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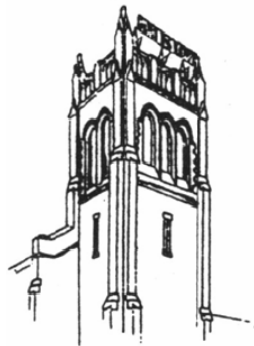
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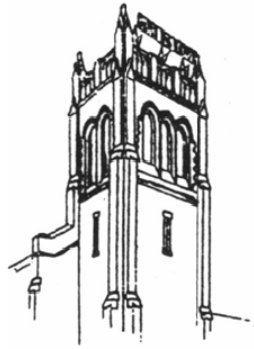
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October 2009 HAPPENINGS AT EPIPHANY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				¹ 6:30 PM Fellowship 7:00 PM Praise Band Reh. 7:00 PM Cubs	² 6:00 PM Family game night 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	³ set up for Bingo 9:00 AM Thrift shop 1:00 PM Thomas' Party 5:00 PM Worship
⁴ 9:00 AM Wel/Fel Cl. 9:00 AM Contemp. 9:00 AM Blessing/Pets 10:30 AM Sun.Sch. 10:30 AM Trad.Wor. 1:00 PM Basket Bingo 4:30 PM Conf cl 6:00 PM Youth Group	⁵ 7:00 PM Cub comm 8:30 PM AA/AIAnon	⁶ 10:00 AM Sr.Powell. 7:00 PM Choir 7:00 PM Basketball	⁷ 10:30 AM Hmks 12:00 PM Thrift Shop 7:00 PM Bible Study	⁸ 7:00 PM Praise Band Reh. 7:00 PM Cedmont Improvement Assn. 7:00 PM Cubs	⁹ 7:00 PM Boy Scouts	¹⁰ Party in HH-Pr.Gohl 8:30 AM Bread for Life 5:00 PM Worship
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HIGHLIGHTS FOR OCTOBER 2009

Discipleship Sermon Series Continues

Pastor Gohl and Pastor Kay continue their preaching series called "Living Your Faith – The Marks of Discipleship." Each weekend, we will unpack one of the things that Christian disciples do as followers of Christ in the world. Join us as we learn about Prayer, Study, Worship, Inviting, Encouraging, Serving and Giving. The series will end on 24/25 October.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, 4 October marks the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. On that day, at the 9am Outdoor Service, we will have a special blessing of the animals! Leashed dogs, crated cats, caged hamsters, collared ferrets, fish-in-a-bowl, fuzzy teddy bears, stuffed animals of all kinds as well as pictures of animal companions past and present are welcome. Come and bring a human and finned, furry or fuzzy friend!

Reformation Sunday

24/25 October is our annual glad celebration of Reformation Sunday. Do remember to come – and to wear something red as part of the festivity of the day!

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Prayers for Healing

On the weekend of 17/18 October, in observance of the Feast of St. Luke, we will offer individual prayers for healing, for those who wish to receive that ministry. Taking our lead from the Epistle to James, "Are any of you sick? Are any of you suffering? Call the elders of the church to pray with you, and to annoint you with oil."

If you are sick or carrying a burden that you would like to ask prayer to address; or you would like to ask prayer for someone you love, we will be ready to believe with you in prayer.

Pastoral Acts

Weddings

On 6 September 2009, Pr. Kay officiated at the marriage of **Timothy George Lacock and Amy Michelle Bromwell**.

On 9 September 2009, Pr. Gohl officiated at the marriage of **Jeffery Michael Reynolds and Julie Jones Honeycutt**.

Funeral

On 12 September 2009, Pr. Gohl officiated the funeral of **Stewart B. Eckers**, age 88

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Pastor Gohl

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

By now, you all should know that the Gohl Family has doubled in size! When you are reading this, we will have had welcomed Saliese (age 9½), David (age 8) and Andrew (age 6) to our home and family. Joyanne is ecstatic, Arwyn and I are tired – but happy.

I can not begin to tell you how much your love and support means to all of us as we begin the hard work of sorting through the kids' grief and building a new family and life together. As always, our Epiphany Family has overwhelmed us with your kindnesses and generosity toward the children.

Our beloved Pastor Kay, already busy with his two ministries, has quietly taken on more of my own responsibilities while I am working with Arwyn to affect the childrens' transition. He is my partner in ministry and my brother in Christ. I thank God for him and his dear family each day.

In spite of all that is going on at home, October is a busy month at Epiphany too!

The Blessing of the Pets is an annual highlight in our life together. We are also expecting a sell-out crowd for the Basket Bingo fundraiser. I am meeting with the Council of Grace Church on Harford Road to explore ways of working together in the future. We will have two Lutheran Church Women Blanket Sundays to pass the warmth of Christ forward to the world.

October also marks a milestone for our ministry. On October 3rd, we have had the Saturday Night Service offered continuously for one year. I thank God for the group that assembles each week and for the ways that service is slowly, but surely, helping us to reach out with the Good News that God is Love.

It's happening at Epiphany in October! Be a part of it!

Pastor Gohl

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Pastor Kay

Beginning this summer, my articles for the Tower Light have focused on certain Milestones that we lift up as a people of faith throughout our lifetime. Many of you have responded how helpful these have been in articulating some of the new blessings we have introduced in worship. And while I could write a year's worth of articles about Milestones, this month will be the conclusion of this series.

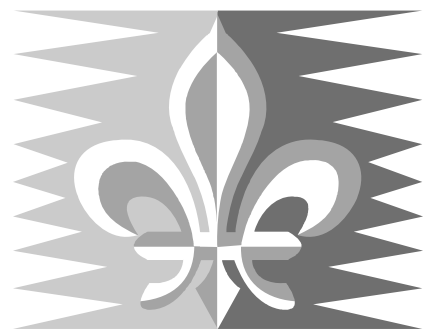
To recap, a faith milestone is a marker along life's journey that says, "This is something important and God is here, too!" It's time to pause, to share the joys and sorrows, to give and receive support. Some of these we do already, and some of them will be new. We've talked about blessing our Confirmation students as they begin their study, blessing students when they go back to school, and blessing our young people as they get their drivers licenses. And for this concluding message, I'd like to talk about blessing our children by placing the Word of God into their hands – receiving Bibles.

When a family brings a child to be baptized as a child of God, those parents and God-parents make promises that they will "...teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments; place in their hands the holy scriptures..." And we, as the congregation that surrounds this family and this newly-baptized one also make a promise to "support them and pray for them in their new life in Christ." The commitment, the responsibility, lies with us all! And so later this year, Epiphany will renew its promise to this commitment by blessing our children and giving them Bibles so that they can learn and grow in their faith.

A few weeks ago we blessed our Confirmation students and gifted them with a special study Bible for their time in Confirmation classes together. When I first gave them these Bibles to look at and to thumb through, their eyes grew wide and grins came across their faces as they began to explore all that was contained in those pages. My prayer was that this would not be the last time they would get that feeling from encountering the Word of God!

So we gift our younger children as well so they too might have a renewed experience with the Bible; that it might ignite a renewed passion in their household as well. Receiving a new Bible... it is just one more Milestone in faith that will mark their path of discipleship and renew our walk as well.

In Christ,
Pastor Kay



New Orleans

Mission Trip 2010

It's time to start thinking about our Mission Trip to New Orleans, LA next summer! The trip dates are tentatively June 16-24, 2010 which is right when many school systems are letting out for the summer. Youth who are currently in 7th grade through adults of any age are invited to come and be a part of this continued rebuilding effort in New Orleans.

To share details and experiences from previous trips, anyone who is interested in coming should plan on coming to one of the 45-minute information sessions which will be held at the following times:

Wednesday, November 11th at 5pm

Sunday, November 15th at 12pm

If you'd like more information in advance of the meetings or if you're unable to attend one but are still interested in coming on the trip, please contact Pastor Kay by calling the church office or e-mailing him at PastorKay@God-Is-Love.org.

In Our Prayers

Our Friends who are Sick...

Jeremy Amell, Ronald Bradley,
Florence Brady, Tony
Browneller, Denise Crosby,
Buddy Geiger, Audrey Gohl,
JoAnne Hauck, Edith Hicks,
Chuck & Bobbie King, Emma
Miller, Pr. Carl Myers, Martin
Rather, Jen Schlepner, Mabel
Sealover, Bill Shaffer, Charlie
Smith, Dorothy Smith, Dorothy
Soutar, Evie Williams, and Matt
Wells.

*Doris Bozman - recuperating at
home*

*Alva Perry, Pr. Kate
Zimmerman - Augsburg
Lutheran Home*

Expecting a Child

Pastor and Lisa Kay in
February

Fostering a Child

The Cancila Family - Caden
The Gohl Family - Andrew,
David & Saliese

Those who Serve in the Armed Forces

Christopher Berg,
Ricky Buria, James B. Welsch,
Mike Kay, Eric Cullotta, Karen
Ketter, Tony Martin, Matthew
Sather, Robert Ruth, Stephen
Veres, Douglas Engler, and
Eric Wertz, Wertz family

Pastor Yost

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This morning I went to the dentist. This was an appointment to get a new tooth. Weeks before, an impression or whatever you call it was done. Today, the place that was supposed to make the new tooth fouled up and there was no tooth available. So, a new impression was made, and I now have to wait another two weeks. I would like to say this is something unusual, but the truth is this is getting to be more and more typical of life in general. Hurry up and wait! It is no longer a joke. It is a fact of life. There are two things you can do. You can get extremely upset. That does nothing. Or, you can accept such things as patiently as possible and hope there are not too many further incidents.

Well, that is life. What you wanted and expected does not always happen the way you want it to happen. Even more, disappointments occur in many situations in life. What we have to learn to do is make the most of such experiences. That is good sense. Think of the fact that our Lord made the most of many situations. Rather than let such things discourage Him, and upset Him, He used the experiences to accomplish His purpose in life. Who would think the cross would prove to be a pointer to heaven and all that God in human form still means. What fools we sometimes are to think that we cannot make the most of many situations of life. Jesus did. Following Jesus is just that - letting life prove to be a guide not a disappointment. Next time things don't go the way you would like, use those things with God's help to transform your ideas and hopes. You will amaze yourself! You, with God's help, can do many things. Things you thought were barriers which proved to be directions to new ways of understanding and serving.

Pastor Yost

Note these Changes in Your Directory

Susan Sacks – cell phone 443-909-9603

Frank Sacks – cell phone 443-909-9604

About our Prayer Lists...

Please remember to fill in a blue card (in the pew racks) to have someone included on our prayer list. Persons are kept on our prayer list for 4 weeks unless you submit another card.

Sponsorships in September

FLOWERS

October 4

ALTAR—In honor of Harris Dolan on his 90th birthday by the Pastors.

CHANCEL—In loving memory of William Schmid by his family

October 11

ALTAR—In honor of Grandmother Audrey Gohl on her birthday

CHANCEL—In loving memory of mother, Sylvia J. Martin, by Bud & Shirley

October 18

ALTAR—In honor of Pastor Kay on his birthday by the Gohls.

CHANCEL—In honor of Colton Michael Thomas as he celebrates his 1st birthday by his grandparents

October 25

ALTAR—In loving memory of Edward on our 50th Wedding Anniversary by Esther.

CHANCEL—In loving memory of Dorothy Anna Essig (Leonard) by Lloyd Holly and the late Linda Holly.

BULLETIN

October 4—Love to our wonderful Dad on his birthday by daughters Charlene, Linda & June & loving family

October 11—In loving memory of my mother and sister on their October birthdays by Kermit and Anna Sanders

October 18 & October 25—Available

COMMUNION ELEMENTS

October 4—Love to our wonderful Dad on his birthday by daughters Charlene, Linda & June & loving family

October 11—In loving memory of my parents Lillian & Alexander Donald & husband Robert by Betty Clare

October 18 & October 25—Available

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October 4—Loving Memory of my wife Ruth on our Wedding Anniversary by George Stroemer.

October 11—In Loving memory of Rider & Katherine Brandau by Jean Brandau & family

October 18—In loving memory of Herbert Kirtscher on our Wedding Anniversary by Joan Kirtscher

October 25 In loving memory of Helen McGraw 'Gran' with love from her family

SANCTUARY LIGHTS

In loving memory of Lillian & Henry Jones by Chet Haack & family

Memorials

Permanent Memorial

Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of:

Edward Balles

on the second anniversary of his death

By: Julia Cavanaugh

In honor of:

Joyanne Gohl

on her first birthday

By the Wednesday Crew

By May Heidelmaier and Alex Umanetz

Current Memorial

Given to the Glory of God in honor of:

Jude Domingo

On the occasion of his baptism

By his parents

Centennial Fund

Given to the Glory of God in honor of:

Timothy Lacock and Amy Bromwell on their marriage

By Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Lacock

Permanent

Endowment Fund

Given to the Glory for the continued witness of Epiphany Lutheran Church in loving memory of:

Herman Gay

By his wife AnnieBelle

November Birthdays

Adam Nies
Denise Loverde
Al Zang
Paul Armbrester
Rachael Shapira
Marjorie Larsen
Frank Sacks
Roland Smith
Alycyn Gruzs
J. William McGraw, Sr.
Ellwood Smeltzer
Don Watson Jr.
Lauren Sigwart
Joan Becker
Doris Watson
Robin Sigwart
Ruth Dietzel
Leslie Erdman
Emmie Shelsby
Donald Schneider
Lisa Kay
Lynne Watson
George Belt
Susy Pfarr
Margaret Taylor
Grace Enright
Carole Gittings
Kimberly Spekis
Jennifer Schlepner
Joshua Schlepner
Donna Jones

October Anniversaries

Christina and Christopher Blankenship 11/15
Suzanne and Dennis Treshman 11/18
Pat and Mark Dittmar 11/28
Carol and Rodger Thomas 11/28



*Celebrate the Birthdays
of our Octogenarians*

Al Zang

Marjorie Larsen

William J. McGraw, Sr.

Ruth Dietzel

Leslie Erdman

Margaret Taylor

FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

Saturday, 31 October & Sunday, 1 November
Remembrance of the Faithful Departed
at All Weekend Services

*Baltimore Lutheran School Choir sings
at the 10:30am Service*

God Bless Those Who Serve

For the month of October

ALTAR CARE

Shirley Stevens

ALTAR CLEAN UP

October 04—Donna Fairley, Susy Pfarr, Gladys Ilgenfritz, Carol Schleupner

October 11—Linda Gruz, Carol Myers, Margaret Kramer, Tom Kopriva, Stephanie Cancila

October 18—Jim & Elsie Bell, Marion Johnston, Joan Gullion, Audrey Thomas

October 25—Shirley Stevens, Emmie Shelsby, May Heidelmaier, Amie McGee, Gladys Ilgenfritz

USHERS

October 04- Don Watson, Bill Momberger, Al Zang, Woody Smeltzer, Norman Albaugh, Phyllis Single

October 11 – Bill Momberger, April Crosby, Jack Roeder, Roland Smith, Henry Koenig, Charlie Engler

October 18 – Henry Berg, Leo Schleupner, Virginia & Charlie Schnepf, Denise Loverde, Terry McGee

October 25 – Gil Shelsby, Pat Neme, Bud Stevens, Katie Kwiatkowski, Carl & Joan Becker

ASSISTING MINISTERS

October 04 - Jacob Schleupner

October 11 – G. Roeder

October 18 – Georgeann Roeder

October 25 – Doug Wittich

LAY READERS

1st Lesson

2nd Lesson

October 04 - Joan Nies

Gifty Brown

October 11 - Edna Rau

Charlie Engler

October 18 - Robert Sacks

Kent Gruz

October 25 - TBA

ACOLYTES

October 4 – Jacob Schleupner, Jeremiah Schleupner, Kristina Wittich, Carrie Cancila

October 11 – Tara Becker, Ryan Becker, Dennis Aryee, Joseph Wray

October 18 – Heather Stroemer, Brooke Stroemer, Kristina Wittich, Amber Leber

October 25 – Tara Becker, Ryan Becker, Jacob Schleupner, Carrie Cancila



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Homemakers

Thanks for Your Stewardship!

August 30, 2009

ATTENDANCE: 197

5p: 27 9a: 60 10:30a: 110

OFFERING: \$3,723.00

BUDGET: \$4,469.00

September 6, 2009

ATTENDANCE: 191

5p: 29 9a: 37 10:30a: 125

OFFERING: \$3,247.62

BUDGET: \$4,469.00

September 13, 2009

ATTENDANCE: 163

5p: 20 9a: 45 10:30a: 98

OFFERING: \$4,351.00

BUDGET: \$4,469.00

September 20, 2009

ATTENDANCE: 165

5p: 17 9a: 46 10:30a: 102

OFFERING: \$3,979.05

BUDGET: \$4,469.00

Sponsors Needed

Altar Flowers:

November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Altar Flowers—\$25

Bulletin:

November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Bulletin—\$10 per week

Elements:

November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Communion Elements—\$10 per week

Please call the Church Office to Sponsor any of these memorials.

The Homemakers had their first meeting of the 2009-2010 Season on Wednesday, September 2nd

We learned the news that one of our Homemakers, Dorothy Borleis, had passed to her eternal rest on September 1st. She had moved to North Carolina to be near her daughter and, I understand, died at her home.

At our meeting, we discussed several projects we are working on, including collecting and filling small medicine bottles with flowers for Ivy Hall at Easter. We thank everyone for bringing in bottles for this project and, as of this time, feel we have enough to complete this job. Of course, we are also working on a Christmas gift for the residents of Ivy Hall and we will be working on that at our Craft Day on Wednesday, September 23rd.

Our next Business Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 7th, 10:30 AM in Room 107 – Celebration Hall. Don't forget to bring a sandwich.

We welcomed a new member at our last meeting, Arlene Christopher, and were certainly glad to have her among our group. New members are always welcome and we always have an empty chair waiting for you to fill.

Any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at 410-665-3473.

Esther M Balles, President

THE MUSIC BOX

Through the Lens, "As I See It!"

Vernene Rodgers Lenz, Music Director

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE TO THE LORD, ALL YE LANDS!" Did you ever wonder why a church has an organ? The whole purpose of an organ is about sound. The organ must lead the congregation in hymn singing and liturgy, accompany choirs and soloists, and last of all, play the organ literature. There are strings, flutes, an oboe, tuba, cornets and trumpets. In other words, an organ is 'an orchestra wrapped up into one instrument.'

Because of the chancel installation, the acoustical situation demands a division in the rear gallery to fully support congregational singing. There is sound coming from the front of the church, as well. The organ is supposed to lead the congregational singing, not merely accompany.

When pipes are involved, there are the big long pipes, which have very low sounds played by the organist's feet on the pedals. There are 8' pipes which have a pitch that matches the piano keys (so to speak) and there are little short pipes which have very high sounds. These pipes or sounds are controlled by the levers at the console (the instrument) which the organist can push down or up accordingly. These are called 'stops'. There are also knobs which can be pulled out or pushed back in which will also provide the control to the sounds of these pipes. At the moment, Epiphany's pipes are in the chambers but not (hooked up) interfaced to the organ sounds. Instead, the current organ is basically operated via computers so is called a digital organ. The sounds have been copied to sound as much, as possible, like the sounds that emanate from pipes. In a nutshell: This is a very simplified version of how your organ works.

This past month, I had the honor and privilege of playing the very large and magnificent 'lovely' pipe organ in a cathedral in Wales and also in a cathedral in Scotland, at Linlithgow Palace. In addition, I played the little organ for my nephew's wedding at Medieval Balgonie Castle, in Scotland, where only candlelight provided illumination. My Denver brother, fashionably attired in the Young tartan plaid kilt, bag piped "Highland Cathedral" to the organ's notes. I was greatly honored to be asked to come to the UK and give some recitals so if you should hear me practicing, which means listening to the same old phrases over and over again, (a dreadful experience for the listeners) you will know why.

THE CHOIR IS RESONATING THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH! I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO ALL THE FAITHFUL MEMBERS! Why don't YOU join this wonderful dedicated loving group? Let's swell the choir loft to overflowing! If you can't sing, come RING – the BELLS! Talk to me.

Read this column next month to find out about all of the wonderful upcoming plans for music at Epiphany!

LONGABERGER BASKET BINGO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 1:00 PM

TICKETS: \$15 (\$18

at the door)



We hope to have 20 filled baskets, overflowing with a variety of items. We need groups or persons to pledge to fill a basket. Plan a theme and fill with coupons or gift cards, store merchandise or free or discounted services. Can you help in this way? Or...need to purchase a ticket? Call Linda Gruzs - 410-325-5216. Delicious food will be available for purchase...crab cakes, barbeque, hot dogs, veggies and dip, cheese & crackers, desserts and beverages.

Thrivent Elections

Sunday, October 11, 2009. Thrivent Members should vote between or after services in the commons area.

LCW Leprosy Collection

Again! You have shown your great generosity! We send the American Leprosy Mission \$663.00 to cure two victims of leprosy with extra to help another. Many, many, thanks from the Lutheran Church Women. *Margaret Kramer*

Use of the Building

We are grateful for these gifts from those who use our facilities for their meetings. Domingo Family – Baptism Reception – Aug. - \$60 Overlea Monday AA – Aug. rent - \$40. Al-Anon – rent – Aug. - \$40

To all of my Faith family:

Words cannot describe the emotions I have been feeling lately. Thank You does not seem to be enough. I am humbled by all of your prayers and cards and generous gifts over the past weeks. As Mark and I and our family have struggled for solid ground in Faith, Hope, Financial obligations and Love, you all have made this a much easier journey. As my life changes, and will continue to change, I know that our church is a place of comfort and security for me as well as my family. Thank You all for putting your arms around my children and husband when they needed it most. And believe this, when I was in the ICU and IMC units, I could feel your love and support (Prayer is a very powerful thing). Our Lord Jesus Christ came to me through all of you. A special thanks to our wonderful Pastors Bill, Ed, and John, as well as Georganne (Thanks for letting me cry all over you and being there for me before the cardiac cath) and for Ms. Esther who visited me daily just because you care, Ms. Pat when your mom was sick you came to see me. I can't say thank you enough and how very proud that I am to call Epiphany HOME. When I came to this church 17 years ago, little did I know how large my family would become!! I LOVE YOU ALL and thank you from the bottom of my heart and soul.

Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop is up and running on Wednesdays from 12 'til 2pm and on the First Saturdays from 9am 'til 1pm. Many thanks for all our volunteers!

dignity to our worship and our celebrations.

Prime Timer's Dance!

October 17, 2009, 8p-12 Midnight,
\$17/person. *Adults, only!*

Music featuring
Gene Vincent and the Cadillac Cruisers

Susan Sacks has tickets! Get them now!
No tickets will be sold at the door!

Youth Group Reminders

Sunday, October 4th & 18th 6pm-8pm!



Youth Group is back for the year, and we've had strong commitment from 7th-12th grade young people to get together for dinner, games, discussion, and prayer! Our first Youth Group in September brought together almost 20 people!

We continue to meet on the 1st & 3rd Sunday evenings of the month throughout the school year, beginning in Hightman Hall with dinner and then continuing in the Youth Room with fellowship, games, discussion, and prayer. Is there a teenager in your home or life who may be interested in becoming a part of this community? Give them a little encouragement to give Youth Group a try one Sunday evening! Any questions (or if you're an adult and would like to help), see Pastor Kay or e-mail him at pastorkay@God-is-Love.org

And looking ahead, we will be on retreat together on December 4th-6th at Camp Nawakwa (just north of Gettysburg, PA) – look outside Pastor Kay's office for retreat forms!

**** Special thanks to Epiphany members & families: thank you for your abundant response to sponsoring the meals for Youth Group this year! Each Youth Group, we gather for dinner before we go into the night's activities, and your response has filled our needs for this calendar year!*

I'll be asking again a little later in the year, but I would like to invite you to consider sponsoring one of these meals in the winter after the new year! This would entail bringing the main course and dessert for ~15 people (we handle the drinks & table settings), being prepared to eat right at 6pm. And we will help with the clean-up too! If you've got your 2010 calendar and would like to sign-up for one Sunday evening, please see Pastor Kay (e-mail = pastorkay@God-is-Love.org) or look for the sign-up sheet outside of his office.

Confirmation Reminders

Confirmation families are reminded that in October we are only meeting for class on Sunday, October 4th. There will be no class on Sunday, October 18th as many of us will be away for the DE-MD Synod middle school youth event in North East, MD at the North Bay Retreat Center. Logistical information about the event has been provided to families, and further details will come in class and through e-mail – contact Pastor Kay if you have questions!

On Life...

Life is an opportunity - benefit from it.
Life is a beauty – admire it.
Life is a dream – realize it.
Life is a challenge – meet it.
Life is a duty – complete it.
Life is a game – play it.
Life is a promise – fulfill it.

Life is sorrow – overcome it.
Life is a song – sing it.
Life is a struggle – accept it.
Life is a tragedy – confront it.
Life is an adventure – dare it.
Life is luck – make it.
Life is life – fight for it!

Mother Theresa

We Receive the Nicest Notes...

Dear Pastor Gohl,

Thank you so much for our wonderful visit to Epiphany Church on Thursday, July 23! Please give Betty our thanks for so warmly greeting us and taking us right away to the sanctuary.

It was a wonderful experience for all of us, and we have many pictures to share with my brothers' and sister's families. We deeply appreciate our personal tour and learning about the history of Epiphany. The sanctuary and chapel are beautiful! The love and care that has gone into preserving the church's buildings are evident.

Mom's walk down the aisle was made even more sweet by the music you made. Thank you for that nice touch! Mom told us she remembered being behind the closed doors in 1945 before the processional. Mom also told us that her uncle, Robert P. Graham, "gave her away" and walked her down the aisle. I didn't know that before. (Mom's father died when she was 16.) So the old memories of her wedding day were still with her last Thursday! You more than fulfilled Mom's desire to see once again the church where she was married, and made Mom's visit so very special. Thank you so much for your kindness and for making her wish come true.

Afterwards, we went to 4305 Parkmont Avenue, at the corner of Parkmont and Marluth, my father's homeplace. This was the family home for over 50 years.

Dad (Herman Paul Gay) went to Baltimore Polytechnic ("A course") and then studied engineering at Hopkins. He spent his entire career at the Ballistics Research Lab (BRL) at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and was a founding member in 1940 of the Scientific Advisory Committee at BRL. The most well-known member was, perhaps, mathematician Dr. John von Neumann.

My mother's side of the family is Scot-Irish. Mom grew up near Anderson, SC, and graduated from Winthrop College when she was 18 or 19. She was a math and history major, and was going to be a teacher. The college's president told her the war effort at Aberdeen Proving Ground needed mathematicians to calculate trajectories, etc. So off she went! Her job title was "computer." My father noticed my mother at APG but was too shy to ask for a date. So a mutual friend set up a blind date and the two couples went out together on a double date. That's how it all started!

As you know, they married at Epiphany, Dad's home church. Mom had been to services at Epiphany before their marriage because Dad often invited her to his parents' house on weekends. (He had a room at a boarding house in Aberdeen.) They had their wedding reception at the house. This was apparently the usual custom of the day, and it was wartime.

So back to the house. Mom was a bit tired, so I got out and took pictures. The family wasn't at home so my photos were taken from the sidewalk. Although the house is no longer white with black shutters, and the wisteria-covered back porch has been changed, it looked much the same. The slate roof is still in good shape! And most importantly, the house is obviously being cared for and lived in!

I don't believe I gave you our home address in Texas. It is: Martha Gay and Lee Brunell; 12519 Burgoyne Drive, Houston TX 77077.

Again, thank you so very much for your kindness and support! The many gifts you gave Mom as mementos are lovely and will be greatly treasured. I had a chance to read some of the history captured in the two books you gave her-- fascinating! Please let me know if a centennial book becomes available.

Many, many blessings to you, your family, and the families of Epiphany Church!

Martha Gay, on behalf of

her mother, AnnieBelle (AnnaBelle) Graham Gay, Martha's son, Nathaniel Graham Gay Brunell, and Mrs. Josie Grant, our caregiver

Many Thanks

From all of us at Jerusalem to all of you at Epiphany who supported our Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. We thank God for our Sister-In-Law congregation and your wonderful pastors!

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 4815 Hamilton Ave. is sponsoring a FRIGHT NIGHT on Friday and Saturday, October 23 and 24, from 7-9 pm. Do you like having fun? Do you like scary stories? Do you love hearing about God's Word in exciting new ways? If the answer is YES, then you will love coming to Fright Night! This is an event that is appropriate for children and adults ages 10 and up where Bible stories are told using live action and props that will send a shiver up your spine! How? you ask? Come and find out!

Christus Victor
Lutheran Church Annual
Fall Indoor Flea Market
9833 Harford Road,
Parkville, MD
410-668-8089
Look for the red roof!
Saturday, October 17, 2009
7:00 am – 1:00 pm
rain or shine

St. Luke Lutheran
Church – Fall Festival
7001 Harford Rd. 21234
410-444-5171
Saturday, October 17, 2009
- 10-2pm
Multiple Craft Vendors,
Games, Food & Contests
Fried Chicken/Ham Dinner
and all the fixings
With open mic 6-9pm
Adults-\$10, Children under
12-\$6

Thoughts

A BROKEN HOME – NO, JUST DIFFERENT

When we have felt the sting of a broken home our lives change completely...everything is different. How do we handle things? We face sadness, loneliness, depression...what do we do now? God seems so far away. Why oh Why doesn't He help us. Are we blaming him? This is the time we need him, do not turn away. Ask him for his help and he will be there with unconditional love ready to lead you on to happier days. This is the time we have to put our trust in him and have complete faith. Although everything will change in our lives, we will be able to handle things that we have to face knowing that our savior is there beside us. Happier, brighter days will be ahead of us. God said, "I will be with you always."

The Lord is close to the broken hearted and saves
those who are crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:18

PUT A SMILE ON YOUR FACE

There is a song that goes like this..."Smile Though Your Heart is Breaking." It is a very beautiful song but how can we smile when sadness surrounds us and our eyes are filled with tears???? Crying will never make our problems better...we only feel more depressed. Don't look at what you do not have...look at what you have. You will ALWAYS have the LOVE of GOD. Remember you are a child of the Heavenly Father and He will never let you suffer. He wants to see you happy and smiling. You can overcome any sadness or heartaches that you might have. Just let God dry your tears and feel His loving arms around you. Remember : There is NO greater love than the love of God. Put Him first in your life and your heart will never be breaking. So Smile...Smile....Smile!

Why am I discouraged? Why so sad?

I will put my hope in God! Psalm 43:5

Audrey Thomas

Fall Open House at Baltimore Lutheran School

You are invited to the Baltimore Lutheran School Fall Open House on Saturday, October 24, from 10am to 1pm. Families will meet the staff, tour the campus, and find out more about the great things happening at BLS. Baltimore Lutheran offers an excellent college-preparatory program in a Christian setting for young men and women in grades 6-12. Extra-curricular activities include Christian servant events, international travel, MIAA athletics, drama, instrumental and vocal music, student government, and so much more. For more information, please contact Mrs. Ruth Heilman at 410-825-2323, ext. 272.