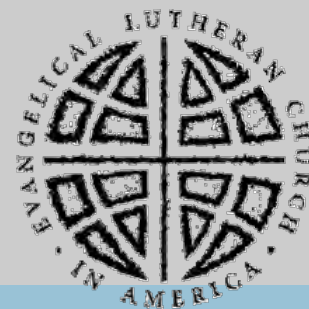




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April 2014

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 am!**



Sister Liz Cherry Colver returned for a visit to Luther Memorial on Sunday, March 2! Thank you Sister Liz for visiting and preaching.

The LMLC Youth prepared a delicious Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper for us on Tuesday, March 4. Thank you to all our volunteers!



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PJ's Page

There is an old hymn whose refrain goes like this:

Come home, come home

All who are weary come home

Home. What images come to mind when you read or hear this word? Do you think of your childhood home? Do you reflect upon your home now?

Because of my father's career, my family moved frequently when I was growing up. Between my birth and my graduation from high school I lived in ten homes. As an adult, this pattern has continued. Since I graduated from college I've placed my welcome mat outside of sixteen doorsteps. Sixteen.

So for me, home takes on a different meaning. It's where my loved ones are. As a structure, it is where I begin and end each day... where we gather at the table....where I can welcome friends and family.

Home has been on my mind of late as I've been hearing the stories of families struggling to find affordable housing. And these aren't only the families who live in shelters or in their cars or who stay with their own friends and families. These are folks who are our neighbors, here in the Broadview community. These are our friends and classmates and perhaps even our own family members.

One family comes to Luther Memorial for sack lunches every day. I always wonder, if we weren't here to feed them, what would happen then? One family persistently looks for a way to



My Dad and I in one of my first homes in Nuremberg, Germany.

move from their car into something with walls and a floor. But their children go to school with ours and do their homework and wish for a bedroom of their own, or even a bed.

In addition to hearing these stories and knowing these dear people, Home has

been on my mind as I remember thinking that coming to Luther Memorial as your pastor felt very much like coming home. April 1st marks five years since we began this journey together. We've seen many changes. People have come and gone from this community of faith. Sisters and brothers we have loved have left this life for the next. New babies have been born. New friends have joined us. From Sunday to Sunday I look around and marvel at the changes. Wasn't Kelsey S. just the age that Payton J. is now? How can Ryan and Audrey be about to graduate? And doesn't it seem that Marge was always here with her quick wit and her ready smile? And looking out into the pews, I still see the spaces where those saints used to sit. Henry, Eunice, Mel and Anne, Paul, and so many others. Life in community is always changing. But the great gift of life in a community of faith is that Jesus Christ does not change. Jesus, Scripture says, is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

And what that news offers us is the freedom to act as God's agents of change in the world....to find ways, large and small, that we can reach out to support others. To welcome

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new friends and love old ones, all at the same time. To reach out into the world with the wide love of Christ.

This month we will walk with Jesus along a Holy Week journey – from the jubilation of Palm Sunday to the shadow of the cross, the changes will seem quick and hard. But on Easter we will come Home, to the One who loved us enough to die for us.

Walking with you,

Pastor Julie Hobart



My parents with me on my Installation at Luther Memorial.

Membership Has Its Privileges! - Becoming a Member at Luther Memorial

Very often people ask me why they should officially join Luther Memorial, after all they can worship here, enjoy fellowship, serve others, and learn about their faith without 'membership.'

Let me offer two answers and an invitation:

Membership is a little bit like saying that you are committed to serving God through the life and ministries of this congregation. You can also serve God in a variety of other ways, but in particular, you are now a part of what we do here. And we do a lot! And here's the beautiful part: You don't have to do it all. This community does it on your behalf and you can join your gifts, talents, abilities, passions, and interests to the ministries here. Pretty awesome, right?

The slightly less exciting, but equally important answer is that it makes you "official." The ELCA cares about how many members we have. Whether our membership is growing or declining speaks in some ways to the health of our congregation. Not definitively, but in some specific ways. And being a member also means you can serve on Council and vote at our annual meeting.

Now for the invitation....Luther Memorial will receive new members on **Sunday, April 27**. Anyone who is interested in becoming a member, (at any time) should speak to or email Pastor Julie. The process is painless...in fact it's joyous! You may be received by transfer of membership, affirmation of faith, or baptism if you've never been baptized.

Stewardship Living

Stewardship Living

There is a song from the sixties that admonishes us to “teach your children well.” And isn’t this every parent’s intent?

Here are some additional ideas for teaching our children about Stewardship. They aren’t bad for tall kids (adults) either!



Teach your kids and remind yourself that we are stewards of our time. Each day we are given a certain number of hours and what we do with those is a response to the gift of them. It’s helpful to avoid language of “wasting time”, after all, what adults consider time ‘wasted’, might actually be time contemplating the life of an insect found, or playing outside.

It can be a good exercise to chart the use of time with our kids, to find balance between homework and play time and video games or other screen time and sleep.

Speaking of sleep, teaching our kids (and reminding ourselves) that sleep is a restorative time for our bodies, minds, and spirits can go a long way toward the battle of bedtime.

- Encourage children to see opportunities to use what they have (time, talents, and treasure) to make their own neighborhoods a little better. Is there someone on your block who would benefit from having their leaves raked in the autumn? Take that project on as a family! Do the neighbors with a new baby need a pick me up? How about some cookies you bake with your children?



Finally, remember that your children, small and tall, will take their cues from the adults in their lives. What their parents and other mentors model will mean far more than their words. Generosity is a learned response to God’s gracious and plentiful generosity shown to us.

LMLC March Worship Attendance:

March 2 **91** March 9 **66** March 16 **65** March 23 **73** March 30 **TBD**

LMLC News and Events

Bishop Unti to Visit Luther Memorial

Kirby Unti, Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, will visit LMLC at our invitation on **Sunday, April 6**. He'll be here during First Sunday Faith Forum at 9 am, to bring us news of what's happening in the synod and to hear from us about what's happening at LMLC. He will also be with us in worship.

Come meet Bishop Unti and welcome him to Luther Memorial!



Spring Forum - Opening Day!

Can't you taste it now....hot dogs, peanuts, cracker jacks, pretzels? Can't you

hear it now....the singing at the seventh inning stretch, the roar of the crowd? It's Opening Day! Not at Safeco Field, but at Luther Memorial's annual Spring Forum!

You DO NOT want to miss this event on **April 13**, immediately following worship! Rumor has it that there are umpires, grounds crews, and vendors, plus a few surprises!

Join your community of faith as we celebrate Opening Day and the mission and ministry of Luther Memorial!



April Confirmation Class Schedule

April 6 - Maple Leaf @ 12:30 pm

April 27 - LMLC @ 12:30 pm

REMEMBER! Worship Notes are due once a month. The form is available online and in the Narthex.

Midweek Lenten Series: Making Change

Change is a constant in our lives. Some changes mark gradual transitions, as when daytime shifts toward twilight or winter turns to spring. Others happen in the blink of an eye, separating time into "before" and "after." We choose to undergo some changes after carefully considering our options, while in other changes we have little or no choice.

In the weeks, days, and hours before Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples also experienced change: a change of venue as the gates of Jerusalem approached; a change of plans as their long-awaited Messiah was arrested and tried; a change of circumstance as the crowds shouted "Crucify!"

Change is hard. We long for the unexpected and familiar, but often find ourselves in the midst of uncertainty and the unknown. Yet, only through change do we find, growth and new life.

In our remaining midweek Lenten series we will consider, from a Biblical perspective these themes:

Week 4: Change of Heart

Week 5: Change of Plans

All are welcome to join us on April 2 and 9, for our two final Lenten Midweek Services. We begin with a Soup Supper at 5:30, with Worship following at 6:15.

LMLC News and Events

Holy Week Schedule at Luther Memorial

Sunday, April 13

Palm Sunday

10 am: Worship - This Sunday we remember Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem as we wave our palm branches and shout Hosanna!

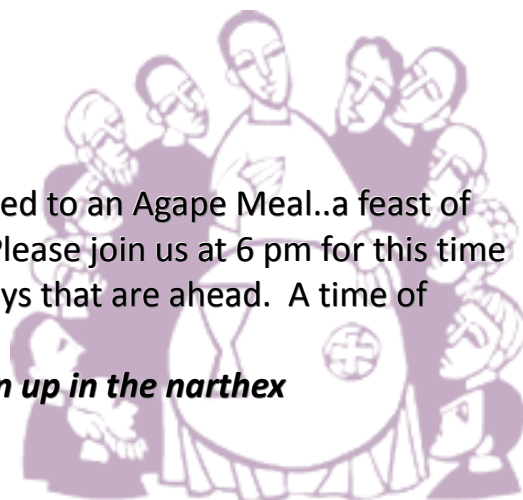


Thursday, April 17

Maundy Thursday

6 pm: Agape Feast and Worship - You are warmly invited to an Agape Meal..a feast of food, fellowship, and love, prepared by your friends. Please join us at 6 pm for this time of food, festivity, and holy preparation for the three days that are ahead. A time of worship will follow the meal.

In order to prepare adequately, please sign up in the narthex for the Agape Feast!



Friday, April 18

Good Friday

Noon - 3 pm: *The Sanctuary will be open for prayer and meditation on our Lord's passion and death.*

7 pm: Worship - Luther Memorial's Choir will present Hal Hopson's *Tenebrae*, a cantata centered around Christ's passion and death.



Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday

8 -9:30 am: Pancake Breakfast and Flowering of the Crosses - A LMLC tradition!

Don't miss the scrumptious pancakes with all of the trimmings! Bring loose flowers from your garden or the store for the traditional flowering of the crosses.

10 am: Festival Easter Worship



LMLC News and Events

A Sunday of Abundant Blessings! - April 27

Make sure to join us on **Sunday, April 27**, for a special Worship service, with *almost* too many blessings to count! We will celebrate and rejoice this first Sunday after Easter by Blessing and Receiving New Members, Blessing the LWR Quilts, and Blessing the Community Giving Garden!

On Sunday, April 27 we will...

Bless and Receive New Members!

On *PJ's Page*, Pastor Julie extended an invitation to any and all that would like to become "official" members of our LMLC Congregation! If you would like to join, please let Pastor Julie know. (For more details, please see page 2 of this newsletter.) We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and a member of the Northwest Washington Synod.

More than that, we are a varied and diverse community of servants in the world. As A Reconciling in Christ Congregation, we celebrate and welcome all people...of every race, ethnic

background, sexual orientation, physical condition, and gender identity. We hope you'll join us, wherever you are along life's journey, to explore and celebrate the gift of life we are given. To learn more about Luther Memorial, please see our website: www.luthermemoralseattle.com.



Bless the Quilts



We welcome this colorful addition to our worship service on April 27, to prepare the quilts our members have made for Lutheran World Relief. Quilts are sent out through LWR, and go to all areas of the globe! Our members who serve in this way give new meaning to the phrase *God's Work. Our Hands*. The quilts will be displayed among the pews, for everyone to participate in the blessing of these gifts before they are packed up and sent off.

Bless the Community Giving Garden

At the conclusion of Worship on April 27, we will bless our *Community Giving Garden*. We offer our garden space free of charge to our neighbors who wish to have a plot to care for. It is a joy to see what grows there each season. The students and parents from Broadview Thomsen K-8 school also delight in walking through the garden path on their way to and from school. This is not an effort to proselytize, we just want to be good neighbors and use our land well.



LMLC News and Events

The Lutheran Church - What Does This Mean?

On **May 4 and June 1**, Pastor Julie will teach a class about the basics of the Lutheran Church during the **9 am First Sunday Faith Forum**. Whether you've been Lutheran your whole life or you're just wondering how our denomination came into being, this class is open to all! Together, we'll ask Luther's favorite questions: *What does this mean?*



VBS with Camp Lutherwood returns to LMLC!

Luther Memorial is pleased to welcome back the traveling staff from Camp Lutherwood for five days of Congregational Day Camp for ages 6-11. We had a GREAT time last year, and we hope to see even more children this year! Day Camp with Lutherwood includes awesome staff, crazy worship, creative Bible Encounters, new friends, fabulous crafts, super team building activities and a week you will not forget! Come join us for a week of fun!



Dates: **August 4-7** Time: **9:30 am -2:30 pm** (lunch is included each day)

Registration: **\$20** (scholarships are available)

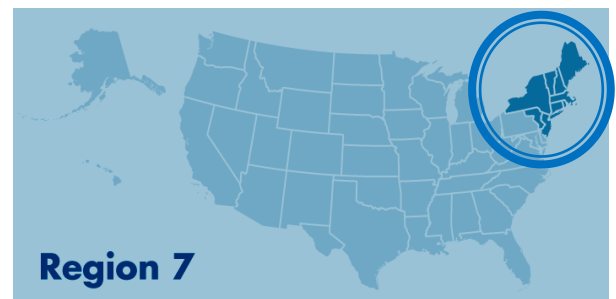
We need YOUR support! First and foremost – pray for the staff of Camp Lutherwood as they prepare and for our leaders at LMLC. Watch for opportunities to serve as volunteers, hosts, and to offer your financial support!



Intern Update



Inge Williams, our 2012-2013 Intern, has received her synodical assignment to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the ELCA. We continue to pray for Inge and for the congregation to which she will be called.



Notes on March Financials-

- The March financial information in the Messenger is incomplete, it does NOT include giving for March 30. In order to publish the Messenger in a timely way, it was necessary to publish partial financial information for March.
- Look for your first quarter giving statements in the mail very soon!
- Complete financial reports for the first quarter will be available at the Spring Forum, after worship on **Sunday, April 13**.

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.

March 2014

Preliminary Financial Picture as of March 23, 2014

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:	Contributions Needed per week :
\$219, 044.64	\$4,212.39

March Contributions Received

March 2	\$10,965.55	March 16	\$2,286.00
March 9	\$6,718.04	March 23	\$2,443.00
		March 30	TBD

Contributions as of 3/23:	Budgeted as of 3/23:	Difference as of 3/23:
\$22,412.59	\$16,849.59	+\$5,563

March Contribution Designations as of 3/23

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Easter Lilies	\$50
Sunday School Special Projects	\$5
ELCA World Hunger	\$40
Memorials	\$25
Room Use	\$260
Income - Other (Office Supply Return)	\$25.55
Greenwood Food Bank	\$10
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$3,171.13
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$2,410
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$16,415
Total March Contributions as of 3/23:	\$22,412.59

LMLC Fundraising

Fundraising Opportunities for Luther Memorial -

Did you know that you can earn money for Luther Memorial just by shopping at Bartell Drugs, Safeway or Fred Meyer? Now you can even help by recycling certain items at church! By signing up for and participating in these programs, you can earn contributions, or have a percentage of your purchases given to Luther Memorial! Please read the info below, and on the following pages for information and materials for registering for each program. Packets including hard copies of all the information can be found on the table outside the LMLC office. If you have questions, please contact us at office@luthermemoralseattle.com, or check out the eScrip or Fred Meyer sites. We appreciate all of you that have already signed up and helped contribute so far, and hope to get many more soon!

Thanks for helping to contribute to Luther Memorial!

For the Fred Meyer's Rewards Card, you will need to register your Fred Meyer Reward's number through their website (www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards), please see the next page for directions. It takes just a few minutes, and then when you shop, you will help earn contributions for Luther Memorial.

For the eScrip Recycling Program, Luther Memorial is now part of the nationwide **eScrip Recycling Program!** What does this mean? We will earn funds for recycling: **Inkjet or laser printer cartridges, cell phones, laptops, GPS devices, iPods, and digital cameras.** We'll earn money if the items are on the list, but even if they're not they will be recycled responsibly. The eScrip Recycling center is ISO 14001 certified.

For the Bartell 'B' Caring Card, you will need to go to your local Bartell Drugs store with the completed form to get your card. A blank form with our group information is on page 11, and can also be found on the table outside the office.

For the Safeway Club Card Rewards Program, there are two options to register. Either go online to the eScrip website (www.escrip.com), and register your card number. Or, you can fill out the info on page 12 and return it to the office, so we can do it for you! There is also a sign-up sheet available on the table outside the office.

LMLC Fundraising



**YOU CAN HELP LUTHER MEMORIAL
EARN DONATIONS JUST BY SHOPPING
WITH YOUR
FRED MEYER REWARDS CARD!**

Fred Meyer is donating \$2.5 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Luther Memorial at: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.
- **You can search for us by our name: Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, or by our non-profit number: 92993**
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Luther Memorial earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.



We are collecting items at this location:

At Luther Memorial, see the collection box on the table in front of the Church Office!
For more info, please email office@luthermemoralseattle.com, or call during office hours (M-F; 9-2) at 206-364-2510.

Thank you for helping Luther Memorial!

We are part of a nationwide program where we earn money when we recycle empty inkjet and laser printer cartridges, used cell phones, digital cameras, laptops, GPS devices, and MP3 players.



LMLC Fundraising

To register, please fill out and bring to a cashier at any Bartell Drugs Store!



ATTENTION CASHIER
Card number must be affixed here

'B' Caring Card Registration

To Start Earning for Luther Memorial Church - Group # 163943177
Group Name

Visit Bartell Drugs to Pick Up a 'B' Caring Card
and Complete this Form.



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

Complete the following

Please print clearly. All fields below are required to register with eScrip.

Name: _____

Email: _____

➡ Email required to confirm your participation

Mailing Address: _____

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.

LMLC Fundraising

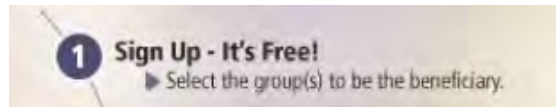


Safeway Club Card eScrip Registration

How to Sign Up

Online:

- Go to: www.eScrip.com
- Click on **"1-Sign Up"**
- Enter your information and Club Card number



OR

Have the Luther Memorial office sign you up!

- **Fill out the form below and return to LMLC** by mail, or put in the Office Administrator's box when you are at church.

How to earn contributions for LMLC

At Safeway, pay any way you choose, except one...

Effective November 2013, you may earn from Safeway using any form of payment **EXCEPT** credit cards. See website for details: www.escrip.com/

I would like LMLC to register my Safeway Club Card for the eScrip program:

Name:

Email:

Safeway Club Card Number (can be found on the card or receipts):

Phone number linked to your Safeway Club Card:

Community News

Our Broadview Neighborhood News from Broadview Community Council Blog www.broadviewseattle.org/

SPU Presented Options to Prevent Sewage Overflows at March 18 BCC Meeting

On Tuesday evening at the March 18 Broadview Community Council (BCC) meeting a full house crowd heard Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) describe the three options identified to help resolve sewage overflows in West Broadview (12th Ave. NW basin). After a presentation of the options there was a period of questions and comments from the audience. SPU requested comments on preferences for the options, and there was a range of views expressed by members of the audience.



SPU will next develop options for surface water drainage in West Broadview, and present them at a public meeting in late spring or early summer. By the end of the year SPU will make a decision on options to implement in West Broadview, and develop options for the East Broadview (Dayton Avenue) area.

Thanks to the many members of the public who joined the BCC or renewed their membership at the meeting. The modest membership dues go to support this BCC website, and meeting expenses.

Help Seattle Protect our Community from Hazards

As we've seen in our region and nationally, disasters can and do happen to us. Now is the time to let City officials know your thoughts!

Are you more concerned about a major earthquake or a winter storm? A tsunami or local flooding? A nuclear reactor meltdown or a traffic accident where hazardous materials are released? All of the above? In the Pacific Northwest, we face 18 different hazards both natural and man-made. The City is responsible for developing a plan to reduce risks, but needs help to develop a process that allows us to work together to reduce the impact and keep ourselves and our property safe. We need your help to create a plan that takes into account all of our needs and resources.

It is through our Hazard Mitigation Plan that we outline how we will reduce our vulnerability to the impacts of these disasters. This could include things like:

- Stabilizing slopes to prevent landslides.
- Evaluating buildings and strengthening them to allow them to withstand earthquakes.
- Identifying areas in the city that flood during heavy rains and improve drainage.
- Teaching families and neighborhoods how to protect their homes and families from the impacts of disaster.

The existing plan is being updated as part of the City's emergency management program. For info or to review Seattle's existing plan visit: www.seattle.gov/emergency/prepare/mitigation.

Faith and Everyday Life

Provided by Lutheran Counseling Network

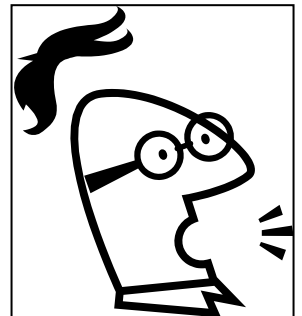
In anticipation of our 33rd Anniversary in 2014 and in our ongoing role as a social ministry organization in the ELCA, we also would like to remind you of our website www.lutherancounseling.net. On it, you will find information about LCN, our staff, locations, means of contact, etc. Here you will also find past articles of Faith and Every Day Life going back to 2007. It is also our hope that this will be another way for you to conveniently direct people to us so as best to access the services they may need.

Faith and Everyday Life

April 2014

Are you *Serious*? ...You must be joking

But we know already when we say, “Are you *serious*?” what the answer is. What we are really saying is that you are telling me about something that is very *serious* and I don’t want to believe it. The term for this is denial.



Our bodies have a limited tolerance for *serious*. We expel the unwanted information and then take it in at a pace we can manage. It is like there is an internal trampoline that the information hits and bounces out at light speed. Then there is a filtration system with a very fine sieve. And so the absorption is slow. The truth sets in and we slowly feel the feelings as the numbness wears off.

It is a gift of grace that we have such a regulatory mechanism. How overwhelmed we would get without it. The denial is *serious* also. It is determined to protect us. It slows everything down and then goes looking for emotional resources that will allow us to cope with the news.

God is *serious* about preserving these creations called humans. God is *serious* about protecting us from the consequences of sin and brokenness. Not completely, of course. We can’t keep it at arm’s length indefinitely. We must absorb the reality of the impact of the griefs and losses that are an inevitable part of life. But they are not ultimate. God’s Word of Grace is that these losses are not the last word about our experience of life.

The Final word is God’s comfort, love and protection. *Seriously!*

Synod and ELCA News

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Always
being made
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

The Journey That Leads to Easter

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



The call came from the Patient's Advocacy Office at the Medical Center. A family I had never met before was requesting a visit from a Lutheran pastor to a young mother who, during a routine hysterectomy developed complications which placed her in a coma.

The Patient Advocate explained to me that it was a very sad situation surrounded with great uncertainty. I walked out the door feeling helpless. I prayed as I drove to the hospital that I

might be able to be a person of grace for this family. Kathy was the mother of two young children. Her mother and husband introduced themselves to me when I entered the room. It was obvious they were frightened, their faces wearing the stains of their tears. Kathy lay in the bed surrounded by all the paraphernalia of an ICU room. My heart broke for them as they shared what little they knew. They asked if I would pray for Kathy which I did.

Over the next weeks I visited on a regular basis talking to Kathy as if she were able to hear and comprehend my words. I met her beautiful children and tried to support her husband and parents. It was an endurance contest for them and their hope was fading as alternative arrangements were being spoken about. One evening I dropped by the hospital. There was no family in the room when I entered.

I barely made my way in when Kathy said to me through her impaired speech, "Hi Pastor Kirby, I am so glad you are here." I was stunned. How did she know it was me? How did she know my name? Remember, we had never met before. I don't even remember what we spoke about. What I do remember is driving home in almost trance like state. Kim was taking a sewing class at the local fabric store. I had to tell her. I walked into the classroom and just blurted out, "Kathy woke up!" The class must have thought I was going off the deep end.

Kathy struggled mightily in the weeks and years to come to regain some sense of her life as her brain tried to rewire itself. She had to learn how to do everything new again. The people of St. Matthew's will never forget the day she walked on her own, haltingly to the communion rail. Her marriage would end but her two children would see their way through confirmation. Her mother and other extended family became part of the faith community. We all were amazed at Kathy's resolve in spite of the never ending challenges she faced.

Fast forward 25 years and Kathy's kids have grown up and she has remarried. Life continues to provide her with many challenges all which she seems to take in stride. Kathy's story for me is a reminder of why Lent invites us to practice the discipline of appearing before God daily, confessing our helplessness never too sure if God is aware of our presence or not. In fact "not knowing" is for me a major part of my Christian journey. Yet I continue to seek trusting that my Easter Days will come when God will speak my name, "Hi Kirby, I am so glad you are here."

NW Washington Synod of the ELCA -- 2014 Synod Assembly -- May 16 & 17

Edward D. Hansen Conference Center, Comcast Arena, Everett

Online Registration Open Now ... Registration Deadline May 1

www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014

Synod and ELCA News

Get Ready to Serve!

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday

is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America — one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. On Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014, ELCA congregations will gather once again to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people.

As part of the ELCA’s 25th anniversary in 2013, the first-ever “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday provided ELCA members of all ages an opportunity to live out their faith in service to others. As a church that believes God is calling us into the world together, our congregations shared Jesus’ love with their neighbors and communities through a multitude of service projects.

The response from our members was moving and inspiring. Stories and images were shared about the impact the day of service had among congregations and their communities.

Was your congregation able to participate last year? We would love to hear from you! To share your stories, ideas and expertise, touch base with Susan in the synod office.

Please help spread the word about “God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday, Sept. 7, 2014. To assist you, information and resources will be available on www.ELCA.org. Download a toolkit which includes ideas for service projects, discussion questions, a checklist and tips for how to publicize your congregation’s activities with your local news media. You can also find bulletin inserts and flyers, designed to help your congregation plan their day of service. T-shirts will once again be available from Old Lutheran to help increase the visual impact across the ELCA.

What could we do?

First, take a walk around the neighborhood in which your congregation is located. Ask the neighbors closest to the church what they think would be helpful. Contact local schools, parks, retirement homes, and service agencies and find out what projects they may have available.



Consider the many talents and skills in your congregation. God has given you much to share!

Build a planning team that includes all ages.

Brainstorm additional ideas on how best to show God’s love through your hands in your neighborhood.

Here is the beginning of a brainstorm list. May it ignite some ideas for your congregation as you plan!

Yard, trail, park or school clean up

Put together “Soup Kits” for a local food bank

Sponsor a game day at a local senior center

Offer a free concert and lunch for the community

Put together “Homeless Helper Kits” (sealable plastic bag with trail mix, jerky, dried fruit, toiletry supplies, gift certificate for a meal, etc.)

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April Worship

Happy April Birthdays!

7 Heidi Gough	13 Bob Johnson	18 Bruce Long	29 Ellen Erickson Pat Yeager
9 Taliyah McElroy Bob Johnson	15 Joshua Lingappaiah	19 Ray Goble	30 Paul Allen Darlene Anderson
	16 Mason Culmer	24 Lorraine Molzahn	

Luther Memorial Easter Lily Donations

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Easter Lilies can be given in memory or in honor of someone special to you. The cost is \$10; please make checks payable to LMLC with *Easter Lily* in the memo line, cash can be put in an envelope similarly marked, or contributions can be made online through our website: www.luthermemoralseattle.com/onlinegiving - please note it as a dedication where indicated on the site. Cash or Check Donations may be placed in the offering plate, or mailed to the church office. Please include this dedication form with your donation.

The last day to make a donation will be Sunday, April 13.

All lilies will be placed in the Sanctuary for Easter morning Sunday, April 20.

I wish to donate ___ lilies at \$10 each.

Your name:

In memory of

honor of:

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April Worship

Lectionary Readings

April 6 Lent 5	April 13 Palm Sunday	April 20 Easter Sunday	April 27 Easter 2
Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalms 130	Psalms 31:9-16	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Psalms 16
Romans 8:6-11	Philippians 2:5-11	Colossians 3:1-4	1 Peter 1:3-9
John 11:1-45	Matthew 26:14-27:66	John 20:1-18	John 20:19-31

Worship Leaders

	4/6	Palm Sunday 4/13	Easter Sunday 4/20	4/27
Assisting Minister	Gordon Trombley	Katy Sarff	Steve Olson	Paul Olsen
Lector	Elaine Hardin	Kathy Nelson	Audrey Long	Karen Olsen
Acolytes	Payton Johnson Jackson Terhark	Steve Olson	Kyle Gough	Sandy Jamieson
Communion & Altar Care	Shirley Yandl, Marlys Carlson, and Sharon Howell			
Greeters and Ushers	Lollie Ellingson Steve Olson	Gordon Trombley Bjorg Hanson	Laurie Meade Bill Meade	Diane Chapman Donna Smith
Song Leaders	Heidi Gough	Paul Olsen	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Kris Johansson
Children's Time	Heidi Gough	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough
Nursery Care	Kaci Bendickson			
Musicians	Lennon Aldort		Jim Rice Ron Barrow	Jerry Zimmerman
Crucifer	Steve Olson		Gordon Trombley	
Communion Assistants			Gordon Trombley Karen Olsen Vicki Cook	
Flowered Cross Bearers			Laurie Meade Sharon Howell Diane Chapman	
Banner Bearers			Don Bannister Ethan Bannister	

Good Friday - 4/18		
Acolyte and Crucifer	Greeters and Ushers	Musician
Gordon Trombley	Steve Olson and Donna Smith	Jerry Zimmerman

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Missing a Sunday this month?</i> We now have Online Giving through our website: www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving</p>		<p>1 7 Early Ford V8 Club</p>	<p>2 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper and Worship 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 7 Not One More</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 First Sunday Faith Forum, Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <i>Facilities and Maintenance Exterior Work Party</i> 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</p>	<p>7 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></p>	<p>8 6 LMLC Council</p>	<p>9 9 Retired Firefighters 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 5:30 Lenten Soup Supper and Worship 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>10 6:30 Youth Justice 7 Broadview Community Garden Club</p>	<p>11 6 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>12 3 Norwegian Ladies' Chorus Concert</p>
<p>13 <i>Passion/Palm Sunday</i> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 LMLC Opening Day! Spring Forum 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church 3:30 Lilla Spelmanslag Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 1:30 Book Brigade 7 Broadview Block Watch</p>	<p>15 6 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>16 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>17 <i>Maundy Thursday</i> 6 <i>Agape Feast and Worship</i> 6:30 Youth Justice</p>	<p>18 <i>Good Friday</i> 12-3 Sanctuary Open for Intentional Prayer 7 Good Friday Worship 7 Not One More</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <i>Easter Sunday</i> 8-9:30 Easter Pancake Breakfast and Flowering of the Easter Crosses 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 10 Festival Easter Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</p>	<p>21 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> <i>LMLC Office Closed</i></p>	<p>22 6 Cub Scouts</p>	<p>23 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 12 Levenson Reception</p>
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