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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

Custodian: Steven Cvetkovic

Secretary: Mrs. Jo Ann Pomietto

Musician: Jesse Crownover

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

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT:

Welcome to November, the season of fall is firmly in place. Summer fun is just memories and pictures on your phone. Your shorts, swimsuits and flip flops are probably put away. Our thoughts are turning to the Holidays -- Thanksgiving & Christmas. More about Christmas next month, but what about Thanksgiving? Do they even teach about the first Thanksgiving in our schools anymore?

Most of us reading this know how Thanksgiving came to be. The Pilgrims had arrived the “New World” and were not having a lot of luck growing and hunting food. The local Indians had been helping the Pilgrims and invited them to share the little harvest they had, as a thank you with those who were once strangers but now friends.

It wasn't until the middle of the civil war that President Abraham Lincoln declared the fourth Thursday in November to be a National Day of Thanksgiving.

My how times have changed, now it seems like Thanksgiving has turned into the national day of excess consumption—all day TV - parades, all day sports - football and basketball from noon until midnight. Eating often thru the day with one huge meal in there somewhere, and all, or most of all of the stores having the big black Friday Christmas sales starting on Thursday.

All that “stuff” doesn't leave much time for be thankful, does it. I hope all of us make sure we block of some time on Thanksgiving Day, (and every day for that matter), to reflect and give thanks to God for all the blessing we have received though out the year. Hopefully that includes a warm dry place to call home, food on your table, good health, and the same

for your family and friends. If you find that those few things include you, you have been truly blessed.

Please remember that that not everyone has been as blessed as we have been. All over the world, millions of people, of all ages do not have homes, enough food or even clean water to drink. Even in our own country, thousands of people - men women and children are homeless, and do not have enough to eat or access to clean water. Please open your hearts to let the Holy Spirit work thru you, to use your blessings to help those who need help. That would be truly something to be thankful for! And as always, give praise to Whom all blessing flow. May our lives continued to be used for God's glory!

Steve Krepp- president- BHLC Council.



Hello from Pastor Bill Beck

At the request of Steve Krepp, your President, I have submitted a short biographical sketch that appears close by. However, these are just facts and figures and I hope to get to know each of you as quickly as possible.

As an Interim Pastor, I will be doing everything that a called Pastor should do including leading worship (preaching and presiding), teaching, visiting the sick and/or home-bound (bringing Holy Communion) and the other pastoral duties that make the vocation so enjoyable. My schedule will evolve to meet your needs and I will establish regular office hours shortly. However, much of my time will be “on the parish territory,” meaning visiting with parishioners, in and around the near Northside or wherever you may be.

The main way to contact me is through my cell (only) phone 1-412-721-5716, either text or voice. Of course if I am driving at the time of your call, I will call you back ASAP (minutes usually). Otherwise, you can send me an email at wbeck4@verizon.net, if your need is not terribly urgent. If you have all the time in the world, send me a letter at the church office, marked “*personal and confidential.*” If all else fails please contact JoAnn Pometto, Secretary, at the church

office and ask her to track me down. Please, please do contact me when there is a need, especially when someone is admitted to a hospital.

By the Grace of God, we have been brought together in ministry and service in this place at this time. My mission is to help Brighton Heights to continue to grow in faith and worship and ministry as we prepare together for our future. People that know me say, “*Yea, he’s the one always humming a hymn tune.*” I guess it’s true. One especially appropriate for this time of year is Martin Luther’s famous “*A Mighty Fortress is Our God,*” based on Psalm 46. If you have an LBW, look up number 229 (or 228) and read the words.

Alive in Christ!
*Pastor Bill**



*A Short Bio of Reverend Dr.
William G. Beck*

The Reverend .Dr. William G. Beck, STS is formerly the Pastor at Dunmyer Evangelical Lutheran Church near Johnstown, PA, and a Chaplain at UPMC Shadyside Hospital. Prior to that, he was a Church-planter in Western New York at Christ Lutheran Church (LCMC), Bemus Point on Lake Chautauqua and simultaneously a Chaplain at Sister’s Hospital in Buffalo, NY and St. Vincent’s Home for the Aged in Dunkirk, NY. Counting from Baptism, Pastor Bill has been a member of Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, Dormont, PA, for 79 years.

In addition to graduate degrees in Engineering and Computer Science (Carnegie Mellon University and University of Pittsburgh), Pastor Bill holds a Master of Divinity degree, from Trinity Anglican School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, a Master of Sacred Theology from the Lutheran Seminary at Gettysburg, and a Doctor of Ministry from the Lutheran Seminary at Philadelphia. His graduate studies in Theology have all centered on the area of Pastoral Care. Pastor Bill also holds a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology from the

University of Pittsburgh. He is a member of The Society of the Holy Trinity, a nationwide Lutheran ministerium.

Pastor Bill is the father of eight children and grandfather of seven. He resides in Mt. Lebanon, PA with wife, Terese and youngest Son, Timothy Christian, a Junior at Seton LaSalle High School. Prior to his call to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, Pastor Bill was a USAF Fighter Pilot, a Structural Engineer, a University Professor of Computer Science, and a software company owner.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Our annual CONGREGATION MEETING will be on Sunday, December 15th, right after our service that day. Along with discussing and voting on our budget for 2020, we will have our elections as usual too.

This year the following offices will be up for election:



PRESIDENT -- a full 3 year term

Some of the duties of the President are: Conduct all meetings of the church council and the congregation. Authorized to sign official document for BHLC. Be the person who with the Pastor, interfaces with the Mission District and the NALC

FINANCE CHAIRPERSON -- A FULL 3 YEAR TERM

Some of the duties of Finance Chairperson are: be responsible to the financial matters of the congregation prepare and oversee the annual budget.

PROPERTY CHAIRPERSON -- a full 3 year term

Property chairperson is responsible for the physical plant of the congregation, to maintain existing structures, repair any damage by working with our Custodian.

WORSHIP & CELEBRATION CHAIRPERSON - to finish a 2 year term.

The Worship & Celebration chairperson is responsible for the worship life of the congregation they will oversee the worship planning and Altar guild, and oversee all celebrations of special significance.

Thank You Pastor Warren Smith

The Church Council and the Congregation of Brighton Heights Lutheran Church would like to thank you for helping us as our Interim Pastor these last few months.

We appreciate all you have done - the home visits, the funerals, your thoughts on our ministries, the Sunday services. You will always be in our prayers and our hearts. You will always be in our family here at Brighton Heights, again we thank you and may God continue to bless you in your ministry.

Steve Krepp - President of BHLC Council.



OUR CALL COMMITTEE has completed all the steps we had to



complete to have BHLC enrolled on The NALC website for congregations looking to call a new Pastor. We have had our

congregational profiled viewed 48 times in the 6 weeks it has been up on the website. But so far no inquires yet. When we do get inquiries, the call Committee will conduct interviews with all the candidates and report back to you when that happens. There are currently 135 pastors on the NALC list of Pastors available for call, and over 600 rostered Pastors in the NALC that get the monthly updates. So now we wait and pray that the Holy Spirit continues to work on us to get us ready for our next full time Pastor. And that we remember that this will be done by God's timeline, not ours.

Your Brother in Christ

Steve Krepp

Chairperson BHLC Call Committee

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

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

FOR HEALING AND WELL-BEING: Susan Spriggs, Will Lugaila, Donna Erdner, Chad Lowe, Judy Ingram, Don Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Roberta Axton, Melissa Stipinsky, Roy Engleman, Eileen Lundy, 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, Jake & George
 Dennyman, Rachel Mileski, Michelle
 Anderson, Roberta Axton's dad, Chris
 Hrivnak, Jerrick Dorsey, Anna Bird, Jim
 McMahon, Olivia Poor, Jan Schmidt,

Gage Thrasher, Matt Stella, Dan LaVann, Michele Hunt,
 Jeffrey Walldemeyer, Allen Miksic, Dorothy Smith, Gary
 Mihlfried, JoAnn Lucas, Everly Mae, Charles Rice, Donna
 Krass, Cecelia Dehler, Donna Alexander, Tony Celender, Carol
 Martinez, Robin Dorsey, Mrs. Evans, Julie Ryan, Deb Shirey,
 Kim Behr, Donna Smola, Andre O'Rourke

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS:

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

*Please call the office 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.*

NOVEMBER SERVERS

| NOVEMBER 3 | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Ushers: | Rich Stewart |
| Acolyte: | Nick Hammel |
| Lector: | Ben Blobaum |
| 2 Comm. Presenter: | June Baginski & Betty Stephens |
| Comm. Helper: | Bob Fink |
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| NOVEMBER 10 | |
| Ushers: | Joe Pelez |
| Acolyte: | Shane Lundy |
| Lector: | Patty Petrusch |
| 2 Comm. Presenter: | Jan Krepp & Patty Ireland |
| Comm. Helper: | Dave Fink |

| NOVEMBER 17 | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ushers: | Dave Fink |
| Acolyte: | Nick Hammel |
| Lector: | Patty Ireland |
| 2 Comm. Presenter: | Joe & Lynn Pelez |
| Comm. Helper: | Jan Krepp |
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| NOVEMBER 24 | |
| Ushers: | Rich Dummer |
| Acolyte: | Shane Lundy |
| Lector: | Steve Krepp |
| 2 Comm. Presenter: | Linda Lugalía & Kim Spriggs |
| Comm. Helper: | Patty Petrusch |
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| NOVEMBER 28 THANKSGIVING | |
| Ushers: | Bob Fink |
| Acolyte: | Nick Hammel |
| Lector: | Jan Krepp |
| 2 Comm. Presenter: | Mary Ann & Rich Stewart |
| Comm. Helper: | Ben Blobaum |
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| November Birthdays | |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 6 | Carol Stewart |
| 9 | James Walton Jr |
| 15 | Robert Fink |
| 19 | Shirley Harman |
| 28 | Kathy Dearth |
| 29 | Richard Stewart |



| November Anniversaries | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 29 | Maryann & Rick Lowe |



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE - Brighton Heights Lutheran Church will gather non-perishable items to help those in need. We will donate the food to Northside Common Ministries. Please find it in your heart to help those that might not have the resources to provide a meal during the holidays. We

will be collecting the can goods (jars of gravy, box potatoes, vegetables etc.) in the Narthex from November 3rd to November 17th.

BHLC IS COLLECTING POP TABS FOR RONALD MCDONALD'S HOUSE. There are containers in the back of the church and in Fellowship Hall. Pop Tabs collections will end on December 1, 2019.



Pop Tab Challenge
Pulling Together For Ronald McDonald House Charities

SAMARITANS PURSE ANGEL SHOE BOXES. We are in the process of filling 50 boxes or more. Shoe boxes are in the back of the church to be filled for boys and girls. Also a \$9 donation on each box helps with a 12 lesson book which is called the "Greatest Journey" and is printed in different languages. The Samaritans Purse Angel Shoe Box ends on November 17th.



THE VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who helped with the fair. We had 26 vendors/crafters with a profit of \$748.32. Profit goes to BHLC youth programs, St. Afterschool, Saturday School and Day Camp. The vendors and crafters appreciated the

help from Lynn & Joe Pelez bringing in their items. The kitchen help was great! The meatball sandwich was a big hit! Clean up help was awesome, breaking down tables and helping vendors and crafters with their items! Everyone who helped **"THANK YOU"**! JoAnn would like to give a big thank you to her friends who helped, Peg, Jackie, Donna, and Regina

*Thanks
Everyone!*

Vendor & Craft Fair Committee
Mary Ann Lowe, Kim Spriggs, JoAnn Pomietto

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who helped and/or attended OKTOBERFEST on October 27th. All monies donated will be sent to AMBASSADORS FOOTBALL-Pittsburgh, whose motto is "Football *Faith*Future" For more information please visit Pgh.ambassadorsfootball.org



upcoming Events

PAINTING WITH A TWIST

BRIGHTON HEIGHTS LUTHERAN CHURCH...
3830 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Saturday, November 16th 2-4pm
\$35 for Canvas and all the supplies you will need.

Details for registration on the PWAT Southside location website or call the church office at 412-761-8545.

Bring a friend and/or your favorite munchie to share. Hot and cold drinks will be provided.

ALL WELCOME



Local Artist will guide us step by step for the above canvas image

ADVENT CALENDAR

EACH DAY ADD AN ITEM TO THE BOX. ON CHRISTMAS EVE,
DONATE THE CONTENTS TO A FOOD BANK OR LOCAL CHURCH

December 1 - box of cereal

December 2 - peanut butter

December 3 - box of
stuffing

December 4 - boxed
potatoes

December 5 - macaroni and
cheese

December 6 - canned fruit

December 8 - canned tuna

December 9 - dessert mix

December 10 - jar of
applesauce

December 11 - canned
sweet potatoes

December 12 - cranberry
sauce

December 13 - canned
beans

December 14 box of
crackers

December 15 - package of
rice

December 16 - package of
oatmeal

December 17 - package
pasta

December 18 - spaghetti
sauce

December 19 - - chicken
noodle soup

December 20 - tomato soup

December 21 - can corn

December 22 - can mixed
vegetables

December 23 - can carrots


December 24 - can green
beans

WE WILL BE
DECORATING THE
CHURCH FOR
CHRISTMAS ON
SUNDAY, DECEMBER
22 AFTER THE 10:30
SERVICE. HELP
WOULD BE
APPRECIATED.

NEW CHRISTMAS TRADITION


**Beginning December 1st,
Read one chapter of
The Book of Luke in the Bible
each evening.**

**There are 24 chapters.
On Christmas Eve you will have read
an entire account of Jesus's Life
and wake up Christmas Morning
Knowing WHO and WHY
We Celebrate!!**



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