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May 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!



Affe, the sock monkey, was a gift to Pastor Julie from the Sunday School children. Affe has been traveling with PJ during her sabbatical adventures! Here Affe is making a phone call while on the overnight train to Rome!

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May 15 is the deadline for articles in the June 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
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PH's Page

May will be a month of transition for all of us at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church.

First, it will be the month that sees the transition of our liturgical life from the season of Easter to the time that the church calls "ordinary." It's not ordinary in the sense of dull or boring, that's for sure. The Sundays that will weave through our lives from late May until November are called "ordinary" because they are *ordinal*, counted off, one by one. The first Sunday after Pentecost, the second Sunday after Pentecost and so on...

And speaking of Pentecost – we won't even get to these ordinary Sundays coming out of the Easter season without passing through the wonderful celebrations of Pentecost and Holy Trinity. Those will come on May 15th and 22nd, respectively. More transition, to be sure.

At the level of our staff at Luther Memorial, big things are up in the transition department. We've just brought on board a new custodian, Derek Allred, and you'll certainly see him in and around Luther Memorial in the next weeks and months. Welcome him warmly!

On everyone's mind, of course, is the return of our pastor, Julie Hutson. It will be wonderful to welcome her back in the month

of May. She will worship with us on Sunday, May 29th and it will be a real privilege to turn the ministry of this congregation back over into her capable hands. There are bound to be some transitions to expect, anticipate, and celebrate as she returns from sabbatical and as you in the congregation get reoriented to her leadership and all the chapters of ministry that God has in store for you down the road. While our texts and season might be called "ordinary time," there will be nothing but extraordinary ministry challenges and joys that lie ahead for all of you.

I'll save my final goodbyes to you for a brief article in the June *Messenger*, but it's never too early to say just how much I've enjoyed being with you for these four months and how deeply grateful I am for the many ways in which you've opened your lives in Christ to me.

See you in church,

Pastor Hoffman

LMLC News and Events

First Sunday Faith Forum: Vicar Michael Trice

Sunday, May 1, 2016 - 9 am in the Fireside Room

May's First Sunday Faith Forum will be led by our Vicar, Dr. Michael Trice! Join us in the Fireside Room at 9 am, this Sunday for thoughtful discussion and fellowship.

Welcome Pastors Nancy Winder and Kathryn Buffum

Before Pastor Hoffman agreed to be our interim fill-in pastor during Pastor Hutson's sabbatical, he let us know that there were two Sundays already "booked" in his schedule. May 1st he'll be in Bismarck, ND and May 15th in Snohomish, WA.

BUT! Great folks will be here to lead our worship, both of them Assistants to the Bishop here in our NWWA Synod.

The first is Pastor Nancy Winder who serves as Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy. She is no stranger to our congregation, having been a life-long Seattle (and Broadview!) resident, and having grown up and ordained at Phinney Ridge.

The second is Pastor Kathryn Buffum. Kathryn is a second-career pastor, having served in Renton until her appointment as Assistant to the Bishop upon Kirby Unti's election. Pastor Buffum serves many functions in the synod office, but chief among them is mobility – working with congregations who are seeking a new or additional pastor or rostered leader.



Pastor Nancy Winder



Pastor Kathryn Buffum

2016 Camp Lutherwood Day Camp

Get ready for Day Camp! This summer, June 27-30, 2016 LMLC will once again have an exciting week of fun with the Camp Lutherwood Staff.

Time is 9 am to 2 pm Monday through Thursday.

Ages: Preschool - 4year olds and 5 year olds

Elementary - 5 year old (completed kindergarten) to 11 year old (completed 5th grade)

Cost is \$20 per student, scholarships are available

This year's theme is "Seasons of Love"!

Registration can be done online, or by completing the registration form in this Messenger, and turning it into the church office.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact Donna Smith.



LMLC News and Events

Stewardship Living - by Norman Swenson

As members of Luther Memorial we all spend time considering how much of our income or assets we believe should be given for God's Work, Our Hands, in our congregation for its mission in our area, nationally and internationally.

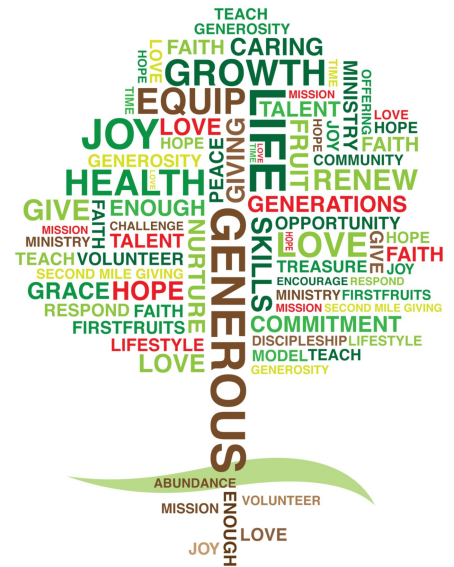
However, we often do not spend much time deciding how or when we should make those contributions. We traditionally have made contributions with cash or check in person at Sunday worship service. If we miss a Sunday, we may mail the check to the church. This may be our inherited comfort level but in this electronic age we need to consider other possible options.

Do you pay cash for all that you spend? Do you have one or more credit or debit cards? Is the compensation from your employment paid to you in cash or check or is it transferred automatically from your employer's bank account directly to your bank account? Is your monthly mortgage payment automatically transferred from your bank account to the account of your lender? Do you use your smartphone to transfer even small amounts?

At present about twenty members/member families are using Simply Giving to have some or all of their contributions transferred directly from their bank accounts to Luther Memorial's bank account. Some transfers are weekly, monthly or on other schedules. At present, about \$3,100 is received each month in this manner. Luther Memorial's income and expenses vary from month to month so a more consistent monthly income makes the church treasurer's job so much easier to plan for a month having larger than usual expenses, such as for insurance premiums.



Simply Giving is only an example of electronic fund transfers used by churches. Most likely you are already using some type of electronic transfers. Please consider how you may use a transfer for your donations to Luther Memorial. Talk to our Office Administer, Katy Sarff. She may be able to help you with Simply Giving or other transfer methods.



LMLC News and Events

Pastor Julie's Welcome Home Luncheon - Sunday, June 5th



Mark your calendars now! On Sunday, June 5th, we will have a Welcome Home! Luncheon for Pastor Julie Hutson, to welcome her back to Luther Memorial! Pastor Julie will be in worship on Sunday, May 29th, but will return to the LMLC pulpit to preach and preside on June 5th. This luncheon is once again provided for by the Sabbatical Grant, but please sign-up on the RSVP list at Sign-Up Central in the Narthex, by May 29th, so we can get an accurate count to the caterer.

Lent Midweek Offerings to Mary's Place & Phinney Ridge Food Bank

Our offerings from the Wednesday evening Lenten services were designated for these two agencies in our community. They each work to alleviate poverty, homelessness, and hunger. A check for \$300 was sent to each. Thank you to all that gave during these services. The checks were sent with the following letter, from Pastor Hoffman and Pastor Southerton on behalf of LMLC and BCUCC.



Dear Friends:

Thank you for the valuable and important ministry that you provide to those in need in our community. As your brothers and sisters in Christ at Broadview Community United Church of Christ and Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, we are grateful to you for all that you do.

During the Lenten season our congregations worshiped together and the gathered offerings from those services are enclosed in the check for \$300.

We feel truly blessed to have you as our partners in ministry and offer you this gift with confidence that it will be used in your work to continue to bring the good news of Jesus to those you serve.

Thank you again for all that you do in Christ's name.

LMLC News and Events

Operation Brown Bag- What goes in a lunch? Summer Edition!

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.



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 (summer/warm weather season) we hand out sunscreen and extra water, if we have it available.

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/

LMLC News and Events

Thank You!

...to the LMLC Choir for their leadership in singing, and to Kris Johansson for sharing his gift by playing the violin for our Hymn Fest on April 24th.



...to the Sabbatical Celebration Team, for putting together our "Around the Table" Spring Forum Event.

...to the LMLC Council, Congregation, Seekers, Pastor Hoffman, Vicar Michael, and Pastor Julie for your kind words, cards, and gifts for Administrative Professional's Day! Your Office Administrator was blown away by all the love on Wednesday, April 27th!

Office Closed

The LMLC Office will be closed on Wednesday May 4th, Friday, May 20th for the NW WA Synod Assembly, and Monday, May 30th for Memorial Day. Any administrative/office needs on those days will be handled on the next day the office is open.



June's First Sunday Faith Forum: Pastor Julie's Sabbatical Adventures!

Sunday, June 5th, 2016 - 9 am in the Fireside Room

June's First Sunday Faith Forum will be led by Pastor Julie! Join us in the Fireside Room at 9 am, to hear about her Sabbatical Adventures!

PRIDE Sunday

On Sunday, June 26th, we will join our sisters and brothers in Christ as we march behind the BIG rainbow cross in the Seattle PRIDE Parade. We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation, which means that we publicly state our support of the LGBTQ community and really mean it when we say and sing that All Are Welcome!



Please sign up at Sign Up Central at the Welcome Center and we'll coordinate transportation.

This is a powerful event and a chance to witness to the wideness of God's mercy! See the flyer on the page 10 for more info!

Summer Day Camp 2016 - Lu

June 27-



Ages: 4-11 (or completed 5th grade)

Regis

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

Join us for...

★ Crafts ★ Games ★ Music ★ Stories ★

As well as *many* other fun and exciting activities with the kids that attend in our congregation and neighborhood!



Day Camp from Lutherwood and Luther Memorial offers the chance of a camp experience for all those in our area. Children can learn more about their

Lutherwood Day Camp

Lutherwood's Congregational Day program is a unique blend of outdoor and congregational ministry. The Counselors lead Bible studies, worship, songs, games, team building activities and crafts! Day Camp will be 4 days of great fun! Counselors are all 18 or older, certified in First Aid, and spend their whole summer working with children. www.camplutherwood.org



Lutherwood's *Seasons of Love*

30, 2016 | 9 am - 2 pm

Registration Cost: \$20 (lunch and snacks are provided each day; scholarships available)

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LMLC Day Camp 2016 Registration - Please return to Luther Memorial by June 15, 2016 *or skip the paper form and register online instead!* www.luthermemoralseattle.com/daycamp

Mandatory Health and Release forms can be picked up at the church or found online. Please send completed paperwork to Luther Memorial by **June 15, 2016**. Forms can be mailed, dropped off at the church, or emailed to daycamp@luthermemoralseattle.com. We look forward to seeing you at Day Camp!

Child

Age Birthdate Grade completed

Food allergies Medical concerns

Siblings attending Day Camp

Parent or Guardian

Email

Home address

Primary phone Alternate phone

Emergency contact

Phone Relationship to child

Community News and Events

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Seattle Pro Musica (the choir our Office Administrator, Katy Sarff, sings in) presents J.S. Bach's monumental *Mass in B minor* with the renowned period-instrument orchestra Pacific MusicWorks and four stellar soloists:
Kendra Colton, soprano;

Joseph Schlesinger, countertenor; Zach Finkelstein, tenor; and Charles Robert Stephens, bass.

Passes are going quickly for our only performance, so we've opened our dress rehearsal for a reduced price. Reserve your seats today!



Passes can be purchased at:
www.seattlepromusica.org/tickets/
or by calling the SPM office at 206-781-276.

OPEN DRESS REHEARSAL: ADDED EVENT!

Friday, May 13, 2016 - 8:00 PM

Presale Passes: \$30 General / \$25 Senior / \$12 Student

PERFORMANCE:

Saturday, May 14, 2016 - 8:00 PM

Presale Passes: \$45 Prime (sold out!) / \$35 General / \$28 Senior / \$15 Student



Community News and Events



2016 PRIDE MARCH

Loving Lutherans of Reconciling Works



Where:

Downtown Seattle
Start: 4th Ave

(Public Transportation Highly Recommended)

When:

Sunday, June 26th
Gather time:
11 AM and Noonish

Who:

Reconciling In Christ and Gay Friendly Lutheran Congregations who want to witness their inclusion to all!

What:

Proclaim the Love of Christ to EVERYONE!

*There is no longer Jew or Gentile, slave or free, male and female. For you are all one in Christ Jesus.
~Galatians 3:28*



PJ's Page - Updates from Sabbatical

May 2016

By the time this issue of the Messenger arrives in your inbox or mailbox, we will have returned home from our adventure in Europe. As I write this, though, I am sitting on the balcony of our little flat in Nuremberg, but with my heart turned mostly toward home.

A few months ago someone told me that they were having a hard time finding signs of hope anywhere. Some days, and in some circumstances, this certainly seems to be the case. The rhetoric surrounding the upcoming election turned hopeless long ago. Struggles with illness, both physical and mental, with unemployment, with violence and injustice can also seem hopeless. Not having a home or adequate food certainly must feel hopeless. The ongoing oppression of minorities, LGBTQ, refugees, and immigrants certainly feels hopeless.

The Quaker theologian Parker Palmer recently said: "You always have to find hope out of the corner of your eye."¹ His observation was so intriguing that I wrote it down and have considered it's meaning as I've been on sabbatical. (One of the gifts of sabbatical is that there is much time for deep reflection.)

You always have to find hope out of the corner of your eye.

Think about the Biblical stories. Hope is rarely the first thing we see when we see the disciples in the stormy sea or the woman using her last grain of meal to make the last meal for her son and herself. Hope seems absent in the story of the great flood and in every story of the sick and suffering. And hope fades quickly in the garden. Or so it would seem.

Out of the corners of our eyes, in every story, lies the truth that is the hope that God has placed into our hearts in Jesus Christ. Hope that gives sight to the blind, sets the captives free, and gives the greatest news ever told (Jesus is risen!) to an outcast and marginalized woman.

Hope seemed absent on the cross, as Jesus hung there with thieves on either side. Until he spoke to them, and across generations, to all of us: "Today you will be with me in paradise."

The hope that we have as disciples of Christ is this: that death and hopelessness do not have the last word.

The call that we respond to as disciples of Christ is to share the hope of that call with a broken and hurting world.

The trust that we have is that life in Christ involves finding hope where there seemed to be none.

May the view from the corner of your eye fill you with hope on this and every day.

With great hope,

Pastor Julie+

¹"On Being" podcast with Krista Tippett and Parker Palmer

PJ's Page - Updates from Sabbatical

What's left in our sabbatical? Time with family, gathered around the table. We will gather with our children, and their various pets and beloveds in Lincoln City, Oregon over the Mother's Day weekend. I will spend the following few days there reflecting on this gift of sabbatical and preparing spiritually for it's ending. A few days later we will fly back to the deep south for time with our parents, where the table is always filled with that delicious southern food.

On Sunday, May 29th, I will worship with you, though not as a worship leader. The following Tuesday, May 31st, I will resume my usual schedule as your pastor, with a heart full of gratitude and....hope! PJ+

*The crucifixion depicted in
this stunning carving in
St. Klara Kirche
Nuremberg, Germany*



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.

May 2016

1 There are more than 100 Asian congregations and ministries in the ELCA. We give thanks to God for the diverse cultures, languages and heritages of our Asian and Pacific Islander brothers and sisters in Christ and pray for the growth and vitality of their ministries.

2 We give thanks to God for the days growing longer and for the warmth and light of the sun that stir the growth of food crops, plants and trees and draw us outdoors for the enjoyment of nature—the handiwork of our Creator.

3 We pray that people living with mental illness find understanding, care and affordable treatment and that our congregations serve as welcoming faith communities of hope and healing—in the name of Jesus Christ.

4 “Called Forward Together in Christ” is the process of involving our church—both clergy and lay—in discerning our future directions and priorities. We pray that we will be attentive to one another and guided by God’s Word and purpose in our deliberations and decisions.

5 *Ascension of Our Lord* Our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, demonstrates God’s power and glory over the universe. We give thanks and praise for Jesus’ clear witness of love and redemption and pray that we serve as living, faithful witnesses of God’s love for all people, everywhere.

6 We remember in our prayers the Southeastern Iowa, Pacifica and Minneapolis Area synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide their leaders and members in God’s work and witness in the world.

7 We remember in our prayers the New Jersey, Southeastern Minnesota and Southeastern Pennsylvania synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide their leaders and members in God’s work and witness in the world.

8 In our unity with God through Jesus Christ, we ask the Spirit to heal our divisions and stir us as Christians to encourage one another in our faith, service and witness.

9 We give thanks to God for musicians who write and compose music and hymns, and for the creative ways in which they enliven us and help us worship and praise God.

10 We remember in our prayers Savannah Schneider and Pastor Sarah and Adam Erickson, ELCA missionaries serving in Cambodia, and ask God to bless their work and sustain their energy and enthusiasm for sharing the gospel.

11 In our prayers we recognize and praise God’s majesty, creative power, eternal presence and immeasurable mercy.

12 We pray for God’s presence, healing and hope to be known and felt in communities affected by severe weather, flooding and drought.

13 We remember in our prayers the Southeast Michigan, Northern Great Lakes and Northeastern Ohio synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide their leaders and members in God’s work and witness in the world.

14 May our understanding of justice be guided and informed by God’s Word and by Jesus’ examples of compassion, fairness, concern for the poor and humble service.

15 *Day of Pentecost* In a world of diverse languages, cultures and traditions, we give thanks to God that we are drawn together by the Holy Spirit as one community in Jesus Christ, called to live in one faith and one baptism.

16 We remember in our prayers the North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide its leaders and members in God’s work and witness in the world.

ELCA Prayer Ventures

17 Eight young adults are working in ministries of education, women's ministry, farming, nursing and a school for the blind in Madagascar through the Young Adults in Global Mission program. We give thanks for their work and ask God to bless the communities in which they serve.

18 We remember Jesus' steadfast concern for the poor, sick and suffering and ask God to stir in us the same commitment to be agents of healing and wholeness in our local communities and the world.

19 We remember in our prayers the Metropolitan New York Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide its leaders and members in God's work and witness in the world.

20 We remember in our prayers the Northwest Washington, Northwestern Ohio, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast and Northwestern Minnesota synod assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide their leaders and members in God's work and witness in the world.

21 We remember in our prayers the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, Saint Paul Area and East-Central Synod of Wisconsin assemblies, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide their leaders and members in God's work and witness in the world.

22 *Trinity Sunday* In our wondering about the mystery of our triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—we pray for God's patience, mercy and forgiveness and ask that we continue to grow in faith that is certain of God's love through Jesus Christ.

23 We remember in our prayers ELCA missionaries serving in Mexico, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Suriname, Argentina and Uruguay and ask God to bless their work and witness with our partner churches and ministries in Latin America.

24 Scientists and researchers explore the mysteries of the universe and daily expand our knowledge and wisdom. We pray their contributions and curiosity will deepen our appreciation for God, our boundless Creator.

25 We ask God to bless the plans of parents, step parents and foster parents with their children for meaningful summer experiences, safe daily care, healthy recreation and the simple joys of playing with friends.

26 The destructive turmoil in regions of the Middle East is a persistent problem. We earnestly pray for peace in these areas and that communities will rebuild and heal for the sake of the people who yearn for the calm and sanctuary of safe homes a return to thriving neighborhoods.

27 We remember in our prayers the Southeastern Synod Assembly, that the Spirit will strengthen and guide its leaders and members in God's work and witness in the world.

28 We pray for the Presbyterian Church (USA), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997 and for the continuing growth of our relationship as we share the gospel and do God's work in the world—together.

29 We remember before God the needs and infirmities of all people, especially people we have ignored, rejected, passed by or treated as outsiders.

30 On this Memorial Day we remember, recognize and give thanks for the men and women who have served in the armed forces and have lost their lives in the pursuit of justice, peace and freedom for our country and all nations.

31 *Visit of Mary to Elizabeth* The pregnancies of Mary and Elizabeth remind us that with God all things are possible. We give thanks and praise to God for bringing good news and redemption to the world through Elizabeth and Mary, and we pray for the wellbeing and health of all expectant mothers as well as those who are trying to conceive.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

Synod News

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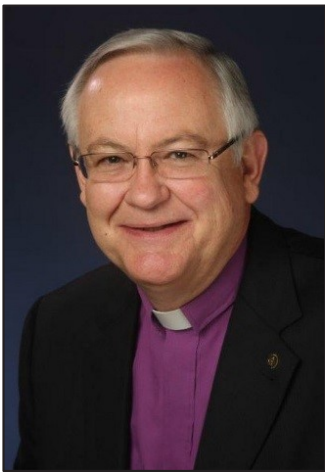
Always
being made
New.

25 YEARS TOGETHER IN CHRIST

The Spirit

Is There Life After Death?

by the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop



One of the questions that I assume many pastors are asked is, "Do you believe in life after death?" I just recently had this conversation with a woman whose husband, Andy, I buried at age 50.

It has always been important for me as both person and pastor to be honest about what I believe and not to give out "pat" pastoral responses. The truth is I don't know if there is life after death and I

won't know until I die. All I can go on are some clues that I have observed while living on this side of death.

Death has been one of my greatest teachers, as I have been privileged to be with many people as they are dying and breathing their last breath. It has often amazed me how many people go through a stage of dying where they are talking out loud to relatives that have gone before them. I experienced this with both my father and my mother. It appeared as if my father was working overtime to wrap up some unfinished business before he died. On several occasions he would say, "I am not done yet." Such occasions may well be a clue that a person has one foot in this life and one foot in whatever is to come.

Likewise, I have had several occasions to talk to people who have had near-death experiences. Their stories are indeed quite compelling. What has amazed me the most is the reassurance such folk have in facing death when it comes. Perhaps the greatest clue for me about life after death is the joy of holding a new born baby in my arms.

I know of no experience that equals this in magnitude. Holding one who has spent nine months being molded into a breathing, living, crying, and gurgling human beings speaks to me of a creative force that is beyond my imagination.

I remember how wowed I was in kindergarten when the seed that I planted in a Styrofoam cup of dirt turned into a bean sprout. Bean sprouts are pretty impressive - but come on - a baby?

My reasoning goes like this, "Whatever force is behind the creation of a baby surely has the capacity to create new life when death comes. to create new life." The force for me is the God I have come to know as the Life Giver in so many facets of my life.

I must add that May is my month to believe in the power of life. It is the month that restores my soul after a long, dark, cold and very wet winter. Winter is when everything dies for me and I have to fight extra hard against the darkness. May is life in full bloom. The yard is still green, the rhododendrons are in all of their glory and the trees are thick in leaves, needles and green.

Death and life are baked into all of the creation giving me great cause to believe that, when death comes, be prepared for the likelihood that life will follow.

I loved Andy in life and there is nothing more that I want for my friend Cheryl than to see him again. Will it happen? I don't know. This is what faith is all about for me - trusting the clues that God provides along the way.

I do know this about the death of my own parents - If I never see them again I will not mourn because they gave to me in this life time enough blessing to last the all of my life.

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

Synod News

The Synod Assembly is May 20-21

Theme

Local+Global=GLOCAL : What Is God Up To? is our theme for this year's assembly. GLOCAL takes the best of what we have learned from our Global Missions ministries and applies those same principles of companionship and accompaniment to our local context.

Throughout the books of Luke and Acts, the scriptures show us how Jesus and the disciples engaged those outside the church. At this year's assembly we will explore how to move out of our comfort zones and engage our neighbors in grace-filled ways that respect other cultures and allow us to learn from them. We will consider how to focus on the gifts that all bring to the table and not demand unity by asking those who are different to 'be just like me'.

Our keynote speaker (and Churchwide Representative) will be Sunitha Mortha, Mission Formation Director from the ELCA Global Mission Unit. Through her presentations and a variety of workshops led by members of her GLOCAL Team and local leaders, we will ponder how we engage those around us. The workshops will provide concrete examples of how our congregations can meet our neighbors and join in God's work already taking place in the neighborhood.

We look forward to hearing from these partners and centering ourselves in vibrant global worship led by the GLOCAL team and local leaders.

BONUS Workshop!

Music: A Language that Speaks to Others

is a bonus global music and worship event for those folks **not already** attending the assembly. Please encourage your worship planning team and musicians to attend this parallel gathering opportunity to be held at Trinity Lutheran College's Chapel Saturday May 21, 9am-12noon. This is an excellent opportunity to incorporate the "GLOCAL" theme of the assembly into your local context. This gathering, led by our visiting GLOCAL Team will focus on using creative liturgy and global music to communicate mission in your congregation. Cost is \$15 per person. See the assembly webpage for online registration link.

Displays & Bookstore

Many of our ministry partners and synod committees will be on hand for conversation. They will be stationed at display tables in the hallways outside of the ballroom. Be sure to stop by and find out what God is up to in these important areas of our life together.

We are delighted to welcome our friends from the Episcopal Bookstore back to our assembly. They bring a delightful array of books & gift items. They will be at one end of the hallway near the concessions cart!

Assembly Business

Gathering at the Edward D. Hansen Conference Center at the Xfinity Arena in Everett, we will also tend to the business of the synod: receive reports, elect new synod council members, vote on constitutional changes and proposed resolutions, and celebrate ministry anniversaries. Please check the assembly webpage for updates as the event approaches: www.lutheransnw.org/2016-Synod-Assembly

Resolutions

One avenue for congregations, clusters, synod committees and voting members to address issues and propose a plan for action is "the resolution." Resolutions help organize the work of the assembly by clarifying important issues or concerns. Resolutions are first reviewed by the Reference & Counsel Committee which will make recommendations to the assembly to facilitate its work, but the resolutions belong to the assembly and may be amended, rejected, or adopted after consideration by the voting members.

For all of the details on HOW to write a resolution, see the assembly webpage. The resolution submission deadline is April 30, 2016.

Nominations

We will elect **twelve synod council members**: one Youth, multiple Clergy, multiple Lay Male & multiple Lay Female. If YOU are interested in serving, please complete the nomination form found on the assembly webpage or here: lutheransnw.org/files/assemblies/2016/nominating_form_2016.pdf

Synod Council meetings are generally held on the third Saturday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. The council is the legislative authority of the assembly in between synod assembly meetings. Amongst their duties, they recommend program goals and budgets, and carry out the resolutions of the Synod Assembly. For all of the details on how to make a nomination, see the synod assembly webpage. The nomination submission deadline is April 30, 2016.

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Info for the June issue due to the Synod Office by May 9

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.

April 2016

Preliminary Financial Picture as of 4/25/16

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

LMLC 2016 Full Year Expenses: \$228, 513 Contributions Needed per week : \$4,394.50

April Contributions Received:

April 3	\$6,092.36	April 17	\$6,477.69
April 10	\$3,285.69	April 24	\$4,093.62

April Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$4,719.76
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$10,405.28
Gifts other than Offerings	\$4,088.67
Room Use (<i>Room Use, Damage Deposits, and Facilities Offset Fees</i>)	\$310.00
Income - Other (<i>eScrip, Reimbursement from Vendors, etc.</i>)	\$13.65
General Fund Total Contributions:	\$19,537.36

Needed as of 4/25/16 (4 weeks): \$17,578.00 Difference: +\$1,959.36

April Off-Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
World Hunger	\$40.00
LMLC Day Camp/VBS	\$61.65
Sunday School - Special Projects	\$17.00
Camp Lutherwood (Easter Breakfast additional giving)	\$410.00
Memorials	\$20.00
Designated Fund Total Contributions:	\$548.65

May Worship

Lectionary Readings

May 1 Easter 6	May 8 Easter 7	May 15 Pentecost	May 22 Holy Trinity	May 29 Lectionary 9
Acts 16:9-15	Acts 16:16-34	Acts 2:1-21	Prov 8:1-4, 22-31	1 Kings 8:22-23,41-43
Psalms 67	Psalms 97	Psalms 104:24-34,35b	Psalms 8	Psalms 96:1-9
Rev 21:10,22-22:5	Rev 22:12-14, 16-17,20-21	Rom 8:14-17	Rom 5:1-5	Gal 1:1-12
John 14:23-29	John 17:20-26	John 14:8-17	John 16:12-15	Luke 7:1-10

Worship Leaders

	5/1	5/8	5/15	5/22	5/29
Preacher	Vicar Michael	Pastor Hoffman	Vicar Michael	Pastor Hoffman	Pastor Hoffman
Assisting Minister	Gordon Trombley	Steve Olson	Gordon Trombley	Kelsey Larson	Katy Sarff
Lector	Katy Sarff	Elaine Hardin	Norman Swenson	Julie Moe	Diane MacKechnie
Acolyte	Kyle Gough	Gavin Gough	Payton Johnson	Jackson Ter Hark	Jed Ter Hark
Communion & Altar	Laurie Baughman and Laurie Meade				
Greeters and Ushers	Lollie Ellingson Lynne Greenup	Laurie Meade Bill Meade	Leia Smith Steve Olson	Heidi, Kyle and Gavin Gough	Gordon Trombley Steve Olson
Song Leaders	Vicki Cook	Kyle Gough	Kelsey Larson	Kris Johansson	Julie Moe
Children's Time	Vicar Michael	Heidi Gough	Vicar Michael	Pastor Hoffman	Pastor Hoffman
Welcome Center	Vicki Cook	Mary Smith	Diane Chapman	Randi Jacobs	Lollie Ellingson
Opener	TBD	Steve Olson	Gordon Trombley	Kris Johansson	Dave Ter Hark
Closer	Gordon Trombley	Donna Smith	Steph Bloom	Donna Smith	Gordon Trombley
Musician	Lennon Aldort				

Happy May Birthdays!

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|-------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Kaitlyn Ebeling | 10 Steven Elliott | 19 Colleen Lingappaiah | 24 Mary Hinderliter | 28 Carla Burgason |
| 4 Katy Sarff | 10 Donna Smith | 19 Diane MacKechnie | 24 Payton Johnson | 28 Bill Kuklenski |
| 6 Cindy Foster | 11 Kelsey Stever | 21 Marilyn Eden | 27 Dave Cederberg | 29 Jonathan Martinez |
| 9 Laurie Meade | 13 Jeff Elliott | 22 Lynne Greenup | | |

Congrats to our May Anniversary!

9 Laurie and Bill Meade

May 2016 | See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 First Sunday Faith Forum and Sunday School 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	2 6 Girl Scouts 6:45 Music Monday	3 7 Early Ford V8 Club 7 Cub Scouts Leaders Meeting	4 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">LMLC Office Closed</div>	5 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours	6 9-12 Pastor Hoffman Office Hours	7 7:30 FARA
8 9 Sunday Church School and Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	9 1:30 Book Brigade	10 6:30 Cub Scouts	11 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 6:30 Cub Scouts 7 Nar-Anon	12 6:30 Cub Scouts	13	14 7:30 FARA
15 9 Sunday Church School and Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	16 6 Girl Scouts	17 6 LMLC Council 7 Broadview Community Council	18 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	19 12 Foss Volunteer Appreciation Event	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">LMLC Office Closed</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">NW WA Synod Assembly</div>	21 7:30 FARA 1 Singh Wedding
22 9 Sunday Church School and Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	23	24 4 NLC Year End Banquet 7 Spiritual Growth Committee	25 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	26	27	28 7:30 FARA <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> Missing a Sunday this month? LMLC has Online Giving on our website: www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving </div>
29 9 Sunday Church School and Choir Rehearsal 10 Worship 11:30 Fellowship <i>Last day to RSVP for meal at Pastor Julie's Welcome Home Event</i> 3 Emmanuel Charisma Church	30 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;">Memorial Day Office Closed</div>	31 6 Cub Scouts Pack 321				



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