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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!**



**On Sunday,
June 1st, we
recognized our
high school
Seniors with
blessings and
quilts. Congrats
Audrey and
Ryan!**

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July 15 is the deadline for articles in the **August** issue.

Rev. Julie G. Hutson, Pastor

Steve Olson, Congregation Council President

Paul Olsen, Choir Director

Katy Sarff, Office Administrator

PJ's Page

In the liturgical year we have entered the season of Ordinary Time. Some call this time of year between Holy Trinity Sunday (which was June 15th) and Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday before Advent) the season of rest. While the rest of the liturgical year propels us along with feasts and celebrations, Ordinary Time allows us to be in the blessing of each ordinary day.

Some liken it to summer vacation, when as children, the days stretched before us, filled with possibility and the promise of new adventures.

This summer season finds our Giving Garden in full bloom....I do love walking through it and seeing what's growing there. The garden also gathers together our neighbors who might not have opportunity to interact with one another otherwise.

When Bruce and I head for the deep south this summer (see information elsewhere in this newsletter), we will be visiting with family and friends we have not seen in many months and many years. I am especially excited about seeing old friends, some I

haven't seen since high school and college! What a gift this will be.

Ordinary time offers the Church the chance to move through our days together with possibilities that are wide open. As we continue to discern together the best ways to live into our mission, we know that with God all things are possible.

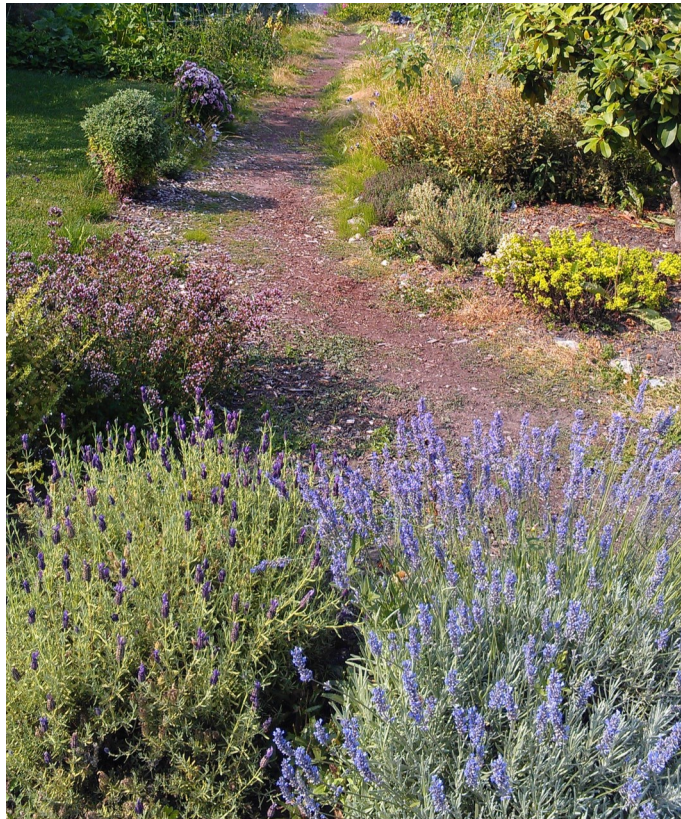
We are dreaming, discerning, and visioning together and your Council leadership wants you to be a part of it. We are creating opportunities for us to know one another better, to share our stories, to listen to hopes and fears, and to walk together as the called people of God in this part of North Seattle.

Here's my invitation to you....come to

church, on Sunday and any other day...walk through the garden....meet the neighbors. Sit awhile at an outside table, share a cup of coffee, come to breakfast, enjoy some sweet tea, and come to the table of mercy and the baptismal waters that are reminders of God's faithfulness to us in every season.

Serving with you,

Pastor Julie Herbert



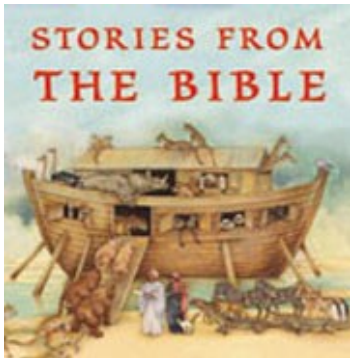
LMLC News and Events

Welcome Back, Sister Liz!

On July 6th, Sister Liz Cherry Colver will be supplying for Pastor Julie. We are SO glad to have her back at Luther Memorial! Sister Liz is a Deaconess candidate in the ELCA, and is just completing her internship.



Summer Sermon Series: The Stories That Shape Us



For eight weeks, beginning July 13, Pastor Julie will be preaching on favorite Bible stories based on suggestions from this congregation. This eight week series will engage us by taking a closer look at these stories from Scripture and considering what they have to say to us today.

During July, the schedule is:

July 13: Land, Ho! (Noah & the ark find dry land) Genesis 8: 1-22

July 20: Won't You Be My Neighbor (Good Samaritan) Luke 10: 25-37

July 27: Similar Similies (The Kingdom is like...) Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Stay tuned to the August Messenger for the August schedule!

Simple Summer Breakfasts

Simple Summer Breakfasts have returned once again, and will continue until August 31st! 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! Breakfasts are free-will offering, all contributions go towards our Helping Hands ministries.

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 your to submit your hymn selections for summer. Submissions for August should be turned in by July 15th.

LMLC News and Events

Getting to Know You...

Very often, when we welcome new members we don't have the opportunity to get to know more about them. So, we recently asked some of our newest members to share some of their stories. Here's what we learned:

The Bloom Family - *from Stephanie Bloom*
Les, Stephanie, and Maya Bloom and
our female cat "Stout" :

As parents, our daughter brings us joy. Seeing her grow over the last two years has been quite an adventure. She keeps us on our toes and makes us laugh every day. Having said that, we're still kids at heart too and we love to have fun also. We love camping, cooking (Steph especially), traveling, hanging out with friends, Les loves to brew and woodwork and also is a video game programmer both at work and at home for fun.



L to R: Stephanie Bloom, Maya Bloom and Les Bloom.

Our friends, Mike and Katy Sarff, introduced us to Luther Memorial and Pastor Julie when they were married last year. Steph started to ask Katy a TON of questions about the Lutheran religion and Katy always says she has the best boss in the world (PJ) and I happen to agree. The people at Luther Memorial and Pastor Julie have been nothing but kind and welcoming to us. This is the closest I've felt to God in a while and the most acceptance I've ever experienced at church before. There are many similarities to the catholic church that it's been a simple transition, but everything that turned me away from Catholicism is very different in the Lutheran religion.

Les and Stephanie are both from Spokane WA and went to high school together. Although we were not high school sweethearts, we stayed friends all throughout college and beyond. Les moved over to Seattle for college in '99. Steph moved over in '06 for work. Maya was born in Kirkland in 2012.

We'd like to thank everyone for making us feel so welcomed. We can tell that God is definitely present the LMLC community.

LMLC News and Events

The Hinderliter and Zoeckler Family

Mary Hinderliter and **Eric Zoeckler** have recently entered the world of Retirement and are enjoying some travels and explorations with their newfound free time. Both Mary and Eric have a media background. Mary has worked in newspaper advertising and at KUOW in Development. Eric wrote a column for the Everett Herald for many years and also fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a school bus driver. They live on the Interbay side of Queen Anne. Eric is serving on the LMLC Personnel Committee and Mary is serving on the Stewardship Team.

Claralou Hinderliter is Mary's mother and lives in the Cottages at Foss Home and Village. Pastor Julie has noted that Claralou's "unofficial" task at LMLC is that of pastor-blessor. Every Sunday, when PJ blesses Claralou at communion, Claralou offers a blessing in return!



L to R: Eric Zoeckler, Mary Hinderliter, and (front) Claralou Hinderliter

Watch the August Messenger as we continue to learn about more new members, and get to know one another!

VACATION!

Pastor Julie will be out of the office from June 26th -July 8th. She and Bruce will be traveling to Bowling Green, Kentucky for her nephew's wedding, followed by some adventures through Alabama, including time with friends and eventually ending up at Bruce's mom's in Huntsville for the 4th of July.

In case of pastoral emergencies, Pastor Chris Hogstad is on call from June 26th -July 2nd. Pastor Hogstad is the pastor at Light of the Cross Lutheran Church in Bothell and can be reached at 425-231-2768. Pastor Tim Oleson is on call from July 3rd -8th; he is the pastor at Edmonds Lutheran Church and his number is 206-713-2678.

Also, please note that Katy will be out of the office from Monday, June 30th -Thursday, July 3rd. *The office will be CLOSED the week of June 30th -July 4th.* If you have an administrative need, you are welcome to send it in an email and it will be taken care of when Katy returns on July 7th.

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VACATION

LMLC News and Events

LMLC and St. John's Soup Kitchen

We here at Luther Memorial serve our community by providing soup for the St. John's Soup Kitchen on a monthly basis. Their Tuesday/Wednesday Soup Kitchen is in partnership with the Phinney Neighborhood Association; St. John United hosts the Soup Kitchen on Tuesdays at 5 pm and Wednesdays at noon. Now in its 24th year, the program provides hot, nutritious meals to anyone who comes. The program serves an average of 300+ meals per week.

Every month, we are in need of three soup makers and one person to deliver the soup to St. John's. Soup will need to be picked up at the church between 2 and 3 pm on the last Tuesday of the month.

Soup cooks are welcome to use the kitchen and pots here at the church. You can also borrow the pots from the kitchen, and bring them in for delivery. Those that deliver always appreciate when the soup has time to cool before it is picked up, to ease getting the large pots into their vehicles and to the Soup Kitchen. If you use the pots or kitchen here, we just ask that you are able to wash the pots (which are returned to the LMLC kitchen), in a timely manner. The recipe is below, and can also be found on our website (on the We Serve page), and by the sign-up sheet.

If you have interest in making soup please sign-up on the board next to the office, or contact Shirlee Russo at 206-898-0226.

Hamburger Vegetable Soup - St. John's Soup Kitchen Recipe

- 2 46 oz. cans V8 tomato vegetable juice**
- 2 small cabbages, shredded**
- 2 16-20 oz. packages mixed frozen vegetables (or use 8 cups chopped fresh vegetables)**
- 2 packages dry onion soup mix**
- 2 packages dry taco-seasoning mix**
- 2 15-16 oz. cans red beans**
- 2 lbs. hamburger**
- 12-16 cups water**

- Brown the hamburger and pour off accumulated fat.
- Place all ingredients in a large soup pot (12-14 quarts).
- Cover and simmer 45-60 minutes. Makes approximately 12 quarts.

The soup pots are stored in the center cabinet NW corner of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to come and make the soup at Luther Memorial. When finished, please place the soup pot in the refrigerator in the kitchen.

Thank you for your stewardship and service to our community!

LMLC News and Events

Thank you! - from Diane Chapman

Thank you to Jean Rizer for making 26 beautiful quilts and to Laurie Mead and Diane Chapman for 22 Baby Care Kits.



Thank you to Sharon Howell, Laurie Mead, Roni Richey and Karen Senior for helping to pack everything up and to Mark Chapman for helping me deliver the boxes to Our Redeemers. If any one is interested in learning how to make quilts contact Jean and if you would like to make any of the kits you can contact me or gone online to Luther World Relief's website.

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.

- **Proteins** - Small can of Vienna sausage or tuna or a tuna or chicken salad lunch/cracker kit. Must be able to be opened without a can opener.
- **Fruit** - Fruit cup, applesauce, raisins, or fruit leather.
- **Drink** - Juice box, or pouch. Additional bottle of water, when available.
- **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.)

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.



Financial Notes for the Summer-

With a little more freedom in our schedules, we often find ourselves traveling during the summer months. As you travel, please remember your LMLC community of faith in your prayers and with your continued giving. Our budget needs continue through the summer months!

There are a number of ways to give while you are away:

- By mail, to 13047 Greenwood Ave. N Seattle, 98133
- Online at www.luthermemoralseattle.com/onlinegiving
- By enrolling in Simply Giving (online, or by contacting the church office)

As you travel, may the God of peace travel with you. May your journeys be full of blessing and adventure and may your homecomings be safe and joyous.

Stewardship Living

Stewardship Living

This summer Luther Memorial is working toward receiving a designation of Greening Congregation Partner through Earth Ministry. We believe that caring for Creation through our congregation is a part of Stewardship and that it fits perfectly with our Mission Statement of "Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community."

This designation will celebrate much of what we already do: recycle, garden, collect rainwater, and more!

We will also continue to only use plates, cups, napkins, and

disposable utensils that can be recycled. If

you wish to donate some of the above items to the congregation, please be sure they are recyclable or compostable. You CAN buy knives, forks, and spoons that are compostable. Look for it on the packaging.

If you would like to be involved with the Greening Congregation process, and ongoing LMLC efforts, please let the office know! We need a few more people to help with these important steps towards improving our care and stewardship of LMLC and all creation!

What a great way to share Christ's love in community....to care for the world God made and loves!

PJ+



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 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.

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.

June 2014

Preliminary Financial Picture through 6/22

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:
\$219, 044.64

Contributions Needed per week :
\$4,212.39

June Contributions Received

| | | | |
|----------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| June 1 | \$2,462.00 | June 8 | \$7,535.08 |
| June 15 | \$2,723.50 | June 22 | \$2,891.00 |
| | June 29 | TBD | |

Contributions as of 6/22: \$15,611.58 Budgeted as of 6/22: \$16,849.59

Difference as of 6/22:
-\$1,238.01

June Contribution Designations

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--|--------------------|
| Sunday School-Special Projects | \$5.00 |
| Helping Hands | \$281.00 |
| Members in Need | \$210.00 |
| ELCA World Hunger | \$40.00 |
| Greenwood Food Bank | \$10.00 |
| Room Use | \$125.00 |
| Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund | \$3,938.67 |
| Unpledged Offerings and Tithes | \$1,749.00 |
| Pledged Offerings and Tithes | \$9,252.91 |
| Total June Contributions as of 6/22: | \$15,611.58 |

Sunday Church

From Donna Smith, Spirituality

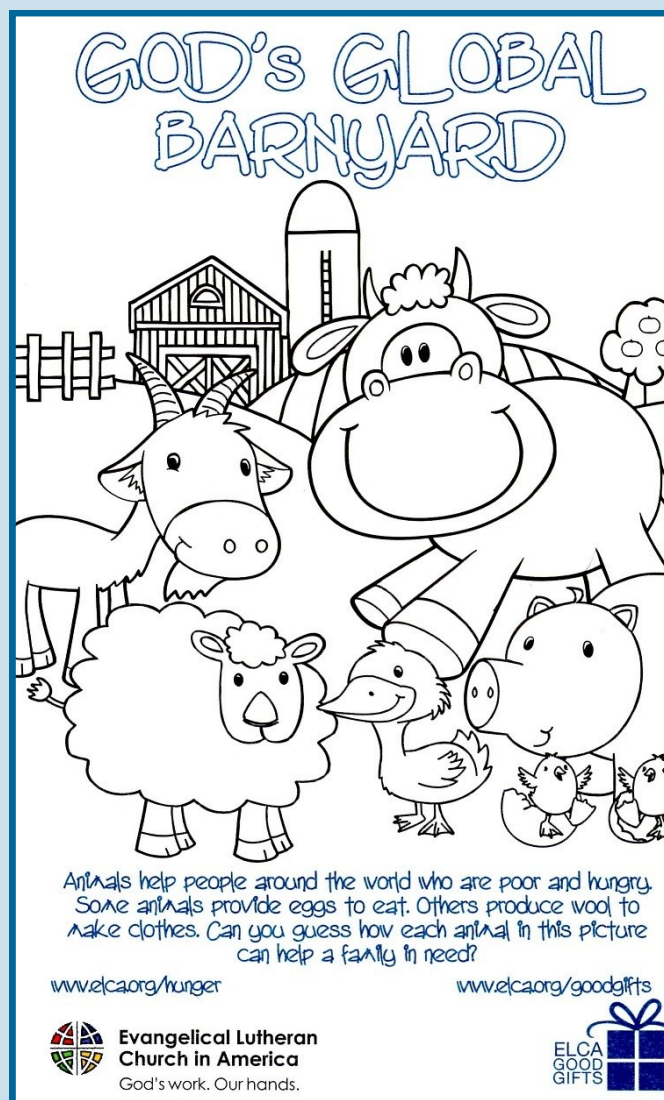
Good Gifts!

This past 2013-2014 school year, the Sunday Church School students have faithfully brought their offerings each Sunday to collect \$100! The offering are to purchase *ELCA Good Gifts*. The students looked through the catalog and decided to purchase the following items:

- * 20 chicks
- * 1 goat
- * 3 mosquito nets for a bed

Good work! We are very thankful we can help other people in many small ways.

For more Good Gifts info, see their website:
www.elca.org/goodgifts



God's work. Rally Sunday!



Sunday Church School is currently on summer break, but mark your calendars for when we begin again in the fall! Rally Sunday will be on September 7, 2014, with many special outreach projects with the ELCA-wide "God's Work, Our Hands" Day.

Keep an eye out for more information!

h School News:

al Growth Committee Chair

Vacation Bible School and Day Camp!

**Don't forget that VBS/Day Camp with
Camp Lutherwood returns to LMLC,
August 4-7, 2014.**

Luther Memorial is pleased to welcome back the traveling staff from Camp Lutherwood for five days of Congregational Day Camp for ages 3-10. 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 am - 2 pm** Ages: **3-10** (or entering 6th grade)
Registration: **\$20** (lunch and snacks are included each day; scholarships are available)

More info, and a registration form are available on the next page, or in the Narthex. Info is also available on the website, you can even register and pay the registration cost online!

www.luthermemoralseattle.com/daycamp2014

If you would like to sponsor a registration scholarship, you can do so by indicating "VBS 2014 Scholarship" on your check or envelope in the offering plate on Sunday, or through our online giving site.

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.



Faith Alive

Summer Day Camp 2

August 4-7, 20

Ages: 3-10 (or entering 6th grade) **Registration Cost:**

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church | 13047 Gre

www.luthermemoralseattle.com/daycamp2



Join us for...

★ Crafts ★ Games ★ Music ★ Stories ★

**As well as *many* other fun and
exciting activities with the kids that
attend in our congregation and
neighborhood!**

Day Camp from Lutherwood and Luther Memorial offers the chance of a camp experience for all those in our area. Children can learn more about their faith - in a fun, safe, and inclusive environment!



Lutherwood Day Camp



Lutherwood's Congregational Day program is a unique blend of outdoor and congregational ministry. The Counselors lead Bible studies, worship, songs, games, team building activities and crafts! Day Camp will be 4 days of great fun! Counselors are all 18 or older, certified in First Aid, and spend their whole summer working with children. www.camplutherwood.org

2014 - Lutherwood's *Faith Alive!*

2014 | 9 am-2 pm

\$20 (lunch and snacks are provided each day; scholarships available)

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2014 | daycamp2014@luthermemoralseattle.com

Let
all that
you do be
done in
love.

1 Corinthians 16:14

LMLC Day Camp 2014 Registration - Please return to Luther Memorial by July 31, 2014 or skip the paper form and register online instead! www.luthermemoralseattle.com/daycamp2014

Mandatory Health and Release forms can be picked up at the church or found online. Please send completed paperwork to Luther Memorial by **July 31, 2014**. Forms can be mailed, dropped off at the church, or emailed to daycamp2014@luthermemoralseattle.com. We look forward to seeing you in August!

Child

Age Birthdate Grade completed

Food allergies Medical concerns

Siblings attending Day Camp

Parent or Guardian

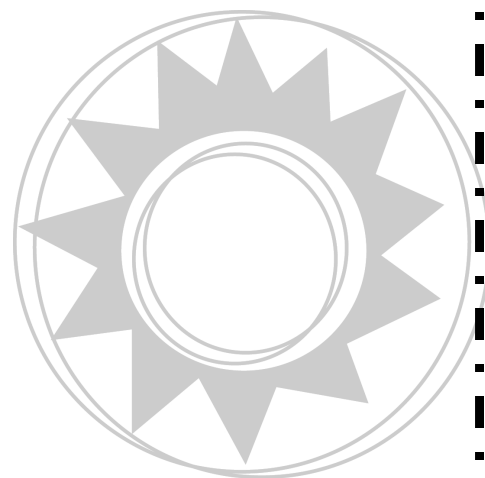
Email

Home address

Primary phone Alternate phone

Emergency contact

Phone Relationship to child



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.

1 Pray for our companion church the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Central African Republic and its work with Lutheran Disaster Response to provide planting tools and seeds for people whose harvests have been affected by the violence and unrest in the country.

2 Pray with the leaders of this church that a political solution will be found for peace in the Holy Land. Pray that Israeli and Palestinian leaders will reach an agreement in which the citizens of both nations can live in freedom and security.

3 Thomas, Apostle

Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries in Cameroon Anne and Willie Langdji, who are the regional representatives for Western Africa.

4 Independence Day

On this Independence Day, we give thanks for the courage of those who signed the Declaration of Independence and we pray that our government leaders today will honor that courage with thoughtful and visionary leadership.

5 Pray that the summer months will be a time of outreach for ELCA congregations. Lift up the efforts of your congregation to become a presence in the community as it extends its welcome to your neighbors, as Resurrection Lutheran Church in Chicago does with its annual Wrigleyville Summerfest.

6 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, we lift up all those who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens in this nation and throughout the world. We especially lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ living in Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda and Sierra Leone.

7 Pray for the recently created network Talitha Cumi, Mujer Levantate (Women Rise Up), a joint venture of the ELCA and The Episcopal Church designed to identify and address some challenges Latino women face in church and society.

8 Eight months after Typhoon Haiyan devastated parts of

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

the Philippines killing more than 6,200 people and leaving more than 1,000 still missing, pray for the ongoing relief efforts of Lutheran Disaster Response, which is helping the survivors recover and rebuild.

9 Lift up in your prayers the 45 food pantries that received ELCA World Hunger food grants in 2014. Give thanks that because of their work fewer people will go to bed hungry tonight.

10 Pray for the families who are separated because of U.S. immigration laws. Pray that a legal solution can be found that will allow all people to follow their dreams and create a better life for themselves and their loved ones.

11 Remember in your prayers the Rev. Christa Von Zychlin and the Rev. Wayne Nieminen, ELCA missionaries, and their service in theological education at the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Hong Kong.

12 Pray for the more than 1.3 million people of South Sudan who have been displaced by the violent political crisis in their young country — people such as Nyagnet Req, who, with her seven children, walked for days to reach an Ethiopian refugee camp supported in part by Lutheran Disaster Response.

13 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

O God, we ask you to guide teachers, assistants and participants in the various vacation Bible school programs throughout this church. May your word be a lamp unto their feet and a guide along the path through summer.

14 Give thanks for the 120 companion synod relationships of the ELCA, relationships with churches around the world that nurture and strengthen mutual ministries.

15 Remember in your prayers the new group of 64 young people who have been selected to serve in eight countries around the world for a year through the ELCA Young

ELCA Prayer Ventures

Adults in Global Mission program. As they prepare to begin their year of service, pray that the spirit of “God’s work. Our hands.” will enrich their lives and those they will walk with in accompaniment.

16 Pray for the members of this church who feel a call to serve God and are in the process of discerning how to respond. Whether the call is to be an ordained pastor or to less formal service, may the Holy Spirit guide their decision.

17 Lift up the five ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission participants who are concluding their year of service in Hungary. Give thanks for their year of accompaniment with our brothers and sisters in Central Europe.

18 Pray that those attending the Lutheran Men in Mission Gathering – which begins today in Nashville, Tenn. – will be enriched by the experience and will be rejuvenated in their mission to be the role models so necessary for the youth of this church.

19 Lift up in your prayers the ELCA Young Adult Ministry as it helps young adults form their faith and claim who they are, discovering their unique gifts and passions that have been endowed upon them by God.

20 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, help us to love one another as you have loved us. Open our eyes to see you in the face of our neighbor and guide our words and actions throughout this day and always; through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen

21 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries in Costa Rica Stephen Deal and Marta Giron and their service as regional representatives for Central America.

22 Give thanks for the hundreds of ELCA congregations that have gone beyond their walls through congregation-based community organizing and are addressing the problems and pressures they and their neighbors are facing.

23 Give thanks for the wonders of science, as each new discovery about our universe leaves us increasingly in awe of God’s marvelous and complex creation.

24 Pray that those attending the Women of the ELCA Triennial Gathering – which begins today in Charlotte, N.C. – will be inspired and infused with the Holy Spirit as they learn to live out God’s call to act boldly in their faith in Jesus Christ.

25 Give thanks for the 10 ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program participants in the United Kingdom as they conclude their year of service. Pray for God’s guidance as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

26 Lift up in your prayers the work of Lutheran Services in America, an alliance of the ELCA and 300 health and human service organizations serving more than 6 million people each year in the United States and the Caribbean.

27 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Lord, grant us the courage to take responsibility for our actions. Help us find ways to express our feelings without placing the blame on others. Open our ears so that we can hear and learn from one another.

28 Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750

Loving God, thank you for the gift of music. Today, as we remember J.S. Bach, we give you thanks for all of the musicians who give of their time and talent to your glory.

29 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionary in the Central African Republic Susan Smith and her work as an adviser to educational programs.

30 In an increasingly expensive world, pray for the long-range goal of the ELCA Fund for Leaders to provide full -tuition support for every student attending an ELCA seminary.

31 Give thanks for the many community gardens sponsored and tilled by members of ELCA congregations. Pray that the gardens, like The Potato Project of Trinity Lutheran in Kutztown, Pa., will help many people put nutritious food on their table.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

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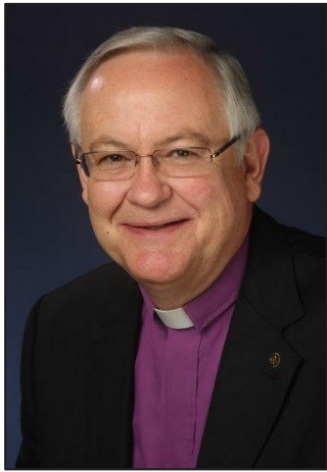
July 2014

Always
being made
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

The Gift of Seeing by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



I grew up like many children around the world hearing about the man in the moon. I had no idea what the phrase actually referred to until one night when I was riding in the back seat of my parent's car staring out at the moon and the stars. Suddenly the image of the man's face in moon came into focus. I shouted out as if I was the first to

discover it. "Look, the man in the moon!"

It was no great revelation to the rest of the family but for me it was a major find. In fact I felt funny, stupid for not having seen it long before.

Now when I look up at this great celestial light I see the man immediately.

How could it be that for the first years of my childhood I never saw the man? And how is it that my brothers spotted him long before I did? All I saw was the moon with its contrasting shadows. And how is it that once an image comes into focus we see it almost instantly on each sighting?

Insight, awareness, vision, seeing are all essential to being people of faith.

Being late in life to see the man in the moon has created for me a sense of humility. I know that I am slow in many other areas of my life to see that which is obvious to others.

I am slow to see so much of the injustice that takes place in life. I am even slower to see the part I play in it.

I am slow to see and understand how others see the world much differently than I do.

I am slow to realize how my actions and attitude hurt others.

I am slow to realize how abundant the gifts are that God rains down on my life.

I am slow to see how gracious God is.

How is it possible that I do not see what is so obvious?

Friends, this is why the words of the confession speak loudly in my ears with such truth. The confession helps me understand why it is that I am so slow to see. The confession causes me to put all my eggs in the basket of grace. It is my only hope.

I thank you for your patience when I shout out my latest insight as if I were the first to discover it.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.

-- Philippians 1:9-10

P.S. There was a full moon the night my father died. The little kid in me felt as if the man in the moon was my father smiling down on me.

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

Synod and ELCA News

2014 Synod Assembly - Highlights

The 2014 Assembly of the Northwest Washington Synod was held May 16 - 17, 2014 in Everett, WA. Bishop Kirby Unti presided over his first assembly with the theme "Joining God's Parade."

Special guests:

Pastor Linda Norman, ELCA Treasurer, shared a report from the Churchwide expression, shared in a Q & A time and preached at our final worship service. Dr. Tony Jones, our keynote speaker, challenged us to consider how the changes in culture have both affected the current status and the future of "the church."

We welcomed 32 Ministry Partner Organizations and Synod Committees to our Display area. During breaks the room was filled with conversations and information-sharing. The Spokane - Based Book Parlor offered a variety of books for sale. We encouraged more connection-making at a music & fellowship time on Friday afternoon, offering appetizers and no-host beverages.

We celebrated the 125th Anniversary of Kent Lutheran Church; the 50th Anniversary of Cross of Christ, Bellevue and the 75th Anniversary of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services.

We thanked the retiring Roberta Nestaas for her 30+ years of service with Lutheran Community Services of the NW.

Four resolutions were presented and all were approved.

(Full text of the resolutions can be found on the website: www.lutheransnw.org/synod-assembly-2014)

- Super Bowl Sunday Hunger Awareness Day
- Maritime Ministry
- ELCA Campaign
- Endorsement of Initiative I-594: Background Checks

Assembly Offerings

A total of \$5,000 which will be split: 20% for ELCA Companion Synods, 40% Lutherans Restoring Creation, and 40% Lutheran Good Gifts – Microloans.

Budget:

We approved the 2015 Budget cap (\$1,480,500) and the 2015 Budget Proposal (\$1,480,428.50).

Throughout the Assembly, we shared a dozen brief 1-3 minute video presentations from a number of our Ministry Partners. These brought to life the many ways we are joining God's parade in our neighborhoods.

Election Results:

•**Synod Vice President:** Georganne Robertson (Queen Anne, Seattle)

•**Synod Secretary:** Pastor Deanna Wildermuth (Holy Trinity, Mercer Island)

•Synod Council Members:

Emily Brown (First, Richmond Beach, Shoreline)

Franklin Chu (Bethany, Bainbridge Island) James

Colver (Holy Spirit, Kirkland)

Pastor Kristy Daniels (Church of Steadfast Love, Seattle)

Pastor Eric Finsand (Christ the Servant, Bellingham) Pastor

Julie Hutson (Luther Memorial, Seattle) Kristina Muramoto (Magnolia, Seattle)

Anita Proudfoot (Gethsemane, Seattle) Sojin

Thompson (St. Matthew, Renton) Thor

Wampler (First, Bothell)

Paul Whitfield (Magnolia, Seattle)

We gathered together in worship three times: a more traditional opening communion service, with Bishop Unti preaching, voices offering prayers from the congregation and the Trinity Lutheran College Choir; a matins service, reminding of our baptisms; a thanksgiving service with jazzed up familiar hymns, Pastor Linda Norman preaching, and lifting up 34 sisters and brothers who are celebrating 25 – 60 years of ordained or consecrated ministry.

Finally, with the words of the "Closing of the Assembly," we were sent - to Join in God's Parade!

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 August issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by July 10

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

July 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*!

July Worship

Scripture Readings

July 6 | Pentecost 4

Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm 145:8-14

Romans 7:15-25a

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 13 | Pentecost 5

Psalm 65:9-13

Genesis 8:1-22

July 20 | Pentecost 6

Psalm 86:11-17

Luke 10:25-37

July 27 | Pentecost 7

Psalm 119:129-36

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Worship Leaders

| | 7/6 | 7/13 | 7/20 | 7/27 |
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| Assisting Minister | Paul Olsen | Steve Olson | Katy Sarff | Gordon Trombley |
| Lector | Heidi Gough | Vicki Cook | Bob Greenhow | Dave Cederberg |
| Acolytes | Donna Smith | Jackson Terhark | Kyle Gough | Payton Johnson |
| Communion & Altar Care | Lollie Ellingson | | | |
| Greeters and Ushers | Steve Olson Lollie Ellingson | Gordon Trombley Donna Smith | Laurie Meade Bill Meade | Heidi, Kyle, and Gavin Gough |
| Song Leaders | Heidi Gough | Vicki Cook | Paul Olsen | Kris Johansson |
| Children's Time | Heidi Gough | Pastor Julie | Heidi Gough | Pastor Julie |
| Musician | Lennon Aldort | | | |

Happy July Birthdays!


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|---------------|----|----------------|----|---------------|----|-------------------|
| Leanne Hanley | 11 | Don Bannister | 18 | Kathy Nelson | 21 | Laurie Brassfield |
| 2 Ellie Long | | | | | | Mitchell Stern |
| Mary Smith | 12 | Kay Brassfield | 19 | Darryl Rogers | 29 | Gladys Huebner |
| 5 Bob Senior | | Kris Johansson | 20 | Janet Reiman | 30 | Mark Chapman |
| | 14 | Diane Chapman | | | | |

Congrats to our July Anniversaries!

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| 3 | Heidi & John Gough | 15 | Karen Hoven & Robert Johnson |
| 5 | Colleen & Raj Lingappaiah | 23 | Cheryl & Mark Stief |
| 11 | Byron Johnson & Lioudmila Popova | 28 | Rev. Julie & Bruce Hutson |

July 2014

See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <div><div>LUTHER MEMORIAL lutheran church</div><p><i>Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community</i></p></div> | | | | | | |
| 6 9 Simple Summer Breakfast 10 Worship with Sister Liz Cherry Colver 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church | 7 | 1 6 Girl Scouts | 2 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon | 3 Pastor Julie on vacation | 4 Independence Day | 5 |
| Pastor Julie on vacation | | | | | | |
| LMLC Office Closed - Office Administrator on vacation | | | | | | |
| 13 9 Simple Summer Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Personnel Committee Meeting 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church | 14 Pastor Julie's Sabbath 1:30 Book Brigade 7 Broadview Block Watch | 15 6 LMLC Council 7 Broadview Community Council | 16 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon | 17 6:30 Youth Justice | 18 7 Not One More | 19 5 Swaty Wedding |
| 20 9 Simple Summer Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church | 21 Pastor Julie's Sabbath | 22 6 Girl Scouts 7 Spiritual Growth | 23 9:30 Seekers 4:30 Girl Scouts 7 Nar-Anon | 24 | 25 | 26 9 LMLC Facilities Work Party |
| 27 9 Simple Summer Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church | 28 Pastor Julie's Sabbath | 29 | 30 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon | 31 | Missing a Sunday this month? We now have Online Giving through our website: www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving | |