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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2020 March for Life

Every year thousands of men, women, college students, children, and babies gather in Washington D.C. for the March for Life, marking the anniversary of the *Roe v. Wade* Supreme Court decision. Streaming up Constitution Avenue past the Supreme Court Building for over two

hours, the estimate of people involved is difficult, especially when most main-stream media ignored the event, not politically correct. But the crowd is large and enthusiastic.



The 47th annual March for Life is on Friday, January 24, 2020! It begins at 12:00 noon with a Rally at the National Mall. Speakers for the Rally include State Senator Katrina Jackson (D-LA), U.S. Representative Ann Wagner (R-MO), and U.S. Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ). Additionally, Melissa Ohden and Claire Culwell, both abortion survivors, will speak at the Rally. Representatives Wagner and Smith sponsored the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act which provides protection under the law for babies who survive failed abortions, like Melissa Ohden and Claire Culwell. For more information about the 2020 March for Life, go to www.MarchforLife.org.

If you are interested in attending, contact Pastor Bill. He can probably find you a seat on a bus to DC.

The names appearing below in italics will be removed from the prayer list. If you desire that a name be kept on the prayer list, please call the Church Office, 1-412-761-8545.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

SHUT-IN: Rohma Kropf, Bonnie Furman, Gloria Davis, Betty Lou Moore, Shirley Harman, Flora Storm, Michelle Anderson

FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING: Susan Spriggs, *Will Lugaila*, Donna Erdner, Chad Lowe, *Judy Ingram*, Don Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Melissa Stapinsky, Roy Engleman, Skip Lagaila, Barb Cinkan, Luke Recker, *Debra Bailey*, Paul Lichauer, *Michael Conti*, Brianna Reiley, Haley Reiley, *Earl Weaver*, *Karrah Timko*, Diane Scott, Janice Engleman, *Pastor Wayne Harrison*, Carl Hendrickson, Chantel Burns, *Rob Hite*, Thomas Kaiser, Jenn Reiley, Bob & Peg Berg, Nick Libby, *Rachel Mileski*, *Chris Hrivnak*, Jerrick Dorsey, *Anna Bird*, Jim McMahan, *Olivia Poor*, Gage Thrasher, *Matt Stella*, *Dan LaVann*, *Michele Hunt*, *Jeffrey Walldemeyer*, *Allen Miksic*, *Dorothy Smith*, Gary Mihlfried, Everly Mae, *Charles Rice*, *Donna Krass*, *Cecelia Dehler*, Carol Martinez, Robin Dorsey, *Mrs. Evans*, *Julie Ryan*, Donna Smola, *Andre O'Rourke*, Bridget Brenneman, Braxton Wells, Chuck Kempf, Burt Noll, John Koerbel, Georgia Reilly, Doris Didolce, Marilyn Brown

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS: the Venable Family - Donation in memory of Mrs. Venable's sister, Margaret

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

PRAYERS ANSWERED

Roy Engelman has received a kidney transplant on Thursday, December 19. He is home and doing well. Continue to keep him in your prayers

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS FOR JANUARY

<u>January 5</u>	
Usher:	Ben Blobaum
Acolyte:	Michael Scott
Lector:	Jan Krepp
2 Comm. Presenter:	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
Comm. Helper:	Patty Petrusch
<u>January 12</u>	
Usher:	Joe Pelcz
Acolyte:	Nick Hammel
Lector:	Lynn Pelcz
2 Comm. Presenter:	June Baginski, Betty Stephens
Comm. Helper:	Ben Blobaum
<u>January 19</u>	
Usher:	Dave Fink
Acolyte:	Michael Scott
Lector:	Patty Petrusch
2 Comm. Presenter:	Patty Ireland, Linda Lugalía
Comm. Helper:	Jan Krepp
<u>January 26</u>	
Usher:	Rich Dummer
Acolyte:	Nick Hammel
Lector:	Steve Krepp
2 Comm. Presenter:	Jan Krepp & Patty Petrusch
Comm. Helper:	Bob Fink



Pastor Bill is looking for volunteers for Saturday lectors. Let him know if you are interested or call the office.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS	
8	Rick Lowe
10	Mary Ann Lowe
14	Flora Storm
21	Debora Shirey
22	George Lichauer
27	Daniel Stephens
30	Elmer Lichauer
31	Mary Ann Stewart



Church *Council*

New Council members will be installed at Sunday, January 5th service at 10:30am Council Members for 2020 are:

Newly Elected:

- President – Steve Krepp
- Finance Chairperson – June Baginski
- Property Chairperson – Dave Fink
- Worship & Celebration Chairperson – Jan Krepp

Retaining Members:

- Secretary – JoAnn Lucas
- Treasurer – Mary Ann Lowe
- Education – Kim Spriggs
- Outreach & Mission – Patty Ireland
- Cemetery – Bob Fink



Just a friendly reminder that ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CEMETERY IS PART OF BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH. The cemetery is located on Buente St on the Northside of

Pittsburgh. We offer very competitive rates. Discount rates for veterans. Give us a call at 412-761-8545



DISCOVERING MEMBERSHIP

Do you know anyone who is interested in becoming a member at Brighton Heights Lutheran, after all membership has its privileges. Invite them to come to “Discovering Membership” on Sunday, February 16, 2020, immediately after worship service, in the Fellowship

Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn more about Brighton Heights, the NALC, and our Lutheran Faith. You will also meet other new potential members and some current members. We will start with a nice luncheon together. Topics for the afternoon include: beliefs and practices, BHLC ministries, expectations of members and answers to all questions. Those who decide to become members will be received at the 10:30 worship service on February 23rd. To register for “Discovering Membership,” please contact the church office at 1-412-761-8545.

REMEMBER THE CHRISTMAS QUIZ? Here are the answers:

1 Jesus was born on December 25 FALSE

While December 25 is the traditional date to celebrate Christ’s birth in the Western church, it’s more likely that Jesus was born in the spring (during lambing season, when shepherds would have been watching their flocks by night on the hillsides). So how did we get to December 25? It may have been an attempt by the church to create a holiday during the dark midwinter. More likely, however, it’s counting forward nine months from March 25, the traditional date of Christ’s crucifixion (an old tradition held that Christ was conceived and crucified on the same day of the year).

2. On the night Jesus was born, a star shone to mark the place – FALSE

The Bible does not mention a star shining on the night Jesus was born. The star is first mentioned in relation to the Wise Men, who may have arrived as much as

two years after Jesus' actual birth. While it's possible the star was there, the angels did not mention it to the shepherds as a sign to look for; they were told to look for a child in a manger.

3. We don't know how many wise men there were. TRUE
Nearly every Nativity set comes with three Wise Men (even though the actual Wise Men didn't arrive until well after Christ's birth). Over the years, they've been given names, nationalities, and stories of their own. But in reality, the Bible simply says that Jesus was visited by a *group* of Wise Men. The tradition of *three* comes from the three gifts they brought: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. Maybe there were actually eight, ten, or even more!
4. Mary and Joseph were turned away from the inn . FALSE
While the mean innkeeper is a fixture of Nativity plays, the Greek word *kataluma* is better translated as "the place where they were staying" rather than "the inn." Joseph is more likely to have looked for a place to stay with relatives. With the town full for the census, you can imagine those relatives squeezing them in to any small space available—a space not large enough to have a baby. So Mary probably gave birth in the main room of a relative's home, a place where domestic animals would be brought in at night for safety and warmth—hence the manger.
5. Jesus was born sometime between 6 B.C. & 4 B.C. TRUE
Since B.C. stands for "Before Christ" and A.D. stands for "Anno Domini," "in the year of our Lord," it seems obvious that Jesus would be born in 0 A.D. But the date of 0 A.D. is based on an early miscalculation. We know that Herod the Great, who plays such a role in the Christmas story, died around 4 B.C., giving us the last possible year in which Jesus could have been born (dates B.C. are counted backwards, so 6 B.C. comes before 4 B.C.).

A SNOW QUIZ!

Match the snow facts

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|-------------------|--|
| 1. snowboard | A. the largest on record
15" wide |
| 2. snow fences | B. special scales for
measuring the depth of
snow pack |
| 3. snowmobile | C. hills of powdery snow
formed by the wind |
| 4. snowman | D. it's intensity is
determined by visibility |
| 5. snow blindness | E. intentional drifts built to
protect roadways |
| 6. snowflakes | F. no school or work |
| 7. snowdrifts | G. help your feet stay on
top of the snow |
| 8. snow cannons | H. winter weapon of
choice for kids |
| 9. snow job | I. caused by intensified UV
rays reflected from snow |
| 10. snowplow | J. create artificial snow |
| 11. snow ball | K. a lie |
| 12. snow day | L. Frosty |
| 13. snow pillow | M. clears roadways |
| 14. snowfall | N. surfs on snow |
| 15. snow shoes | O. called "snow machine"
by Alaskans and others |

ANSWER FOR THE ABOVE ON PAGE 10

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) –

Need help with weight loss? TOPS meet Monday evenings at Incarnation Church, (side entrance on Vinceton St.) 4071 Franklin Road in Observatory Hill. Weigh-in is at 6:15pm followed by a meeting at 6:30pm. For more information contact Darren at 412.877.7761 or JoAnn at 412.931.7729



TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY



Please visit and save these sites to keep up with what is happening in YOUR church body, locally, regionally, and nationally.

BHLC has a website—please visit at:

www.brightonheightslutheranchurch.org

BHLC has a Facebook page please like our page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Brighton-Heights-Lutheran-Church-111138702260317/>

Our Mission district also has a website and Facebook page.

On Facebook – Mid-Northeast Mission District of the NALC

Website -- www.midnemdnlc.org

NALC Website --- www.thenalc.org



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

Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Dr. William G Beck, STS

Custodian: Steven Cvetkovic

Secretary: Mrs. Jo Ann Pomietto

Musician: Jesse Crownover

Office Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
9 am – 2 pm

ANSWERS FOR SNOW QUIZ

Answers:

- | | |
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| 1. N | 9. K |
| 2. E | 10. M |
| 3. O | 11. H |
| 4. L | 12. F |
| 5. I | 13. B |
| 6. A | 14. D |
| 7. C | 15. G |
| 8. J | |





Mardi Gras Celebration
at
Brighton Heights Lutheran
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February 23, 2020
from
12-4


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