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Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

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Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

9 am – 2 pm



I wonder what the disciples of Jesus were thinking in that upper room that was their home away from home that weekend in Jerusalem. Let me pretend I can hear the thoughts of a disciple who we may not remember by name, but who was there:

~SATURDAY NIGHT~

I didn't see my Lord die. I ran. I am ashamed but that's what I did. But even though I wasn't there I know what happened. Enough of us were there and they told us clearly. Our blessed Lord Jesus was dead. So nobody was expecting to see Jesus ever again in this life. We had spent most of the Sabbath talking about it. We remembered how Jesus had talked about a resurrection from the dead at the close of the age. Then our Lord would come back for us. If we have to wait until the end of the age it will take a long time—maybe months or years before the resurrection when Jesus comes back for us. He told us of a lot of things that would happen first, like the temple being destroyed! Who knows what our future will bring?

Peter, James and John were especially concerned about what we should do now. We can't stay here in this

upper room forever. None of us really live in Jerusalem anyway. I guess each of us will have to find somewhere to go and something to do. Peter is talking about going back to his fishing boat. Cleopas (and his friend whose name I always forget) is talking about going to Emmaus. We can tell others about Jesus wherever we go. Maybe we can keep his memory going until the end of the age. I hope we will all keep in touch.

~VERY EARLY SUNDAY MORNING~

Almost everyone is still asleep. Most of us were up late and some hadn't slept since Jesus was arrested. A few women are up and moving. They have gathered some spices and linin cloths to take to the tomb to prepare Jesus body for burial (even though it was already buried). But I've been told that the tomb has been sealed so they won't be able to get in anyway. Oh well, you've got to admire them for trying. I hope they don't get into any trouble.

~A LITTLE BIT LATER SUNDAY MORNING~

Wow. That didn't take long. Except for Mary Magdalene, the women are back already. I knew they would have trouble with that sealed tomb. But they're telling us that Jesus wasn't there! Maybe they went to the wrong cemetery. That's probably why Mary Magdalene didn't come back with them. She wouldn't give up that easy. She must have gone looking for the right place.

All the noise and fuss is starting to wake everybody up. Oh, Oh! Peter does not look too pleased. All I can hear him say is, "What are you talking about?"

~STILL LATER SUNDAY MORNING~

By the time Mary came back we were all up and about. I was thinking about breakfast but nobody else seemed too concerned about it. Mary was shouting something about seeing Jesus. She dragged Peter, James and John into a corner. We couldn't hear her words there but she make a lot of gestures. The next thing I know, John and Peter are off at full gallop. It was really strange. Mary kept saying, "I saw the Lord. He spoke to me." I don't know whether she was telling me, or us, or the whole world!

~DAWN, SUNDAY MORNING~

Well, Peter and John came back a little while later. Peter was really winded, but, wow, can that John run! Anyway, they saw an angel in the tomb who said Jesus is alive. We would see Him soon.

~SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING~

JESUS IS ALIVE. He came to us right here in this upper room. He didn't even use the door. Not all of us were there. Thomas had left for a while. Cleopas (and his friend whose name I always forget) headed off to Emmaus. They came back late that night to tell us that Jesus had appeared to them. We told them that Jesus had appeared to us. It was amazing! Thomas came back late that night and we told him. But you know Thomas. Seeing is believing! But something tells me Thomas will find out for himself. Jesus is risen. He is risen, indeed. We didn't have to wait to the end of time. I thank my God with all my heart. Jesus is alive. I saw Him!

You can see Him, too! Our crucified Lord is present in the sacrament of Holy Baptism. Our Risen Lord is present in the sacrament of Holy Communion. Our Living Lord is present where two or three are gathered in His name. Easter (which includes every Sunday because every Sunday worship is an Easter Celebration) is a chance to relive that first Easter Day, to encounter Jesus and to say with the whole church in heaven and on earth: CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

May you have a blessed Easter!



Brian F Shirey

SHUT-IN: Rohma Kropf, Bonnie Furman, Gloria Davis, Betty Lou Moore, Loraine Andrzejwski,



FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING:

Susan Spriggs, Will Lugaila, Donna Erdner, Chad Lowe, Judy Ingram, George Lucas, Don Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Roberta Axton, Melissa Stipinsky, Shirley

Harman, Janet Fullerton, Roy Engleman, Mindy Rice, Eileen Lundy, Nanette McHugh, Skip Lagaila, Barb Cinkan, Betty Stephens, Luke Recker, Scott Fink, Shyanne Lion, Debra Bailey, Paul Lichauer, Beverly Lichauer, Kathy Hand, Michael Conti, Brianna Reiley, Haley Reiley, Earl Weaver, Dan Stephens, Sharon Harriet, Sharon Harriett, Beverly Watt, Karrah Timko, Diane Scott, Janice Engleman, Pastor Wayne Harrison, Tony Stephens, Jean Benadetti, Kim Behr, Chuck DeJong, Tony Celander, Peggy Ayres, Carl Hendrickson, Chantel Burns, Rob Hite, Thomas Kaiser, Anne McAnnich, Steve Krepp, Jenn Reiley, Bob & Peg Berg, Nick Libby, Jake & George Dennyman, Rachel Mileski, Michelle Anderson, Phil Popp, Roberta Axton's dad, Michele Hybl, Bob Haller, Wayne Booth, Ethan Pometto, Patricia Carter Cole, Linda Nard, Mary Lou Carter, Chris Hrivnak, Ashley & Gage Thrasher, Jerrick Dorsey, Anna Bird, Jim, Courtney Pometto, Jim McMahon, Jim Westman, Catlyn Wyatt, Olivia Poor, Margaret Jones, Pat Stella, Gregory Brant & grandfather

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS: the Family of Patti Noll, the Family of William. Verables, the Family of Tish Lennon, the Family of Chuck Skalos

SERVING THE MILITARY: Erik Kunkle, James Thompson, Matthew McPaul, Jason Fullmer, Jason Cole (Kuwait), Jessie Strickland, Shaun Seguin

Please call the office or tell the Pastor if anybody should be taken off the prayer list. Also if you or a loved one are in the hospital, please contact the office if you wish a visit.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 7

1 Ushers: Rich Dummer
Acolyte: Nick Hammel
Lector: Patty Ireland
2 Comm. Presenter: Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
Comm. Helper: Dave Fink

April 14 PALM SUNDAY

1 Ushers: Bob Fink
Acolyte: Shane Lundy
Lector: Jan Krepp
2 Comm. Presenter: June Baginski & Betty Stephens
Comm. Helper: Patty Petrusch

April 21 EASTER SUNDAY

1 Ushers: Rich Stewart
Acolyte: Nick Hammel
Lector: Patty Petrusch
2 Comm. Presenter: Jan Krepp & Patty Ireland
Comm. Helper: Jan Krepp

April 28

1 Ushers: Dave Fink
Acolyte: Shane Lundy
Lector: Patty Ireland
2 Comm. Presenter: Linda Lugalia & Kim Spriggs
Comm. Helper: Bob Fink



If a lector would like a copy of the service prior to their schedule, let me know, you can call the church office or email me at bhlcsecretary@outlook.com.



April Birthdays	
4	Robbie Wojciechowski Tammie White
5	Mary Koerbel
6	Ann Beerhalter Patricia Ireland
7	Aidan Stewart Gloria Davis
10	John Dummer Paul Lichauer
11	Ashley Thrasher
13	Glenn Shirey
16	Sandy McCue
23	Brian Shirey
26	Diane Scott



IDEAS FOR THE LINK? RECIPES, COMMENTS, IDEAS - email your ideas to bhlcsecretary@outlook.com

FYI Articles for the monthly newsletter are due the 15th of each month. Articles for the church bulletin are due Wednesday.

ANYONE BORROWING ITEMS FROM BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH MUST HAVE THEM SIGNED OUT. THIS INCLUDES: TABLES, CHAIRS, COFFEE POTS, ROASTERS, PITCHERS, ANYTHING IN THE SUPPLY CAGE AREA.



PLEASE SAVE OLD SHOE BOXES for our Operation Christmas Child Program. Put the shoe boxes in the office or give Patty Ireland.



Come and join us for our WEDNESDAY EVENING WORSHIP.
Every Wednesday (March 27, April 3, 10) until Holy Week at BHLC.
This will begin with a Soup & Supper Fellowship Meal at 6pm followed by a Devotional Worship Service at 7pm.



FOR A COMPLETE SCHEDULE OF HOLY WEEK SERVICE SEE THE BACK OF YOUR CALENDAR

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS is updating our newsletter mailing list and our member's information. Please complete the following information and mail it to Brighton Heights Lutheran Church, 3830 California Avenue, Pgh. PA 15212 or email the information to bhlcsecretary@outlook.com

FAMILY NAME _____

FAMILY MEMBERS _____

ADDRESS _____

CONTACT NUMBER _____

WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING NEWSLETTER YES _____ NO _____

MEMBER OF BHLC YES _____ NO _____

There will be WATER BOTTLES in the back of the church ON MARCH 31ST please take one and drink it. Put a little slice in it, and put your spare change or bills in it. We get water at the turn of the faucet which we take for granted. There are countries that getting clean fresh water is hard to come by. There will be a label of the due date on the bottle. When they are collected we will send the money to help bring clean water to those who don't have it.



KICK OFF YOUR MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND WITH THIS FAMILY-FRIEND WALK THROUGH THE NORTHSIDE! Come to the Great Lawn on North Shore Drive (and Art Rooney Avenue) at 8:00am to check in and we will walk at 10 am. Raise money for Light of Life



and connect with other people who share your passion for helping the poor and homeless in Pittsburgh. This fun, family-friendly event begins with a 10K walk along the beautiful North Shore trail and ends with a FREE delicious lunch from local vendors.

There is a family in "DIRE NEED" of household and personal items their house was destroyed by a fire and they lost EVERYTHING. Please during your spring cleaning, consider donating gently used towels, sheets, blankets, dishes, silverware, glasses, and kitchen utensils. They also need furniture and small electrical appliances (microwave, mixer etc.). There is an adult (late 50's) who needs XL sweatpants, lounge pants, pajamas and slippers. An adult woman (late 50's) who needs XL sweat suits, sweaters, pajamas, and slippers. There is also a 14 year old girl who needs a size 14 adult or medium adult sweat suit,



leggings, socks, pajamas, robe and slippers. Please bring the items to church on Saturday or Sunday before service or Tuesday through Friday (between 9-2), or call the office and we can pick the items up. Your reward will be the good feeling of doing Jesus' good works. Thank-you in advance. Gift cards to Target, Giant Eagle etc. will also be accepted.

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS: You are informed to join your neighbors from the Christian Churches of Brighton Heights for a Neighborhood Stations walk. We will start at Brighton Heights Lutheran Church at 11:30 AM and finish at Risen Lord Church about an hour later. During the walk, we will carry a cross and stop at 14 stations to commemorate Jesus Passion. We will hold this event rain or shine unless there is extremely hard rain or cold temperatures.



WHAT:

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND RAFFLE

WHEN:

May 18, 2019
3:00 to 7:00 pm

WHERE:

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
3830 CALIFORNIA AVENUE

COST:

\$8 for Adults
\$5 for children (7 years and above)



A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM
(for Northside Common Ministries)

Funds raised are for the NALC Disaster Relief



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FLOWERS FOR EASTER 2019

BHLC will be ordering Flowers for Easter to adorn the altar. The flowers will be \$10.00 per plant. Your money must

accompany your order. Please make checks payable to "Brighton Heights Lutheran Church".

You may order the flowers: In Honor of, In Memory of, or In Thanksgiving for someone.

**Deadline for ordering the flowers will be
April 7, 2019.**

In Memory of:

by _____

In Honor of:

by _____

In Thankfulness for:

by _____



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