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Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

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



Do you ever sit down with a group of friends and have a nice, quiet discussion about gun control. Of course you don't. Even a group of sweet little old grandmothers can't do that. Granny Jones wants all guns to be illegal

while Granny Smith has a pistol with an extra clip of ammunition in her purse. How about whether employers who don't believe birth control is moral should have to pay for insurance coverage to pay their employee's control pills. Of course you don't. Even a group of silent monks can't do that. Brother Thomas wants intuitions like the Little Sisters of the Poor to have the right not to pay for what they believe is morally wrong. Brother Richard wants universal health coverage, like Great Britain or Sweden, so providing birth control has to be a component of any plan.

Okay, how about Pollution control, Internet control, Border control, or Military Control. We can't talk about any sort of controls without rancor. We are each certain that, pro or con, I am right and if you disagree with me you are wrong. We turn other people, even friends and family, into enemies. As a society, we are polarized and growing more intolerant of any disagreement every day. We wonder when this will end. We wonder if we will ever again be "one nation, under God" ever again. But, then again, we can't even agree on whether the words, 'under God' should even be included in our pledge of allegiance.

But there is one type of control that nobody seems to care much about any more. If this type of control is not something

on which we can all agree; it should be. Red or blue, liberal or conservative, mainstream or extreme, nobody wants to practice the one type of control that is within our power to achieve. That is self-control. I see people today doing all kinds of things to control others but who have no self-control nor do they care to have. In today's me-centered world, if you talk to someone about self-control, that person looks at you like you just landed from Mars. But self-control is the one thing that our society needs if we are ever to find a way to all live together. And you and I—the Christians in our society ought to be modeling self-control for the world to see. But do we? Don't we often model the world's me-centered way of living.

The great church father, Augustine, once said (or wrote): “*For where I am not, I am more happily I*”. I think that another way of saying this is to say: “*Get out of your own way.*” Let God be in control of your life—every single part of it! Jesus showed us how to live that way. St. Paul explained it to us. But do we even know what Jesus and the apostles said, did, or taught? Studies show that most people who call themselves Christian don't even know the basics of the Christian faith.

So, what does the bible say about self-control? . Self-control is a fruit of the Holy Spirit at work in you. The Holy Spirit plows and tills your heart and mind and then plants faith in the Gospel there. Paul describes the fruit this produces in our hearts and minds:

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (Galatians 5:22-24).

Now, Jesus reminds us that there are many forces at work trying to keep our hearts and minds from this faith. Matthew: sower. But if we truly live in that faith nobody can take the fruits of the Spirit from growing in ever greater abundance in our lives:

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39).

After all, our self is all we really have control over. I can't solve the problem of violence in our society, but I can let Jesus make me a more peaceful person. I can't eliminate the problem of unwanted pregnancy, but I can let Jesus make me into someone who deals with physical intimacy with honor, responsibility, and commitment to my partner and my children. I can't stop pollution and over consumption in our world, but I can let Jesus turn me into someone who uses God's creation carefully and with regard for those who will be coming after me.

Is that going to eliminate enmity and polarization in our culture? I doubt it but it might allow us to sit at the dinner table enjoying conversation no matter what the topic. But if a lot of us would change our way of doing things and cultivate self-control in their lives, amazing things could and would happen.

MAY GOD BLESS AND KEEP YOU.

Brian F Shirey

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING: *(NAMES IN ITALICS WILL BE REMOVED FOR NEXT WEEKS*

BULLETIN UNLESS YOU TELL US TO KEEP THEM ON) Susan Spriggs, Will Lugaila, Kimberly Mason, Donna Erdner, Don Hoffer, Diane



Stiegler, Chad Lowe, Judy Ingram, Victoria Kromp, *Valerie Chiesa, Diane Jacobowski, Christian Reilly, Linda Collins, Betty Heover, George Lucas, George Meyer, Debbie Hankins, Don Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Trevor Gibson, Garrett Francis, Roberta Axton, Carol Stewart, Denise Labella, Chantel Burns, Baby Claire, Paul Reilly, Sherry Kinslow, Mike, Eddie Nagel, Scott Tegler, Anthony Zoller, Carol Baland, Earl Weaver, Heather Ann, Alan Campbell, Melissa Stipinsky, Pat Zokies, Jim Wilson, John Pfispter, Leona Weaver, Carol Martinez, Roland Reynolds, Georgia Rielly, Ramae Mazza, Rhoma Myers, Nancy Lee, Denise Gates, Shirley Harman, Sequoia White, Kim Behr, Michele Frankenberg, Janet Fullerton, Rick Fagan, Tara Gottschalk, Patrick Ireland, Kathryn Ann Plumley, Mark Woodke, Janice & Roy Engleman, Dionne Blackwell, Tom Lennon, Janice Cici, Dave Adams, Jeff Kaiser, Steve Hill, Larry Stephens, Tiffany's unborn baby, Frank Greco, Billy Ireland, Chuck Skalos, Mindy Rice, Elaine Santora, Wilma Blythe, Eileen Lundy, Stella Bass, Claire Panico, John Koerbel, Nanette McHugh, Sara Upchurch, Jackson Coulter, Chuck Kempf, Skip Lagaila, Butch Burgoon, Jacqueline Langer, Barb Cinkan, Jan Krepp, Betty Stephens, Jacinta Dorsey, Marley Visnansky, Luke Recker, Scott Fink, Ashley Augustine, Linda Nard, Shyanne Lion, Debra Bailey*

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS: Family of Chuck Wilde, Family of Steve Aurin, Family of Ken Axton, Family of Arta Mae Camino, Lennon family

SERVING THE MILITARY: Erik Kunkle, Stephen November, 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.



EASTER FLOWERS

<i>IN MEMORY OF:</i>	<i>BY:</i>
Paul McCleary Sr.	Dave & Edie McCleary
Caroling McCleary	Dave & Edie McCleary
Vera Butler	Dave & Edie McCleary
Paul McCleary Jr.	Dave & Edie McCleary
James F. Augustine	Linda
Blanche & Al Hendrickson	Carl & Phyllis Hendrickson
Dorothy & James Mixie	Carl & Phyllis Hendrickson
Grandma & Pappap	Alanna, Dee, Alex & Kate Baginski
George Lichauer	Children
Flora (Suzie) Lichauer	Children
Amber, George & Robert Kallstrand	Kenneth Kallstrand
Joyce Westman	Jim Westman
Charlotte, William & Dennis Petrusch	Petrusch Family
Harry, Eileen, Judy & Kathy Mulder	Petrusch Family
Jean & John Koerbel	George & JoAnn Lucas
Marge & George Lucas	George & JoAnn Lucas
Dorthia Schmidt	Bob Fink
Grandma & Grandpa Vogel	Flora & Eloise Shirey
John Suscovich	The Shirey's

Margaret & Glenn Shirey	The Shirey's
Garnet Hoffer	The Shirey's
Family & Friends	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
Donald & Pat Lowe	The Lowe's
Bob & Betty Collins	The Lowe's
Ray Krepp	Steve & Jan Krepp
Gladys Westman	Steve & Jan Krepp
My Mom & Dad, Dorothy & Bob Kendall	Patricia Ireland
Robert Ireland	Patricia Ireland

IN HONOR OF:	BY:
Donald Hoffer	The Shirey's

IN THANKFULNESS FOR:	BY:
My Children	June Baginski
Zach & Mary	Patty Petrusch
Riley & Brooke Livengood	George & JoAnn Lucas
Flora, Eloise, Lula, Ezra & Ari	Pappy & Gram
Family & Friends	Rich & Mary Ann Stewart



MAY WORSHIP HELPERS

MAY 6

2 Ushers:	Dave Fink, Rich Stewart
Acolyte:	Nick Hammel
Lector:	Jan Krepp
2 Comm. Presenter:	Linda Lugalia, Kim Spriggs
Comm. Helper:	Bob Fink

MAY 13

2 Ushers:	Rich Dummer, Bob Fink
Acolyte:	Shane Lundy
Lector:	
2 Comm. Presenter:	Rich Stewart & Mary Ann Stewart
Comm. Helper:	Kathy Skeva

MAY 20

2 Ushers:	Dave Fink, Rich Stewart
Acolyte:	Nick Hammel
Lector:	Jan Krepp
2 Comm. Presenter:	June Baginski, Kathryn Skeva
Comm. Helper:	Dave Fink

MAY 27

2 Ushers:	Rich Dummer, Bob Fink
Acolyte:	Shane Lundy
Lector:	
2 Comm. Presenter:	Linda Lugalia, Kim Spriggs
Comm. Helper:	Bob Fink





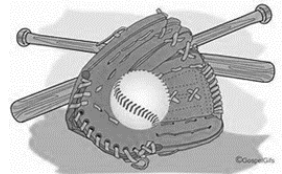
There's
Room
for
YOU!

*BHLC could use your help!
Interested in being involved with
worshiping? 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.*

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH IS HOLDING A
SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER FOR
THE NORTHSIDE COMMON MINISTRY'S
FOOD BANK. It will be held on
Saturday, May 19th from 3pm to 7pm.
Donation of \$8.00 and children 8 and
under are \$5.00. We are also asking for donations of desserts
for this event and items and baskets to raffle off.



It's that time to root on the PITTSBURGH
PIRATES by attending our annual Pirate
game on July 13th at 7:05. The cost for
tickets are \$42 which includes a t-shirt
and \$10 loaded on the ticket for food.
Give Patty Petrusch a check or cash to reserve your seats by
May 20th. Plan to attend and LET'S GO BUCS!!!



Join us at the
**Church
Picnic!**

THE CHURCH PICNIC WILL BE ON SEPTEMBER
23 AT RIVERVIEW PARK ACTIVITY BUILDING
FROM 11 AM TO 7PM.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE
OR IDEA FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER, LET ME
KNOW. I CAN BE CONTACTED AT 412 761
8545 OR VIA EMAIL AT
BHLCSECRETARY@OUTLOOK.COM



MAY BIRTHDAYS

12 Kristin Errett

13 Brielle Greer

Linda Augustine

22 Edith Aglietti

Sandra DiPippa

29 Jean Mavilla



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

14 Richard & Beth
Dummer

MESSAGE FROM A BHLC MEMBER

Belonging to a Christian church or congregation does not make one a Christian. Many people belong to organizations simply say that they belong to such and such organization. There are many people who join religious organizations in order to make business connections to improve their personal income or employment opportunities. Many people say they are saved by faith. When God will judge us in our judgment, God will already know how we have lived and will completely know our hearts and minds. God will make HIS judgment based on our lives particularly the end of our lives.

Jesus commands all people to love and care for one another. Failure to love and care for one another disqualifies people from being a Christian. Our English translations of the Gospels do not truly give us the intensity of the command of Jesus.

By Reverend Carl Hendrickson

Embracing our COMMUNITY



JOIN TEAM ANN and Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on May 12 at 9am at Stage AE. You can walk with Northside Common Ministries or sponsor, Ann, the dog who lives at Northside Common Ministries as she raises funds to support the Food Pantry.



Lutherlyn
Life-changing Adventures In Faith

LUTHERLYN DAY CAMP
at Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

June 18-22, 2018

WHO: Children entering 1st - 5th grade this fall

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


WHEN: June 18-22, 2018 (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 for more detailed information about Lutherlyn and the programs offered.





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