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# Messenger

February 2016

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 sanctuary was adorned with stars for the Sundays after Epiphany. They reminded us to let our lights shine so that others may know that it is Christ at work in us!

#### THE LUTHER MEMORIAL MESSENGER

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February 15 is the deadline for articles in the March issue.

Rev. Julie G. Hutson, Pastor (on Sabbatical)
Rev. Paul E. Hoffman, Interim Pastor
Vicar Michael Trice, Intern
Steve Olson, Congregation Council President
Katy Sarff, Office Administrator
Lennon Aldort, Musician

### PJ's Page

In our family, February marks the final month of the run of birthdays that begins in August and goes through February 23<sup>rd</sup> (Happy Birthday, Robert!) For many, February is a time for Valentine's Day and Mid Winter Break. And we throw in a long weekend for President's Day, as well in this shorter than usual month. This year, Lent begins early; Ash Wednesday is on February 10<sup>th</sup>. My thoughts will be with you all as you keep a holy Lent.

February will mark the beginning of my sabbatical. It's often been observed that planning for something special is at least half of the fun. I wonder if that will be true? My planning has been done with mixed emotion; it feels hard to leave my

community of faith behind, if only

for a little while.

My first sabbatical "activity" happens right out of the gate, on February 1<sup>st</sup>, at a class called "Baking for Breakfast" at The Pantry Cooking School in Ballard. These

classes are wildly popular; to register for them, I had to be ON my computer AT midnight when the registration went live. It seems that the reason they are so popular is because The Pantry focuses, not only on teaching about cooking, but also on forming community. As students gather around the table, time and care is taken to form community there. So, you can see why I chose to include this piece in my time of rest and renewal and considering how we are formed around various tables.

Later in February I will be in San Francisco, at St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church, observing how they care for the hungry through their food pantry that radiates out from their altar table. And at the end of February I will be in Brooklyn at St. Lydia's Lutheran Church, participating in their unique dinner church liturgy.

I will be writing on my blog

(www.runningtotelltheothers.blogspot.com) and I will remain active on Facebook. The Sabbatical Celebration Team is readying a bulletin board to post photos and letters, too. We will remain connected.



Our bishop asked me what my hopes are for the congregation during this time. What a great question! My hope is that you all will be intentional about gathering together for worship and fellowship. That my time away will not be your time away, but that our blessed community of faith will still gather, hear the

Word, receive the meal, and be sent out into the world to do the work we are all called to in our baptisms.

You are the called and claimed people of God and I give thanks for you!

With great hope,

Pastor Nii Horont

### PH's Page

Dear Friends in Christ at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your visionary leadership and the caring nurture of your pastor, Julie Hutson, by providing this time for her sabbatical leave. And congratulations to you on receiving a Lily Endowment Fund Grant to make it all possible.

During the time of Pastor Hutson's sabbatical, I am looking forward to serving you on a very part time basis as pastoral leader. Vicar Michael Trice and I will do our best to get you seamlessly from 1 February to 31 May – through the wonderful seasons of Lent and Easter and just the very beginning of the Pentecost season.

I am thrilled to be invited into this ministry, and I am looking forward to the ways that we will grow together in the Gospel for the sake of the community that we serve.

You and I are hardly strangers to one another. Since I retired from parish ministry at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church down the street in 2013, my wife Donna and I have been frequent worshipers at Luther Memorial. Pastor Hutson has invited me to supply preach from time to time, which I have greatly enjoyed. It's been a privilege to mentor your organist, Lennon Aldort, in his ministry to you. And this past Christmas Eve I was able to be with you to play the organ and lead the choir for a beautiful service celebrating the birth of Christ.

Often congregations tend to think of sabbatical as "something the pastor gets to do." In large part that's true, but it is only half of the story. One of the things I so appreciate about the Lily Fund grants is that they highly emphasize the role and opportunities of the congregation during a leader's leave time.

So I'm looking forward to these next four months as a time of growth, exploration, experimentation, and faithful service to God's world. It's a time for ministry, not maintenance. Who knows how God will use this time with us together?

No doubt there will be some things that occur in my ministry that seem odd to you — "why did he do that like that?" or, "I wonder what he had in mind there..." When that's the case, I trust you'll ask. That way, I'll learn from you, too.

Fifteen hours per week – the amount I've been asked to serve among you – is not a whole lot, but I believe that Vicar Trice and I can serve you well. During the time I am serving with you, I will also be keeping up a rigorous travel schedule for the ministry of *faith.forming.faith*, serving as the chair of the synod's Candidacy Committee, and working or several writing projects. In each Sunday's worship announcements and every Wednesday's e-mail update, I'll post my office hours for the coming few weeks. Those will be great times for you to drop in, get to know me better, and share with me your enthusiasm and insights about our shared ministry.

Thank you again for the trust that your invitation to serve includes. I am looking forward to our time together.

In Christ, Pastor Paul E. Hoffman

### **LMLC News and Events**

### **Stewardship Living**

In the early 1900's many worshipping communities and congregations looked for creative ways to provide funding for the work of mission and ministry. Some churches even rented out pew space to families and individuals, guaranteeing them the seats they wanted during worship services!



While that practice has (thankfully) fallen out of favor and fashion, there are still numerous ways you can help provide for the financial support of the work of your faith community. Here are a few suggestions:

Volunteer your time. There are many tasks that need to be done. If you don't readily see opportunities publicized, ask your pastor or lay leaders how you might get involved.

Support the hunger ministries with gifts of non-perishable food.

Offer a pledge of your financial giving for the year. It helps the leadership form a faithful church budget.

Challenge yourself to increased financial giving. Even the smallest of increases will prove to be spiritually powerful and make a difference in mission.

Pray for the work your congregation does. It is, perhaps, the best way to support your church.

Finally, if you really want to be assured your favorite pew....the ONLY way to occupy it is to be in worship regularly. See you in church!

### Thank You!

....to Diane Chapman for her work on the 2016 Budget and helping our Financial Team during this transition time.



...to Laurie Baughman for her work on Sunday mornings, and for taking the lead on the Altar Guild.

...to Kelsey Larson for her gift of Special Music on Sunday, January 24th.

...to Kris Johansson for his upcoming offering of Special Music on Sunday, January 31st.

### **LMLC News and Events**

### **Annual Meeting**

After worship on Sunday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a Celebratory meal and send off for Pastor Julie. Because we always like to surround the important business of the congregation with fellowship, we will conduct



the LMLC Annual (business) Meeting of the congregation during the Celebratory Send Off. This will include elections and budget approval. Election results and updates from the Annual Meeting will be in the March 2016 Messenger.

### **First Sunday Faith Forum**

Join Kelsey Larson on Sunday, February 7th, in First Sunday Faith Forum to hear about life at Valparaiso University (a wonderful Lutheran university), and to hear about the unique ministries at the church her father, Pastor Tim Larson, serves in Michigan.



### **LMLC Choir Makes Music Again!**



The Congregational Council is pleased to announce that our musician, Lennon Aldort, will begin serving as Interim Choir Director in February. All are welcome on February 8th, for Music Monday choir rehearsal in the Fellowship Hall. (Details to follow in the weekly bulletin insert.) Make a joyful noise! Sing to God a new song!

### Office Closed

The office will be closed on February 15th for President's Day.



### **LMLC News and Events**

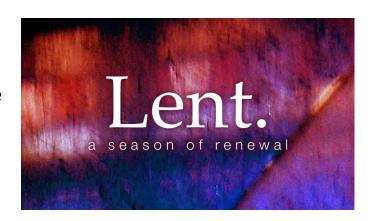
### **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper**

Our Annual Pancake Supper will be on February 9<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!



#### The Season of Lent

In the Church, Lent is the 40 days before Easter (not including Sundays) and is considered a time for repentance, fasting, and prayer. For some, the discipline of fasting gave way to "giving something up" during Lent. Some folks give up a food, or soda, or sweets. Others deepen their time of study and prayer, giving up the other activities they might be involved with otherwise.



Please plan to join us as you are able during this Holy season:



Ash Wednesday, February 10th: Worship, 7 pm in the Sanctuary

Passion/Palm Sunday: March 20<sup>th</sup>: Worship, 10 am

Maundy Thursday: March 24<sup>th</sup>: Worship 7 pm

Good Friday: March 25<sup>th</sup>: Worship 7 pm

The Feast of the Resurrection: March 27<sup>th</sup>
Pancake Breakfast 8 am-9:30 am
Festival Worship: 10 am

### **LMLC News and Events**

#### From Mary's Place:



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you remind us that we are not forgotten
you love us and that is the greatest gift!
Thank you'r
NARRY'S PLACE family



Empowering homeless women, children and families to reclaim their lives by providing shelter, nourishment, resources, healing and hope in a safe community.

### **LMLC News and Events**

### **Operation Brown Bag-What goes in a lunch?**

Ever wonder what is in the sack lunches we hand out Monday-Friday, 10 am—Noon? 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.



We are currently in need of ALL supplies. If you'd like to donate supplies, please drop them off on the counter in Katie's Parish. If you'd like to MAKE lunches, please email/call the office to get starting directions. Lunches can be made at any time that you have available to volunteer!

- **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 Currently (cold weather season) we hand out hand warmers, tissues, and hats/ gloves when we have them.

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.

### **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.

More info about the Phinney Ridge Food Bank can be found at: prlc.org/we-serve/food-bank/

### Vicar's View

#### **Getting Out of our own Way**

There is something positive to be said about beginning a vicarage at the start of the ecclesial year. For those who do not serve directly in the church, Advent may feel more quiet and reflective, in the thoughtful expectation of the birth of Christ. *This* is welcomed and hoped for. I am learning that, for those who are providing direct leadership in the church, this time of year is like encountering a wall of sound.

Advent, the entire Christmas Season, Epiphany and the week after, for a new vicar (such as myself) are filled with the welcome (if also cacophonic) sounds of new voices of parishioners, bells and other musical instruments, readings upon readings, and homilies that speak in earnest to the reason for our being in the visible unity of the Body of Christ. Far from being overwhelming, this pace – set wonderfully by Pastor Julie – is about faith and endurance. The winner is not the frenetic rabbit but the wise tortoise: Or, the one who remains consistent, empathetic, mindful of presence, and focused on the living God in our midst.

This past month I've been focused on the transept, which is that crucible shape nearly smack in the middle of the worship space. It is the axis point in the center of the life of the congregation, where we worship each Sunday. It is a place of gathering, sometimes of reading the Gospel, of proclamation, of preparation as we together await participation in the Eucharist. It is also a place of beginnings and endings. That is, on Sunday we gather together and walk toward the altar and the living Word. At the conclusion of the service, we process together away from the altar and into the world where the Word takes voice in our shared vocation as a witness to the Gospel.

In a short six weeks, I have taught children, heard stories of congregants' journeys of faith, eaten and sung with you, sat with Pastor Julie in discussion about these and additional subjects for the ordering of faith and life at LMLC, and balanced a rigorous university schedule simultaneously. I don't want to lose the thread of that last point: You are allowing and encouraging me to live two integrated lives in your midst. I am teaching two classes, providing leadership for a doctoral program, am responsible for a team of five professionals at the university who are programing all ecumenical and interreligious activity, and finally am assisting in the multifaceted leadership of a seminary within a university structure.

Having said this, providing my first homily at LMLC was an experience in discovery. Completely unlike a lecture or a public presentation at a university, a homily is a thing unto itself. A homily is focused on the divine Word enfleshed in the human word. There, at the pulpit, I appreciate how a homilist is a conduit but not the source of those words. It is about getting out of my own way. It is about listening to God's Word rather than amplifying my own. Pastor Julie said something to me the other day that crystallizes this point: "Wisdom is intelligence filtered through the heart." Yes indeed. And a homily is about our shared wisdom in a national and global environment that, it appears, often misses the virtue of living wisdom itself. Like living water, wisdom in the homily is our shared Word.

In the past six weeks, alongside other lessons learned, this one resonates the loudest. It is the gift of Epiphany that I take home this year. That is, finally: Seeking ordination is not about me. It is about what God is doing through all of us, as a community. Vicar Michael

### **ELCA** Prayer Ventures



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

#### February 2016

- 1 We remember in our prayers communities and states recovering from or experiencing unexpected flooding and severe weather this winter.
- 2 Presentation of Our Lord Jesus, our Lord and savior, grew and matured in our midst for our sake and salvation. We pray that we will mature and become strong in faith, filled with wisdom, and that God's love and mercy will be upon us throughout life.
- 3 We remember in our prayers the ministries of pastors Bradn Buerkle, Ben and Margit Coltvet, and Arden Haug, ELCA missionaries serving in Russia.
- 4 We hold in prayer our leaders gathered for the Conference of Bishops, that they will be inspired and sustained by the Holy Spirit and help guide our church in its mission in a world full of complexity and challenges.
- 5 We remember in our prayers all throughout history who have lost their lives for the sake of the gospel and the proliferation of peace and justice.
- 6 Theologians in our church help us reflect on, better understand and apply Scripture and our faith in daily life. We pray for the Holy Spirit to guide, inspire and stir curiosity in their studies and teaching.
- 7 Transfiguration of Our Lord God's glory is great and cannot be contained. We give thanks that God's power, presence and mercy are so clearly revealed through the light of Christ.
- 8 We remember in our prayers Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA and pray for generous support of new and expanded churchwide ministries and leadership around the world, in the name of Jesus Christ.

- 9 On this Shrove Tuesday, we humble ourselves and pray for forgiveness in God's presence and ask that God create in us generous hearts and caring spirits that consider especially the needs of our neighbors who are hungry and living in poverty.
- 10 Ash Wednesday We come to God in humility and prayer today, drawn by the life and sacrifice of Jesus in whom we find new life and worth.
- 11 We give thanks to God for the compassion of congregations providing warm, safe shelter for the homeless and hospitality for those seeking the comfort of welcoming communities in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 12 For nations entangled in war, we pray for lasting peace and an end to violence and hatred. We also pray for those who have been displaced and driven out that they may return safely, rebuild together and heal.
- 13 The new Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities is a collaboration of 26 colleges and universities. We pray that our higher education institutions thrive in serving the academic and spiritual needs of their students and contribute to the enrichment of communities and society.
- 14 In our daily prayers, we ask God to grant us strength, courage and faith to recognize and resist all that tempts us to stray from God and our pilgrimage with Jesus.
- 15 We remember on this Presidents Day the president of our nation and the leaders who serve with him that they may act with wisdom, justice, concern for people of all backgrounds and for the well-being and unity of our diverse communities.
- 16 As followers of Christ, we pray for a growing understanding of what it means to deny ourselves, take up the cross and follow as imperfect disciples trusting in God's love and forgiveness every step of the way.

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### **ELCA Prayer Ventures**

- 17 We ask God to bless the evangelism work of the Rev. Mawien Ariik and the refugee ministry of the Rev. Wal Reat, ELCA missionaries in South Sudan.
- 18 On this day in 1546, Martin Luther died at the age of 62. We give thanks for the ways in which Luther instructed and inspired Christians to be centered in Scripture, prayer, education and God's unconditional love.
- 19 We pray for the United Church of Christ, a full communion partner with the ELCA, and for the continuing growth of our relationship as together we share the gospel and do God's work in the world.
- 20 We give thanks for and ask God's blessings on the work of Lutheran Services of America and its network 28 We remember in our prayers the faithful work of of 300 organizations, especially for its work in support of parents and children involved in adoption and foster care.
- 21 In baptism, we are called, gathered and claimed by God. We give thanks to God for gathering us in community for mutual care, encouragement and sending each other into the world to share the gospel.
- 22 Krystle Moraska-Madrussan and Ignacio Madrussan serve as coordinators for young adults serving in Argentina and Uruguay. We pray for their support and their work with the Young Adults in Global Mission program.
- 23 We remember in our daily prayers our best and worst human qualities and offer ourselves as we are to God – in need of and grateful for God's undeserved love and forgiveness.
- 24 Ten young adults are serving in health care, children's ministry, outreach, community development and elder care in South Africa as Young Adults in Global Mission. We ask God to daily bless and encourage their service.

- 25 We give thanks for the women of the Deaconess Community who use their diverse gifts and training to serve in a variety of community and church contexts in response to God's call and the needs of the world.
- 26 Throughout Lent, we pray the Holy Spirit will move us from self-absorption to attentiveness to the world around us, from being self-serving to serving our neighbor without expectation of reward or recognition.
- 27 Though we live in a culture of abundant options, flexibility and self-gratification, we ask God for the strength and discipline to be obedient to God's Word and faithful in following Jesus.
- pastors Kirsten Fryer and Michael Parker, ELCA missionaries serving in parish ministry and theological education in Egypt.
- 29 For the sake of Christian unity, sharing the gospel, mutual encouragement and serving our neighbor, we ask God to help us move beyond our apprehensions and further our relationships and conversations with people of other denominations, faiths and traditions.

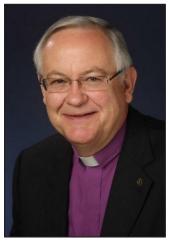
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### Synod News

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## I Pray That They Might Be One by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



For he himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.

(Ephesians 2:14)

I was not prepared for what I was about to see. I knew it existed but I had never set eyes on it. Living in Washington State,

I have crossed into Canada many times but I had never seen

the iron wall that cuts through the heart of Nogales, Arizona dividing families who live on the US side of

the wall from those living on the Mexican side.

The people of Nogales for hundreds of years moved freely through their town until an agreement was reached between the United States and Mexico that would draw the border which now divides the city. It is North America's Berlin.

Kim and I watched two women, perhaps sisters, trying to hug one another through the narrow opening in the wall. Alongside the

woman on the Mexico side of the border stood another woman holding her baby. She was trying to show the baby to the woman on the opposing side. It broke my heart. How could this be America?

As bishops and spouses we gathered around Presiding Bishop Eaton as she led us in prayer reminding us of who our God is. The God who breaks down the walls that separate us from one another. The God who hears the cry of God's people and comes down to be with us. One of our bishops spoke the words of Ronald Reagan, "Gorbachov, tear down this wall."

Later that day we gathered at St. Andrews Episcopal Church in Nogales and heard the stories of those who are trying to seek legal entrance into the United States. The

paperwork is so burdensome and the rules so confusing, that it is not unheard of to take up to ten years or longer. And you better have a good immigration attorney because on your own you have little or no hope of navigating a cumbersome system.

I could not help but think about what it was like to try to secure the military benefits my parents were qualified to receive as they neared the end of their lives. They were both World War II

Veterans. If it were not for my brother, an attorney, we would have given up.

I understand the need to keep drug dealers and criminals out. But surely we can find

a more just and human way to welcome those who are seeking work or to be reunited with their families.

A 'grace moment' of the trip happened earlier in the week as we gathered at the historic San Xavier Catholic Church. It would be a first for this congregation.

They not only welcomed us as Lutherans, they were willing to allow us to use their altartable to celebrate Holy Communion. We witnessed one wall erected and participated in breaking down another.

#### Stay in touch and in the know!

Synod Website Calendar - www.lutheransnw.org/calendar
Do you receive the Weekly Update eNews? www.lutheransnw.org/subscribe

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### Synod News

The Flip Side

#### Worship Matters: Setting the Stage: A Day of Learning, Worship & Inspiration

Saturday, February 27, 8:45am-4pm Faith Lutheran Church, Redmond

in the Pacific Northwest.

As you walk into the sanctuary, you will notice that it will be dressed for Pentecost. Worship will revolve around the lessons for Pentecost. The worship service will be full of liturgical, musical, and visual ideas that are easily translated to the average church

Dr. Marcia McFee is our primary speaker for the day. She is a worship designer and leader, professor, preacher, and artist. Whether your worship style is traditional, contemporary or somewhere in between, Dr. McFee will lead us in an exploration of the why, what and how of sensory-rich worship

in which all the worship arts proclaim the Word of God. She will also share a plan-ahead, plan-together model of worship design that lowers stress and creates excitement. Dr. McFee will also preach in the closing worship service.

"My goal is for worship teams to leave my workshops feeling like they not only learned some-thing, but they grew closer through deeper understanding of each other and their tasks, and actually experienced worship and spiritual renewal as a result of their attendance." - Dr. Marcia McFee

There will be 3 workshops to foster creativity: Music Matters: Cultivating Volunteers in Worship; Technology Matters: Moving beyond PowerPoint; Space Matters: Ideas for visual enrichment to the worship space.

The registration fee is priced so that it is within the reach of all congregations in the synod and we encourage you to bring a team from you church: pastors, music and arts program leaders, assisting ministers, liturgical decoration committees and worship committees. Lunch is included!

\$35 first participant from congregation \$15 each additional participant from same congregation

Please take a moment to look over the workshop information and consider whose attendance from your congregation might strengthen, enliven and encourage your worship life together. We would love to see you on February 27th!

You will find more information and a link to the online registration here: www.lutheransnw.org/Worship-Matters Please register online by February 20. office@lutheransnw.org or 206-783-9292.

Hold Trinity Lutheran College in prayer as they face transitions

An Open Letter to the Students, Faculty & Staff From the Board at Trinity Lutheran College:

After prayer, discernment and a careful and thorough study of all the resources and options available to us, the Board of Directors of Trinity Lutheran College has come to the conclusion that any efforts to increase enrollment at Trinity will no longer sustain the college. With deep sadness, I share with you that the Board has voted unanimously to cease academic instruction at Trinity in

May 2016 with no intention of resuming classes in the fall.

I want all of you to know that this decision was not made lightly. To the contrary, it was made with deep deliberation and much prayer. As the final vote was cast, there wasn't a dry eye in the room—board members,

members of the foundation and administrators alike carry the weight of this closure heavily on our hearts. It was a very sad decision for us to make.

The lives and stories of the students at Trinity matter very much to the Board and to this community. Faculty and staff, we ask you to continue providing our students a quality education through the end of the semester.

Seniors, we look forward to celebrating your graduation in May, conferring your degrees and sending you out into lives of success and service. And for those students who aren't graduating this spring, we commit to individually helping each of you transition into a new college or university program that will enable you to achieve your goals and dreams. Caring for you is our highest priority.

More details will be sent to you as soon as we know them, as this decision was just made a few days ago. The college administration is working tirelessly on plans of action, and more details will be communicated as we know them.

Please know that your Board of Directors will be praying for you and supporting you in whatever way we can while every member of this community processes this news. We stand in solidarity with you in this time. May the God of peace be with us, and may God's hope embolden us to live deeply into all that is to come.

In Christ,

Rev. Dr. Kevin Bates, Chair, TLC Board of Directors

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Info for the March issue due to the Synod Office by Feb 8

### 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.

### January 2016

### Preliminary Financial Picture as of 1/24/16

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

LMLC 2016 Full Year Expenses:

**Contributions Needed per week:** 

\$228, 513

\$4,394.50

#### **January Contributions Received:**

January 3:

\$2,498.00

January 17:

\$2,100.00

January 10:

\$4,455.67

January 24:

\$3,029.00

January 31:

**TBD** 

### **January Budget Fund Contribution Designations**

FundAmountUnpledged Offerings and Tithes\$1,946.76Pledged Offerings and Tithes\$8,440.28Gifts other than Offerings\$3,988.67Room Use (Room Use, Damage Deposits, and Facilities Offset Fees)\$350.00

General Fund Total Contributions as of 1/24/16: \$14,725.71

### **January Off-Budget Fund Contribution Designations**

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
World Hunger	\$40.00
VBS/Day Camp 2016	\$55.00
Memorials	\$50.00

Total Designated Fund Contributions as of 1/24/16:: \$145

### February Worship

### **Lectionary Readings**

February 7   Transfiguration	February 10   AshWednesday	February 14   Lent 1	February 21   Lent 2	February 28   Lent 3
Exod 34: 29-35	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Deut 26:1-11	Gen 15:1-12, 17-18	Isa 55:1-9
Psalm 99	Psalm 51: 1-17	Psalm 9:1-2, 9-16	Psalm27	Psalm 63:1-8
2 Cor 3:12-4:2	2 Cor 5:20b-6:10	Rom 10: 8b-13	Phil 3:17-4:1	1 Cor 10:1-13
Luke 9:28-36	Matt 6:1-6, 16-21	Luke 4:1-13	Luke 13:31-35	Luke 13:1-9

### **Worship Leaders**

	2/7	Ash Wednesday 2/10	2/14	2/21	2/28
Assisting Minister	Katy Sarff	Vicar Michael	Steve Olson	Vicar Michael	Gordon Trombley
Lector	Donna Smith	Vicar Michael	Diane MacKechnie	Steph Bloom	Tom Baker
Acolyte	Donna Smith	Donna Smith	Kyle Gough	Gavin Gough	Payton Johnson
Communion & Altar Care			TBD		
Greeters and Ushers	Heidi, Gavin, and Kyle Gough	Bill Meade Laurie Meade	Diane Chapman Donna Smith	Lollie Ellingson Lynne Greenup	Steve Olson Donna Smith
Song Leader	Vicki Cook	n/a	Kelsey Larson	Kris Johansson	Julie Moe
Children's Time	Pastor Hoffman	n/a	Vicar Michael	Kyle Gough	Heidi Gough
Musician			Lennon Aldort		

# Happy February Birthdays!

9 Marlene De Rosier

1 Vicki Cook

Nancy Hanseth
Darrell Jamieson

Selma Johnson

Joan Kuklenski Laura Steinmetz

23 Robert Martin

24 Maya Bloom

25 Bill Meade

29 Joe MacKechnie

# Congrats to our February Anniversaries!

10 Jill & Frank Kerton

13 Karen & Bob Senior

2 Leigh & Bob Johnson

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 7 Early Ford V8 Club 7 Cub Scouts Leaders Meeting	3 9:30 Seekers <b>7 Nar-Anon</b>	4 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours	5 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours 5 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby Set-up	<b>6</b> 7:30 FARA 8 Cub Scouts Pinewood Derby
7 9 First Sunday Faith Forum and Sunday School 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	8 1:30 Book Brigade 6 Music Monday! 6 Girl Scouts	Shrove Tuesday 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 6:30 Cub Scouts	10  Ash Wednesday 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours 9:30 Seekers 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 Ash Wednesday Worship 7 Nar-Anon	11 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 Broadview Garden Club	12	<b>13</b> 7:30 FARA
14 9 Sunday Church School 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	15 President's Day Office Closed	16 6 LMLC Council	17 9:30 Seekers 7 Nar-Anon	18 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours	19 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours	20 7:30 FARA 6 Einess Wedding
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