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## PALM DEVOTION

by The Reverend Dr. Douglas H. Spittel, PALM President

### “The Praying Church – The Serving Church”

*“They [the Church] continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ... now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.” – Acts 2:42,44,45*

It is of our sinful nature to want to be told what to do. Whether seeking a program to increase giving, a method to “grow” the church, or just a system of self-improvement, to some degree we all are children of those who asked, “Lord, what must I do to inherit the kingdom?” The sinful flesh does not want to die. Rather, it wants to be reformed, to be “better.” But Jesus took our sin to the cross. It died with Him. St. Paul confesses that “it is no longer I who lives, but Christ who lives in me.” The Christian is not simply a better-educated sinner. The Christian has died with Christ and is raised with Him to walk in newness of life.

So it is not the way of the Church to seek yet another program, another method to improve itself. The Church as the Body of Christ turns to the Lord for Her life and journey in the faith. The Church finds Jesus where He has promised to be – His Word (the apostles’ teaching) and Sacraments (the breaking of bread). Gathered in communion with Jesus the household of faith naturally engages Him in holy conversation (the prayers). Following the voice of our Good Shepherd, we walk with Him to the places where He leads us.

Jesus leads us to places yet unknown to engage with people, both the faithful and unbelievers, in mercy and love. The praying Church is the serving Church. The Church turns first to Her Lord in Presence and prayer. This forms Her life and journey in the faith. The Christian is exhorted first to the prayers, then to good works. The wonderful gift that is found in this rhythm is the focus to act upon what is said in the Word of God and prayer rather than simply reacting to circumstances. The prayers of the Church give perspective to our concerns and desires and help us to see the needs of others in the context of God’s will for the salvation of the world.

It is a noble thing to want to help one’s neighbor (as anyone has need). It is a blessed thing to receive the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation from Jesus in order to be equipped to do so. Go to where the Lord is found in the Divine Service and He will lead you to your neighbors in need.



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**June**

6. Good Samaritan Hospice Spousal Loss Support, Concordia of Cranberry, 10 Adams Ridge Blvd, Mars, PA, every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

9. Strawberry Festival, Redeemer Lutheran, Oakmont, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

24. Youth Bereavement Care summer event 116 Brownhill Road Suite 100 Valencia, Registration, 9:30 a.m. Event begins at 10:00 a.m.

29. Alzheimer's Support Group, Concordia of Fox Chapel. 931 Route 910, Cheswick 15024, the last Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

**July**

2. Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel, Ordination Pastor Benjamin Janssen, 4:00 p.m.

24 to 28. Mt. Calvary Vacation Bible School, Rainforest Explorers, Westview, Dinner 5:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Classes 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

24 to 28. Zion, Bridgeville, Vacation Bible School, God's Living Water- Covered in Jesus Grace, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

30. Concordia 142nd Summer Festival, Lund Care Center backyard, Cabot, 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



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## **HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHAPEL**

*Hazelwood by Vicar David L Wenndt*

"You say goodbye, and I say hello." Paul McCartney wrote these words for the Beatles hit "Hello, Goodbye" in 1967. The track made it to Number 1 on the billboard charts and is fondly remembered by many. But rather than the song, let's think about the sentiment. For every goodbye, there is a hello. We're into June, the end of the school year is upon us. For some, it's a transition as kids are now home for the summer, and our schedules are altered. For others, it's a major transition as graduations from High School or College create major life changes for everyone who knows and lives with the graduate. And those transitions can be sad. Many parents struggle with their children leaving and becoming a less important part of their lives. Many children struggle to leave home and face the world, whether it's a job, college, the military, or a family of their own. Yet these changes and transitions are good, as they show people growing and developing. The old gives way to something new. And while there may be regrets about missed opportunities, there's always hope for the future. Bright possibilities lie in front of the people who are transitioning. There's a new chapter to be written.

Holy Cross in Hazelwood is entering a big life transition. For the last four years, a Vicar has been a constant presence in Hazelwood. While the Vicars have changed every year, there's been a steady presence in Hazelwood. Always someone there to look to and talk to. Starting July 2, Holy Cross will have a full time residential Pastor. No longer will there be a new face every July, but a constant face here in Hazelwood; preaching God's word every day; delivering the sacraments every week. Being a consistent and constant presence on 2nd Ave and all throughout Hazelwood, at meetings and everywhere the community gathers. Our former Vicar Benjamin Janssen will be ordained and installed into the office of Holy Ministry July 2nd at 4:00 p.m. here at Holy Cross on 2nd Avenue. Everyone is welcome to attend this event! Even if you've never been to Holy Cross before, you're welcome to stop by, and see what's happening here!

Hazelwood continues to change, and people continue to work very hard to make it a positive change. This change and transition for Holy Cross allows us to continue to be a presence in the neighborhood: feeding, clothing, caring, teaching, and preaching. As we continue to grow with Hazelwood we invite you to come be a part of this transition. We love all our neighbors and look forward to continuing to love you all in the days, weeks, and months to come!



## **INSTALLATION**

Pastor Benjamin Janssen will be ordained and installed into the office of the Holy Ministry at Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel 5319 Second Ave Pittsburgh PA 15207 on Sunday July 2 at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend. There will be a dinner to follow at the Spartan Center 134 East Elizabeth St. Pittsburgh PA 15207. Please RSVP to Rev. Doug Spittel at First Trinity.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHAPEL



*Save the Date: 3:00 PM, July 2, 2023*  
**Please join us for a Holy  
Ordination and Installation at  
Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel  
in Hazelwood**

5319 Second Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15207

RSVP for the Reception Dinner to [pittarealuthmin@gmail.org](mailto:pittarealuthmin@gmail.org) no  
later than June 18.

**Details:**

**Holy Cross Lutheran Chapel** (the first LCMS mission church in the City of Pittsburgh in over forty years) will welcome their first resident pastor.

- We welcome Pastoral Candidate Benjamin N. Janssen, his wife Elizabeth, and their two children.
- Ordination to the Holy Ministry and Installation as Mission Pastor.
- Sunday, July 2, 2023, 3:00 PM.
- The LCMS clergy wear **red** vestments.
- Ample parking on surrounding streets and at the Spartan Center.
- Reception dinner to follow at the [Spartan Community Center of Hazelwood](#).
- For more details or to **RSVP for the Dinner by June 18**, contact PALM at [pittarealuthmin@gmail.com](mailto:pittarealuthmin@gmail.com).



## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### SRU CAMPUS MINISTRY

*by Augusta R. Mennell, Campus Ministry Director*

#### Welcome Vicar Wessel!

Picture the scene: it is Call Night at the Fort Wayne Seminary, April 24, 2023. Members of All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center have made an evening of the event and are now watching the Call Night service on a big-screen in our undercroft. We don't know whether or not we have been granted a vicar, so we are watching intently the service taking place in the seminary church. We know that thirty-seven vicars will be chosen. So, after thirty seminarians had been chosen as vicars to various congregations around the country, it did not look good for All Saints. As it turned out, the vicars were given their assignments in alphabetical order and the vicar chosen for All Saints had a last name beginning with "W."



But then it happened! Right there on the screen as large as life were the words "All Saints Lutheran Church-Slippery Rock, PA." We were all thrilled to see our little town mentioned on a national broadcast. But more than that, it meant we were going to receive a vicar! Then the vicar's name was announced: Zachary T. Wessel, from northern Minnesota, would be our vicar.

Church members felt like shouting for joy. Everyone was thrilled to have a vicar at All Saints. He will learn from campus pastor Rev. Jacob Deal. And he will meet the members of All Saints: we can hardly wait. Is he coming to Slippery Rock tomorrow? Surely at the very latest next week! No, it will not be until June 11! Weeks away! The ladies are already planning a luncheon to let him know how glad we are to have him with us.

All Saints has a lot to offer our new vicar. We will give him our support and encouragement so that he will finish his vicarage feeling he will want to do this for the rest of his life. We will also joyfully introduce him to the ministry of working with our college students who attend Slippery Rock University and Grove City College.

Vicar Wessel will arrive in time to attend new-student orientations on Slippery Rock University campus this summer. Orientations are an especially satisfying time because All Saints Fellowship, our student organization, is allowed to have a table advertising All Saints' activities so that we can attempt to attract students to come to All Saints and participate.

Most importantly, incoming freshmen often are stressed out by what they are facing in the fall. Absolutely everything will be new: a stranger will become my roommate! What will he-she be like? What will the food be like? What will I do without my parents to advise me? The point is that All Saints wants to be the students' guide in dealing with life's problems. Orientations are a wonderful opportunity. All Saints gets to offer not only meals and events, but also we get to let the students know we will help them with the stress of beginning college life.

We are now also attending an orientation for Lutherans at Grove City College. Grove City College has allowed All Saints Fellowship to come onto their campus where we will tell the students there about our campus ministry at ASLC. A significant number of Lutherans attend Grove City College, in spite of the fact that Grove City College is a Presbyterian college, and therefore enrolls an overwhelming number of Presbyterians. Since increasingly Lutheran students consider marrying Presbyterian students at GCC, we want to make sure that Lutherans understand how we are different theologically from Presbyterians.

All Saints will send out letters to LCMS congregations in our region asking them to send us the names of their college students who will attend Grove City College or Slippery Rock University. All Saints Fellowship will do the rest. We will contact the students, invite them to worship for which we will gladly provide transportation. We will let them know that we are here to make All Saints their home while they are at college. All Saints has a pastor, a vicar, and a congregation which would like nothing more than being their church family.

(Pictured at top: All Saints Campus Pastor, Reverend Jacob Deal and members hear the wonderful news that Zachary Wessel will be their Vicar.)

## CAMPUS MINISTRY

### PENN STATE

by Matt Slaybaugh, DCE

#### Revive Campus Ministry

We are officially done with the 2022-23 school year! What a year it has been! This past weekend we got to celebrate our seniors with their graduations. The final stretch of the year is always a lot of fun. We get to spend a lot of time together celebrating our year and what God has done!



We were very pleased with all that we had going on throughout the whole school year:

Sunday - Church / Lunch

Monday - Small Group

Wednesday - Revive Weekly Gathering & Late Nights

Thursday - HUB Lunch / Hang Out

Friday / Saturday - PSU Sports / Fun Activity

The goal has always been a lot of spiritual depth and fun times together! I believe we accomplished that with three strong spiritual opportunities every week - church, small group, and our weekly gathering. Some of our routine fun activities together included: lots of meals together, PSU sports/watch parties, day trips, impromptu activities and more!



Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

### OUR SENIORS

This year we had a great group of seniors with us! Many of them were two plus two students and others with us four or even five years. They made a significant impact to our ministry. They had a unique ability to be a close group while inviting and bringing others into our community. They have been some of our most active students in Revive. I am very proud of their accomplishment! The last weeks of the year we celebrated them at Revive End of Year Party, Church Seniors Recognition, Seniors Night, and attending their Graduations.



Seniors Involved in Revive:

- Ashley Risser
- Josh Green
- Ryan Esterby
- Julie Mainarich
- Lindsey Dermotta
- Tom Northington
- Sarah Mackey
- Anne Weldon
- David Estfanous
- Mitch Bien



***News and Upcoming Events from Redeemer Lutheran School***

Redeemer Lutheran School is currently accepting applications for Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2023/2024 school year. Please contact our Admissions Counselor, Mrs. Jackson, for a tour!

412-793-5884

Classes are filling up quickly!

Please contact us for more information and  
**follow us on Facebook:** Redeemer Lutheran School

**Please keep Redeemer Lutheran School in your daily prayers.**

The Lord is Risen! Redeemer students participated in special activities to observe Holy Week and Christ's death and resurrection. Junior Honor Society students continued the annual practice of delivering Easter devotional bags to school neighbors.

With the spring comes track and field season! Redeemer middle and high school students have been practicing hard and giving their all at local meets, breaking school records and placing well in many events. We look forward to sharing more details in the postseason wrap-up.

Redeemer honored mothers, grandmothers, and other beloved "mom figures" with the annual Mother's Day event on May 12th, an RLS tradition now over 30 years old! Classes presented poems, recitations, and songs, and children joined their moms outside for a picnic. We are thankful to continue this celebration, especially on a day that the Lord blessed us with such beautiful weather.

Enrollment season is in high gear! Redeemer continues its annual tradition of celebrating our incoming kindergarteners with special signing days. Classes are filling quickly; we encourage interested families to get more information by contacting Alison Jackson at 412-793-5884 or [admissions@redeemer-oakmont.org](mailto:admissions@redeemer-oakmont.org).

**Teacher spotlight: Addison Checchio, 3rd grade.**

Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA

Education: Waynesburg University, PA

Family: Rodlyn (Mom, and fellow teacher), Jeff (Dad), and Alexander (brother, senior at Pitt)

Hobbies: horseback riding, reading, hiking

Other curious facts about me: I have a horse, three dogs, three cats, and two guinea pigs.

On my decision to become a teacher: I have many family members who are teachers. I wanted to follow in their footsteps.

On Redeemer Lutheran School: I feel very blessed to work here. I am so glad I have opportunities to share the Gospel with students.





## SCHOOL NEWS

### RLS Continued

Jr. LHS members deliver Easter bags to Redeemer neighbors



RLHS Freshman Ben G. competes in shot-put during a recent meet



Enjoying the annual RLS Mother's Day picnic



Incoming kindergartener Theo moves up from preschool Little Lamb to Redeemer Ram





### HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

*By Shirley Freyer*

#### **St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church**

1065 Cove Road, Accident, MD 21520

301/746-8466

Rev. Benjamin D. Hertel, Pastor

Worship Services: Sunday @ 9 AM; Sunday School @ 10 AM

Bible Study: Tuesdays

Even though St. John's marks August 10, 1864, as Founder's Day, a definite Lutheran presence in what is now Garrett County, Md., has been found as far back as 1842, according to research done for the church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A log meeting house is believed to have been built in the Cove around 1848, and a second church developed in Accident in 1851. Both locations were known as the Evangelical Lutheran Church served by one pastor.



Three years later, though, language became an issue, as did the proper teaching of the Catechism, explained Rev. James Oester, retired pastor of St. John's and its sister congregation, Zion, in Accident (to be featured in the August issue), along with the great-great-grandson of charter member Adam Oester. And the English-speaking group retained the original building while the Germans built a new church down the road and became known as the Lower church, and the present-day St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church.

"Consequently, there are two LCMS congregations and two ELCA congregations within four miles," said Pastor Oester. "We need to remember that in the 1860s everyone walked to church."

The first section of St. John's was the 30x40 foot sanctuary with an altar in the center of the west wall. A school room was added on the east side and the bell tower was installed in 1891 (rebuilt in 1979), and after several renovations, in 1948 it was moved from its original site south to its current location with the addition of a basement.

Ruby Margroff, who calls herself a "trustee forever," remembers cleaning and painting the parsonage and taking the church apart and remodeling it in 2005. "The only place I haven't been is the bell tower," she bantered. She and her husband James have lived next door to the church since 1971. He and his brother Denny were born and raised in this small country church, where everyone who lived here were members, recounted Ruby.

"Jim, the current treasurer, has held every office," explained Ruby, who served as president of the Ladies Aid in the 1990s when membership was up to 30. One of her favorite times was hosting the LWML Fall Retreat. "I roasted five turkeys and made tetrazzini for 180 women," the 80-year-old shared. "I have fed every pastor since 1972 (the year she became a member) and we still prepare funeral dinners."

Helping her to continue this tradition is her best friend, Kathy, who happens to be her sister-in-law. Married in 1961, Kathy belonged to the Lutheran church in nearby Grantsville. "When my son was born, my husband (Denny) wanted him to be baptized here (where generations of his family were confirmed, married and buried)." It was then that she made the decision to join St. John's, where she currently serves as secretary.

"It was a very active church at one time with more than 100 members," she recalled. "My four children were confirmed here. We had family night at the church, a Disney movie for the kids, white elephants to bid on, and game night for adults."

## HOUSES OF WORSHIP SERIES

Like her husband, so many have joined the Church Triumphant. As Ruby quipped, “Our best members are in the cemetery.”

On the other hand, St. John’s current president is most likely the youngest chairman in the area congregations. At 36, Joshua Smith, who was confirmed at St. John’s, returned to Garrett County around 1995. His mother was the church organist until her passing in 2020, and his uncle and godfather, Pastor Oester, served from February 2013 until his retirement in October 2020.

Josh lived in Washington, D.C., prior to the pandemic and worked as a CPA. “The pandemic was a blessing for me since now I work from home, needing only to be in D.C. four times a year.”

He is candid about the status of the congregation. “It is aging, attendance is dropping, people are passing and not a lot of new people are coming in.” He has two ideas in mind – try to create an outreach, look at the core group, and become more of a family.

“This is a close group of people who have known each other for a long time,” he said.

While many are related, what he and Rev. Benjamin Hertel, the pastor of three years, intend, however, is an opportunity to spend a couple of hours rather than a couple of minutes after worship service to fellowship. A soup supper before Lenten worship service was the first step.

Within this last year, a novel approach to Sunday School has been introduced. A member volunteered to teach and has up to six students from Pre-K, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade plus a 6<sup>th</sup> grader she has assigned as a teacher’s assistant. She individually texts parents during the week as a reminder and commitment so that she can prepare print materials. She began with the free online Lessons for Lambs curriculum by Heidi Sias, a children’s bulletin that follows the one-year historic lectionary. Presently, she is using the One Room Classroom Enduring Faith curriculum from Concordia Publishing House. It is inexpensive and access is non-stop. Encouraging the participation of children is a compelling avenue for outreach to the community.

“One of the struggles in our community,” Josh explained, “is the lack of the visual element.” The Deep Creek Lake community is located in a county of less than 30,000 with a transient population. Not only are there two LCMS churches within four miles but the non-denominational CrossRoads and the Mennonite/Amish churches are also challenging.



“Part of what we grapple with,” Pastor noted, “is what we want and where we want to go. This is a typical country church where people used to do a lot of things, but not anymore. The introduction of the soup and sandwich before Lenten worship we want to expand and continue as it is an opportunity to bring in our neighbors to Eat, Pray and Love,” he described. His thinking is, “If you want more people to come, give them more church.” He continued his weekly Bible study throughout Lent and Holy Week and looks forward to Advent for a repeat performance of the light supper practice.

He and his wife Brittany and their five children live in the St. John’s parsonage, a four-square farmhouse that was totally renovated by the church family. Genevieve, named after her great-grandmother, is just 5 months old. Two boys, Benjamin, Jr., and Jacob, and two girls, Dorothy, and Katherine – also named after family members – range in age from 5 to 11 years. Pastor’s wife is from Maryland, so this second call brings them closer to family.

But he doesn't look at the past three years in accomplishments. "The church needs a pastor, and the Holy Spirit, through many means, piloted me to the place we should go, and this is where I am, and this is where I should be. This is God's call, and any accomplishment would be through Word and Sacrament."

Having been raised in Wisconsin, serving a vicarage in the inner city of Baltimore, and having his first call in Indiana, he recognizes that every new pastor faces a new culture and new people. "A big part of being able to be effective is gaining trust," he said. "I am still that new guy." People are here and they want to be here. Both churches are welcoming and receptive, he continued. It took a lot of the work to get St. John's where they are, and a lot of work should be what he is handing over to the next guy. "I almost feel bad for having it so easy," he confessed.

Pastor Hertel credits Pastor Oester with bringing St. John's and Zion together, as it was in 2018 during his seven-year tenure that a formal agreement created the dual pastorship.

"The future is the past," said Pastor Oester. For it was from 1864 until 1907 that one pastor served both locations.

Both pastors were educated and worked in the secular world before entering Ft. Wayne Seminary, and they share a good sense of humor. "Facing this world, you either gotta laugh or cry and I prefer the former," laughed Pastor Hertel. The greatest joy of his ministry here, noted Pastor Oester, was the celebration of its 150th anniversary.

"Our ministers preach the true Word of God and do it well," said Kathy. "I like our pastor a lot. I attend his Bible study and enjoy his explanations." Josh agrees. "Contemporary - that's not us; we have a firm foundation on the teachings and traditions of our forefathers." So, what about the future?

Those who are faithful continue. "The same families have been here as long as I have been here," Kathy reminisced. "We think of our forefathers - people like Esther Opel, Pastor Oester's Sunday School teacher, who in her last days made Concordia Lutheran Ministries her home; and Bill Kolb, who served as chairman of the Board of Directors at Concordia for nearly a decade. Roy Harman, who described the first school room, and Rev. Art Bicker, who came from his ministry in Pittsburgh in the 1960s and died the evening of Easter Sunday after preaching a sermon at Trinity in Glen Savage - our ancestors who are buried here and land that we own that hasn't been developed. Even the beautiful pavilion with the stone fireplace," she cited.

Her sister-in-law Ruby credits her longstanding love of this church to advice Pastor Mueller provided in a sermon she has never forgotten. "If you are wallowing in your problems, tap your neighbor on the shoulder and ask what problem they might have, and you will forget what yours is!"

The future is easy for the church, Pastor Hertel pointed out. "We do what we have always done. We baptize, we commune and let God do what He is going to do, and we will be a part of it."





## NEWS FROM AREA CONGREGATIONS

### MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN

#### *West View*

Mt. Calvary's Outreach Group assisted with a program that enabled the members of Girl Scout Daisy Troop 52841, led by Mt. Calvary's Jennifer Skinner, to earn a badge. Held on a Sunday afternoon following the church service, the meeting had Outreach members Georgeanne Paprocki and Dawna Heinrichs using resurrection eggs to teach the young girls about the resurrection, and linking the ideas to portions of the Girl Scout pledge.

The girls also volunteered to plant the flowers that were donated from the Easter service, and painted rocks to be used as markers. In addition, they created a bracelet to remind themselves of Holy Week and worked on an activity packet.

A workday at Mt. Calvary scheduled for a Saturday in April was postponed until May because of inclement weather. However, much work continues to be done at the church. One of the latest additions – and one that is most welcome – will help folks navigate from the sanctuary to the basement. The church was able to obtain two Bruno Stairlift units, one of which will run from the sanctuary to a landing, and the second from the landing to the basement. We hope this will enable more people who come to church services to join activities that take place in the church hall.

While Pastor Kuntz was serving at Mt. Olive when that congregation closed one building and moved to another, Mt. Calvary was pleased to have Pastor McCandless serve in his place for those two weeks.



Left: Members of Mt. Calvary's Outreach Group helping the Girl Scout Daisy Troop earn a badge.



Right: One of two new stairlifts for the church.

Vacation Bible School this summer! The program is titled Rainforest Explorers and the dates are set for July 24 to 28, with a light dinner offered before the program for children and parents/sponsors. Classes will be for youngsters 4 to 11. Registration and dinner will be from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m., with classes running from 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.



## UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN

*Oakmont*

#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS – STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Rain or Shine, Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold a Strawberry Festival on Friday, June 9, 2023 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. There will be hot sausage, hot dogs and brats, baked beans, strawberries, cake and ice cream, games for the children and good fellowship!

The address is 1261 Pennsylvania Avenue, Oakmont, 15139. Hope to see you there!



### Concordia Lutheran Ministries

#### Alzheimer's Support Group

Alzheimer's Support Group will be on the last Thursday of each month at 1:00 p.m. at Concordia of Fox Chapel. 931 Route 910, Cheswick 15024. Please RSVP to Kelly or Sharon at 412-767-5808.

#### Spousal loss support group

Good Samaritan Hospice, a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, invites all to attend grief support gatherings at Concordia of Cranberry (10 Adams Ridge Blvd, Mars, PA 16046). Spousal loss support group sessions will be every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. beginning May 2nd and will last 6 weeks. For more information and registration please contact: Family Support Services Admin Assistant: Brittany Foy 1-800-720-2557 Registration is now open!



#### Youth Bereavement Event

Concordia's Good Samaritan Hospital is sponsoring a Youth Bereavement Event to be held at our Valencia Office location on June 24. The afternoon will be full of age-appropriate activities for youth to join with others and process their grief in fun and interactive ways. There will also be planned activities for the caregivers of the children. Any child who is experiencing grief is welcome to attend free of charge. Lunch will be provided as well. If you, or a family member have questions or want to register for the event they are welcome to call 800-720-2557 and ask to speak with Brittany Foy or any of the Bereavement Coordinators. See flier for details.



## CHORUS RAISES VOICES, SPIRITS WITH EASTER JOY

by Shirley Freyer

After a decade-long hiatus, the Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus returned to perform “Stations of the Resurrection” at seven of Concordia Lutheran Ministries’ facilities in the Easter season.

Founded in 1936, the Chorus is a ministry of worship and witness between the Concordia residents and the many volunteers who lend their time and voices.

“Stations of the Resurrection” is a medley of scriptural readings from the Holy Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, and Easter anthems focusing on the appearances of Jesus between His resurrection from the dead and His ascension into heaven: “He presented Himself alive to [His disciples] after His suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.” (Acts 1:3) The performances featured special guest readers this year, from supporting congregations and Concordia residents!

The Chorus invites you to join in this ministry. Rehearsals for the Advent season’s “Lessons and Carols” will begin in September. Inquiries can be made to Shirley Freyer at (412) 480-9933.



Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus,  
Highpointe at Rebecca, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Lund Care Center on April 23





## Spring Fling Luncheon

The 15th bi-annual Concordia Spring Fling Luncheon (formerly our Fashion Show) themed as "Wildflower Wishes," hosted more than 240 residents, staff and family members, local community, and church members for a day of fashions, fun and delicious food. The audience was entertained by the Freeport High School Forté Show Choir, 45 auction baskets, 130 mystery bags and a dozen vendors on Saturday, May 13 at the Butler Country Club. Final figures have not been calculated, but preliminary reports appear to show the event generated almost \$20,000 to benefit the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund for charitable care. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.



Left: One of the auction items handmade by Tracey Johnson, Zion, Bridgeville

Right: JoAnn Paulenda, Spring Fling chair, and Charlotte Hoener, hostess at the event. Both are Concordia Haven 2 residents and members of St. Luke, Cabot



Below: Rita Snyder and Pat Minor, Haven 2 residents selling 130 Mystery bags. Rita is a member of St. Luke, Cabot



Above: Paul Brand, Concordia Executive VP, Development opened the event in the Ballroom. Paul is a member of St. John's Millvale.



Left: Concordia Chaplain Lee Genter led the guests in prayer. Pictured here with his wife, Jane. The couple are members of Redeemer, Oakmont.



## THE SOUNDS OF SUMMER

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:00am to 1:00pm



**Event Information:** Please join us for a **Youth Bereavement Care** summer event to explore how music helps us express our emotions and grief.

This is a **free** event and is for youth to age 21 who have experienced the death of a significant person. Adults are asked to accompany their youth to the program. A **caregiver breakout** session focusing on **relaxation** will be provided!

**Location:** 116 Brownhill Road Suite 100 Valencia, PA 16059.  
Lunch will be offered!

**Event Start Time:** Registration starts at **9:30 am** and the event begins at **10:00am**.

**RSVP:** Call the office **1-800-720-2557 ext 4428** to sign up for the event by **June 16<sup>th</sup>**.

For further details, please call the office or visit our **Facebook page:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gshybcfamilysupport>





# 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Summer Festival

Sunday, July 30, 2023

12:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Lund Care Center Backyard, 134 Marwood Road, Cabot, PA 16023

Kids Fishing Derby & Activities

Pittsburgh Doo Wop Big Band 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Haven Apartments Open House, 1-3 p.m.

Car Cruise (weather permitting), 12:30-3 p.m.

Worship Service at 4 p.m. featuring  
Rev. Dr. Edward Crimenstein, Member,  
Concordia Lutheran Ministries Parent Board of Directors;  
Pastor, Zion Lutheran Church, Bridgeville, PA

Summer Picnic Themed Menu



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CONCORDIA LUTHERAN MINISTRIES

# 2023 CLM Golf Classic

Treesdale Golf & Country Club  
Monday, July 10, 2023

8:30 a.m. - Registration, Breakfast, Gifts & Skill Contests  
(Putting Green and Driving Range open)

10 a.m. - Shot Gun Start (Scramble)

3 p.m. - Reception

4 p.m. - Banquet & Program



## 2023 CLM Golf Classic Sponsorship Opportunities

|                        | Golf Spots                                 | Tee Sign                                                | Contest Hole | Logo on Web and listed in Magazine         | Banner                                      | Shirts | Program Ad                                  |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------|
| Signature \$18,500     | 8                                          | ✓                                                       | ✓ (2)        | ✓                                          | ✓                                           | 4      | 2 full-page ads plus logo on all scorecards |
| Platinum \$7,500       | 4                                          | ✓                                                       | ✓            | ✓                                          | ✓                                           | 2      | Full-page ad                                |
| Gift \$5,500           | 4                                          | Branding on (1) gift item distributed at the event      |              | ✓                                          | ✓                                           | 2      | Full-page ad                                |
| Gold \$5,000           | 4                                          | ✓                                                       |              | ✓                                          | ✓                                           | 2      | Full-page ad                                |
| Golf Cart \$4,000      | 4                                          | Signage on all player golf carts used during the event  |              |                                            | ✓                                           |        | Half-page ad                                |
| Banquet \$3,500        | 4                                          | Visual and Verbal Recognition during post-event banquet |              |                                            | ✓                                           |        | Half-page ad                                |
| Shirt \$3,500          | 2                                          | Branding volunteer/staff shirts and (2) shirts to keep  |              |                                            |                                             | 2      | Half-page ad                                |
| Refreshments \$3,000   | 2                                          | Signage on all refreshment carts used during the event  |              |                                            | ✓                                           |        | Half-page ad                                |
| Social Hour \$2,500    | 2                                          | Visual and Verbal Recognition during post-event banquet |              | ✓                                          | ✓                                           |        | Half-page ad                                |
| Breakfast \$2,000      | Invitation to post-event reception for (2) |                                                         |              |                                            | ✓                                           | 2      |                                             |
| Practice Range \$2,000 | Invitation to post-event reception for (2) |                                                         |              |                                            | ✓                                           | 2      |                                             |
| Contest Hole \$1,750   |                                            | ✓                                                       | ✓            | Invitation to post-event reception for (2) |                                             | 1      |                                             |
| Silent Auction \$1,000 | Invitation to post-event reception for (2) |                                                         |              |                                            | ✓                                           | 1      |                                             |
| Green & Pin \$800      | Customized Pin Flag and greenside signage  |                                                         |              |                                            | Individual Golfer: \$225<br>Foursome: \$900 |        |                                             |
| Tee \$500              |                                            | ✓                                                       |              |                                            |                                             |        |                                             |

All reservations must be received by June 12, 2023 for inclusion in program.

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