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



**Watch the September issue for photos from the PRIDE parade
and our VBS Day Camp!**

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PJ's Page

In July Bruce and I will head to the Deep South for two weeks of visiting with family and friends. I go with some misgivings this year, mostly around the knowledge that we will fly into a culture that continues to make space for racism. When I lived there, I didn't see it as much. My eyes were clouded to it. It happens in ways that are so familiar that it seems normal. And therein lies the tragedy.

Oh, there are the obvious atrocities.....confederate flags flying over state buildings; the Alabama motto is "The Heart of Dixie" and we know that "Dixie" stood for slavery and oppression. Racist slogans are splashed on t-shirts and bumper stickers while people defend themselves by saying "I have friends who are black." It boggles the mind.

But there are more subtle, persistent signs that sneak into the ordinary parts of each ordinary day. The way that women hold their purses a little tighter when a black man walks toward them. The way that white men move through doors first, before black men, without even thinking about it. Almost every time. The language used to speak to and about one another is often different dependent on race, and people still talk of the "girls" and "boys" who work in their homes or yards, even when those girls and boys are full fledged adults. And I confess that when I lived there I did not see it.

One of my favorite things about visiting the deep South in the summer is the chance to see fireflies, or, as I call them, lightning bugs. As the summer skies darken in the evening, the first twinkles of light appear. They can be hard to see at first. The best way to see them

is to stand with another person and have them help you find them. *Look! Over there! There's one!*

There are many ways we can fight systemic racism in our country. One of the simplest ways is to point it out, as we might point out a light blinking in the summer dusk. That joke/phrase/story that is offensive? Point it out. That assumption/suggestion that is made entirely based on race? Call it out. And lest we imagine that we are off the hook in the tolerant, progressive Pacific Northwest, I say to you with firmness that we are not. I have witnessed racism within the walls of our own congregation. It is a systemic problem that comes from generations of white privilege. It is not Godly and it is not acceptable. And until it is eradicated, it is, in fact, our concern.

Another way we fight racism is in relationship. We must reach out and know one another. We must see one another with the eyes of love and recognize that each of us are made in the image of God. We are sisters and brothers.

If you are traveling this summer, may the mercies of God go with you. May your hearts and lives be enlivened by relationships old and new. And may you see your neighbors and friends with new eyes, shining with the light of Christ's love.

Pastor Julie Hubert

Stewardship Living

Stewardship Living

Last month this column addressed worship attendance as a part of our Stewardship. This month we wish to address worship attendance and financial support, supported by specific statistics related to this congregation.



Even as our membership numbers have reached their highest point in almost a decade, in 2014 only 23.9% of our membership attended worship. Less than a quarter of the people who comprise our membership found worship to be a critical piece of their spiritual lives. This percentage is lower than it has been many years. This figure is based on average worship attendance as tracked by the ushers at LMLC and reported to the ELCA.

In 2014 regular giving per confirmed member was at its lowest point in eight years. This statistic is slightly skewed as it does not adequately reflect the generosity of many among us. It is derived by taking the total receipts and dividing them into the number of members.

To understand this as a stewardship matter, what we do with what we have been given, the conclusion is drawn that what we are NOT doing with our time is coming together for worship and what we are NOT doing with our financial resources is using them to support the ministry in this place.

It has been correctly noted that there is a loving and generous spirit present in this place and that the Holy Spirit moves among us in powerful ways. Yet, statistics around worship attendance and giving remind us of the realities of carrying out a ministry.

In the days and months ahead, may our support of the ministry and mission in this place be Spirit led and faithful to our call as disciples.

Nepali Efforts

Lord in your mercy....

We join our prayers with many others for our sisters and brothers in Nepal, as they bury their dead, tend to their injured, search for the missing, and rebuild their communities. Lutheran Disaster Response in partnership with Lutheran World Relief is

on the ground in Nepal and will remain for the long haul. 100% of your contribution goes to direct aid as overhead costs are covered by the ELCA. You can give in the offering by indicating "LDR/Nepal earthquake relief" on your check. You can give online at: <https://community.elca.org/donations/nepalearthquake>



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Faith Forum

Those who gathered for conversation around the development of the property enjoyed rich conversation together in June. To create a space for this conversation to continue, we will have Faith Forum discussions in the Fireside Room at 9am on July 5th and August 9th. Grab a cup of coffee and come be a part of the conversation!



Bread of Life...Bread Bakers Needed!

This summer we will hear Gospel readings that remind us of Jesus as the Bread of Life. Those readings are assigned on July 26, August 2, 9, 16, and 23. If you would like to bake bread for communion on those Sundays, please sign up at Sign Up Central in the Welcome Center.



Prayers of the People



Every Sunday it is our privilege to name before God those people who have either requested our prayers or for whom we wish to pray. It is powerful to hear those names spoken aloud. As the list grows, it can become hard to keep up with whether or not the need is ongoing, so at the end of each quarter, we will begin the list anew. To add someone to the prayer list, please write their names on a prayer card, found in your pew or at the Welcome Center, and put it in the offering plate or in the Office Drop Box (located on the Office door).

Donations of Household Items

From time to time people bring household items they can no longer use to the church. LMLC's Building and Facilities Use Guidelines address this matter as follows: "Donations of any kind must be pre-approved and pre-arranged. AT no time are articles to be dropped off at the church. We recommend donating such items to Goodwill, Value Village or a similar organization."

Worship and Music Committee Meeting

The Worship and Music Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 19th, at 10 am at the Green Bean Coffee Shop. Please see Elaine Hardin for details.

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Summer Activities with Luther Memorial!

During the summer, Luther Memorial will offer a number of opportunities to get together for fellowship, conversation, discussion, and time together. All are welcome at any and all of these events!

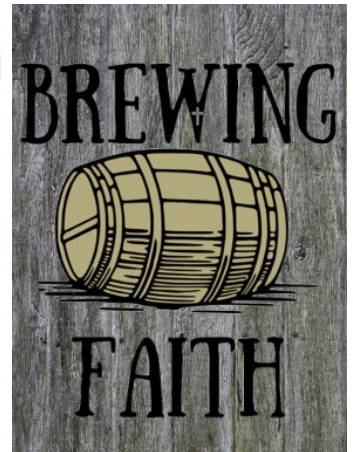
Brewing Faith



On July 30th and August 27th, at 7pm we will meet at Hopjacks, 19702 Hwy.99 Lynnwood (7/30) and Anthony's Homeport, 456 Admiral Way, Edmonds, (8/27) for good conversation around the table!

We take this model from Martin Luther, who loved gathering fellow believers

around the table with good German beer for good conversation!



Page Turners

During these summer months we will read together 3 books with a theological emphasis and meet for conversation and discussion together. Sign up in Sign Up Central in the Welcome Center if you'd like for us to order you a copy of the book.

Wednesday, July 1st, 7pm: Searching For Sunday: Loving, Leaving, and Finding the Church by Rachel Held Evans

Wednesday, August 12, 7pm: Rejoicing in Lament: Wrestling with Incurable Cancer and Life in Christ by J. Todd Billings

Tuesday, September 1, 7pm: An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith by Barbara Brown Taylor.

In Remembrance



Luther Memorial offers sympathy and love to the families of Dorothy Bergquist and Bob Carlson.

Dorothy died on May 17th, and her memorial service was held at LMLC on June 6th.

Bob died on June 1st, and his memorial was held at LMLC on June 13th.

May their souls rest in God's eternal peace.

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From the Front Office

For your convenience, a secure mailbox is affixed to the door of the office. Please do leave messages, usher reports, or other items in the box. Pencils and paper are attached to make it as easy as possible.

In addition, you can always email information to the office at: office@luthermemoralseattle.com

Information for Pastor Julie can be sent directly to her at pastor@luthermemoralseattle.com

Correction

In the June Messenger, Karen Olsen's last name was mistakenly misspelled as Olson. We regret the error!

Summer Breakfasts



As usual, the Fruits of the Spirit breakfasts in the narthex will take a hiatus during the summer months. We will still have coffee and if anyone would like to bring goodies to share, you are welcome to do so! Coffee will be out by 9:30am. You are encouraged to gather for fellowship both before and after worship.

On July 19, and August 16 we will have a potluck breakfast at 9am in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a dish to share and pull up a chair!

Congratulations, Lilia!

Our love and admiration go to Lilia Bannister, as she graduated from the University of Washington last month with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aquatic and Fishery Sciences with a minor in Marine Biology.

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Support the Phinney Ridge Lutheran Food Bank

Did you know that our sisters and brothers at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church have a food bank on site? It is run entirely by members of their congregation and they do



much good in the Greenwood/Phinney neighborhoods. In anticipation of the sale of the VOA Food Bank building, your Council has determined that our donations of food items will go to the Phinney Ridge Lutheran food bank. As usual, your donations can be placed in the grocery cart in the narthex, next to the Welcome Center.

About the Phinney Ridge Food Bank: *(from <http://prlc.org/we-serve/food-bank/>)*

The Phinney Ridge Food Bank serves approximately 75 families in our community per week. Our food bank is run entirely by volunteers. The volunteers work hard at keeping the shelves stocked, taking phone appointments, picking up food from the many agencies that donate to us, and keeping the food bank organized to allow for easy delivery on the days we are open.

We allow people to make appointments to pick up their food. The appointments allows us to customize a healthy box of food to fit the needs of their family. While we prefer appointments, we are always ready to serve walk-ups.

The food bank stocks a variety of food and personal care products for many different needs: low-sodium offerings, baby food, ethnic foods, pet food and a variety of foods designed people who are homeless.

Need Food?

*Anyone in need can call **(206) 784-7964** on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.*

Food can be picked up with an appointment on Tuesdays 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. or on Thursdays at either 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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From Council President, Steve Olson:

What is humanity that you should be mindful of us?

The heron waded intentionally a few feet off the rocky beach. She alternately craned her long neck to full length before crouching low to the water, then back up again. Her eyes watched and waited for a flash that would reveal the fingerling swimming between her tree twig legs but she seemed to be in no hurry. Then, breaking out of her zen-like hunt, she would stab her slender beak into the depths, a silver flash caught and then deftly swallowed, before she resumed her meditation at the edge of land and sea. Creation.

I walk the beaches of Puget Sound as often as I can. I find my own meditation is sparked by the smells, sounds, and sights of the sea. My love for the sea might come from my dad, who walked barefoot on the sandy stretches of Ocean Shores, collecting interesting driftwood to decorate his garden. It might also come from spending my entire life no more than 15 minutes from a Puget Sound beach. I have vivid childhood memories of the lonesome wail of an invisible foghorn and the salt smell that could even wisp to our house on Palatine. I go to the beach as often as I can and always feel the tug of the sea when it comes time to leave. I could spend days on end in the intertidal areas of the Sound and never feel satisfied.

As I walk south from the heron, the bluff above the beach casts a shadow. The sun hasn't touched this part of the beach and moving away from the man-made it is almost possible to believe I am wandering back in time. Despite the presence of Frank Lloyd Wright inspired wood and glass houses above, I can almost see the beach as it might have been 300 years ago; before George Vancouver plied the waters off shore and began naming the geography for his friends and colleagues back in England. I imagine instead of boxes above, the homes of the Coast Salish people who lived here. I can see the men in canoes on the water and the women and children gathering shellfish and kelp from the rocks and tide pools. Broken clam shells, a severed crab leg and even the crumbling stones, pounded by the surf, are part of a never ending cycle that carries back 300 years and beyond. I squint my eyes and forget my place on the historical timeline and imagine how God intended it to be. A time when boxes and property lines did not exist and when Creation simply belonged to whoever was standing there at the time.

It is God's after all, not mine, not yours, not even the heron's, though God clearly intended it for us. Despite our desire to mark off spots on the ground and say "mine." I confess that I do this. Far

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too often I become irritated when my solitary meditation is interrupted by a dog happily splashing in the water, chasing a ball or stick thrown by another human being. I credit myself for being aware and try mightily to be more Franciscan in my attitude. The beach is not mine. It is not mine any more than the fast lane on I-5 is mine, or the Express Checker at QFC is mine, or the parking lot at 132nd and Greenwood is mine. We are given All this, as the Psalm reminds, us to be responsible for it. In my reading of Salish practice, there was an awareness of the organic nature of all of Creation. That everything was gift from a Divine Source and that care and responsibility was part of the bargain. As we continue to discern what God is calling us to do in Creation, it is well to remind ourselves that nothing belongs to us, but it All belongs to God, including ourselves.

“You have made us barely less than God and crowned us with glory and honor....

You have made us responsible for the work of your hands putting all things at our feet....

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea and whatever swims the path of the sea.”

Operation Brown Bag- What goes in a lunch?

Ever wonder what is in the sack lunches we hand out Monday-Friday, 9-2? Our volunteers try very hard to have a well-rounded sack lunch for the hungry that come by for this program. The lunches are made out of these options, depending on the donations we receive from you! 1 of each from the following goes in a typical sack lunch.

- **Proteins** - Small can of Vienna sausage or tuna or a tuna or chicken salad lunch/cracker kit. Must be able to be opened without a can opener.
- **Fruit** - Fruit cup, applesauce, raisins, or fruit leather.
- **Drink** - Juice box, or pouch. Additional bottle of water, when available.
- **Dessert** - Pudding cup or small pack of cookies.
- **Grains** - Small bag of chips or package of crackers, and/or a granola bar.
- **Care Items** - In the summer we hand out sunscreen.

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



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Bergstrom Bowling Project Fundraising Event

August 8th 3-5pm

Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church

On August 8th 2005 we lost dear friends and mentors Shawn and Dinah Bergstrom.

On August 8th 2015 we gather to honor their memory with the creation of the Bergstrom Bowling Project.

The Bergstrom Bowling Project was born out a desire to honor the memory of our friends in a place they both loved dearly. Holden Village was a special place for both Shawn "Bergie" and Dinah. They enjoyed numerous visits together with both Lutheran Youth of North Seattle (LYONS) youth and friends. Their last visit in May 2005 was a special one as both Bergie and Dinah accompanied the LYONS youth to the May Holden Youth Weekend. On several occasions Bergie had expressed his interest in helping to refinish the Holden Bowling Lanes which had not been refurbished since 1968. Having spent several summers of his youth refinishing bowling alleys in Kansas, he was eager to use those skills to improve the lanes at Holden. In thinking of a special project to honor the ten year anniversary of their passing, the Bergstrom Bowling Project was born. Your support will help Bergie's dream finally become a reality.

Please join us on August 8th from 3-5pm at Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church to celebrate the memory of Bergie and Dinah and learn how you can help. A short program will include memories of Bergie and Dinah, history of the Holden Village Bowling Lanes and information on how you can give to the project. Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

Please visit our Facebook event page to share stories, pictures and see updates to the Project.

Questions or interested in helping with the event itself? Please contact Kirsten Erickson (206) 898-0408 or klerickson77@gmail.com

Questions about giving? Please contact Anne Gintz at development@holdenvillage.org



LMLC Financial Notes:

The June 2015 financial receipts reflect generous special gifts designated to Day Camp/VBS. Our thanks to all who supported this ministry. If you are away this summer, financial gifts and pledges can be made online through the website (www.luthermemoralseattle.com) or through the mail (13047 Greenwood Ave N. Seattle, WA 98133).

Financial Picture

Monthly financial reports are now found in *The Messenger*. Your Council, Treasurer, Stewardship Team, and Pastor hope that these will give you a good idea of how our finances are faring. Talking about money, budgets, and giving is a part of Stewardship. We hope that having this information in the *Messenger* will be helpful to you in your financial support of the ministries of Luther Memorial.

June 2015

Preliminary Financial Picture

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:

\$222, 847

Contributions Needed per week :

\$4,285.52

June Contributions Received

June 7	\$5,888.79	June 21	\$3,409.69
June 14	\$5,571.36	June 28	\$4,409.70

Contributions: \$19,279.54

Budgeted: \$17,142.08

Difference as of 6/29/15: +\$2,137.46

June Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gifts other than Offerings and Tithes - General Fund	\$4,885.67
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$2,818.57
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$9,071.00
Sunday School—Special Projects	\$5.00
Income-Other (eScrip, etc.)	\$125.00
ELCA International Relief (Nepali Earthquake)	\$25.00
Room Use	\$270.00
Vacation Bible School	\$1,529.30
Memorials	\$550.00
Total June Contributions:	\$19,279.54

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.

July 2015

1 More than 3,500 summer staff members are currently serving at 132 Lutheran outdoor ministry sites. We pray God's Spirit will guide and sustain them in their work to nurture the faith of children, youth and adults.

2 We remember communities around the United States that have experienced damage, suffering and loss from severe weather, especially in Texas and Oklahoma, and pray for recovery, healing and resilience.

3 *Thomas, the Apostle* We remember Thomas in our prayers today, that we may follow and proclaim Christ as he did, as human beings living boldly with both faith and uncertainty.

4 Seventy-nine young adults have accepted the call to serve in the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program. We remember these young adults in our prayers as they prepare for a year of service and witness around the world.

5 As we are sent into the world to do God's work, we pray that we serve with confidence in God's work through us and with humility as people who need each other to spread the gospel and accomplish change in the world.

6 We pray that God will place caring, faith-filled adults in the lives of child soldiers that they will experience healing through God's love and forgiveness and life anew without coercion and violence.

7 We give thanks for the generosity of God's people enabling ELCA World Hunger to offer domestic hunger grants in support of ministries that serve people on a daily basis.

8 Abundant summer crops and harvests are a wonder and blessing. We give thanks to God for the food that sustains us and the people who plant, grow, harvest, prepare and share it for the well-being of all people.

9 We ask God to equip the church, our governments and agents of change to create causes for hope and bring resources for peace and reconciliation into places of turmoil in the world.

10 We give thanks for the 352 ELCA ministries under development – a sign of a healthy church and God's presence in the world.

11 We pray that youth and adults traveling to the ELCA Youth Gathering will have safe journeys and that they will be prepared for their experience of being the church gathered for worship, learning, witness and service.

12 Through us, God speaks words of peace, love, justice and faithfulness that challenge violence, hatred and self-interest in the world. We pray that we find courage and strength in the risen Christ to be faithful witnesses in the face of all challenges and risks.

13 We remember in our prayers young people of color gathered in Detroit for the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event to claim their story as a part of God's story, to move toward healing and wholeness as leaders in the church and the world.

14 We remember in our prayers the young people gathered at the Definitely-abled Youth Leadership Event in Detroit and pray that all youth living with disabilities might grow as faithful, wise and courageous witnesses and leaders.

15 This week we pray for the thousands of young people participating in the ELCA Youth Gathering, for God's Spirit to stir their faith and help them discover their call to serve locally and globally.

16 We remember Detroit and all cities recovering from economic crises and pray for their healing and an upwelling of creativity and vibrancy in their neighborhoods.

ELCA Prayer Ventures

17 Fifty-six percent of all ELCA new-start ministries are among ethnic-multicultural communities, and 27 percent are in communities where people are living in poverty. We pray that these ministries and members will flourish as the body of Christ.

18 Lutherans and Roman Catholics in the United States have been in dialogue for the past 50 years. We ask God to sustain our commitment to ecumenism as members of the body of Christ and to deepen our mutual understanding for the sake of God's mission in the world.

19 Youth groups are returning home from the ELCA Youth Gathering today. We ask God to return them home safely, eager to live and serve – with the entire church – as followers of Jesus.

20 We pray for worship leaders and church musicians attending the Worship Jubilee in Atlanta that they may strengthen their gifts and be renewed in their calling to be God's living voice today.

21 For families who vacation during the summer, we pray they will experience renewal of body, spirit and relationship through sabbath rest.

22 *Mary Magdalene* We pray that we may follow Mary's example and rush to give witness to the real and risen Christ who gives new life, hope and healing to the world.

23 During the ongoing earthquake recovery in Nepal, we pray for the rebuilding of communities, adequate resources and safe shelter, restoration of hope and generous support for the work ahead.

24 In all that we do as individuals and as the church together, we pray that the word of Christ will dwell in us richly and guide our every word and deed.

25 *James, the Apostle* James left his familiar life as a fisherman to follow Jesus. We pray for the same faith to follow and serve God, no matter the uncertainties, where it takes us or the risks involved.

26 In a world with hunger, we pray that we not forget that Jesus has not left us hungry and wanting and that we are called to be caring and attentive to all who live in poverty and hunger – physically and spiritually.

27 Trusting in God for our daily needs, we pray for a spirit of generosity that moves us to share freely our resources and care for our neighbors in need.

28 For the musicians who proclaim the gospel through music and song, we give thanks and pray their creativity will inspire others to offer their gifts to the glory of God.

29 In song, proclamation and prayer, we rejoice in God's wonderful deeds of grace and mercy throughout history.

30 We pray that people drawn or forced into violence and war against their neighbors may come to know God's love and concern for all people and nations and be transformed by faith for acts of peace and compassion.

31 We give thanks to God for more than 500 new congregations that have been planted, organized and have joined the ELCA since its beginning, and we pray for our continued growth and witness to the gospel in the world.

The August 2013 *Prayer Ventures* will be available online in Mid-July: www.elca.org

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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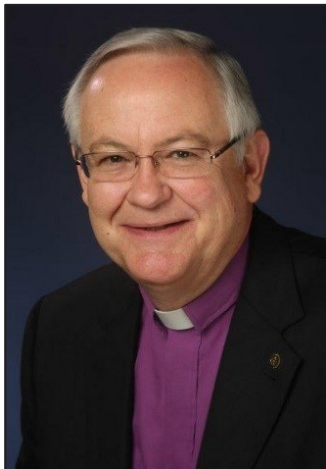
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New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

What Makes for Success?

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."

Mark 9:34-35 (NRSV)

It is the season for graduations. It begins so soon in today's world. Kim takes care of a little boy named Cooper who now is a proud graduate of Lord of

Life Lutheran Preschool. I asked him what graduation means and he said, "It's when you're done with one school, you get the summer off and then you go to kindergarten." So there you have it!

Graduation is stirring my memories of graduating from Inglemoor High School in 1970. I have fond memories of all the activities that topped off our Senior Year. I was elected to be the class speaker and spent hours working on my speech. The compelling line, "It is going to take a hell of lot more than tear gas and guns to hold this generation down." We were a generation that believed that we would change the world and there would be war no more. Sad to say, we went on to be the greatest consuming generation in all of history. Like in the movie the Big Chill, we

traded in our ideals for a place at the table of corporate America.

I was also elected by my peers as the "Boy Most Likely to Succeed." My counterpart was my classmate and dear friend Sara Forhan. Sara certainly lived into the recognition. She became a medical doctor specializing in gynecology and went on to work for the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. She was a near 4.0 student so it came as no surprise.

On the other hand, I was the class clown and found my way into the principal's office on more than one occasion. I remember Mr. Siverson would simply shake his head and say, "Unti, I expect more out of you."

So, did I "succeed"? I have been deeply blessed by serving as a pastor. It is a humble honor to be able to serve the church and people of this community. I have no regrets, and yet I dare say in the eyes of many of my classmates I have not lived up to the title they gave me. I can already hear the question at the 50th Reunion: "What the hell is a bishop?" Every pastor knows how easy it is to stop the conversation when you announce what you do.

So I asked five year old Cooper, "What do you think a bishop is?" Cooper's response, "A bishop is in charge of all the pastors." (Hold onto your ideals, young Cooper!) But a call to bishop, a call to pastor, a call to be a follower of Jesus is not likely to be something that will impress my classmates.

Little does Cooper know, now that he is a big graduate, he gets to spend the rest of his life deciding what makes for success. Is it the high paying job, the nice house and the fast car, or is it something else? "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Hang in there, Cooper

Stay in touch and in the know!

Synod Website Calendar - www.lutheransnw.org/calendar

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Synod News

Grants for Mission & Ministry

Youth & Young Adult Grants

Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA is our opportunity to invest in the future of this church, deepen relationships and expand ministry opportunities that serve our neighbors and communities in the United States and around the world.

The campaign seeks to raise \$198 million by January 2019 in support of new and expanded churchwide ministries in these **priority areas**:

Renewing Congregations New
Congregations Disability
Ministries ELCA Fund for Leaders
ELCA World Hunger ELCA
Malaria Campaign International
Leaders Missionaries
Young Adults in Global Mission and ...
Youth & Young Adults

The goal of 4 million dollars for Youth & Young Adults, gives us the opportunity to expand our ministries to cultivate young leaders, embrace a culture of diversity and inclusion, and build a robust network of support. **Core values will include:**

Form faith in youth & young adults;
Develop and multiply youth and young adult leaders; Start new ministries or enhancing current efforts; Promote collaboration and creativity;
Engage youth and young adults of color;
Accompany communities & persons living in poverty

Applications must be submitted on behalf of a partnership of two or more ELCA-related ministries, one of which must be a congregation or synod. Grants are one time, lump sum grant amounts. Amounts will range from \$5,000 to \$40,000. Recipients are expected to establish measurable outcomes, provide two updates on their project. Recipients also agree to participate in at least one online gathering of grant recipients.

Initial applications will be received until September 1, 2015. Applicants will be notified and funds dispersed by the end of September 2015.

Read more about this grant process and how to apply here: www.lutheransnw.org/spotlight

ELCA Domestic Hunger Grants

Applications due July 10.

ELCA World Hunger is uniquely positioned to reach communities in need. From health clinics to microloans, water wells to animal husbandry, community meals to advocacy, your gifts to ELCA World Hunger make it possible for the ELCA to respond, supporting sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

One aspect of World Hunger are the Domestic Hunger Grants. These grants support ministries that offer hope and assistance to many thousands of people who experience poverty and hunger in the United States. These grants do more than just give food to people who are hungry — in addition to immediate relief programs, ELCA World Hunger Domestic Hunger Grants fund projects in community development and community-based organizing and advocacy that strengthen the foundations of communities impacted by hunger and poverty.

In 2015, this program allocated a total of \$739,075 to support 324 domestic projects and programs ranging from congregational food pantries to weekend backpack programs for children to job training and living-wage advocacy campaigns. In our synod ELCA World Hunger-funded Domestic Hunger Grants make a difference.

The Domestic Hunger Grant application became available May 1. Completed applications are due July 10, 2015.

For more information and to apply, head to: www.elca.org/domestichungergrants

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Summer Worship

Worship Leaders

July

	7/5	7/12	7/19	7/26
Assisting Minister	Katy Sarff	Steve Olson	Katy Sarff	Gordon Trombley
Lector	TBD	Stephanie Bloom	Gordon Trombley	Paul Olsen
Acolyte	Taliyah McElroy	Kyle Gough	Donna Smith	Payton Johnson
Communion & Altar Care	Lollie Ellingson			
Greeters and Ushers	Gordon Trombley TBD	Heidi Gough Gavin Gough	Laurie Meade Bill Meade	Lynne Greenup Lollie Ellingson
Song Leader	TBD	Julie Moe	Vicki Cook	Heidi Gough
Children's Time	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie
Welcome Center	Steve Olson	Lollie Ellingson	Paul Olsen	Mary Smith

August

	8/2	8/9	8/16	8/23	8/30
Assisting Minister	Steve Olson	Katy Sarff	Paul Olsen	Gordon Trombley	TBD
Lector	Heidi Gough	Tom Baker	Stephanie Bloom	Norman Swenson	Elaine Hardin
Acolyte	Donna Smith	Gavin Gough	Taliyah McElroy	Payton Johnson	Jackson Ter Hark
Communion & Altar Care	Vicki Cook				
Greeters and Ushers	Bill Meade Laurie Meade	Heidi Gough Kyle Gough	Gordon Trombley Bruce Hutson	Phyllis Swenson Lollie Ellingson	Leia Smith Gordon Trombley
Song Leader	Julie Moe	Vicki Cook	Heidi Gough	TBD	Katy Sarff
Children's Time	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough
Welcome Center	Mary Hinderliter	Vicki Cook	Karen Olsen	Mary Smith	Lollie Ellingson

Summer Worship

Lectionary Readings

July

July 5 | Pentecost 6

Ezek 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Cor 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12 | Pentecost 7

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Eph 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19 | Pentecost 8

Jer 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Eph 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26 | Pentecost 9

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Eph 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

August

August 2 | Pentecost 10

Exod 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Eph 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

August 9 | Pentecost 11

1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8
Eph 4:25-5:2
John 6:35, 41-51

August 16 | Pentecost 12

Prov 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14
Eph 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

August 23 | Pentecost 13

Josh 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Eph 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

August 30 | Pentecost 14

Deut 4:1-2, 6-9
Psalm 15
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Ordinary Time - The Season of Rest

Following Holy Trinity Sunday, the Church enters the season of Ordinary Time. During this long "green" season (the liturgical color is green) there are no major festival days. We are invited, then, to rest in the rhythms of worship – Gathering together, hearing the Word, feasting on the Meal, and Sending the disciples forth into the world for service to others in Christ's name.

Celebrations

Summer Birthdays

July

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

August

2	Bjorg Hansen	7	Morgan Brassfield Jr.	18	Marge Skrinde	24	Jeff Swenson
			Kristina Culmer		Phyllis Swenson		
4	Dianna Blom	10	Alexis Duncan Swenson	19	Ethan Bannister	25	Logan Sallaway
	Phil Cherry	14	Marlys Carlson	21	Dick Greenwood	31	Lorraine Gibbs
	Margaret Harris				Marilee Heuchert		
6	Lilia Bannister	15	Yvonne Steinmetz	23	Alice Lewis		

Summer Anniversaries

July

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


August

3	Lennon & Christine Aldort	10	Katy & Mike Sarff
5	Warren & Dorothy Smith	19	Janice & Brian Sherlock
8	Paul Allen & Rev. Steven Mitchell	26	Jennings & Nancy Hanseth

29 Mel & Katy Olsen-Tiglao

July 2015

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div>  <div> LUTHER MEMORIAL Lutheran church <i>Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community</i> </div> </div>						
5 9 First Sunday Faith Forum 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	6 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	7 7 Early Ford V8 Club	1 7 Nar-Anon 7 Page Turners: <i>Searching for Sunday</i> Day Camp/ Vacation Bible School - 6/29-7/2 <i>9 am - 2 pm</i>	2	3 <div>Independence Day Observance Office Closed</div>	4 <div>Independence Day</div> 7:30 FARA
12 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	13 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> 1:30 Book Brigade 7 Broadview Watch	14	15 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon	16	17	18 7:30 FARA
19 9 Potluck Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	20 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	21 6:30 Broadview Community Council	22 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon	23	24	25 7:30 FARA 4 ECC Event
26 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	27 <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	28 7 Spiritual Growth	29 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon	30 7 Brewing Faith at Hopjacks in Lynnwood	31 <div> Missing a Sunday this month? We now have Online Giving on our website: www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving </div>	

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9 9 Faith Forum 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	10 <div>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</div> 1:30 Book Brigade	11 6 LMLC Council	12 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon 7 Page Turners: <i>Rejoicing in Lament</i>	13	14	15 7:30 FARA
16 9:Potluck Breakfast 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	17 <div>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</div> 6 Girl Scouts	18	19 9:30 Seekers 10 Worship and Music Committee Meeting 7 Nar-Anon	20	21 7 -3 Foss Staff Picnic	22 7:30 FARA
23 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	24 <div>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</div>	25	26 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon	27 7 Brewing Faith at Anthony's Homeport in Edmonds	28	29 7:30 FARA
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