



# LUTHER MEMORIAL

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# Messenger

November 2015

*Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community*

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



### THE LUTHER MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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## PJ's Page

This is the season of giving thanks and whenever I turn my attention to writing the November Messenger article, I am glad to have the chance to reflect on the blessings of the year as it moves to a close (remember – the church year ends on November 28<sup>th</sup> this year.)

Even as we do not have an outcome in hand, I am grateful for the willingness of this congregation to be in patient discernment over the use of a portion of the parking lot for affordable housing. If my gratitude is great, imagine the gratitude of those who could eventually have homes for their families and themselves.

I am so thankful for the children of this congregation. Their wisdom, love, and enthusiasm fills me up every single time. I want to express my appreciation and admiration for those folks who work with our children's ministries. What they do tells the story of Christ to our young disciples.

The many folks who lead our worship deserve much gratitude. The choir and their director, Paul Olsen; Lennon Aldort, our musician; all who serve in worship, as acolytes, readers, song leaders, ushers, and assisting ministers; those who prepare the table and care for our worship items and space...we all lead the assembly in worshipping Christ.

I give thanks for the wise elders in our midst. Their energy and enthusiasm...their unflagging faithfulness....we are enriched and enlivened as a community by their presence.

Your Congregational Council, elected to carry out the mission and business of this congregation serves tirelessly and with good humor. I am grateful for the gifts they bring.

For those who handle the important tasks of caring for our finances: Karen Olsen our Treasurer; Donna Smith our Financial Secretary and all who serve as counters on Sunday morning.

Our staff is small, but incredibly gifted! Katy Sarff, Stephen Guffey, Lennon Aldort, and Paul Olsen, I tip my hat to you!

All who serve on our various committees and in so many capacities: Endowment Fund Committee, Worship Committee, Finance Committee, Facilities Committee, Personnel Committee – thank you!

And for each of you....your prayers, your support in so many ways of the ministry we do here together...it exemplifies what it is to be the Body of Christ together.

In closing, I share this prayer that our family has used as a Table Prayer for many years:

*O God, we thank you for food and remember the hungry.*

*We thank you for health and remember the sick.*

*We thank you for friends and remember the friendless.*

*We thank you for freedom and remember the enslaved.*

*May these remembrances stir us to service, that your gifts to us may be used for others. Amen.*

With my heartfelt love & thanksgiving,

*Pastor Juli Hobson*

# LMLC News and Events

## Welcome Vicar Michael Trice!

On November 29<sup>th</sup>, the first Sunday in Advent, Vicar Michael Trice will begin his internship at Luther Memorial. We will welcome Michael and his family (wife, Jennifer and step-daughter, Brigid) at a special lunch on December 6<sup>th</sup>, following worship.

Vicar Michael will keep a somewhat unusual schedule as he will continue to tend to his vocational responsibilities at Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry. He can be reached by email at [vicar@luthermemoralseattle.com](mailto:vicar@luthermemoralseattle.com) and he will have a physical mailbox in Katie's Parish.

Welcome Vicar Michael!



## All Saints



*For all the saints, who from their labors rest...*

On All Saints Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we will remember and give thanks for those saints who now rest from their labors. As is our custom, we will remember in worship those from this congregation who have died since last All Saints Day in our worship service. We remember, with thanksgiving and love: Kris Nelson-Goble, Robbie Riser, Lowell Burgason, Winnie Ramstad, Brian Beistel, Bill Waring, Bob Carlson, Irene Einess, Alice Lewis, Peter Lewis, Dorothy Bergquist, and Darlene Anderson.

The congregation is invited to share photos and other remembrances of those in our own lives whose physical presence we miss. A special display area will be set up for your photos and mementoes.

## Advent Mid Week Schedule

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. This year, for our **mid-week** Advent worship services we will join with our neighbors along "the Ridge" (Phinney Ridge) on Thursday evenings. We will worship with Evening Prayer and enjoy a time of light refreshment and fellowship afterward. Mark these dates and places on your calendars as you plan for this Advent season: Thursday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7pm @ Luther Memorial  
 Thursday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Phinney Ridge Lutheran  
 Thursday, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ St. John United Lutheran



# LMLC News and Events

## Stewardship Living

From November 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be a basket in the sanctuary for you to place your pledge cards and time and talent sheets, which you should have received in the mail. If you did not receive them, or forget to bring them with you, there will be extra blank copies in the narthex as well.

Thank you for your faithful, ongoing support of the ministries and mission in this place and to the work God has called us to.

## More Stewardship...

Many people appreciate the ease and convenience of Simply Giving, our automatic withdrawal program, managed through Thrivent Financial. This allows your offering to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account in a manner and at a time that you select.

On **November 15<sup>th</sup>**, Katy Sarff will be in the narthex before and after worship, set up at the "Simply Giving Station." If you would like to sign up for automatic offerings, Katy will make that happen on 11/15. Please bring a blank/cancelled check with you and Katy will help you get signed up!

### The **Simply Giving**® Program endorsed by



## For Such a Time as This

On November 8<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship we will take a vote by paper ballot, on a resolution to move forward in partnership with Compass Housing Alliance and Bellwether Housing to build affordable housing for families on a portion of our parking lot property. To participate in the vote you must be a member of Luther Memorial, have made a contribution of record within the last year and communed within the last year.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9am, we will have a final opportunity for questions and conversations at a First Sunday Faith Forum in the Fireside Room.



*THANK YOU! To our wonderful office volunteers  
Carolyn Baker and Karen Olsen!*



*Thank you, dear people of God at LMLC, for the lovely recognition of Pastor Appreciation Month! What a wonderful surprise! - PJ+*

# LMLC News and Events

## Welcome New Members!

Luther Memorial welcomes these new members among us!

Laurie Baughman, Kat Goodwin, Joy Gonnerman, Kelsey Larson, David Whitehouse, and Gina Whitehouse.

## Welcome Chaplain Jeremie Vore!

On November 15<sup>th</sup> Chaplain Jeremie Vore, US Army, friend and seminary colleague of Pastor Julie, will preach in our worship service. Pastor Julie will lead worship and Chaplain Vore will preach. We are so pleased to welcome Jeremie, his wife Lindsay, and their children.

## Office Closed

The LMLC Office will be closed on November 11th for Veteran's Day and on November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

## Help Prepare LMLC for Worship!

Have you ever wondered who prepares our worship space? It takes a VILLAGE worth of folks and there are an assortment of tasks! Come have lunch and learn a little bit more about this ministry, Sunday, Nov. 1st, immediately following worship. Please RSVP by calling or emailing the office at 206-364-2510 or [office@luthermemorialsattle.com](mailto:office@luthermemorialsattle.com)

## Christmas Shopping Craft Fair! November 22, 2015

On Sunday November 22 the Spiritual Growth Committee is sponsoring a Craft Bazaar by the LMLC artists. The gift items will be for sale before and after the service on the 22nd. All proceeds go to support the Lutherwood Day Camp to be held June 27-30, 2016. Come and do Christmas Shopping and Support LMLC Youth!

## Thank you, Jean!

For many years Jean Rizer has faithfully led our congregation's quilting ministry. Quilts made by Jean's patient and loving hands and heart have literally blanketed the world through the efforts of Lutheran World Relief.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, we blessed quilts made by Jean for the final time, as she prepares to retire from this ministry. We are beyond grateful for Jean's loving service. Thank you, Jean.

Note: If you are interested in carrying on a quilting ministry, please see Lollie Ellingson.



# LMLC News and Events

## Support LMLC by shopping on Amazon!

### 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>**

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# LMLC News and Events

## LMLC Membership Directory and Records - 2015 Update

We are in the process of putting together a non-pictorial directory. Please fill this form out and return to the drop box on the Office door, the Office Administrator's box in Katie's Parish, or email the info to [office@luthermemoralseattle.com](mailto:office@luthermemoralseattle.com). Thank you! We appreciate your help, in making sure our information is accurate and up-to-date. Directories will only be available to LMLC Members.

**Please note that we will only publish information that we have been given consent for, in the check boxes below. Birthdates and anniversaries will NOT be published in the Directory, but the month/day will be in our Newsletters. If you do NOT want your birthday or anniversary in the Newsletter, please let us know. We respect your privacy, and want to accommodate to your comfort level!**

	Member	Spouse or Partner	Consent to include in Directory:
Name:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Preferred or Nickname:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Email:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Address:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Home Phone:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Cell Phone:			<input type="checkbox"/>
Birthdate:			<i>Birthdates and Anniversaries will NOT be in the Directory</i>
Anniversary Date:			

### Children and Family Members

Name:	Birthdate: (NOT in Directory)

# LMLC News and Events

## ***Transformation***

**Steve Olson, Council President**

In the midst of leaves changing colors and days growing shorter we pause to think about transformation. In God's Creation things change. We move from warm days of summer, into crisp autumn, and then into the chill of winter, only to find that the cold doesn't last for long as the bright days of spring call us into the excitement of new life. And so it goes. Transformation, it goes on in the seasons, and it is played out in our lifetimes, as individuals and as a church.

We have spent the last several seasons discerning whether we will allow the transformation of our parking lot into affordable housing for our neighbors. We are quickly approaching the day that we will stop and reflect on whether this is the transformation the Spirit is leading us toward. This is a serious question and worthy of our time and prayerful consideration.

Transformation is never easy, perhaps that is why we work so hard to avoid it. I know I suffer from fears of what might await me on the other side of transformation. I can only trust that God is leading me through such times. Here is a tiny insight I've gained; I'm changed but I'm the same person. I'm befuddled at times by God's paradoxical way in the world. Something is different, but nothing is.

When your leadership began this journey we started with one simple question. How do we insure the survival of this congregation? Perhaps lost in the project we've affectionately tagged Sesame Street was this basic concern. Facing diminishing numbers in worship and in offerings, how do we address this in a creative and faithful way? We were looking at transformation of some sort no matter what and it is important now to recall that motivation. This is about the survival of Luther Memorial. It will require transformation and whether we are comfortable with that or not, we are at an unavoidable place. To allow this congregation to survive into the future we must consider utilizing what God has given us in creative and faithful ways.

This has not been a simple journey. We've cried at times, spent sleepless nights praying and listening to the Spirit, managed to laugh a little, but mostly we have walked in faith that the Spirit has led us here. The evidence of the Spirit's hand is everywhere! Sesame Street, Broadview Commons, whatever it will eventually be named will transform not only this place but the lives of at least 50 families in Seattle. That is truly humbling.

We meet on November 8<sup>th</sup> to consider how transformation is to take place. No doubt, we face this with much fear and trepidation. But I rest confident in this, that God has big plans for Luther Memorial and for our new neighbors. We will be changed, but we will still be the same people of God; Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community.



## LMLC News and Events

### A Book Report from the LMLC Library

Praying for Strangers: An Adventure of the Human Spirit, by River Jordan

A couple of months ago I had some spare time, so I wandered into our library and found a new book written by an author with the enchanting name of River Jordan. The book was the observations of a person who had set herself the task of praying for people she did not know daily for a full year.

Ms. Jordan found herself in a very fearful condition because both of her sons had been sent to participate in the Gulf War. As an author who was a frequent traveler (like I used to be), she set a goal and personal regimen to pray each day for a stranger, a person who she had never met and whom she felt drawn to.

This author, like (I think) a large number of us, was not inclined to do a lot of personal praying and certainly not for individuals outside of her circle of family or friends. However, she found this increasing circle of people to pray for not only a responsibility but a gift. She also found herself drawn to talk to these people, not always but often, with what she identifies as her “stranger story” and was often surprised by the depth of the responses and the fact that many needed prayer at that time in their lives.

River Jordan says that she did not intend to make the story of this personal resolution into a book and was encouraged to do this by her husband. The result is a compelling testimony and story that encourages us to break down the walls of our personal identity and be aware of the lives of those around us. I think you will find the many vignettes of personal lives and needs of these seemingly random people. She made me think of, and wish well for, and yes pray for this succession of people who are very much like those who live around us and who we see on a regular basis in our travels.

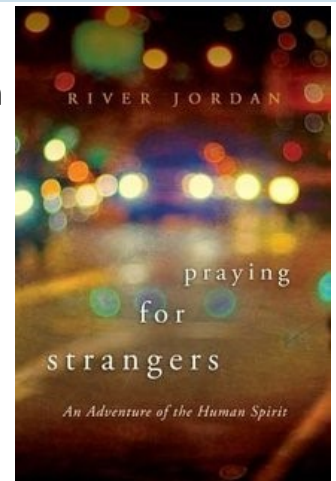
I will be returning this book to the library today. I highly recommend it to you.

Paul Olsen

### LMLC Financial Notes:

As we move toward the end of the calendar year, it is also the end of the fiscal year for this congregation. All donations you wish to have recorded for 2015 must reach us by Dec. 31, 2015.

The budget news, though challenging, is better than anticipated. The deficit is less than we anticipated when we adopted the budget in January. We are grateful for your ongoing support of the mission and ministries of this congregation.



# 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 2015

**1** *All Saints Day* Today we remember and honor saints, martyrs and loved ones who have gone before us. We pray for people who are in mourning and despair, and we give thanks for Jesus' victory over death and the promise of eternal life.

**2** We remember in our prayers the gifts and witness of nearly 5,000 American Indian and Alaska Native members of the ELCA, 30 native congregations, new ministries and the work of the American Indian and Alaska Native Lutheran Association.

**3** For everything God has entrusted to our care – our time, talents and resources – we give thanks and ask the Holy Spirit's guidance in using all we have to God's glory in service to our neighbor and the sharing of the gospel.

**4** We pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner, and for the continuing growth of our relationship as together we share the gospel and do God's work in the world.

**5** Nearly 10,000 ELCA congregations across the 50 states and in the Caribbean region reach out to all people and serve all people in Jesus Christ's name. We pray God will bless the work of our church, strengthen our faith and guide us through the Holy Spirit.

**6** We remember in our prayers the people and communities suffering loss of life, home and livelihood as a result of the fires in the Western states, especially California. We pray for their safety and recovery and give thanks for the self-sacrifice of firefighters and disaster response volunteers.

**7** We give thanks for and ask God's blessings on the ministry of Karen Anderson, an ELCA missionary working with health care and human rights efforts in Chile.

**8** Jesus' humble sacrifice was for the sake of our broken world. We give thanks for the new life and freedom we have in Jesus and pray that we will live and serve freely for the sake of others in his name.

**9** We pray for God's blessings on the long-term response work being done in earthquake-affected areas of Nepal through Lutheran Disaster Response with The Lutheran World Federation, Lutheran World Relief and United Mission to Nepal.

**10** We remember in our prayers ELCA military chaplains in ministry with men and women who are serving in the U.S. military here and overseas, in areas of conflict and peace.

**11** *Veterans Day* On this day, especially, we remember in our prayers and give thanks for the sacrifice and service of men, women and young adults who have served in the military.

**12** We ask God to watch over the children, spouses and families of all those who are serving in the military and that they may find the comfort and care of a congregation, a community of faith.

**13** Through baptism we are bound to Christ and the community of all believers. We give thanks for the forgiveness of sins, new life in Christ and the encouragement we receive from our brothers and sisters in Christ for our lifelong baptismal journey.

**14** We pray for boldness to go into our communities and invite our neighbors to worship with us. Through God's word, water, bread and prayer, may we together be nurtured in faith and sent out restored into the world.

**15** Unsettled by turmoil, danger and suffering in our world, we pray to be reminded of God's presence and goodness that ultimately brings healing and deliverance. We pray that we will not cower in fear but will instead urge one another to acts of goodness and hope in the world.

## ELCA Prayer Ventures

**16** We remember in our prayers the lives and stories of people, communities and nations whose tragedies we have forgotten or have let slip from our attention. We ask God's forgiveness and pray that we will re-enter their stories and re-engage ourselves as caring brothers and sisters in Christ.

**17** We ask God to bless the lives and physical labor of those who grow, harvest, build and create for our wellbeing, enjoyment and development.

**18** ELCA missionary Jeffrey Truscott teaches at the seminary in Singapore preparing church leaders for surrounding nations. We give thanks for his ministry and the far-reaching witness of the Lutheran Church in Singapore.

**19** We believe all are invited to open Scripture and join in conversations of faith and God's work in the world. We ask the Holy Spirit to make us eager witnesses to our faith and to the stories of God's love that have changed our lives.

**20** As we further explore the universe and planets, we pray that we are mindful of God, the creator of all that exists, and that humility, respect for creation and appreciation of God's handiwork will guide our scientific endeavors.

**21** We continue to pray for the welcoming and settling of refugees in Europe and elsewhere. We ask God for the strength and wisdom to meet this human crisis with compassion and respectful solutions.

**22** *Christ the King Sunday* We give thanks and praise to God today for Christ the King, our lord, ruler not of territories, force or political dominance, but of truth, mercy and all creation.

**23** We pray that the leaders and governments of our world will set aside self-interests and the pursuit of power and influence in order to practice justice, mercy, mutual concern and care for all people.

**24** Many people travel great distances to be with family and friends to celebrate Thanksgiving together. We pray their journeys will be safe and their holiday joyful.

**25** As we feast and celebrate, we remember in our prayers those who are not at our tables and who suffer from hunger, poverty and loneliness. We pray that we will be generous and welcoming and reach out in love to our neighbors in need in the manner and spirit of Jesus.

**26** *Day of Thanksgiving* On this day of thanksgiving, we are glad and rejoice in the great things God has done for us and all people throughout history.

**27** We remember in our prayers this week the people who work and serve us, day and night. We give thanks for their service and pray they will also have time for renewal and celebration with family and friends.

**28** In our prayers we ask to know God's ways, know God's truth, trust God's mercy and be faithful in following God's path.

**29** *First Sunday of Advent* We remember in our prayers this Advent season the prophecies and promises God has fulfilled in the gift of Jesus Christ, son of God, son of man – our salvation.

**30** *St. Andrew's Day* Just as Andrew risked everything and left everything familiar to follow Jesus, we too pray for the faith and trust to follow Jesus and live our baptismal calling every day.

# Synod News

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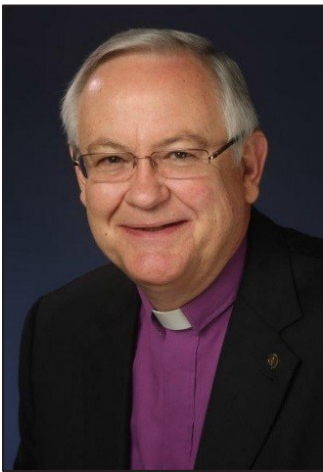
**Always**  
being made  
**New.**

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

# The Spirit

## Gratitude

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



*Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.*

- 2 Corinthians 4:15

I am a "Wannabe Mr. Fix It". I hold in high regard people who, no matter what it is, possess the knack to figure it out. I have learned I am really good at taking things apart but not so good at putting them back together again. Back in the good old days I took great pride in maintaining the

Mimeograph.

We seldom had to call on the technician. Nowadays I just watch in awe when the Copier Technician shows up. They get tired of me peering over their shoulders and asking questions.

For years I was able to maintain my own cars. My handy dandy Sears Testing Unit and Timing Light made it doable. The advance of technology soon put my back yard garage out of business.

I had to resort to taking my car to a mechanic who had the gall to charge me \$90.00 an hour to do one thing I once could do on my own. One day I was complaining bitterly to my father about how much I had to pay. He stopped me cold in my tracks with the question, "Just who do you think you are? Do you think you are the only person who deserves to earn a living wage? Rather than whining about what you have to pay why don't you feel good knowing that not only do you help the mechanic to put food on the table for his family, you are helping all of the employees that work there."

My father had an uncanny way of reminding me of my rightful place in the universe. Equally important he taught me how life-giving it is to learn to be grateful. I have to tell you this one painful incident really turned me around and I began to understand my money and possessions in a whole new way.

*"Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God."*

2 Corinthians 4:15

Being willing to give of our resources and possessions with joy can become an act of grace. It has the power to stir up in our lives the wonderful experience of gratitude.

When I began to look back over my father's life I realized this is how he lived it.

Again I remember resenting him when he sold our family home to a young family just starting out for what I thought was under market value. When I pressed him on the issue he went on to tell me the story of how my parents were able to buy our family home. My grandparents loaned them a portion of the down payment and the realtor went without charging a commission. My dad was just paying it forward.

He said, "I will get far more joy out of knowing I helped a young family get a start than the few thousand dollars that placed it below market value."

We are living in a culture where money holds so many of us hostage. Maybe we need to see it the way my dad did. A gift first received which becomes a gift of gratitude when given away with a measure of grace.

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

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

## The Flip Side

### NW Washington Synod Policy on Addictive Behaviors

A new policy was adopted by the NW Washington Synod Council on September 19, 2015. This policy replaces the Policy on Chemical Dependencies dated January 16, 1993.

Addiction is a reality of human life. We define addiction as a "behavior one continues doing compulsively, regardless of the negative consequences." While addiction does not preclude one from the pastoral office or rostered ministry, untreated addiction is destructive to individuals and breaks trust with community, and is therefore incompatible with rostered leader service in the church.

Both *Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline* and *Vision and Expectations* outline the church's standards of conduct for rostered leaders. Here is a relevant section from *Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline* (page 5 paragraph 6):

"Addiction and Substance Abuse: Any addictive behavior that impairs the ability of an ordained minister to perform effectively the duties of the office or the misuse of alcohol, drugs, medications, sex, gambling, or pornography is incompatible with the office of pastoral ministry. The approach of this church to such a problem may be to insist upon effective treatment or to initiate immediate discipline. Refusal to accept treatment or failure to abide by the terms of such treatment is conduct incompatible with the character of the ministerial office."

Consistent with this standard, the Northwest Washington Synod has adopted the new policy for handling all addictive behavior; substance abuse; and, substance use disorder, also referred to in this policy as substance misuse or substance misuse disorder.

Find this policy on the synod website:  
[www.lutheransnw.org/files/policies/addictive\\_behavior\\_policy.pdf](http://www.lutheransnw.org/files/policies/addictive_behavior_policy.pdf)

### Compensation Guidelines for 2016

These guidelines are intended to assist congregations in providing for adequate compensation to professional leaders in parish settings, including: Clergy, Associates in Ministry, Diaconal Ministers and Deaconesses.

You will find this document on the synod website:  
[www.lutheransnw.org/files/forms\\_and\\_documents/SalaryGuidelines2016.pdf](http://www.lutheransnw.org/files/forms_and_documents/SalaryGuidelines2016.pdf) + + + + +

### Upcoming Events

MANY more listed on the synod website:  
[www.lutheransnw.org/calendar](http://www.lutheransnw.org/calendar)

#### ELCA World Hunger Concert w/ AGAPE\* Rachel Kurtz & Joe Davis

*Sunday, November 15*

*3pm at Trinity Lutheran College, Everett AND 7pm at Immanuel, Seattle*

Join us for the Rise Up Together Tour concert to raise funds for ELCA World Hunger. During this powerful music event, concertgoers will learn about the reconciliation of Christ and how we are called to Rise Up Together. There will be music, poetry, storytelling and conversation. This will also be a wonderful opportunity for youth groups to reconnect and rekindle the fire that was stoked at the 2015 ELCA Youth Gathering.

#### Seafarer Ditty Bag Compiling

*Saturday, November 21, 10am at St. John the Baptist Episcopal (3050 California Ave SW, Seattle)*

Each year the Mission to Seafarers says thank you to the seafarers on merchant vessels calling at the Port of Seattle by giving them "Ditty Bags" containing small gifts of toiletries and other items. A crew of volunteers will be needed to put these bags together on Saturday, November 21. AND you can help by donating the following (and delivering items to the Mission to Seafarers by Friday, November 20).

#### Ditty Bag Items:

- \*Deodorant
- \*Shampoo(16oz)
- \*Disposable razors
- \*Shaving cream
- \*Toothpaste(5.6-6.2oz)
- \*Bar soap
- \*Toothbrushes
- \*Playing cards
- \*Knit or fleece hats
- \*Small New Testaments
- \*Pens, pencils, notepads
- \*Warm gloves (not ski or work gloves)
- \*Individually wrapped hard candy

More information on Seafarers, where to take donations & how to make ditty bags: [mts-seattle.org](http://mts-seattle.org)

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Info for the December issue due to the Synod Office by Nov. 6

## 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 2015

#### Preliminary Financial Picture

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

LMLC 2014 Full Year Budget:	Contributions Needed per week :
\$222, 847	\$4,285.52

#### October Contributions Received

October 4	\$7,824.36	October 18	\$3,823.00
October 11	\$2,089.00	October 25	\$4,037.79
Contributions: \$17,774.15		Budgeted: \$17,142.08	

**Difference: +\$632.07**

#### October Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$3,560.48
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$9,771.00
Gifts other than Offerings	\$3,960.67
Income-Other (eScrip, Book Club Books, etc.)	\$257.00
Helping Hands	\$125.00
Room Use (Room Use, Damage Deposits, and Facilities Offset Fees)	\$100.00
<b>Total October Contributions:</b>	<b>\$17,774.15</b>

# November Worship

## Lectionary Readings

November 1   All Saints Day	November 8   Pentecost 24	November 15   Pentecost 25	November 22   Reign of Christ	November 29   Advent 1
Isa 25:6-9	1 Kings 17:8-16	Dan 12:1-3	Dan 7:9-10,13-14	Jer 33:14-16
Psalm 24	Psalm 146	Psalm 16	Psalm 93	Psalm 25:1-10
Rev 21:1-6a	Heb 9:24-28	Heb 10:11-14, 19-25	Rev 1:4b-8	1 Thess 3:9-13
John 11:32-44	Mark 12:38-44	Mark 13:1-8	John 18:33-37	Luke 21:25-36

## Worship Leaders

	11/1	11/8	11/15	11/22	11/29
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kelsey Larson	Paul Olsen	Katy Sarff	Steve Olson	Paul Olsen
<b>Lector</b>	Tom Baker	Stephanie Bloom	Jackson Ter Hark	Phyllis Swenson	Kyle Gough
<b>Acolyte</b>	Payton Johnson	Gavin Gough	Kyle Gough	Jackson Ter Hark	Donna Smith
<b>Communion &amp; Altar Care</b>	Lollie Ellingson				
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Lynne Greenup Lollie Ellingson	Bill Meade Laurie Meade	Steve Olson Phyllis Swenson	Donna Smith Diane Chapman	Heidi Gough Gavin Gough
<b>Song Leaders</b>	Heidi Gough	Heidi Gough	Kelsey Larson	Paul Olsen	Julie Moe
<b>Children's Time</b>	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie
<b>Welcome Center</b>	Paul Olsen	Karen Olsen	Lollie Ellingson	Mary Smith	Vicki Cook
<b>Crucifer</b>	Kyle Gough	n/a			
<b>Torch Bearers</b>	Gavin Gough Zachary Johnson	n/a			
<b>Musician</b>	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
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# November 2015

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
<b>1</b> <b>All Saints' Sunday</b> 9 First Sunday Faith Forum and Sunday School 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <i>What Goes Into Preparing LMLC for Worship? Info/Lunch</i> <b>3 Choir Festival at Prince of Peace, Shoreline</b> <b>3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</b>	<b>2</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> <b>6 Music Monday!</b> <b>6 Girl Scouts</b>	<b>3</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b> <b>7 Early Ford V8 Club</b>	<b>4</b> <b>9:30 Seekers</b> <b>7 Nar-Anon</b>	<b>5</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b>	<b>6</b> <b>6 Cub Scouts Rainingutter Regatta Setup</b>	<b>7</b> <b>7:30 FARA</b> <b>8 - 2 Cub Scouts</b> <b>Rainingutter Regatta</b>
<b>8</b> 9 Sunday Church School 9:15 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall 10 Worship 11:30 Congregational Meeting and Vote <b>3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</b>	<b>9</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> <b>1:30 Book Brigade</b>	<b>10</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b> <b>6 LMLC Council</b> <b>6:30 Cub Scouts</b>	<b>11</b> <b>9:30 Seekers</b> <b>7 Nar-Anon</b> <b>Veteran's Day Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b> <b>6:30 Cub Scouts</b> <b>7 Broadview Garden Club</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>7:30 FARA</b>
<b>15</b> 9 Sunday Church School 9:15 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <i>Simply Giving Sign-Up Sunday</i> <b>3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</b>	<b>16</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i> <b>6 Girl Scouts</b>	<b>17</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b> <b>6:30 Broadview Community Council</b> <b>7 Spiritual Growth</b>	<b>18</b> <b>9:30 Seekers</b> <b>7 Nar-Anon</b>	<b>19</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>7:30 FARA</b>
<b>22</b> 9 Sunday Church School 9:15 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</b>	<b>23</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	<b>24</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b> <b>6 Cub Scouts</b>	<b>25</b> <b>9:30 Seekers</b> <b>7 Nar-Anon</b>	<b>26</b> <b>1-4 ESL Classes</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>LMLC Office Closed</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>7:30 FARA</b> <b>1 ECC Wedding</b>
<b>29</b> 9 Sunday Church School 9:15 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <b>3 Emmanuel Charisma Church</b>	<b>30</b> <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>					



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