

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

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

A message from the Pastor:

Easter Is Not Over.

As I said last month, Easter is the most important holiday we have. With any holiday we celebrate, we have a human tendency to put the holiday away with the decorations. We can keep it in the attic, basement, or closet until next year. Easter is the one holiday, however, which doesn't let us put it away. The first Christians, who were devoutly Jewish, probably continued to observe the sabbath (from sundown Friday until sundown Saturday). However, they added to their lives a new day of celebration—the first day of the week, Sunday, the day of resurrection. As more and more non-Jewish people became Christian, the sabbath soon gave way to the day of Resurrection celebration. To the Christian every Sunday is an Easter Celebration! The next time Easter will be recognized by our culture will be April 1, 2018. The next time easter will be celebrated by the followers of Jesus is the next Sunday!

Is Easter Over for You?

That leaves each one of us who call ourselves by Jesus' name with a choice. Are we going to be an "Easter" people or are we going to put Easter away with the decorations and just be a "religious" people? Are we going to be a people who walk with and in the resurrection life of Jesus? Or are we going to be a people who just want left alone to live on our own terms and by our own standards. Hear the words of the second lesson on Easter morning:

“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”

~**Colossians 3:1-4**

Resurrection or Readjustment?

Does the reality of the Resurrection change our lives or do we just readjust our lives to give lip service to the resurrection but live like the things of this world are all that really matter? It won't take long to find the answer if we are honest with ourselves. The first Sunday after Easter Day is often long enough to tell if our Easter devotion was a holiday decoration or a way of living our lives! If our Easter devotion can't even last into the next Sunday, it is probably just decoration.

Let me put it another way. Easter means that Jesus lives. But if we are not willing to let Jesus live in our hearts and in our lives, then Easter really doesn't mean much to us, does it? But if the reality of Easter is central to your life, you won't be able to hide it under a bushel of worldliness. So is Easter over? It's up to you!

May God bless you and keep your faith strong and joyful,

Brian F Shirey

P.S. Up, Up, But Not Away! May 25 is a special day. It is the day marking the ascension of our Resurrected Savior to the right hand of God the father. Jesus is in Heaven and Heaven is wherever Jesus is Heaven. So Ascension is not a day when we remember Jesus leaving us. It is a day we remember Jesus elevating us. If we are in Jesus, then our Lord has carried us into heaven with him. Now this is a mystery which we cannot comprehend—but which we apprehend by faith given us by the Holy Spirit. ~ BFS

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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



FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING: Zoey,
Susan Spriggs, Will Lugaila, Betty Kirby,
Kimberly Mason, Donna Erdner, Don
Hoffer, Diane Stiegler, Chad Lowe, Judy McGregor, Bonnie
Guest, Evan Ray, Patricia Aberson, Bernie Kirk, Bonnie Klem,
Raymond, Mary & Mahala Linnabary, Kathy Smith, Sandra
Flourney, Emily Cummings, Chuck Skalos, Betty Stephens,
Nanette McHue, Monica Weisensee, Alicia Jacobs, Patti Noll,
Judy Ingram, Victoria Kromp, Valerie Chiesa, Diane
Jacobowski, Christian Reilly, Haylee Flory, Linda Collins, Betty
Heover, George Lucas, George Meyer, Donna Krass, Debbie
Hankins, Don Aurin, Steve Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Stacey Dorsey,
Gloria Davis, Cindy Fraser, Trevor Gibson, Garrett Francis,
Roberta Axton, Carol Stewart, Denise Labella, Alfred Hunt,
Chantel Burns, Baby Claire, Ken Axton, Paul Lichauer, Paul
Reilly, Sherry Kinslow, Barry R., Pat Stella, Mike, Eddie Nagel,
Scott Tegler, Anthony Zoller, Kathy Gornick, 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, Ruth Ann
Stevens, Tammy Cinkan, Tina Cinkan, Loraine Andrzejwski, Ron
Koerbel, Roland Reynolds, Georgia Rielly, Ashly Augustine,
Patty Gates, Ruth Dorsey, Ramae Mazza, Rhoma Myers

FOR COMFORT IN MY TIME OF LOSS: Family of Bob Pockaj,
Family of Jocelyn Chavez, Family of Hannah Stevens Family,
Family of Cathy Gornich, Family of Dan Rooney

SERVING THE MILITARY: Erik Kunkle, Stephen November,
James Thompson, Matthew McPaul, Jason Fullmer, Robert Fink,
Jason Cole (Kuwait), Jessie Strickland, Jacinta Dorsey

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

MAY 7

2 Ushers: Al Prem, Rich Stewart
Acolyte: Dereon Spriggs
Lector: Ashley Scott
2 Comm. Presenter: Carol & Jim Stewart
Comm. Helper: Kathy Skeva

MAY 14 – MOTHER'S DAY

2 Ushers: Bob Fink, Dave Fink
Acolyte: Shane Lundy
Lector: Celeste Spriggs
2 Comm. Presenter: Rich & Mary Ann Stewart
Comm. Helper: Johanna Yoho

MAY 21

2 Ushers: Al Calhoun, Rich Dummer
Acolyte: Destiny Stewart
Lector: Johanna Yoho
2 Comm. Presenter: Celeste Spriggs, Kathryn Skeva
Comm. Helper: Dave Fink

MAY 28

2 Ushers: Al Prem, Rich Stewart
Acolyte: Kaylee Stewart
Lector: Kathy Dearth
2 Comm. Presenter: June Baginski, Jan Krepp
Comm. Helper: Bob Fink

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS
LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER FLOWERS
APRIL 16, 2017



<i>IN MEMORY OF:</i>	<i>BY:</i>
<i>Our Loved One's</i>	<i>Rich & Mary Ann Stewart</i>
<i>Rich Croker</i>	<i>JoAnn & George Lucas</i>
<i>Bob Pockaj</i>	<i>JoAnn & George Lucas</i>
<i>Mario Palladino</i>	<i>JoAnn & George Lucas</i>
<i>Petrusch Family</i>	<i>Patty & Zach Petrusch</i>
<i>Mulder Family</i>	<i>Patty & Zach Petrusch</i>
<i>Paul McCleary</i>	<i>Dave & Edie McCleary</i>
<i>Caroling McCleary</i>	<i>Dave & Edie McCleary</i>
<i>Vera Butler</i>	<i>Dave & Edie McCleary</i>
<i>Bob & Betty Collins</i>	<i>The Lowe's</i>
<i>Donald & Pat Lowe</i>	<i>The Lowe's</i>
<i>June & Bill & Zilla & Pete</i>	<i>Linda & Skip Lugaila</i>
<i>Son, Jeffrey and Mother & Father</i>	<i>Charles A. Skalos</i>
<i>My husband, George Dearth</i>	<i>Kathy Dearth</i>
<i>My Dad, Joe</i>	<i>Kathy Dearth</i>

<i>Grandparents, June & Albert Cronin</i>	<i>Alanna, Dee, Alex & Kate Baginski</i>
<i>Roberta & Richard J Dummer</i>	<i>Rich Dummer Family</i>
<i>Amber, George & Robert Kallstrand</i>	<i>Kenneth Kallstrand</i>
<i>Joseph Kropf</i>	<i>Rohma Kropf</i>
<i>George Lichauer</i>	<i>Their Children</i>
<i>Flora (Suzie) Lichauer</i>	<i>Their Children</i>
<i>James F. Augustine</i>	<i>Linda</i>
<i>Joyce Westman</i>	<i>Jim Westman</i>
<i>Esther Turnbull</i>	<i>Jim Westman</i>
<i>Mother and Sister</i>	<i>Charles Wilde</i>
<i>Raymond Krepp</i>	<i>Steve & Jan Krepp</i>
<i>Gladys Westman</i>	<i>Steve & Jan Krepp</i>
<i>Margaret & Glenn Shirey</i>	<i>The Shirey's</i>
<i>Garnet Hoffer</i>	<i>The Shirey's</i>
<i>Don Hoffer</i>	<i>The Shirey's</i>
<i>John Suscovich</i>	<i>The Shirey's</i>
<i>Our Grandma & Grandpa Vogel</i>	<i>Flora & Eloise Shirey</i>



IN HONOR OF:

BY:

God

*Rich & Mary Ann
Stewart*

My Mom, Rohma

Kathy Dearth

Wife Jean

Charles Wilde

Capt. Erik Kunkle

The Shirey's



**IN THANKFULNESS
FOR:**

BY:

Our Family

*Rich & Mary Ann
Stewart*

Zachary

Mom

My Sister, Johanna

Kathy Dearth

*Flora, Eloise, Lula &
Ezra*

Gram & Pappy Shirey

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH is making YARD CROSSES. They are a \$10.00 donation. Let's show our friends and neighbors that we want to be counted as belonging to Jesus Christ. See Rich Stewart and the last page in the newsletter.

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH is planning to attend a PIRATE GAME ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 (7:05PM GAME). Tickets are \$25 and are in section 300. The band "Chicago" will play after the game. Please plan to attend, it's



always a great time to “root on” the Pirates and spend time with our members and friends of BHLC. Please let Patty know *ASAP* if you are planning to attend the Pirate Game. There are 30 tickets ordered and they are going quickly. More tickets can be ordered so let Patty know as soon as possible. Please make checks to BHLC (memo Pirate Game) or give cash to Patty Petrusch. Money is due by April 30. We are also getting Pirate hat vouchers. LET’S GO BUCS!!

DAY CAMP is coming up in July 17-21 and as in the past our congregation has been very generous in donating snacks. We hope we can count on you again.

Please drop snacks off at the church office Tuesday through Fridays or bring them to either Saturday's or Sunday's services. Suggestions for snacks (but any will do) pretzels, freeze pops, popsicles, cheese crackers, animal crackers, veggie straws, gold fish crackers etc. Please turn the snacks in by *July 10th*. Thanks in advance for your donations.



*Also we will be looking for families to host the Lutherlyn Counselors (3) for dinner (either at your house or out to a restaurant). Days to host them are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Please let Patty Petrusch or Kim Spriggs know if you can take care of this.

WATER INTERNATIONAL: We will be starting our Water Bottle collections during the month of April. Please take a water bottle from the Narthex (drink the water and count your blessings that you have clean water to drink) and then cut a hole in the bottle and collect spare change (or bills) and return them on *April 29th or 30th*. The money is used to build clean sustainable water plants for countries that don't have access to clean water.



ST JOHN'S CEMETERY: On Saturday May 27 at 10am we will be placing flags in the cemetery, followed by lunch. If anyone needs a ride call Jan Krepp at 412-370-3997.



THANKS TO ALL, for your generous outpouring of donations to the Lutheran World Relief "Basket of Promises." We promised 10 personal kits and because of the great people at BHLC, we were able to send "28!"



LUTHERLYN:

LUTHERLYN IS OFFERING THE FOLLOWING DAY CAMPS:

- SMALL FRY DAYS are for children entering 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades this fall.
- YOUTH GROUP DAYS: Jr High/Sr High days are for students entering 6th -12th grade
- ELEMENTARY DAYS for students entering 1st thru 5th grades.
- GROWN UP CAMP is for anyone over the age of 21.
- MY GROWNUP AND ME camp is for campers age 3-6 along with their parent or guardian.

For more information on any of these camp contact Patty Petrusch or Kim Spriggs or visit Lutherlyn on the web.

COMMUNITY NEWS:



CITIPARKS
City of Pittsburgh
Department of Parks & Recreation

HERITAGE DAY is a community event held at Riverview Park. The event is FREE.

Brighton Heights Lutheran Church participates in this event and volunteers are needed. Heritage Day is Saturday, June 10 from 12 pm – 4pm

THE BRIGHTON HEIGHTS CITIZENS FEDERATION invites the community to our General Membership Meeting at the Morrow Auditorium (corner of Davis and Fleming Avenues) on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at 7:00 PM. Hope you can make it to see what is going on in our neighborhood, upcoming events and how you can help. All are welcome.

HIGHMARK WALK FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY is Saturday, May 13 at 9am at Stage AE near Heinz Field. Get friends to sponsor you for a short walk around the city to raise money to benefit the NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK. For more information contact 412.323.1163 or visit at www.ncmin.org.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

12	Kristine Errett
13	Linda Augustine Brielle Spriggs Edith Aglietti
22	Sandra DiPippa
29	Jean Mavilla



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

14	Richard & Beth Dummer
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Holiday



Insights

The following information was taken from Holiday Insights at <http://holidayinsights.com>

MAY 1, May Day, is the first day of May and is celebrated around the world. It is the celebration of spring and the coming of summer. It is not a national holiday in the United States except in Hawaii where it is known as "Lei Day".

MAY 4, Star Wars Day is on May the Fourth, all because of a play on words "May the Force (Fourth) be with you".



MAY 5, Cinco de Mayo is the holiday that the Mexican army defeated the French army at the Battle of Puebla in 1862. This single military battle signified defeat of a European colonial power and a victory for the Mexican people. Cinco di Mayo is not the celebration of Mexican Independence. September 16 is Mexico Independence Day. Cinco de Mayo has come to signify Hispanic and Mexican pride and a time to celebrate their rich culture.

MAY 6, National Nurses Day, is the start of National Nurses Week. May 6 is National Nurses day, May 8 is National Student Nurses Day and May 12 is International Nurse's Day, the birthday of Florence Nightingale



MAY 8, V-E Day (Victory in Europe Day), it commemorates the end of fighting in Europe during World War II.

MAY 9. National Teacher's Day is the day parents and students should thank the teachers who have the future of America in their hands. *THANK YOU TEACHERS!*

MAY 10, Clean Up Your Room Day, is a day for kids to take time to "Reddup your room" as we would say in Pittsburghese!



MAY 14, Mother's Day is a great day to show you appreciation and love for your Mom. Spend time with her and "Reddup your room!"

MAY 15, Police Officer's Memorial Day honors and remembers Police officers who gave their lives while on duty. Please show respect and appreciation for Police officers everywhere.



MAY 20, Armed Forces Day is a day to salute all men and women in all branches of the military.

MAY 25 is the Ascension of the Lord. It is the day marking the ascension of our Resurrected Savior to the right hand of God the father.

MAY 25, National Wine Day is a day to crack open a bottle of wine. Wine has been around for thousands of years! Enjoy!

MAY 26, Sally Ride Day was created in honor of the birth date of Sally Ride, the first American woman in Space. Sally Ride was born on May 26, 1952, in Los Angeles, California.

MAY 28, Amnesty International Day recognizes the need to protect human rights around the world.



MAY 29, Memorial Day is dedicated to service men and women who gave their lives for freedom and country. It is also a time to remember loved ones who have passed away. The roots of Memorial Day goes back to 1865 and the end of the Civil War.

YARD / CEMETERY CROSSES



Let's show our friends & neighbors that we want to be counted as belonging to Jesus Christ. Please place a cross in front of your home all year long so it can be seen by all that pass. Let's stand up, and be counted as Christians.

Brighton Heights Lutheran Church
is making yard / cemetery crosses.

They are \$10.00 donation.

See Rich Stewart

Or

Contact the Church Office at
412-761-5845



With your Brighton Heights
Lutheran Church Members

Pirate Game



Friday, August 4

7:05 pm Game Time

Tickets \$25.00

After the game sit back and enjoy listening to the
band "Chicago"!!



MONEY IS DUE BY APRIL 30



LUTHERLYN DAY CAMP
at Brighton Heights Lutheran Church
July 17-21, 2017

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

WHERE: Brighton Heights Lutheran Church
3830 California Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

WHEN: July 17-21, 2017 (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.




Opened Minds

Find the 35 **bold** words from Luke 24:44-49 (ESV)

E O P E N E D V W S F N S D U
N V R T H I R D C A E M E E U
A C E S I M O R P T L S N H N
M H F R H G I H T A D D D T D
E R F L Y P H I S N D R I O E
J I U N T T R P I E Z O N L R
E S S U Q W H M M L U W G C S
R T R F O R G I V E N E S S T
U E P E C N A T N E P E R Y A
S H O O L L T I V G S I N S N
A P W S C F U L F I L L E D D
L O E O S E S S E N T I W A Y
E R R N A T I O N S P O K E A
M P D L U O H S B E H O L D D
E S I R R E H T A F S E S O M


Then he said to them, “These are my **words** that I **spoke** to you while I was still with you, that **everything written** about me in the **Law of Moses** and the **Prophets** and the **Psalms** must be **fulfilled.**” Then he **opened** their **minds** to **understand** the **Scriptures**, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the **Christ** should **suffer** and on the **third day** **rise** from the **dead**, and that **repentance** and **forgiveness** of **sins** should be **proclaimed** in his **name** to all **nations**, beginning from **Jerusalem**. You are **witnesses** of these things. And **behold**, I am **sending** the **promise** of my **Father** upon you. But stay in the city until you are **clothed** with **power** from on **high.**”

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