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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!**



Luther Memorial hosted a synod wide worship workshop on October 25th, entitled "Worship Matters'. This Is The Feast", we had 125 people in attendance on that rainy Saturday!

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

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PJ's Page

There is much happening in the life of this congregation this month. We will celebrate the saints on All Saint's Sunday. We will support our ministries of Christian Formation and Spiritual Growth through our second annual art auction. We will celebrate with other choirs in our neighborhood in a choir benefit concert. We will consider what we will offer back to God in our Stewardship emphasis: The Stories That Shape Us: Stewarding Our Gifts. We will have an ingathering of underclothes on "Undie Sunday" for those in our neighborhood without access to clean clothing. We will gather for a Community Service of Thanksgiving and then, on the final day of the month, we will take a deep breath, and enter into a season of holy waiting – Advent.

My great hope is that you will participate in those places you are able to do so and when you aren't able to be present, you will hold the ministries of this place up in prayer.

Last month, in this newsletter space, I shared a question from former Presiding Bishop Mark Hanson: What would happen if your congregation ceased to exist?

In our Stewardship season, we will hear stories that answer that question. We are calling them "our stories" but they are "ours" in a truly plural sense – they are stories about how being the church in this place has served the Gospel, our neighbors, and shaped us as disciples.

It is an extraordinary privilege to be your pastor. Every day I see the difference that you make, that we make together in this place. In truth, some days it feels that we are putting itty bitty bandaids on critical wounds. The need is that great, it is that big. But we are doing something. Whether it's food or bus fare or helping with prescriptions or hotel rooms, we are doing something.

In these days, there are many among us who are struggling with illness and unexpected turns in life. I invite your prayerful support of these sisters and brothers. We name them in the prayers of the church (God knows who we mean when we just use their first names). Remember to lift them up in your daily prayers, too. It's another way we share the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Finally, it is the season of Thanksgiving. I truly hope you will join us for the Community Thanksgiving Service (details elsewhere in this newsletter). This interfaith service is a blessing to me every single year. It is a time when we gather with our neighbors and offer thanksgiving to God for one another. We also identify a local cause to which we direct our offerings.

When I give thanks, I always remember you, beloved community, for the good that you do and the good that you are – made in God's image and held in God's love, so that together we can Actively Share Christ's Love in Community.

Pastor PJ Hanson

Stewardship Living

The Stories that Shape Us: Stewarding Our Gifts

Your Stewardship Team invites your prayerful support of our upcoming Stewardship emphasis: ***The Stories That Shape Us: Stewarding Our Gifts***. In anticipation of the ministry opportunities that are before us in 2015 and in response to what God has given to us, we will hear stories of the ways the work of this congregation has impacted our lives and the lives of our sisters and brothers in Christ. We will hear and receive these stories during the season leading up to Thanksgiving, a fitting time to consider how we use what God has given us.

You will receive a series of mailings from the Stewardship Team, including an invitation to make a monetary pledge to the mission of Luther Memorial for 2015. Making a pledge allows us to distribute our financial gifts in the year ahead. Your financial gifts and your gifts of time, abilities, talents, and presence enable us to live into our mission statement: *Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community*.



Fall Forum: *Falling Leaves of Grace*

Many folks have asked about the status of the Council's proposal to partner with a developer of affordable housing in consideration of the parking lot property. During the summer months, the congregation had two opportunities to hear from Bellwether Housing and Compass Housing Alliance. In recent weeks, we have been in more in-depth conversation including the details of obtaining state and federal funding in partnership with a developer.

The NEXT STEP will happen at our annual **Fall Forum**. Following our pot luck meal we will have a time of review and catching up around this ministry opportunity. At 1:00 we will welcome a panel of folks from congregations who have or are in the process of such projects. We will hear something of their stories: Who are they in partnership with? What does their project look like? How was their congregation involved and how do they plan to remain involved? What were the joys and challenges of the project?

Your additional questions to the panel are welcome, but at the request of the panel, so that they might prepare adequately, please submit them ahead of time. There will be a box in the narthex for your submissions.

Your questions to the Council (and Pastor) prior to the panel are welcome, also. It is NOT necessary to submit those in advance!

You are strongly encouraged to attend this Forum! Your voice is important and vital as we consider how God is calling us to steward our property!

LMLC News and Events

Advent Worship

The Church observes the time before Christmas as the season of Advent. We await the birth of the Christ child even as we wait in hope for the advent of Christ among us. You will see the sanctuary dressed in Advent blue. The wreath will light the passage of time. And we will hold our collective breath as we wait.



This is a holy season. The Church views these days through a lens that is different from the culture's lens. Far from a noisy, frantic pace, we wait with quiet confidence, reminded of the gift of God's very self, come into the world.

Please make plans now to join us for our **Mid-Week Advent Activities**, on *Wednesday evenings, December 3, 10, and 17th*.

6:00-6:50pm: Advent Scripture Study

7:00-7:40pm: Holden Evening Prayer

7:40: Fellowship with delicious goodies!



Veteran's Day

Luther Memorial offers our deep gratitude for those who have served our country and for their families. In honor of Veteran's Day, the office is closed on November 11th.

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November Confirmation Class Schedule

Confirmation students and families, please remember these dates:

November 9th, 12:30 @ Maple Leaf Lutheran Church

November 23rd, 12:30 @ Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

Undie Sunday!

On November 16th, we will task folks to bring new undergarments for our first ever "Undie Sunday." Those who live in shelters or on the streets are most appreciative of having what we take for granted.

LMLC News and Events

All Saints Sunday

The Feast of All Saints is November 1st; we observe this day in worship on the first Sunday in November, which is November 2nd this year. There will be a display table for photos and other remembrances you may wish to share. If you would like to have the names of your loved ones who have died during this year remembered in the prayers of the church, please send an email to Pastor Julie (pastor@luthermemoralseattle.com) or sign up at Sign Up Central. Those in this congregation who have died in the past year will also be remembered on this day.



North Helpline Community Choir Concert

The LMLC choir will join our neighbors in an afternoon of music making in an annual choir concert at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Shoreline (145th and 20th.) Choirs from around the North Seattle/Shoreline area will perform individual anthems as well as mass choir anthems. This concert is a benefit for the North Helpline. November 2. 3:00-5:00pm

Season of Giving Tree

Beginning Nov. 9th, there will be a Season of Giving tree in the narthex, with tags on the branches. We are offering our support to the women and children of Mary's Place in this upcoming holiday season.



There are 3 different types of tags, indicating 3 different ways to give:

- 1) Tags for a \$20 donation so that a gift certificate for new shoes may be purchased by Mary's Place and given to a homeless man or woman.
- 2) Tags for toys. These gifts will be given to homeless parents and grandparents so that they can give them to their children and grandchildren and share in the joy of giving this holiday season.
- 3) Tags for "Mom" and "Dad" gifts. These items for adults will be placed in the "Santa Store" at Mary's Place, where the children have the opportunity to select gifts for their parents.

All donations are due back at Luther Memorial on **Sunday, December 7th!**



LMLC News and Events

THE ORDINATION OF INGE MARIE WILLIAMS TO THE MINISTRY OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

We send our love and best wishes to our former Vicar, Inge Williams, as she is ordained on All Saint's Day, November 1st, in Brookville, OH. This congregation was a congregation from Inge's childhood and the first one her father served as pastor.

In addition to sending our love, we will also send our pastor as Pastor Julie will preach at Inge's ordination. Gifts and cards may be brought to the office by Wednesday if you'd like Pastor Julie to take them with her. Other options are to mail them to her parent's home: Inge Williams 2692 M 32 W Alpena, MI 49707. Inge has also indicated that she would be grateful for gift certificates to Steeple People bookstore, located at Trinity Seminary in Columbus. You can call them at: 614-236-4237 or visit them online at steeplepeoplebookstore.com They will be sure Inge gets them.

Inge has been called to serve as pastor at Friedens Lutheran Church (German translates into Peace Lutheran Church) in Sharltsville, PA.

Planning Ahead...

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, Dec. 6th: Noon! Soup and Song!



This favorite activity is being moved to Saturday at noon. We need VOLUNTEERS to drive those who need a ride, provide soup, serve, and clean up. Volunteers can sign up at Sign Up Central in The Welcome Center.

If you would like a RIDE, please let Pastor Julie or the office know or sign up at Sign Up Central.

Sunday, Dec. 7th: Children's Advent Pageant & Caroling

During 10am worship, our Children will present their annual pageant. Come and support our youngest disciples!

Following worship we invite EVERYONE to join us for caroling. We always enjoy bringing some hymns of the season to our folks who cannot make it to worship.

Christmas Eve Worship: 9pm

Celebrate the birth of the Christ child in this traditional Eucharist service with candles, carols, and much good cheer!



LMLC News and Events

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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>

Soup for St. John's United - From Shirlee Russo, LMLC Coordinator

I am looking for someone who can be a backup soup deliverer. This involves picking up the 3 pots of soup by 2:00pm on the last Thursday of each month. The pots are delivered to St. John's The United Lutheran Church. Once the soup is delivered, the pots must be washed and put away. I bring them back to be washed in our church kitchen, which has sinks large enough to accommodate the pots. Then the pots are put back in the cupboard in the fellowship hall. Please call me if you are able/interested in helping. 206-898-0226

Thank You

Financial Picture

2nd Annual Silent Auction

The Spiritual Growth Committee is having their second annual Silent Auction in November! Many LMLC artists have donated their artistic talents for the auction to raise money for the activities of LMLC youth. The preview of the items for the auction will be Sunday, November 9th in the Narthex between 9 and 11:30 am. The Silent Auction will be held on November 16 after church in the Narthex, with the final bidding at 11:30 am. Be sure to join us for this special event!



Sunday Church School Christmas Program



Believe it or not Christmas is just around the corner! We've even started planning to SCS Christmas Program! Be sure to join us on Sunday, December 7th at worship to enjoy a special Christmas program presented by our young people, "The Gifts of the Kings". Thank you to Heidi Gough and Donna Smith for their work on this program!

Community Thanksgiving Service

The Annual Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Sunday evening, November 23rd, at 7:00pm at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, 7400 Greenwood Ave. N. The theme this year is "Turning Hearts, Finding Hope." Plan now to join your neighbors in GIVING THANKS!



Financial Notes:

- As we wind our way through autumn, we find ourselves behind on the budget. If you have catching up to do in regards to your pledge, this would be a great time for that! If you are wondering where to put your extra giving dollars as the end of the year comes closer, consider the valuable, life changing ministries of this place. And always, we give to the glory of God!
- Your continued financial support enables our congregation to carry out our mission of Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community. As we approach the end of the fiscal and calendar year, please remember that all of your contributions to Luther Memorial are tax deductible.
- You should have received a third quarter Statement of Giving in the mail.
- As always, thank you for supporting the ministries of this community of faith!

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.

October 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

October Contributions Received

October 5	\$4,252	October 19	\$1,699
October 12	\$3,359.41	October 26	\$2,930

Contributions: \$12,240.41

Budgeted: \$16,849.59

Difference:

-\$4,609.15

October Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Helping Hands	\$25.00
Greenwood Food Bank	\$7.00
Room Use	\$175.00
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$600.00
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$2,323.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$9,110.41
Total October Contributions:	\$12,240.41

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.

November 1

On this All Saints Day, we celebrate and give thanks for the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ.

November 2

We give thanks for all who work for justice among all people and nations, especially Martín de Porres, renewer of society, whom we commemorate today.

November 3

We pray for all nations that are struggling with Ebola outbreaks. 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.

November 4

We give thanks to all in this church who are committed to help fight for equal rights in all ways of life, including voting rights, as also shared in the ELCA social statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture."

November 5

We give thanks for the ELCA Fund for Leaders, a scholarship program that attracts men and women of promise to study at one of eight ELCA seminaries with full-tuition or mission developer scholarships.

November 6

We lift up the ELCA's observation of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation in 2017. ELCA members and congregations are encouraged to participate in the observation.

November 7

Raise up, in every country, all who herald the gospel and who make the good news known, especially John Christian Frederick Heyer, Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, and Ludwig Nommensen, early missionaries who we commemorate today.

November 8

We give thanks for the work of the Word and Service task force. Formed by the ELCA's Church Council, the task force is charged with exploring the possibility of forming a single ELCA roster for ministers of Word and Service.

November 9

With compassion, love and support, we reflect on this church's "Message on Suicide Prevention" as a call to members, congregations and affiliated institutions to learn more about suicide and its prevention in our communities.

November 10

We give thanks for the Ecclesiology of a Global Church task force, which is exploring how the ELCA can affirm its self-understanding as part of The Lutheran World Federation, a global communion of 144 member churches representing more than 72 million Christians. The ELCA is the communion's only member church from the United States.

November 11

We raise up the faithful bishops of this church, especially Martin, Bishop of Tours, whom we commemorate today. And we give thanks for Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, whom we also commemorate on this day, and all teachers who lead us to knowledge.

November 12

We lift up the ELCA's Renewal/Prayer/Revival team in partnership with the ELCA Metropolitan Chicago Synod, and their commitment to ending global, community and domestic violence.

November 13

As we seek to learn more about the influx of unaccompanied and migrant children entering the United States, we give thanks for this church's continued response efforts. Pray especially for children who have crossed over borders by themselves to become our new neighbors and for their well-being and safety.

November 14

We give thanks for Monthly Partners and the generous gifts from those who provide consistent, ongoing support for ELCA churchwide ministries that impact the mission and ministry of this church.

November 15

We celebrate 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

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ministries of the ELCA. We give thanks for the strong response in the areas of ELCA Malaria Campaign, New Congregations, ELCA Fund for Leaders, and Global Church -International Leaders: Women.

November 16

Merciful Lord, we remember all the lives lost to gun violence, weapons of war that have flooded our communities. Bless us with the wisdom and strength to put down our swords and be peacemakers.

November 17

We give thanks for all who work for justice among people and nations, especially Elizabeth of Hungary, renewer of society, whom we commemorate today.

November 18

Creator God, you trusted us to protect the earth, to protect our future and the future of our children. We give thanks for this church's global partnerships that work to offer a unique understanding of the impact climate change is having on the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable people and communities around the world.

November 19

We give thanks for the men and women who work or who have worked to protect our nation and world. We especially pray for our veterans and the chaplains and volunteers of this church who bring them comfort.

November 20

Gracious God, we are a church that believes you are calling us into the world together. We give thanks for ELCA World Hunger and its work and mission of reaching communities in need with innovative solutions that get at the root causes of hunger.

November 21

We give thanks for Lutheran Campus Ministries and the 26 colleges and universities of the ELCA, rooted in the liberal arts and sciences and a Lutheran expression of the Christian faith and committed to global education.

November 22

We give thanks for Lutheran World Relief, an ELCA partner, dedicated to ending poverty, injustice and human suffering around the world.

November 23

We raise up the faithful bishops of this church, especially Clement, Bishop of Rome, whom we commemorate today. Inspire us with the memory of Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, whom we also commemorate on this day, and all men and women who have given their lives in witness to

your love and truth.

November 24

We raise up the pastors of our church, the men and women of the ELCA who shepherd your people, and we give thanks for Justus Falckner, Jehu Jones, and William Passavant, early pastors in North America, whom we commemorate today.

November 25

We give thanks for Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language and whom our church commemorates on this day. Inspire all who offer their gifts of music in glorifying God.

November 26

As we near the end of a church year and calendar year, we give thanks for the ELCA Foundation, whose gift planners assist this church with financial plans that address our questions concerning year-end charitable gifts.

November 27

On this day of thanksgiving in the United States, we are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

November 28

We give thanks for ELCA Good Gifts, and its mission to help grow the church, fight hunger and transform lives. We are a church that is freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. With our hands, we do God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in Jesus Christ's name throughout the world.

November 29

We give thanks for the ELCA Mission Investment Fund, celebrating 100 years of strength and stability in offering investments and ministry loans to individuals and congregations.

November 30

We give thanks for the apostles, especially Andrew, whom we celebrate on this day. The first of the disciples to be called by Jesus, give grace, oh God, to all who are called by your holy word.

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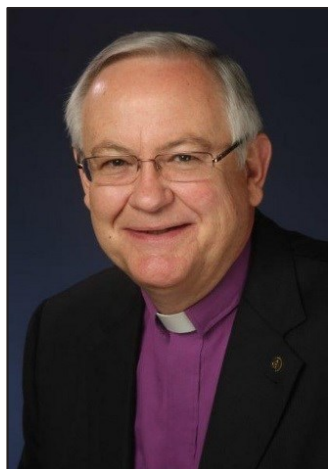
Synod News

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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



I was not born a Lutheran, but discovered the Lutheran Church by going through the backdoor. I was in high school when a friend invited me to go to her church. I fell in love with the church because it was the first time in my life that I found the church to be a place that could embrace all of who I was without making me feel like I needed to pretend to be someone I wasn't. I didn't know then that I was discovering what it means to

be covered in grace. What I did know is I couldn't get enough of this word. I just kept coming back for more and more. The truth is I am still coming back to wine and dine on God's generosity of acceptance.

Once I was hooked I had a compelling desire to be able to share this truth with others. It was this desire that caused me to pack up everything I owned, place it into the trunk and back seat of my 1969 Toyota Corolla and head off to Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, CA.

I was completely outside of my comfort zone with hardly a clue about what I was in for. The only image I had of a seminarian was that of a monk. I was still struggling with being identified as a Christian let alone forming my identity as a pastor.

Seminary did not come easily for me. I didn't have great academic chops and I struggled with my professors who seemed so cut off from my world. The one class that breathed on the coal that was burning in my gut was Dr. Robert Goesser's class on

Luther. I was in over my head but the scraps I was getting that fell from the table made for a great meal.

My classmates who grew up in the church were light years ahead of me in their knowledge of the scriptures, liturgy and theology. I would never be able to speak with the confidence many of them displayed. The pathway I chose was to quietly go about being a parish pastor hoping that my deficits in learning might go undiscovered. I had to rely upon my pastoral care skills and hope my passion for grace would carry me.

A turning point came for me when I met a guy by the name of Dan Erlander. I heard him speak at Holden Village and later would invite him to teach classes at the congregation I was serving. Dan was putting into words my deepest held beliefs about the faith. He had the academic pedigree to back up what he was saying. He too had a burning coal of grace in his gut.

It was from Dan I learned that you should always be able to spot a Lutheran because they are always mumbling under their breath grace, grace, grace. Grace, grace, grace became my mantra so much so that my oldest daughter took it upon herself to purchase a personalized license plate for my Mini Cooper - GRACEX3.

I wanted to devote this Spirit Article to Dan out of gratitude for the gift that he has been to me and to the whole church through his writings and teaching. It has meant the world to me to have a theologian of Dan's character provide me with access and understanding of what I think is the core teaching of what it means to see the world through a Lutheran lens. Thank you Dan for being my beloved Rabbi of grace, grace, grace.

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

Upcoming Leadership Events in our Synod

Worship Matters: This is the Feast

October 25, 9am-4pm

@ Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, Seattle

All are invited for this synod-wide day of learning, worship and inspiration. Lunch provided. **Topics:** 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 strongly encouraged to bring your entire team!

Find more information and link to online registration on our website: www.lutheransnw.org/calendar.

Presiding Bishop Eaton in Tacoma

Saturday, November 1, 9am at Pacific Lutheran University

The SW Washington Synod presents a morning with the Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the Rev. Elizabeth Eaton.

All are welcome to attend!

Join others from around our synods at the new Karen Hille Phillips Center for the Performing Arts on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University.

Bishop Eaton will speak and answer questions from 10am-11:30am on "The ELCA: Who is Leading Us and Where are We Going?"

Coffee hour and fellowship begins at 9am.

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, includes lunch. 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.

First Call Theological Education Event

November 17-20 @ Camp Berachah, Auburn Rostered

Leaders who are in their first three years of serving come together for fellowship, learning and support. Leaders should have received a letter of invitation with registration details.

Children & Youth Leader Retreat

November 7-8 at Camp Lutherwood, Bellingham We will

explore our calls to ministry, our faith stories and how they apply to ministry as well as take time to relax and connect. All children and youth leaders

are invited to learn how to care for themselves while caring for and nurturing others.

Information & Registration Form: www.lutheransnw.org/files/calendar_attachments/youth_leader_retreat_2014.pdf

Simplicity & Slowing Down

Saturday, November 8, 8:45am-3pm

@ Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood

All across this country, Christians are hungering for a simpler, more centered life. Strikingly, a genuinely "simple life" has proven truly elusive to many followers of Christ. During this seminar with Dr.

Daniel Brunner, we will explore both the biblical and social reasons for pursuing a less scattered life of discipleship and honestly discuss realistic practices for living differently. Sign up by email: david@trinitylutheranchurch.com. Pre-registration required for childcare by Nov. 5. Dr. Brunner is a professor

of Christian History and Formation at George Fox Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon. An ordained ELCA pastor, he has served two churches in the Portland area.

www.trinitylutheranchurch.com

Advent Open Houses - Save the Dates

Your synod office staff is delighted to host TWO

Advent Gatherings again this year.

All members & friends of the synod are invited to stop by for warm drinks and sweet & savory treats on the afternoons of:

Tues, December 2 - at the Synod Office

Wed, December 3 - at a northern location TBA

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 November 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. 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

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Serious as Symptom

In an old comic strip, Lil' Abner, there was a character who always had a rain cloud over his head. He went about his way, independently, oblivious of the other characters. They noticed him and commented to each other but were unable to really interact or engage him. Any attempt at dialogue simply got deflected back with a scowl and mini lecture about the real nature of reality.

Perhaps you have met this character in person. He or she enters the room and all of a sudden everything is darker and gloomier. "What is their problem?" is the usual reaction, with most people stepping back to keep from getting contaminated. Occasionally some cheery soul will continue to make contact with no immediate hope of change, motivated only by a sense of ministry to a desperate and lonely soul.



We have to talk ourselves into such a gloomy state. We have to be active participants. Bitter is not an inevitability, but it is a powerful temptation. A little dwelling on dark thoughts can distort our perceptions of life just enough to create a slippery slope. Soon, everything is *serious* and we are irritated at those who don't understand that.

God, deliver us all from a living death like this! Thanksgiving is coming. How about instituting a daily practice of self examination to look for the mould and mildew of *seriousness* in our souls? How about practicing a daily cleansing with gratitude and thanksgiving?

If you did this daily, in a *serious* way, maybe Thanksgiving would feel more like Easter!

Lutheran Counseling Network

November Worship

Scripture Readings

November 2 | All Saints

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10,22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 9 | Pentecost 22

Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thess. 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

November 16 | Pentecost 23

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8, 12
1 Thess.: 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 23 | Reign of Christ

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

November 30 | Advent 1

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

Worship Leaders

	11/2	11/9	11/16	11/23	11/30
Assisting Minister	Steve Olson	Paul Olsen	Gordon Trombley	Katy Sarff	Paul Olsen
Lector	Elaine Hardin	Katy Sarff	Marge Skrinde	Norman Swenson	Vicki Cook
Acolytes	Kyle Gough	Gavin Gough	Payton Johnson	Jackson Ter Hark	Gavin Gough
Communion & Altar Care	Lollie Ellingson				
Greeters and Ushers	Gordon Trombley Lollie Ellingson	Kyle Gough Heidi Gough	Bill Meade Laurie Meade	Steve Olson Gordon Trombley	Diane Chapman Lollie Ellingson
Song Leaders	Julie Moe Janice Sherlock	Kris Johansson	Paul Olsen	Heidi Gough	Vicki Cook
Children's Time	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough
Musician	Lennon Aldort				

Happy November Birthdays!

1 Morgan Brassfield	8 Daniel Lingappaiah	17 Suzie McIntosh	23 Matthew Stief
3 Bergen Stief	14 Cheryl Stief	18 Julie Moe	27 Yvonne Robbins
6 Rachell Lynn			29 Daniel Becks

Congrats to our November Anniversaries!

1 Rolf & Marge Skrinde	9 Morgan Jr. & Kay Brassfield	13 Marlys & Bob Carlson
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November 2014

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 All Saints Sunday 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	3 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 6 Girl Scouts	4 6 LMLC Church Council 7 Early Ford V8 Club	5 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	6	7	1 7:30 FARA
9 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 9 - 11:30 Silent Art Auction Preview 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 12:30 Confirmation at Maple Leaf Lutheran 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	10 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 1:30 Book Brigade	11 Veteran's Day LMLC Office Closed 6 Cub Scouts	12 9 Retired Firefighters 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	13 6:30 Youth Justice 7 Broadview Community Garden Club	14	15 7:30 FARA 8 Cub Scouts Raingutter Regatta
16 Undie Sunday! 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 9 - 11:30 Silent Art Auction Bidding Open 10 Worship 11:30 Fall Forum Potluck - <i>Falling Leaves of Grace</i> 1 Panel Conversation on Affordable Housing 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	17 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 6 Girl Scouts	18 6:30 Broadview Community Council	19 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	20 6:30 Youth Justice	21	22 7:30 FARA
23 8:30 Choir Rehearsal 9 Sunday School and Fruits of the Spirit Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 12:30 Confirmation at Luther Memorial 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church 7 Community Thanksgiving Service at Phinney Ridge Lutheran	24 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	25 6 Cub Scouts 7 Spiritual Growth	26 9:30 Seekers 3:45 Broadview-Thomson Chess Club 7 Nar-Anon	27 Thanksgiving Day LMLC Office Closed	28	29 7:30 FARA



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