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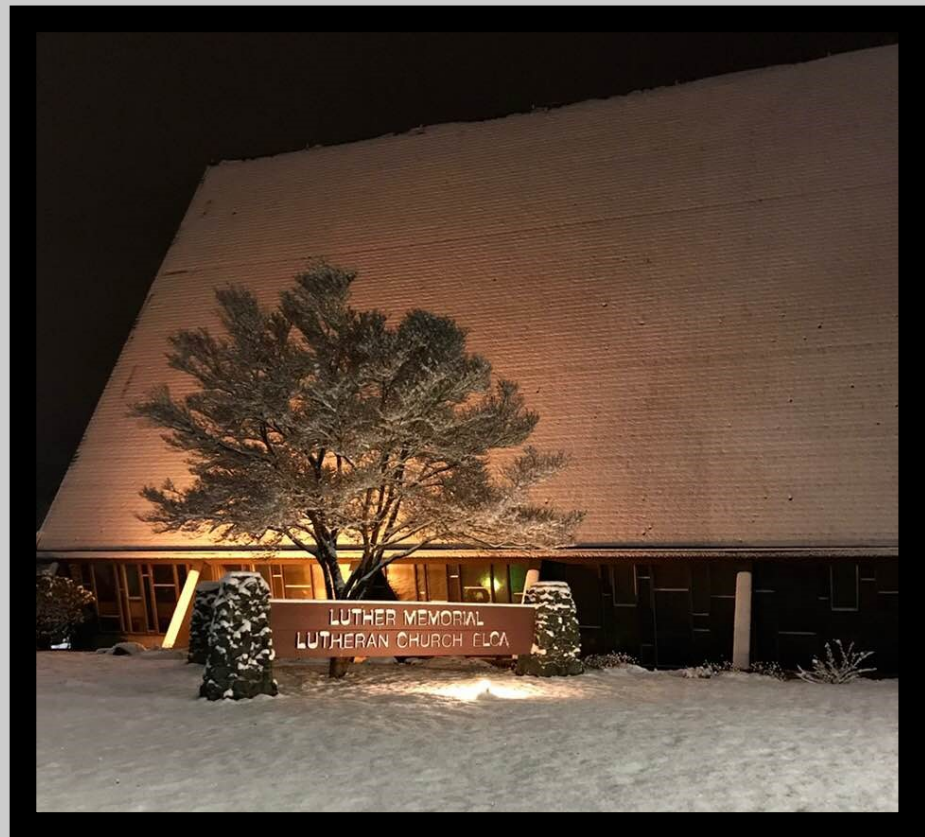
January 2018

*Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community*

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**All are welcome at Luther Memorial.  
Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am!**



**Happy New Year from Luther Memorial!**

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January 15 is the deadline for articles in the February issue.

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## *PJ's Page*

January is a time when our thoughts turn to new things: new resolutions, new schedules, new hopes for the new year. Gym memberships skyrocket with those whose resolutions involve a new healthier body.

We only have to glance around us at Luther Memorial to see signs of new things: new construction to provide new homes; a new look in the sanctuary as we allow the space to help us tell the story of God with us. There are new ways of getting into and out of the building and new partnerships forming with our community. There is a (relatively) new worship time (10:30 on Sundays.)

I want to acknowledge the grace, care, and flexibility this congregation has shown in the midst of all of this "new-ness." It is not easy to navigate this amount of change. It takes, ultimately, understanding the purpose behind the change and a strong sense of trust in the process. In our case, we know that affordable housing, flexible worship space, and a deepened presence in the community are the anticipated outcomes in all of this "new-ness."

Not to delve too deeply into hyperbole, but the word "chaos" has been tossed around a time or two already, in good natured ways. In Scripture, God creates out of chaos. The very first verses of Genesis tell this story, of God making order out of what is out of control, disorderly chaos.

Most of you will not be surprised to hear me say that I am wired as a person who longs for order. I am a list maker, a planner, and one who likes to see things through to a logical and complete conclusion. And yet, here I am, called by God into the messiness of ministry, where it is impossible to predict and schedule and plan with any certainty. Mission, like Creation, comes to life in chaos.

In these days, new life springs forth in a multitude of ways in our midst, let's use the Creation chaos as a guide. God is doing a new thing among us...creating something wondrous and faithful. We do not see the ending, just yet, but we hear the call and follow. We trust that in these new things the grace and mercy of God will shine like the light of this Epiphany season, full of grace and truth.

Blessings for 2018,

Pastor Julie+

# LMLC News and Events

## In Memoriam

Our prayers are with the family of Irene Childe, who died after a brief illness. Irene was a charter member of Luther Memorial and a long time singer in the choir. Her memorial service was held at LMLC in December.

Bjorg Hansen died on Christmas Day following a 3 1/2 year battle with cancer. Memorial service plans are as yet undetermined.



Dolores Perez, former member at LMLC, also died on Christmas Day.

May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in God's eternal peace.

## Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the LMLC Congregation will be held on January 28<sup>th</sup> following worship. A light meal will be served. The theme is "God the Builder" and everyone is invited to bring/wear something construction related! Now's your chance to wear your tool belt or hard hat to worship! As usual, it will be a festive gathering filled with fun and fabulous prizes! And we'll do the business of receiving reports, elections, and voting on a budget.

## Music Notes

We extend our deep thanks to the LMLC Choir, who, under the direction and care of Paul Hoffman, shared beautiful music during the Advent season and on Christmas Eve. We were inspired by your gifts.

Lennon Aldort has resigned his position at Luther Memorial. We received and accepted his resignation with gratitude for his service. Paul Hoffman has agreed to continue to serve and work with the choir during the months of January and February.

Watch the Mid Week Update, bulletin, and email for additional choir opportunities coming in 2018!



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Thank you all for the kind Christmas gifts and notes. I am so grateful for the continued care you show me! Have a blessed new year, Vicar Laura

## STEWARDSHIP

The Stewardship Team thanks you for your response to our Stewardship emphasis last November. When the finance team has a good grasp of the intended giving of the congregation, we are able to adequately budget for the ministries, capital needs, and staffing of this place. We believe that being staffed well and tending to our capital needs enables our ministries to happen. If you have not turned in an Intent to Give Form (Pledge Card), please know that we are still happy to receive them. They are located at the Welcome Center in the Narthex.



## Holden Village Trip

Have you ever imagined just “getting away from it all” and heading to place of deep peace, warm hospitality, and many opportunities for rest and recreation? Well, now’s your chance! This summer LMLC is planning a trip to Holden Village. If YOU are interested, please sign up in the welcome center. If you have questions or would like to learn more about Holden Village, please see Colleen or Raj Lingappaiah or Jean Rizer. You can check out Holden Village’s website, too, at [www.holdenvillage.org](http://www.holdenvillage.org).



## SACK LUNCH UPDATES



During the winter months warm, clean, new socks are an especially welcome addition to our sack lunch program. Hand warmers (“Hot Hands” etc) and Chap Stick/lip balm, along with small packages of tissues are also helpful. These donations can be left in Katie’s Parish on the cabinets with the mailboxes. Thank you for caring!

# LMLC News and Events

## HOUSING UPDATES

The purchase and sale agreement voted on and approved by the congregation in 2016 closed on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Construction began almost immediately, although a formal groundbreaking won't happen until after the first of the year.

The pace of the work is brisk, even for this holiday season, and changes almost daily. As of this writing, the property is fenced off, making the parking lot inaccessible. There is plenty of street parking, or empty lots to buildings not currently in use may also be utilized.



The main access to the building is now on the Greenwood Ave. side. The keypad located there utilizes the same code that worked previously. For emergency use or ramp access, there is a small walkway accessible from the Foss Parking lot to the south. Please do not park there! We have negotiated use of the spaces immediately south of the sanctuary **on Sunday only for the use of our folks with mobility challenges.**

Asbestos abatement work has begun in the kitchen and fellowship hall area. It is tented off and barricaded. Please do not go beyond the barricades. It is a construction area and at this point, a hazardous materials area.

As always, questions about the construction can be directed to Pastor Julie, Mary Chamberlin, or Vicar Laura. Watch for Facebook Live video updates, too!

## Evensong for Epiphany

The Evensong Service for Epiphany will be held on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm at the Florence Henry Memorial Chapel in the Highlands. Once again we join our neighbors from St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church and Broadview UCC for a worship service featuring the choirs and clergy of those congregations.

## ***Christmas Poinsettia Donations***

*Poinsettias were given by members of the LMLC congregation and community in honor or memory of loved ones.*

<i>Morgan and Kay Brassfield</i>	<i>In memory of our son, Steven</i>
<i>Marlys Carlson</i>	<i>In memory of Bob Carlson</i>
<i>Vicki Cook</i>	<i>In memory of Gail and Kitty Peck In memory of Marge Anderson Peck</i>
<i>The Enloe Family</i>	<i>In memory of Gordon, Elsie and Lee Miley</i>
<i>Vicar Laura Ferree</i>	<i>In honor of the faithful people of LMLC</i>
<i>Mary Hinderliter and Eric Zoeckler</i>	<i>In memory of Kip and Celia Helm In memory of Elizabeth Zoeckler In memory of Claralou Hinderliter</i>
<i>Pastor Julie Hutson</i>	<i>In honor of the LMLC Choir In memory of grandparents, Jane, Henry, Katy and Loyd</i>
<i>Colleen and Raj Lingappaiah</i>	<i>In memory of our fathers, Tom Smith and Giri Lingappaiah In honor of our mothers, Donna Smith and Rebecca Lingappaiah In honor of our children, Joshua and Daniel</i>
<i>Dorothy Lundahl</i>	<i>In memory of Stuart Lundahl In memory of my parents, Karin and Algot</i>
<i>Julie Moe</i>	<i>In memory of Jordon and Eunice Moe</i>
<i>Beverly Mueller</i>	<i>In honor of my husband, Leo</i>
<i>Sandbloom Family</i>	<i>In memory of Edward Sandbloom</i>
<i>Katy Sarff</i>	<i>In honor of baby Daniel Sarff In memory of my parents, Kris and Dan</i>
<i>Karen, Kirsten and Rolf O. Skrinde</i>	<i>In memory of Rolf T. Skrinde In honor of Marjorie Skrinde</i>
<i>Donna Smith</i>	<i>In honor of the Lingappaiah family In honor of the Bersch family</i>
<i>Phyllis and Norman Swenson</i>	<i>In honor of our great-grandchildren</i>
<i>Shirley and Andre' Yandl</i>	<i>In memory of our son Mike In memory of our parents</i>

# Social Justice

By Steve Olson:

The separation of church and state is fundamentally embedded in the founding documents of our nation. Most clergy and lay leaders respect this secular truth. For the most part no pastor would ever tell her congregation how to vote though they may have strong personal opinions about a candidate or issue. The pulpit endows a sacred trust which simultaneously creates a delicate tension. Together as a church, we are called to be in the world and yet, to not be of it. What does this mean exactly? To many it is simpler to avoid politics altogether. That is the safe route. The risky route is the way of the prophet. The prophets going back to Old Testament times made their living in the delicate tension between church and state. The prophet looks at the human made social structures through the lens of God's Creative vision. The prophet points out the distance between human made vision and God's vision and calls society back; repent!

We live in divisive times, which should be an indicator that we are distant from God's Kingdom. It is not a time to despair though. It is a time for God's people to step into the tension and to ask ourselves how we are in but not of the world. These are also times of a widening gap between rich and poor. How do we as a church respond?

What is Social Justice? For most Christian congregations Social Justice is practiced in programmatic ways, a few line items in the Annual Budget and a basket in the Narthex for contributions to the local Food Bank. To be sure, these are worthwhile endeavors and Luther Memorial has a strong history of caring for our neighbors. Helping Hands and the Lunch Program are just a couple of ways we respond to need. During the AIDS crisis many congregations provided soup or blankets to the dying. Prison ministry is particularly strong in Evangelical circles. To reiterate, these are ministries that remain necessary. One does not have to travel very far in Seattle to see the signs of a growing homelessness crisis. Luther Memorial has courageously taken a first step toward relief of this crisis. Nevertheless, the need continues to grow, and it begs the question, why? Why are so many people forced out of their homes and into their cars, or worse, onto the street? What is our duty not only as citizens but as people baptized into the Kingdom? I cannot help but hear these words ringing in our 21<sup>st</sup> century ears; "None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity." (Isaiah 59:4.) What does this mean to a disciple of Christ?

I write this during Advent, our traditional time of preparation for the Coming of Christ the King. I am reminded of Gabriel's visit to Mary and her prayer of Thanksgiving. In the Magnificat we hear God's answer through Mary. Isn't that God's way though? To answer the cries of the people through us? These are my questions, and I don't presume to think I know the answer. Yet I believe these are questions we need to be asking ourselves as a congregation.

Hold onto your seat, The Gospel is a revolutionary manifesto and the implications of that

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for the people of God are deeply earthshaking. We are called to be more than “band-aids”. We are called to advocacy on behalf of the hungry poor and to challenge the powerful. We are a congregation that is not afraid of risky endeavors. The evidence of that will soon be rising on our former parking lot. 59 families will be housed soon. But we’ve just begun to understand that perhaps the Gospel is impelling us to examine our response to the thousands who suffer from institutional inequities that will remain on the streets or in their cars. It’s too easy to say they deserve their fate. Our foundation in faith calls us beyond that. It calls us into the delicate tension.

In February we will be introduced to Advocacy 101 presented by our siblings at Faith Action Network. Vicar Laura will be sharing more on this ecumenical organization committed to not only asking why but taking the next step of what. What can we do? It is our intention to expand the discussion beyond bricks and mortar. Now that we’ve done something significant are we able to retreat into our comfort zone? Or are we being asked to step out further. I think the Gospel answers that for us already. I encourage all to be a part of this discussion during the February 4th First Sunday Faith Forum.





## Vicar's Voice

I am often asked, "Why do you want to be a pastor?" It is a key question that we, as seminarians, are expected to expertly articulate and sometimes that can be a struggle! That is a big question which often holds many years of discernment and stories. While there are many answers to this question, there is one answer that finds its way into my response consistently. While I was growing up there was no church leadership that looked or identified like me. As the church is changing and morphing into something new I feel called to be a part of that change in the leadership of the church by adding more diversity to the pulpits so that no other child grows up wondering if they have a place in the church.

In seminary, call stories are shared repeatedly, and it comes to the point that you could almost tell your classmates story by heart. A central theme appeared in many call stories, becoming a leader in ministry because they, like me, grew up seeing no one who looked like them in church leadership. The folks who shared this as a part of their call story, myself included, are those who the church had kept on the fringes and sometimes still does.

The discussion of the poor, oppressed, forgotten, and neglected happened often in seminary as a result of these call stories and the central theme of Jesus' ministry. Many of us are called to ministry because we were on the fringes and Jesus came to minister to those on the fringes. There are many reasons why I feel called to notice the poor, oppressed, forgotten, and neglected as Jesus calls us to do but the main reason is that I have personally felt the sting of oppression. As an openly queer person, I have lived in states where I could be fired for being Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, or Asexual (LGBTQIA+), arrested in bathrooms, and denied services at a restaurant. It was not until recently that the LGBTQIA+ community was granted the privilege to legally marry in all 50 states. Moving from the secular world, the LGBTQIA+ community has only been fully welcomed to ordained ministry in the ELCA since 2009. Even though ordination is now possible the statistics

prove that LGBTQIA+ folks wait longer for first calls than their straight colleagues. Yes, we have made some amazing progress in recent years but there is still oppression lingering in our society and church.

While my experience of oppression is small in the grand scheme of the universe, it set my soul on fire to ensure that others do not experience the sting that comes with oppression and marginalization. Jesus calls all Christians to have their soul set on fire to ensure that no one experiences the sting of oppression and marginalization. I see the Gospels call to care for all people as a large part of my call to ministry and my faith. The LGBTQIA+ community needed folks to follow the Gospels call to action and there are many other populations longing for that Gospel response. It is not always easy to know how, where, or when to assist, speak out, or care for underserved populations while keeping our faith at the forefront of it all. But wait! There is an organization that can help!

Faith Action Network (FAN) is one of many faith-based organizations in Seattle doing amazing social justice work. "Faith Action Network's mission is to be a faith-inspired statewide partnership striving for a just, compassionate, and sustainable world through community building, education, and courageous public action." FAN does a wide variety of work from economic justice to creation care and you can learn more about their work by visiting, <http://fanwa.org/>.

FAN does not act alone in this work and relies on local congregations to support and join their work. When I first arrived in Seattle, I attended a FAN meeting and was inspired by the work they are striving to complete. Chasity Jones, community organizer at FAN, and I will be leading the First Sunday Faith Forum in February. I hope that you will come and learn about social justice as well as share your wisdom. Luther Memorial is a congregation with a passion to serve their neighbor and care for the poor. Let us not grow weary in the work but fight with perseverance so that all might experience justice and equity and finally see someone like them within the church walls. Let's live out our faith together!

# ELCA Prayer Ventures



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

**1** *Name of Jesus* Baptized into Christ, we bear the name of Jesus and are prepared for serving our neighbor and spreading the good news of what God has done. Give thanks for the gift of new life we have in Jesus Christ, and pray that we are bold, eager witnesses in the world – never shrinking from the work to which God calls us.

**2** A new year often brings new hopes, resolutions, goals and beginnings. Ask God for strength and perseverance to meet the challenges of new and unfamiliar endeavors, and shout praise for God's forgiveness and love that renews us and frees us to get up, learn and begin again when we stumble or fail.

**3** Give thanks for the bishops of the ELCA, and pray they find mutual support, grow in wisdom and skill for their ministry, and that their faith is strengthened through time together at the Bishops' Academy.

**4** Seasonal workers in our communities often go unnoticed during the busyness of the holidays. Pray that workers now searching for new jobs find steady, fair employment to sustain their families and that our faith communities embrace them with support, concern and welcome.

**5** During Human Trafficking Prevention Month, we lift up prayers for victims and survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation around the world and ask God to stir our resolve and actions to care for survivors, end these crimes and address the causes of trafficking, such as poverty, hunger and sexism.

**6** *Epiphany of Our Lord* God's purpose and redemptive work are revealed in the light of Jesus Christ to all humankind. Pray our hearts and minds are receptive to better understanding – through faith in Christ – the mystery of God's boundless grace, wisdom and power.

**7** *Baptism of our Lord* We remember our baptism and pray for the Spirit to remind us daily that we are children of God, forgiven and called to lives of service and witness in the world.

**8** Ask God to help us recognize, confess, confront and correct sexist attitudes, behaviors and systems in ourselves, our workplaces, the church and society, knowing that the injustice and pain inflicted on women and girls hurts everyone. Pray that our Christian witness in

*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church.*

the world is marked by respect for all people and the courage to learn and change as the spirit of God works in us.

**9** We remember in our prayers those who continue to recover and rebuild after the devastation left in the wake of storms and fires, that individuals, families and communities will find new ways forward with the support and encouragement of the church, relief agencies and one another.

**10** Sometimes God's word and voice can be loud and majestic and shake all of creation. Pray we recognize God's voice in daily life and give thanks for how it strengthens us and gives us peace.

**11** We remember in our prayers companion-synod relationships with global-church partners, and ask God to bless and nourish these partnerships for mutual learning and encouragement, sharing our gifts and resources, building up the church and serving our neighbor.

**12** Give thanks and praise to God for the comfort, order and hope God brings to our lives, especially in times of uncertainty, conflict, discouragement and what may seem like chaos.

**13** Pray for those who have responded to God's call to serve as ELCA Missionaries and in the Young Adults in Global Mission program that their faith and service are a bright and lively witness to the good news of Jesus Christ and to God's presence and work in the world.

**14** We pray that when Jesus invites us to "Come and see," we are moved by faith to follow and invite our neighbors – friends and strangers alike – to hear the good news of Jesus Christ, believe and also follow.

**15** *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* We remember in our prayers saints who have gone before us, like Martin Luther King Jr., and courageous people in our midst today who endure criticism and suffering for the sake of standing with, advocating for and serving God's children who suffer injustice, neglect or oppression.

**16** Recalling how God spoke through the boy Samuel, we pray we are attentive to the presence of God's spirit and word in children and youth and that we help young people

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grow as faithful followers, leaders and servants in the body of Christ.

**17** Give thanks to God for people who mentor us in our faith, daily life and work and have helped us grow and mature through the sharing of their gifts, wisdom, life experiences and faith.

**18** *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* We are one in the body of Christ. Pray for our ecumenical partners, global church partners and our brothers and sisters in Christ everywhere, that God will bless and further our work together for the purpose of building up Christ's church in the world.

**19** The spirit of God is always at work in the church. We pray God will renew the church and our faith communities, especially when we grow weary, have questions about serving in changing communities, find ourselves in conflict or need to refresh our sense of mission.

**20** We remember in prayer people of all ages and stages of life who are discovering and preparing for new vocations or studying for new professions and pray they and their families find the faith, strength and encouragement needed to move through times of anticipation, uncertainty and personal change.

**21** The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people living in poverty. Pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

**22** We ask God to bless the ongoing work of reconciliation and healing among Christians and other faiths and to stay focused in our striving for unity for the sake of the world.

**23** With humility and awe, we praise God for knowing our innermost thoughts and ways and for always seeking us out and embracing us like a loving parent.

**24** We pray that everyone in need of warmth and shelter through the winter months has safe, dependable housing, especially elders and those who are homeless, and that we are unceasing in our work to care for and respect the dignity of people in need.

**25** *Conversion of Paul* Praise God for the miraculous ways our faith and lives are changed as the Spirit works in us and among us.

**26** Just as the disciples put down their fishing nets in response to Jesus' invitation to follow, we pray we are alert and receptive to God's calling us to service and witness in the world and that we are willing to reorder our priorities, tasks and lives to follow Jesus.

**27** We remember in our prayers pastors and seminary students serving in Federal Chaplaincy Ministries in unique settings of the U.S. military, Veterans Affairs hospitals and federal correctional institutions.

**28** Ask God to open our eyes to the ways – intentional and unintentional – in which we isolate our neighbor, cause others to stumble in their faith or stir division and conflict; ask for forgiveness and for the Spirit to redirect and inform our thoughts, words and actions for the well-being of our neighbor and the church.

**29** Give thanks for the impact of the International Women Leaders initiative in partnership between ELCA Global Mission, global companion churches and the colleges and universities of the ELCA, launched as part of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

**30** Pray God continues to influence our lives and guide us through the teaching and example of prophets, teachers, leaders and Scripture and that we have the wisdom to discern what is true and flows from the word of God.

**31** Give thanks for leaders who help us understand stewardship and how to use what God has entrusted to each of us and our communities – gifts from God to be used with generosity, compassion and responsibility in service to our neighbor and for the growth of the church.

## Synod News

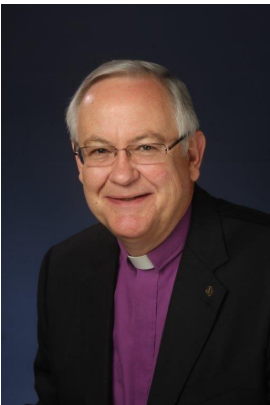
# The Spirit

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## Joining God in 2018

by the Rev. Kirby Unti - Bishop, NWWA Synod



The Synod's Living Local movement invites us to be alert to where we see God acting beyond the four walls of the church. It is about developing the eyes to see and the ears to hear. It helps to have a few clues of where to look and listen. Here are two that have been helpful to me recently.

### Clue #1: Suffering

The scriptures encourage us to look for God wherever we see and hear people crying out because of oppression, suffering, and pain. We have all had experiences of being with people and groups who are hurting deeply. It is not always easy to be present in these situations. When we are, something power-filled often happens. We experience empathy, love, and compassion. We experience blessing. We experience God.

Recently, I was with a new friend from Peru who has spent a significant amount of time living amongst the poorest people of his country. While raised in a very wealthy family, as a teenager he felt a strong call to be with the poor. Much to the consternation of his father, he left home to spend a year with a peasant farmer's family. He fell deeply in love with this family and their neighbors. He said, "I was privileged to reach out and touch the wounds of Jesus." When he returned home, he completed his education and landed a very prestigious job in the banking industry. He excelled in this work and had all the resources to live the "good life." But he missed the people he had come to know and love.

It was a shock when he told his boss, who wanted to promote him, that instead he felt called to enter into the

priesthood and become a Benedictine monk. He wanted to devote his life to living in poverty and discovering God's love among the poor. It is the one place he knows he will see, hear, and experience the presence of God.

### Clue #2: New Life

There is another place that I have learned to see and hear God. I find God whenever I see new life happening - whether it is the first crocus erupting in the still-cold soil of winter, the first birdsong of an early spring morning, or being on stage in my role as Community College Trustee to shake the hand of a "first person in the family" to ever graduate from college. Each of these experiences speak of hope, promise and new life and bear the fingerprints of God.

For me, there is one experience of new life that tops all others. I know of no greater joy than to hold a baby in my arms, to stroke the child's soft hair, to hear the coos of wonder, and to smell the newness. I know I am holding a miracle: one so vulnerable, so innocent, so full of fragile life. To hold a baby is to experience the presence of God.

There is a category of people who revel in the opportunity to hold a child. They are called grandparents.

Grandparents who are so touched by this encounter of new life that they are willing to pack up their belongings and move across the country just to be in the presence of their grandbaby. They take hundreds of photos, eager to show the latest, and relish being able to Facetime with their grandbaby. The child re-centers their lives and becomes the source of their greatest joy.

These two clues remind us that God is present all around us - all the time. In suffering and new life; in sorrow and in joy. Let us look and listen together for where we can join God in 2018.

# Synod News

## **Ordination Invitation**

*By the grace of God*

*The Reverend Kirby Unti*

*Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod*

*Will ordain*

*Michael, Reid Trice, Ph.D.*

*Into the Ministry of Word and Sacrament*

*In the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America*

*Sunday, January 21, 2018*

*Two o'clock in the afternoon*

*Campion Ballroom*

*Seattle University*

*901 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., Seattle WA 98122*

*Clergy are invited to vest in red stoles.*

*Reception immediately following.*

*Parking is available at the Murphy and Broadway garages.*

## Financial Picture

Monthly financial reports are now found in *The Messenger*. Your Council, Treasurer, Stewardship Team, and Pastor hope that these will give you a good idea of how our finances are faring. Talking about money, budgets, and giving is a part of Stewardship. We hope that having this information in the *Messenger* will be helpful to you in your financial support of the ministries of Luther Memorial.

### December 2017

#### **Preliminary Financial Picture as of 12/29/17**

*Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.*

**LMLC 2017 Full Year Expenses: \$222,053      Contributions Needed per week: \$4,270.25**

#### December Contributions Received:

<b>December 3</b>	<b>\$2,413.00</b>	<b>December 17</b>	<b>\$2,345.50</b>
<b>December 10</b>	<b>\$3,573.00</b>	<b>December 24</b>	<b>\$1,664.30</b>

#### December Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$6,152.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$3,830.00
Gifts other than Offerings	\$2,182.00
Room Use <i>(Room Use, Damage Deposits, and Facilities Offset Fees)</i>	\$123.50
<b>General Fund Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$12,287.50</b>

**Needed as of 12/29 (4 weeks): \$17,081.00    Difference: -\$4,793.50**

#### December Off-Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Helping Hands and Giving Tree	\$440.00
Poinsettias	\$320.00
Intern	\$80.00
Memorials	\$50.00
Renovation Fund	\$100.00
<b>Designated Fund Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$990.00</b>

# January Worship

## Readings for January

**January 7**  
Baptism of Our Lord

Genesis 1:1-5  
Psalm 29  
Acts 19:1-7  
Mark 1:4-11

**January 14**  
Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10 [11-20]  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
John 1:43-51

**January 21**  
Epiphany 3

Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalm 62:5-12  
1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20

**January 28**  
Epiphany 4

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalm 111  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 1:21-28

*Worship servers are scheduled on the 15th of the preceding month by Pastor Julie. If you have dates when you do NOT wish to be scheduled, please let her or the office know before the 15th. If there is a scheduling conflict, please find a substitute from among the additional names on the schedule.*

	1/7	1/14	1/21	1/28
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kyle Gough	Vicar Laura	Gordon Trombley	TBD
<b>Lector</b>	Delia Broderick	Gordon Trombley	Donna Smith	Kyle Gough Gavin Gough
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jed Ter Hark	Joshua Lingappaiah	Zachary Johnson	Payton Johnson
<b>Communion &amp; Altar</b>	Laurie Meade			
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Gordon Trombley Gavin Gough	Heidi Gough Kyle Gough	Lollie Ellingson Lynne Greenup	Bill Meade Laurie Meade
<b>Song Leader</b>	Heidi Gough	Julie Moe	Kyle Gough	Vicki Cook
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pastor Julie	Pastor Julie	Vicar Laura	Heidi Gough
<b>Closer</b>	Dave Ter Hark	Raj Lingappaiah	Gordon Trombley	Bruce Hutson
<b>Musician</b>	Paul Hoffman	TBD	TBD	Paul Hoffman

## Happy January Birthdays!


3 Thelma Nelson	12 Connor North	23 Laurine Booth	29 Leigh Johnson
4 Merle Nimbar	15 Ede Martinez	23 Kat Goodwin	29 Raj Lingappaiah
8 Florence Bloomdahl	15 Eric Zoekler	24 Mike Sarff	31 Joe Skovron
11 Hildur O'Connor	17 Byron Johnson	28 Lori Gunby	31 Danny Skovron
	17 Greg Martin		

## Congrats to our January Anniversaries!

1 Dave Cederberg & Kathy Nelson	29 Norman & Phyllis Swenson
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# January 2018

See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: [www.luthermemorialsattle.com/calendar](http://www.luthermemorialsattle.com/calendar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><i>Missing a Sunday this month?</i>                      LMLC has Online Giving on our website:  <a href="http://www.luthermemorialsattle.com/onlinegiving">www.luthermemorialsattle.com/onlinegiving</a></p>	<p>1                      6:30 CODA                      New Year's Day                      Office Closed                      Pastor Julie's Sabbath</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3                      6 HC Bible Study                      9:30 Seekers                      6 HCWT Rehearsal                      6 Nar-Anon Book Club                      7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>4                      1 Step-Study Group                      6:30 Pack 321</p>	<p>5                      7 AA Meeting                      7 Evensong for Epiphany @ The Chapel in the Highlands</p>	<p>6                      7:30 FARA                      6 AA Meeting</p>	
<p>7                      9 Harbor Church                      9:15 Choir Rehearsal                      9:15 Sunday Church School                      10:30 Worship                      11:45 Fellowship                      4 Girl Scouts</p>	<p>8                      6:30 CODA                      7 Broadview Blockwatch                      Pastor Julie's Sabbath</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10                      6 HC Bible Study                      9:30 Seekers                      6 HCWT Rehearsal                      6 Nar-Anon Book Club                      7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>11                      1 Step-Study Group                      7 Broadview Garden Club</p>	<p>12                      7 AA Meeting</p>	<p>13                      7:30 FARA                      6 AA Meeting</p>	
<p>14                      9 Harbor Church                      9 Book Brigade                      9:15 Sunday Church School                      10:30 Worship w/Children's Pageant!</p>	<p>15                      6:30 CODA                      Pastor Julie's Sabbath</p>	<p>16                      5:15 LMLC Facilities                      6 LMLC Council</p>	<p>17                      6 HC Bible Study                      9:30 Seekers                      6 HCWT Rehearsal                      6 Nar-Anon Book Club                      7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>18                      1 Step-Study Group</p>	<p>19                      7 AA Meeting</p>	<p>20                      7:30 FARA                      6 AA Meeting</p>	
<p>21                      9 Harbor Church                      9:15 Sunday Church School                      10:30 Worship                      11:45 Fellowship</p>	<p>22                      6 Girl Scouts                      6:30 CODA                      Pastor Julie's Sabbath</p>	<p>23                      7 Spiritual Growth</p>	<p>24                      6 HC Bible Study                      9:30 Seekers                      6 HCWT Rehearsal                      6 Nar-Anon Book Club                      7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>25                      8:30 Ingraham High School                      1 Step-Study Group</p>	<p>26                      8:30 Ingraham High School                      7 AA Meeting</p>	<p>27                      7:30 FARA                      6 AA Meeting</p>	
<p>28                      9 Harbor Church                      9:15 Choir Rehearsal                      9:15 Sunday Church School                      10:30 Worship                      11:45 Fellowship</p>	<p>29                      8:30 Ingraham High School                      6:30 CODA                      Pastor Julie's Sabbath</p>	<p>30                      8:30 Ingraham High School</p>	<p>31                      6 HC Bible Study                      9:30 Seekers                      6 HCWT Rehearsal                      6 Nar-Anon Book Club                      7 Nar-Anon</p>	 <p>LUTHER MEMORIAL                      Lutheran church</p>			

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