemer Robotic Rams and advisor, Mrs. Schumacher! RAM Proud!

# **Upcoming events:**

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Redeemer Robotic Rams Middle School Team takes 1st place at VEX IQ state competition, advances to world competition

# ZION LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL

# Bridgeville

Registration for the 2020/2021 school year is well under way. If you would like to register your child, or know someone looking for a Christian Preschool, please come and talk to me. I'm always happy to give a tour of our facility and answer any, and all questions.

We will be offering 12 classes next year:

- · 3 two-year-old classes (Small Steps)
- · 4 three-year-old classes (Preschool)
- · 3 four-year-old classes (2 PreK, and 1 PreK Plus)
- · 2 five-year-old classes (Stepping Stones)

Please check out our new website at www.zlcbpreschool.org for information on all of our classes, staff and other programs that we offer.

Tracey Harris, Preschool Director, Zion Lutheran, 412-221-4776

# **CONCORDIA NEWS**

# **Concordia Non Discrimination Policy**

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

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

# Kids Fishing Derby

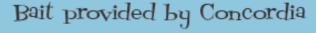
Saturday. May 9. 2020 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Saxony Farm Lake

Addy Boy Lane, Saxonburg



No entry fee Open to all kids 14 and under

Free refreshments



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/fishingderby2020.