



Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

The Messenger

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

July 2012

Confirmation Class of 2012

Be sure to check out all that's happening this summer, in this edition of The Messenger!



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Congratulations again to our 2012 Confirmation class! Ellie Long, Ben Smith, and Kelsey Stever reaffirmed their baptisms on June 3, 2012 as confirmed adults. We are so proud of them and their accomplishments!

PJ's Page

Is it just me, or do the months during an election year *seem* to have more days in them? More opportunities for the mud-slinging, partisan rhetoric that has, unfortunately, become the hallmark of political campaigning.



It's only mid-summer and already I have grown weary of the talk shows on television and radio, as well as the campaign signs and bumper stickers.

Someone pointed out recently that during the last presidential election, the iPad had not yet been introduced to the public. Wow. Now it seems that everywhere I go, folks are on their iPads.



Recently, during worship, a visitor even had hers out, taking photos of our worship space! But that's how quickly times change. That's how rapidly this piece of technology became a part of our daily landscape...less than four years.

There are some things that never change. As Christians, we believe that the steadfast love of God is constant, it does not change. And, thus far, the need for us as Christians to carry out the work Jesus called us to do, indeed the work that God has mandated, has not changed. The

prophet Micah put it this way: "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

Do justice. Love kindness. Walk humbly with God. This is no small order. And yet, as God's people, called and sent into the world, these are the directives set clearly before us. And so, when we are faced with a decision or an opportunity or a setting or a challenge, then we can ask ourselves these questions: Is this the just action? Am I showing kindness? Can I imagine myself, in this action or inaction, walking humbly with God on this journey?



One of the most recent ways we responded with justice, kindness, and humility was during our week of working with Mary's Place. We were again blessed beyond measure by the women and children who were our guests during this week. My utmost gratitude to Karen Olsen for her tireless work in organizing this effort on behalf of this congregation and to all of you who helped in some way. From meals to hospitality to overnight

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hosting to financial contributions.....you showed what it was to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God.

It is my fervent hope, each election season, that we will be blessed with leaders who also hold such mandates before them. That our politicians would consider this call as a call to the leadership of our nation. And as we approach election season, I want to repeat to you what I have said before...I will not preach politics from the pulpit, but I will speak to justice. Who you vote for is your decision and I will not attempt to influence it. But THAT you vote is a justice matter, and it is likely that I will remind you to do so.

Between now and the elections, I believe that one of the most faithful responses we can have as the people of God is to hold our nation and its leaders in prayer. Whether we voted for them or not, whether we agree or disagree with their positions, let us both individually and as a community hold these women and men in prayer before the One who is the true ruler of all the nations.

Praying with and for you,

Pastor Julie+



ANNE HOLLISTER - SISTER IN CHRIST

On June 18th Anne Hollister passed from this life to the next. Anne lived a life of devoted faithfulness to God, the church, her family, and her friends...particularly the Danish ones. Anne was very active in the life of Luther Memorial, serving for many years as chair of the Altar Guild. Her memorial service was held on June 26th. Anne is survived by her husband, Mel, her children Kay, Gayle, Lisa, Lori, and Gary and their families. Anne's favorite Bible verse is one that we reflected upon elsewhere in this newsletter, Micah 6:8 "God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

INTERN UPDATE: Just the FAQs

Our seminary intern, Inge Williams, will arrive in Seattle in early August. Her first Sunday with us will be August 5th. We are fervently working on putting everything in place for her arrival. We hope that you will add her to your prayers. Here are some Frequently Asked Questions about having an intern:

- **How long will the intern be here?**

Internship is a twelve month assignment, with time off for vacation and continuing education. This year, that means from August 2012-August 2013.

- **What do we call our intern?**

Traditionally an intern is referred to by the title Vicar. So, just as we call our pastor, Pastor Julie, our intern will be Vicar Inge.

- **Who teaches the intern?**

We are ALL her teachers! She will learn, from us as a congregation, more about what it means to be a pastor in the church. She will be formally supervised by Pastor Julie. In addition there will be a Vicar Care Team, who will offer feedback, both formally and informally.

- **Is an intern paid?**

In the ELCA seminaries, interns receive a minimal monthly stipend, along with housing, health care, and travel expenses.

- **Are the Vicar and the Pastor like Batman and Robin?**

Probably not....after all, Pastor Julie drives a Subaru not the Bat-mobile!



OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR NEWS

We are pleased and excited to introduce the congregation to Kate Nelson-Penland, LMLC's new Office Administrator. Kate hails from PLU, was a camp counselor at a Lutheran camp during her summers, and spent a year in Baltimore with Lutheran Volunteer Corps. Her skills, dedication, and character make her a wonderful addition to the LMLC staff! Welcome, Kate!

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Upon the departure of Jill as our Office Administrator, one of the major projects left in the "to do" file was that of the Church Directory. Many of you have asked about the publication date of the directory. The Church Council has hired a contract administrator to work on the Directory. It is our fervent hope that it will be ready for distribution in 4-6 weeks. Thanks for your patience! In the meantime, if you need an address or phone number that is not in the old directory, feel free to call the church office or send us an email.

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHTS - FRIDAY NIGHTS AT 6 PM

JULY 27th - Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory



AUGUST 24th - Mary Poppins

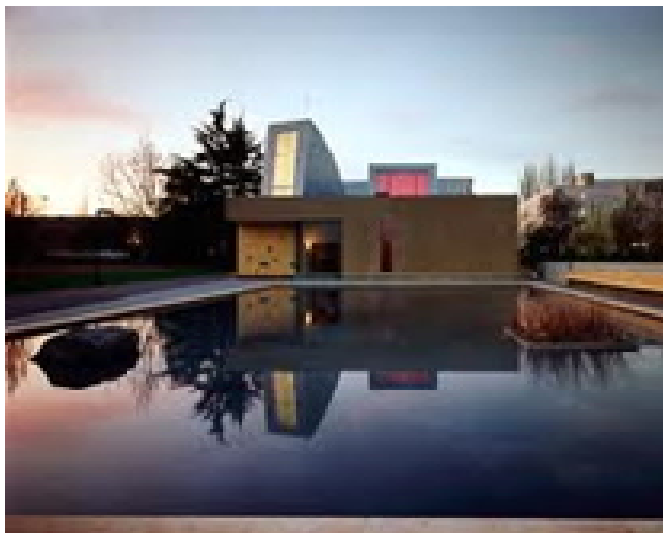
Bring the whole family! We'll have snacks and a great time!

EXPERIENCING HOLY SPACES AND PLACES

Our first round of Holy Spaces/Holy Places was a hit! We enjoyed touring the worship spaces of Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church and Queen Anne United Methodist Church with a delightful lunch in between.

Join us on **July 25th**, as we tour both the Chapel of St. Ignatius and the Ecumenical Chapel at Seattle University, with lunch on or near campus.

We'll meet at **LMLC at 11am**. And mark your calendars for the August excursion on August 22nd.



SIMPLE SUMMER BREAKFAST

Our summer breakfasts continue at 9am on Sunday mornings. We are so happy to welcome some of our neighbors from Operation Lunch Bag to breakfast. Maybe this is what else it means to "break bread together". Coffee's on... see you for breakfast!

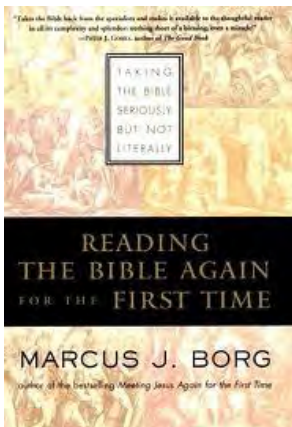


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - AUGUST 10-12

The time for Vacation Bible School is fast approaching! Please see the next page for the full flyer and registration form, and leave it in the office by August 1st. This year we will enjoy the "Rocky Point Lighthouse" curriculum and have a great time with everyone involved! We are in need of donations for the activities and to fund the program, and anything our congregation can provide is always appreciated. We are in need of:

- Cardboard tubes from rolls of paper towels and toilet tissue.
- Small hygiene items for women, teens, and children.
- Financial donations.

*We are **NOT** going to charge for VBS, so your donation of \$10 will help sponsor 1 student. Donations can be placed in the offering plate (with VBS indicated), or mailed/brought to the office.*



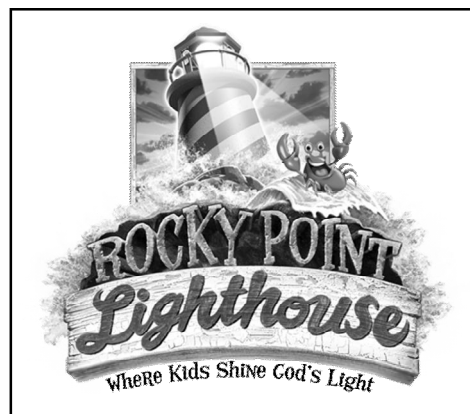
SUMMER STUDY - *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*

Oprah isn't the only one who has people reading together! It's not too late to join us at LMLC for our summer read: Marcus Borg's *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*. There are online discussions as well as monthly groups that meet for conversation and a light supper. The July discussion group meets at **6pm on July 26th**. Find our online discussion at

www.luthermemoralseattle.wordpress.com

Vacation Bible School August 10-12 @ LMLC

All are welcome at no charge, so come have fun!



Join us August 10-12 for VBS at Lutheran Memorial Lutheran Church:



Friday, August 10: 6-8pm - Dinner and VBS for ALL ages (adults, too!)
Saturday, August 11: 9 am - 2 pm - VBS DAY Age 3-5th grade
Sunday, August 12: 10 am - VBS Day in Worship

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church is located at 13047 Greenwood Ave. N, Seattle, WA, 98133
Please contact 206-364-2510 or office@luthermemoralseattle.com for more information.
To register, mail or bring the completed form to the church office by August 1st.

Make a splash and 'catch' a good time!

Vacation Bible School Registration August 10-12 @ Luther Memorial Church

REGISTRATION FORM

Child's name _____

Age _____ Grade completed _____ Birthday _____

Parent's or Guardian's names _____

Address _____

Home or Cell phone _____ Alternate phone _____

Emergency contact person _____

Relationship to student _____ Home or Cell phone _____

Food allergies Y N (List:) _____ Medical concerns Y N (Explain:) _____

Family doctor _____ Doctor's phone _____

Siblings attending VBS (names and ages) _____

People who may pick up the child _____

VBS leaders have permission to photograph/film the minor(s) designated above in any manner or form for any lawful purpose associated with this VBS program.

Parent signature _____



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News for the congregations of the Northwest Washington Synod of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Beyond The Local Congregation by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop



Who is the Synod? What does the Synod do? These are the questions that begin adult forums when I visit with congregations on Sunday morning. As we approach the 25th anniversary of the forming of the Northwest Washington Synod, it is a matter of

some concern to me that we still do not have a clear identity with many members of the synod.

From a constitutional perspective, the synod is made up of the baptized members of the congregations located on the territory of this synod. The synod is made up of approximately 43,000 baptized members of the congregations and mission starts which are in this area. That means that you are the synod.

What we do is a more complicated question. Members of this synod serve on local committees and boards for numerous organizations throughout the region. Members of this synod financially support their congregations and a variety of institutions and agencies either affiliated with the church or not. Members of the synod have elected a bishop and a Synod Council; these members of the synod do specific types of work on behalf of the synod, things that are mandated by our constitution and the larger church.

Most importantly, the Northwest Washington Synod is engaged in starting new ministries and helping existing ministries grow. Currently this synod has 16 ministries that are being explored

or that are officially under development. These are primarily in ethnic communities other than the dominant northern European culture. Our Candidacy Committee works with over 50 candidates for one of the rosters of this church; we are raising up leaders for the future of the whole church.

When congregations are in leadership transition, the synod staff works to assist by appointing interim pastors or by working with call committees to surface names for consideration in the call process. When invited, we work with congregations to help them resolve conflict. Our Director for Evangelical Mission, Pastor Jerry Buss, works with stewardship education and planning. Jerry also works with congregations with mission planning, redevelopment and ministry extension grants. The Director for Evangelical Mission is a position funded by the churchwide expression of the ELCA, deployed to work out of the synod office. The Synod Council has established liaison members to each congregation in the synod. I want to thank these leaders for their work in connecting the activity of the local congregation to the larger church.

There is much more we could be doing together as the Northwest Washington Synod. In the coming months we will be looking at the mission of the synod, your mission beyond the local congregation. What will you do as a member of the synod?

LECTIONARY READINGS**July 1****5 Pentecost**

Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

June 17**July 8****6 Pentecost**

Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Mark 6:1-13

July 15**7 Pentecost**

Amos 7:7-15

Psalm 85:8-13

Ephesians 1:3-14

Mark 6:14-29

July 22**Feast of Mary Magdalene**

Ruth 1: 6-18

Psalm 73:

John 3: 1-17

WORSHIP LEADERS

	JULY 1	JULY 8	JULY 15	JULY 22	JULY 29
Assisting Minister	Mary Douglas	Paul Olsen	Gordon Trombley	Steve Olson	Paul Olsen
Lector	Gordon Trombley	Karen Olsen	Elaine Hardin	Phyllis Swenson	Darrell Jamieson
Acolyte	Jackson Terhark	Ben Smith	Kyle Gough	Kelsey Stever	Sandy Jamieson
Altar Care	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson
Greeters and Ushers	Gordon Trombley Dave Cederberg	Heidi, Kyle, and Gavin Hough Steve Olson	Sherianne Caldwell Donna Smith	Bill Meade Laurie Meade	Gordon Trombley Leanne Hanley Payton Johnson
Song Leader	Vicki Cook	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Paul Olsen	Kris Johannson	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock
Musician	Kathy Nelson	Kathy Nelson	Hartwig Eichberg	Hartwig Eichberg	Dean Jamieson
Communion Prep	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson	Lollie Ellingson
Nursery	Audrey Long	Ellie Long			

Thank you to everyone that is able to give their time and talents for our Worship services.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 Simply Summer Breakfast 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	2 Pastor's Sabbath	3	4 9:30 Seekers 5:30 AI-Anon	5	6	7
8 9:00 Simply Summer Breakfast 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	9 Pastor's Sabbath 10 North End Bible Study 1:30 - 2:30 Book Brigade 6:30 Broadview Prepares	10	11 9:30 Seekers 5:30 AI-Anon	12 6:30 Youth Justice	13	14 8:30 - 5:30 Broadview Prepares First Aid/CPR/AED Class
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29 9:00 Simply Summer Breakfast 10:00 Worship 11:30 Fellowship	30 Pastor's Sabbath	31	JULY 2012 at LMLC			
			*Bold text indicates an evening meeting			

Happy July Birthdays!

2 Leanne Hanley
Ellie Long
Mary Smith

5 Bob Senior

11 Don Bannister

12 Kay Brassfield
Kris Johannson

14 Diane Chapman

17 Eunice Moe

18 Kathy Nelson

20 Janet Reiman

21 Dr. Mitchell Stern

29 Gladys Huebner

30 Mark Chapman



Congratulations to our July anniversaries!

3 Heidi & John Gough

11 Byron Johnson & Lioudmila Popova

15 Karen Hoven & Robert Johnson

23 Cheryl & Mark Stief

28 Pastor Julie & Bruce Hutson

"...⁸and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

- Mark 10:8-9

Let us remember these fellow members on their special days by rejoicing and celebrating together. If you are a member of Luther Memorial and you don't find your name on our lists, please contact the church office



**WELCOME
TO
WORSHIP!**

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The July Calendar is on page 10 or in real time online.*

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Bill Meade, Congregation Council President **Paul Olsen**, Choir Director, **Mary Walters**, Minister for Visitation **Kate Nelson-Penland**, Office Administrator

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