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## Messenger

October 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!**



**Stop by the new Welcome Center, and volunteer  
for LMLC events and needs at Sign-Up Central!**

### THE LUTHER MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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**October 15** is the deadline for articles in the **November** issue.

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## PJ's Page

Our former Presiding Bishop, Mark Hanson, asked this question: "If your congregation ceased to exist today, what would you and your neighborhood miss?"

So, to paraphrase, I ask you: If Luther Memorial did not exist, if tomorrow we simply went out of business, what difference would that make in your life?

Of course, I have my own answers and I know that you do too. But for these next few moments, I invite you to join me in considering this question. Then, over the course of the next several weeks, we will have the opportunity to talk together about this and to share our answers in a variety of different ways.

A part of this consideration will be in preparation for our Annual Meeting, as we think about and plan for the coming year. But the way we think about this question will also inform our continued visioning and discernment as we listen for God's call to us.

To the first question, I add a second: Where do you see God at work in our neighborhood? Not just in what we are doing as a

congregation, but where is God at work in the neighborhood?

Know that YOU are a vital person in the life of this congregation, just because of who you are, God's beloved child.

Faithfully,

*Pastor Juli Hubert*



# Stewardship Living

## Stewardship Living

Henri Nouwen wrote a beautiful prayer based on our need to hold tightly to our possessions. He wrote:



*"Dear God, I am so afraid to open my clenched fists!*

*Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to?*

*Who will I be when I stand before you with empty hands?*

*Please help me to gradually open my hands*

*and to discover that I am not what I own,*

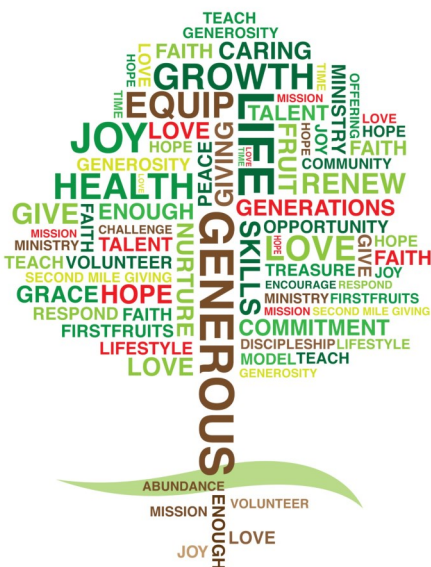
*but what you want to give me."*

*(Henri J.M. Nouwen, The Only Necessary Thing: Living a Prayerful Life)*

The world would like us to believe that we do not have enough, that we may never have enough. It is true that some folks actually do not have enough, we see them every day here at Luther Memorial, in need of food and shelter and dry clothing (see Socktoberfest article elsewhere in this newsletter.)

But what I believe, and this is a crucial and foundational part of my own faith, is that the world has enough, but that the people must share. Those with much are called to help care for those with less.

In the weeks ahead we will be kicking off our annual Stewardship emphasis, which helps us pledge our resources to the mission and ministry of this congregation. What you give funds the work that we do. It is important, life giving work and it helps us open our hands before the throne of God, to pray with Brother Nouwen "Who will I be when I have nothing left to hold on to?"



# LMLC News and Events

## First Sunday Faith Forum

LUTHERAN 101 continues this year in our First Sunday Faith Forums. The October gathering is at 9am on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Julie will lead our conversation about Lutheran Worship: Why We Do the Things We Do. What's a Kyrie anyhow? Why don't we always have a crucifer? These and YOUR burning questions are encouraged and welcomed!



## Let the Children come....

Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, Luther Memorial will have a designated space in the sanctuary for pre-school children and their parents to utilize during worship. With their blessing, our families raising these young disciples will now have a space that allows them to be present in worship and keep their wee ones involved in quiet age appropriate activities.

AS with any new endeavor, we will work out the 'kinks' as we go along, but we ask that everyone help out our families with pre-schoolers by avoiding walking through the area and respecting the pre-school age limit.

While the nursery will be open and available, it will no longer have an attendant.

Many thanks to Stephanie Bloom for pulling this project together when Council asked! We appreciate you, Steph!

Jesus, said: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belong the Kingdom of God." Matthew 19:14

## Blessing of the Animals

Bring your cat, dog, iguana, parrot, fish, or a photo of a beloved pet in your life to Luther Memorial on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2pm, for the Annual Blessing of the Animals.

Pet Portraits will once again be available for a donation to Pasado's No-Kill Animal Shelter. Treats will be on hand for all animals and their humans, too!



## LMLC News and Events

### The Welcome Center!

In our ongoing efforts to understand hospitality as a core value of the Gospel and at Luther Memorial, we've introduced The Welcome Center. Located in the southwest corner of the narthex, the Welcome Center will be a place to gather information, sign up for events and activities, and be welcomed! We hope EVERYONE will stop by on Sunday mornings!



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## Welcome Center

### Socktoberfest!

Many people without homes or shelter find that they are in need of clean, dry socks, especially during the winter months. On October 12<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting NEW socks for men, women, and children. And in Oktoberfest fashion, we will enjoy Root Beer floats (in place of that other Oktoberfest drink) following worship! THANK YOU for your support of this important ministry, as we *Actively Share Christ's Love in Community*.

sock drive



## Reformation Sunday

Wear RED for Reformation, if you'd like, and come prepared for a time of celebration of our Lutheran heritage!



REFORMATION  
Sunday



### Presentation of Bibles

On Reformation Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will present Bibles to our second grade students: Zachary, Jed, and Joshua and Story Bibles to our preschool students: Maya and Daniel. Here's to fruitful exploration of the Scriptures!



# LMLC News and Events



*worship* matters  
this is the feast

Saturday, October 25, 2014  
Luther Memorial Lutheran Church  
13047 Greenwood Ave. N  
Seattle, WA

9am-3:30pm

## **A DAY OF LEARNING, WORSHIP AND INSPIRATION**

Sponsored by the NWWA SYNOD

\$30 first participant from congregation  
\$15 each additional participant from same congregation  
(Bring your entire team!)  
Includes Lunch

### **Thank You!**

THANK YOU for using your hands (and feet and time and energy) for God's Work!  
Thanks to Bob Senior for delivering the food items to the Greenwood Food Bank.  
Thanks to Bruce Hutson for changing light bulbs throughout the building.  
Thanks to Jerry Jacobs and Bill Meade for putting away the patio furniture.  
Thanks to Mike and Katy Sarff for hanging the new Welcome Center banner.  
Thanks to Bill Meade for mowing the lawn.  
Thanks to Vicki Cook for keeping after those pesky weeds.  
Thanks to Stephanie Bloom for her work on the Pre-School Corner.  
God's Work! Our Hands!



# LMLC News and Events

## Advent Online Devotions

If you are interested in writing for our online advent devotions this year, please sign up at Sign Up Central in the Welcome Center. A Scripture text and other instructions will be provided to you by the end of October.



## Support LMLC by shopping on Amazon!

### Shop at AmazonSmile

and Amazon will make  
a donation to:  
Luther Memorial  
Lutheran Church

Get started

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### What is the AmazonSmile Foundation?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.

### How does AmazonSmile work?

When first visiting AmazonSmile, customers are prompted to select a charitable organization from almost one million eligible organizations. In order to browse or shop at AmazonSmile, customers must first select a charitable organization. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's selected charitable organization.

### How does my organization receive the donations?

Each quarter, the AmazonSmile Foundation makes donations to eligible charitable organizations by electronic funds transfer. Donations will be transferred approximately 45 days after the end of each calendar quarter. To account for Product returns, a portion of the quarterly donations will be withheld until the next donation cycle, subject to any reduction due to returns from prior quarters.

**To sign up, or shop go to: <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0679122>**

## Financial Notes:

Your faithful giving has enabled your neighbors to....

...have lunch, meet in a warm building to talk about the needs of the neighborhood, meet in safety to discuss and support one another as they struggle, learn as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, plant, tend, and harvest a garden. These are just a FEW of the ministries of this place. Your financial support enables us to Actively Share Christ's Love in Community.

## 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.

### September 2014

#### Preliminary Financial Picture

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

LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:

\$219, 044.64

Contributions Needed per week :

\$4,212.39

#### September Contributions Received

September 7 \$5,321.41

September 21 \$5,292.00

September 14 \$2,772.00

September 28 \$5,235.67

Contributions: \$18,621.08

Budgeted: \$16,849.59

**Difference:**

\$1,771.49

#### September Contribution Designations

##### Fund

##### Amount

Vacation Bible School

Memorials

\$1,550.00

Lutheran World Relief

Members in Need

Helping Hands

\$20.00

ELCA World Hunger

Room Use

\$880.00

Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund

\$3,210.67

Unpledged Offerings and Tithes

\$4,347.00

Pledged Offerings and Tithes

\$8,613.41

**Total September Contributions:**

**\$18,621.08**





## [Broadview SPU Meeting Information Now Online](#)

On Tuesday evening (9/23/14), a large crowd of Broadview residents attended the Seattle Public Utilities (SPU) meeting about the paired sewage and drainage alternatives for the 12 Avenue NW basin. There was a lot of information presented, and a lot of comments and questions.

There will be meetings about the alternatives for the problems in the Dayton Avenue basin this winter. SPU has some new data about the frequency of potential sewage backups in the Dayton Avenue basin, which suggests that backups there could be more frequent than previously thought.

The presentation and the display boards are now online at SPU's [Broadview Projects website](#). (<http://www.seattle.gov/util/EnvironmentConservation/Projects/DrainageSystem/BroadviewProjects/SewerStormwaterImprovements/index.htm>)



SPU encourages residents to give feedback. You can do that via this e-mail address: [spu\\_broadviewprojects@seattle.gov](mailto:spu_broadviewprojects@seattle.gov)

# ELCA Prayer Ventures



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

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

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

## **October 1**

Guide the U.S. president, his counselors and all men and women in authority that they may be just in purpose, wise in counsel and unwavering in duty.

## **October 2**

We pray for the 63 ELCA young adults who have begun a year-long journey in which they will live, learn and serve with ELCA companion churches and partner organizations overseas.

## **October 3**

We give thanks for the Lutheran, Anglican and Episcopal leaders and their recent pastoral message on climate change. As Christians, we are united in our concern for the well-being of our neighbors and of God's good creation.

## **October 4**

In gratitude for the lives of saints, especially Francis of Assisi, renewer of the church, and Theodor Fliedner, renewer of society, who we commemorate today and in whom God reveals God's love for the world.

## **October 5**

We celebrate and give thanks for our church's five-year comprehensive campaign, "*Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA*," which seeks to raise funds to sustain and grow the ministries of the ELCA.

## **October 6**

Inspire us with the memory of William Tyndale, translator and martyr, whose faithfulness led to the way of the cross, and whom we commemorate today.

## **October 7**

We give thanks for your servant Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, pastor in North America, who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock. We pray that, following his example and the teaching of his holy life, we may by your grace attain our fullness in Christ.

## **October 8**

We give thanks for ELCA's Good Gifts, designed to help grow this church, fight hunger and transform lives. We are a church that is freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

## **October 9**

We pray for the West African nations that are struggling with Ebola outbreaks of unprecedented severity. Through ELCA World Hunger, Lutheran Disaster response and the ELCA Malaria Campaign, we walk together with our Lutheran companions all over the world as they respond to hunger, disaster and disease with compassion and action.

## **October 10**

With gracious and open hearts and minds, we give thanks to ELCA members and congregations for their commitment to engage in an important study and conversation this fall, centered on the invitation to Holy Communion.

## **October 11**

Merciful God, help us reach out to those who are stumbling in deep, dark sadness, and who have thoughts towards suicide. As a community of faith, guide us as we bring awareness to this very real and tragic epidemic, so that those who suffer may find hope and meaning for their lives.

## **October 12**

We give thanks for all those who lead in worship. We are a church that, through worship, are fed and sent in the name of Christ for the sake of the world.

## **October 13**

On this Day of Thanksgiving in Canada, we give thanks for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. As members of The Lutheran World Federation, the ELCA and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada share a vision of "living and working together for a just, peaceful, and reconciled world."

## **October 14**

We give thanks for ELCA Vision for Mission and its call to do God's work with our hands. Gifts to Vision for Mission help open doors to new ministries, revitalize existing congregations, share the gospel with others and grow the church for the sake of the world.

## **October 15**

We praise you for your servant Teresa of Avila, teacher and renewer of the church, who we commemorate on this day. Like Teresa and the saints who walked with

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her, raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired by you with voices that give strength to our church.

## October 16

We pray for unaccompanied and migrant children arriving in the United States, as a result of risk factors causing them to leave their home countries. As members of the ELCA, we are called to love and welcome all.

## October 17

Inspire us with the memory of Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch and martyr, whose faithfulness led to the way of the cross, and who we commemorate today. Bless all women and men who have given their lives in witness to your love and truth.

## October 18

Let us celebrate Luke, who we know as the author of both Luke and Acts. Guide us as we meet God in Scripture, where God's relationship to and intention for humankind is revealed.

## October 19

Gracious God, cycles of violence seem never-ending. Lead us from prejudice to truth and deliver us from hatred, cruelty and revenge.

## October 20

In a living example of caring for our neighbor, we give thanks to those who, through the ELCA and Lutheran Disaster Response, are responding to unaccompanied and migrant children with grace and compassion.

## October 21

God of wisdom, we give thanks for the incredible work being done across this church and beyond to make faith formation among our children and youth a relevant, meaningful process.

## October 22

We give thanks for the thousands of ELCA members who served their communities as part of "God's work. Our hands." Sunday in September. Help us remember that we truly are the body of Christ together in service.

## October 23

Inspire us with the memory of James of Jerusalem, martyr and whose faithfulness led to the way of the cross, and who we commemorate today. Like James, give us courage to bear full witness with our lives to Jesus' victory over sin and death.

## October 24

Guide those who lead and participate in the Book of

Faith Initiative, which strives to increase biblical literacy and fluency for the sake of the world.

## October 25

Help us discover ways of walking with and serving alongside people who are living with HIV and AIDS. Ground us in your love and forgiveness, as we are called to discern what it means to be a church that is HIV-positive.

## October 26

We give thanks for Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann and Paul Gerhardt, hymnwriters, who all worked in 17<sup>th</sup> century Germany in times of war and plague, and who our church commemorates on this day. Inspire all who offer their gifts of music in glorifying God.

## October 27

Bless all our congregations and ministries that are invited to celebrate Global Church Sunday this fall, with the goal for deepening our church's connection and common mission within Christ's global church.

## October 28

We give thanks for the apostles, especially Simon and Jude, who we celebrate today. As they were faithful and zealous in God's mission, so may we with our faith and devotion make known the love and mercy of Jesus Christ.

## October 29

Our faith liberates us to embrace each person in their wholeness. We give thanks for the ELCA's Ethnic Specific and Multicultural Ministries team, and its mission of assisting our church in becoming more culturally diverse and anti-racist.

## October 30

We give thanks for the ELCA Malaria Campaign, ELCA members and our companions overseas who help reduce the number of deaths from this preventable, treatable disease. We are a church that believes God is calling us into the world—together.

## October 31

We thank you, God, that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. On this day when we celebrate Martin Luther's posting of the Ninety-five Theses, guide the planning and efforts for the ELCA's observance of 500 Years of Evangelical Reformation in 2017.

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# Synod News

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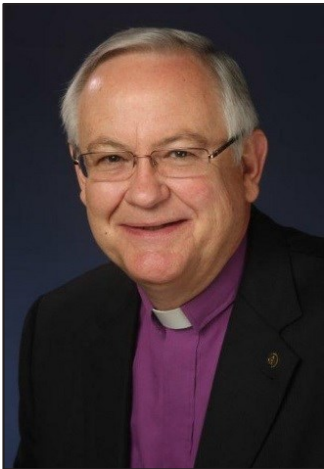
**Always**  
being made  
**New.**

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

# The Spirit

## The Liturgy of September

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



The Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia is our Companion Synod and they are calling upon the churches of the Northwest Washington Synod to hold them up in prayer.

I have learned when our global partners ask for our prayers or offer to pray for us they really mean it.

Our sisters and brothers find themselves caught right in middle of what is going on between Russia and the Western world. This places them in a terrible bind

because they are seen as a "Western" entity. Their deep desire is for their country to desist from playing geopolitical games.

In a recent letter from +Bishop Dietrich Brauer he says, "In these hard times we ask you dear sisters and brothers, to keep and strengthen our partnership and solidarity, continue to pray for a good, peaceful and free future for Russia and Ukraine, pray, that God gives us courage to be witnesses of His justice and His grace in Jesus Christ, even in the times of trial."

I want to invite you to respond to this invitation from +Bishop Brauer to strengthen our relationship. Given our "cold war" history with Russia it is even more pressing that we see beyond the historical divide.

One of our companions from Kazan, Philipp Zanko said, "in my opinion today friends in the U.S. are even more important for us than ever before. We need contacts with Western Christians in order to survive spiritually."

Our relationship with the ELCEU is a wonderful reminder to us that the body of Christ knows no national boundaries.

The members of our Synod who make up Team Russia can share with you countless stories of the blessings they have received both through visitation to sister congregations and through on-going correspondence. Team Russia will be the first to tell you of how faith-inspiring the witness of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia is.

The words of Team Russia member Marla Wardell capture the spirit of this important partnership, "Russia is a hard place for me to describe adequately. Although it is a major world player, it is still very much like a Third World country in many ways. There is a huge discrepancy between the rich and the poor. The pastors, who are working so tirelessly to spread the word and do the work of the church, are not wealthy and must use their own funds in many circumstances. The gracious people who made their homes available to us were not well off and really appreciated the small donation we gave them. Russia will forever hold a special place my heart, especially the wonderful brothers and sisters I met there."

Please give prayerful consideration to engaging in some way with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of European Russia. Contact Ken Grigsby (360.675-468, island66@comcast.net) or Eva Mader (425.453-1071, evamadere@aol.com) to arrange for a presentation at your church or simply to pose any questions you may have. Invite your people to consider giving a gift to: "Russian Pastors/Partnership: NWWWS."

A little gift goes a long way in sending a message of hope and support.

**Stay in touch and in the know!**

**Have you checked out the Synod Website Calendar? [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar)**

**Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? [www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe](http://www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe)**

# Synod News

## Upcoming Leadership Events in our Synod

### Let Justice Roll - Welcoming the Stranger:

#### Loving our Immigrant Neighbors

Friday, October 3 - Sunday October 5

@ El Camino de Emaus, Burlington

Let Justice Roll is a leadership event for high school students that encourages them to engage in issues of social, environmental, and economic justice to learn about God's call to "do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God" (Micah 6:8). Participants are encouraged and challenged to become agents of positive change with a biblical and Christ-centered approach.

The 2014 theme, "Welcoming the Stranger: Loving our Immigrant Neighbors," explores this topic while asking how can I, as a Christian teenager, help live out Christ's message to take care of the poor, the widow, the orphan and vulnerable parts of our population? The program includes cross-cultural conversations, field-trips, worship, and a fiesta with food, music and dance.

Cost is \$95 per student which includes lodging, meals, and programming. Please visit TLC website for more details and link for registration: [www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter/cyf\\_ljr](http://www.tlc.edu/cyfcenter/cyf_ljr).

### Treasurer Workshop

Saturday October 11, 8:30am-12noon

@ Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon

All Financial leaders of your congregation are invited to participate in this FREE workshop presented by the Synod Finance Committee.

Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, Bookkeepers, Finance Committee Members and Pastors are encouraged to attend. The four areas being covered this year are: church audits and financial controls; non-profit status and new state rules; electronic giving; and reporting offerings. Find more information and link to online registration on our website: [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar).

### Worship Matters

October 25, 9am-4pm

@ Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Seattle

All are invited for a day of learning, worship and inspiration. Lunch will be provided. Topics will include: WORD: The people in worship  
SACRAMENT: The things we do  
SPACE: The place we gather

Our speakers for the day are: the Rev. Dr. Jana Childers, the Rev. Paul Hoffman, and Dr. Stephen Marshall-Ward. Cost is \$30 for the first participant from congregation; \$15 for each additional participant from the same congregation - You are encouraged to bring your entire team! Find more information and link to online registration on our website: [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar).

### Year Round Stewardship

With Rev. Chick Lane

Saturday, October 11, 9am - 3pm

@ Salem Lutheran Church, Mount Vernon

If stewardship is at the heart of living out our faith, we'll want to talk about it more than once a year. And, since it's about all of life, not money alone, we'll want to look at stewardship from many different perspectives during the year. You are invited to a day with the Rev. Chick Lane to explore "Year Round Stewardship."

Chick is the author of the popular book *Ask, Thank, Tell: Improving Stewardship Ministry in Your Congregations*. He has served both as the Director of the ELCA Stewardship Key Leaders Program and Director of the Center for Stewardship Leaders at Luther Seminary.

The cost for the day is \$15/person. There is a max of \$75 charge for congregations. Don't miss out on this great opportunity! Find more information and link to online registration on our website: [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar).

### Bishop's Convocation:

How Do We Understand Justice?

Wednesday, November 12, 9:30am – 3:30pm

@ Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, Kirkland

Rostered Leaders are invited to join us for worship, conversation and fellowship. Our guest speaker for the day is Washington State Supreme Court Justice Mary Yu. Be sure to arrive early and join us for the 8:30am-9:30am Registration & Fellowship time.

Cost is \$40/person. Scholarships are available, please contact Susan Berg at synod office by October 31. Find more information and link to online registration on our website: [www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar).

*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 November issue of *The Spirit* is due to the Synod Office by October 8

# Faith and Everyday Life

## Provided by Lutheran Counseling Network

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

## Faith and Everyday Life

October 2014

### I've given it *Serious* Consideration

In this context, it might mean something like, "thoughtful." "I've turned it over in my mind a lot. I've entertained the possibility of saying 'yes' to this."

This is often a preamble to, "But I've decided to say 'no'." Maybe saying this is a little defensive. I don't want you to be upset by my answer so I want you to know how much thought I have put into this. It isn't arbitrary, really. But I'm not going to agree to the proposal.



Frequently we don't believe that the person really tried to say yes or of course they would have agreed with us. *Serious* becomes a magnet for our anger. Yeh, right! You had your mind made up from the beginning, but you just wouldn't be honest (as if we would have reacted better to an immediate denial).

What we are encountering here is disappointment. We usually don't want to disappoint others. Having to say 'no' is often not easy. We can agonize over trying to find a way to say yes and equally agonize over how to let the other person down gently.

But maybe we did give the idea a genuine try and maybe even started out enthusiastically. Perhaps it was after consideration that the idea didn't look so good after all.

How do we say and hear 'no' and trust in the good will of the other?

The secret is in the trustworthiness of the relationship and a direct but caring honesty. Is that what your relationship with God looks like? Is that how you navigate your disappointments with God? Can your relationship with God tolerate such honesty?

If the answer is yes, then maybe our relationships with our fellow humans will be *seriously* loving and honest.

# October Worship

## Scripture Readings

**October 5 |  
Pentecost 17**

Isaiah 5:1-7  
Psalm 80:7-15  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**October 12 |  
Pentecost 18**

Isaiah 25:1-9  
Psalm 23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**October 19 |  
Pentecost 19**

Isaiah 45:1-7  
Psalm 96:1-13  
Phil1 Thessalonians: 1: 1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**October 26 |  
Reformation Sunday**

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

## Worship Leaders

	10/5	10/12	10/19	10/26
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Steve Olson	Katy Sarff	Paul Olsen	Gordon Trombley
<b>Lector</b>	Vicki Cook	Bob Greenhow	Karen Olsen	Marge Skrinde
<b>Acolytes</b>	Kyle Gough	Sandy Jamieson	Jackson Ter Hark	Payton Johnson
<b>Communion &amp; Altar Care</b>	Diane MacKechnie			
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Heidi Gough Gavin Gough	Diane Chapman Lollie Ellingson	Gordon Trombley Steve Olson	Laurie Meade Bill Meade
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Vicki Cook	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Katy Sarff	Heidi Gough
<b>Children's Time</b>	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie
<b>Musician</b>	Lennon Aldort			


## Happy October Birthdays!

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|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Jan Cherry    | 10 Arne Einess       | 17 Siera Wilson   | 23 Irene Childe    |
| 2 Lois Bell     | 13 Jennings Hanseth  | 21 Irene Einess   | Dorothy Huechert   |
| Dorothy Lundahl | 15 Helen Natterstad  | Cassandra Elliott | Shannon Meade      |
| 8 Miranda North | 16 Morgan Brassfield | 22 Mary Walters   | 28 Bruce Hutson    |
| 9 Sharon Howell | Gordon Trombley      |                   | 30 Lowell Burgason |
|                 |                      |                   | 31 Bob Johnson     |

## Congrats to our October Anniversaries!

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| 11 Carla & Larry Molzahn | 14 Rachele & Ryan Lynn | 28 Kristyn & Cris Simmons |
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# October 2014 | See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: [www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/calendar](http://www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/calendar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>LUTHER MEMORIAL</b> Lutheran church</p> <p><i>Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community</i></p> <p><b>5</b> 9 First Sunday Faith Forum 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 11:30 Acolyte Training <b>2</b> Blessing of the Pets and Pet Portrait Fundraiser <b>3</b> Emmanuel Charisma Church</p>	<p><b>6</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 6 Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>7</b> 6 LMLC Council 7 Early Ford V8 Club</p>	<p><b>1</b> 9:30 Seekers 3:45 BT Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:30 FARA 4:30 ECC Event</p>
<p><b>12</b> <b>SOCKTOBERFEST!</b> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday Church School 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship and Socktoberfest! <b>3</b> Emmanuel Charisma Church</p>	<p><b>13</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 1:30 Book Brigade 6:30 Borneo Orangutan Survival Talk 7 Broadview Block Watch</p>	<p><b>14</b> 6 Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>8</b> 9 Retired Firefighters 9:30 Seekers 3:45 BT Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p><b>9</b> 6:30 Youth Justice 7 Broadview Garden Club</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:30 FARA</p>
<p><b>19</b> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday Church School 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>3</b> Emmanuel Charisma Church</p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 6 Girl Scouts</p>	<p><b>21</b> 6:30 Broadview Community Council</p>	<p><b>22</b> 9:30 Seekers 3:45 BT Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:30 FARA 9 Worship Matters Synod Workshop</p>
<p><b>26</b> <b>Reformation Sunday</b> 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday Church School 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>3</b> Emmanuel Charisma Church</p>	<p><b>27</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></p>	<p><b>28</b> 6 Cub Scout Pack 321</p>	<p><b>29</b> 9:30 Seekers 3:45 BT Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon</p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Missing a Sunday this month? Try out Online Giving through our website: <a href="http://www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving">www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving</a></p>