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# Brighton Heights Lutheran Church

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9 am – 2 pm



When we Lutherans, at least Lutherans who love history, think of October we think of Reformation Day. That is the day that Martin Luther went public with his list of 95 points of argument addressed to his Roman Catholic superiors. This ignited a religious fire-storm that resulted in the formation of what we today call the Protestant Church. He did this by nailing a copy of the document to the church door on October 31, 1517. Luther chose October 31 because it was “All Hallows Eve”, from which we get word “Halloween”. This is because it was the night before “All Saints Day”—considered one of the holiest days of the year. Everyone, including all the theological scholars in Wittenberg, would go to church and pass his document.

For most of us when we think of October we think of Halloween. For centuries, until the rise of modern medicine and other sciences, people believed that on All Hallows Eve, ghosts and hobgoblins would come out and cause much mischief to people who would be going to church the next day. Enterprising urchins would dress up as goblins or ghosts and go from door to door offering to skip that house if the householder would give them something. To avoid ghostly tricks people would give treats to them—thus, Trick or Treat.

Today we no longer have superstitious fears of ghosts and goblins. Halloween has become about candy,

candy and more candy. But there are still a few hobgoblins that we need to watch out for. In our fragmented and divisive culture these hobgoblins are a tremendous threat to both Church and society. I have lived through the division of our nation over the war in Viet Nam. I have lived through the cultural chaos of the 1960's. I have lived through the frightening uncertainty of the Cold War and the great proliferation of nuclear weapons. I have lived through the barbarism of the war on terror and the rise of Isis, the most evil regime since World War II. I have lived through some very tense and frightening times, but I think that our present time is more frightening than any other time I have ever seen. There are hobgoblins at work in our world and they are truly threatening to devour us. Let's see if we can name a few.

One hobgoblin that threatens both Church and society is named **APATHY**. Apathy tempts us to not care. Its motto is "Let someone else do it". As long as I'm okay, why should I worry? We are reminded of this hobgoblin every time we see an empty and derelict church building. There are lots of people who want something from the church (financial aid, meeting and public space, weddings, funerals, pastoral services, etc.) but they are generally people who don't do anything to support a church even if it is only to attend worship to fellowship and pray with others.

Another hobgoblin that threatens both Church and society is named **SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS**. This hobgoblin tempts us to ignore the Golden Rule that Jesus gives us: *you are to do to others as you would have others do to you*. Self-righteousness tells us that as long as I'm on the right side, it doesn't matter how I treat those who are on the wrong side. People who take the other to side to them on social issues of the day don't deserve to be treated like fellow human beings. If I am right and you are wrong it doesn't matter what I say or do to you. After all I'm defending what is right. And don't even try to talk things over with me—until you agree with me you are wrong and

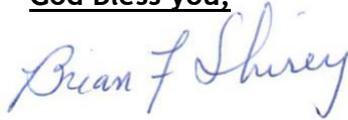
have no right to an opinion. We see it on every level from school fights to national party politics. The golden rule asks us to be right. It asks us to love. The hobgoblin named SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS hates love, especially Christian love.

Another hobgoblin we need to look out for is named **SELF-IDOLATRY**. This hobgoblin tempts us to see ourselves and our desires as more important than anything else in the world. The self becomes that which everything else in one's life revolves around. Many people avoid the Church and the Gospel because of this hobgoblin. They justify their actions by pointing out that church people are hypocrites. Of course we are hypocrites. We are also liars, cheats, and sinners of all kinds. We are not church people because we are better than others. We are church people because we know that God is in the business of forgiving and restoring sinners. And we want others to know it too.

One last hobgoblin that I will mention, even though there are many I could name, is called **RANCOR**. It often hangs around with SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. RANCOR tries to get us to be angry all the time. If we expect the worse from others we often have no trouble finding it. Anger has become the default position of many of us today (even Church people, I'm afraid). People are afraid to interact with other people because of this anger. Cross the wrong person and something bad could happen to you. I once stood behind a person in line in a West Virginia gas station/mini-mart. I think he was fairly well lubricated. As he took his money out of his back pocket to pay a lot of money from his pocket dropped to the floor right in front of me. I could of easily have covered it with my shoe and picked it up after he left. But instead I touched him on the shoulder. He spun around looking like he was ready to fight. I don't know what he thought I was going to do, but I told him his money was on the floor. Suddenly, I was like a long lost friend to him. I hope he learned a lesson from that encounter. I know I did. I learned that a loving,

Christ-like action can chase RANCOR—or any other hobgoblin away.

God Bless you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian F. Shirey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**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: Susan Spriggs, Will Lugaila, Kimberly Mason, Donna Erdner, Don Hoffer, Diane Stiegler, Chad Lowe, Judy Ingram, George Lucas, Don Aurin, Pauline Aurin, Trevor Gibson, Roberta Axton, Chantel Burns, Melissa Stipinsky, Shirley Harman, Janet Fullerton, Roy Engleman, Janice Cici, Jeff Kaiser, Frank Greco, Mindy Rice, Elaine Santora, Wilma Blythe, Eileen Lundy, Stella Bass, John Koerbel, Nanette McHugh, Sara Upchurch, Jackson Coulter, Chuck Kempf, Skip Lagaila, Butch Burgoon, Jacqueline Langer, Barb Cinkan, Jan Krepp, Betty Stephens, Luke Recker, Scott Fink, Ashley Augustine, Linda Nard, Shyanne Lion, Debra Bailey, Alberta Greer, Paul Lichauer, Steve Krepp, Dr. Jim Santora, Beverly Lichauer, Kathy Hand, Michael Conti, Brianna Reiley, Haley Reiley, Chuck Skalos, Tony Stephens, Earl Weaver, Judy Sakola, Dan Stephens, Calista Frost/Dedrick Dorsey, Sharon Harriet, Tish Lennon, Marie Andre, Sharon Harriett, Beverly Watt, Karrah Timko, Diane Scott, Janice Engleman, Debbie Thornton, Pastor Wayne Harrison

FOR COMFORT IN TIME OF LOSS: Family of Kathy Skeva, the Family of Deb Shirey on the death of her father, Donald C. Hoffer

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*

## October Worship Team

### OCTOBER 7

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

### OCTOBER 14

2 Ushers: Dave Fink, Rich Stewart  
Acolyte: Nick Hammel  
Lector:  
2 Comm. Presenter: Rich & Mary Ann Stewart  
Comm. Helper: Jan Krepp

### OCTOBER 21

2 Ushers: Rich Dummer, Bob Fink  
Acolyte: Shane Lundy  
Lector:  
2 Comm. Presenter: June Baginski, Kim Spriggs  
Comm. Helper: Jan Krepp

### OCTOBER 28

2 Ushers: Dave Fink, Rich Stewart  
Acolyte: Nick Hammel  
Lector:  
2 Comm. Presenter: Linda Lugalía, Kim Spriggs  
Comm. Helper: Dave Fink



# October BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Amber Lagamba  
Sandra Thor
- 5 Kenneth Kropf  
Linda Lugaila
- 6 Kenneth Kallstrand
- 13 Richard Dummer
- 17 Andrew Burns
- 20 Beverly Lichauer
- 21 Stephen Greer
- 24 Rebecca Lowe  
Roberta Axton
- 26 Katherine Yoho



*Dear BHLC Family,  
Many thanks for all of the thoughts, prayers  
and other expressions of kindness after the  
loss of our Dad. The plant that you sent was  
beautiful.*

*The Family of Donald Hoffer  
The Shireys, Kunkles and Suscovichs*

OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> is the start of SATURDAY SCHOOL. Saturday School meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month from 10am to 11:30am. Children and their parents and any adult are welcomed to this Journey with Jesus.



OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup> is the start of ST. AFTERSCHOOL. St.



Afterschool is on Mondays from 3pm to 6pm and is for students in grades K thru 5<sup>th</sup>. The program includes: afterschool snack, help

with homework, arts and crafts, recreation time and supper. The cost is \$.50



VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR is being planned for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 3 pm. Tables will be supplied at \$25 per 8 foot table and \$5 extra for electricity. We are also

asking each vendor to make a donation of a raffle prize valued at \$20. Anyone who knows of a vendor or crafter that would be interested in being part of our Vendor & Craft show, have them contact the church office at 412.761.4585 or via email at [bhlcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:bhlcsecretary@outlook.com).

Also we will need help during the fair: setting up (includes helping / directing vendors and crafters to their table) selling raffle tickets, working the refreshment stand, and cleaning up. If you are interested in giving a hand contact the church office or let Mary Ann Lowe or Kim Spriggs know. Profits from the Vendor & Craft Fair go to our youth programs: St. Afterschool, Day Camp and Saturday School.



*Dear Family,*

*I desperately need your help. As many of you know, Roy had a heart transplant 11 years ago and a year later God sent us our sons. We have struggled with issues over the years (as we all do) and now Roy life is at great risk.*

*He was born with only one kidney, which is currently dying. And a Necrotic (dead) right hip was recently diagnosed, which they will not replace until he receives a kidney, preferably from a living donor.*

*I am asking for your prayers and that you help me get this message out via word, social media, etc. Please share it. We currently have no computer and are not very literate.*

*I do have faith that with prayers and action, Roy's life may be restored to health and years to share with his "families". Please Help.*

*With love, thanks and blessings to all, Janice Engelman*



## WOMEN OF THE NALC EVENTS:

- October 6, 2018 Fall Gathering at First Ev LC in Ridgeway, PA
- November 3, 2018 Trip to The Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC - Open to all!
- April 6, 2019 Spring Gathering at Emmanuel LC in Export, PA
- April 27, 2019 Ladies Encounter at Altoona, PA featuring Alan & Lisa Robertson from Duck Dynasty - \$40 including lunch. Contact Amy Werner
- October 5, 2019 Fall Gathering at First LC in Washington, PA



Join Northside Common Ministries at The Pittsburgh Public Theater In the heart of Pittsburgh's Cultural District

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Dessert Reception at 6pm followed by the show at 7pm to order tickets visit

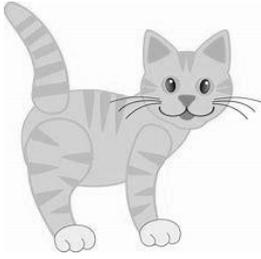
<https://goodwillswpa.salsalabs.org/prideandprejudice2018>

or visit [www.ncmin.org](http://www.ncmin.org) Please do not order directly from the theater All proceeds benefit the work of Northside Common Ministries

IDEAS FOR THE LINK? RECIPES, COMMENTS, IDEAS, STORY. What would you like to see in your link?

You can email me at [bhlcsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:bhlcsecretary@outlook.com) or write and drop it in the collection basket with my name on it.





# KITTY LITTER CAKE

This is a fun cake! Looks gross but taste good! This is great for a Halloween party! Or just for fun!!

- 1 - 18 oz box of spice or German chocolate cake mix
- 1 - 18 oz box of white cake mix
- 1 - package of white sandwich cookies
- 1 - large box of vanilla instant pudding mix
- 12 - small Tootsie Rolls
- Green food coloring

- 1 NEW litter box
- 1 NEW plastic litter scoop

- Prepare cake mixes and bake according to directions (any size or shape of pans)
- Prepare pudding mix and chill until ready to assemble.
- Crumble white sandwich cookies in the blender - do in small batches because they tend to stick, so scrape often. Set aside all but about  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup
- To the  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup of cookie crumbs add a few drop of green food coloring and mix using a fork or shake in a jar.
- When cakes are cool to room temperature, crumble into a large bowl.
- Add half of the remaining white cookie crumbs to the crumbled cakes.
- Gently combine the chilled pudding to the cake mixture (you probably won't need all of the pudding). You don't want the mixture soggy just moist.
- Put the mixture into a clean litter box.
- Place three unwrapped Tootsie Rolls in the microwave on a dish and heat until soft and pliable. Shape ends so they are no longer blunt, and curve

slightly. Repeat with three more Tootsie Rolls and bury in the mixture. Sprinkle the other half of the cookie crumbs over the top. Scatter the green cookie crumbs lightly over the top (this is supposed to look like the chlorophyll in kitty litter). Heat remaining Tootsie Rolls, three at a time in the microwave until almost melted. Scrape them on top of the cake and sprinkle with cookie crumbs. Place the litter box on a newspaper and sprinkle a few of the cookie crumbs around. Serve using the new pooper-scooper.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY  
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*Plenty* of people  
miss their share of  
happiness, not because  
they never found it,  
but because they didn't  
*Stop to Enjoy it.*

WILLIAM FEATHER

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