

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS  
LUTHERAN CHURCH  
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# Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

Pastor: Rev. Brian F. Shirey

Music Director: Ms. Janet Fullerton

Custodian: Steven Cvetkovic

Secretary: Mrs. Jo Ann Pomietto

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



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

- † *I want to say “thank you” for all your prayers for my grandson, Ari, while he was in Children’s Hospital over Christmas. He continues to improve and grow stronger. I am convinced that your prayers were an important part of his healing. I am thankful that we have such a fine hospital for children here in Pittsburgh. And I am thankful for a loving and caring congregation. And I am thankful for all of you who were so quick to say, “I’ll be praying for him.”*
- † *I want to thank the congregation for the kind Christmas gift that I received from BHLCC. I also want to thank all those who individually gave me Christmas gifts over the holiday season. Your thoughtfulness means so very much to me. Thank you from the bottom of my heart,*
- † *Please make a resolution to pray regularly and often for our Congregation. Let’s make 2018 a year of growth. Prayer is the first step toward any kind of growth, personal or communal. Brighton Heights has a purpose for being here. So do you!*

## THE VISION OF SAINTS BEFORE US

Way back in 1995 I met with the call committee and council of Brighton Heights Lutheran Church. By the time the meeting was over, I knew that I wanted to be the Pastor of BHL C. I could feel the friendship and fellowship among the members. I could feel the optimism as well. But what convinced me that I wanted to be the Pastor of this congregation was the sense of confidence and purpose I could feel in the room. BHL C was not just another congregation. It was an ongoing project. Being BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH was important to those sitting around the table in the council room.

I learned over the first few years in this pulpit that for most of her members it really was an ongoing project. BHL C wasn't a congregation that they had inherited from the generation before them. It was a congregation that they had built themselves. In May, 1972, a young, thirteen year old congregation—Faith Church joined with a venerable, one hundred, thirty-five year old congregation—St. John's Lutheran Church—to form Brighton Heights Lutheran Church. Both St. John's and Faith brought their resources to the new congregation. Faith L. C. had a roomy and attractive building that was only about a decade old. St. John's had a nest egg of money from the sale of their historic and stately building, which Pennsylvania tore down for Interstate 279. The leadership of both congregations worked together to organize a congregation that was solidly Lutheran, mission lay driven rather than clergy driven, and endowed with financial resources to get BHL C safely through difficult times. BHL C was designed to be a lean, mean, mission machine, looking outward rather inward. And for years to come the leadership that formed BHL C enthusiastically kept the vision of what our congregation is all about.

## WITHOUT A VISION THE PEOPLE PERISH.

For many years I had the privilege to know, respect and love so many of the founding fathers and mothers of BHL C. Sadly,

*these saints are almost all gone. I know this all too well. I buried them. But these remarkable people have left us a congregation with resources to take us into the future.*

*But I wonder if we still have the vision, or the enthusiasm. It is not enough to dust off the vision of our elders. We have to find our own vision of what BHLC is about for the future. We need a vision that we can get enthusiastic about. As 2018 opens around us, let's make it a year of visioning. I'll bet that most of us know what we want BHLC to be. Do you? What we need to do is to put all our visions together and use them as a palette to paint a new vision. And don't just think about what BHLC's vision should be. Pray about it. Pray about it every day in the coming months. Ask God to sustain us as God sustained the people of Israel through the wilderness into the Promised Land. Ask God to give us wisdom as God gave wisdom to Solomon when Solomon asked for it. Ask God to guide us as God guided those looking for the baby Jesus by a star. So as we begin this New Year let's get to work on renewing BHLC. Let's capture a faithful vision of where we are going so, that BHLC will be as important to those who come after us as it was to those who went before us.*

*God Bless You,*

*Brian F Shirey*

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



FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING: Zoey, Susan Spriggs, Will Lugaila, Betty Kirby, Kimberly Mason, Donna Erdner, Don Hoffer, Diane Stiegler, Chad Lowe, Bonnie Guest, Evan Ray, Bernie Kirk, Bonnie Klem, Raymond, Mary & Mahala Linnabary, Kathy Smith, Sandra Flourney, Nanette McHue, Monica Weisensee, Alicia Jacobs, Judy Ingram, Victoria Kromp, Valerie Chiesa, Diane Jakobowski, Christian Reilly, Linda Collins, Betty Heover, George Lucas, George Meyer, Donna Krass, Debbie Hankins, Don Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Gloria Davis, Trevor Gibson, Garrett Francis, Roberta Axton, Carol Stewart, Denise Labella, Chantel Burns, Baby Claire, Ken Axton, Paul Reilly, Sherry Kinslow, Barry R, Pat Stella, Mike, Eddie Nagel, Scott Tegler, Anthony Zoller, Michelle Pop, Carol Baland, Earl Weaver, Heather Ann, Alan Campbell, Melissa Stipinsky, Pat Zokies, Jim Wilson, John Pfispter, Gage, Tylor, Kim Turkovich, Leona Weaver, Carol Martinez, Roland Reynolds, Georgia Rielly, Ruth Dorsey, Ramae Mazza, Rhoma Myers, Nancy Lee, Denise Gates, Shirley Harman, Sequoia White, Jess, Kim Behr, Michele Frankenberg, Patricia Cole, Will Spade, Janet Fullerton, Bonnie Signs, Rick Fagan, Tara Gottschalk, Patrick Ireland, Kathryn Ann Plumley, Mark Woodke, Rosen Petrov, Janice & Roy Engleman, Kathy Romine, Dionne Blackwell, Tom Lennon, Janice Cici, Sylvia Burney-Stevens, Dedrick Dorsey, Patty Ireland, Colleen, Dave Adams, Barb Cinkan, Jeff Kaiser, Rich Stewart, Steve Hill, Larry Stephens, Tiffany's unborn baby, Frank Greco, Billy Ireland, Chuck Skalos, Mindy Rice, Elaine Santora, Wilma Blythe, Steve Aurin, Carol Frioni, Haller Family, Eileen Lundy, Ari Shirey

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS: Family of Linda Kraft, Family of Phyllis Willams, Caine Family, Mahich Family, Menner Family Family of Haylee Flory,

SERVING THE MILITARY: Erik Kunkle, Stephen November, James Thompson, Matthew McPaul, Jason Fullmer, Robert Fink, 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.***



**JANUARY 7**

2 USHERS:	Dave Fink, Rich Stewart
ACOLYTE:	Nick Hammel
LECTOR:	Jan Krepp
2 COMM. PRESENTER:	Linda Lugalía, Kim Spriggs
COMM. HELPER:	Bob Fink

**JANUARY 14**

2 USHERS:	Rich Dummer, Bob Fink
ACOLYTE:	Shane Lundy
LECTOR:	
2 COMM. PRESENTER:	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
COMM. HELPER:	Kathryn Skeva

**JANUARY 21**

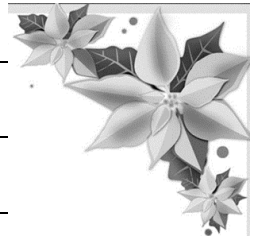
2 USHERS:	Dave Fink, Rich Stewart
ACOLYTE:	Nick Hammel
LECTOR:	Jan Krepp
2 COMM. PRESENTER:	June Baginski, Kathryn Skeva
COMM. HELPER:	Dave Fink

**JANUARY 28**

2 USHERS:	Rich Dummer, Bob Fink
ACOLYTE:	Shane Lundy
LECTOR:	
2 COMM. PRESENTER:	Linda Lugalía, Kim Spriggs
COMM. HELPER:	Bob Fink

*Remembering our loved ones in memory,  
honor and thankfulness with Christmas  
Flowers*

IN MEMORY OF:	BY
Blanche & Al Hendrickson	Carl & Phyllis Hendrickson
Dorothy & James Mixie	Phyllis & Carl Hendrickson
George & Flora (Suzie) Lichauer	Their Children
Amber, George, Robert Kallstrand	Kenneth Kallstrand
Jean & John Koerbel	George & JoAnn Lucas
Marge & George Lucas	George & JoAnn Lucas
Paul & Caroline McCleary	Dave & Edith McCleary
Vera Butler	Dave & Edith McCleary
Paul McCleary Jr.	Dave & Edith McCleary
Helen Gates	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
Don & Mary Cinkan	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
Lois Gates, Barb Henry, & Dave Stewart	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
Pauline Cinkan	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
James F. Augustine	Linda
Petrusch Family	The Petrusch's
Mulde Family	The Petrusch's
Dennis	Patty
Grandma & Pap Pap	Alanna, Dee, Alex & Kate
Robert & Betty Collins	The Lowe Family
Margaret & Glenn Shirey	The Shirey's
Our Grandma & Grandpa Vogel	Flora & Eloise Shirey
John Suscovich	The Shirey's



**IN THANKFULNESS      BY**  
**FOR:**

Brooke & Riley Livengood My beautiful children, MeLinda, Daniel, Charlene	George & JoAnn Lucas Mom
Zachary & Mary My Children	Patty June Baginski
Flora, Eloise, Lula, Ezra and Ari Shirey	Gram & Pappy Shirey
Friends and Family Garnet Hoffer	JoAnn Pomietto The Shirey's
Parents of Linda & Skip Lugaila (June & Bill & Zilla & Pete)	Linda & Skip Lugaila

**IN HONOR OF      BY**

Donald & Patsy Lowe	The Lowe Family
Donald Hoffer	The Shirey's

**CHURCH ACTIVITIES**

Pastor Shirey was “LOCKED UP” on Thursday, November 30 at Jerome Bettis’s Grill for the Muscular Dystrophy Association! He raised over \$1,000 for MDA. Congratulations Pastor for raising the money and getting released!



OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are in the back of the church. Please pickup your box. Please note your number has been changed!





THANKS YOU TO ALL THE BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH ANGELS WHO DO SO MUCH FOR OUR CHURCH!

The CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE is over but BHLC continues to collect food for the Northside Common Ministries. We *thank* everyone for their continued donations.



Can You  
Step In?

BHLC COULD USE  
YOUR HELP!

*Interested in being involved with worshipping? We could use you as an Usher, Acolyte, Lector, Communion Presenter or Communion Helper. If you want to know more about these opportunities in your church, ask Pastor Brian or call the office.*

**MARK THE DATE! MARDI GRAS SUNDAY WILL BE SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018.**



\*We are asking for donations for our gift baskets. Please drop off your gifts donations to the parish office.

\*We will have set up for Mardi Gras on Saturday, February 10th from 6pm to 8pm

\*We hope you will join us for this Mardi Gras celebration!



## CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The children from Our Saturday School performed the Christmas Story at the 10:30 am Service on Sunday, December 24.

### PERFORMERS WERE:

Mary: Adrianna LaGamba

Joseph: Austin Ballinger

Christmas Star: Sabrina LaGamba

Angels: Flora Shirey

Brielle Greer

Aryelle Dobbins

Shepherd: Michael Kirk

Sheep: Riley Livingood

Brook Livingood

Donkey: Eloise Shirey

Cow: Nick Hammel

Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles for taking part in our Saturday Program. A *special thanks* to Deb Shirey for the costumes and Rich Stewart for the Shepherd staffs. Saturday School is on the first Saturday of the month from 10am to 11:30am. OUR NEXT SATURDAY SCHOOL WILL BE SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 2018



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

NEW YEARS DAY IS JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>. DID YOU MAKE ANY NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS?

IDEAS FOR NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS:


- Eat better
- Exercise more
- Attend church more frequent
- Be helpful to others
- Speak nicely of others
- Pray daily
- Participate in church activities
- Volunteer --- anywhere: church, neighborhood, hospital, senior home, library, local school
- Try something new!
- Less internet
- Be happy :- )



I personally thought this idea was very good. At the end of 2018 you can look back at the "good" things that have happened!




HAPPY NEW YEAR!  
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