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Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

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**The children of Luther Memorial put on their annual Christmas Pageant during worship on Sunday, December 16.
Thanks to all that participated and helped!**



**All are welcome at Luther Memorial.
Please join us for Worship on Sundays at 10 am!**

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

Rev. Julie G. Hutson, Pastor
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Paul Olsen, Choir Director
Vicar Inge Williams, Intern
Kate Nelson-Penland, Office Administrator

PJ's Page

Last month I was looking at a crèche (Nativity scene) with one of the young disciples from Luther Memorial. As we talked about each of the figures in the scene, he told me that he thought Mary, Jesus' mother, looked kind of sad. When I asked him why he thought she was sad, he said she was probably sad because, once Jesus was born, her work was finished.

His observation stayed with me throughout the season. Because those among us who have had children know that the work is not finished when we give birth....it has just begun. And even when your first born is the Messiah, the 'work' is not complete with childbirth.

Scripture doesn't offer us much in the way of details about Jesus' childhood. We know that he was likely a toddler by the time the Magi reached him. And we know that Joseph had to whisk he and Mary away to keep him from being a victim of Herod's murderous tirade. But beyond that, there is a gap in the story, until he is a twelve year old adolescent ditching his parents in the temple.

But you have to know that Mary's work, and Joseph's too, continued as Jesus grew. That there were the usual tasks of raising a

child – weaning, toileting, getting them to sleep through the night! Even the Son of God, who was also fully human, had to experience these physical rites of passage. And then, there must have been joyous times....first words, first steps....playing with friends. And I

think that the reason we don't have any record of these milestones is because they were Mary's work and Mary's privilege.

Our culture stops celebrating Christ's birth on December 26th. It seems that the Valentines



decorations appear in the store and everything associated with Christmas is marked "clearance." But the work of Christmas has just begun. In the church, we observe the twelve days of the Christmas season – the time between Christmas and the Feast of Epiphany. We continue to sing our songs. Our trees remain. This is the Christmas season.

And then the work goes on. The work that this tiny babe, who was toddler and teen outside of our purview, was born to usher into the world. The work of justice making. The work of peace keeping. The work of radical welcome and complete inclusion.

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Mary's work was just beginning there, when she gave birth in an unfamiliar place, yet surrounded by gentle beasts and throngs of angels. Our work begins anew at Christmas and each day. Sometimes it can feel as though we do our work in a strange and unfamiliar land. But we are not alone. We are gifted with this community of faith. And God has sent us friendly beasts and angelic beings to accompany us along the way. And the Son God sent for us is the greatest gift of all, in this and every season. Thanks be to God!



Rejoicing with you,

Pastor Juli Hubert

LMLC News and Events

Pastoral Remarks from December 16

By request, Pastor Julie's remarks from the beginning of our worship service on December 16, and in response to the shootings in Portland and Newtown are printed below:

Throughout Scripture Jesus shows a clear preference for the least, the last, and lost. He eats with those that the culture considered undesirable, unclean, unworthy. He calls ordinary people, fisherfolk, tax collectors and women to follow him and tell the Gospel story. And he gathers the children in his arms. And he blesses them. And he tells us that unless we can have a childlike faith, we miss a part of what it means to live in the Kingdom. We gather this day, as people of faith, to worship a God whose mercy and grace are beyond our ability to comprehend. As our nation mourns yet again, over a senseless act of violence, this time involving so many young lives, we cry out, with Psalmists and prophets and people of all time....How long, O Lord? How long? How long until this stops? How long until you come again?

And we must remember that Jesus also came for the lost. People who are lost to sin and mental illness and depravity. In Scripture he healed them of their demons, driving them out of them. And as hard as it is for us to imagine, this, too, is part of the good news. As St. Paul said, nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

And so, in our prayers this morning and in our prayers throughout the week we will remember all who have died this week....both in Oregon and in Connecticut. And we will pray for their families and for them.

This morning the Gospel will be brought to us by our own children. And this is so appropriate. They will tell us the story of how Jesus came to earth to be Emmanuel....God with us. With us in our joys and with us in our deepest sorrows. Never apart from us. And with each of us. With us in our beginnings and with us at our endings.

And we give thanks for all children....those who will carry the Gospel message here this morning and those whose names we will remember this day.

Jesus said "Let the children come to me. Do not stop them. For of such is the kingdom of God."

We are reminded that light shines in darkness and that the darkness does not overcome it as we light the Advent wreath and prepare our hearts for worship.

LMLC News and Events

LMLC Council Spotlight

Before our Annual meeting, we'd like to remind or introduce our LMLC Council and Committees! Here we are enjoying a meal together at a retreat at Luther's Table. The Council meets on the second Tuesday of every month, and Committees meet throughout the year as scheduled by their Chairs and Members. If you are interested in joining Council or a Committee, please talk to one of the members listed below. Thank you to all of the volunteers that help keep Luther Memorial up and running.



LMLC Council

President	Bill Meade	Additional Members	
Vice President	Karen Olsen	Lollie Ellingson	Heidi Gough
Treasurer	Dave Cederberg	Bob Greenhow	Pastor Julie Hutson
Secretary	Leanne Hanley	Kris Johansson	Steve Olson
		Julie Moe	

Committees and Chairs

Spiritual Growth	Donna Smith	Library	Beverly Mueller
Worship and Music	Elaine Hardin	Men's Group	Gordon Trombley
Altar Guild	Sharon Howell	Mutual Ministry	Nancy Sandbloom
Archives	Vicki Cook	Quilting	Jean Rizer
Endowment Fund	Norman Swenson	Seekers	Phyllis Swenson
Evangelism	Steve Olson	Social Justice	Shirlee Russo
Facilities and Maintenance	Vicki Cook	Soup Kitchen	Shirlee Russo
Fellowship	Steve Olson	Stewardship	Norman Swenson
	Gordon Trombley		
	Bill Meade		

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First Sunday Faith Forum - Light in Darkest Times

Pastor Julie will be leading the First Sunday Faith Forum on Sunday, January 6th, at 9:00 am in the Fireside Room. We will be using the theme "Where is Light in the Darkest Times?" to look at the presence of God in the midst of tragedy. We hope you will join us for this meaningful time together.



Bravo! Well done!

Congratulations to the Sunday School students for another stellar performance in the annual Christmas pageant! The friendly beasts never looked so friendly, read so well, and had such amazing singing voices! Thanks too, to all of the adults who helped in any way, and as always our deepest gratitude to Donna Smith, our Sunday School chair, and Heidi Gough, who leads the pageant!

Bible Study...The Revelation of John

Join us on Thursday evenings at 6:00, beginning on January 10th, as we take a look at the book of Revelation. So much has been said, written, and imagined about this book....let's take this time to study it together.

Annual Meeting - January 27

The Annual Meeting of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church will be held Sunday, January 27, 2013, immediately following worship. As is our custom, we will have a festive theme for this time of celebration, reflection, and fellowship. This year our theme is Love Without Borders.

Our food and decoration will have a decidedly "south of the border" flair, as we celebrate the retirement of Mary Walters from her position as Visitation Minister at Luther Memorial. Mary has served in this way for ten years, faithfully carrying our mission statement "Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community" to those members who are unable to be physically present at worship and other congregational events. The theme was chosen with a nod to Mary's work with Doctors Without Borders, particularly in Ouxaha, Mexico.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend (watch for more details). Voting members (those who have contributed and communed within the past year) will be asked to sign in at the door. You know there will be food, games, reports, songs, budgets, laughter, elections, and an abundance of love...without borders.



DOCTORS WITHOUT BORDERS

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Poinsettia Donations

Thank you to all that donated poinsettias to our church for this Christmas Season. The individual dedications are on page 8



Office Closed

Kate Nelson-Penland, our Office Administrator extraordinaire will be taking some well deserved time off on Thursday, Dec. 27 and Friday, Dec. 28. Since December 25 and 26 are considered holidays, this means the **office will be closed for administrative needs December 25-28**. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Pr. Julie at 206-948-5068. **If you simply need to communicate something with the office, send an email to: office@luthermemoralseattle.com and we will respond after the first of the year.**

The LMLC Office is closed on Tuesday, January 1st for New Year's Day and Monday, January 21st, in observance of the work and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

2013 Stewardship and Donation Sign-up Charts

The 2013 sign-up charts for Sunday Flower Donations, Soup Making and Delivery, and Sunday Fruits of the Spirit Breakfasts are now up on the bulletin board near the office. If you would like to volunteer to help with any of these opportunities, please put your name down for when you would be able and willing.

Directory Supplement

We are currently putting together a supplement to the LMLC Directory that was handed out this fall. If your information has changed, please send the information below to the office, by email at office@luthermemoralseattle.com, or by putting the form below in the Office Administrator box in Katie's Parish. The supplements will be available at the Annual Meeting.

LMLC 2013 Directory Supplement Information

Name:

Incorrect/Old information:

New/Correct information:

Please have all changes in by Thursday, January 24. Thank you!

2012 Poinsettia Donations

Ruth Bartling	In memory of Paul Bartling
Delia Broderick	In memory of W.H. and Dorothy Purdy In memory of Edward and Bertha Gaetz
Bob and Marlys Carlson	In memory of our parents
Vicki Cook	In memory of Gail and Kitty Peck In memory of Marge Anderson Peck
Marilyn Eden	In memory of Doug Eden
Lollie Ellingson	In honor of Mom - Mary; and children
Elaine Hardin	In memory of Gene Hardin
Mel Hollister	In memory of Anne Hollister In memory of Anne Hollister
Sharon Howell and Krissy Culmer	In memory of Doug Howell
Pastor Julie and Bruce Hutson	In honor of the people of Luther Memorial
Colleen and Raj Lingappaiah	In memory of our father Tim Smith, and in honor of our mother Donna Smith In memory of our father Giri Lingappaiah, and in honor of our mother Rebecca Lingappaiah In honor of our children Joshua and Daniel
Stuart and Dorothy Lundahl	To the glory of God!
Joe and Diane MacKechnie	In honor of our grandchildren, Keynan, Akili, Aaliyah, and Mackenzie



2012 Poinsettia Donations



Julie Moe and Janice Sherlock	In memory of Jordon Moe In honor of Eunice Moe
Lorraine Molzahn	In memory of Elmer Molzahn
Beverly Mueller	In memory of my husband Leo
Paul and Karen Olsen	In memory of Don and Mildred Wally In memory of Bob and Josephine Olsen
Nancy Sandbloom	In memory of Ed Sandbloom
Rolf and Marge Skrinde	In memory of our parents
Donna Smith	In memory of Tom Smith In honor of my children and their families
Mary Smith	In memory of husband Marion Smith In honor of family
Laura Steinmetz and Charles Fleury	In memory of Bea and Mike Karels In memory of Robert Steinmetz and Brandt Norquist In honor of the Steinmetz/Fleury family
The Stever Family	In honor of the health of our families
Norman and Phyllis Swenson	In honor of our family
Gordon Trombley	In memory of brother-in-law, Mike Little
Owen and Marie Williams (Vicar Inge's parents)	In honor of Vicar Inge Williams In honor of Pastor Julie Hutson
Shirley and Andie Yandl	In memory of our parents

*Poinsettias were donated in honor or memory of loved ones.
Thank you for adorning our sanctuary.*

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Bartells and Safeway Fundraising

Recently LMLC was contacted by eScrip, for Bartell Drugs. eScrip is a program that gives non-profit organizations an opportunity to fundraise through purchases made at their participating stores. Bartell Drugstore is offering a *B Caring Card*, through which LMLC would receive a percentage of the money spent by folks who signed up for the card. The LMLC Council recently passed a motion to participate in this effort. We have since been enrolled in this program, and you can help! Just fill out the enrollment form on the following page, take it to any Bartells, and then hand it to the cashier when you are checking out. You can even register online to track your percentages, and change any information or designations. Through this program we have also been able to sign up with Safeway stores to do the same sort of percentage based fundraising. For that, you just need your Safeway Club Card number, and can either sign up online, or give your Club Card number to the office via email or phone call. If you would like a full packet of information, you can pick one up on the table by the office, or ask for one to be sent to you.



Sign up

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- Click on "1-Sign Up"
- Enter your Club Card number

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How Does eScrip Work?

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Group Name

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Use the card every time you shop and earn up to 4% of your purchase amount for our group.

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➔ Email required to confirm your participation

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City: _____

State: Zip:

Phone/Cell Number: - -

➔ Your phone number will be linked to your account. When checking out please provide the cashier with either your card or your phone number.

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Vicar's View



As I write this, we are entering the final days before Christmas. I heard a grocery store attendant say she hadn't even started her Christmas shopping yet, and I have to confess, I am a little like this, too: my Christmas cards have yet to be written, wrapping paper lies untouched- ok, I haven't even bought any yet... Thankfully, (in this case, anyway) the church supports my procrastination: Christmas doesn't start until December 25, so a Christmas gift can be given any time during the 12 days of Christmas, right? ;)

In the life of the church, the Christmas season extends into January, and what I associate with the Christmas story continues to Epiphany, on January 6, with the Magi following the star to Jesus, the light who has come into a world of darkness to redeem the whole creation. This year, Epiphany falls directly on Sunday. Not only is Epiphany about light shining in darkness, but there is a profound emphasis on the light dawning not only for the people of Israel, but for the "Gentiles," the people who had previously not

belonged to the story of God. Our first lesson from Isaiah says, "Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Nations here means Gentiles, non-Jews. In the Gospel from Matthew, the wise men come from the East with gifts from their lands, including frankincense, which grows on trees in the deserts of what is now Yemen. This story of Epiphany is about ethnicity, about all people being drawn to the light of Christ and bringing their gifts before God.

In our second lesson on Epiphany, we hear these words: "this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, [...] so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be known to the rulers and authorities..." I think about the ways each ethnic group has enriched the church. If you take a good look in our new red hymnal, you will see music from Germany, Norway, Sweden, and Finland, and from African-American tradition, China, the Philippines, Native American culture, Africa, and Latin America. Together, our cultures enrich the church by manifesting God's wisdom in different but beautiful ways.

As citizens of the USA in 2013, we live in a time and place with incredible ethnic diversity, and our communities' ancestors are from not only Europe, but every corner of the globe, including Asia, Africa, and South America. Our corner of Seattle at Greenwood and 132nd is especially diverse: did you know that children at Broadview-Thompson speak 33 different languages at home? Our

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neighbors come from all over the world, and such intense diversity is new in history and also an incredible opportunity.

God has given us the opportunity to be good neighbors, to witness that the light of Christ has shined in the darkness by actively sharing Christ's love in community. Because our life together is focused on the story of God, we can bear light to the community and be enriched by the diversity of this corner of creation. I pray that the wisdom of God will be made known in rich variety through song and praise in this place. Light shone in darkness at the world's creation, bathing in beauty nature's revelation. All that has being, cry in adoration, "Praise to the light, Amen!" (ELW 307)

In gratitude for the light and love of Christ present through you,

Vicar Inge Williams



Thank you to Vicar Inge for leading our Midweek Advent services this year. The services were of a Contemplative style of worship, and held at the Mary Window in the Narthex.

Synod and ELCA News



Northwest Washington Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Election News

It is time to elect a new Bishop for our Synod. This election will be held May 16-18, 2013 at Synod

Assembly. Nominations may come from any member of a Northwest Washington Synod congregation. A nominator may make only one nomination and a person may not nominate themselves.

To nominate a person for bishop, a Nomination Form must be completed and mailed to: Georganne Robertson, Vice President; ELCA Northwest Washington Synod; 110 W. Highland Dr. #311, Seattle, WA 98119.

Nomination forms are available in the church office.

A bishop serves for a six year term and may be re-elected one time in our synod. Any ordained minister of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is eligible to be elected as bishop. They need not be rostered in or reside in our synod currently.

Nominations are open until February 16, 2013 and will not be received after that time.

Please keep our synod in your prayers during this process.

Season of Epiphany - Greek επιφάνεια: "manifestation" or "appearance"

On the day of Epiphany, January 6, the church celebrates the revelation of Christ to all nations as represented by the magi who come to worship Jesus. The church calendar recognizes the season of Epiphany from January 6 until the last Sunday before Ash Wednesday which is celebrated as the Transfiguration of our Lord. The length of the season of Epiphany varies and is determined by working backwards through the season of Lent from the moveable date for the celebration of Easter.

Principal Themes

- The revelation of Christ to all nations
- Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan
- Christ as the light of the world
- The public ministry of Jesus Christ, including Jesus' first miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana
- Growth in a Christian's baptized identity

Color of the Season

- **White**, a color associated with the festivals of Christ and suggesting gladness, joy and light for the day of Epiphany, the first week after the Epiphany when the Baptism of our Lord is celebrated, and the last week of the season of Epiphany when the Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated.
- **Green**, the color used for times when festival or penitential colors are not appropriate. Green is reminiscent of living plants and suggests spiritual growth. Green is used in the season of Epiphany beginning with the second week after the Epiphany until the week before the Transfiguration of our Lord is celebrated.

January Worship and Celebrations

Sunday Lectionary Readings

January 6 |
Epiphany of Our Lord

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalms 25:1-10

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

January 13 |
Baptism of Our Lord

Malachi 3:1-4

Luke 1:68-79

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

January 20 |
Epiphany 2

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Isaiah 12:2-6

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:7-18

January 27 |
Epiphany 3

Micah 5:2-5a

Luke 1:46b-55

Hebrews 10:5-10

Luke 1:39-45

Sunday Worship Leaders

	JANUARY 6	JANUARY 13	JANUARY 20	JANUARY 27
Assisting Minister	Bob Greenhow	Steve Olson	Vicar Inge Williams	Gordon Trombley
Lector	Phyllis Swenson	Audrey Long	Leia Smith	Steve Olson
Acolyte	Jackson Terhark	Donna Smith	Ben Smith	Kyle Gough
Altar Care and Communion Prep	Sharon Howell			
Greeters and Ushers	Bill and Laurie Meade	Heidi, Kyle, and Gavin Gough	Gordon Trombley Steve Olson	Donna Smith
Song Leader	Vicki Cook	Kris Johansson	Paul Olsen	Julie Moe and Janice Sherlock
Musician				
Children's Time	Vicar Inge Williams	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie Hutson	Heidi Gough


Happy January Birthdays!

3 Thelma Nelson	18 Karlyne Noriega
4 Merle Nimbar	23 Laurine Booth
8 Florence Bloomdahl	Lori Gunby
11 Hildur O'Connor	28 Victor Peña Agnes Peña
12 Connor North	29 Leigh Johnson
15 Ede Martinez	31 Joe Skovron Danny Skovron
17 Byron Johnson Greg Martin	

Congratulations to our January anniversaries!

1	Dave Cederberg & Kathy Nelson
11	Mitchell & Gail Stern
14	Shirley & Andre Yandl
29	Norman & Phyllis Swenson

Let us remember these fellow members on their special days by rejoicing and celebrating together.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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6	7	1	2	3	4	5
<p>Epiphany</p> <p>9 First Sunday Faith Forum, Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast and Sunday Church School</p> <p>10 Worship</p> <p>11:30 Fellowship</p>	<p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>10 North End Bible Study</p> <p>1:30 Book Brigade</p> <p>6:30 Broadview Prepares</p>	<p>New Year's Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>5:30 AI-Anon</p> <p>7 Early Ford V8 Club</p>	<p>6:30 Broadview Garden Club</p> <p>6:30 Youth Justice</p>	<p>Vicar's Sabbath</p> <p>6 Cub Scouts</p>	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
<p>8:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9 Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast and Sunday Church School</p> <p>10 Worship</p> <p>11:30 Fellowship</p> <p>3:30 Lilla Spelmanslag Rehearsal</p>	<p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>6:30 BCC Board Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 Seekers</p> <p>10 Retired Firefighters of Seattle</p> <p>5:30 AI-Anon</p>	<p>6:30 Youth Justice</p>	<p>Vicar's Sabbath</p>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
<p>8:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9 Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast and Sunday Church School</p> <p>10 Worship</p> <p>11:30 Fellowship</p>	<p>Pastor's Sabbath</p> <p>MLK Jr. Day</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>7 Spiritual Growth Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 Seekers</p> <p>5:30 AI-Anon</p>		<p>Vicar's Sabbath</p>	
27	28	29	30	31		
<p>8:30 Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>9 Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast and Sunday Church School</p> <p>10 Worship</p> <p>11:30 Fellowship and Annual Meeting</p> <p>3:30 Lilla Spelmanslag Rehearsal</p>	<p>Pastor's Sabbath</p>	<p>6 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>9:30 Seekers</p> <p>5:30 AI-Anon</p>			