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August 2014

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

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



**The Bloom family marched with LMLC signs at the Seattle
Pride Parade on June 29, 2014.**

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PJ's Page

Recently, a friend of mine participated in a mock disaster drill at Sea-Tac Airport. The exercise simulated an airport related disaster. The actors were given roles to play, including how they were wounded and what their emotional and physical responses were to be. They were dressed with very realistic looking wounds via make up and costume special effects. At the end of the drill, there was a place for them to return those "wounds"; here's the picture my friend posted to her Facebook Page.



If only it were this simple. If only we could take all that has wounded us and simply place them in a box, laying those particular burdens down.

It has been difficult for me this week not to consider the woundedness of the world. As wildfires devour everything in their paths, just over the mountains....as floods rage in the Midwest....as storms churn off the coast...I consider the woundedness of Creation. Scripture says creation groans, and this is true. And we have played a part in this, that try as we might, we cannot shrink from.

The week also brings word of escalating wars and violence, in Israel and Palestine, in Syria, in Ukraine. Wars that claim the lives of many innocents, including 293 souls on a passenger plane. Wars that have their foundation, as most wars do, in our inability to see one another as beloved Children of God. Violence rooted deeply in hatred of the "other."

Local news brings stories of lives lost in accidents and violence...of crime that rises like the summer temperatures.

Returning our collective woundedness seems to me to be a more difficult task than returning our personal wounds. Perhaps I am wrong about this. Maybe I am so overwhelmed by the shared societal wounds that I can't see my way to the RETURN box.

Of course, this box sits at the feet of Jesus. Or maybe he's holding it in his arms, patiently hoping that we remember his invitation to bring our heavy burdens to him...to come to him with our wounds and broken places and offer them to him.

I have recently started to "pray the news"....some days it is the only way I can bear to watch or read it. With every disaster, with every report of increased violence, with every accident or fire or drowning or attack, I offer prayers for those involved. I know this might sound overly pious or like it has the potential to be very longwinded, and I don't want you to think that I am chanting formal prayers with every news report. Mostly I sit and pray "Lord, have mercy" over and over again.

This is also a good plan for our personal wounds, too. I recently heard it said that until

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we acknowledge the broken places in our lives...until we recognize that the wounded pieces of our hearts and spirit are pieces that God loves too, we will never fully return to wholeness. I'm still working on that, day by day.

Being part of this community of faith brings light and life to us all, whatever our wounds. Hearing the stories that shape us does the same thing. Singing the songs of our faith lifts us up. Sharing the peace of Christ binds us together. And prayer invites us to trust that the very One who created us and all that is stands ready and able to bear our shame, our brokenness, and carry our wounds.

Jesus said "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

May we trust that this invitation is true.

Pastor Julie Horst



In the sure and certain hope of the resurrection, we remember those who have died in the month just past and we extend our deepest sympathy to these members of the LMLC community:

***Roberta (Bobbi) Andrina**, daughter of Irene Childe. Bobbi's memorial service was held at Luther Memorial on Wednesday, July 16th, with Pastor Julie presiding.*

***Sarah Marie Buss**, infant daughter of Breta Olson and John Buss and great niece of Diana Blom. Sarah Marie's graveside service was held at Evergreen Washelli on Saturday, July 19th, with Pastor Julie presiding.*

***The Rev. Stuart Lundahl**, husband of Dorothy Lundahl, died after a valiant battle with cancer, on July 26th. His memorial service will be held on August 23rd, at 11 am, at Luther Memorial.*

***Kathryn Lynch**, grandmother of Pastor Julie, died peacefully on July 30th. The funeral will be in Pekin, Illinois on August 9th, with Pastor Julie presiding.*

Stewardship Living

Stewardship Living

One of the best ways to be a good steward is to take what you already have and use it for the larger good. There are any number of examples of this in our congregation...almost too many to name. But on July 20th, your pastor snapped some pictures that illustrate this stewardship point:



Every Sunday Gavin uses what he has, a heart for hospitality, by bringing people a cup of coffee or a cup of water. Gavin looks for people who might need a little extra help getting that cup of coffee or who are busy doing other things, and makes sure they get what they need!

Apparently one of Randi's gifts is growing large zucchini. She brought this one to worship, displaying it with a note that it was free for the taking. Janice is the proud mother, I mean owner, of the literal fruits (or vegetables) of Randi's labor and her willingness to share what she had.



Every Sunday during the summer we gather as a faith community and our friends for breakfast. Various individuals supply, prepare, and serve the food and many hands pitch in with clean up.

LMLC News and Events

Greening Congregation

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!



Simple Summer Breakfasts

Simple Summer Breakfasts have returned once again, and will continue until August 31st! All are welcome at 9 am breakfast in the fellowship hall. Volunteers are still needed to provide breakfast on August 24th, ...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.



August 3rd and 31st are Potluck style breakfasts, please bring a dish to share if you are able.

LMLC News and Events

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 page 9, 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.

Fifth Sunday!

August 31st will be filled with some unique opportunities in our life together. We will have a guest musician, Darren Hochstedler, and some special music is in store. Although it's Labor Day weekend, we hope you'll plan to be in worship!

It's also a NOISY OFFERING Sunday, so bring your loose change and put it in the kid's cans as we leave worship. These proceeds will benefit our children's ministries at Luther Memorial.



LMLC News and Events

Safe Church

In the weeks and months ahead, look for information in The Messenger and in other places about how we can make sure our building and grounds is a safe space for everyone. We will cover many topics as we seek to plan for the worst while expecting the best. Some sample topics will include fire safety, keeping our Seniors safe, keeping our Children safe, and what to do in the case of violence in the building or natural disasters.

Wedding Blessings!

Luther Memorial extends our very best wishes to our musician, Lennon Aldort, and his fiancée Christine Hanchett as they are married this month. Congratulations!



Looking Ahead at LMLC...

God's work.

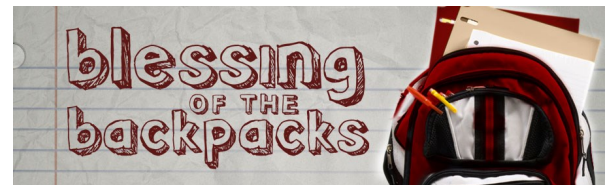


Our hands.

Rally Sunday, the beginning of the program year, is September 7th. This year we are participating in the Churchwide emphasis of "God's Work. Our Hands." All ages will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 9am for a variety of projects designed to help us remember that God's work in the world is carried out by our hands and hearts.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Bags

During worship on September 7th, we will bless the backpacks, briefcases, and other bags that you carry with you during each day. STUDENTS are especially encouraged to bring their school backpacks with them to worship!



From Camp Lutherwood...

Dear Luther Memorial,

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation.

OUR summer theme this year is Faith Alive and with your help we are changing lives and keeping Faith Alive at Lutherwood.

God Bless,

Rob Gillespie



Financial Picture

Financial Notes:

At this point in the year, our income (pledged offerings, unpledged offerings, & other gifts and contributions) remains slightly ahead of projections for the year. Thank you to EVERYONE for your faithful support of the ministries of this congregation!

Remember that the monthly Treasurer's report is available in the Council report packets, found on the information table in front of the office. Look for your individual 2nd Quarter Contribution Report in the mail.

2nd Quarter Contributions

LMLC Contributions from April 1 - June 30, 2014

LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:	\$219, 044.64
Contributions Needed per Quarter:	\$54,761.16
Second Quarter Total Contributions Received:	\$59,363.79
Second Quarter Difference:	+\$4,602.63

Second Quarter Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lenten Meals/Feasts	\$239.00
Memorials	\$500.00
Easter Lilies	\$230.00
Helping Hands	\$241.00
eScrip	\$25.52
Thrivent Choice	\$833.00
Members in Need	\$210.00
Lutheran World Relief	\$58.50
ELCA World Hunger	\$120.00
Sunday School - Special Projects	\$67.00
Fred Meyer Community Rewards	\$72.45
Room Use	\$815.00
Greenwood Food Bank	\$20.00
Easter Pancake Breakfast (Camp Lutherwood)	\$500.00
Youth	\$180.50
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$14,078.09
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$10,558.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$30,615.73

Total Second Quarter Contributions: \$59,363.79

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.

July 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

July Contributions Received

July 6	\$3,553.00	July 13	\$6,818.77
July 20	\$4,257.00	July 27	\$1,306.70

Contributions in July: \$15,935.47	Budgeted for July: \$16,849.56
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Difference :
-\$914.09

July Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vacation Bible School	\$65.00
Sunday School-Special Projects	\$15.70
Helping Hands	\$355.00
ELCA World Hunger	\$40.00
Room Use	\$201.00
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$3,938.67
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$2,372.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$8,948.10
Total July Contributions:	\$15,935.47

Faith Alive

Summer Day Camp 2

August 4-7, 20

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

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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

MLC Day Camp 2014 Registration - Please return to Luther Memorial by August 4, 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 **August 4, 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

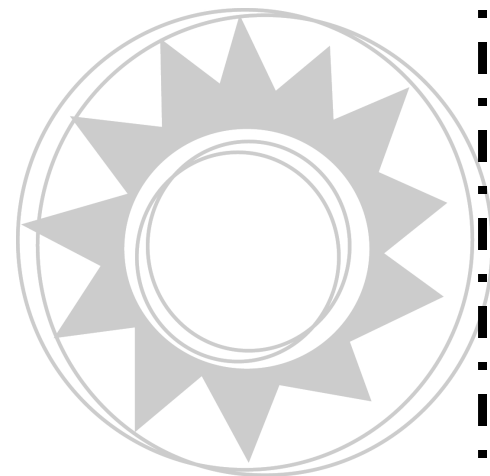
Email

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 the safety of all the people threatened by the violence in the conflict between Israel and Hamas in the Gaza Strip, including the members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land. Pray for an end to the violence and that negotiations for a lasting peace will be pursued.

2 Pray for the state of our world, a world in which unaccompanied children flee across borders in search of better life. Pray for the ELCA members who are working through Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Lutheran social service ministries to help find foster care for these children.

3 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Ever-loving God, quiet our souls before you, speak to us from your word and refresh us with the living bread of life that is Christ, through Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

4 As stewards of God's creation, we pray with the leaders of the ELCA and The Episcopal Church that limits on carbon emissions be approved in an effort to limit climate change, which particularly threatens low-income communities that lack the resources and technology to adapt to rapid environmental changes.

5 As they begin their six-year terms in service to this church, pray for the six new ELCA synod bishops who were elected at their 2014 synod assemblies: John Macholz – Upstate New York Synod; Gerald Mansholt – East-Central Synod of Wisconsin; Patricia Lull – Saint Paul Area Synod; Abraham Allende – Northeastern Ohio Synod; Terry Brandt – Eastern North Dakota Synod; Michael Rhyne – Allegheny Synod; and the nine bishops who were re-elected.

6 Pray for the ministries of the ELCA that work with people who have served time in prison and now are trying to start a new life, such as Living Gospel Ministries in Philadelphia.

7 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries the Rev. Lancelot Themba and Kwena Mkhabela, regional

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

representatives for West Africa.

8 Lift up the participants in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program as they conclude this month their year of accompaniment with Lutheran companion churches overseas. Pray for God's guidance as they finish this journey and prepare for the next chapter in their lives.

9 Remember in your prayers the ELCA military chaplains and the people they serve – people who are too often facing difficult days in which ending their lives may seem to them the only option. As we give thanks for their service, pray that God's unconditional love will become a light in their darkness.

10 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

We thank you, O God, for teachers throughout the world. Give them strength, patience and guidance as many prepare to begin a new school year; in the name of Jesus we pray.

11 Give thanks that the ELCA Malaria Campaign has raised more than \$12 million toward its goal of \$15 million and that through the generosity of ELCA members, the campaign is making a difference in 13 African countries.

12 Give thanks for the new worshipping communities of the ELCA, such as Faith in Action in Detroit, and the impact their ministries have on the daily lives of many.

13 Remember in your prayers the six members of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program who will begin a year of service in Rwanda this month – the first group to serve in that country.

14 Lift up the ELCA's Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries, which help us work toward realizing a truly multicultural church that works together to understand and address life's issues, complexities and questions.

15 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionary

ELCA Prayer Ventures

Chandran Paul Martin, the regional representative in India.

16 Pray for those who are hearing the call to turn their lives to service in the global church. May the Holy Spirit will help them discern how they can do God's work by accompanying those in other cultures, be it as missionaries, health workers, teachers or other servants of God.

17 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

God of compassion and justice, we lift up those who are unemployed. May they find work and receive just payment for their efforts; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

18 Give thanks for the generous financial support ELCA members provide this church – from support for the local needs and ministries overseen by their congregations to providing aid in times of international disasters to supporting the growth and work of the global church.

19 Pray for the ministries of the ELCA that help refugees fleeing difficult conditions begin anew in the United States, such as Welcome House at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in South Carolina.

20 Lift up in your prayers the ELCA Lay Schools for Ministry program as it equips and supports people for ministry and service in their community, congregation and the world.

21 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries in Japan Patrick and Jacqueline Bencke, who are teaching English as a second language.

22 Give thanks for the many ELCA congregations that have taken their ministry beyond their walls and immediate community by sponsoring an ELCA missionary or Young Adult in Global Mission.

23 Pray for a world in which no one lives with daily hunger pains and the mission of ELCA World Hunger – providing solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty – would not be needed.

24 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

O Lord, we thank you for all ELCA missionaries

especially those who have retired. They dedicated their lives to working and living with your people throughout the world. We thank you for their commitment, knowledge and faith; in the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

25 Lift up in your prayers this church's effort to accompany and equip 1,000 congregations in their renewal efforts through ELCA synods – one of the goals of *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*.

26 Give thanks for the many supporters of the ELCA Vision for Mission whose contributions help open doors to new ministries, revitalize existing congregations, share the gospel with others and grow the church for the sake of the world.

27 As the new school year begins, remember in your prayers the ELCA campus pastors who daily reach out to all who teach and learn, inviting them to experience the challenge of following Jesus.

28 Remember in your prayers ELCA missionaries the Rev. Erik and Tauna Roth and their parish ministry in Tokyo.

29 Remember in your prayers those students who are beginning seminary this fall. Pray for God's guidance as these future leaders of the ELCA prepare for a life of "God's work. Our hands."

30 Remember in your prayers the 64 new participants in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program who this month begin a year of accompanying our brothers and sisters in eight country programs around the world.

31 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Merciful God, fill us when we are empty. Strengthen us when we are weak. Warm us in your love so that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us serve our brothers and sisters worldwide for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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.

Synod News

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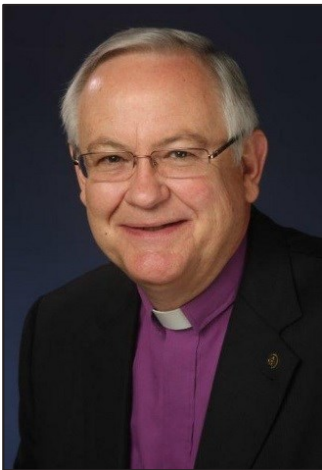
Always
being made
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

Mr. Fix-It

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



I am a “wanna be” fix-it guy. Over the years I have prided myself in being able to figure out why something is not working and come up with a solution. I have also had my fair share of disasters like the time I blew up our oven trying to fix its clock and timer. (Safety tip: It is always a good thing to kill the power to any appliance that you are working on.)

This summer my challenge has been to get the trailer lights working on our boat trailer. Salt water is not a friend of electrical parts. The problem started the first with the truck itself. Kim said to me one day, “Have you noticed one of the lights is staying on even with the keys removed?”

Sure enough we have a series of LED lights just under the tail gate and one of them was on even through all of the lights were turned off. It took the help of my diesel mechanic to realize it was a problem with the flashing module. The bugger off the shelf costs a \$100.00. Fortunately my friend found one for half the price.

Knowing the lights were now working on the truck, I hooked up the trailer only to discover that the left turn indicator trailer light was not working. My mechanic friend explained to me how to try and test the light by taking power off of a known working light. The idea was a good one until I pushed the probe into the socket only to have all of the lights go out including the lights on the truck.

I was now having a few words with Jesus about this dilemma, knowing full well I probably blew up the \$50.00 flasher module. I did not sleep well that night.

The job would have to wait for my mechanic. The next day he arrived and immediately located the 15 cent fuse under the hood that I had blown and quickly determined that a wire had come loose in the main harness. Both were an easy fix.

Once again Mr. Fix-It was put in his rightful place. But the good news was two-fold. The lights on the trailer are working splendidly and the price of a fuse is nothing in comparison to a flasher module.

Friends, the lesson for me in this story is that I become obsessed with trying to make things work in my life when they don't go just the way I want them to. I allow my problems to become much greater than they truly are.

It's called keeping perspective. It's called not getting worked up. It's called being clear about what really matters in life.

Jesus put it this way in Matthew 6:25-27: *“For this reason I say to you, do not be worried about your life, as to what you will eat or what you will drink; nor for your body, as to what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? “Look at the birds of the air, that they do not sow, nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they? “And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?”*

Stay in touch and in the know!

**Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? www.lutheransnw.org/calendar
Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe**

Synod News

Maritime Ministry & the Mission to Seafarers

Mission to Seafarers Luncheon

Saturday, August 23 at 11am Aboard the Star Princess at Pier 91, Smith Cove Cruise Terminal, Seattle

The NW WA Synod Maritime Ministry, in support of our work with The Mission to Seafarers and its Board of Directors, cordially invites YOU to the Annual Benefit Luncheon Hosted by the Princess Cruises Community Foundation. All proceeds will benefit The Mission to Seafarers.

This luncheon represents the Mission's major fundraiser each year. Over the past eleven years they have raised tens of thousands of dollars to help provide communications opportunities for merchant seafarers who are unable to leave the ship as well as transportation for those merchant seafarers and cruise ship employees who can go ashore to shop, get medical help, or just visit a friendly place. During the Holiday Season, they provide 'Ditty Bags' - shoe bag-sized gift bags filled with toiletries, stocking caps, candy, and often a New Testament. Last year volunteers packed and distributed more than 1,300 of these Ditty Bags.

A partner in this effort, the Princess Cruises Community Foundation, has generously provided for auction a seven-night cruise for two, to either the Caribbean or the Mexican Riviera. The cruise will be auctioned during the luncheon and you will have additional opportunities to show your support for the Mission and the Christmas-at-Sea Ditty Bag program. There will be other auction items available as well.

Please consider bringing a group of friends to the luncheon. In addition to the excellent cuisine and service provided by the Golden Princess' crew, this is a chance to let your friends know about our ministry to seafarers: a group of hard-working people who are often marginalized and taken for granted, and whose occupation is one of the most dangerous in the world. Seafarers make up the invisible workforce that brings us over 90% of the goods we rely on and use every day. If you are unable to attend the luncheon, a donation towards this ministry would be very much appreciated.

To RSVP, contact Susan at the Synod Office: 206-783-9292 or susan@lutheransnw.org. The minimum donation is \$100/person.

Information on this cooperative ministry is available on the NW WA Synod website at www.lutheransnw.org/maritime-ministry. The video created for the 2014 NWWA Synod Assembly featuring our own Bishop Unti and Western Washington Episcopalian Bishop Greg Rickel is also located on that page.

Ditty Bags

Each year the Mission to Seafarers give Ditty Bags to the seafarers on merchant vessels calling at the Port of Seattle. These simple 12"x 14" cloth bags are filled with practical items that convey the love, concern, and compassion of our local churches to the seafarers working to bring us the items we use and wear on a daily basis. Making and filling these ditty bags provides our church congregations with an opportunity to take part in an international and ecumenical outreach ministry. Creating and assembling these bags is a fun and caring intergenerational activity for your congregation! Or you could make collecting the items a special mission of the month for your Sunday School students. Bag pattern: www.mts-seattle.org/ditty-bags.

The following items are particularly needed each year:

- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream & Disposable Razors
- Shampoo (16oz bottles) Toothpaste (5.6-6.2oz) Toothbrushes (single packs only)
- Knit or Fleece Hats
- Small New Testaments or Gospels of John
- Playing cards
- Bar Soap
- Pens/Pencils/Notepads

Personal notes or Christmas cards to the seafarers are always welcome. For more information, contact the Mission to Seafarers, Seattle at 206-935-3439 or seafarers-center@mts-seattle.org

Additional opportunities for serving include knitting watch caps, garden work, driving the Mission to Seafarer Vans for shopping trips and medical appointments, and joining our Synod Maritime Ministry Team! Our hope is that through this partnership with Mission to Seafarers, we will be able to increase our ability to impact the lives of the seafarers. More information available on at www.lutheransnw.org/

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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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ELCA News



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

July 17, 2014

The Rev. Dr. Munib Younan Bishop
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 91140 JERUSALEM

Dear Bishop Younan,

On behalf of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, I am writing to express profound concern for you, our sisters and brothers in Christ. Our hearts are heavy as we read about and see images of the violence being inflicted on both Israelis and Palestinians. This suffering and loss of life are inexcusable before God. As followers with you of the Prince of Peace, and as children of God, the Creator and Sustainer of all life, we long for peace and a just resolution to the escalating conflict between the State of Israel and the Palestinian people. I want to respond directly to your [call](#) to us earlier this week to participate in interventions and actions "to create hope in a hopeless situation".

The steadfastness of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) is a reminder of this hope we have in Christ Jesus. The church's strong witness for coexistence grounded in peace with justice permeates every level of congregational, educational, and diaconal service. Our faith is strengthened by knowing how, even in the midst of great difficulties, the Body of Christ is working in Palestine and Jordan for the good of all communities.

Along with the witness of your pastors and lay leaders, your witness, Bishop Younan, has strengthened our confidence that peace can indeed be achieved among the two peoples and three religions that share the Holy Land. Your statements, speeches, and sermons have been a model for promoting both political and interreligious coexistence, along with your strong support of the Council of Religious Institutions of the Holy Land, which you helped found.

We are grateful for your continued uplifting of the voices of moderation and against extremism and support to you in these efforts. We appreciate the long-standing work of the ELCJHL schools in demonstrating the importance of education through a curriculum based on peace, nonviolence, peaceful co-existence and the strengthening of civil society for the benefit of all communities. We understand that this present crisis has further hurt the financial wellbeing of the ELCJHL schools, as many parents are now unable to pay tuition. We encourage ELCA members and congregations to assist the ELCJHL by making contributions through the ELCA.

At this time of great uncertainty, we join you in your call for a cessation of all hostilities between Israel and Hamas and a return to direct peace talks to achieve a comprehensive and sustainable peace based upon a two-state solution and adherence to international human rights and humanitarian law. We wish to convey our solidarity with you and the members of ELCJHL congregations, joining with you in prayers for peace. I encourage all ELCA congregations to participate in a minute of silence as we together pray for peace in the Holy Land.

While I lament that my plan to be present with you and with the leaders and members of the ELCJHL later this month has been postponed, I look forward to our time together in Jordan and the Holy Land. We deeply regret that the most recent round of negotiations have not reached a successful outcome that will lead to peace and security for Palestinians and Israelis alike. We reaffirm our pledge to work diligently with you and all people of good will to urge political leaders in the United States and around the world contribute to ending this conflict by addressing its root causes so a sustainable peace is possible.

May God be with you, your church and all the people of the Holy Land.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Eaton
 Presiding Bishop

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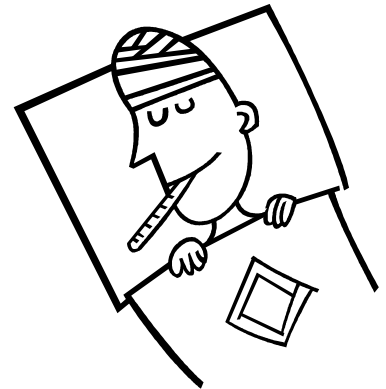
In anticipation of our 33rd Anniversary in 2014 and in our ongoing role as a social ministry organization in the ELCA, we also would like to remind you of our website www.lutherancounseling.net. On it, you will find information about LCN, our staff, locations, means of contact, etc. Here you will also 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

August 2014

That *Serious* Condition

Remember last month when we addressed *serious* and critical conditions? Well, it turns out that these terms don't really exist in the medical world. These are terms that the hospital administration uses to give the public and the family some idea about the patient's condition. *Serious* is something like; the patient is considering dying but the doctors can probably prevent it. Critical is; the patient intends to die, but the doctors are doing everything they can to stop it.



We wish things were more precise so we know what we can count on. We get uncomfortable with ambiguity and we want to know how things will turn out. Then we act as if the script had already been written and we are upset that someone won't show it to us.

But maybe our situations really are undecided as they unfold. As uncomfortable as we are with ambiguity, maybe it is precisely ambiguity which leaves room for God to act. Maybe God's gracious influence and presence needs opportunity to work. Maybe God even needs our openness to divine intervention to make room for it, at least on occasion.

Could it be that our perception of whether a situation is *serious* or critical might sometimes influence the outcome? *Serious* offers more hope. Could we enter the ambiguity with the hope that the situation is only *serious* and invite God to join us in the struggle? Could we do this regardless of what *serious* "really" means?

Maybe living in the ambiguity of *serious* situations is our pathway to finding God's grace where it otherwise might be hidden.

August Worship

Worship Leaders

	8/3	8/10	8/17	8/24	8/31
Assisting Minister	Steve Olson	Paul Olsen	Gordon Trombley	Paul Olsen	Katy Sarff
Lector	Marge Skrinde	Vicki Cook	Karen Olsen	Bob Greenhow	Steve Olson
Acolytes	Gordon Trombley	Donna Smith	Payton Johnson	Kyle Gough	Jackson Ter Hark
Communion & Altar Care	Vicki Cook				
Greeters and Ushers	Donna Smith Lollie Ellingson	Steve Olson Lollie Ellingson	Laurie Meade Bill Meade	Gordon Trombley Bjorg Hansen	Heidi, Kyle, and Gavin Gough
Song Leaders	Katy Sarff	Vicki Cook	Paul Olsen	Heidi Gough	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock
Children's Time	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie
Musician	Jim Rice		Lennon Aldort		Darren Hochstedler

Happy August Birthdays!

2 Bjorg Hansen	7 Morgan Brassfield Jr. Kristina Culmer	15 Yvonne Steinmetz	23 Alice Lewis
4 Dianna Blom Phillip Cherry	9 Gail Stern	18 Marge Skrinde Phyllis Swenson	24 Jeff Swenson
5 Quinn Ebeling Ava Ebeling	10 Alexis Duncan Swenson	19 Ethan Bannister	25 Logan Sallaway
6 Lilia Bannister	14 Marlys Carlson	21 Marilee Heuchert Dick Greenwood	27 Bill Waring
			31 Lorraine Gibbs

Congrats to our August Anniversaries!

5 Warren & Dorothy Smith	10 Katy & Mike Sarff	26 Jennings & Nancy Hanseth
8 Paul Allen & Rev. Steven Mitchell	19 Janice & Brian Sherlock	29 Mel & Katy Olsen-Tiglao

August Worship

Scripture Readings

**August 3 |
Pentecost 8**

Psalm 146: 5-10
Mark 5: 25-34

**August 10 |
Pentecost 9**

Psalm 85: 8-13
Luke 10: 38-42

**August 17 |
Pentecost 10**

Psalm 67
1 Chronicles 4: 9-10

**August 24 |
Pentecost 11**

Psalm 138
Judges 6: 36-40

**August 31 |
Pentecost 12**

Psalm 26: 1-8
Bel and The Dragon 1-19

Summer Sermon Series: The Stories That Shape Us

During August, Pastor Julie will continue preaching on favorite Bible stories based on suggestions from this congregation. This 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 August the schedule is:

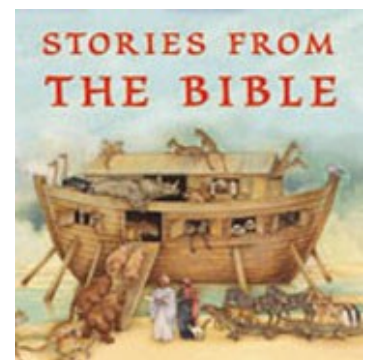
August 3: Bold Faith! - Mark 5: 25-34

August 10: Sister Act - Luke 10: 38-42

August 17: Do You Really Get What You Pray For? - 1 Chronicles 4: 9-10

August 24: Show Me A Sign! - Judges 6: 36-40

August 31: TBD - Bel and The Dragon 1-19



Be sure to check out the Spring 2014 edition of the *Te Deum*, the publication of Trinity Lutheran Seminary. Our former intern, Inge Williams, is featured on the cover and in a wonderful article within the magazine. Extra copies are in the narthex, but please look at them and then leave them in the narthex for the next person to enjoy.

August 2014

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Missing a Sunday this month?</i> <i>We now have Online Giving through our website: www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving</i></p>						
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