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**All are welcome at Luther Memorial.
Come join us for worship every Sunday at 10:30 am!**



Blessings during this Advent Season

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PJ's Page

One of my favorite things about this season are stories. I like to read Christmas books and watch Christmas movies. I like to tell stories of Christmases past and hear others stories as well.

In this issue of the Messenger, I'd like to offer you a story from our neighborhood. These are our neighbors....yours and mine....here in Broadview-Bitter Lake. I've changed their names to protect their privacy, but these stories were shared with me recently at a gathering of agencies and care providers in the neighborhood.

Bill and Wanda have two elementary aged children who are students at Broadview-Thomson School. Bill works two jobs and Wanda worked part time until about 6 months ago. Until very recently they had an apartment in the neighborhood and lived their days in ways that would be familiar to us. Wanda had some health issues that caused her to miss work, and she lost her job. Medical bills piled up as they did not have good insurance. It was not long before they lost their housing.

Bill has to take their one car to his two jobs, so in the morning Wanda and the kids hang out near the school until the first bell rings and the children have a safe place to be for the day. Wanda divides her time between the library and a few other warm/dry places in the neighborhood. The kids meet her at the library after school. They wait there until Bill comes to pick them up after he gets off work. They find what they can to eat in the neighborhood; sometimes it's a lunch bag from Luther Memorial. At night, the family sleeps in their car in a neighborhood parking lot. Sometimes it's in the church lot or the community center lot or the school lot.

There's a small group of families who sleep in the school lot. The ones without cars sleep in the greenery and the parents take turns staying awake to keep watch.

These are our neighbors. Most of them don't have homes because they had a very small safety net. Most of them have jobs. But affordable housing is in short supply in our city and the need is great.

This is why we are doing what we are doing. Because of Bill and Wanda and their children. Because of all of our unhomed neighbors. Because Jesus said that when we turn our backs on them, we turn our backs on him.

When we are tempted to resent the lack of parking or the dust or the noise or the inconvenience of the construction....let's remember our neighbors who are sleeping outside....and be moved to be the presence of Christ to them.

In this season of Advent, we wait on Jesus to come among us. But we remember that he has come already and he gave his very life for us. We recall his words to us, *"Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."*

May the words of Jesus, for whom we wait and for whom we long, enter our hearts and live through our lives, in this and every season.

With longing,
Pastor Julie+

LMLC News and Events

THANK YOU

Dear Pastor Hutson,

A heartfelt thank you to you and your staff for opening your space and welcoming Pacific Northwest Ballet and the Broadview second graders. You are a true model of community support and partnership and made the DISCOVER DANCE program possible at Broadview this year.

With much appreciation,
The Pacific Northwest Ballet Community Education Team

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Thank you to everyone who pitched in to pack up and move the kitchen! A HUGE job was made easier because we had many hands!

Thank you to the LMLC Choir for beautiful music at Evensong for All Saints last month!

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Dear Pastor Hutson and friends at LMLC,

On behalf of those we serve, I thank Luther Memorial Lutheran Church for your recent gift through Region 1 ELCA. Your gift has been grateful and wonderfully received!

LIRS will always strive to protect and empower those in our care. Working across our national network, we support refugee children and families with immediate aid on their arrival, ensuring access to shelter, healthcare, and community resources. We find safe, loving homes for children who have been orphaned or separated from their parents due to war or conflict. WE make sure that each family has cultural orientation, job-readiness training, English classes, and other resources needed for successful long-term integration into their new communities. With your support, LIRS has settled more than 500,000 refugees and migrants over the last 77 years, warmly welcoming them in their new homeland. Today, we stand steadfast in our commitment to provide refuge to those fleeing violence, war, and persecution – regardless of race, gender, ethnicity or religion. Thanks to you, we can continue to make a difference in the lives of our new neighbors.

In faith,

Linda Hartke

President and CEO Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service

LMLC News and Events

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Luther Memorial is now worshipping at 10:30am on Sunday morning! Harbor Church has moved their worship into the Sanctuary space and will worship at 9:00am.

First Sunday Faith Forum

On the first Sunday of each month, at 9am, in the Fireside Room

December 3rd: Advent Crafts (If Pastor Julie can do it, so can you!)

Intergenerational for ALL ages!

STEWARDSHIP

500 Years of Faithfulness. That's a long time for Lutherans to be engaged in God's work in the world. Let's face it, 65 years is nothing to sneeze at (that's the time LMLC has been around!)

Intent of Giving cards were sent in November to all LMLC members. If you have not already done so, please return those cards, filled out, with your intention of giving (pledge) by placing them in the offering plate or mailing/giving them to the office.

Thank you for your faithful support of the ministries of this place!

CHRISTMAS EVE

Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship

December 24 7:30pm

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HOUSING UPDATES

The anticipated start date for construction is December 11th! The groundbreaking ceremony date is still being discussed, given the season of the year, but as soon as a solid date is set, we will send that information to you.

As this call from the Holy Spirit becomes a reality, our congregation commits to prayer for the process. We pray for the workers, for our neighbors, for our congregation, for Compass Housing Alliance, and most especially for the 59 families who will find safe, permanent, affordable housing here. Thanks be to God!



PARKING...PARKING...PARKING

Where will we park, now that we will not have parking spaces during construction? Here are some answers:

On the street. Parking studies indicate there is on street parking available at almost all days and times.

In surrounding parking lots IF the building inhabitants are not present. Some of our neighbors have indicated that while they cannot officially offer us parking in their lots due to things like denominational rules and/or separation of church and state, they would not have us towed if we park there when they are NOT using their lot. (You will have to interpret that for yourselves.)

Carpool! The Green Team has been urging us to carpool and what better time to give it a try! Public Transit. The bus stops right out front!

Valet. Stay tuned for details on our own “valet service” for those with significant mobility issues.

Book Brigade

The Book Brigade will not meet in December. See you in January!

Advent/Christmas Eve Choir

Bring your voice and your willingness to make a joyful noise as the choir prepares for Advent and Christmas Eve! Rehearsals are Sunday Mornings in December at 9am in the Fireside Room. Paul Hoffman will be our musician and choir director in the season of Advent and for Christmas Eve. We are thankful for his presence among us and his musical and liturgical leadership!

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Longest Night Quiet Service December 21 7pm

While some call it the most wonderful time of the year, for others this season is filled with conflicting emotions. Grief, disappointment, worry, and brokenness can be difficult companions at this time.

The long shadows that fall across our corner of Creation can serve as metaphor for the dark night of the soul.

On December 21st we will gather for a quiet, contemplative time together. All are welcome. All are loved.

SACK LUNCH UPDATES

During the winter months warm, clean, new socks are an especially welcome addition to our sack lunch program. Hand warmers ("Hot Hands" etc) and Chap Stick/lip balm, along with small packages of tissues are also helpful. These donations can be left in Katie's Parish on the cabinets with the mailboxes. Thank you for caring!



BUILDING UPDATES

All of the pews have been removed from the nave area of the sanctuary. Currently, we are using Harbor Church's worship chairs in their place until our own chairs are ordered. This offers us the flexibility to set the worship space in a variety of ways. The new flooring will be installed in January.

The Luther Room is being used as a temporary kitchen. The refrigerator and coffee makers are stored there, as well as the microwave.

Storage has moved to the former Nursery (our young parents prefer to utilize the Playground space in the Sanctuary.)

If you have any questions, please see a member of Council or Pastor Julie.

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FROM THE PASTOR...

Bruce and I wish each of you and your families a season of great joy in this Advent and Christmas-tide. We are reminded that the Christ child came into a world where hope was slim and where power was oppressive. But he came down and brought love; he came as the Prince of Peace.

May that love and peace fill your hearts,

Pastor Julie+

CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Again in this season, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, you will be invited to purchase \$5 gift cards to neighborhood restaurants to be given to our lunch guests. This offers them the chance to eat a warm meal in a warm, dry setting and it also gives them access to a restroom. Gift cards will be available for purchase in the narthex in \$5 denominations. For each gift card purchased, you are invited to hang an ornament on the narthex tree.

Poinsettia Donations

Poinsettias can be given in memory or in honor of someone special to you. The cost is \$10; checks can be made payable to LMLC with *Poinsettia* in the memo line, cash can be put in an envelope similarly marked, or contributions can be made online through our website (www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/onlinegiving), noting it as a dedication. Please place checks or cash in the offering plate with the completed form.

The poinsettias will be placed in the Sanctuary on the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

I wish to donate _____ poinsettias at \$10 each.

Your Name:

Please circle if you wish to donate in memory or honor

In memory/honor of:

In memory/honor of:

In memory/honor of:

Please circle payment form: *Cash* *Check* *Online*

Creation Care

Take Action—Boycott Mexican Shrimp—From Dorothy Lundahl

The world's smallest porpoises (vaquitas), need our help. Problem: Shrimp vessels are still fishing in protective waters in Mexico's California/Baja North. The porpoises there are sadly diminishing in numbers as the shrimp boats use gill drag nets trap the porpoises which then drown. Enforcement is dismal. A boycott by Americans (the biggest consumer of Mexican shrimp) can save these vaquitas.

Please check labels and ask about origins at the seafood counter or at restaurants next time you buy shrimp. Tell your friends, and families.

If you have questions about the boycott, or about sustainable and responsible fishing, please talk to Dorothy Lundahl.

www.boycottmexicanshrimp.com

**Only 30 left.
Save the vaquita porpoise.**

BoycottMexicanShrimp.com

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Vicar's Voice

Welcome to Advent, where we just keep waiting! You may be familiar with the film, "Finding Nemo", where the character, Dory (a fish), sings "Just keep swimming, just keep swimming." To me, this is what Advent feels like except it's more like - "Just keep waiting, just keep waiting." We get to "Just keep waiting, Just keep waiting" for the baby Jesus to enter this world. Our texts for Advent are rather apocalyptic and also require expectant waiting for the second coming of Christ. While this season brings a lot of waiting in the church realm, we also wait for family to arrive, for presents under the tree, and delicious baked goods to come out of the oven. We "Just keep waiting, Just keep waiting". Waiting can be tiring, bring upon dread, or simply be annoying as we live in a world where we do not often have to wait because most things we can obtain instantaneously. We live in a culture of capitalism that continues to extend the holiday seasons to make more money and where waiting is becoming a thing of the past. But isn't there some good in waiting? Don't we learn lessons in waiting? I may sound a bit like Scrooge, but I also think that there is a bit of good in waiting as we follow the ancient liturgical calendar and make our way through Advent. After we do all of this waiting, we get to share in the excitement and joy as we celebrate the Christ child entering this world! Don't get me wrong, I am all about Christmas and it brings me great excitement and joy, but I also see great value in the lessons we learn during Advent about expectant waiting and being present. This world is stressful and buzzing constantly as we hit the holiday season so let us take great joy in experiencing all that Advent has to offer. When I was younger all I knew about Advent was that I got to attend a great "Advent Festival" in my church basement and the meaning of Advent was lost on me. As I have grown older and learned more about the church calendar Advent quickly became one of my favorite times of year as we get to expectantly wait together and reflect about the world changing event that is about to occur. Let us fight the urge to celebrate Christmas from Nov. 1 to December 25th and experience Advent for all it is worth. I won't tell anyone if you put your tree up before Thanksgiving, but I hope that we can be mindful during this busy holiday season that this is a time of great hope and expectant waiting for a Christ child to come and radically change the world. Remember, "Just keep waiting, Just keep waiting" we will get to that glorious day of Christmas!

Peace,

Vicar Laura

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.

1 Give thanks for the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, through the Sierra Pacific Synod and Luther Social Services of Northern California, helping address the needs of those affected by recent widespread wildfires in California. Pray all those suffering loss and distress find hope and support throughout their recovery, rebuilding and healing.

2 We continue to pray for people and communities recovering from the devastation and loss caused by recent hurricanes – especially in Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and other locations in the Caribbean, and Gulf Coast and Southeastern states – that they not lose hope, will receive ongoing support and assistance, and will be strengthened and encouraged by our caring for one another.

3 First Sunday of Advent Pray to be alert in faith and life in grateful response for the gift of Jesus Christ breaking into the darkness of the world with love and mercy and for the promised return of our Lord.

4 We remember in our prayers the Rev. Kirsten Fryer, Justin Kolb and Dr. Michael Parker, ELCA missionaries serving in Egypt alongside companion churches proclaiming the gospel, developing future leaders and strengthening parish ministry.

5 When we grow weary, discouraged or compelled to give up, we pray as the psalmist prayed, “Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.”

6 For the sake of doing God's work in the world, pray God will shape our words to inspire, comfort, give hope, hold each other accountable and invite our neighbor to know God's mercy and love; enlighten our actions through the word of God, conversations, relationships and encounters with people rather than acting on what we believe is best for them.

7 During this season of sharing gifts, pray we are mindful of and generous with our neighbors, especially those who live in poverty and hunger, immigrants and refugees, people who feel isolated and long for relationships and community, and families without homes or safe shelter.

8 Pray daily for God's mercy and patience, asking forgiveness for our shortcomings and failures, that through

God's renewing love and the cleansing of our baptism we are set back on paths of righteousness and compassion.

9 In the face of heartbreaking, daunting gun violence, we pray God's Spirit will stir in us a sense of self-sacrifice and humility that we might reconsider how we exercise our freedoms and live together for the well-being and safety of all people and that we will be wise and courageous in conceiving and embracing effective changes in our lives and laws, even when met with uneasiness or resistance.

10 Give thanks daily for our baptism into the body of Christ that prepares, renews and moves us to be faithful, compelling messengers of the good news.

11 Ask God to bless the continuing work and impact of Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA, and give thanks for the many ways in which the campaign is helping cultivate and strengthen relationships, leaders and ministries locally and globally.

12 Pray for a spirit of peace to fill us and inspire our lives through knowing God is patient and forgiving with us and our salvation is certain through faith in Jesus Christ.

13 The mesmerizing light of Advent candles reminds us of the welcome, unfaltering light God shines into the world and our lives through Jesus Christ. Pray our lives are guided by the gospel and reflect the light of Jesus Christ in all we do and say.

14 Remember in prayer men and women living in prisons, jails and correctional facilities across our country, that the Spirit of God will fill their lives with faith and hope and that we are moved to show them – as Jesus has shown us – sincere mercy, love, respect and support.

15 Praise God for dwelling in our world – in us – and causing peace, mercy, goodness and hope to spring up where we might be inclined to give up in the face of darkness, despair and overwhelming difficulties.

16 God knows the quirks, insecurities and needs of our human nature and being. Lift up prayers of thanks and praise to God for meeting us where we are in the human form of Jesus Christ and for giving us something living,

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real, tangible and engaging to capture our attention and faith.

17 Just as John the Baptist was tireless in testifying to the one true light of Jesus, pray we too will be bold witnesses in today's world busied with sharing the good news and inviting people to believe and be baptized into the body of Christ for lives of faith, service and witness.

18 We remember in our prayers people who labor and serve throughout the holidays, giving thanks and recognition for their work and long hours. Pray they find time for rest, renewal, connecting with family and friends, and reflecting on the meaning of the holidays.

19 Stirred by the ever-present Spirit of God, give thanks and rejoice always in prayer, worship and moments of reflection.

20 Katharina von Bora Luther, died 1552 Give thanks to God for women of faith throughout history who have witnessed to the good news, pursued justice and peace in the world, helped form the faith of others and served as examples and mentors for us.

21 The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

22 With child-like anticipation and excitement, we tell and hear the Christmas story over and over again, sharing the news of the life-changing gift and impact of Jesus' birth; we pray we are always open to this good news inspiring and reshaping our traditions, celebrations and consumer habits.

23 Laugh, rejoice and shout for joy for God has done great things and restores our spirits.

24 As we remember and retell the story of the world anticipating the promised birth of Jesus, the true Messiah, pray we not take for granted the gifts we long for and have received in the son of God, our savior – forgiveness, hope and redemption.

25 Christmas Day On this great day, we give glory to God for the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God among us, an undeserved gift bringing light to the darkness and life for all people.

26 With joyful hearts we give praise for what God has done for us and for revealing to us daily God's continuing activity in the world and – through our baptism – the diverse ways in which we are called to join with one another in serving our neighbor and proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ.

27 Pray for students, teachers and school staff on break during the holidays that they are renewed and strengthened through spending time with family, friends and their communities.

28 We remember in our prayers parents grieving the loss of infants or children, and pray we learn to be attentive, supportive, patient and caring, especially when we struggle awkwardly to find words and actions that are appropriate and helpful throughout their grieving and healing.

29 Lift up humble prayers of gratitude for God's undeserved, awesome and surprising saving grace.

30 We continue to pray for refugees and immigrants, especially in the Middle East and Europe, asking God to grant them hope, safety, welcoming communities in which to rebuild their lives and resilience; pray we never lose empathy and active concern for their struggles, suffering and losses.

31 Everywhere we turn and look we see the wondrous, amazing creative hand of God. Praise the Lord, and give thanks!

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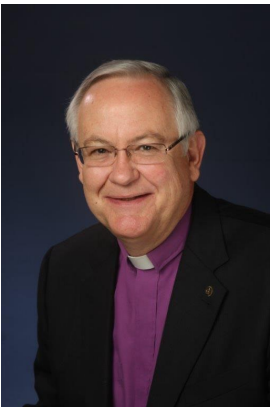
The Spirit

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Longing for Light

by the Rev. Kirby Unti - Bishop, NWWA Synod



Dear Friends,

I want to publicly apologize for the hurt I inflicted on my brothers and sisters for the careless way in which I associated "darkness with evil" in my December Spirit article.

Several of my colleagues in ministry had the courage to step forward and graciously share with me how offensive my writing was. I am grateful to them because their graciousness allowed me to face the truth of my white privilege and most importantly to learn from it.

Nobody wants to be associated with being a racist but my failure to be aware of the implications of linking darkness to evil is precisely how racism operates. It is often subtle and undetected by the dominant culture while it continues to inflict great pain upon those who only want to be equally valued.

I have rewritten the article by removing the offensive images. For those of you who publish my articles please use the article that follows and not the original.

I pray that we can continue to speak the truth in love and together grow into the people God intends us to be.

Kirby

Longing for the Light

We are living during the wet and rainy winter of the year that longs for the light to return to the world. A cold world that has seen far too many mass killings, sexual assaults, bullying, war and murder.

One of the things I admire most about Luther was his capacity to embrace the winter of his own life by acknowledging his own personal depravity. It was in coming face to face with his own shadow that he discovered the light of God's grace.

I have always counted it a great gift that I had the privilege of doing my Clinical Pastoral Education under the supervision of Dr. William A Miller. Bill wrote the book, "Making Friends With Your Shadow" where he makes the case that all of us have a shadow side to our lives. The classical understanding is that our shadow side is opposite and equal to what we display in public..

This is why it is so shocking when we discover the

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shadow of someone we hold in high regard.

When people refuse to own their shadow and reveal it to the light it grows in intensity. We see this in the "goody two shoes" types who are often the most critical of their neighbors while appearing to be without fault. Such people work over time suppressing the full truth of their lives and often act in secret.

Jesus was very clear about the importance of knowing your own shadow. He would say things like, "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone." Or he would say, "Remove the log from your own eye before you remove the speck from your neighbors."

The church ought to be the one place in the community where we can struggle more honestly about the challenges of being human. It ought to be a place that both helps us come to grips with the all of what it means to be human and holds us accountable for addressing our whole lives in healthy ways.

If acknowledging one's shadow improves the likelihood that one will not act on isn't it equally true that church and country must do the same?

I think the answer to this is Yes.

This is why the churches of the Northwest issued a letter of apology to the tribes for the horrible and unjust ways we have treated these brothers and sisters.

This is why the 500th Commemoration of the Reformation was a time for Lutherans to confess the horrible ways Luther depicted the Jews and for contributing to the violence that spread across Europe.

It is why delegations from the United States have gathered at Hiroshima and Nagasaki to commit to one another that never again will we unleash such deadly force upon another.

If we take seriously the Lutheran understanding of Saint and Sinner than we need to take more seriously how this same tension manifests itself in corporate ways as well as individual ways.

These are challenging times that we are living in. If we want to change let's begin with ourselves and own the truth of our own shortcomings. It is not just the other who needs to see the light. We all do.

The light came into the world and the darkness could not overcome it.

This is the true gift of Christmas.

Come Lord Jesus!

Community News

Support LMLC by shopping on Amazon!

What is the AmazonSmile Foundation?

The AmazonSmile Foundation is a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer the AmazonSmile program. All donation amounts generated by the AmazonSmile program are remitted to the AmazonSmile Foundation. In turn, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates those amounts to the charitable organizations selected by our customers. Amazon pays all expenses of the AmazonSmile Foundation; they are not deducted from the donation amounts generated by purchases on AmazonSmile.

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Faith and Everyday Life - LCN



Faith and Everyday Life

December 2017

Christmas TOO

This month we have Christmas. It is all of the “TOOS” combined. It is God’s “in addition to everything else.” But also don’t forget that there is a regrettable incident tied to it, and that’s the fall of humankind. Remember that Christmas was not an option, it was an absolute necessity. God needed to do something *that* radical to solve the problem of the separation of the creation from the creator and between creature and creature.

There isn’t a “more than enough” here. It took all there was, very bit of it.

And for that we receive not only reconciliation to God but the possibility of reconciliation between each other. Perhaps that’s the big “TOO.” It is the bonus. Maybe it didn’t even *need* to be included in the package but it was anyway.

If nothing can separate us from the love of God, maybe nothing can separate us from the love of each other either. Well, one thing is able...us! But that is not a foregone conclusion anymore.

Perhaps carrying God’s TOO into all our relationships and staying aware of the “TOOS” that separate us is just enough to embrace and give back all the “TOOS” that make life rich and abundant.

Lutheran Counseling Network

Lutheran Counseling Network is a nonprofit organization of dedicated professional psychotherapists providing services since 1981. All LCN counselors have a masters or doctoral degree. Our professional staff observes a strict ethical code of professional conduct.

LCN is an extension of the church's ministry to the community. We provide therapy for individuals, couples and families, addressing such areas as depression, anxiety, recovery from trauma, behavioral problems, parenting, sexuality and spirituality.

We charge a standard fee, and insurance companies may reimburse a portion of the fee. Many of our clients pay a subsidized fee adjusted according to family income. This is made possible by the generous donations of the churches we serve.

Mission Statement

By providing psychotherapy to people in need and education for congregations and pastors, Lutheran Counseling Network is an instrument of God’s grace which strengthens and brings healing to individuals, couples and families so that they might in turn be instruments of God’s grace.

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.

November 2017

Preliminary Financial Picture as of 11/28/17

Data is not finalized and is subject to reconciliation.

LMLC 2017 Full Year Expenses: \$222, 053 Contributions Needed per week : \$4,270.25

November Contributions Received:

November 5	\$3,784.00	November 19	\$1,708.28
November 12	\$6,252.57	November 26	\$4,181.00

November Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Unpledged Offerings and Tithes	\$4,445.00
Pledged Offerings and Tithes	\$7,139.28
Gifts other than Offerings	\$4,638.67
Room Use (Room Use, Damage Deposits, and Facilities Offset Fees)	\$118.00
General Fund Total Contributions:	\$16,340.95

Needed as of 9/28 (4 weeks): \$17,081.00 Difference: -740.05

November Off-Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Pasado's No Kill Shelter (Pet Portrait Donations)	\$60.00
World Hunger	\$80.00
Intern	\$180.00
Designated Fund Total Contributions:	\$320.00

December Worship

Readings for December

December 3**Advent I**

Isaiah 64:1-9
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 Mark 13:24-37

December 10**Advent II**

Isaiah 40:1-11
 Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
 2 Peter 3:8-15a
 Mark 1:1-8

December 17**Advent III**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
 Psalm 126
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24**Advent IV**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
 Luke 1:46b-55
 Romans 16:25-27
 Luke 1:26-38

December 31**Christmas I**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm 148
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

Worship servers are scheduled on the 15th of the preceding month by Pastor Julie. If you have dates when you do NOT wish to be scheduled, please let her or the office know before the 15th. If there is a scheduling conflict, please find a substitute from among the additional names on the schedule.

	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24 - AM	12/24- PM	12/31
Assisting Minister	Gordon Trombley	Vicar Laura	Vicar Laura	Gordon Trombley	Vicar Laura	Vicar Laura
Lector	Delia Broderick	Gordon Trombley	LMLC Youth	Steph Bloom	Vicar Laura & Steph Bloom	Gordon Trombley
Acolyte	Payton Johnson	Jed Ter Hark	Joshua Lingappaiah	Zachary Johnson	Payton Johnson	Zachary Johnson
Communion & Altar	Diane MacKechnie & Sharon Howell					
Greeters and Ushers	Lollie Ellingson Lynne Greenup	Bill Meade Laurie Meade	Bruce Hutson Gordon Trombley	Diane Chapman Lollie Ellingson	Bill Meade Laurie Meade	Payton Johnson Gordon Trombley
Song Leader	Vicki Cook	Kris Johansson	Julie Moe	Julie Moe	n/a	n/a
Children's Time	Pastor Julie	Vicar Laura	n/a	Pastor Julie	n/a	Vicar Laura
Closer	Steph Bloom	Dave Ter Hark	Gordon Trombley	Gordon Trombley	Bruce Hutson	Vicar Laura
Musician	Paul Hoffman					Lennon Aldort

Happy December Birthdays!

4 Jonathan Stever	11 Ben Smith	Taylor Martin	27 Calvin North	31 John Hicks
5 Shannon Stief	16 Stephanie Bloom	20 Megan Meade		Erika Skovron
6 Bette Harris	James Gibbs	Michelle Sorrick	28 Anne Jamieson	Pam Stever
7 Dale Ebeling	18 Carl Ebeling	24 Leia Smith	29 Lola Whitner	
	Janice Sherlock	26 Vanessa Elliott		
		Vivian Harlin		

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 9 Harbor Church 9 Choir Rehearsal 9 First Sunday Faith Forum 9:15 Sunday Church School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	4 6:30 CODA <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	5	6 6 HC Bible Study 9:30 Seekers 6 HCWT Rehearsal 7 Nar-Anon	7 1 Step-Study Group 6:30 Pack 321	1 8 7 AA Meeting 7 AA Meeting	2 9 7:30 FARA 6 AA Meeting 7:30 FARA 6 AA Meeting
10 9 Harbor Church 9 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Sunday Church School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	11 6:30 CODA <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	12	13 6 HC Bible Study 9:30 Seekers 6 HCWT Rehearsal 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	14 1 Step-Study Group 7 Broadview Garden Club	15 7 AA Meeting	16 7:30 FARA 9 Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6 AA Meeting
17 9 Harbor Church 9 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Sunday Church School 10:30 Worship w/Children's Pageant! 11:45 Soup and Song—Holiday Carols	18 6:30 CODA <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	19 5:15 LMLC Facilities 6 LMLC Council	20 6 HC Bible Study 9:30 Seekers 6 HCWT Rehearsal 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	21 1 Step-Study Group 7 Longest Night Service	22 7 AA Meeting	23 7:30 FARA 6 AA Meeting
24 Christmas Eve 9 Harbor Church 9 Choir Rehearsal 9:15 Sunday Church School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship 7:30 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day Office Closed <i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i>	26	27 6 HC Bible Study 9:30 Seekers 6 HCWT Rehearsal 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	28 1 Step-Study Group	29 7 AA Meeting	30 7:30 FARA 6 AA Meeting
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