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Messenger January 2016 Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community All are welcome at Luther Memorial. In this issue: Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10 am! PJ's Page 1 LMLC News and Events 3 Vicar's View 6 **Synod News** 7 **Financial Picture** 9 **January Worship** 10 **January Calendar** 11 The annual Children's Pageant was another great blessing!

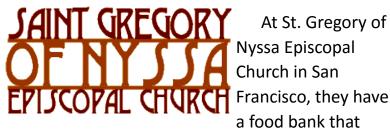
THE LUTHER MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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PJ's Page

At the end of this month, on January 31st we will enjoy a day of saying "goodbye for now" and "hello for now" as we worship together for the final time before my sabbatical leave. During our worship service, we will welcome Pastor Paul Hoffman as your Sabbatical Interim Pastor and say farewell to me, for four months. Pastor Hoffman brings many gifts in this role and wears many hats in our synod. He is called by our synod as a teaching and writing pastor; you will be mutually blessed in your time together.

Preparing and planning for Sabbatical leave is a task filled with mixed emotions. I am excited to have the chance to visit a couple of worshipping communities whose worship is centered entirely at the table.



At St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San a food bank that

distributes food from the altar. It is a visible symbol of the way God's people are fed. They also dance their way to the altar for the Eucharist in an ancient patterned dance each Sunday. Check them out at www.stgregorys.org or on YouTube.

At St. Lydia's Lutheran Church in Brooklyn, NY

the community gathers for dinner church on Sunday and Monday evenings.



Worship happens from that place, literally at the table. The children enjoy "waffle church" on Saturday mornings, where the stories of the faith are passed on to the wee ones. www.stlydias.org

In addition, Bruce and I will be in Europe, where we will explore the rich ways community is formed as people gather at various tables. Add in a cooking class and some time with family and you have a snapshot of what I'll be doing in these four months away.

I will also post photos and write about my sabbatical journey on my blog, which is runningtotelltheothers.blogspot.com. If you want to travel along in this way, know that you

are warmly welcomed.

Also know that you will remain in my daily prayers. I would be glad for yours as well. However, all



pastoral tasks will be directed to Pastor Hoffman. I will not be checking or answering emails at all. I will be very careful on social media to remember that I'm not acting as your pastor during this time as well. (Contact information for Pastor Hoffman as well as details about his schedule, etc. will be in the February Messenger.)

The purpose of this sabbatical grant is for clergy renewal. Being a pastor is a great privilege and joy. It also comes with holy responsibilities and burdens. The Lilly Foundation recognizes that a time apart can bring renewal for both

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pastor and congregation. That's why some of the funds are directed for use by the congregation: to pay for the Sabbatical Interim pastor and to fund congregational activities while I am away. Watch for details about those activities from your Sabbatical Celebration Planners.

I also want to acknowledge in this edition of the Messenger, that Paul and Karen Olsen have resigned their positions as Choir Director and Treasurer and have been removed from the membership register at LMLC. Their resignations were accepted with regret, their leave taking with sadness. But the reality is, that in any community, we will let one another down. My hope is that when we do that, we will find grace in our decisions to stay or go. Pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber of House for All Sinners and Saints Lutheran Church in Denver says it this way:

"It's my practice to welcome new people to the church by making sure they know that House for All Sinners and Saints will, at some point, let them down. That I will say or do something stupid and disappoint them. And then I encourage them to decide before that happens if they will stick around after it happens. If they leave, I tell them, they will miss the way that God's grace comes in and fills in the cracks left behind by our brokenness. And that's too beautiful to miss. "

> Nadia Bolz-Weber; Accidental Saints; Chapter 18

Being the people of God together almost certainly means that we will let one another down, that we will disappoint one another, that we will have gaps in communication, understanding, and perception. But it also means that we are bound together by something that is so big and so wide that we can hardly comprehend it: the immeasurable grace, mercy, and love of God in Jesus Christ.

It is that bond that ties us together and shapes us into this community of faith.

With deep gratitude,

Pastor pli Horson +



LMLC News and Events

Stewardship Living

The mission and ministry of this place only happen because of your giving. As our congregational giving lessens, we have been able to supplement it with contributions from Emmanuel Charisma Ethiopian Church and other groups who use our space.

We were challenged by Pastor Julie to increase our giving by 3% this year, if financially possible. We may find that the stretch in financial giving also stretches our spiritual growth.

If you have not made a financial pledge to the congregation, pledge cards are still available at the Welcome Center.

If you already made your pledge, thank you for your faithful support.

The Stewardship Team The Congregation Council

Thank You!

....to the Endowment Fund of Luther Memorial and the congregation of Luther Memorial for the generous gift to Church of the Beloved.

...to the Endowment Fund of Luther Memorial and the congregation of Luther Memorial for the generous gift to Mary's Place.

...to all who helped set up and clean up for recent congregational meals together.

...to all who helped prepare the church during Advent and Christmas.

Thank you to everyone for your loving and lovely remembrances of our family during this holy season. Your good wishes and gifts were most appreciated. With gratitude, Pastor Julie and Bruce



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Lilly Endowment Clergy Renewal Programs

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Sabbatical Celebration and Send Off!

After worship on January 31st, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a

Celebratory meal and send off for Pastor Julie. Sign up at Sign Up Central in the Welcome Center so we can adequately plan for the food. This catered meal is funded through PJ's sabbatical grant. Come join the celebration.



Annual Meeting

Because we always like to surround the important business of the congregation with fun, we will conduct the annual business meeting of the congregation during the ANNUAL Celebratory send off on Jan. 31st. This will include elections and budget approval.

Affordable Housing Update

On December 8th, the Board of Directors of Compass Housing Alliance voted unanimously to enter into an agreement with Luther Memorial to build affordable housing for families on a portion of our property. This follows LMLC's positive vote in November. Thanks be to God for this partnership!



Craft Bazaar Results!

Many, many thanks to all the LMLC artists who donated items for the Craft Bazaar! And many thanks to all who purchased and received the many wonderful items made by our LMLC artists. We made over \$1200 to support the Day Camp which will be June 27 - 30, 2016. This is well on the way to cover the costs of having the Camp Lutherwood Staff lead the Day Camp program.

The Spiritual Growth committee and the LMLC and neighborhood young people also thank you for your support of Vacation Bible School Day Camp!



Office Closed

The office will be closed on January 1st for New Year's Day and January 18th in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Christmas Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettias were given by members of the LMLC congregation and community in honor or memory of loved ones. Ruth and Amy Bartling In memory of Paul In memory of Chuck Booth Laurine Booth Marlys Carlson In memory of Bob Carlson In memory of Gail and Kitty Peck Vicki Cook In memory of Marge Anderson Peck Chris, Krissy, Mason, and In memory of Doug Howell Mackenzie Čulmer Elaine Hardin In memory of Gene Hardin In memory of Leonard and Alia Fick Mary Hinderliter, Eric Zoeckler, In memory of Celia Hinderliter-Helm and Claralou Hinderliter Sharon Howell In memory of Doug Howell Pastor Julie Hutson In honor of The People of God at Luther Memorial In memory of my Grandparents: Henry and Jane & Loyd and Kathryn In memory of the friends I miss Rob Amy, and Lynette In memory of our parents Jill and Frank Kerton In memory of our grandparents In memory of our Fathers: Tom Smith and Giri Lingappaiah Colleen and Kaj Lingappaiah In honor of our Mothers: Donna Smith and Rebecca Lingappaiah In honor of our Children Joshua and Daniel Lingappaiah

Dorothy Lundahl Julie Moe and Janice Sherlock Lorraine Molzahn Beverly Mueller Nancy Sandbloom Katy Sarff Kolf and Marge Skrinde

Leia Smith Donna Smith

Phyllis and Norman Swenson Jennifer Trice Shirley and Andre Yandl In memory of our parents In memory of our grandparents In memory of our Fathers: Tom Smith and Giri Lingappaiah In honor of our Mothers: Donna Smith and Rebecca Lingappaiah In honor of our Children: Joshua and Daniel Lingappaiah In memory of Stuart Lundahl In memory of Stuart Lundahl In memory of Jordan Moe In memory of Jordan Moe In memory of Elmer Molzahn In honor of my family In memory of Ed Sandbloom In memory of Ed Sandbloom In memory of Milhelm and Martha Martin In memory of Wilhelm and Martha Martin In memory of Kolf and Annie Skrinde In honor of my parent's Jim and Elsie Maminta's anniversary In memory of Jon Smith In honor of our family In honor of our family In memory of Jean McAleer In memory of Jean McAleer In memory of our parents

Vicar's View

There is a lot to Hope For

This is a season of light and new life, which means that in the Christian anticipation for the arrival of the Christ-child, there is something arriving within us as well. We sing about this new arrival in myriad ways; for instance, we anticipate it in Silent Night, and raise it up in renditions of Joy to a world that welcomes a new era of human history – *Emmanuel*, God with us. What is arriving in us, and in the world, is at its core a message of divine love in which humanity can have *hope*.

Hope is one of those cardinal virtues (alongside its siblings, love and faith) that a hungry world needs right now. Our humanity, and the world itself, is using words like terror, demagoguery, displacement, and extremism, to describe what we are encountering; and, each of these terms does rightly describe part of our reality. But I'd like to say that, all-in-all, each of these terms, and emotional energy around them, is pointing to an entrenched and underlying *fear*. And, we know in the course of human history, that fear in the form of public anxiety can immobilize even our best intentions and our most cherished public values. The fear we are experiencing today in society is of a specific kind, I think. It is a fear of the unknown, of the thing that hasn't yet happened but might, and there is a proper word for fear of this order – dread. In short, dread is a kind of fear of the thing that hasn't happened but could, as a kind of objectless fear that is anticipated but not yet here. A world with too much dread is a place without color and joy. It limits our sense of the future and hinders our belief that we can change the present.

So, what does the anticipated hope of the Christ -child have to say to the dread we are experiencing today? I think my first response to this question is evident in all of you, in your presence these past Sundays in worship, in your sharing of the peace, in the children's rendition of the event of Christ's birth, and in your personal search for meaning in a world that requires our love. When we reach out to share peace, when we celebrate the Eucharist, as we talk and sing together, when we serve for the good of the world . . . you, me, all of us, participate in the advent of God's hope to the world. We usher in a word of hope that, as 1 Corinthians 13:7 tells us, is born up in a love that ". . . bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things." Dread is fear of the unknown, but hope is confidence in the known, and the known in this case is so deeply ingrained in the Christian narrative that we celebrate it every year.

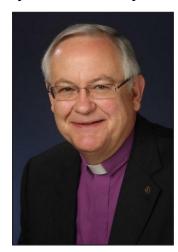
We are journeying together through Advent, into Christmas, and to the star of Epiphany. Our journey is of a singular kind: God comes near, hope arrives, and our faithful responses matter in this world. Hope unfastens chronic fear and keeps us creative toward solutions in our communities and around the world. Hope allows us to forecast a future of substance. Hope is never reducible to wishful thinking; rather, hope is grounded on the substance of faith, and is an active response to God who claimed us first in love. Our world needs hope today, and in the arrival of the Christ-child, there is a lot to hope for. Advent Blessings to you all!

Vicar Michael

Synod News



Entering the New Year Well by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



What shall you bring with you into the New Year and what shall you leave behind?

I met the cutest couple in their eighties. They lived just down the street from the church. I had been asked by their neighbor if I would be willing to officiate at their wedding. I agreed, as I seldom turned down the opportunity to share the gifts of the church with the people of the community.

They invited me over to their home and graciously shared their story with me. Both of them had lost their spouses whom they deeply loved. I knew this when they invited me to see the family pictures in the hallway. On one side of the hallway were pictures of his family - his former wife, their children and grandchildren. On the opposite wall hung the photos of her former husband, their children and grandchildren.

This couple had accomplished what I have not often experienced. They were able to appropriately hold the memory of their former spouses *and* still fully embrace one another. Neither had met the other's spouse when they were living but each had shared enough about their love and respect that they felt like they knew them. I was thrilled that this couple could celebrate what had gone on before them and begin a new chapter in life with great gratitude for each other's companionship and love.

It sure made it easy for this couple's adult children and grandchildren to be in the home of these newlyweds. They knew that their past was being appropriately honored and they could rejoice in the new beginning for their parents.

It takes wisdom and confidence to know how to carry the bones of those who have gone before us.

And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for Joseph had solemnly sworn the people of Israel saying, "God will visit you; then you must carry my bones with you from here." -- Exodus 13:19

How well are you carrying the bones of your past? The New Year gives us the opportunity to be intentional about what we carry forward. For far too many of us, we tend to bring grudges, hurt feelings, jealousies not yet overcome, and anger still clutched. You *do not* have to carry that weight for another year. Letting go of the ugly past can be the best weight loss program there is.

Knowing how to carry the past and enter the future allows to live life in the present to its fullest.

Happy New Year! + + + + +

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The Flip Side

Live Webcast on "Confronting Racism: A Holy Yearning"

Thursday, January 14 at 6pm Pacific Time - Online

"God's intention for all humanity is that we see the intrinsic worth, dignity and value of all people. Racism undermines the promise of community and fractures authentic relationships with one another. We need to talk and we need to listen, but we also need to act." -ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton

ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and William B. Horne II, an ELCA member from Clearwater, Fla., will continue their conversation on racism – a violation of God's intention for humanity – in

a second live webcast. Eaton and Horne will be joined by other ELCA members who bring various perspectives on the U.S. criminal justice system.

As with the previous webcast, this one will be grounded by two commitments. One is this church's proclamation of Christ and the confidence this

good news brings to set us free from the captivity of racism. The second is this church's enduring commitment to address the complexity of racism and end discrimination.

Joining Eaton and Horne for this conversation are:

+ Judge Yolanda Tanner, an ELCA member who serves as an associate judge for the Baltimore City Circuit Court. Judge Tanner is a member of the ELCA.

+ Leonard Duncan, an ELCA member who will share his experience of incarceration, poverty and homelessness. Duncan is a student at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and an ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient.

+ Charlene Guiliani, an ELCA member and former police sergeant. Guiliani is a student at Wartburg Theological Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, and an ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarship recipient.

Read more about this webcast, locate the link to the live webcast, and find additional resources at: **www.ELCA.org/ webcast**. (The first webcast, which aired August 6, 2015, is also available at that link.)

A live stream also will be available at: **www.Facebook.com/Lutherans**.

If you would like to submit a question to be considered during the live webcast, please send it to:

livinglutheran@elca.org and provide your name and your congregation's name, city and state.

Retired Rostered Leaders, Spouses, Widows & Widowers Luncheons

Jan. 14, 11:30am-1:30pm at Bow, Edison Jan. 21, 11:30am-1:30pm at St John United, Seattle

We are again offering TWO luncheons to connect with our retired rostered leaders, spouses, widows & widowers in the synod - one in the north & one in the Seattle area. We hope you an attend and enjoy a delicious meal and warm conversation!

Please RSVP to the synod office:

office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292.

Kids & Race 2 Workshop: Beyond Colorblindness

Saturday, January 23, 3pm-5:30pm at Queen Anne United Methodist (1606 5th Ave W, Seattle)

How can we raise children who go beyond the superficial notion of colorblindness to see and challenge the ways that privilege still shapes our lives? How can parents prepare to seize the teachable moments that arise when we least expect them?

Join neighbors at Queen Anne United Methodist Church for part II of Kids and Race: Beyond Colorblindness. This session will feature University of Washington researcher Dr. Leandra Onnie Rodgers, whose work focuses on identity development and cultural norms. We will also

welcome Jason Frelot, an early childhood educator, to share how narratives and counter-narratives shape our children's personal and racial identity development.

This event is co-sponsored by one of our mission start congregations, Columbia City Church of Hope. \$15/family or pay what you are able. More info: http://kidsandrace2.bpt.me

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Info for the February issue due to the Synod Office by Jan. 7

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.

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January Worship

Lectionary Readings

January 3	January 10	January 17	January 24	January 31
Christmas 2	BaptismofOurLord	Epiphany 2	Epiphany 3	Epiphany 4
Jer 31:7-14	lsa 43:1-7	lsa 62:1-5	Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Jer 1:4-10
Psalm 147:12-20	Psalm 29	Psalm 36:5-10	Psalm 19	Psalm 71:1-6
Eph 1:3-14	Acts 8:14-17	1 Cor 12:1-11	1 Cor 12:12-31a	1 Cor 13:1-13
John 1: 10-18	Luke3:15-17,21-22	John 2:1-11	Luke 4:14-21	Luke 4:21-30

Worship Leaders

	1/3	1/10	1/17	1/24	1/31
Assisting Minister	Gordon Trombley	Vicar Michael	Steve Olson	Katy Sarff	Vicar Michael
Lector	Donna Smith	Elaine Hardin	Steph Bloom	Bob Greenhow	Tom Baker
Acolyte	Donna Smith	Payton Johnson	Kyle Gough	Jackson Ter Hark	Gavin Gough
Communion & Altar Care			TBD		
Greeters and Ushers	Steve Olson Bruce Hutson	Donna Smith Diane Chapman	Lynne Greenup Lollie Ellingson	Heidi, Kyle, and Gavin Gough	Bill Meade Laurie Meade
Song Leader	Vicki Cook	Kelsey Larson	Julie Moe	Kris Johansson	Katy Sarff
Children's Time	Heidi Gough	Kyle Gough	Vicar Michael	Heidi Gough	Pastor Julie
Musician			Lennon Aldort		



January 2016 See	See our live calendar online for	online for any cha	inges or updates:	r any changes or updates: www.luthermemorialseattle.com/calendar	orialseattle.com/	calendar
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