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This month, the Church's season of Easter comes to a close. In addition to the "regular" Sundays, we will have some special celebrations:

On Thursday the 9th (forty days after Easter Sunday) we will celebrate Ascension Day. The crucified and risen Jesus (as the Creeds put it) "is seated at the right hand of the Father". In a culture when the truth "some people are naturally right-handed, and some people are naturally left-handed, and both are OK" was not fully understood, "the right hand" was used as an expression for strength and power. God's greatest strength is proclaimed to be seen in the grace and mercy of the crucified and risen Jesus. To celebrate this day, we will enjoy a lasagna dinner at 6 PM, and worship at 7 PM.

On Sunday the 19th (fifty days after Easter Sunday) is Pentecost, the day when we celebrate the story in Acts 2 of God's Holy Spirit coming to the Church. We also hope to have confirmations on that Sunday. Could the Holy Spirit be at work in our world and in us, today?

After the Easter season concludes, there is still another special May day on the church-year's calendar: the Sunday of the Holy Trinity will be celebrated on May 26th (the first Sunday after Pentecost). This is the only day of the church year that is dedicated to a doctrine.

The secular calendar is full in May, too:

Sunday the 12th is Mothers' Day (a day of thanks to and for all moms, and all who give motherly love), and Monday the 27th is Memorial Day, when we remember those who have died in wartime. It is often "expanded" to include honor to all veterans, and of course Christians cannot help but grieve the terrible cost of war and ponder (and recommit ourselves to) our calling to be peace-makers. (And, finally, Memorial Day has one more function... it is often called the "unofficial start of summer", and a LOT of back-yard grills will have LOTS of hot dogs and hamburgers sacrificed – I mean, "cooked" – on them!)

Through this whole "very merry month of May", and through all of its celebrations – Christian and secular – may the Lord be with you, and give you peace.

Pastor Martin



May Anniversaries

- 2 Janet & Giacomo Buonaiuto (1992)
- 10 Ron & Beth D'Alessandro (2008)
- 11 Leonard & Joyce Skultety (2001)
Clayton & Gail Summers (1957)
- 14 Adam & Christine Shoup (2005)
- 21 Jeff & Kim Bable (1988)
Patrick & Dana Thompson (2005)
- 22 Steve & Cara Hedzik (1993)
Ed & Debbie Moore
- 26 William & Mary Pfeiffer (1968)
- 30 Don & Jean Martin (1966)
- 31 Holly & Terry Brown (1985)



Congratulations and best wishes to these very special couples!

We share these birthday and anniversary lists with the congregation to remember and celebrate these special dates through prayer, telephone calls, cards, and/or other appropriate greetings.

Omissions of birthdays or anniversaries are not intentional. If you are missed, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you!

A Note of Thanks

I would like to thank all of you for your many calls, cards and prayers during my brothers recent battle with cancer. He was a man of great faith and has now won his reward. My family and I truly appreciate the love and concern of our New Hope family.

Thank you,
Janice Moore



NEW MATH!!!

The best mathematical equation ever seen is:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

May Birthdays

- 1 Sawyer Shoup
Sherri Smart
Dorothy Stonfer
- 2 Kristan Herrington
Judy Herstine
- 3 Amber Hedzik
Joe Malatesta
Alexandre Opferman
- 4 Daniel R. M. Lewis
- 5 Terri Alberts
- 6 Charles Krepps
Kevin Renner
- 7 Colton Costello
- 8 Rich Lucas
Margaret Parrish
- 9 Maura Banyas
Phil Bendle
Tonya Henley
Sean Malatesta
Zoe Sims
Madeline Smith
- 10 Dan Filbert
Logan Pettis
- 11 Allen Henley
- 13 Michael Lewis
- 17 Gwen Gorski
Danika Probst
- 18 Thelma Filbert
Brandon Murray
- 19 Bristol Bruno
Troy Porterfield
- 21 Betty Barnick
- 22 Michael Yount
- 23 Ken Mengel
Evelyn Moore
- 24 Matthew Schneider
Dale Webster
- 25 Deanna Decanini
Joan Hogue
Madeline Steele
- 29 Jeanne Barto
Tom Law
Cody Morgan
- 30 Laina Schwertz
- 31 Lois Hartenbach





Camp Blast @ Lutherlyn will be held Sunday, May 5th. All kinds of camp activities are available. And it's all FREE! If you haven't already, you can register for a regular week of summer camp.

Youth Convo at the synod assembly will be June 12-15. Convo is for those who have been confirmed, up to those who have just finished 12th grade. If you are interested, get registration information from Pastor Martin. (To avoid a late fee, Convo must receive your registration by May 15th.)

Youth Group to Kennywood is planned for Sunday, June 23rd.

Mission on the Mon, a mission trip and discipleship training event for youth, will be in McKeesport July 7-12.

Youth Group Biking @ Moraine State Park is planned for Sunday, July 14th.

Youth Group Kayaking (and planning meeting) @ Moraine State Park is scheduled for Sunday, August 18th.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held the week of July 15th. We will be in need of volunteers to help with the different activities. Please watch the bulletin board for sign up sheets for both attendees and volunteers in the near future. Registration forms will also be available soon. Please see Helen Meeder, Jen Fessler or Pastor Martin if you have any questions.

K.F.C. Singers and God Squad:



K.F.C. Singers will be singing at our 8:00 AM service on Sunday, May 5th. Please join us for their performance of "**Dem Bones**".

K.F.C. Singers and God Squad will take a summer break and resume meeting in September. Look in the August Newsletter and bulletins for our September starting date.



SATURDAY SCHOOL meets Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages meets on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY meets at 1:30 p.m.

ATTENTION ALL 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

Confirmation Class



Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th graders are still being held Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

MAY GATHERINGS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

LUNCH BUNCH will meet Wednesday, May 1st, at 1:00 pm at the Candlelight Lounge.

SPRING TRASH & TREASURE SALE will be held on Saturday, May 4th, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Donations may be brought to the Fellowship Hall during office hours, Monday, April 29th through Thursday, May 3rd, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. They may also be brought in on Friday, May 3rd, between 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM. We **do not** accept clothing, TV's and computer items. Donations for our Bake Sale will be greatly appreciated. We also offer refreshments — including hot dogs (with or without kraut), ham barbecues, vegetable soup, potato salad and beverages.

CAMP BLAST @ LUTHERLYN will be Sunday, May 5th, from 11-4:30. Come see the camp, participate in some camp activities, and it's FREE!!

SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE will meet on Monday, May 6th, at 7:00 PM.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING: We will be holding another Safe Church Training session on Wednesday, May 8th. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and training at 7:30 PM. Please remember, that while the training is open to everyone, all who are or will be working with children and youth **MUST** attend and complete the training. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin for all who are interested.

ASCENSION DINNER & WORSHIP: We are having a traditional and vegetable lasagna dinner on Thursday, May 9th, at 6:00 PM. There will be a brief service following dinner at 7:00 PM. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Monday, May 13th, at 6:30 pm at the church. Please continue making shawls, chemo caps, 7x9 inch rectangles and scarves for the soldiers. Scarves should be made with green camouflage yarn — 7 inches wide and as long as the bundle of yarn permits. Please consider joining us in this worthy service. As always, see Roberta or Pastor Martin if you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE will meet Monday, May 13th, at 7:00 pm. We are still looking for someone to fill our chairperson position. If you, or someone you know, would be interested, please see Pastor Martin or any council member.

WELCA will hold our regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 14th, at 7:00 PM. Our Love Project for May is the Beaver County Humane Society. All are welcome to attend. Also in May, WELCA is holding our annual Convention in Greensburg on May 17th and 18th.

CONFIRMATION BRUNCH: To honor this year's confirmands, we are planning a brunch to be held on Sunday, May 19th. The brunch will be from 9:30 AM to 10:45 AM. A sign up sheet has been posted for all who plan on attending.

CHURCH COUNCIL will meet Sunday, May 19th, at 12:30 PM.

BOOK CLUB will meet Monday, May 20th, at 7:00 PM at Panera's in Cranberry. We will be reading "*Three Sisters*" by Susan Mallery.

SOCIAL CONCERNS will have a bake sale on primary election day, May 21st. As usual, we will be asking for baked goods for the sale. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board.

ADULT NIGHT OUT will be held Friday, May 24th, at 6:30 pm, at Harry's Place in Darlington. A sign up sheet has been posted for all who wish to attend.

BREAKFAST BUFFET will be on Saturday, May 25th, from 8:00-11:00 AM. As a special for May we will feature a waffle bar, assorted toppings such as fresh fruits, banana sauce (bring your own pasta) whipped cream, etc. The beneficiary this month will be International Justice Mission which is a human rights organization fighting human trafficking and slavery worldwide. Recently Beaver County formed a task force to investigate human trafficking in this area. It is not just a foreign problem. There will be a program presented at the May Welca meeting about human trafficking both in this country and internationally. If you would like to learn more about this, please consider attending the May Welca meeting as well as attending the May Breakfast Buffet. We are still in desperate need of help. Please consider signing up and volunteering.

GRIEF SHARE meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.

CHOIR PRACTICE meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

CROSSROADS SHELTER at Christ Lutheran Church in Beaver Falls is a severe weather, emergency overnight shelter for homeless men (up to ten per night) who have nowhere to go on cold winter nights. Men are needed to volunteer to staff this crucially important ministry. If you might be interested, you can talk with Pastor Martin, or call Crossroads at 724-847-8807.

LOOKING AHEAD

SOCIAL CONCERNS will be making Food Baskets for needy Freedom High School families on June 6th. We will have a sign up sheet for donations on the bulletin board in May. We will also be accepting cash donations for meat and fresh produce. The response to the Easter boxes was overwhelming. Hunger is a real problem for some of our neighbors. New Hope's generosity is greatly appreciated.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY will be held June 13-15, at California University of PA. If you would like to be considered as a voting member at the assembly, please see Pastor Martin.

RIVERSWEEP is June 15th. If you would like to help clean the banks of the Ohio River please sign up on the bulletin board. We are fortunate to have easy access to water recreation on the Ohio. Please consider giving a few hours to help with the cleanup. Sign up by June 2nd so we can notify the organizers of the number of volunteers. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

SPRING PLANT SALE & NATURAL ARTS FAIR

Don't miss this year's Spring Plant Sale and Natural Arts Fair on Friday, May 10th and Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at Glade Run Adventures! This fun, free family event offers everything from entertainment to wagon rides to petting zoos... and gives you the opportunity to visit natural arts vendors booths, stock up on your summer vegetables and herbs started in our greenhouse, and purchase your Mother's Day flowers.

ALZHEIMER'S AND RELATED DEMENTIA CAREGIVING

LIFE Beaver County, a partnership of Lutheran SeniorLife and Heritage Valley Health System, is hosting a two part series for caregivers of people with Alzheimer's Disease. These sessions will be held on May 22nd and May 29th, at LIFE Beaver County, CenterPlace, 131 Pleasant Drive, Suite 1, Aliquippa, PA 15001. There is no fee for the program, but pre-registration is required. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board for further details.

ATTENTION MARRIED COUPLES: Make 2013 the year you resolve to make your marriage a more romantic, intimate, joy-filled relationship! For over 30 years Lutheran Marriage Encounter has been enriching and revitalizing marriages by presenting Weekends. Weekends run from Friday night at 8 PM to Sunday at 5 PM and are designed to enrich ALL MARRIAGES whether you are newlyweds or have been married upwards of 50 years. Two nights lodging, 5 meals for each of you, and all supplies are included. There is a \$45 per couple registration fee, plus toward the end of the weekend, you will be given an opportunity to make a confidential contribution of whatever amount you wish toward continuation of the program. The 2013 Pennsylvania Weekends are:

- **September 13-15, 2013** at Olmsted Mansion and Retreat Center, Ludlow, PA (a 1917 Manor with a lovely, modern retreat center in the Allegheny National Forest -- 20 miles southeast of Warren, PA)
- **October 11-13, 2013** at Mountain Laurel Resort, White Haven, PA (in the beautiful Pocono Mountains -- 2 hours north of Philadelphia, just off of Interstate 80)

Registrations are limited, so sign up today to ensure that you can attend the Weekend of your choice. Simply go to the website: www.GodLovesMarriage.org and register using your credit card, or for questions, or if you would like a brochure with registration form mailed to you, contact Pennsylvania Directors of Lutheran Marriage Encounter, Fred & Julie Schamber, at 724-325-3166 or email: fjschamber@comcast.net.

COMPANY IS COMING
2013 Churchwide Assembly of the ELCA
August 12-17, 2013
David L. Lawrence Convention Center
Pittsburgh, PA
Always being Made New - 25 years together in Christ

We need to get ready for our guests from across the USA and beyond.

The smooth operation of The Churchwide Assembly and the spirit of Pittsburgh hospitality depend on hundreds of volunteers who contribute their time, effort and considerable talent.

What tasks will the volunteers be asked to do? There are many different tasks from ironing albs and washing communion service pieces, greeting guests at the airport and directing them to transportation, to assisting with worship, registration, and on and on.

To volunteer please go to the website, www.micahscall.org/elca2013 and register on the volunteer page. You will be able to choose a task, day and time.

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!



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Time Dated Material



Saturday Christian Education - 5:30 pm
Saturday Evening Worship - 6:30 pm
Sunday Worship - 8:00 am
Sunday Christian Education - 9:30 am
Sunday Worship - 11:00 am

