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Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

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In October we held our Annual Blessing of the Pets! This year, Pet Portraits were available for a donation to Pasado's Safe Haven. Thanks to everyone that joined us for this event. It was a beautiful day, and we raised \$200!



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



On Reformation Sunday we blessed the quilts, layettes, and school packs made by LMLC members. Lutheran World Relief will distribute these items to people in need, in many countries around the world.

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PJ's Page

This month we have many opportunities to give thanks, culminating, of course, in that very American tradition of Thanksgiving Day on November 28th.

Early in November we observe All Saints Sunday, one of my favorite days in the Church year. We remember with thanksgiving and love those from our community of faith who have died in the past year. We also give thanks that they are with us in the communion of saints. As I was collecting their names, I was thinking of each one, and how they used their gifts for the ministry of the Gospel and for the mission of Luther Memorial. To a person, they gave of themselves.

Throughout this month we will also have the opportunity to consider how we give of ourselves to the Gospel. How do we use what we have been given....our gifts and talents, our passions and our hobbies, our skills and our treasure, for the life of this community as it lives out the Gospel of Jesus Christ? You will receive a letter from our Stewardship Chair, Steve Olson and a letter from me, and a final one from the Council. Please consider what they have to say with care. We are at a time in the life of this congregation when it will be important and necessary to strengthen our financial giving. Some of those aforementioned saints were very generous and faithful givers and financial supporters. Their absence from us is felt in many ways.

The theme of this year's Stewardship emphasis is "Feast of Faith". Each day we are fed by the very hand of God and called on to feed others in turn. In many and varied ways the ministries of this congregation participate in that Feast of Faith and your offerings equip and enable us for this work.

On November 10th, we will give thanks for the 530th birthday of Martin Luther. Come celebrate Luther's birthday after worship with a Chili Cook Off and potluck! Bring a salad or side dish to share, if you would like. Sign up for the chili cook off in the narthex. (I will be making Roll Tide Red chili, by the way!) Votes are by \$....the chili receiving the most votes (the most \$\$) will be declared the LUTHER'S BIRTHDAY CHILI CHAMPION! Proceeds will go to the feeding ministries of Luther Memorial Church.

During this time together we will also have our annual Fall Forum – a time to catch up on all that is happening in the life of the congregation. You don't want to miss it!

We are also thankful for the many and varied ministries who meet in this building. One of those, the young fiddlers of Lilla Spelmanslag, will host an annual concert here, Sunday, November 3rd, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. I hope you'll support them with your presence; their music is grand!

We'll have an additional opportunity for a wonderful concert on November 17th as Cora Voce, a regional choir, presents their annual Seattle concert at Luther Memorial. Paul

PJ's Page

Olsen is a member of this choir and their work is such a gift. LMLC youth will be offering pre-sales of tickets to this event in the narthex and a portion of the ticket price will support our youth ministry at LMLC. Please support both Cora Voce and our youth!

During this time of Thanksgiving, I want to offer my own note of thanks to each of you. I am so grateful for the way you share the love and grace of God with me, with one another, and with the world. It is a privilege to serve God with you as your pastor.

Faithfully,

Pastor Wili Hobson



Luther's Birthday Celebration and LMLC Chili Cook-Off!

Fall Forum - November 10, 2013

Celebrate Luther's Birthday!

On November 10, Brother Martin would be 530 years old! Celebrate with your community of faith at a grand party following worship. Our celebration will include:

A Chili Challenge (bring a side dish to share, if you'd like)

Birthday Cake (After all, it's not every day you turn 530!)

Fall Forum: An update on what's happening at LMLC

Fun & Fabulous Prizes!

See you there!

LMLC News and Events

First Sunday Faith Forum

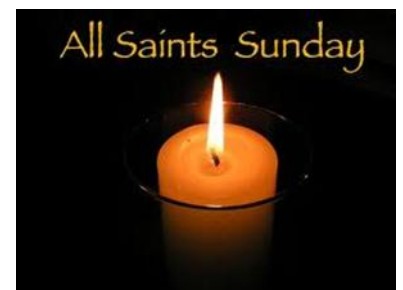
Church World Service was founded after World War II with a mission of helping eradicate hunger and poverty in the world. Since then, this fine organization has grown into a multi-faceted ministry. They are perhaps best known for their sponsorship of the CROP Walk to eliminate hunger. (Luther Memorial participated this year and raised over \$1000!)



A representative from the Seattle Office of CWS will be our speaker at First Sunday Faith Forum on November 3, 9 am, in the Fireside Room. We hope to see YOU there too!

For all the Saints, who from their labors rest

On November 3, we will observe All Saints Sunday, a time when we give thanks for the Communion of Saints. You are invited to bring remembrances of your loved ones who have died and offer your prayers at the display in the narthex. In worship, we will remember by name those from this faith community who have died since the last All Saints Day as well as those who were baptized.



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

On Sunday, November 24, we will again gather with our neighbors of all faiths for a celebration of Thanksgiving. This is especially appropriate since Thanksgiving is a secular holiday, rather than a religious one. This service is pure gift, as we gather and share with our sisters and brothers from the Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist, Sikh, Roman Catholic, and Protestant faiths. Won't you gather with us for a time of Thanksgiving?

Will you share a Sunday?

We are looking for folks willing to lead our awesome new Middle School Sunday School class for one or two Sundays out of the entire year! Materials will be provided, preparation is minimal....all you need to do is show up and prepare to be blessed by these amazing young disciples! Please prayerfully consider whether the Spirit is calling you to share of yourself in this way.

Bible Study

Our Thursday evening Bible Study is in full swing! We have started studying the books that did NOT make it into the Bible, including (but not limited to) the additions to Daniel (including the wonderful story of Bel and the Dragon), Wisdom of Solomon, and some of the Apocryphal Gospels. It has been a stimulating and adventuresome journey. Join us Thursdays at 6 pm, to be a part of it!

LMLC News and Events

Art for the Holidays! - Spiritual Growth Silent Auction

Did you know that we have a number of artists in our congregation? The Spiritual Growth Committee will be hosting a Silent Auction of Art Works donated by our very own artists in support of the Youth program for next year's activities. The silent auction will begin on Nov. 17 (after morning services) and will end on Nov. 24 at 11:45 am. Please remember to look at the collection of items – paintings, photographs, Christmas table runner, etc. (all on display at the Narthex on Nov. 17 and 24)- and add your bids for a work of art for your collection or as presents for the holiday! We will also be selling turkey bags made by our very own Diane Chapman. We appreciate your support of the youth program!

Advent Cheer Basket Collection

We are once again collecting small items of cheer to be distributed to our members who can no longer attend worship. The baskets will be assembled during our First Sunday Faith Forum on Dec. 1 and distributed during Advent. Suggested items include small bottles of lotion, small ornaments, devotional type books, sugar free candy, etc. A collection basket will be in the narthex during the month of November.



November Confirmation Class Schedule

November 10: 12:30 @ Luther Memorial

November 24: 12:30 @ Bethany (leave LMLC @ 12:05 pm)

November Hope @ Home Conversation Starters:

I see God in these places...

Name one person who has made a significant impact on your life.

Name 3 things or people you are thankful for.

- Luther believed that the primary place for religious instruction was the home. Our Confirmation students are asked to have such conversations with the folks in their homes at least once each month and then share how that went. We offer some conversation starters. Try it at your house!

REMEMBER! Worship Notes are due once a month. The form is online or in the narthex.

Thank you!

Thanks to everyone that came out for our Annual Blessing of the Pets!
Together we were able to raise \$200 for Pasado's Safe Haven.



LMLC News and Events



Stewardship 2014

Our 2014 Stewardship Campaign has begun. Please check your mailbox for more information, and return your pledge cards by mail, in the Stewardship box in Katie's Parish, or bring them to Worship on Sunday, November 17.

We appreciate your timely responses, as these pledges directly relate to how we set our 2014 budget.

Starting this year, you can set-up a recurring pledge or offering online. For more information on online giving, please see below

Online Giving

Tired of writing checks, or remembering to have cash for offering on Sundays? Want to stop mailing offering to the Office? You can now give to LMLC online! Just go to www.luthermemoralseattle.com/onlinegiving, or click on "Online Giving" in the footer

(bottom) of any page on our site! The secure payment site is endorsed by Thrivent, and is a part of our Simply Giving program. The record for our fastest profile creation is 2 minutes so far, but you can try to beat it! That really is "Simply Giving!"

Do you have a smartphone? If you use QR codes, you scan this barcode-with your smartphone's QR decoder, it will instantly connect you to the mobile version of Online Giving. Try it out!



Caps Recycling

Aveda is a cosmetics company that includes helping care for the world in their mission statement. Their company strives to set an example to others. As part of their giving back, Aveda has established a cap recycling program. We started a program here

at LMLC to collect "good caps" for their program. **Cap Collection Guides** are available for you to take home and on our website, so you can start to bring caps in! Our collection bin is on the table in front of the office, right next to our recycling.

Examples of good caps are: shampoo, beverage, milk, flip top, detergent and pharmaceutical. Bad caps include: margarine, yogurt, metal, lotion pump and spray pump.

Please take a Cap Collection Guide, and leave your caps to for us to take to Aveda. Caps will be double checked before being delivered, so if you have any doubts, please still leave them! If you have any questions please see Karen Olsen, she has been recycling caps for several years now-Aveda is always glad to get them.



Community News and Events



Cora Voce Fall Concert Series 2013 - Carol of the Seven Signs

Cora Voce is pleased to be presenting the world premiere performance of *Carol of the Seven Signs*. The concert includes a delightful array of Christmas pieces sure to put you in the holiday mood.

November 16, 2013, 7:30pm
 St. Andrews Episcopal Church
 7410 South 12th Street
 Tacoma, WA

November 17, 2013, 3:30 pm
 Luther Memorial Lutheran Church
 13047 Greenwood Ave N
 Seattle, WA

Seattle Lilla Spelmanslag Tours Sweden - from Martha Levenson, Director

The Seattle Lilla Spelmanslag recently returned from its amazing tour in Sweden! From homestays to blacksmithing, performances to jam sessions, the kids wowed audiences and built friendships.

Beginning in the small village of Malung, in Western Dalarna, Sweden, the first meeting with homestay families was challenging. Children have, however, wonderfully creative ideas about solving problems, and in this case, a lively game of Capture the Flag broke the ice. From that moment forward, the friendships and bonds took off like a rocket. Two days were spent with Swedish counterparts working with top fiddlers. At the concert following these workshops, kids from Malung and Seattle took the stage to share



with parents and guests what they had learned together. Seattle fiddler Elise Snoey, age 15, commented, "The sound that both groups produced together was extraordinarily large and filled the room with energy."

The tour continued with performances at festivals in the villages of Nås, Östbjorka, and the granddaddy of them all, Bingsjöstämma. The Lilla Spelmanslag played for the opening festivities at this festival, in front of more than 10,000 people. Audiences in Nås were stunned by the kids' dance set, played in a tiny house stuffed with dancers. One dancer said, "The kids play with unbelievable maturity, and their music has energy and perfect styling."

The tour concluded with several days of sightseeing in Stockholm, with no performances. Currently, the Malung group is in the early stages of planning a return visit. The proposed plan puts them in Seattle in 2014, but is subject to change. The Lilla Spelmanslag plans to work closely with their new families in Malung to build on what has been established, and return hospitality.

The group's annual concert will be held in the sanctuary at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church on Sunday, November 3 at 3 PM. Please join us!

Synod and ELCA News

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Always
being made
New.
25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

Eyes to See

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



One of the great gifts in serving the office of bishop is the opportunity to be invited to see the many expressions of the ELCA here in the Northwest and throughout the country.

The learning curve has been extremely steep and the work very demanding. What balances this is the inspiration and joy that I

experience in getting to learn from so many of you.

I am seeing a church that is experiencing great vitality in these many expressions. We have passionate, gifted lay and rostered people who love this church and who serve it well.

I am eager to share my joy with you because I believe for too long we have been looking at the church and only noticing where it is in conflict or in decline. It is true we have ministries that are experiencing painful brokenness and ruptured trust. It is true that dollars have been tough to come by and attendance waning.

Perhaps the institution is in decline but the presence of the spirit and the working of the body of Christ is very much alive.

What we are experiencing reminds me of the feeding of the 4,000 in Mark. The crowds had been following

Jesus and they were weary. Looking out at the landscape of that moment it appeared bleak and surely not enough resources to respond to the hunger.

Jesus asks the disciples to make available what it is that they had - a few loaves and fishes. He then divided the offerings and proceeded to feed the entire crowd with leftovers to spare.

The disciples then cross over to other side with Jesus and he warns them to be mindful of the yeast of the pharisees and that of Herod. I suggest to you this is the yeast of scarcity. They wondered if Jesus warned them because they had no bread.

Jesus asked them, "Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see and understand?"

He then goes on to remind them of how they had witnessed the feeding of the four thousand and the five thousand.

When we focus on what we think is the scarcity of our situation we fail to see the great capacity that we have to meet the needs of a hungry world.

I invite you in whatever context you are doing ministry to open your eyes and ears to see and hear where feeding is taking place. Where is there life? Where is their excitement?

May our joy be restored as we begin to see anew what is so right with the church. All of this made possible by a generous God of grace.

All Rostered Leaders - November 14th 8am - 3pm
Fall Bishop's Convocation: Dishing Up Grace
 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Bellevue
 Register online.

Synod and ELCA News

Is God calling you to rostered leadership in the church?

Might you have a future vocation as a Deacon or Deaconess? An Associate in Ministry? A Pastor? A Diaconal Minister?

Writer and Episcopal priest Frederick Buechner tells the story of informing his family of his sense of call to ordained ministry at the family dinner table. His grandmother piped up, "Is this your own idea, or were you ill informed?"

The call to ministry is certainly always broader than just one person's idea! The consideration of a sense of call to rostered ministry in the ELCA is something that takes considerable thought, prayer, and community conversation. The place for that conversation to begin is in your own congregation where no doubt people with whom you worship regularly perhaps even your pastor – have floated this thought, "Have you ever thought about becoming a pastor..."

When that Spirit begins to stir within you, the place to begin beyond your own heart and congregation is with our Synod's Candidacy Committee. Assistant to the Bishop, Pastor Nancy Winder, will be happy to explore with you the initial steps of the candidacy process. You can easily reach her at candidacy@lutheransnw.org. Before you begin to think about a seminary education, or internship, or even, "is this a good idea?" the Candidacy Committee will begin its involvement of formation and nurture with you as a potential rostered leader for the church.

First steps look like this:

- registration with your home congregation
- an initial interview with a member of the Candidacy Committee
- a series of psychological tests and a background check
- your composition of an essay outlining your walk of faith and sense of call

All of this will lead to an entrance interview with the entire candidacy committee at the synod office. We will be eager to meet you and begin this journey together. At the time of your entrance, the synod and your congregation will enter into a covenant to support this potential ministry, and the congregation will be asked to contribute \$1000 toward the initial costs of your entrance into the candidacy process.

Seminary, practical work in a parish or other

ministry setting, Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE for short), and a host of other opportunities will be in your future as you make your way toward further discernment about how God is calling you to serve. All along the way, the Candidacy Committee, your local pastor and congregation, our Bishop, and the members of your seminary faculty and community will be your partners in prayer, discussion, education, and formation for the role of being a public leader of God's people.

In the Northwest Washington Synod, we have one of the most robust rosters of candidates for ministry of any synod in the ELCA. Our students in preparation for ministry study at ELCA seminaries across the country, and ecumenical institutions located right here in Seattle. We are grateful for having among our current candidates those hoping to serve on each of the four rosters of the ELCA: Ordained Pastors, Deacons/Deaconesses, Associates in Ministry, and Diaconal Ministers. In fact, just last month Elizabeth Culver was invested (ritually welcomed) into the deaconess community at a liturgy in Chicago.

Still interested? Great! Get in touch with Pastor Winder, Bishop Unti, or me and we'll arrange for the process to open before you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
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Information for the December issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by November 8.

Worship Leaders and Celebrations

	11/3	11/10	11/17	11/24
Assisting Minister	Gordon Trombley	Paul Olsen	Katy Sarff	Steve Olson
Lector	Bob Greenhow	Phyllis Swenson	Marj Skrinde	Sandy Jamieson
Acolyte	Jackson Terhark	Donna Smith	Gordon Trombley	Kyle Gough
Altar and Communion Care	Lollie Ellingson, Sharon Howell and Diane MacKechnie			
Greeters and Ushers	Lollie Ellingson Bjorg Hansen	Rolf and Marj Skrinde Gordon Trombley	Donna Smith Diane Chapman	Laurie Meade Bill Meade
Song Leader	Katy Sarff	Kris Johannson	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Heidi Gough
Children's Time	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough
Musician	Lennon Aldort	Jerry Zimmerman	Lennon Aldort	Jerry Zimmerman
Nursery Care	Kaci Bendickson			
Crucifer	Gordon Trombley			

Happy November Birthdays!

1	Morgan Brassfield IV	11	Gabrielle Brassfield	23	Matthew Stief
3	Bergen Stief	14	Cheryl Stief	26	Kodi Johnson-Smith
6	Rachelle Lynn	17	Suzie McIntosh	27	Yvonne Robbins
7	Kristin Knot MacKechnie	18	Julie Moe	29	Daniel Becks

Congratulations to our November Anniversaries!

9	Morgan Jr & Kay Brassfield	13	Bob & Marlys Carlson
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Let us remember these fellow members on their special days by rejoicing and celebrating together.

Scripture and Worship

November Lectionary Readings

November 3 |

All Saints Sunday

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Psalm 149

Ephesians 1:11-23

Luke 6:20-31

November 10 |

Lectionary 32

Job 13:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-15, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 17 |

Lectionary 33

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 24 |

Reign of Christ Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

Advent and Christmas Season

Advent begins on Sunday, December 1, and this year we will rest in the HOPE that is promised as we await the Christ child.

We hope that you will join us on Sunday mornings at 10 am and for mid-week worship on Wednesdays (December 4, 11, and 18) at 7 pm for Advent Vespers. Our musician and worship leader will be Sean Bendickson, a well known and marvelous musician (PLU grad! Go Lutes!). On Sunday, December 8, when Pastor Julie is in Germany, Pastor Paul Hoffman will be our guest preacher and presider. Please extend a warm welcome to Pastor Hoffman.



Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 1

Advent Cheer Baskets assembled in Faith Forum - 9 am
Worship - 10 am

Wednesday, December 4

Advent Vespers Service - 7 pm

Sunday, December 8

Worship with The Rev. Paul Hoffman - 10 am

Wednesday, December 11

Advent Vespers Service - 7 pm

Sunday, December 15

Worship - 10 am

Wednesday, December 18


Advent Vespers Service - 7 pm

Sunday, December 22

Worship with the LMLC Children's Program - 10 am

Tuesday, December 24

Christmas Eve Worship at 5:30 and 10 pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>LUTHER MEMORIAL lutheran church</p> <p><i>Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community</i></p> <p><i>Our live calendar can be found on our website: www.luthermemorialisestate.com/calendar</i></p>						
3 All Saints Sunday 9 First Sunday Faith Forum, Sunday School, and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Altar Guild Refresher 3 pm Lilla Spelmanslag Concert	4 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	5 7 Early Ford V8 Club	6 9:30 Seekers 5:30 AI-Anon	7 6 Bible Study	8 6 Cub Scouts - Webelos	9 7 Cub Scouts Pack 321 Pinewood Derby
10 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Luther's Birthday Chili Cook-Off and LMLC Fall Forum 3:30 Lilla Spelmanslag Rehearsal	11 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 10 NE Bible Study 1:30 Book Brigade Veteran's Day Office Closed	12 6 LMLC Council 6 Cub Scouts - Webelos	13 9 Retired Firefighters of Seattle 9:30 Seekers 5:30 AI-Anon	14 6 Bible Study 6:30 Youth Justice 7 Broadview Community Garden Club	15	16
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