



# Pittsburgh Lutheran

November 2004

## Reformation Rally

**SHARPSBURG**—As of mid-October, plans were still moving forward to hold the rally at First Lutheran Church on Sixth & Clay Avenues in Sharpsburg, October 31 at 4 p.m.

No after-services refreshments will be served since the kitchen is still lacking appliances and walls have not been repaired where paneling was removed. The new boiler, which had not yet been installed prior to the flooding, was cleaned but still not operational as of mid-October.

Everything in the undercroft and school's first floor was washed and sanitized by nearly 30 volunteers from area churches. Maryann Cooper relocated her Appleseed Early Education preschool to another location in the Dorseyville area. Betty Bernhardt reported a nice financial response of nearly \$7,500 for new doors and other items ruined.

This year's preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Patrick T. Ferry, eighth president of Concordia University, Mequon, Wisconsin.

The offering from this year's rally will be given to the Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind.

## Top 10 Reasons to Attend

- #1 - God's Love, Our Response
- #2 - Special worship & praise
- #3 - Guest preacher
- #4 - Show of support for First Lutheran
- #5 - God's Word
- #6 - Support for Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind
- #7 - Great music!
- #8 - Unity among Lutherans
- #9 - Make new friends
- #10 - Pittsburgh Lutheran Photo Op

## Unity's Harvest Festival Includes Silent Auction

**HOMEWOOD**—On Sunday, November 21 at 2:30 p.m., Unity Lutheran Community Mission will hold its annual Harvest Festival celebration. This year's theme is "Come, let us praise the Lord!" [Psalm 95]. A pre-Thanksgiving meal will be served in the fellowship hall following this special program.

Also, in conjunction with this annual celebration, the Ladies' Aid Society at Unity will be holding a silent auction which will be available to view before the 2:30 p.m. service begins...so come early to place your bids. The winners

will be announced after the Harvest service. Some of the items are "theme" baskets such as: Women's Bath and Body Basket; Men's Bath and Body Basket; Kitchen Basket (assorted baking and cooking items); Coffee Lover's Basket (assorted coffees and creams); Christmas Basket (wrapping paper); Personal Pedicure Basket; Golf Lover's Basket; Fragrance Basket - women and men; Children's Activity Basket; Baby Basket and more!

For more details, please contact Rev. Reholma McCants or Cynthia Barnes, 412.731.2811.

## Invisible Sunday School Tells Gospel Story in Waiting Rooms

**OIL CITY**—Christ Lutheran Church in Oil City is trying a different approach to evangelism in their area. "Invisible Sunday School" is simple and gets into homes that other avenues of evangelism might not get into. The simple program is printable Sunday School lessons. The lessons are brief and geared to the children of coloring age interest. Five pages per week are generated from a disk with 52 Lutheran lessons on them. They have the major Bible accounts and also the takes the recipients from the birth of Christ (at Christmas) to the Resurrection at Easter time.

Volunteers from the congregation duplicate the lessons and on the sixth page offer space to advertise the church and also the business that allows them to display the "FREE" Sunday School material. The lessons have a small baggie with four colored crayons attached and a holder is provided to the business, again with more space to advertise the church and the business.

Children in waiting areas of doctor's offices, dentist offices, barber shops, banks, hotels, laundromats and many other types of business that have children waiting or visiting. The business managers are thrilled when

the congregation says, "No, really, it's free."

Volunteers coordinated by Laura Carson take the lessons to the pre-established businesses and pick up any unused materials. All the materials can be re-used. As of this point Christ Lutheran has around 150 individual lessons placed each week with more businesses joining weekly. They have had inquiries (regarding worship), but the main push of the "Invisible Sunday School" is to have a truthful, Biblical Sunday School lesson with a Bible verse, a large coloring page for the kids to color and one animal from the Bible. There is also a prayer and longer Bible verse for memory work. All this would be pointless though, if it did not point to Jesus Christ, which the "Invisible Sunday School" does. Their goal is to get the message of Jesus Christ as Savior, the forgiveness of sins through Christ, and salvation through Christ to as many people as they are able. This is one easy way to accomplish that witness.

If it sounds to good to be true, call Christ Lutheran at 814.677.4484 and Rev. Paul Meseke will joyfully give you any and all information about "Invisible Sunday School".

*Submitted by Rev. Paul Meseke*

**Editorial****Make a New (Church) Year Resolution to Learn Scripture**

After the mother read her daughter's favorite story book for the umpteenth time, she read it again and heard these beautiful words, "Thank you, Mommy. I love you." That spirit and relationship between mother and child pleases God and provides a good example for us to follow.

The child reminds us of the adults in the pews who, like little children, hear their pastor read from their favorite book, the Bible. Sunday after Sunday they love to hear how God forgives their sins and saved them from death, Satan and hell.

The adults and children in the pews prayerfully thank the pastor in the pulpit for reading and truthfully explaining God's Word to them. They love his balanced message. The Law shows their sins, but the Gospel shows their Savior. After the worship service, hand in hand with the pastor, they thank him, "Thank you, Pastor, for God's Word and His message. It meant a lot to me."

During November, pastor and congregation will close the old church year and then repeat it again! We will study the life and ministry of Jesus and the mission of His church. Reformation Sunday, October 31, God's Word was restored to the Church. Today, say to say, the Church is suffering the consequences of a lackluster love, faith and zeal for Christ and His mission, seeking the wayward and the lost. As you know, the Church is only as strong as its weakest link, the member.

Rather than quote, promote and support what God and Savior Jesus had said and done, the people, like the biblical Israelites, are doing their own thing. Their plans on paper are colorful and appealing but where is God's Spirit, Truth, Ministry and Mission? By our words and deeds or lack of them we are known.

On All Saints Sunday, November 7, we will remember and honor our deceased saints for their faith in Jesus and their Christian service. It is our hope and prayer that other Christians and unbelievers

will see us as faithful followers and true servants of the True God and True Savior Jesus Christ.

Two weeks later, November 21, we will enjoy the threefold blessing of the Resurrection, Judgment and Fulfillment Sunday after faithful servants of Jesus will enter heaven, stand in the presence of Almighty God and fellowship eternally with other Christians.

Between the old and new church year, Thanksgiving Day we, as a family and nation, will thank God for the past year's spiritual and material blessings that He gave us and we received, protecting us from dangers and helping us to carry our many burdens.

The new church year that begins the First Sunday in Advent, November 28, will begin another preaching of "I love to tell the story of Jesus and His Love." Then comes the Bethlehem birth of Jesus in December and continue His Salvation story.

What does all this information mean to us? Simply stated, it means "repetition is the mother of learning, remembering and doing." We don't have photographic minds. We learn day by day, a little bit at a time. If we begin early, we will learn more and keep it longer.

Learn what is important and beneficial. Our elderly are grateful for the parental, pastoral and church supervision they received when they were young, because today many know their Bible passages and appropriate hymns. Many may not be able to see or hear but we hear them singing their familiar hymns, quoting Bible passages, saying prayers, confessing their faith and speaking the Words of the Lord's Supper.

Today's adults must set a godly example for their children. If we don't others will, to our displeasure. Children must be motivated and compelled to study and memorize, otherwise, they will not do it. One question per day from Luther's Small Catechism will help the youngster, or even the adult. An adult and child studying together is a beautiful example and will help the family and church. We need another Reformation movement via the Small Cat-

echism and our families.

There are many troubled people inside and outside the church. An appropriate Bible thought or verse would help the hearer and the speaker. Once again, everyone should make Luther's Small Catechism their handbook. From the big Bible and the small catechism, come the divine wisdom and common sense.

We need wisdom and common sense today to meet the problems of our world, nation and communities. Also some people need faith and others need an increase of faith. Happy are the children in Sunday School and adults in Bible class as they study, learn, review and apply the Word of the Lord. The young and elderly bring our thoughts and lives back to God and His sacred Word.

If people ignore or continue to ignore the Word of the Lord, the Lord by His Word and Spirit of decisiveness will get our attention. He got our attention with this man-made war. He got our attention with the many hurricanes, storms, tornados, floods, earthquakes, volcanoes, old and new diseases and other calamities.

Let us retreat into the Word in November and go forward with the Lord and His Word through the church year. God bless your daily study and doing!

*By the Rev. John Molitoris, Emeritus  
Reporter/Editorialist*

**Fare Thee Well!**

With deep gratitude and much appreciation for his devotion to The Pittsburgh Lutheran, I thank Rev. John Molitoris as he ends his tenure as reporter and editorialist with this final column. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Next month, also appropriately the beginning of the church year, we welcome noted author, radio show host and pastor of Zion, Bridgeville, the Rev. Don Matzat, who will contribute a monthly devotional.

*Kate Hallock, Editor*

## Looking for a Year-End Tax Write-off? Here's One!

NOW IS THE TIME for Lutherans in the Pittsburgh region to give serious thought to the future of *The Pittsburgh Lutheran*. For some reason, we are not able to "recruit" enough advertising to make this publication an enduring ministry. Rather than wallow in blame and hand-wringing, why don't we "take counsel among ourselves" to end the "end-of-the-year blues" which plague our beloved newspaper.

If approximately \$10,000 is needed to ensure regular, full-size issues, let's see how we might achieve that challenging sum:

If every congregation in the region, approximately 45 or so, would donate \$222 to PALM for *The Pittsburgh Lutheran*, the goal would be reached. Surely that is not too much for each church to donate, either by budget or free-will offerings taken periodically.

If individual donations were encouraged the goal could be reached in this fashion:

**Platinum Level:** 1 person, \$10,000 sponsor for the entire year. If many sign up, each could be "Sponsor for the Year" for successive years.

**Gold Level:** 2 people, \$5,000 each for the entire year's edition. Just like movie credits, the donors could "bicker" over whose name shows first in line.

**Silver Level:** 4 people, \$2,500 each for the entire year's edition. Donor recognition: each is listed "first" in a given quarter.

**Bronze Level:** 10 people, \$1,000 each; one donor per issue is highlighted as Sponsor of the month.

**Copper Level:** 25 people, \$400 each; a special "thank you" half-page with photos of donors.

Is the idea beginning to sink in? The only thing lacking in sustaining and strengthening *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* is the WILL to make this a dependable and lasting publication. If you are interested in joining this effort, please contact Kate Hallock. If you are committed to bringing us "scattered Lutherans" together, send a check with your note to Kate. In times like these, with lies, distortions, divisiveness, contention and disgusting "spin" throughout the media, let's enable our mutual up-building in the Faith to shine through *The Pittsburgh Lutheran!*

Rev. John Weldon

## Calvary Christmas Concert Travels to SonShine Kitchen

MURRYSVILLE—The Christmas Choir of Calvary Lutheran is preparing to "Sing Out the News" of Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, Savior. The choir will present a Christmas choral concert for members and the community on Sunday, December 5, at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of the church. The one-hour program will include contemporary Christmas compositions and familiar and beloved carols and songs, celebrating God's Gift, the Babe of Bethlehem. On Sunday, December 12, the choir will travel to McKeesport to present the program at the SonShine Soup Kitchen at 3 p.m. The twenty-member choir is under the direction of Doris Claybourn and will be accompanied by pianist Ernest Papay. All are invited to come, either to Calvary on December 5 or to the SonShine Soup Kitchen on December 12.

For more information, contact Doris Claybourn at 724.327.7894 or at e-mail dgc721@alltel.net



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*International Student Ministry***All Alone in America**

Coming to a strange country to study is hard enough, but it is even more difficult when your parents are dead and you don't know anyone in the new land.

That is Peter Kariuki's story. He is from Kenya.

Peter came to New York to study at Manhattan College in the Bronx. He met people there who are kind and thoughtful, but what really made a huge difference was finding family in Slippery Rock at the All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center. That happened quite unexpectedly.

It began when Peter visited a friend, who was a student at Slippery Rock University, in December 2001. After the weekend visit Peter was expected to take a bus or taxi to Pittsburgh so he could travel back to New York for his Monday morning exam. To his complete dismay he found that no public transportation was available. He was stranded and desperate. He had to be back for his exam. As Peter walked around Slippery Rock he saw the All Saints sign and church members. He asked for a ride to Pittsburgh and got it! That was the beginning of a relationship and he considers All Saints a friendly place away from home.

After Peter had been dropped off at the Pittsburgh bus station, it seemed he would send a note of thanks and that would be that. However, Peter called to express his profound gratitude for the ride and he continued to call. Gradually it became obvious that this young student from Kenya was eager to have a relationship and friends in Slippery Rock. So he called and we called. We prayed for Peter, his two sisters and a brother, for his finances and his grades, and for what he should do after undergraduate studies. He decided to go on to graduate school.

Peter had not been back to All Saints since the time he was almost stranded in December 2001. When he called in August 2004 it was clear that he wanted a break from the big city before starting graduate classes in the fall. He had the confidence to say he had three open days before classes began. Even though we reminded him that this is a quiet town where the pace of life is less hectic than in the Bronx it did not matter.



He just wanted to be with people who had become like family. He believed he would enjoy the quiet and he did.

While Peter was here he attended a family birthday celebration, visited an Amish produce stand, attended worship at ASLC and came to the annual Welcome Meal for SRU students at All Saints. He returned to New York feeling refreshed. Peter had enjoyed talking openly with his All Saints family about his country, his friends and his sisters and brother.

Peter hasn't been home to Kenya for five years. He hopes to go home this December but it isn't certain. If he does, he'll take the several photos take of him when he visited here. More than that, he will take the certainty that people at All Saints feel he is one of their own. This is home for Peter from Kenya.

Peter's story is not unique. Students from all over the world (60,000) study in the U.S. That does not include countless American college students who are alone too. Many are alone. Some are in a strange land. Others living in America have no real sense of family and are alone. Campus ministry is really blest to be a blessing to students. Peter is definitely one of those students who make All Saints feel blest to give the gift of family, friendship and the Gospel.

*By Augusta Mennell  
Campus Ministry Director*

### **Director Mennell Gets Witness Byline**

The articles enjoyed this year in *The Pittsburgh Lutheran* about ASLC's Student Center were featured in the October 2004 issue of *The Lutheran Witness*.

*Lutheran Student Ministry***Seeking DVD Player as Gospel Tool**

Friends in Christ's mission,

Thank you all for your prayers and support! Without you this ministry would not exist, and more souls would be lost on our Pittsburgh campuses. As an example of the fruits of the campus mission, please see: <http://www.lcms.org/graphics/assets/media/DCS/Egram-10-04.pdf>

We have, as always, some needs: Next month we will be going on our third annual fall retreat, a time of discipling, leadership training and faith growth for these young men and women. The cost for each student to attend is \$45. Can you help defray these costs? Would you sponsor one or more students?

Also, in today's modern world, technology can be a wonderful tool for the Gospel. As Michelle mentioned in the article noted above, for example, *The Passion of the Christ* had a profound influence upon her. That film, and soon *Luther*, are available on DVD. I plan on using these films with atheist/agnostic international students and with students in adult instruction seeking baptism or confirmation. But, we have no DVD player here at First Trinity. Could you donate one? Or could you cover all or a portion of the costs of purchasing one? One big advantage of a DVD player is that it allows sub-titles, which helps the comprehension of international students greatly.

Meanwhile, we continue to need funding to pay our ESL teachers, to purchase materials, for publicity, for dinners, for programming, for speakers, etc. Any donation is always appreciated. Thank you for your generosity.

*Your brother in Christ, The Rev. Eric  
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**Bethel Preschool, Glenshaw**

Preschool redecorated, new carpeting and playground; 31 enrolled.

**Calvary Child Development Center, Murrysville**

Fundraisers result in nearly \$450 for carpeting and window unit air-conditioner; 18 enrolled.

**Christ Lutheran, Forest Hills**

The students held a "Run For the Son" event in October on a beautiful sunny day for running laps on a neighboring street. Many thanks to the Forest Hills Police Dept. for blocking off the street. The children did a good job of getting pledges for the number of laps run. \$1,068.51 has been collected, and matched by Thrivent, will be given to former teacher, Kathy Hoener, to help with her medical expenses.

On October 25, the students at Christ Lutheran were treated to a concert by Paul Hill, a Lutheran educator who also spreads the Gospel with his music. He has entertained children for many years in venues large and small. The one-hour concert was presented in the church.

On November 17, Christ Lutheran Childcare will celebrate Thanksgiving with the children and their families. Begun by teacher Charlene Schorr 10 years ago, the children make decorations and prepare a program for their families. A full-course Thanksgiving meal is also enjoyed by young and old alike. This year's event is being prepared by the childcare workers and friends under the direction of Beverly Pavlik. Her trusty helpers include caregivers Georgia Hanley, Joy Humbert and Lois Frerking. The children participating in this event are 3 to 11 years old.

Students designated their first-quarter chapel offerings for hurricane victims in Florida. That decision was made after the first hurricane. Little did we know how many more would hit that state. After the first month of school we sent a check to Lutheran World Relief for \$272.70. The remaining chapel offerings through October 20 also benefited the hurricane victims.

*Submitted by Lois A. Frerking, Principal*

**Little Lambs of Hope Christian Preschool, Upper St. Clair**

Little Lambs of Hope was blessed with a visit from Timothy Ewell, Parish Services, on October 15. The same



day they welcomed a girl with special needs whose parents were grateful for a Christian preschool for their daughter.

**Redeemer, Oakmont**

Enrollment is 124 students from 97 families, staff numbers 12. The science department, taught by Debra Terhune, was adopted by Bayer Corporation, which provides lab coats, an opportunity for students to visit an on-site eco-systems room and a visit from a Bayer scientist.

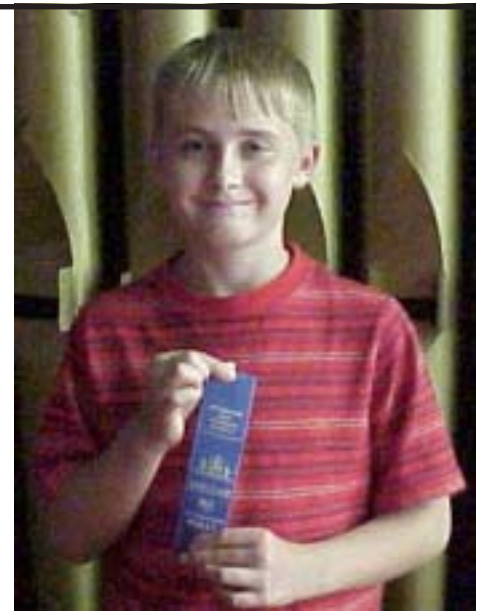
**St. Luke, Cabot**

October prayer emphasis was *Ad-mit*, in keeping with the school year theme of prayer. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders enjoy team-building day on campus at Slippery Rock University; Starfish program helps older students mentor younger students.

**St. Matthew Christian Academy, Pittsburgh**

This year's presentation by Chicago's Windy City Players was their adaptation of the story of Robin Hood. Several people in the audience became cast members for the performance, and all students became interactive participants in the story. The Players are young drama students who spend three months at a time on the road, giving three performances a day at schools around the country.

The Grade 3-7 multiage class is working on a time line from the birth of Jesus (1 A.D.) to the present. Current additions have to do with the Middle Ages, A.D. 500 to 1500. The next addition will highlight the Renaissance. Latin vocabulary books are being augmented in preparation for the onset of translation from Latin into English, using Cambridge University's series about the mouse Minimus and his Roman family in Great Britain, living at Vindolanda, near the center of Hadrian's Wall. The expanded Chess Corner will soon be able to accommodate the entire class at once. The class has choral music instruction weekly from St. Matthew organist/cantor Dorothy Frisch, and



several are taking piano lessons from instructor Virginia Worley. All students in the class are nearing the end of a quarter of swimming lessons at the Allegheny YMCA. Great progress has been made by those who were afraid of the water at the beginning of the year, and several more are expected to pass the deep water test before May.

Sixth-grader Matt Troy won the blue ribbon for first place in his grade at the PALS Spelling Bee, which was held at St. Luke Lutheran School.

The entire student body enjoyed a trip to the Pittsburgh Zoo. Animals visited included everything from lions and tigers to penguins and bats. Some of the kids were particularly excited about the sea lions, which can be seen both above the water and below. One group, who had been to the zoo several times before, gave the camel a wide berth—it seems that some of their belongings had gotten eaten on an earlier trip!

St. Matthew Mileposters tandem bicycle rides are continuing as long as weather permits. A ride has been made on the first open section of the Allegheny Highlands Trail in Maryland, from New Hope Road in Frostburg to the mouth of Borden Tunnel, which is near Big Savage Tunnel, key missing link to be completed before the planned big trip from Pittsburgh to Washington, DC. The St. Matthew Mileposters name will appear on a bronze plaque at one portal of Big Savage. Assembly plans for the tandem donated by Microsoft and the Biopace-equipped triplet are proceeding.

*Submitted by Mark Shields, Principal*

## Congregation News

## Benefit Fundraising Activities, Bible Studies Core of Serving Hands

**Ascension, McCandless**

Community Bible study outside the church is conducted by Rev. Brennan Gaertner on Thursdays at 7 a.m. at the McKnight & Siebert Roads Starbucks Coffee. Anyone welcome! Third post-modern prayer vigil was held on Saturday, October 23.

Successful rummage sale raises \$1,800 (plus supplement from Thrivent). Youth Group selling Krispy Kreme cards (buy one dozen, get one dozen free) for Post-Modern Ministry and North Park Lounge (Route 8 location) Buy One-Get One cards for youth activities.

**Bethel, Glenshaw**

Proceeds from annual Oktoberfest went to St. Matthew Christian Academy Student Assistance Fund. Much willing labor produces new playground, new youth room, new altar guild room. New music director/organist seeking to establish voice choir; bell choir active.

**Calvary, Murrysville**

Monthly Christian parenting Bible study offered for parents of Sunday School children. Calvary participates in annual Crop Walk to raise money for the world's hungry people; 50% of funds raised given to Church World Services and 50% will fight hunger locally; SonShine Kitchen to be one recipient.

**Call for Holiday Concerts**

The Pittsburgh Lutheran Chorus has begun its rehearsal schedule for the area's Reformation Rally and the Holiday Concert season.

Churches who are interested in scheduling a concert for the first Sunday in Advent, November 28; December 19, and January 2 are invited to contact Shirley Freyer at 412.486.6950 to reserve a time.

These concerts are about one hour in length with an intermission and can be arranged to complement a special celebration or as a stand-alone with refreshments either in the afternoon or early evening.

**Christ, Forest Hills**

Sunday School mission project is Concordia Lutheran School, Shanghai, China. Anonymous donor gives \$10,000 in matching funds to repair and improve entrance to church building. Women's Service Guild has daily exercise group (M-W-F at 7 a.m., T-T at 7 p.m., Saturday at 9 a.m.); to hold "Make It and Take It" craft night November 10.

**Christ, New Castle**

Thursday evening Bible study with new pastor, Rev. James Zang, began with the first two sessions dealing with women's role in the church. Topics included interpretation of the Bible, creation and the theory of evolution. Weeks to follow, euthanasia and predestination.

Christ Lutheran to host New Castle Christian Women's luncheon on November 5. Choir to provide musical entertainment and Rev. Edward Kucera to give message for the gathering. Renovations nearing completion with installation of the elevator October. Thanksgiving frozen pie sale to benefit Renovation Fund; delivery November 23.

**Concordia, Brentwood**

Congratulations to Shawn Gedman, serving at Camp Bucca in Iraq who received a promotion in rank. Hurricane Ivan sends water into Educational Building and Undercroft, flooding classrooms, lounge and storage room. Fortunately water was less than an inch and carpets were successfully dried out.

Parsonage received "yard makeover" with new shrubs and plants. Sunday School enjoyed family field trip to Simmons Farm, including hayride, pumpkin patch, hay and corn mazes, a nature challenge trail and a petting zoo.

**Epiphany, Penn Hills**

Community Caring Corner @ Epiphany (CCC@Epiphany) is still going strong. Chat with the Nurse is on Sundays after worship service and on Wednesdays 9 - 11:30 a.m. where you can get your blood pressure taken and ask any medical questions along with getting referrals for different things. We exercise twice a week from 6 - 7 p.m. on Tues-

days and Thursdays. We are currently looking for an aerobics and yoga instructors; until we find one we are walking 4 miles.

CCC@Epiphany is having a Flea Market on Saturday, November 6, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. If you would like to sell, tables are just \$10. Call 412.241.1314 to reserve a table. All proceeds benefit the Summer Fun Reading and Writing Camp.

Come join us as we create an extraordinary fresh pine Christmas centerpiece that will be so beautiful you will want one to keep and one to give as a gift. We will also enjoy a wonderful afternoon of fun and fellowship. Mark your calendars for Sunday, December 5 from 2 - 4 p.m. The cost is \$35 (\$25 for materials & instruction, \$10 for the Outreach Fund). Pre-registration is required; 412.241.1314 by November 29.

For the first time CCC@Epiphany is sponsoring an Indoor Walk-A-Thon. This will take place at Epiphany, Penn Hills on Sunday, December 12, 2004 at 2 p.m. Registration is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Walkers who bring in \$50 or more through sponsors or personal donations will receive a free T-shirt. T-shirts will also be on sale. All walkers will receive a Christian token and a Certificate of Achievement. All proceeds from this event will benefit the Summer Fun Reading and Writing Camp. Pre-registration will be greatly appreciated. Call 412.241.1314 to register. Remember that "A Walk for Christ Is A Walk for Health".

Going into the third year of having Weight Watchers At Work Program at the church on Mondays from 6:30 - 7:15 p.m. every Monday and if anyone is interested feel free to call CCC@Epiphany 412.241.1314.

**Grace, Penn Hills**

Another thought-provoking message from Rev. Berton Greenway in church newsletter answers the oft-asked question *Why do Lutherans believe that they are the only ones going to heaven?* For a copy, call the church office at 412.93.1394. Door collection and mission funds raise \$300 for Unity Lutheran Community Mission.

# and Seeking Hearts

## Hope, Upper St. Clair

Hope Lutheran church sponsored an Ice Cream Social open to the public with donations to benefit local flood victims. Members donated all the supplies and Thrivent Financial for Lutherans matched all the donations received. Peters Township received over 7" of rain from Hurricane Ivan, which produced a 500-year flood, and many families have lost all, including their house.

Youth will rule at Hope Lutheran at Thanksgiving Eve service on Wednesday, November 24. The youth of Hope Lutheran's Sunday School will sing hymns of Thanksgiving as part of the service, as will the Little Lambs of Hope Preschool students. Everyone is invited to attend this 7 p.m. service.

Rev. Robert McCanless will deliver the invocation at this year's Greater Pittsburgh Council, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, Tuesday, November 23. Rev. McCanless is himself an Eagle Scout and volunteer with the Council. This annual banquet recognizes all the Scouts in the Pittsburgh area who have achieved Scouting's highest honor - the rank of Eagle Scout - within the past year.

## Mt. Olive, Beaver Falls

Congregation in Phase II of three phases in building expansion; includes new fellowship hall, additional classroom space and administrative areas. Phase III to focus on state-of-the-art 400-seat worship facility. Congregation starts monthly coffeehouse event, with Christian music, coffee and fellowship. Youth looking forward to retreats at ski resort in Ellicottville, NY.

## Our Savior, Mt. Lebanon

Tim Taylor, stationed in Iraq, shares story about assisting Navy with retrieval of Humvee submerged for eight months in 30 feet of water in the Gulf. Troops are busy with more missions and increased work load.

## Prince of Peace, Freedom

Congregation celebrates Rev. Roger Nuerge's 30<sup>th</sup> year in ministry with catered lunch on November 7; Rev. John Brunner, president of Eastern District, to preach. Vicar

Cory Wielert involved with Youth Ministry.

## Redeemer, Oakmont

Congratulations to Robert and Muriel Auger on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! Youth Group raises nearly \$600 for Monroeville Pregnancy Care Center's Baby Bottle Campaign; Thrivent matches \$250.

## St. John, Accident, MD

Annual Mission Festival held October 24; speaker was Robert Mates, director of the Pittsburgh Lutheran Center for the Blind. Happy anniversary to Rev. Doug and Kathy Kabell!

## St. John, Morrisdale

Congregation continues in vacancy status.

## St. John, Millvale

Congregation gives Rev. Herbert Schumm clock to commemorate 25 years in ministry.

## St. Luke, Cabot

11<sup>th</sup> annual golf outing raised \$4,000 for the Plant-a-Seed Scholarship Fund. Congratulations to Zack Neubert, sophomore at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and recipient of the annual Willis W. Follstaedt Memorial Scholarship.

## St. Matthew, Pittsburgh

Major remodeling, including plastering and painting, have kept members busy. Recent damage to sanctuary ceiling will require roof and ceiling repair.

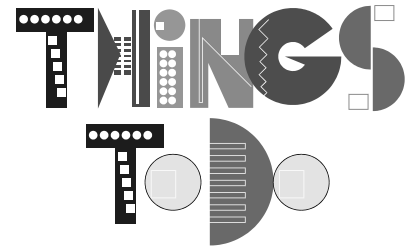
## St. Paul, New Kensington

Congregation to hold free showing of *The Passion of the Christ* upon completion of the 40 Days of Purpose spiritual growth campaign. During the six-week campaign the study groups met for dinner each Wednesday night, followed by small group study.

Fall fundraiser for the Youth Group selling T-shirts, plaques, Bible covers and various knick-knacks through Inspirational Gift Company ([www.shopigc.com](http://www.shopigc.com)).

## Trinity of the Deaf, Pittsburgh

Congratulations to Edwin and Alice Kooser on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, celebrated in late June. Congregation plans Thanksgiving Dinner for November 21 and Christmas program and dinner for December 19.



Oct. 31 — Annual Reformation Rally, First Lutheran, Sharpsburg, 4 p.m.

Nov. 5 — Christ Lutheran, New Castle, hosting Lawrence County Community World Day of Prayer; noon.

Nov. 5 — Pittsburgh Lutheran Blind Center's *Dinner in the Dark*, 6-9 p.m., First Trinity, Oakland

Nov. 6 — St. Matthew Christian Academy annual auction for Student Assistance Program; Millvale Community Center

Nov. 6 — Flea Market, Epiphany, Penn Hills, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Nov. 14 — Concordia Lutheran Ministries Annual Meeting, 3 p.m., location TBD

Nov. 16 — Stuffed Cabbage Dinner, 4-7 p.m. Tickets \$7; Christ Lutheran, New Castle

Nov. 21 — Harvest Festival, Unity Lutheran Community Mission, Homewood, 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 21 — First Trinity Concert Series, 3 p.m., University of Pittsburgh Men's Glee Club, Rheinberger Mass in B Flat

Dec. 5 — Create a Christmas Centerpiece, Epiphany, Penn Hills, 2 p.m., 412.241.1314

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Dec. 5 — Christmas Concert, Calvary, Murrysville, 4 p.m.

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**Eastern District News****Board of Directors Focuses on *Ignite and Light* Capital Campaign**

"From one generation to another...Making a difference in the name of Jesus."

Under that previous convention theme, the Eastern District Board of Directors met for their fall meeting at First Trinity Lutheran Church in Tonawanda, NY on October 1 and 2, 2004.

The Board met earlier than usual on Friday, October 1, to become updated on the District's upcoming Capital Campaign, "Ignite and Light". What the District is doing with this campaign is really cutting edge as far as capital campaigns go. Normally, an organization organizes a campaign to identify large and small donors and then goes out to get them to support the cause. What the District is doing is actually to organize and fund a capital campaign within and with the help of each congregation. The congregation gets to keep the dollars that are raised for their own ministry and outreach and also to share some of it with the District to fund campaigns in other congregations as well as to support mission work that the District is currently not able to do for lack of resources at this time. One congregation might keep 80% of what is raised for the expansion of its own mission and send 20% to the District. Another might reverse those percentages. What an opportunity for congregations and the District alike!! Look for more on "Ignite and Light" in the coming months. Bruce Sutherland is the Director of Resource Development for this campaign.

**Volunteers Desperately Needed**

The Unity Lutheran After-School Program is in desperate need of volunteer tutors. Due to a variety of reasons, most of the long-time faithful volunteers have not been able to tutor this year. Rev. McCants has been, for the most part, single-handedly managing the tutoring and light supper.

If you can help, call 412.731.2811.

President Brunner, in his report, talked about last summer's Synodical Convention. He mentioned the tremendous amount of time and energy that he and many other District Presidents invested in preparation. He served as Chair on a Blue Ribbon Task Force studying Ecclesiastical Supervision and Dispute resolution and was responsible for making a 30-minute presentation to the convention. Also of note is that our Eastern District Chairman of the Board of Directors, Gordon Tresch, has been nominated to the Synod's Commission on Constitutional Matters due to his involvement on Floor Committee Seven, dealing with the Synod Board of Directors in relation to the Office of the President and the other entities of Synod.

The Board of Directors also met as the Board for Pioneer Ministries over the weekend as it is required to do. Linda Gage had her normal exciting news from Camp Pioneer again this summer. What is really becoming a huge ministry for Pioneer is Papyrus Camp for foster children as well as camping for the handicapped. Because a major donor has re-directed funding previously committed to Pioneer for personal medical needs, and other funding efforts have been completed, the Board for Pioneer Ministries is also looking to do a feasibility study for a major fund raising effort.

One of the needs of any board is that of board development and growth. Daryl Pichan of CORNERSTONE led the board in a couple of hours of discussion around core values. A good and spirited discussion had the members engaged as to what the core values of the board are.

Also on the agenda for this meeting the budget for the coming year. This is becoming increasingly difficult. For over 10 years giving from congregations to the Synodical and District Budget has decreased on an average of \$30,000 each year. Just doing the simple math one can see the difficulty that brings about. What was noted is that a number of congregations who pledged to support the mission of Synod and District, as of September 15th had remitted nothing. Efforts prayerfully to encourage those congregations to ful-

fill their commitments by year's end as well as to encourage those who are behind to catch up are being made. A preliminary budget for 2005 was adopted which again is smaller than the previous year while the list of mission opportunities continues to grow within the District.

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LWML News and Notes

**Zone Rally Held at Bethel; Co-hosted by St. John, Millvale**

St. John, Millvale, would like to thank Bethel Lutheran Church, Glenshaw, for co-hosting the LWML Fall Rally held on October 3, 2004. It was not possible to hold the rally at St. John's, for although the recreation room was flooded, it was quickly cleaned up and became the clothing/food/household goods distribution center for the Millvale community, which was hard hit by the flooding brought on by Hurricane Ivan.

St. John's was open 10 to 12 hours each day allowing the local residents to get the supplies they needed at their convenience. There was a tremendous outpouring of donated items from local townships, churches and the Shaler School District. St. John's wishes to thank everyone who has given so much to help the flood victims; many have given their time, their money, and their possessions to share with others. We pray for God's continued blessings during this difficult time.

The rally was attended by approximately 70 LWML members, pastors and guests. Bethel's tiny parking lot was full to the max, but visitors were skillfully directed to make the most of the space.

Zone president Helen Harman completed her term with a finale presentation on the past, present and future of the LWML and presented each LWML society with a small history book compiled from years of board and convention meeting minutes. Six past zone presidents were invited to share some of their most memorable moments in leadership of the Pittsburgh Zone LWML.

Barb Stuffer, director of the SonShine Kitchen, shared some touching stories about the people who visit and who volunteer at the weekly suppers.

Nancy Schlumberger, Christ Lutheran, New Castle, spoke about Operation Lifeline and the need to support troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.



Members of the Eastern District Pittsburgh Zone LWML attended a retreat at Camp Pioneer in September. Theme was *God's Gift - A Mother's Touch*, and the service project was to pack items for the Gifts from the Heart ingathering for mothers in Russia.

**Save This Date—Annual Auction on November 6**

Annual auction to benefit St. Matthew Christian Academy's Student Assistance Fund to be held November 6 at the Millvale Community Center. Auction donations needed. Call 412.321.6662.

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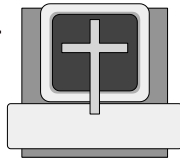
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## Time to Update

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## Concordia Lutheran Ministries Holds Annual Oktoberfest

CABOT—Concordia Lutheran Ministries held its Annual Oktoberfest at the Luthercrest Barn on Saturday, October 2, 2004 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The day's events included: a flea market, German food, funnel cakes, homemade vegetable and potato soup, cookies, apple dumplings and ice cream.

The children enjoyed a clown, a petting zoo, horse and pony rides, horse drawn hayrides, apple and scarecrow relays, a scavenger hunt, a pumpkin puzzle contest and other miscellaneous games. The Al Louis Band and Ernie Papay provided musical entertainment.

We would like to thank the churches that participated in the flea market and sold jewelry, homemade noodles, baked goods and other miscellaneous items to help support Concordia's ministry. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a big success!



Above, clowning around at Oktoberfest. Right, staff members Helen Hancock and Carol Matis assist with games.



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Pick up points:

Monday, December 6, 2004

Mt. Calvary, West View

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