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## Messenger

May 2014

*Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community*

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**Thank you to all that celebrated Easter with us this year!**



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

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## PJ's Page

***"I watch what I do to see what I really believe."***

***~Sister Helen Prejean***

I came across this quote recently and it has stayed in my mind and spirit ever since. Sister Helen Prejean's work with inmates on death row is the subject of the book (and later the movie) "Dead Man Walking." But what draws me into this quote is the way that she moved from belief to putting feet to her faith. She said "I changed from being a nun who only prayed for the suffering world to a nun with my sleeves rolled up, living my prayer." Sister Helen moved from her comfortable life as a teacher of middle class children to the violence ridden, poverty stricken housing projects of New Orleans, where she served as she understood the call of Christ.

Specifically, I wondered to myself: *When people watch what I do, or when I watch what I do, do we see Jesus?*

And then I asked the question of us as a congregation: *When people watch what we do, or when we watch what we do, do we see Jesus?*

What would it mean to live our prayer? Every Sunday we pray for a variety of people and situations. We pray for the sick and lonely and the homeless. We pray for places where violence seems to reign. What would it mean if, like Sister Helen, we rolled up our sleeves and began to live our prayer?

I don't have every answer to these questions, but I have some ideas and I'll bet you do too.

In these days as we imagine and envision what God is calling us to do in response to the Gospel and in view of our mission statement, I

would welcome and value the chance to sit together around a table with a beverage or a snack and just talk. Talk about how you see this congregation rolling up its sleeves. Talk about what makes your heart sing. Talk about what makes you nervous. (The last two may or may not be mutually exclusive!)

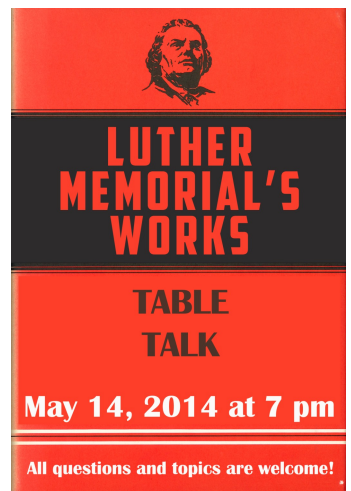
To that end, I invite you to join me for Table Talk...a term applied to Martin Luther's famous gatherings of seminarians who lived with Martin and Katarina in Wittenberg, Germany. Luther wanted to know what they were thinking about how the Church was changing...and boy was it changing! He wanted them to wrestle together and depart arm in arm, beloved friends in Christ.

And because our focus will be outward, it's my hope that we'll have occasion to meet outside of the church building, at least on from time to time. To be the Church out in the neighborhood, meeting our neighbors, maybe even asking them to join us.

Table Talk....once a month or so. Let's start on Wednesday evening, May 14<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm. To kick things off, we'll meet at the church – on the patio if it's a nice evening or in the narthex if it's chilly or rainy or both. No specific agenda – all questions and topics welcome. Table Talk.

I hope to see you at the table!

*Pastor Bill Hubert*



A vertical poster with a red background. At the top is a small portrait of Martin Luther. Below it, the text "LUTHER MEMORIAL'S WORKS" is written in large, bold, white letters. Underneath that, "TABLE TALK" is written in smaller, bold, white letters. At the bottom, "May 14, 2014 at 7 pm" is written in white. A thin white line separates the date from the bottom-most text, "All questions and topics are welcome!", which is also in white.

# Stewardship Living

## Stewardship Living

While preparing to write this column, I came across this quote:

***“When you realize the extent to which you have been gifted, you suddenly discover the reason behind it all: giving.”***

There are multiple ways this is true and many opportunities to embrace this in our own lives and in our life together as a community of faith.

Here’s what I invite you to do, right now.

Grab a piece of paper (anything will do) and something to write with. Identify 3 things with which you have been gifted. They might be talents or skills or material possessions. Got them? What have you named?

Now give thanks for them, for they are indeed gifts to you from the One who created you. Know that I give thanks for these gifts in your life, too.

- Next, begin to envision how you might give of yourself through those very gifts. If you are a carpenter, could you help build or refurbish a home for someone in need? If you are a singer could you sing at the nursing home or in the choir? If you are able to read and do second grade math, could you tutor a struggling student at school? (Broadview-Thomsen welcomes volunteers).

Now, let’s think in this way about Luther Memorial and our ministry and mission. Can you name three things this community of faith has been gifted with? How might we give back out of the abundance of what God has given to us? Dream! Anything is possible.

Finally, my invitation to you is to share those thoughts, especially as they pertain to the congregation, with one another and with your leadership (Council members) and with me, your pastor. Send them to me/us in an email...we’ll share them as we envision how and where God is calling us.

Consider these words again:

***“When you realize the extent to which you have been gifted, you suddenly discover the reason behind it all: giving.”***

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# LMLC News and Events

## Lutheran 101 - First Sunday Faith Forum

Want to know more about the Lutheran Church? Curious about Martin Luther and why he was so cranky AND so reforming? Ever wonder what we believe about communing babies or bullies? Do you want to know what the Diet of Worms is all about? (Hint: you probably won't lose any weight). Come join Pastor Julie in the Fireside Room on May 4 and June 1 for Lutheran 101.



Whether it's your first time wading in the Lutheran waters or it's a refresher, it's sure to be an enlightening and enlivening time together!

## Welcome New Members!!

On April 27th, we celebrated our Abundant Blessings, as we blessed quilts for Lutheran World Relief, blessed the Giving Garden, and welcomed our new members! We are blessed indeed! At this writing, we are pleased to welcome Stephanie and Maya Bloom, Kris Goble, Claralou Hinderliter, Mary Hinderliter, Eric Zoeckler, Craig Johnson, and Thomas, Carolyn, and Grace Baker.

## From Bishop Unti...

*Dear Luther Memorial,*

*Thanks so much for the warm welcome, meaningful worship and good conversation last Sunday. It was wonderful to meet so many of you. Your congregation is a loving and committed place. Thanks too for the nice gifts! I am a cookbook collector!*

*- Kim and Kirby Unti*

## Thursday Evening Bible Study Resumes

Beginning May 8th, we'll resume our Thursday evening Bible study series. This time we'll study the Gospel of Mark, the first of the four Gospels to be written. Come check it out and you'll get bonus points on the first night if you know what Mark's "theme word" is! (Ok, there aren't ACTUALLY bonus points, but don't you want to know??)

***We'll meet at 7 pm in Pastor Julie's Office.***

## Adopt - a - pot

LMLC has a few planter pots available for you to "adopt" and make beautiful. If you would like to do this in memory or honor of someone, we will print that dedication in the Messenger and Sunday Bulletin insert, and on the pot itself! Please let Vicki Cook know if you are interested.



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**May Confirmation Class Schedule**

**May 4 - Bethany Lutheran @ 12:30 pm**

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

# LMLC News and Events

## An Invitation from your Church Council

As your council continues to envision what God is calling us to, your Church Council invites you to hear a



Creative Solutions for Housing Affordability

presentation about the ministry of Bellwether Housing, one of the developers of affordable housing with whom we are engaging in conversation (see Steve Olson's article elsewhere in this Messenger). Join us at 7 pm on May 13, for an hour together. (If you'd like to know more about their mission, visit their website at [www.bellwetherhousing.org](http://www.bellwetherhousing.org) or on Facebook at Bellwether Housing.

## Rev. Michael Zacher to visit Luther Memorial



The Rev. Michael Zacher, former intern at Luther Memorial will be visiting Seattle on May 18 and worshipping at Luther Memorial. He now serves at Luther Seminary in the Seminary Relations Office. Pastor Julie has invited him to preach from his internship pulpit and he accepted with delight, saying *"I would be honored to bring the message on the 18th. LMLC was a good teaching congregation."* Please plan to be present on May 18 to welcome Pastor Zacher back to Luther Memorial!

## Thrivent Choice Dollars

From LMLC's Thrivent Liaison, Norman Swenson - Each year Thrivent Financial provides many millions of dollars through its "Choice Program" to help congregations and other nonprofit organizations.

Eligible Thrivent members are allocated Choice Dollars, based on insurance premiums and contract values. These Choice Dollars can be directed to thousands of nonprofit organizations, including local congregations. Each year Luther Memorial receives many very helpful dollars as directed by our Thrivent members.

To be eligible to participate, you must be a benefit member age 16 or older. Individual eligibility is also based on:

- Having \$800 or more in annual premiums of qualifying insurance products, or
- Having \$20,000 or more in contract value of qualifying products.

Member eligibility is determined monthly and the eligibility requirements are re-evaluated on an annual basis. If you are not sure of your eligibility for this year, log in to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) to view your eligibility and to allocate your Choice Dollars. Also you may call Thrivent at 800-847-4836.

*Don't let your Choice Dollars expire. Our continuing ministry in our neighborhood needs them.*

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## LMLC April Worship Attendance:

April 6 **67**

April 13 **76**

April 20 **144**

April 27 **70**

## LMLC News and Events

### **A Reflection from Steve Olson, LMLC Council President -**

*Steve shared the reflection below with the congregation at the Spring Forum on April 13, 2014.*

About 50 years ago, right where I park my car on Sunday mornings there was a house. Before we built this education wing, before this very room was erected, there was a house. I'm not talking about the Parish House. I'm talking about the parsonage that stood right out there. It was the home of Pastor McCullough, and Becky, Michael, and Shannon. It was there until the mission of this church, responding to the needs of its community changed. The house as I recall was "recycled", a term not much in vogue in those days. But it was picked up whole and moved to another location in this neighborhood. Then, out of our abundance, and responding to God's call to serve this community we built this space.

Here we are, 50 years later and we are still growing and still very much responding to needs in our community and we ask ourselves; how do we utilize the abundance we have for the mission of God's Church? Imagine retilling that ground out there and putting up a place for people to live in. Imagine that and then marvel with me at the crazy, irrational at times, but always exciting ways that God meets us and then engages us in His plan for Creation.

Now my math is off slightly, not surprising to be sure, I was a History major for a reason. It has probably been 50 plus years since the addition was completed. But it is right around 50, because I'm well over 50 and I remember that house. 50. We don't have to think too hard to appreciate the significance of the number 50 for God's people. It is the year of Jubilee, a time to reboot and reset the world to realign with God's easy plan. It is a time of significant change and liberation. Things that we cling to and that cling to us are discarded or recycled and we look with new eyes and refreshed spirit at God's world.

Together as a community we have spent the season of Lent, looking at change. We become aware that we may be asked to change. We have learned that we should face the challenge of change with an open heart. We have been assured that God, who calls us to change, will both lead and journey with us through change.

Your leadership has been praying, discussing, and discerning how God might be leading us to continue to share the Good News. We believe strongly that our gaze is turned outward, but that much of our response lies right here under our feet. We have begun to look at the abundance of that paved over piece of land and we believe that God is asking us to consider how we might use that in service to our community. That is one thing that hasn't changed, that we are charged to do mission in our community. So we look out there and we ask, how is God calling us to serve? How is God awakening us to Jubilee in our midst? And I can't help but recall a Joni Mitchell song. Only instead of paving paradise and putting up a parking lot, we unpave and utilize the parking lot for the Kingdom. Perhaps a home will rise there again or perhaps several homes for people desperate for a place to call home. And isn't that what paradise is? Home?



# LMLC News and Events

## 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!



## Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry Presents

### The State of the Church with Diana Butler Bass

May 5, 6:30-8:30 pm at Seattle First Baptist Church, a presentation with Diana Butler Bass entitled “Tinkering with the Future of the Church.” Diana will speak about the future of congregations participating in their own renewal – in this region and the country.

***Pastor Julie currently has 3 remaining tickets for this event. We can carpool up to Capitol Hill from LMLC. If you would like to go, please let her know (pastor@luthermemoralseattle.com). First come, first served!***

May 6, 8:30am-3:30pm, SU Student Center 160, Diana will be leading a workshop on the future of Christianity in this region.

**Diana Butler Bass** is a historian focusing on the history of Christianity and a leading voice in progressive Christianity. Bass is currently an independent scholar who writes broadly on American religion and culture. She is the author of eight books, three of which have won research or writing awards. She earned a Ph.D. in religious studies from Duke University in 1991 with an emphasis on American church history. While at Duke she studied under George Marsden. From 1995–2000, she wrote a weekly column on religion and culture for the New York Times Syndicate that appeared in more than seventy newspapers nationwide and has since become a popular commentator on American religion for other media outlets. Currently, she is a blogger for the God’s Politics blog with Jim Wallis at Beliefnet, as well as On Faith and The Huffington Post. She is associated with Sojourners, and the Red-Letter Christian movement.



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# LMLC News and Events

## Thank you!

Thank you to all the helped with setting up and decorating, shopping, cooking, flipping pancakes and serving Easter breakfast this year! It was a great success!!

## Synod Assembly - Joining God's Parade



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

The NW Washington synod will meet in assembly on May 16 & 17 in Everett. This year's theme is "Joining God's Parade." Our lay voting members are Laurie and Bill Meade and Pastor

Julie is our clergy voting member. Please keep our sisters and brothers from the synod in your prayers as they gather.

## UW Campus Ministry Preview Night

Date: Friday, 05/30/2014

Location: UW Covenant House - 4525 19th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98105

UW Campus Ministry Preview Night!

Lutheran Campus Ministry wants to connect with potential students. On Friday, May 30 at 7:00 pm, LCM @ UW is hosting a campus ministry preview night, open to all high school students. We want students to get a little taste of campus ministry, connect with current students, and spend a little time exploring the UW campus and all it has to offer.

We will eat together, do a small worship service, and explore campus with a scavenger hunt (adventure and prizes)! For more information or to RSVP, email Elizabeth at [uwlutherans@gmail.com](mailto:uwlutherans@gmail.com).



On Maundy Thursday, April 17, LMLC had our 2nd Agape (Love) Feast! Thank you to all that joined us for this evening of amazing fellowship, food, and faith.

A very special thank you to Gordon Trombley, Leanne Hanley, and Karen Olsen for all their hard work preparing the wonderful meal! (Yes, that was an ice cream filled orange for dessert!)



# Community News



## Broadview Garden Club Plant Sale

Date: Saturday, May 3rd

Time: 10 – 3

Where: Broadview-Thomson School

Address: 13052 Greenwood Avenue North

Selection includes: Perennials, annuals, vegetables, native plants and much more. Experienced gardeners on hand to answer your gardening questions and make planting suggestions.

Our funds support: Bitter Lake P-Patch, Dunn Garden, Domestic Violence Shelter and Broadview Community Outreach Education on Sustainability. Because we believe in the value of early education in gardening, we also support gardening programs at Broadview Thomson and Viewlands Elementary schools.



If you are interested in learning better gardening practices and would like to meet other similar minded gardeners in Broadview join our Garden club.

*Organized in September 1951 and remains active in the Broadview Community.*

*Our mission "is to save and defend from waste our natural resources."*

## *Financial Picture*

### Notes on April Financials-

- We continue to operate slightly below projected expenses while receiving just at or slightly above projected income. We are grateful for the giving of this congregation and the Stewardship Committee encourages everyone to continue to give in response to what we have been given.
- First quarter statements went out last month. If you have questions about your pledge or your giving, please contact Donna Smith, the Financial Secretary of the congregation, or Karen Olsen, the Treasurer of the congregation.
- A reminder that a portion of our income comes from Gifts Other than Offerings and Tithes (see April Contribution Designations.) These gifts are income from room use and facilities use as well as other special contributions. Your Church Council continues to look for ways to identify and utilize alternate streams of income for Luther Memorial, in order to insure the continuation of our ministries and mission.

### **First Quarter 2014 Contribution Summary January 1-March 31**

<b>LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:</b>	<b>\$219, 044.64</b>
<b>Contributions Needed per Quarter:</b>	<b>\$54,761.16</b>
<b>First Quarter Total Contributions Received:</b>	<b>\$61,021.81</b>
<b>First Quarter Difference:</b>	<b>+\$6,260.65</b>

### First Quarter Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Easter Lilies	\$150.00
Greenwood Food Bank	\$30.00
Helping Hands	\$50.00
Lenten Meals/Feasts	\$239.00
ELCA World Hunger	\$220.00
Sunday School - Special Projects	\$33.00
Memorials	\$855.00
Room Use	\$1448.00
Youth	\$30.00
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$7,524.19
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$12,170.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$38,291.07
<b>Total First Quarter Contributions:</b>	<b>\$61,021.81</b>

# 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.

## April 2014

### Preliminary Financial Picture

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

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

#### April Contributions Received

<b>April 6</b>	<b>\$11,070.25</b>	<b>April 13</b>	<b>\$2,914.41</b>
<b>April 20</b>	<b>\$6,880.00</b>	<b>April 27</b>	<b>\$2,706.00</b>

<b>April Contributions:</b>	<b>April Budgeted:</b>	<b>Difference:</b>
<b>\$23,570.66</b>	<b>\$16,849.59</b>	<b>+\$6,721.07</b>

#### April Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Easter Lilies	\$230.00
Lenten Meals/Feasts	\$239.00
ELCA World Hunger	\$40.00
Memorials	\$500.00
Room Use	\$375.00
Youth	\$65.50
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$6,606.75
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$4,533.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$10,981.41
<b>Total April Contributions:</b>	<b>\$ 23,570.66</b>

## Easter Lily Designations

Easter Lilies were given by members of the LMLC congregation and community in honor or memory of loved ones. The lilies helped decorate our Sanctuary on Easter morning.

Name not given	In memory of Virginia Anderson
Ruth and Amy Bartling	In memory of Paul
Laurine Booth	In memory of Chuck Booth
Bob and Marlys Carlson	In honor of our children
Vioki Cook	In memory of Gail and Kitty Peck
	In memory of Marge Anderson Peck
Chris, Krissy, Mason and MacKenzie Culmer	In memory of Doug Howell
Laurine Gibbs	In memory of Henry and Gladys Gibbs
Elaine Hardin	In memory of Gene Hardin
	In memory of Leonard and Aila Fick
Mary Hinderliter	In memory of Celia Helm
Claralou Hinderliter	In memory of Celia Helm
Sharon Howell	In memory of Doug Howell
Gladys Huebner	In memory of Robert and Eula Juilfs
	In memory of Helen Stohr
Rev. Julie G. Hutson	In honor of the people of Luther Memorial!
Bill and Joan Kuklenski and Family	In memory of Otto and Irma Bachman <i>"Together again...Happy, Happy, Happy."</i>
Family of Irma Bachman	In memory of Otto and Irma Bachman <i>"Together again...Happy, Happy, Happy."</i>

## Easter Lily Designations

Colleen and Raj  
Lingappaiah

In honor of our children, Joshua and Daniel  
In honor of our Mothers, Donna and Becky  
In memory of our Fathers, Tom and Giri

Ede Martinez

In honor of Dorothy Bergquist  
In memory of John Williams and Rory Bergquist

Julie Moe and  
Janice Sherlock

In memory of Eunice Moe  
In memory of Jordan Moe

Lorraine Molzahn

In memory of Elmer Molzahn

Beverly Mueller

In memory of my husband Leo

Karen and Paul Olsen

In honor of Lily Tiglao  
In memory of Donald and Mildred Walley  
In memory of Robert and Josephine Olsen

Nancy Sandbloom

In memory of Ed Sandbloom

Katy and Mike Sarff

In memory of Katy's father Danny Penland  
In memory of Mike's grandmother, Mildred Sarff.

Rolf and Marge Skrinde

In memory of Martha and Wilhelm Martin  
In memory of Annie and Rolf Skrinde

Donna Smith

In memory of my husband Tom Smith  
In honor of my daughters and their families

Laura Steinmetz and Chuck  
Fleury

In honor of Yvonne Steinmetz  
In honor of Bud and Carol Fleury  
In memory of Robert Steinmetz

Stever Family

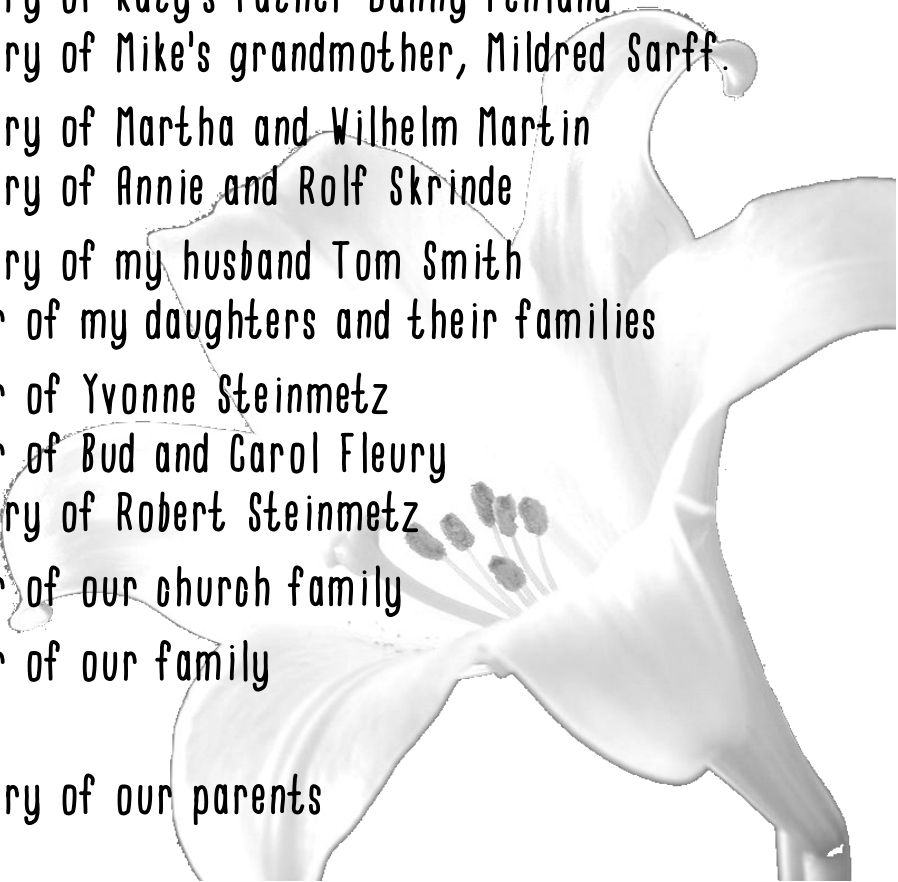
In honor of our church family

Norman and Phyllis  
Swenson

In honor of our family

Shirley and Andre Yandl

In memory of our parents



# ELCA Prayer Ventures



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

*Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

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

## **1 Philip and James, Apostles**

Pray for the ELCA synods and their voting members who have synod assemblies this month that their work will be guided by the Holy Spirit and that their decisions will reflect the glory of God.

**2** Lift up in your prayers ELCA congregations that have made a special effort to open unused, or under-used, space in their buildings for the benefit of their neighbors — such as the La Casita ministry of Trinity Lutheran in Brooklyn, NY, which has turned an unused parsonage into a multi-use community space.

**3** Pray for the efforts within this church, such as the Companeros de Camino ministry of the South Dakota Synod, to help the children of immigrants who have grown up in the United States and desire to attend college.

## **4 Third Sunday of Easter**

Dear God, just as you reveled yourself to the disciples in Emmaus, open our hearts and our minds so that we may recognize you; so that we may proclaim to the world that we too have seen the risen Lord.

**5** Lift up in your prayers the Rev. Elisabeth Johnson, an ELCA missionary in Cameroon, and her work in theological education.

**6** Pray that as individuals and as a church we will listen to God in our prayer conversations and that we will heed that divine voice as we listen to and interact with others.

**7** Give thanks for the digital technologies available today that allow our congregations and members to connect efficiently and pursue God's work in wondrous new ways.

## **8 Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church**

Give thanks for the people behind the scenes in your daily life and in the life of this church. Give thanks for those who make your life easier and better and for those who make it possible for this church to go about God's work.

**9** Pray for the pastors of the ELCA that, as they minister to the spiritual needs of others, they will care for and nurture their own spiritual health and growth.

**10** Lift up in your prayers the six young people spending a year in Jerusalem and the West Bank as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program and pray for God's guidance as they walk in accompaniment with those who deal daily with the effects of political divisions.

## **11 Fourth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)**

Loving God, we lift up in prayer on this Mother's Day all those who nurture others. Give them strength, hope and inspiration. We especially ask your blessings for those caregivers who are tending to the needs of children with malaria; in the name of Jesus our risen Lord. Amen.

**12** Pray for the ELCA's new ALT Year (Abundant Life Together) program for young adults, which has a pilot site this year in Toledo, Ohio, and fills what normally would be a year of school with community, discipleship and education.

**13** Pray for ELCA missionary Karen Anderson and her work in Chile with Educación Popular en Salud, which was founded in 1982 during Chile's years of military dictatorship as a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Chile and today annually reaches over 145,000 women and their families in poor communities with innovative strategies and tools for collective action.

**14** Include in your prayers the presidents of the ELCA's eight seminaries, leaders who share the difficult job of ensuring that their schools excel at preparing pastors for a changing world.

**15** Give thanks for Lutheran Disaster Response's efforts to make clean water available in the parts of the world where it is desperately needed, such as in the refugee camps in Uganda and Kenya.

**16** Pray for the seven members of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program serving in

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Madagascar as they walk in accompaniment with their new neighbors and families and live a life of “God’s work. Our hands.”

**17** Give thanks for the 1,912,445 people who have been reached through malaria awareness programs and the 22,056 mosquito nets that have been distributed since the ELCA Malaria Campaign began.

## **18 Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Almighty God, we ask you to send your Spirit to all those who are troubled and give them comfort. Have mercy on those who are forced to flee their homes and travel to refugee camps in foreign lands; we ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**19** Pray for the Christian Unity Gathering, which continues today and tomorrow in Washington, D.C., as the ELCA and other members of the National Council of Churches celebrate ecumenism and address pressing social issues.

**20** Give thanks for the many local programs run by ELCA members — such as the Daily Work ministry created by ELCA pastors in St. Paul, Minn. — that help immigrants adjust to their new life in the United States and gain the skills needed to find a job.

**21** Remember in your prayers the Rev. Justin and Kari Eller, ELCA missionaries in Argentina where Justin is the regional representative.

**22** Pray for those students at the ELCA’s eight seminaries who face substantial tuition debt upon graduation. Pray that they will be able to balance their financial reality with their call to do God’s work where needed.

**23** Pray for the goals of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*, one of which is to accompany and equip 1,000 congregations in their renewal efforts through ELCA synods.

**24** Pray for peace and justice for all who live in the Holy Land and lift up the efforts of the ELCA’s Peace Not Walls campaign, which works toward that goal through accompaniment, advocacy and awareness-raising.

## **25 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

O Lord our God, we remember the families and friends of all deployed soldiers. Let your blessings fill their homes and your strength fill their lives; in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## **26 Memorial Day**

Give thanks today for the service of our armed forces veterans and those currently in uniform. Pray that those veterans suffering from nightmares, both mental and physical, as a result of their service will find the peace and strength they desire.

**27** Pray for the health of the many small ELCA congregations that, despite harsh economic realities, continue to do God’s work and be an important pillar in the faith life of their members.

**28** Pray that, with the help of God, we will live out the mission of our church: Marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are claimed, gathered and sent for the sake of the world.

**29** Remember in your prayers the Rev. Rosanne Swanson, an ELCA missionary in Indonesia, as she goes about God’s work as a teacher of pastoral theology and pastoral care at the STT-HKBP seminary in Pematang Siantar, North Sumatra.

**30** Lift up in your prayers the ELCA Good Gifts program, a ministry that through the generosity of ELCA members and others fights hunger and transforms lives around the world.

**31** Give thanks for the more than 800 rostered people of the ELCA who are serving in specialized pastoral care. Pray that God’s guidance and strength will accompany them as they serve those in desperate need in such areas as health care and hospice, corrections and substance abuse.

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# Synod and ELCA News

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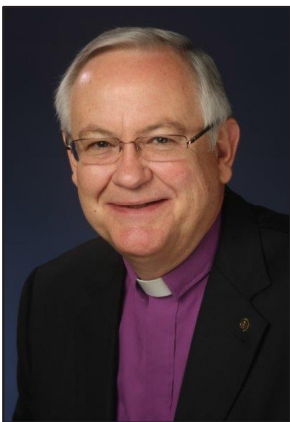
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# The Spirit

## A Lifelong Learner

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



*So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ.* -Romans 10:17

It was a joy for me to be able to share in midweek worship with the gracious people of Gethsemane and The Garden in Seattle. Dinner consisted of a hearty bowl of chili and bread that was enjoyed by those of us seated at round tables.

Pr. Joanne Engquist was our guide as she helped us explore the depth of God's love for the world.

She helped us move beyond the understanding that the creation is simply a back drop for our daily lives or something to be exploited for our own use. We explored together God's desire to redeem not just human lives but the whole creation.

Pr. Engquist masterfully introduced us to a variety of scriptural passages which helped us to see how reconciliation is not something that happens just between human beings. She graciously pointed out the tendency to reduce salvation as an act directed only at individuals and opened for us the expansive desire of God to reconcile all people unto God's self. Then she took us yet one step further as she taught us that the word for world in "God so loved the world" is cosmos. We were now exploring the cosmic dimensions of God's love.

Ceil Fjellman was seated at our table. Ceil was married to the late Bishop Gib Fjellman. Gib was my bishop when I first came into ministry. The Fjellmans have contributed immensely in shaping a deep love of the church for Kim and me. We hold them both as dear friends.

Ceil is very likely to see 100 years of age. This is due in no small part to the way she continues to seek out opportunities for worship and learning.

I was so inspired to see Ceil participating fully in the conversation. She resonated with the notion that God loves the whole world. Ceil was articulate in her delight that God's love reaches far beyond the Christian community. I marveled at her openness and her willingness to expand her understanding of God and the whole creation.

The journey through God's love of the cosmos was coming to an end as we were about to move into the chapel for Holden Vespers. Ceil was still ruminating on the evening's word when she shared with us how her understanding of the creation had deepened through the conversation. "I have always thought of the creation as something beautiful that I have enjoyed but now I see that it is even more than that."

Sitting in my chair I could not help but think how amazing it was to watch a person who has lived so many years still enamored with God's word and willing to take in new understanding about the length and depth of God's love. Oh, that we might all be so open and willing to learn.

**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 2  
[www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014](http://www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014)



# Synod and ELCA News

## Synod Assembly - Joining God's Parade - FAQ

**Q: When & where is the assembly this year?**

A: The assembly begins Friday May 16 and concludes on Saturday May 17. The entire assembly will take place at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at the Comcast Arena in downtown Everett, Washington.

**Q: Who can come to the assembly?**

A: Register in one of the following categories: Voting Member - Voice & vote; Observer – Voice, no vote; Visitor – No voice, no vote. Not sure which category? Call the Synod Office.

**Q: How do I register?**

A: Online registration only: [www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014](http://www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014). Deadline is May 2.

**Q: What about becoming more paperless?**

A: During registration you may select to have a notebook of printed materials prepared for you OR bring your own computer/tablet with the materials downloaded. All of the materials will be available on the synod website as they are prepared. We are also utilizing a new APP through Guidebook to make it easier for those who wish to be paperless. Go to your App Store, search for Guidebook – get it – it's free! Click Redeem Code - then enter 'lutheransnw' - you will then have all of the Assembly details at your fingertips instantly!

**Q: What does it mean to be a voting member?**

A: Voting Members are not delegates, they are selected by their congregation to serve on behalf of all the synod members, making decisions according to what they believe God is calling this church to do. They preview all materials, attend all sessions, listen attentively to and participate in discussions, learn about those nominated for election, seek the guidance of the Spirit, and report back to their congregation.

**Q: When should I be there?**

A: Registration opens at 8am on Friday. The Voting Member Orientation begins at 9:15am, followed by the opening of the assembly at 10am sharp. We will conclude at 5:30pm on Friday. We start bright and early at 8am on Saturday, wrapping up our time together by 5pm that afternoon.

**Q: What happens at an assembly?**

A: It is the annual gathering of members from the congregations and new mission starts from around the NWWA Synod. We expect to have nearly 400 people participate in worship, join in fellowship, be inspired by guest speakers (Dr. Tony Jones is our Keynote Speaker & Pastor Linda Norman, ELCA Treasurer is our Churchwide Representative,) and conduct the business of the Synod. Our business this year will include the elections of a Synod Vice President, a Synod Secretary, and Synod Council Members. We will hear various reports, vote on a Synod Budget, and consider resolutions that come before us. Friday afternoon we will offer a fellowship hour - with appetizers, live music and a no-host bar. And, don't forget to peruse our Ministry Partner & Book Parlor tables in the Display Area!

**Q: How is an assembly conducted?**

A: Bishop Kirby Unti will run the business meeting using the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order. David Swartling will lend assistance by serving as our parliamentarian.

**Q: Where can I find all of the info?**

A: All materials will be posted on the synod website as they are finalized: [www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014](http://www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014) OR through the Guidebook APP.

**Q: What's up with voting?**

A: We will use electronic voting devices. These aid us in accuracy and speed. We will practice with them before officially using them. Proxy and absentee voting is not permitted.

**Q: What about lunch?**

A: Lunch each day is "on your own." You are encouraged to mingle with other attendees and check out the local restaurants (see the listing of local restaurants on the website). Be sure to let your server know that you need to be back by 1:30pm sharp for the afternoon sessions!

**Q: Where should I stay overnight on Friday?**

A: We have a special rate set up at the Inn at Port Gardner: [www.innatportgardner.com](http://www.innatportgardner.com) or call 888-252-6779. Just let them know you are part of the Lutheran Synod Assembly at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at the Comcast Arena.

**Q: How do I best prepare for the assembly?**

A: Pray. Read all of the materials on the website thoroughly. Attend a pre-assembly Cluster Gathering for conversation about the matters coming before the assembly.

**Q: What if I have further questions?**

A: Contact the Synod Office, we will put you in touch with the right person!

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Information for the June issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by May 7.

# 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](http://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

May 2014

### OK, People, Listen Up. Let's get *Serious*.

Sometimes the group just needs to be called to order. The class needs to start. It is time for the milling around and the socializing to stop. The business at hand needs addressing. Time to get *serious*!

There are some situations that take all of our concentration and focus.

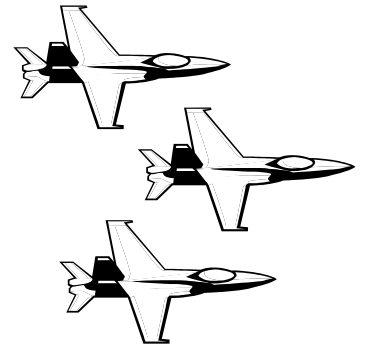
We cannot afford to be distracted. Think about the pilots who fly the Blue Angels. One flies within feet of the other and upside-down! Not a good time to be making a grocery list in your head! There is nothing else in the entire world at that moment than flying that airplane.

Relationships demand this type of *serious* concentration also. We have to invest this level of *serious* attentiveness on a regular basis in our relationships. We can't sustain that level of attentiveness indefinitely, but we *must* give our relationships this *serious* attention at times. Is this not the same level of focus that we get from God without ceasing?

There is a discipline aspect to relationships that demands that we regularly practice *serious* intention other than in times of crisis. No distractions! We must concentrate all our mental, physical and emotional effort, really get *serious* and totally absorb ourselves in some aspect of our relationship.

When was the last time you said, "I think for the next hour, I will give my friend, spouse or relative my most concentrated attention? I will take every ounce of my ability to focus and give it as a gift to our relationship." Perhaps it would be good to heed the call:

OK, People, Listen Up. Let's get *Serious*.



# May Worship

## Lectionary Readings

**May 4 | Easter 3**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
 Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
 1 Peter 1:17-23  
 Luke 24:13-35

**May 11 | Easter 4**

Acts 2:42-47  
 Psalm 23  
 1 Peter 2:19-25  
 John 10:1-10

**May 18 | Easter 5**

Acts 7:55-60  
 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
 1 Peter 2:2-10  
 John 14:1-14

**May 25 | Easter 6**

Acts 17:22-31  
 Psalm 66:8-20  
 1 Peter 3:13-22  
 John 14:15-21

## Worship Leaders

	5/4	5/11	5/18	5/25
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Gordon Trombley	Paul Olsen	Katy Sarff	Steve Olson
<b>Lector</b>	Delia Broderick	Bob Greenhow	Donna Smith	Marge Skrinde
<b>Acolytes</b>	Payton Johnson	Jackson Terhark	Kyle Gough	Sandy Jamieson
<b>Communion &amp; Altar Care</b>	Shirley Yandl, Marlys Carlson, Karen Senior, and Elaine Hardin			
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Lollie Ellingson Bjorg Hanson	Donna Smith Diane Chapman	Rolf Skrinde Marge Skrinde Gordon Trombley	Laurie Meade Bill Meade
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Heidi Gough	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Vicki Cook	Kris Johansson
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough
<b>Nursery Care</b>	Kaci Bendickson			
<b>Musicians</b>	Lennon Aldort	Jerry Zimmerman		Lennon Aldort

## Happy May Birthdays!

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|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Kaitlyn Ebeling | 10 Steven Elliott | 19 Colleen Lingappaiah | 25 William Fisher |
| 4 Katy Sarff      | 11 Donna Smith    | 21 Diane MacKechnie    | 27 Dave Cederberg |
| 6 Cindy Foster    | 11 Stina Peña     | 21 Marilyn Eden        | 28 Carla Burgason |
| 9 Laurie Meade    | 13 Kelsey Stever  | 24 Mary Hinderliter    | 30 Bill Kuklenski |
|                   | 13 Jeff Elliott   | 24 Payton Johnson      |                   |
|                   |                   | Winnie Ramstad         |                   |

## Congrats to our May Anniversaries!

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 3 Vicki & Larry Cook     | 9 Laurie & Bill Meade    |
| 8 Karlyne & Mike Noriega | 23 Pam & Jonathan Stever |

# May 2014

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



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*\*bold indicates afternoon/evening events\**

LMLC Office Closed

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>4</b> 9 First Sunday Faith Forum, Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</b> <b>3:30 Lilla Spelmanslag Rehearsal</b>	<b>5</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">LMLC Office Closed</div>	<b>6</b> <b>7 Early Ford V8 Club</b>	<b>7</b> 9 Retired Firefighters 9:30 Seekers <b>3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club</b> <b>7 Nar-Anon</b>	<b>8</b> <b>5:30 LMLC Council Executive Committee</b> <b>6:30 Youth Justice</b> <b>7 Broadview Community Garden Club</b> <b>7 Bible Study</b>	<b>9</b> <b>5:30 LMLC Council Executive Committee</b> <b>6:30 Youth Justice</b> <b>7 Broadview Community Garden Club</b> <b>7 Bible Study</b>	<b>10</b> 8 Broadview Prepares Drill
<b>11</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Mothers' Day</div> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</b>	<b>12</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></div> <b>1:30 Book Brigade</b> <b>7 Broadview Prepares</b>	<b>13</b> <b>6 LMLC Council</b> <b>6 Cub Scouts</b> <b>7 Bellwether Housing Presentation</b>	<b>14</b> 9:30 Seekers <b>3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club</b> <b>7 LMLC Table Talk</b> <b>7 Nar-Anon</b>	<b>15</b> <b>12:30 Broadview Historical Society</b> <b>6:30 Youth Justice</b> <b>7 Bible Study</b>	<b>16</b> <b>7 Not One More</b>	<b>17</b> 8 Broadview Prepares Drill
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Missing a Sunday this month?  
We now have Online Giving through our website:  
[www.luthermemorialseattle.com/onlinegiving](http://www.luthermemorialseattle.com/onlinegiving)