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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!**



In May, many congregation and community members "adopted" a planter pot to help beautify the outside of the church. Thank you to all that participated! Please see page 10 for more pictures.

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PJ's Page



Recently I opened a bottle of lemonade to find this phrase under the bottle top:

“Consuming this product may cause joy!” While the lemonade was delicious, what caused my joy was the very subtle reminder of all

of the reasons that I had reason to be filled with joy...and they weren't necessarily related to the lemonade.

Of course, it was a vocational certainty that I would draw a correlation between the message in that bottle top and the Eucharist. When we come to the table, we bring ALL of who we are to the holy meal. Our joys, our sorrows, our struggles, and our accomplishments. The gift of Jesus, present in, with, and under that bread and wine, sustains us. It doesn't take away our struggles. It doesn't solve our problems. It is not some sort of magic bullet. Rather, in that bread and wine, we receive again the gift of grace that is ours... each one of us...in Jesus Christ.

I once read somewhere that the very act of opening our hands to receive the bread



creates an act of offering up. (Go ahead, cup yours together now.) Imagine that as we receive that bread we are also offering to God the stuff

of our lives. All of it. Even those things we don't speak of, but that remain with us nonetheless.

And in that act, we create space, not just for the bread, but for Jesus.

As we prepare again to recognize and honor our high school seniors, my hope for them, and for all of us, is that when we feel overwhelmed or empty or full and hopeful...that we will bring that to the table of the Lord, to the Eucharistic feast.

And remember...consuming this 'product' may cause joy!



Pastor Julie Horton

Stewardship Living

Stewardship Living

In a report by Foresight, a British think tank, “giving to neighbors and communities” was cited as one of the five critical elements of well-being and mental illness prevention.

Interestingly, the word community comes from the Latin *communis*, which means “bound together”. That word, has as part of its root the word *munus*, meaning “gift.”

The Foresight report is certainly onto something. Giving in ways that benefit our neighbors and communities is a healthy practice. What we do as Christians, though, goes beyond that. It does not exclude it.

We give in response to God’s gifts to us. We give because God has called us to care for one another.

Your gifts of money to this congregation mean that the hungry are fed, community groups have a place to meet, teenagers who have wandered for the first time have a safe place to meet a judge, quilts are made, we study the Bible, and two congregations have a place to worship. This is no small thing!



here....thank you. Thank you for giving in ways that bind us together. Thank you for being giver and gift.



In this, the middle of the year, when there is no pledging to be done and no stewardship drive to be considered....on behalf of every person who stands in this building and asks for help....on behalf of the mother who grasps the hand of her teenage son as trembling they both sit in our narthex and await their turn with the judge....on behalf of those who come to support one another as part of a support group....on behalf of those who prepare our neighborhood for a disaster response...on behalf of the children who come to know God

LMLC News and Events

Lutheran 101 (part 2) - First Sunday Faith Forum



Come explore the history of the Lutheran Church in the United States. What are all of those letters, anyway? The ALC LCA NALC LCMS WELS ELCA??? What is the difference between Missouri Synod and ELCA (Hint: For one thing, PJ would not be our pastor in the former). How does the Lutheran Church make a difference in the United States? Find out on Sunday, June 1st!

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Our Thursday evening Bible study series continues this month, on June 5 and 12. We are studying the Gospel of Mark, the first of the four Gospels to be written. ***We meet at 7 pm in Pastor Julie's Office.***



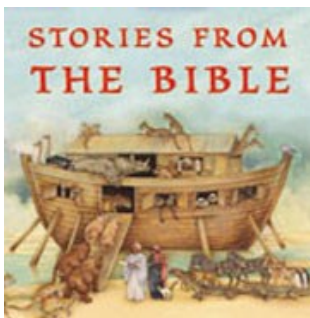
Pastor Julie Elected to Synod Council

At the 2014 NW Washington Synod Assembly, Pastor Julie was elected to serve a four year term on the synod council. The Synod Council is made up of lay and rostered leaders in our synod and serves as the board of directors and the interim legislative authority between meetings of the synod in assembly. Congratulations to PJ+!



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Summer Sermon Series: The Stories That Shape Us



For eight weeks this summer Pastor Julie will offer a sermon series based on **your** favorite stories of the faith. Please send her an email/write her a note/give her a call/take her to coffee (she'll even buy!)/or put a note in the offering plate with your favorite Bible story (you don't need to know the chapter and verse, just the general subject will suffice.) Beginning July 13th and going through August 31st, the summer sermons will be based on your

submissions.

June Table Talk

The June Table Talk is Wednesday, June 18th, at 11:30 am. And LUNCH is provided! Come have a light summer lunch and enjoy conversation with one another. Join us at the church - - -the fellowship will be fine! All questions and topics are welcome at our Table Talks, so come join the conversation. We'd love to see you there!

LMLC News and Events

Assistant to the Bishop to Visit Luther Memorial

The Rev. Kathryn Buffam will lead our worship on June 29th. Pastor Buffam is the Assistant to the Bishop of our NW Washington synod. Pastor Julie will be on vacation and at her nephew's wedding. We welcome Pastor Buffam to Luther Memorial!



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June Confirmation Schedule- Confirmation Day of Discipleship

The confirmation students from Luther Memorial, Bethany, and Maple Leaf Lutheran churches will finish our year of instruction together with a Day of Discipleship on June 1st. As a part of this day we will be preparing and serving dinner to 80 guests at the Pioneer Square location of Compass Housing Alliance. Please hold these young people and their dinner guests in your prayers and we put feet to our faith!

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

Summer Hymn Selections

Throughout the year hymns are chosen by members of the Worship Committee. In the summer it is your turn! Forms are available in the narthex for you to submit your hymn selections for summer. Submissions for July should be turned in by June 15th and submissions for August should be turned in by July 15th.

A Reminder about Communication

There are a number of ways to find out what is going on in the life and ministry of Luther Memorial Church! The Office Staff, Council, and your Pastor are very intentional about making sure that information is available and easily accessible.

Look in:

The Messenger, published by the last day of each month. It is sent out via email, posted on the website, and hard copies are available in the narthex.

www.luthermemoralseattle.com Our widely visited web site is FULL of information, including the up to date, live calendar; worship servers, sermon texts, birthdays, and other great material!

LMLC Mid-Week Update, is a great source of information for the week! It is emailed mid-week (usually Wednesday) and is available on LMLC's Facebook page.

LMLC is on Facebook at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Seattle

Bulletin inserts also contain information about the upcoming week's activities as well as events in the life of the congregation.

LMLC News and Events

An Invitation from your Church Council— Compass Housing Alliance Presentation

As we continue to consider how we might steward our property for the sake of the Gospel, Compass Housing Alliance will offer a one hour presentation about the projects they have helped develop. Please plan to come here their story on Tuesday, June 17th at 7 pm in the Fireside Room



From Lollie Ellingson, Council Vice-President—



Imagine for a moment what we hear and see in that concrete space known as the parking lot. We see on a daily basis cars, cars and trucks. Cars and trucks coming in the morning, going in the afternoon and sitting parked in between. Each evening we see more cars or an almost empty lot, except for the guy who lives in his van, parked at the back fence. Pastor has given us his name, Verry. Verry watches over our parking lot and lets Pastor know if there has been anything happening.

Back to the parking lot. Cars sit unattended getting rained on most days, or soaking up the sun on some days. Cars staying hot until the windows are rolled down.

Now imagine again what we would see and hear with mixed low income housing, with social service help occupying that concrete space. What will we see and hear? We'll see and hear, laughter, children playing, families sharing. We'll hear and see different languages, young, old, single, veteran, all sharing a living community with useful services.

Think about what useful services that could provide to the whole community, a coffee shop, ESL classroom, a much needed food bank, a thrift shop. I'd volunteer my time. Maybe an affordable daycare center can be housed into this space. It's time to dream and explore. What are being called to do?

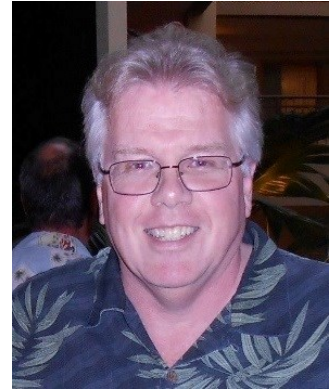
What would we, LMLC, gain? A new ministry, no longer a concrete space for cars and trucks. Again what are we being called to do? Love, share, serve, bring God's love into community, bring the Good News, yes, the Good News.

Our hands, Gods work!

LMLC News and Events

Council Comments—

Thanks to everyone who came to hear the presentation by Bellwether Housing on May 13th. The information we heard was informative and helpful as we consider the potential ministry uses of our property. Watch for opportunities for similar presentations by other agencies in the weeks to come and plan to be in attendance to hear more about the exciting possibilities! Information packets about Bellwether Housing are available on the table outside the office.



It is the intent of your Congregational Council that, as we consider the possibilities such development offers, the conversation is a completely transparent and open one. There will continue to be numerous places for good conversation and feedback and we hope you'll be a part of that.

It is our fervent desire to serve God's church out of the abundance with which we have been gifted.

A few questions have surfaced multiple times, so here is some basic information in response to those:

How could we afford to build a building?

Luther Memorial would not build the building. We would sell a portion of our property to a developer of affordable housing.

Could we have input into the design and the services offered there?

Yes. We don't intend to be 'neighbors', we intend to be 'partners.'

Would we keep our building?

Yes. We intend to keep the Sanctuary, as it is sign and symbol of the risen Christ on this corner of Greenwood and 132nd. Whether our education/meeting/fellowship wing would remain or a new one would be built into the project is an aspect for further discussion.

We know that God is calling us....are we listening?

On behalf of the Congregational Council,

Steve Olson, President

LMLC News and Events



Mary's Place

With your generous contribution of \$ 250, we are building "A Place to Call Home," our fourth night shelter. We are grateful that you continue to stand with us to address homelessness and bring hope. One family at a time, we are making a difference and changing lives.

Mary's Place Seattle is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation (tax ID #27-2087950).

This note verifies that you received no goods or services in return for your donations.

Dear Luther Memorial Church,
 You are love! Thank you
 for making this a place to
 call home! You are bringing
 30 more homeless families
 inside tonight.
 We so appreciate you!
 -Katy
 Dir. Development &
 Communications

Operation Brown Bag- What goes in a lunch?

Ever wonder what is in the sack lunches we hand out Monday-Friday, 9-2? Our volunteers try very hard to have a well-rounded sack lunch for the hungry that come by for this program.

The lunches are made out of these options, depending on the donations we receive from you! 1 of each from the following goes in a typical sack lunch. We are currently in need of all items:

- **Proteins** - Small can of Vienna sausage or tuna or a tuna or chicken salad lunch/cracker kit.
- **Fruit** - Fruit cup, applesauce, raisins, or fruit leather.
- **Drink** - Juice box, or pouch. Additional bottle of water handed out at the window, in the Spring and Summer.
- **Dessert** - Pudding cup or small pack of cookies
- **Grains** - Small bag of chips or package of crackers, and/or a granola bar.
- **Care Items** - In the summer we hand out sunscreen (which we are well stocked on), and in the winter we hand out tissues, hand warmers, and hats and gloves, and chapstick.

We are so appreciative that our congregation has continually donated to this important outreach ministry to our neighborhood! Some days we have as many as 10-15 hungry people that come to our window, needing a meal.



LMLC News and Events

Seattle Pride Parade

The 2014 Pride Parade is June 29th and this year the Celebrity Grand Marshall is George Takei. Pastor Julie will be out of town at her nephew's wedding that day, so we are looking for someone to head up the LMLC marchers. We march under the banner of the larger churches and it is a humbling and stunning and fun experience. Here's what PJ+ blogged after last year's march:

Yesterday members of our congregation marched in Seattle's PRIDE Parade, along with twenty one other Lutheran congregations and agencies. We walked behind a big rainbow colored cross. We walked together, gay and straight, male and female and undecided. Because it didn't matter "what" we were. It mattered that we were God's beloved children, loved equally and loved so much that God sent Jesus because we are sinners. No one of us more than the other...just all of us beloved children and saints of God. Simul justus et peccator.

As we marched, the response of the crowd - thousands and thousands of people - was humbling. Loud applause...surprise...."Thank You" shouted time and time again....tearful faces, no doubt recalling pain they have experienced within the Church somehow. When we came to one grandstand the emcee was dressed in drag and was fabulous! Irreverent and hilarious with her commentary, she broke character for just a bit as this marching band of Lutheran Christians, who were walking amidst Methodists and Baptists, too, approached. "This is what Christianity is about!" The words echoed. The parade stopped. "Jesus loved everyone and wants us to love them too. He hung out with sinners and whores and tax collectors." The crowd grew still. It was the rapt attention every preacher knows. "These marchers are showing us the true face of Christianity!"



There are days when the Church gets it wrong. Terribly wrong. In the deepest and truest ways, we get it wrong. And we need the voice from the grandstand, dressed in sequins and falsies to remind us what is right. We need to join hands in 90 degree weather and shout messages of love to those who have so long only heard messages of hate. We need to listen to Jesus say that our task, our work, is not judgment, but love.

If you are interested in marching or organizing our marchers, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board outside the office.

LMLC News and Events

Senior Recognition Sunday



On Sunday, June 1st, we will recognize our high school graduating seniors, Audrey Long and Ryan Smith, during worship. We offer them our love and our congratulations as they graduate from Holy Names Academy and Ingraham High School and embark on new adventures! Audrey will be headed to the University of Chicago and Ryan to the University of Southern California. Congrats, Seniors!



Simple Summer Breakfasts

Simple Summer Breakfasts are BACK, beginning June 22nd and ending August 31st. When Sunday School goes on summer break, all are welcome at 9am breakfast in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are needed to provide breakfast....sign up sheets are on the bulletin board outside the office. Sign up with a friend. Sign up as a committee. Sign up as a family.



These breakfasts are for everyone AND for our neighbors, so spread the word!

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 3-11. 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 and snacks are 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.

LMLC News and Events

Thank you to everyone that lovingly "adopted" a planter pot in May!

Paul and Karen Olsen:

In Honor of their grandchildren Lily and Joey

Randi Jacobs

Daisy Scout Troop #44487

The Bloom Family

Mary Smith and Lollie Ellingson

Roxanne Marlin and Steve Olson



Notes on Summer Financials-

Many of you take advantage of our automatic withdrawal program, Simply Giving, for your financial gifts to the church. Another way to give electronically, when you forget your checkbook or wallet, is found on our website. In worship you will note that we now have QR codes available on cards in the pew pocket, so you can scan them with your cell phone to connect to online giving. This summer, as you travel, please remember your congregation in your prayers and with your financial support. There are numerous ways to give, even when you cannot be in worship. Blessings to you as the summer approaches; may your travels be fulfilling and your homecomings be joyous.

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.

May 2014

Preliminary Financial Picture

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

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

May Contributions Received

May 4	\$4,773.00	May 11	\$4,525.36
May 18	\$5,732.67	May 25	\$2,662.00
May Contributions:		May Budgeted:	Difference:
\$17,693.03		\$16,849.59	+\$843.44

May Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lutheran World Relief	\$58.50
Sunday School-Special Projects	\$12.00
Helping Hands	\$100.00
Income-Other	\$72.45
ELCA World Hunger	\$40.00
Greenwood Food Bank	\$10.00
Room Use	\$250.00
Youth	\$115.00
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$4,032.67
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$3,811.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$9,191.41
Total May Contributions:	\$17,693.03

Community News



SPU Broadview Project Updates – June 18 Public Meeting

Save the Date: Next Broadview Sewer and Drainage Improvement Public Meeting June 18

On Wednesday, June 18 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Bitter Lake Community Center we will have our next community meeting. At that time, we will present information and gather feedback from residents about leading 12th Avenue NW basin drainage alternatives, and Dayton Avenue N basin sewer alternatives. We will send out a postcard soon announcing this meeting. We hope you can join us.

Geotechnical Study and Groundwater Monitoring Work in Dayton Ave N Basin

As part of the project, we recently installed groundwater monitoring equipment in locations throughout southern and eastern Broadview. This geotechnical study will help SPU understand groundwater conditions as we plan for improvements to the sewer and drainage systems in the Dayton Ave N basin.

Next Steps

12th Ave NW Basin

Our goal is to identify preferred sewer and drainage improvements for the 12th Ave NW basin by the end of this year. As we move toward developing a preferred set of improvements for the 12th Ave NW basin, we will pair leading sewer and drainage alternatives. During this process, we will hold community meetings to provide updates and receive your input.

Dayton Ave N Basin

For the Dayton Ave N basin, our goal is to identify preferred sewer and drainage improvements by mid-2015. Later this year, we will evaluate drainage alternatives for this portion of Broadview. We will then pair leading sewer and drainage alternatives for this basin. Throughout this project, we will engage the community and seek your input on key project elements.

For more information, please contact:

Email: SPU_BroadviewProjects@seattle.gov

Web: www.seattle.gov/util/broadviewprojects

Broadview Project message line: 206-409-3651

Thanks—**Celia S. Kennedy, MPA**

Project Manager, Broadview Sewer and Drainage Improvement Project

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

O Lord our God, we cry out to you for all the children of this world who are in harm's way. In their time of danger and fear send your strong Spirit to comfort them. For the children who have been taken from those they love, make a way home for them in safety.

2 Pray for the individuals and communities affected by severe spring storms, tornadoes and flooding. Pray that those who have lost loved ones will find the strength and peace they need to go on with their lives and that the ongoing recovery efforts supported by the ELCA will help them toward that goal.

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

4 Pray for the Rev. Tessa Moon Leiseth and Jon Leiseth, ELCA missionaries in South Africa who are the Young Adults in Global Mission coordinators for Southern Africa.

5 As the season of summer camps returns, pray that those who attend the many ELCA Outdoor Ministry facilities will be blessed with an experience that will enrich their faith lives long after they return home.

6 Give thanks for the support from ELCA members that allows this church to fight hunger through its \$1 million in annual hunger grants, which help support domestic hunger-fighting organizations.

7 Lift up the ELCA Malaria Campaign as it expands to Namibia, where 73 percent of the population is at risk for the deadly but preventable disease.

8 Day of Pentecost

Dear God, on this Day of Pentecost place the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Let your Spirit fill all who are empty,

empower all who are weary and bring together all who are divided.

9 Give thanks for the ELCA International Leaders program and its scholarships, which help people like Nathalie Lassang of Cameroon attend medical school so she can provide health care in her home country.

10 Remember in your prayers the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program as it expands to Rwanda and the Rev. Kate Warn, a country coordinator, as she prepares for the arrival the first participants to serve in Rwanda.

11 Pray with the leaders of this church that a political solution will be found to end the warfare in Syria and that the loved ones of the 140,000 people killed in violence since 2011 will be supported by the comforting embrace of God.

12 Pray for the people of Namibia who are suffering from the worst drought in 25 years and for the efforts of Lutheran Disaster Response to help those affected survive until a crop can be harvested.

13 Include in your prayers the Rev. Kevin Jacobson, an ELCA missionary serving in Suriname, and his parish ministry and leadership development work.

14 Lift up in your prayers the efforts of the ELCA e-Advocacy Network, comprised of ELCA members who regularly press our federal and state governments to approve public policies that protect God's creation and those living in it.

15 Holy Trinity/First Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty and everlasting God, the one in three and three in one, we lift all those who care for children. We ask that you bless those who have "fathered" us in their roles as parents, mentors and guides.

ELCA Prayer Ventures

16 Pray for the six members of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program serving in Mexico as they walk in accompaniment with our neighbors to the south, many of whom are dealing with economic hardship.

17 Give thanks for the 2014 ELCA World Hunger domestic grants that are helping 384 organizations fight hunger in their communities.

18 Give thanks for this church's Mission Builders, ELCA members who use their skills to help congregations, schools, camps and social ministry organizations construct or improve their facilities.

19 Pray for the efforts of the many people and organizations, including the ELCA, working to reduce poverty in the United States. Pray that the day will come when all of God's children will see an honest day's work rewarded with a living wage.

20 On this World Refugee Day, give thanks for the work of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, which for 75 years has been helping people around the world who are seeking to escape violence, persecution and economic hardship.

21 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Andrew and Barbara Hinderlie, ELCA missionaries serving in Tanzania as area program directors for East Africa.

22 Second Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, as we enter this season of summer we ask that you bless all who are far from home. Be their guide and protector. Keep them from all danger and misfortune. Travel with them and grant them peace.

23 Pray that the ministry of our ELCA military chaplains will be a source of comfort and strength for the men and women who are serving in harm's way while separated from their loved ones back home.

24 John the Baptist

Lift up our mission to engage more young people in the life of this church through expanded ministries to

youth and young adults — one of the goals of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

25 Remember in your prayers the Rev. John Lunn, an ELCA missionary based in Tanzania. John is the international coordinator of Lutheran Global Health Volunteers, which places short-term volunteers into health care ministries in several countries.

26 We pray for those who are facing the challenges of mental illness. Lift up the ELCA social message "The Body of Christ and Mental Illness" and pray that as a church we will offer the companionship and encouragement they need to treat their illness.

27 Pray for the ecumenical ministries of this church — at home as congregations reach out to the other faiths in their communities and worldwide as the ELCA cooperates with other faiths to further God's work in the global church.

28 Give thanks for the welcome shown through the 340 ELCA new-start ministries under development in the United States and the Caribbean and pray that God's words of love and forgiveness will be heard by those eager to hear.

29 Third Sunday after Pentecost

Dear Lord, We pray for the ELCA global ministries throughout the world. We especially lift up the Joint Christian Ministry in West Africa, a partnership of West African churches that supports outreach and service with the Fulani people across the region.

30 Pray for the Asian and Pacific Islander Ministries of the ELCA, which use God's gifts of culture, language and heritage to share the good news of Jesus Christ and to love and serve our neighbor in a multicultural world.

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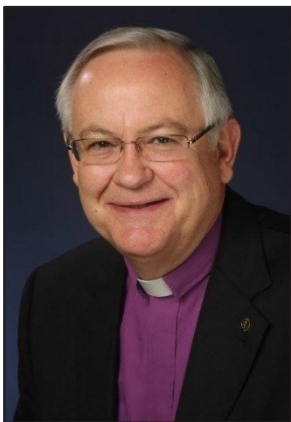
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being made
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

A Church of Many Blessings!

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



There are those moments in life when I feel like I have lived a charmed life. The Biblical word would be blessed. Blessing for me is the experience of being in rich relationships that mean me well. Looking back over my life I realize that there is a pathway that has led to the blessings.

It is the pathway of discovering the wider expressions of the church.

Let me just share a few of the many that have charmed my life.

In 1983 I was blessed to tag along with Kim who was a delegate to the World Council of Churches in Vancouver, Canada. It was the most colorful pageantry of people all wearing their native dress and speaking in their own languages. Worship was a Pentecost experience with global music filling the air.

We were privileged to meet a priest, Fr. John Shaute, who served as the Pope's personal aide and Bishop Desmond Tutu who shared a mail box with Kim. Our world was expanding beyond our imaginations and shrinking to where we were breaking bread and sharing in conversation with world leaders. The ten days we spent in Vancouver have forever shaped our lives and the memories continue to bring us blessing.

In 2006 I went on what for me was a daring adventure. I left my family behind and traveled to Northern Ethiopia where, along with Pr. Dick Grinsrud, we visited many of our Northwest

Washington Synod sister congregations of the Mekane Yesus church. It was fascinating to visit villages where the only way in was to walk on dirt roads. We shared in meals of goat, lamb, and chicken covered in spicy sauces and scooped up with pieces of injera. We stayed in places where there was no electricity and where a steel plow share was considered high technology.

The images of the agrarian life in the Bible were being played out before our very eyes. My time in Ethiopia and the people I met have been a great blessing to me.

Three times I have been privileged to participate in a Churchwide Assembly. The first was tagging along again with Kim who was a voting member at the Constituting Convention in Ohio. It was an historic moment that was filled with anticipation. Later we would attend in Orlando and this last year in Pittsburgh. My eyes on each occasion filled with tears to witness the way this church cares for the world. I hope those of you who attended our recent Synod Assembly were equally inspired.

The opportunity to serve as your Bishop is another example of the privilege of seeing the width and depth of this church we love. Kim and I typically travel to a different congregation each Sunday where we are warmly welcomed and have the opportunity to share in stories of how Christ is present and moving amongst God's people here in the Northwest. It is a great honor to see and experience the abundance of life and joy lived out in our churches. You dear friends have been a great blessing in our lives.

I want to encourage all of you to be open to the invitation, the opportunity to participate in the many expressions of this church which together we know as the Body of Christ.

**Thank you to the MANY volunteers
who helped to make the 2014 Synod Assembly run smoothly!**

Synod and ELCA News

Upcoming Events

2015 Youth Gathering

July 15 – 19, 2015 in Detroit!

June 2014 - INFO SESSIONS

Join other leaders (paid & volunteer) from around the synod at one of these information sessions. We will share information, answer questions and provide a time for collaborating with one another.

Saturday, June 14, 9am - 11am

Our Savior's, Everett

Thursday, June 19, 12noon - 2pm

Saint Andrew's, Bellevue (during Time for You)

OTHER Important Dates:

May 15, 2014

VOLUNTEER APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Volunteers (aged 19 and older) may apply to help out at The Gathering. Please see more information here: www.elca.org/YouthGathering

May 15 - July 14, 2014

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION PROCESS OPEN

Please note that the ELCA Youth Gathering has funds available for financial assistance for young people who need it to attend this event. Applications for financial assistance will be accepted online from May 15 to July 15, 2014, or until the funds are depleted. (You will need to know your congregational ID) www.elca.org/YouthGathering/Registration-Info

September 15

"SOFT OPENING" of REGISTRATION

This means that you will be able to set up your congregational account by entering your congregation's information into the Youth Gathering database.

October 15, 2014

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION OPENING

Now, you may go back into your congregational account and click the submit button to register! Registration will close May 15, 2015.

As the Gathering approaches, and folks have begun registering, we will plan a few more times for information- sharing, Q & A, and a special youth & adult event next spring. There are a number of folks in our synod who are helping to shape this upcoming event by serving on one of the national planning teams and on our synod day planning team (the one day during the gathering that our synod congregations will be together for worship, learning and fellowship.) Please know that these teams are working hard to ensure that this event is meaningful, fun and safe!

One key contact to help YOU & YOUR CONGREGATION prepare is **Susan Berg**. She is serving as our Synod Gathering Coordinator. Susan will lead our information events noted above. Feel free to contact her with questions you may have!

206-783-9292 OR susan@lutheransnw.org

Building Safe Communities

Three Upcoming Opportunities

Register online: www.lutheransnw.org

Boundaries Training

For all Rostered Leaders & Professional Staff

Thursday, May 29th 10am - 4pm at Christ, Federal Way
Join leaders from around the NW WA and SW WA synods for an all-day boundaries training to help us understand how to keep ourselves healthy and to ensure that our needs as leaders are met without participation by those we serve. This training will be led by Pastor Mark Nelson, Coordinator for Missional Leadership of the Region 1 of the ELCA and Pastor Susan Kintner, Assistant to the Bishop of the Oregon Synod. Cost is \$20, includes lunch.

"After Pastor" Training

For Those Who May Serve In A Church Where Clergy Misconduct Has Previously Occurred

Friday June 6th 10am - 4pm at St. Matthew's, Renton
Clergy misconduct, and the resulting violation of trust, is a devastating event in the life of a congregation. While steps are taken to prevent misconduct, the unhealthy dynamics it can create within the congregation may persist for years. ELCA Misconduct Consultant Barbara Keller will lead a workshop for all pastors who, intentionally or unintentionally, find themselves in this ministry situation. Interim pastors are especially encouraged to attend, and all clergy are invited. Cost is \$20, includes lunch.

Boundaries Workshop

For Those Working With Children & Youth

Sat June 7th 9:30am - 12:30pm at St. Matthew's, Renton
The NW WA and SW WA synods are hosting a half-day workshop on healthy boundary issues for those in congregations and ministries who work with children, youth, and other vulnerable populations. A perfect event for full-time or part-time staff members and volunteers. ELCA Misconduct Consultant Barbara Keller will lead this workshop. Cost is \$10, includes materials and morning refreshments.

The Spirit, a publication of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is intended for members, leaders, and clergy of synod congregations and organizations. Congregations are encouraged to copy **The Spirit** and include it in their own newsletters. **The Spirit** can be downloaded from the Synod website.

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Information for the July issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by June 6.

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

June 2014

I think their Relationship is *Serious*

Getting married doesn't take much commitment. Being married is quite something else. When we say someone is getting *serious*, do we mean that the couple is *serious* about getting married or do we mean really *serious* about being in a relationship?



Are these people really willing to accept the inevitable disappointments that come with seeing who their partner really is, grieve the ideal they held and settle down with another real human for 50 or 60 years? Or, worse, to settle in with themselves and who they really are for 50 or 60 years? That is *seriously* a question. Well, let's get *serious*; no one is really prepared for that!

More to the point, are they prepared to believe in a God who has enough grace to cover that much adjustment? Really investing in a relationship will stretch and test anyone's faith, sometimes to the limit. Ah, but the rewards!

So maybe we should really ask whether they are ready for a really *serious* relationship with God! The relationship with God will have to grow or the container of grace for the marriage won't be large enough. We will have to rely on resentments and irritability to keep our partner "in line." Soon, that relationship will sour!

It is not just our or our partner's imperfections that will test us. Entwining with another life leaves more room for difficult things happening to a spouse as well as yourself. Sickness, job loss, death, problems with children can all be part of life's unexpected turns. Relationships sometimes crack under such strain.

Navigating such challenges is a journey of faith. Fortunately, God is *very serious* about providing grace for the journey. *Seriously!*

June Worship

Lectionary Readings

June 1 Easter 7	June 8 Pentecost	June 15 Holy Trinity	June 22 Pentecost 2	June 29 Pentecost 3
Acts 1:6-14	Acts 2:1-21	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Acts 12:1-11
Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35	Psalms 104:24-34, 35b	Psalms 8	Psalms 69:7-10, 6-18	Psalms 87:1-3, 5-7
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	2 Corinthians 12:11-13	Romans 6:1b-11	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18
John 17:1-11	John 20:19-23	Matthew 28:16-20	Matthew 10:24-39	John 21:15-19

Worship Leaders

	6/1	6/8	6/15	6/22	6/29
Assisting Minister	Gordon Trombley	Paul Olsen	Steve Olson	Katy Sarff	Paul Olsen
Lector	Norman Swenson	Elaine Hardin	Katy Sarff	Phyllis Swenson	Karen Olsen
Acolytes	Donna Smith	Payton Johnson	Jackson Terhark	Sandy Jamieson	Kyle Gough
Communion & Altar Care	Beverly Mueller				
Greeters and Ushers	Steve Olson Lollie Ellingson	Heidi, Kyle, and Gavin Gough	Donna Smith Diane Chapman	Gordon Trombley Bjorg Hansen	Laurie Meade Bill Meade
Song Leaders	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Kris Johansson	Paul Olsen	Vicki Cook	Heidi Gough
Children's Time	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough
Musicians	Lennon Aldort		Jerry Zimmerman		Jim Rice

Happy June Birthdays!

2 Steve Olson	11 Zach Johnson	16 Randi Jacobs	23 Rev. Stuart Lundahl
3 Karen Olsen	12 Joshua Lingappaiah	17 Dorothy Bergquist	25 Kyle Gough
4 Jerry Jacobs	14 Owen North	22 Naomi Anderson	28 Bob Greenhow
9 Jed Terhark	15 Jill Kerton	22 Shirlee Russo	29 Paul Olsen
Adele Vaughters			

Congrats to our June Anniversaries!

5 Joe & Leia Smith	21 Jerry & Randi Jacobs	26 Cindy & Selwyn Foster
7 Miranda & Owen North	22 Paul & Karen Olsen	29 Chris & Kristina Culmer
	24 Bill & Joan Kuklenski	

June 2014 | See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: www.luthermemorialseattle.com/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 First Sunday Faith Forum, Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church 3:30 Lilla Spelmanslag Rehearsal	2 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></div>	3 7 Early Ford V8 Club	4 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	5 7 Bible Study	6	7
8 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <i>Worship and Music Committee Meeting</i> 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	9 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></div> 1:30 Book Brigade	10	11 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	12 6:30 Youth Justice 7 Broadview Community Garden Club 7 Bible Study	13	14
15 <div style="background-color: #cccccc; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Father's Day</div> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church 3:30 Lilla Spelmanslag Rehearsal	16 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></div>	17 6 LMLC Council 7 Compass Housing Alliance Presentation	18 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	19 6:30 Youth Justice	20 7 Not One More	21
22 9 Simple Summer Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></div>	24	25 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	26	27	28
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Missing a Sunday this month?
We now have Online Giving through our website:
www.luthermemorialseattle.com/onlinegiving