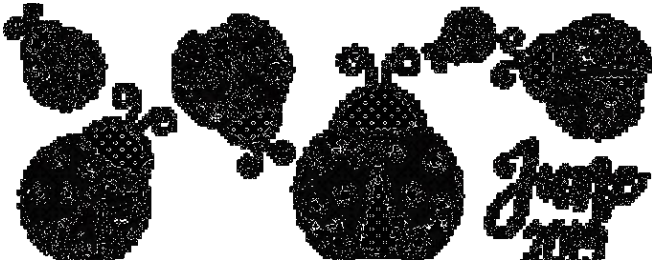


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# Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

Pastor: Rev. Brian F. Shirey

Custodian: Steven Cvetkovic

Secretary: Mrs. Jo Ann Pomietto

Musician: Jesse Crownover

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



As BHLC's pastor I wrote my first "message from the pastor" for our January, 1996 Link. I have written many since. This is the last one I will write as the Pastor of BHLC. In a real sense writing this message has been one of

the duties I have valued most. I know that it reaches only a limited number of people and that many who do receive it probably didn't read it, but it was my opportunity to share my thoughts and questionings with others. It was sort of like my monthly blog. I guess I could do a monthly blog or some sort of letter over the internet, but I really have no idea how. Frankly, I have no desire to learn. But I want you to know that I am grateful for the opportunity that I had to share these messages with you.

Actually, I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had at BHLC. When I interviewed with the call committee in the late summer of 1995, I told them that I would like to be able to stay at BHLC for twenty-two years and then retire. I have stayed twenty-three and a half. Throughout that time I have never sensed that God wanted me anywhere else.

It will be my responsibility to pray for the pastor who will follow me. It will be your responsibility as well. That pastor is going to need all the prayers, help, patience, understanding and cooperation that you can give. Your new pastor will bring new ideas and ways of doing things. Your

new pastor will make mistakes (your old pastor certainly made plenty). But BHLC is a community not an agency. Your new pastor will need the freedom to try, and the knowledge that you will be with your pastor to pick her or him up following failure and to support him or her in ministry.

I am retiring at a time when the world—and the Church—is facing greater change and challenge than it has for generations. We have watched neighboring congregations close. We have seen religious intolerance increase in public life. We have watched the world become more and more ungodly. As BHLC we are going to need to hold on, struggle and love one another. There is no time for dissension among us. There is no place for lukewarm commitment. This is no time to think about what I like or want. This is the time to commit ourselves to what God wants.

I will no longer be your pastor. Someone else will do the things that your pastor does. Your new pastor, I hope and expect, will be my new Pastor as well. I look forward to that. I will do all I can to support her or him. I know you will too. I see great things in store for BHLC. Let God use you to make those great things happen.

May God bless and keep you in His light and truth and grace.

*Brian F Shurey*

*From the President's Desk*

On June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will say thank you to our Pastor, Brian Shirey. This will not be goodbye, for he will still live in our neighborhood, we will still see him walking around our neighborhood, but we will be saying Thank You to him that Sunday. Thank you Pastor for being our Shepherd these last 23+ years, Thank you Pastor for being “on call” for our spiritual needs 24/7 for 23+ years. Thank you Pastor for helping lead us through our merger with Holy Trinity and Mt Zion making it a very smooth transition for all of us. Thank you Pastor for again helping us leave the ELCA and becoming a founding Congregation of the NALC.

I am sure we all would have a long list of times and circumstances we have said thank you to Pastor. I will list just a few of my personal thank you's.

Thank you for being a fantastic role model of walking in Faith. I am a better husband, father, friend since our first meeting all those years ago. I am a better Christian because of our many, many shared talks and travels. I started reading the Bible in earnest because of your example. We have shared in our family's lives, our kids growing up, getting married and now our grandchildren, our parents and their lives as they got older. Births and deaths, of loved ones. And of course our own lives as we get older. Again, thank you.

We will all get one last chance to thank Pastor on his last service on June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have a Cake and Cookie celebration after service that day. ALL are welcome to attend. Please spread the word among your family, friends and anyone who has Pastor Shirey to thank for some part of their lives he has made better, or just easier to get thru. May we fill the church and the fellowship hall that day for one last congregational THANK YOU!

Your Brother in Christ  
Steve Krepp  
President- BHLC Council



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS



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

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, Kathy Hand, Michael Conti, Brianna Reiley, Haley Reiley, Earl Weaver, 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 McAnich, 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 Pomietto, Linda Nard, Mary Lou Carter, Chris Hrivnak, Jerrick Dorsey, Anna Bird, Jim, Jim McMahan, Catlyn Wyatt, Olivia Poor, Margaret Jones, Pat Stella, Gregory Brant & grandfather, Mary Skalos, Jan Schmidt, Kimmy Jean Spriggs, Ashley Thrasher, Matt Stella, Dan LaVann, Michele Hunt, Jeffrey Walldemeyer

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS: the Family of William Vernables, the Family of Tish Lennon, the Family of Chuck Skalos, the Barsori Family, the Family of Loraine Andrzejwski, Jim Westman, Lauren and her Family, The Lorio Family

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.***

JUNE 2

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

JUNE 9

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

JUNE 16

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

JUNE 23

1 Ushers:	Dave Fink
Acolyte:	Shane Lundy
Lector:	Patty Petrusch
2 Comm. Presenter:	Linda Lugalía & Kim Spriggs
Comm. Helper:	Jan Krepp

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JUNE 30

- 1 Ushers: Rich Dummer
- Acolyte: Nick Hammel
- Lector: Jan Krepp
- 2 Comm. Presenter: Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
- Comm. Helper: Bob Fink

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3	Giada Jenkins
4	Cassandra DiPippa
5	Steve Krepp
12	June Baginski
13	Francis Beerhalter
14	Jeffrey Knauss
16	Patricia Petrusch
23	Anthony Stephens JoAnn Lucas
24	Jacob Lundy
26	David Calhoun Kara Calhoun
27	Shane Lundy
30	Sabrina Lagamba



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





THANKS TO ALL for their help with the Spaghetti Dinner.

Kim Spriggs for delicious meal and the kitchen crew for preparation

Mary Ann Lowe for organizing and preparing baskets for the raffle

There will be a meeting for ALL interested members of Brighton Heights Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 9th after our worship service (around 12:00) to review the



NALC'S CALL COMMITTEE PROCEDURES. These procedures can be found on the NALC's website - [thenalc.org](http://thenalc.org). Go the website, click on the tab called Ministry Discernment - then Call Process - then - For Congregations. Please print a copy and bring it with you to the meeting, a limited number of copies will be available at the meeting. I hope many of you plan to attend this meeting and if you cannot attend, please continue to pray for Him to send us the Holy Spirit to help us during this very important time in our congregation's life.

Your Brother in Christ

Steve Krepp - Call Committee Chairman.

SATURDAY SERVICE ON JUNE 22<sup>ND</sup> AND JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> WILL BE CANCELED!



ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23, WE WILL HAVE A GUEST SPEAKER, PASTOR MARK CHAVEZ WILL BE JOINING

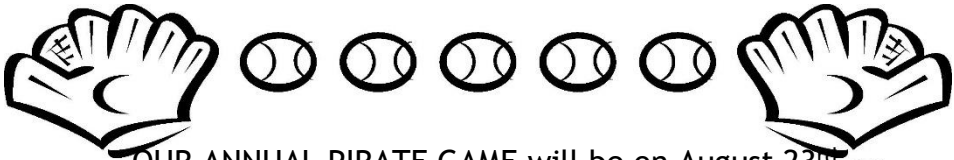
PASTOR BRIAN SHIREY. PASTOR MARK CHAVEZ IS THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE NALC.





ON SUNDAY, JUNE 30 WILL BE PASTOR BRIAN SHIREY'S LAST SERVICE. THERE WILL BE A SOCIAL AFTERWARDS IN FELLOWSHIP HALL. COME AND WISH PASTOR SHIREY GOOD WISHES ON HIS RETIREMENT.

JUST1BACKPACK is asking for our help. They are helping the homeless by donating a backpack with everyday essentials for daily hygiene for men and women. They are accepting the following items: wash cloths, soap, toothpaste, mouthwash, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, hand sanitizer, shampoo, towels, hats & gloves, combs & brushes and wallets. Anyone wishing to donate items please put them in the box in the back of the church marked "JUST1BACKPACK" or put them in the church office.



OUR ANNUAL PIRATE GAME will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:05. We will be in the Pirate Cove with unlimited pop, popcorn and peanuts with access to value priced hot dogs, nachos etc. AND FIREWORKS!!! The cost per ticket is \$27. Please give your money to Patty Petrusch by June 30<sup>th</sup> Let's Go Bucs!



THE JULY AND AUGUST LINKS WILL BE COMBINE.

IN "TENTS" YOUTH CAMP is July 15 - 19, 2019. It is held at St. Thomas Church Grove, 1341 Ridge Road, Hooversville, PA. The camp facilities include a large mess hall with commercial-size kitchen, several outbuildings (including an outdoor stage), lovely outdoor chapel, volleyball court, and more. We are grateful to St. Thomas Lutheran Church for their generosity in allowing us to establish this camp three years ago in their neighboring St. Thomas Church Grove. At a time with



many other camps have departed from orthodox Biblical teachings, In-Tents offers sound doctrine for our youth - along with plenty of summer fun, service opportunities, and fellowship with fellow Lutheran Christian youth.

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](mailto:bhlcsecretary@outlook.com)



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WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING NEWSLETTER

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF BHLC YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_



# LUTHERLYN DAY CAMP at Brighton Heights Lutheran Church



June 17-21, 2019



**WHO:** Children entering 1st - 5<sup>th</sup> grade this fall

**WHERE:** Brighton Heights Lutheran Church  
3830 California Ave.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212  
412-761-8545



**WHEN:** June 17-21, 2019 (Mon-Fri)

**WHY:** Because Lutherlyn and Brighton Heights Lutheran Church are committed to providing a safe and fun environment for every camper that promotes and encourages Life-Changing Adventures in Faith! We will have a great week doing lots of fun camp stuff (games, nature activities, crafts, songs, puppets, stories, Bible Study, "campfire", and lots of surprises)!



**Detailed Registration information is available from the church office.**

Visit [www.lutherlyn.com](http://www.lutherlyn.com) for more detailed information about Lutherlyn and the programs offered.




**CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR AN APPLICATION.**



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