



LUTHER MEMORIAL lutheran church

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community



Messenger

February, 2018

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



Image is from the SW corner of the property, looking back toward Luther Memorial.
Photo courtesy of Bruce Hutson.

The call from the Holy Spirit has become a reality. Demolition has begun and we, as a congregation, have committed 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!

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

PJ's Page

The congregation recently received a lovely thank you note and drawing from one of the second grade classes who participated in dance classes through Pacific Northwest Ballet here in our building last November. The class had drawn pictures of themselves and written a sweet message of thanks. It included this line:

We always felt included, happy, proud, and calm when we were dancing.

I am going to pointedly tell you that THIS is an excellent example of good stewardship. Our building was utilized in a way that made the children who are our dearest neighbors feel included, happy, proud, and calm. There is NO higher purpose for a facility than that.

When we gather for worship, I hope that we feel something like that. I particularly hope that we feel included. Worship is not a spectator event...it is participatory. Liturgy is defined as "the work of the people." It is not only the job of the worship leaders. We are ALL worshipping God.

The current configuration of seating was designed to express this truth. That we are all included. It is more intimate, with people looking at one another as the Body of Christ, through the Body of Christ as the elements await us at the Table. We've all had to figure details out....How do we collect the offering? From where do we distribute communion? Which candles will we light? Those are small details, though, when compared with the feeling of belonging and intimacy you have spoken of to me as we've reflected on worship in this configuration.

The seating arrangement will change, probably seasonally, and occasionally for

special services. We will ask for your feedback along the way: What did you like? What didn't work as well? And remember, there are a number of to scale diagrams with moveable pieces out there among the folks who participated in the workshops leading up to this. One is in the office, too. Come and feel free to play around with imagining a new configuration.

The thank you note from Mrs. Battle's class also reminded me that it is hard to feel included, happy, proud, and calm when you are without a home. When I look out at the construction, I imagine those families. I try to picture in my mind's eye what it must be like for them today. Are they sleeping in their car? In a shelter? At a friend's house? Are they safe? Certainly, I can't imagine that they feel included, happy, proud, and calm.

Imagine, then, how it will be when they move into their new homes. A place where they ARE safe, where they have services to support their needs. Imagine what it will be like for those parents to be able to have their children so close to their school! Then, I believe they will feel included, happy, proud, and calm.

There's a lot of change happening at once, including our new worship configuration. It can feel unsettling. I understand. And I want you to hear me say with sincerity that my door is open. I want to hear what's on your mind and heart. The good and the hard. And dear ones, may this be a place where all are welcome and where all feel included, happy, proud, and calm.

Faithfully,
Pastor Julie+

February 2018

LMLC News and Events



This summer LMLC is planning a trip to Holden Village. **If YOU are interested, please sign up in the welcome center by Sunday, January 28.** If you have questions or would like to learn more about Holden Village, please see Colleen or Raj Lingappaiah or Jean Rizer.

FIRST SUNDAY FAITH FORUM

February 4th: *Faith Action Network*

Did you know that there is an agency dedicated to helping Christians in the Seattle area put feet to their faith? And that it has a strong Lutheran flavor? Faith Action Network (formerly Lutheran Public Policy Organization) helps us remember that faith without works is dead (see Hebrews). To learn more about the work of this agency and to find out more about what we can do as God's people in this place, join us on February 4th at 9:15am in Katie's Parish.

March 4th: *The Challenge of Change*

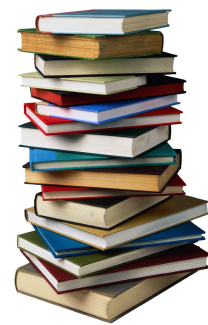
Vicar Laura will lead us in conversation around why change is so hard for us and how we can work toward easing some of our resistance to change. Vicar Laura was trained for this work by the Healthy Congregations organization, so you'll want to be a part of this conversation on March 4th, at 9:15am in the Fireside Room.

BOOK BRIGADE

Please join us on February 11 at 9:00AM in Katie's Parish.

Bring a book to discuss. All are welcome.

Needed: a few more folks who enjoy reading!



FINANCIAL PICTURE

In order to balance the publication date of the Messenger (by the last Sunday of each preceding month) with reporting full and accurate financial statements, we will begin offering those financial statements one month late.

For this edition of the Messenger, there are no financials; in the March edition, we will report the January financials.

If you have any questions, please see Mary Chamberlin in the office.

LMLC News and Events

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, February 13th. | 5:30—7pm. | Fireside Room

Before Lent begins, come join us for a feast of all of the good things: carbs, fats, syrups...PANCAKES! We'll have King Cake for dessert and see who finds the hidden baby Jesus!

Ash Wednesday



On Wednesday, February 14th, the Church enters into the season of Lent (the 40 days, not counting Sundays, before Easter.) As a sign of penitence, we mark our foreheads with ashes and remember our mortality. This is important for our souls, this work of remembrance. We will have two worship opportunities on Ash Wednesday. At noon there will be a simple service of Eucharist and imposition of ashes. At 7pm, we will gather for a service with music, Eucharist, and the imposition of ashes.

Midweek Lent Worship and Soup Suppers

Each Wednesday evening during Lent, (February 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21) we will gather with our neighbors at Broadview UCC for a simple soup supper, worship and fellowship. Watch the bulletin for details.

SACK LUNCH UPDATES

During the winter months gloves and warm, clean new socks are an especially welcome addition to our sack lunch program as are lip balm, small packages of tissues and individually packaged sanitary wipes (i.e. *WetOnes*). The following items are typical of what goes into the sack lunches:



- **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 or Jello cup or small pack of cookies.
- **Grains** - Small bag of chips or package of crackers, and/or a granola bar.

If you are able to donate supplies, please drop them off on the **table** in Katie's Parish. If you'd like to MAKE lunches, please contact the office to get started.

THANK YOU to all the current volunteers and those donating items!!! This ministry wouldn't be possible without YOU!

Vicar's Voice

It is hard to believe that the season of Lent is already here! Although, I am very grateful that the season of Lent is here as it is one of my favorite seasons in the church calendar. This season provides time for quiet contemplation, meditation, and reflection. It allows space for us to turn back to the cross as we experience and live our hectic lives. We find space in Lent to forget the outside world for a bit and enter into a holy time to just be.

We reconnect to our Creator and remember that we were created from dust and to dust we shall return. A phrase that is apropos to the current realities at our church as there is a lot of dust flying about! In the midst of the dust we remember the fellowship hall that once bustled with excitement of celebrations and carried the tears and grief at times of death. Out of dust a parking lot was built, and fellowship hall created to house the energetic and lively ministry of Luther Memorial and it has now returned to dust. We will each be reminded on Ash Wednesday that we were also formed from the dust and will return to dust. What a powerful image that is taking place right before our eyes.

Out of mere chaos there is creation using the dust that seems like a nuisance to create vibrant and meaningful things. God is creating each and every day around us and we are able to take part in that creation as we are called to be co-creators. I invite you to take this time during lent to reflect on where you see dust. Where is the dust around you and what is being formed from it? What was the dust previously and how might that change into something vibrant and beautiful? Let us live each day remembering that we are dust and to dust we shall return. What a humbling and meaningful phrase.

Dust to dust,

Vicar Laura



LMLC News and Events

HOUSING UPDATE

Ground is broken, the fellowship hall has been demolished, and the work on the housing is moving forward faithfully!

Currently, there is no water in the Fireside Room and no hot water in the caretakers closet. Waste receptacles have been moved to the north side of the church, adjacent to 132nd. Special pick ups have been arranged through the city.

We are excited and pleased to announce and invite everyone to a

CELEBRATION AND COMMENCEMENT of BROADVIEW COMMONS FEBRUARY 4, 2018 Noon

Join officials from the City of Seattle, Compass Housing Alliance, our neighbors, and community partners as we celebrate the work being done on behalf of those without homes. This celebration will take place on site at LMLC and in the construction zone.



Recycle | All items must be empty and clean.

Clean Paper & Cardboard



Packaging **MUST BE CLEAN** to be Recyclable

Recyclable	Garbage
Clean!	Dirty!

Please Rinse & Recycle!

Clean Plastics



Lids (3 inches or wider)

(empty, replace cap)

(bagged plastic bags)

Clean Metal & Glass



Scrap Metal (less than 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft.)



Food+Compostables | No plastic bags.

All Food Waste



Food Soiled Paper (without shiny coating)



(no shredded plastic)

Packaging & Bags Labelled Compostable



(beige foam meat trays)

Yard Waste, Plants, Untreated Wood



(Less than 4' long and 4" thick)

LMLC News and Events

Special Worship Leadership Opportunity for Children on Sunday, 11 February

All the children of the parish will gather with the adult choir and Pastor Hoffman on Sunday, 11 February at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room.

Together with adult leaders, they will prepare to lead the congregation's worship with a special hand bell accompaniment to the hymn *Beautiful Savior* for our celebration of Transfiguration.

Learning to play the hand bells is a wonderful demonstration of what it means to be the church – each person offers his or her own gift to combine and make something truly beautiful for the whole.

No prior musical experience is necessary, and the young people of the parish from Kindergarten through 12th grade are welcome and encouraged to participate.



ADULT CHOIR SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

The adult choir will rehearse and lead worship on the following times during the month of February:

- ◇ Sunday, 4 Feb. +The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
Rehearsal at 9:00 in the Fireside Room | Lead Worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary
- ◇ Sunday, 11 Feb. +Transfiguration of Our Lord
Rehearsal at 9:00 in the Fireside Room | Lead Worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary
- ◇ Wednesday, 14 Feb. +Ash Wednesday
Lead Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- ◇ Sunday, 18 Feb. +The First Sunday in Lent
Rehearsal at 9:00 in the Fireside Room | Lead Worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary
- ◇ Sunday, 25 Feb. +The Second Sunday in Lent
Rehearsal at 9:00 in the Fireside Room | Lead Worship at 10:30 in the Sanctuary

ELCA Prayer Ventures



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

1 Give thanks, especially during Black History Month, for our sisters and brothers of African descent participating in God's work of restoring and reconciling communities in the name of Jesus Christ throughout the world; ask God to bless the work of the African Descent Lutheran Association in developing networks, advocating for congregations, and providing fellowship, learning and sharing opportunities for lay members and rostered ministers of the ELCA.

2 This is the time of year when ELCA outdoor ministry leaders are recruiting young adults for a summer of service at our 128 outdoor ministry sites. Pray young adults across the country are moved by the Spirit to serve in this vibrant, diverse ministry and are inspired to share their faith, leadership, skills and enthusiasm with the 175,000 campers of all ages participating in summer programs.

3 Pray for the young adults applying for the 2018-19 ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program, a year of service, faith formation, walking alongside global companions and relationship building in 11 programs in 14 countries around the world.

4 The world cries out for healing, peace, freedom from oppression and hope. Praise God for the new life, renewal of spirit and relief we have through Jesus Christ, and pray we are humble servants and bold disciples eager to share this good news with everyone.

5 We remember in our prayers ELCA missionaries serving in Japan alongside our global church partners that they are sustained by their faith and our encouragement and support for their work of teaching, music, theological education, parish ministry and sharing the gospel.

6 We remember, and strive to not forget, in our prayers the many situations, people and places in our nation and the world where suffering, conflict, poverty and hunger, long-term recovery from disasters and injustice persist.

7 Pray that, for the sake of the gospel, we are faithful in serving our neighbor, spreading the good news and sharing our blessings with all people in every context and situation of life without expectation of reward, praise or recognition.

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

8 As seasonal jobs and employment wane, we remember in our prayers those in our communities who are unemployed and underemployed, and we pray we are supportive in ways that recognize and value their gifts, help network and connect people, attend to daily needs and respect the dignity of individuals.

9 Pray the spirit of God at work in us will motivate us to say "yes" daily to the covenant made in baptism to live among God's faithful people, hear the word of God and share in the Lord's Supper, proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serve all people following the example of Jesus, and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

10 "Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God" (Psalm 147:1). Give thanks to God for caring for those who live in sadness, suffer injustice, feel powerless or are treated as outcasts; ask God to remind us of our call to be God's caring hands, voice and presence in the world.

11 *Transfiguration of Our Lord* When confused about God's purpose for us and the future of the church, we pray God will stir our faith and enlighten our vision, reminding us to not seek refuge in what is familiar and safe but instead venture into our communities, uncomfortable situations and the world to share the good news and serve our neighbor.

12 Pray for the ELCA Youth Gathering staff, volunteers, youth and adult participants, congregations and synods preparing for the Youth Gathering, Multicultural Youth Leadership Event and The tAble pre-event for "definitely-abled" youth in Houston this summer.

13 Pray that our work, service and ministries are not for our own satisfaction, recognition or legacy but for the proclaiming of the good news of Jesus Christ and the benefit of our neighbor.

14 *Ash Wednesday* We pray with humility and repentance as we begin our journey through Lent that, even in our imperfection and weakness, we never lose sight of the good news that God's love and mercy are unwavering and that our lives are made new and whole through our baptism into Christ's life, death and resurrection.

ELCA Prayer Ventures

15 Give thanks for those who have been called to vocations of writing and editing books for children, youth and adults, theological publications, worship resources, curricula for faith formation, devotional and prayer guides, and resources for congregational leaders.

16 God shines brightly in the world and universe and is not silent. Give thanks and praise to God, and ask that our witness be bold and bright in declaring God's boundless power, righteousness and love.

17 As our Lenten journey continues, we reflect on our lives and faith with humility and honesty, immersing ourselves in prayers for God's mercy and rejoicing in the gifts of love, forgiveness and salvation we have through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

18 Give thanks to God that the Spirit that sustained and protected Jesus in the wilderness against Satan and temptation is the same Spirit with us today, strengthening our faith and courage in the face of difficulties, guiding our daily lives, and inspiring us to act boldly with justice, compassion, mercy and peace.

19 Not a day goes by when the life, work and teachings of Martin Luther don't influence the church and our faith journey. We remember in prayer lay leaders and rostered ministers, theologians, teachers and people of faith throughout the history who have challenged, taught and encouraged us that we might mature in faith and be more fully equipped to do God's work in the world.

20 We pray to know and trust God's ways and paths, truth and word, mercy and steadfast love, and that we will treasure and demonstrate in our daily life these truths and qualities for the sake of the world.

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

22 Pray for seafarers and fishermen of all nationalities and faiths who often spend months at sea, isolated from family, friends and home communities. Pray for their safety and care and that the Spirit of God will stir in them faith that gives

hope, strength, peace and the knowledge that they are part of the body of Christ – a global community of faith that bridges all oceans, nations, distances and time.

23 We ask God to keep us focused on the cross, not as a religious object, work of art or cultural symbol but as a clear reminder of what God has done for us through the life, suffering, death and resurrection of God's son, Jesus Christ – our very real hope and salvation, God's gracious gift for humanity.

24 Give thanks for the impact of the 13 Global Mission Projects undertaken at the invitation of our companion churches and supported through *The Campaign for the ELCA*. Pray these projects and partner relationships will flourish as they help build new congregations, reach out to young people, train pastors and evangelists, strengthen existing ministries and grow the church.

25 *Bold Women's Day* Today – and every day – we recognize and celebrate Lutheran women who have acted or are acting boldly on their faith in Jesus Christ in diverse contexts everywhere in the world.

26 The ELCA Leadership Initiative encourages us to seek out and inspire gifted people in our congregations and communities to consider a call to the ministry of the gospel as pastors, deacons and lay leaders. Ask God to help us be perceptive and assertive in identifying, inviting, encouraging and supporting potential leaders in responding to God's call to ministry.

27 We pray that in our Lenten reflections and conversations we are truthful with ourselves and each other, trust in God's love and mercy that frees us to move forward grounded in the gospel to serve our neighbor without bias, encourage and care for one another as sisters and brothers in Christ, and move beyond any hesitations or fears we may have about participating in God's work in the world.

28 Thank God for the work of the ELCA Youth Ministry Network as it strives with its ministry partners to renew, educate, support and strengthen leaders – lay and rostered, paid and volunteer – serving in children, youth and family ministry in congregations, synods and outdoor ministries.

Synod News

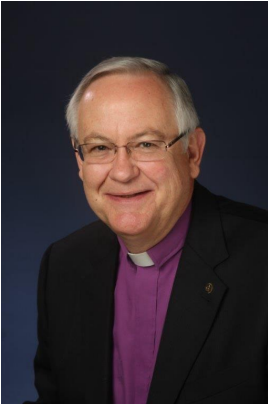
The Spirit

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Respite Pastor

by the Rev. Kirby Unti - Bishop, NWWA Synod



The conversation took place at precisely the right time. Retired Pastor Mark Reitan offered to serve as a respite pastor, enabling a pastor and congregation the necessary breathing room they needed. Mark's heart aches for pastors on whom the job takes a toll. Mark knew it would mean a lot to him if he could help another sister or brother.

There were a few conditions. He didn't want it to be long term – no more than two or three months. He knew there would be certain Sundays he wouldn't be available. He was only willing to preach and do critical pastoral care. (No committee meetings!) AND he wanted to do it pro bono, believing that God has been a wonderful provider for him and his family. The one exception is he would expect a mileage reimbursement.

Mark is like many of our retired pastors. He still loves to do pastoral ministry. He finds meaning in trying to help a faith community realize their strengths. He loves to preach the gospel and is so clear about our God who provides. He is a living example of what he believes.

No sooner had we had the conversation, when just the right setting turned up. We had a congregation that was small in size and struggling financially. A separation agreement between the pastor and the congregation had been reached providing the compensation the pastor would need to reach retirement. However, the congregation did not have the capacity to resource the separation agreement and provide for a part-time pastor. This is where Mark stepped in and so graciously cared for the congregation for three months. The congregation understood that there would be Sundays

when Mark couldn't be there, and they managed to do well with supply pastors.

This was an amazing win-win-win situation for pastor, church, and synod. All because of a pastor's desire to still do meaningful ministry - and meaningful it was. Mark was able to love up this congregation, affirm their strengths, and restore in them a greater confidence that God provides for those who place their trust in God.

This changed the conversation from "should we just close our doors" to "let's reimagine our future."

Mark was able to share with them the work that he and his spouse, Elaine, are doing in Tanzania to honor their daughter's life and death. This proved to be an inspiration to the congregation and expanded their sense of the church's global ministry. When the time came for Mark to conclude his ministry, the congregation offered up a gift for this ministry as a sign of their deep appreciation for Mark's time among them.

I respect and admire Pastor Reitan for his love of the gospel and his desire to continue to live it out in ways that bring blessing to his own life and to those he serves.

These are not the easiest of times in which to do ministry and the truth is there are so many pastors and congregations that could benefit from a time of respite care. I don't doubt a few of you reading this article are saying, "I am that pastor," or "we might be that congregation."

While I know that all retired pastors are not in the position to serve in this capacity, my prayer is that there might be a few who would consider offering up their gifts. I know pastors well into their 80's who are vital, passionate about the Gospel, and who could do some wonderful ministry. Thank you Pastor Mark Reitan for modeling what it means to be a faithful servant of God and inspiring others to consider how God might have a short jog in store for them.

Synod-wide Events

After Bonhoeffer: Radical Theology in a World Come of Age

Saturday, February 3, 9:30am -12:30pm at [Holy Spirit](#), Kirkland

From his Nazi prison cell, Lutheran theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote a series of letters to his family and closest friends about a "world come of age," the modern world where people no longer perceive God to be necessary. He then imagined a new kind of "religionless Christianity," a faith that could engage secular people. Following his execution in 1945, Bonhoeffer's letters were published, and they inspired a generation of radical theologians - especially in the U.S. - to explore the loss of religion in modern culture and with it the "death of God." What became of these theologians, and what influence did they have? As church membership continues to decline across denominations, what do they say to us and our world come of age? Our presenter will be the Rev. Dr. Daniel Peterson (author and pastor at Queen Anne Lutheran, Seattle). Suggested donation is \$20; registration: [HSLCkirkland.org](#).

Why the Reformation Still Matters with Dr. Mary Jane Haemig

Monday, February 5, 7pm at [Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church](#), Maple Valley

All are welcome to this class led by Dr. Mary Jane Haemig. She has taught church history at Luther Seminary since 1999. Prior to that she taught at Pacific Lutheran University. She received her doctorate in church history from Harvard in 1996, and also holds a J. D. from Harvard Law School. Dr. Haemig is a specialist in Reformation studies, particularly the study of the Lutheran Reformation. Her interests include preaching, catechesis, and prayer in that period. She is also Director of the Reformation Research Program at Luther Seminary. She is the editor of *The Annotated Luther: *volume 4 *Pastoral Writings* and an associate editor of the *Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions.

Earth Ministry Mardi Gras Brunch Bingo

Saturday, February 10, 11am-2pm at Bloedel Hall at St. Mark's Cathedral, Seattle

Join Earth Ministry for a tasty brunch, bottomless mimosas, and five rounds of BINGO with the chance to win fabulous prizes. You'll also be supporting Earth Ministry's faith-based environmental stewardship and advocacy in the process. Dress up or come in costume, you'll be sure to have a good time for a great cause! All tickets must be reserved in advance HERE. Tickets will NOT be sold at the door. Brunch BINGO is a 21 and over event. [Reserve your seat](#) today. Once you have your tickets, RSVP on [Facebook](#)! Questions, comments, or are you interested in hosting a table? Contact diane@earthministry.org or call (206) 632-2426.



Jazz Ensemble Concert

Sunday, February 11, 4pm at [Saint Andrew's](#), Bellevue

Chase the winter blues away with a dose of jazz, America's most original art form. We'll explore some of the European and Afro-Cuban musical forms that gave birth to jazz, and we'll demonstrate the continuing influences of musical styles from around the globe. Our small Jazz Ensemble, led by Rob Parks, of saxophone, piano, bass, and drums will have some fun with improvisation and we'll give you a peek at the musical roles and the wordless conversations that make jazz music happen. Mostly, we'll just have fun making music. Please join us! The concert is free. For more information, visit [concert.SALChome.org](#).

Synod-wide Events

Advocacy Day

Tuesday, February 20 in Olympia

Save the Date! Registration coming soon! [Faith Action Network's Interfaith Advocacy Day](#) in Olympia brings to our elected leaders the voice of compassion and justice. We partner for the common good with people of all faiths who stand up boldly for our shared values. Your meeting with legislators and/or their staff on this day is the most important thing our faith advocates can do. On Interfaith Advocacy Day, you will be able to: join workshops that will break down the issues on FAN's 2018 legislative agenda; learn current best practices on how to advocate in today's legislature; prepare for briefings and hearings with advocates from your legislative district; and meet with your legislator.



Open Door Ministries Annual Meeting

February 25 at [Trinity](#), Lynnwood

Join us as we wrap up our 25th Anniversary year. We will gather to socialize at 1:30pm; the meeting will begin at 2pm. (We will meet in the room at the end of the hall on the second floor.) Learn more about Open Door Ministries here: www.opendoorelca.org



Faith and Society

“Faithful participation in society is integral and vital to the mission of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.” -[Social Statement Church in Society: A Lutheran Perspective](#)

The ELCA is a church that believes God is calling us into the world — together. As part of this call, we seek the common good for society, provide moral vision and are committed to addressing social and cultural injustices and issues. The ELCA participates in God’s just and loving purpose for all of creation in many different ways, from the daily actions of members as citizens, to efforts in social service, to public witness for justice.

In response to God’s gracious love that seeks justice, the ELCA equips and nurtures us for our callings in the world, fosters social service and ministries of mercy, encourages learning and moral deliberation around social and cultural concerns, enacts social teaching and policy documents, interprets and applies social policy, and partners with agencies, organizations and institutions dedicated to service and justice.

LMLC News and Events

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

On Sunday, March 11th, we will welcome to worship a very special guest. Joe Newberry. Joe is a friend of Pastor Julie's and a world renowned bluegrass musician. He conducts workshops and other events in addition to his performance schedule. (He is in Seattle on the weekend of the March 10-11 to conduct a workshop on singing close harmonies.) His official bio is below, but Pastor Julie notes that "Joe loves Jesus and he shares that love in the world through his music."

Invite a friend, and don't miss this special day!



Joe Newberry is a Missouri native and North Carolina transplant who has played music most of his life. His powerful and innovative banjo playing, as well as his songwriting, guitar skills, fiddling, and singing has delighted audiences around the world.

Joe's songwriting is characterized by the same clean, elegant style as his banjo playing, and his songs are often recorded by artists in the folk and bluegrass world. The Gibson Brothers' version of his song "Singing As We Rise," featuring guest vocalist Ricky Skaggs, won the 2012 IBMA "Gospel Recorded Performance" award. In 2013, Joe shared co-writing honors with Eric Gibson for the IBMA Song of the Year, "They Called It Music."

Joe was a frequent guest on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, and was recently featured on the Transatlantic Sessions tour in the United Kingdom with fiddler Aly Bain and Dobro master Jerry Douglas. In addition to performing solo, Joe plays in a duo with mandolin icon Mike Compton, sits in the banjo chair with old-time music legends Mike Craver, Bill Hicks, and Jim Watson, and also performs with the dynamic fiddler and step-dancer April Verch.

A noted teacher of traditional music and song, Joe has taught at numerous camps and festivals, including Ashokan, Pinewoods Camp, Vocal Week and Old-Time Week at the Augusta Heritage Center, the Australia National Folk Festival, the Blue Ridge Old-Time Music Week, and the Bluff Country Gathering. For many years he served as coordinator of Old-Time Week at the Augusta Heritage Center in Elkins, WV. He also teaches at weekend vocal workshops around the country with singing partner Val Mindel.

Joe grew up in a family full of singers and dancers. He took up the guitar and banjo as a teenager and learned fiddle tunes from great Missouri fiddlers. He came to North Carolina as a young man and quickly became an anchor of the incredible music scene in the state. Still going strong more than 30 years later, he does solo and studio work, and plays and teaches at festivals and workshops in North America and abroad.

DAY OF LEARNING, WORSHIP AND INSPIRATION

Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

Holy Trinity Lutheran

8501 SE 40th St. | Mercer Island, WA 98040

Worship matters: for all the saints

DAY OF LEARNING, WORSHIP AND INSPIRATION

\$40 first participant from congregation

\$20 each additional participant from same congregation (Bring your entire team!)

- **8:45 REGISTRATION/COFFEE**
- **9:00 MORNING PRAYER**
- **9:30-10:45 KEYNOTE PRESENTER—ZAC HICKS**

Every leader in worship engages in pastoral ministry. The decisions we make (song choices, liturgical ordering, aesthetic environment) and the way we lead (countenance, emotions) all play in to how people are shaped as disciples. Whether we know it or not, these decisions have an impact on the way people perceive and relate to God, becoming the source of formation or malformation. In our two workshops, we will explore the pastoral dimension of planning and leading worship services with an eye toward the strength and growth of our local congregations.

- **11:00-12:00 BREAK OUT SESSION 1: THE THINGS WE DO:**

Planning Matters: Exploring the pastoral dimension of planning/leading worship
 Children Matter: The Orange Spot: Welcoming Worship for Children
 Prayer Matters: Community Create/Create Community – Visual Prayers
 Legal Matters: How To Keep the Church Staff Out Of Jail: Copyright Not Wrong

- **12:15-1:00 LUNCH PROVIDED**
- **1:15-2:15 BREAK OUT SESSION 2: THE THINGS WE DO:**

Planning Matters: Exploring the pastoral dimension of planning/leading worship
 Children Matter: The Orange Spot: Welcoming Worship for Children
 Prayer Matters: Community Create/Create Community – Visual Prayers
 Legal Matters: How To Keep the Church Staff Out Of Jail: Copyright Not Wrong

- **2:30-3:30 CLOSING WORSHIP**

DAY OF LEARNING, WORSHIP AND INSPIRATION

Zac Hicks is Canon for Worship & Liturgy at **Cathedral Church of the Advent** (Birmingham, AL), blogger at zachicks.com, and author of **The Worship Pastor (Zondervan, 2016)**. He grew up in Hawaii, studied music in Los Angeles, trained in Philosophy and Biblical Studies at Denver Seminary, and his current doctoral work is in the theology and worship of the English Reformation. Zac's passions include exploring the intersection of old and new in worship and thinking through the pastoral dimensions of worship leading. He is a songwriter, having recorded seven albums to date. Zac has contributed articles and posts to *Worship Leader Magazine*, *Reformed Worship*, The Gospel Coalition, and *Doxology & Theology*. Zac has been married for fifteen years to his wife, Abby, and they have four children—Joel, Jesse, Brody, and Bronwyn.

Prayer Matters: Create Community-Community Create Visual Prayers

Visual elements add so much to our experience of the divine as we gather in worship. Let's go beyond the mere appreciation of art in worship to simple and effective ways of inviting people to participate in the creation of sacred objects. Together, we will explore some possibilities for using art and creativity to add texture, color and depth to the experience of corporate prayer. There will be an opportunity during our session to create some sacred art together.

David Eppelsheimer is a native Oregonian who served in North Dakota for a while before returning to the Northwest in September 2011. He serves as pastor of Community of Christ Church in Hillsboro, Oregon, where he and his wife, Rhonda, live along with two huskies, and a very old cat.

Children Matter: The Orange Sploit: Welcoming Worship for Children

Come ready to be creative and collaborative as we share best practices for making worship matter for even the smallest of saints. Story, liturgy, art, play, and more will be explored.

Nicole VanderMeulen is celebrating her 10th year in ministry at Saint Matthew's Lutheran in Renton where she serves as the Director of Children, Youth, and Family. Nicole is a licensed teacher with a BA in elementary education from Gustavus Adolphus College. God's world is her classroom and the lesson is always one of God's love and grace. She is mother to, Cooper age 7 and Cora age 3, but firmly believes there is no such thing as "other people's children". Social justice matters to Nicole and she is a proud to partner with How To Talk To Your Racist Uncle, Kids4Peace, Freedom Fighters' Birthday Bash and the REACH Renton Meal Coalition. Summer camp is her happy place and she'd stay there forever if she could.

Legal Matters: How To Keep the Church Staff Out Of Jail: Copyright Not Wrong

Alternatively, the title of this workshop could be, Honoring Our Neighbor's Work. That is what copyright adherence is truly about. Join Steve in learning best practices and resources for ensuring that we give appropriate (and legal) credit to those who have crafted words, music, and art for our sacred gatherings.

Steve Tapia has practiced entertainment, media and intellectual property law for over 30 years. He teaches at Seattle University and frequently speaks on copyright law, social networking, online advertising issues, media law, first amendment issues and digital downloads of entertainment content. He is a member of Faith Lutheran, Redmond and has used his skills as a professional musician in the worship band.

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Worship matters: for all the saints

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February Worship

Sunday Readings

February 4

5 Epiphany

Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm 147:1-11,20c

1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Mark 1:29-39

February 11

Transfiguration of Our Lord

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalm 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

February 18

First Sunday in Lent

Genesis 9:8-17

Psalm 25:1-10

1 Peter 3:18-22

Mark 1:9-15

February 25

Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17:1-7,15-16

Psalm 22:23-31

Romans 4:13-25

Mark 8:31-38

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.

	2/4	2/11	2/18	2/25
Assisting Minister	Vicar Laura	Gordon Trombley	Steve Olson	Vicar Laura
Lector	Delia Broderick	Donna Smith	Kyle Gough	Julie Moe
Acolyte	Jed Ter Hark	Joshua Lingappaih	Zachary Johnson	Payton Johnson
Communion & Altar	Lollie Ellingson			
Greeters and Ushers		Heidi Gough Gavin Gough	Lollie Ellingson Lynne Greenup	Bill Meade Laurie Meade
Song Leader	Julie Moe	Kyle Gough	Heidi Gough	Vicki Cook
Children's Time	Pastor Julie	Vicar Laura	Pastor Julie	Heidi Gough
Closer	Bruce Hutson	Gordon Trombley	Raj Lingappaih	Vicar Laura
Musician	Paul Hoffman	Paul Hoffman	Paul Hoffman	TBD

Happy February Birthdays!

1 Mary Jane Johnson

13 Darrell Jamieson

23 Robert Martin

28 Lester Bloom

9 Marlene De Rosier

24 Maya Bloom

29 Joe MacKechnie

11 Vicki Cook

17 Selma Johnson

25 Bill Meade

Joan Kuklenski

Laura Steinmetz

Congrats to our February Anniversary!

13 Bob & Karen Senior

Lent



Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Ash Wednesday — Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
Psalm 51:1-17 (1) 2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

Thu — Feb. 15 Daniel 9:1-14 1 John 1:3-10 Psalm 25:1-10

Fri — Feb. 16 Daniel 9:15-25a 2 Timothy 4:1-5 Psalm 25:1-10

Sat — Feb. 17 Psalm 32 Matthew 9:2-13 Psalm 25:1-10

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†**First Sunday in Lent** — Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-10 (10) 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15

Mon — Feb. 19 Job 4:1-21 Ephesians 2:1-10 Psalm 77

Tue — Feb. 20 Job 5:8-27 1 Peter 3:8-18a Psalm 77

Wed — Feb. 21 Proverbs 30:1-9 Matthew 4:1-11 Psalm 77

Thu — Feb. 22 Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18 Romans 3:21-31 Psalm 22:23-31

Fri — Feb. 23 Genesis 16:1-6 Romans 4:1-12 Psalm 22:23-31

Sat — Feb. 24 Genesis 16:7-15 Mark 8:27-30 Psalm 22:23-31

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†**Second Sunday in Lent** — Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 (27) Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

Mon — Feb. 26 Genesis 21:1-7 Hebrews 1:8-12 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

Tue — Feb. 27 Genesis 22:1-19 Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

Wed — Feb. 28 Jeremiah 30:12-22 John 12:36-43 Psalm 105:1-11, 37-45

Thu — Mar. 1 Exodus 19:1-9a 1 Peter 2:4-10 Psalm 19

Fri — Mar. 2 Exodus 19:9b-15 Acts 7:30-40 Psalm 19

Sat — Mar. 3 Exodus 19:16-25 Mark 9:2-8 Psalm 19

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

†**Third Sunday in Lent** — Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 (8) 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22

Mon — Mar. 5 1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22 1 Corinthians 3:10-23 Psalm 84

Tue — Mar. 6 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19 Hebrews 9:23-28 Psalm 84

Wed— Mar. 7 Ezra 6:1-16 Mark 11:15-19 Psalm 84

Thu — Mar. 8 Genesis 9:8-17 Ephesians 1:3-6 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Fri — Mar. 9 Daniel 12:5-13 Ephesians 1:7-14 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

Sat — Mar. 10 Numbers 20:22-29 John 3:1-13 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Lent

✠**Fourth Sunday in Lent** — Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1

-3, 17-22 (19) Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21

Mon — Mar. 12 Exodus 15:22-27 Hebrews 3:1-6 Psalm 107:1-16

Tue — Mar. 13 Numbers 20:1-13 1 Corinthians 10:6-13 Psalm 107:1-16

Wed — Mar. 14 Isaiah 60:15-22 John 8:12-20 Psalm 107:1-16 Thu — Mar. 15 Isaiah 30:15-18 Hebrews 4:1-13 Psalm 51:1-12 Fri — Mar. 16 Exodus 30:1-10 Hebrews 4:14—5:4 Psalm 51:1-12

Sat — Mar. 17 Habakkuk 3:2-13 John 12:1-11 Psalm 51:1-12

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

✠**Fifth Sunday in Lent** — Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 (10) or Psalm 119:9-16 (11) Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33

Mon — Mar. 19 Isaiah 43:8-13 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 Psalm 119:9-16

Tue — Mar. 20 Isaiah 44:1-8 Acts 2:14-24 Psalm 119:9-16

Wed — Mar. 21 Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23 John 12:34-50 Psalm 119:9-16

Thu — Mar. 22 Deuteronomy 16:1-8 Philippians 2:1-11 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Fri — Mar. 23 Jeremiah 33:1-9 Philippians 2:12-18 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Sat — Mar. 24 Jeremiah 33:10-16 Mark 10:32-34, 46-52 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

✠**Sunday of the Passion**—O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16 Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 31:9-16 (5) Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 14:1 — 15:47 or Mark 15:1-39[40-47]

HOLY WEEK

Monday—O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 42:1-9 Psalm 36:5-11 (7) Hebrews 9:11-15 John 12:1-11

Tuesday—Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 71:1-14 (6) 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 John 12:20-36

Wednesday—Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 70 (1) Hebrews 12:1-3 John 13:21-32

Maundy Thursday—Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Good Friday—Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen Isaiah 52:13—53:12 Psalm 22 (1) Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9 John 18:1—19:42



LUTHER MEMORIAL lutheran church

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

See our live calendar online for any changes or updates:

www.luthermemorialsattle.com/calendar

4 Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

9 Harbor Church
9 Choir Rehearsal
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:45 Fellowship

5
6:30 CODA

Pastor Julie's Sabbath

6
10 Walsh Const.

7
6 HC Bible Study
9:30 Seekers
6 HCWT Rehearsal
6 NarAnon Book Club
7 NarAnon

8
1 Step-Study Group
7: Broadview Comm. Garden Club

9
7 AA Meeting

10
7:30 FARA
6: AA Meeting

11 Transfiguration of Our Lord

9 Book Brigade
9 Harbor Church
9 Choir Rehearsal
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:45 Fellowship

12
6:30 CODA

13
10 Walsh Const.
5:30 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

14 Ash Wednesday

6 HC Bible Study
9:30 Seekers
12 Worship
6 HCWT Rehearsal
6 NarAnon Book Club
7 NarAnon
7 Worship

15
1 Step-Study Group

16
3 LMLC Quilting
7 AA Meeting

17
7:30 FARA
6: AA Meeting

18 First Sunday in Lent

9 Harbor Church
9 Choir Rehearsal
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:45 Fellowship

19
6:30 CODA

20
10 Walsh Const.
5:30 Facilities
6 LMLC Council

21
6 HC Bible Study
9:30 Seekers
6 HCWT Rehearsal
6 NarAnon Book Club
7 NarAnon

22
1 Step-Study Group

23
7 AA Meeting

24
7:30 FARA
6: AA Meeting

25 Second Sunday in Lent

9 Harbor Church
9 Choir Rehearsal
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:45 Fellowship

26
6 GSA Troop #44487
6:30 CODA

27
10 Walsh Const.

28
6 HC Bible Study
9:30 Seekers
6 HCWT Rehearsal
6 NarAnon Book Club
7 NarAnon

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