



# LUTHER MEMORIAL lutheran church

*Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community*



## Messenger

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All are welcome at Luther Memorial.



*We have enjoyed the artwork of Earline Alston! See related article on page 16.*

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

## *PJ's Page*

All are welcome, we sing and say....and we mean it. No matter your race, gender (if any), economic status, education, sexuality, religion, faith, nationality....all are welcome. This is a safe space.

To that end, I invite you to have a look elsewhere in this newsletter at the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church Policy on Sexual Harassment and Misconduct. Harassment, assault, and abuse within the Church have been in the news headlines for a long time, most recently involving the Roman Catholic, Southern Baptist, and United Methodist denominations. Our denomination is not immune and in our congregation, we have taken steps since 2005, when this policy was adopted, to protect all who enter our doors. Too often, inappropriate behaviors are dismissed as "harmless" or "meaningless", but we must not shy away from standing up to those behaviors and comments. I encourage you, if you experience anything you find inappropriate, to come to me or to the Council President.

*All are Welcome does not mean that all behaviors are welcome.*

Hospitality is a vital role in the ministry of any community and in our life together as disciples of Jesus. How we welcome one another, whether we are friends or strangers, says much about who we consider Jesus to be. Do we make a point of speaking to those we don't know? Do we approach someone who is sitting or standing alone? It can be as simple as saying "I'm Julie, have we met?" or "Wow...it's a snowy/sunny/rainy day out there." It's easy to talk to those we know and love, but remember Jesus always calls us to welcome the stranger.

One of the ways we are welcomed at Luther Memorial on Sunday mornings is with coffee and snacks. There is a sign up sheet at the Welcome Center for anyone who would like to provide just a few food items and make the coffee (directions are provided). This is a great way to be a part of the ministry of hospitality at Luther Memorial!

Finally, we are very close to welcoming our new neighbors at Compass Broadview. Not everyone will move in at the same time; it's likely that, beginning in the middle of this month, though, we will see new neighbors begin to move in. We will encounter them outside, in the parking lot, perhaps walking through the garden, or on the street. It's hard, especially here in the Seattle Freeze, to reach out to a stranger, but remember, they have moved into a new neighborhood and a strange place. How can we be a voice of welcome? Even with a look in the eye, a smile, and a "good morning" we convey the light of Christ that shines in the world and inhabits our hearts.

We give thanks for this place: for the love that surrounds us on every side, for the words of Jesus, calling us to care deeply for one another, for in welcoming the stranger, some have entertained angels without even knowing it.

Faithfully,

*Pastor Julie+*

## *...and the Vicar's Voice*

In January I took a J-term course in balmy Carefree, AZ about the history of Deacons and spirituality. This class was beneficial because I never knew the history of Deacons and was intrigued to learn more. I was less intrigued about the spirituality side of this class and promised myself I would just suffer through.

As a part of the spirituality aspect of the course we were required to keep a Psalm prayer journal. I dreaded this assignment because each day we were to pray the Psalms and then write a reflection. Anything in assignment form makes it so much harder to engage faithfully and spiritual practices have never been my thing. So, while I survived this assignment it seemed like it lasted forever! In my final paper I was sure to tell my professor how much I disliked and struggled with the assignment.

While I was airing my grievances, I began to ponder what does it mean to be spiritual? Our professor has asked us to engage spiritually with the Psalms but if that doesn't work for us what other ways can we engage spiritually? What is a spiritual practice? In the words of Luther, what is this? There has been a lot of talk about "Spiritual but not Religious" or people say they are spiritual but don't really know about believing in God. There are so many facets to the word spiritual and I don't even know where to begin.

When we experienced Seattle Snowpocalypse 2019, we had to cancel church and the terror set in about how to worship at home. How do I pray? Can I pray alone? Is it worship if its just me or a few other people? Are we engaging spiritual practices? I had all of these questions swirling through my head as we often do not discuss spiritual practices or ways to engage spiritually in our day to day life. Until this J-term class I wasn't even sure what spirituality meant, is it me focusing on my inner spirit? Am I supposed to focus on others inner spirit? My professor gave this definition, "Spirituality is noticing the work and action of the Holy Spirit in your life and in the world."

So, church, are we spiritual people? What does it look like to practice spirituality or even engage spirituality? We are really great about being the institutional church and focusing on programs, liturgy, doctrine, and creeds but are we great at noticing the Holy Spirit in our midst? But again, what does that even mean? How do we notice the Holy Spirit? Is that all there is to spirituality? Do we practice spirituality alone or in a group or both?

I wish I could answer all of these questions I have posed above but, I cannot! I appreciate my professor's definition and we are called to be noticing the pesky Holy Spirit in our lives. But, is there more? Probably. I struggle constantly to engage in spiritual practices, and this was highlighted on the Sunday we could not worship together. So, clearly, I do not have all the answers to spirituality but would love to engage in conversation with you. What does spirituality mean to you? Where have you noticed the Holy Spirit? What are your favorite spiritual practices? Do you also struggle with spiritual practices? Let's talk more about these hard things so that we can become more active participants in co-creating with the feisty Holy Spirit.

With Love,

Your Spiritually Challenged Vicar.

# Director of Music and Worship Arts

A time to take notice...

**Lent.** What words come to mind when you hear that word? I know for me, I am instantly flooded with the panic of added services, different worship formats to develop, and countless hours in rehearsals with our amazing volunteer musicians and practicing rather somber pieces on the organ in minor keys.

But once I clear away all the clutter and anxiety, I am relieved and even electrified to begin another season in the church year. This season, possibly more than others, is set aside especially for reflection, wholehearted personal devotion, and the reprioritizing of habits and clutter in our lives. I spend the weeks in advance searching for new devotional books, mystics, teachers of wisdom, radical theologians, and atheist philosophers that deeply challenge, contradict, and breathe new life into my own beliefs and ideas of faith and worship.

This is a time to take notice of our worship practices, the language we use, and the songs we sing. This is a time to reorder, reconfigure, and reevaluate why we do what we do. This is a time to put worship into every action in our lives and close the gap that separates us from the love of God that we create.

During this season of Lent, we are incorporating some worship resources from Sanctified Art. Sanctified Art is an online team of four artists in ministry who create multimedia recourses for worship communities of all shapes and sizes. They work collaboratively to bring scripture and theological themes to life through film, visual art, curriculum, coloring pages, liturgy, graphic designs, and more. Their theme for this year is called "Cultivating Letting Go."

**Cultivate** (verb): to prepare and use for the raising of crops; to foster the growth of; to improve by labor, care, or study; to refine; to further; to encourage.

**Let go** (verb): relinquish one's grip on someone or something.

"Lent is a season of spiritual gardening, of inviting God to unearth in us what lies fallow, what needs to be tended, and what needs to die for new life to emerge. This Lent, we're embracing the literal and spiritual practices of cultivating and letting go." -Sanctified Art Team



I am excited to present these worship resources during our time in Lent. **I will be hosting the next Adult Faith Forum on Sunday, March 3 to present the Lent worship themes by Sanctified Art.** I look forward to using different media and sensory items to craft our worship together. I hope this season of reflection and cultivation will bring you inner peace and calm as we journey these next forty days together.

God of this day,  
Cultivate in us a spirit of worship—

Hearts that pray, Ears that hear, Eyes that see, Minds that believe.

God of this space,  
Cultivate in us a spirit of worship—

Letting go of distractions And fears,  
Isolation  
And doubt.

God of this day,  
Cultivate in us a spirit of worship— For you are love, our new beginning, And we will always need that.  
Let us worship Holy God. Amen.

Be well,  
David  
Director of Music and Worship Arts



# Being a Safe Church

Headlines in recent weeks have reported sexual harassment, assault, and abuse in the Southern Baptist church, the United Methodist Church, and the Roman Catholic Church. Headlines of this sort are not new or unfamiliar, but they are always heartbreaking.

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church has had a Policy on Sexual Harassment and Misconduct since 2005, designed to protect everyone from unwanted and inappropriate behaviors, sexual comments, and abuse.

The policy is printed below, so that, as a community, we can be reminded of behaviors that are not acceptable. All people deserve to be treated with respect and dignity and to be community together without fear of harassment or abuse.

## POLICY ON SEXUAL HARASSMENT AND MISCONDUCT

### **Statement of Policy**

It is the policy of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church that sexual harassment and misconduct will not be tolerated. Any complaint of sexual harassment and misconduct will be dealt with quickly and confidentially. Our Policy applies to clergy, officers, lay employees, volunteers, members, and guests in the building. The intent of this Policy statement is to make certain that responses to any allegation of sexual harassment and misconduct be just and compassionate for all involved, and that all parties be heard.

### **Definition of Sexual Harassment and Misconduct**

Sexual harassment and misconduct refers to behavior which is not welcome to the recipient and that is personally offensive. There are many forms of offensive behavior including, but is not limited to:

- Unwelcome sexual advances, leering, whistling, or sexual gestures
- Deliberate assaults or molestation
- Questions or comments about sexual behavior
- Gender based harassment
- Undesired physical contact
- Inappropriate comments about clothing or physical appearance
- Persistent sexually- oriented humor or language
- Continued or repeated jokes, language, epithets or remarks of a sexual nature
- Causing another person to engage in a sexual act by threatening that other person, placing that person in fear or asserting undue influence over that person.
- Providing or displaying pornographic material or media to a person
- Any attempt to engage in or perform any of the above
- Any additional activity that is covered by either Federal or State laws

### **Reporting**

Any person who believes that they have experienced or witnessed sexual harassment or misconduct, or have had a sexual harassment or misconduct issue reported to them should report it immediately to:

- \* The President of the Congregational Council or their designated representative; or
- \* The Pastor of this Congregation
- \* Reports involving a rostered member of the ordained clergy or rostered lay person at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, shall also be promptly reported to the Bishop or the Synod.

If required by law, ordinance or similar regulations, a designated member of the Congregation shall immediately report this incident to the proper authorities.

### **Investigation**

- Each incident that is reported will be promptly investigated with confidentiality and concern for all involved by the Congregational Council or designated committee.
- Investigation will include interviews with all concerned.
- Investigation will include review of all relevant documentation.
- The Investigation will be conducted in such a way as to maintain confidentiality to the extent practicable under the circumstances. Should an individual's words or conduct be determined to constitute misconduct or harassment, recommendations for action will be developed and appropriate action will be taken. The action taken will depend on the severity of the situation.
- The Congregation Council will be sensitive to the needs of all involved and shall provide any support necessary including counseling during the investigation and response.

### **Response**

- The Congregational Council or designated committee will review all information obtained during the investigation, and when deemed necessary, will seek legal counsel to assist in the investigation and resolution.
- The Council, or committee, upon reaching a course of action, will meet separately with the person filing the complaint and then with the accused to communicate the results and resolution.
- The Council may recommend a course of action that may include counseling, education, or disciplinary action.
- If a complaint is not substantiated, all parties will be informed.
- Luther Memorial Lutheran Church will not engage in or tolerate retaliation against any clergy person, lay employee, volunteer, member, or guest in the building for making a good faith claim of misconduct or harassment or providing information relating to such complaints during an investigation.

## Being a Safe Church...continued

### Communication of Policy

This Policy shall be given to and reviewed with the Congregation's clergy, officers, lay employees, and volunteers to ensure their understanding and support of this Policy. This review shall take place on a regular basis. Their signature indicates that the individual has reviewed, understands, and supports this policy statement.

In addition, the Congregation shall periodically publicize this Policy to all its members and volunteers through church bulletins and other appropriate forms of communication.

### Approval

The Congregational Council of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church originally approved this policy as of January 11, 2005. It was modified slightly and approved again on February 19, 2019.

## Operation Brown Bag

Lunches are handed out Monday-Friday, 10 am—Noon to anyone who is hungry. Our volunteers prepare a well-rounded sack lunch for this program.

The following items are typical of what goes into the sack lunches:

- **Proteins** - Small can of Vienna sausage, packet of tuna or salmon, a tuna or chicken salad lunch and cracker kit. (Must be able to be opened without a can opener).
- **Fruit** - Fruit cup, applesauce or raisins.
- **Drink** - Juice box or pouch. Additional bottle of water, when available.
- **Dessert** - Pudding cup, gelatin cup or small pack of cookies.
- **Grains** - Small bag of chips, package of crackers, and/or a granola bar.
- **Care Items** - We always hand out individually wrapped hand wipes i.e. Wet-Ones. In cold weather/winter season we hand out handwarmers, gloves, hats and lip balm, if we have them available.



If you'd like to donate supplies, please drop them off at the church. If you'd like to ASSEMBLE lunches, please email/call the office to get starting directions. Lunches can be made at any time that you have time available to volunteer!

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



# LMLC News and Events

**Name that Room!**  
 Beginning on March 3rd, put your suggestions to name the newly remodeled space into the hardhat display in the narthex! Get creative! Finalists will be voted on by the congregation and announced when we dedicate the new space!

**FIRST SUNDAY FAITH FORUM | 9:15am**

Join us March 3rd for a Look at Lent. David Horton will the Lent worship themes by Sanctified Art.

**GODSPEED**

The Luther Memorial Church Council accepted the resignation of Gordon Trombley from membership at Luther Memorial at its February Council meeting.

**THANK YOU**—Many thanks to everyone who helped clear sidewalks and paths during Snowpocalypse! Dave TerHark, Bill Meade, and Vicar Laura all made sure we had a safe path to travel.

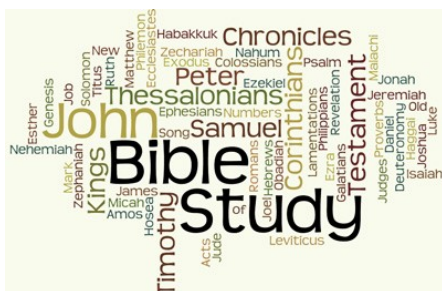


Thanks to everyone who has provided our Fruits of the Spirit Breakfasts during the month of February. If you'd like to join in this ministry of hospitality, please sign up at the Welcome Center.

**CARPPOOL/SHARE A RIDE TO CHURCH!**

Interested in helping others get to church? Would you like to share a ride on Sunday mornings? See the info at Sign-Up Central. Willing drivers, please put your name, ZIP code and phone number, so that those who would like a ride can find someone near them.

**BOOK BRIGADE (LMLC book club) | Sunday, March 10 at 9:30 am**



**SEEKERS BIBLE STUDY**

Seekers is the longest running group meeting at Luther Memorial. They gather on Wednesday mornings from 9:30-11:00 for Bible Study and fellowship.

# LMLC News and Events

## LENT MID WEEK: SOUP, SONG, & STORY

March 6<sup>th</sup>: Ash Wednesday: Worship at Noon and 7:00pm



On Wednesdays during Lent we will, as is our tradition, have a simple soup supper, followed by Holden Evening Prayer. Mark your calendars for March 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10 at 6pm.



## SERVICE PROJECT during LENT

As a special service project during Lent we will be collecting books for the Reading Partners tutoring program at Broadview Thomsen and for the children at Broadview Commons. A book list will be available.



### Date Change:



Day Camp (Vacation Bible School)  
with the staff from Lutherhaven, Couer d'Alene, ID  
July 22-26, 2019; 9am – 3pm

A fun week is being planned:

**“Adventure Awaits”**

K—grade 6 | lunch and snacks provided \$25 per student with scholarships available

# LMLC News and Events



## Sunday Church School

During the months of March and April, our students will be collecting new bars of soap for Lutheran World Relief. Last year, they collected thirty pounds. Let's see if we can help them beat that number this spring!

# 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. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.*

**1** Continue to remember, pray for and care for people who need warmth, shelter and nourishment, not just during the worst of the winter but throughout the year.

**2** Pray that we lift our eyes to, recognize and respond to our neighbors in need, and follow with faith Jesus' teachings and admonitions to be attentive to others, compassionate, loving and just.

**3** Lent is approaching, and our attention is being turned to Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, death and resurrection. Lift up humble, grateful prayers for God's mercy, love and forgiveness, which were fulfilled in Jesus Christ, son of God – our hope and salvation.

**4** *Lutheran Schools Week* Give thanks for the life-changing impact of Lutheran schools, early-childhood programs, teachers, staff, administrators and sponsoring congregations committed to faith-based education across our church and communities. Pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association's work of supporting educators, schools and congregations as well as advocating for exceptional faith-based education.

**5** Remember in prayer those college and university students who are participating in service, learning and mission experiences during spring break, especially through ELCA campus ministries.

**6** *Ash Wednesday* Speak to God about the personal significance of the smudge of ash on your forehead, remembering our frailty and mortality and, at the same time, the gift of forgiveness and new life we have through Jesus Christ.

**7** Pray for mercy, trusting in God's steadfast love and ability to cleanse us thoroughly – inside and out – from our sin, immorality and human failings.

**8** *International Women's Day* Today the world celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women throughout history, across nations and throughout the church. Give thanks for the bold witness, service and leadership of women and girls in our church, and for the ministries of Women of the ELCA, the ELCA Women and Justice program and the International Women Leadership initiative.

**9** Our God is great and awesome, and a lover of justice. Pray that our gratitude and what we learn from the word and ways of God are reflected with clarity and brightness in our lives, endeavors and relationships.

**10** Forty days of Lent can seem like a long time to ponder our human weaknesses and the things we'd rather forget or deny. Ask God for strength to face daily temptations, the strength that Jesus demonstrated while being tempted and tormented in the wilderness; pray for faith that is confident in the power of the Spirit and God's mercy.

**11** Continue to pray for people and communities recovering from disasters here and elsewhere in the world, and remember that rebuilding, economic recovery, and the healing of trauma and grief often take many years.

**12** We believe God calls the church – corporately and individually – to care for God's creation, pursue justice, care for people in need and seek peace. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire, embolden and guide us in doing God's work in the world.

**13** Give thanks for our weekly opportunities to gather together for Lenten meals, worship and reflection, and for how these experiences and disciplines help nourish our faith and strengthen the body of Christ.

**14** Thank God for our special relationship with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), a full communion partner with the ELCA since 1997; pray for the church, its members and leaders, and pray that together we find strength and new resources for the work of sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**15** Give thanks and praise to God for offering us refuge and protection, especially those of us who feel weak, vulnerable, fearful or alone.

**16** We ask God to work among leaders, nations and factions in conflict throughout the Middle East region, that they will find sure paths to peace, reconciliation, healing and justice for all people. We pray that the Holy Spirit will stir within us empathy, understanding and compassion for those who are caught in the middle of, or have simply fled, the violence, chaos, persecution and uncertainty.

**17** Remember throughout Lent the suffering, trials and sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our salvation. Give thanks to God for this profound, boundless, undeserved work of love and mercy for our sake.

**18** Praise God for the long-standing companion relationships that 20 ELCA synods maintain with 20 dioceses of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania; pray that these communities nurture and strengthen one another for life and

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ministry through prayer, study, communication, exchange of visitors and sharing of resources.

**19** Call on the Holy Spirit to tune our senses to the promises and reassurances of God, especially when we are uncertain, experiencing darkness or feeling ill-equipped for the challenges of life.

**20** Give thanks for the beginning of spring, with its newness, hope and increasing light, and reflect with wonder and awe on God's creation.

**21** Pray for all who suffer, grieve or lose hope; ask God to grant them relief, comfort and lasting hope through the indwelling of God's spirit; and pledge them our concern, assistance, encouragement and care.

**22** Pray for rostered ministers and lay leaders serving ethnic-specific and culturally diverse congregations and ministries throughout the ELCA; ask God to equip, sustain and enthuse them for serving where God is at work in the world.

**23** Give thanks and praise to God, who is our light and salvation, the stronghold of our lives and the source of our courage and confidence.

**24** Remember in prayer Stephen Deal (ELCA regional representative in Central America), the Lutheran World Federation's Central America program and our companion churches in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras and Costa Rica as they strive to share God's love and participate in God's mission together.

**25** Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach us anew what it means to be humble, loving, hopeful and engaged with the world for the well-being of our neighbor.

**26** Pray that, during Lent, our traditions, rituals and practices will be grounded in Scripture and Lutheran theology but also dynamic, connecting thoughtfully across the past, present and future.

**27** What does your soul thirst for? Call on the Lord to satisfy your soul and sustain you with unwavering love.

**28** Pray for farmers and ranchers, whose work follows the seasons, as spring beckons them to prepare the soil, plant and harvest crops, and tend to herds and orchards. Give recognition and thanks for all who have a hand in bringing food from field to table; pray that our abundant food resources reach those who are hungry and live in poverty; and pray that our agricultural

technologies continue to evolve so we can feed the world while also stewarding creation.

**29** Reflect on God's words: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Pray that, as attentive believers and disciples, we listen to and learn from God, the Spirit working to shape and reshape us throughout our baptismal journey.

**30** Pray that, throughout Lent, we stay focused on the cross and Easter for the light, truth and good news of Jesus Christ that propel us forward in our baptismal journey with hope and joy.

**31** Recall and give thanks for the experiences and people in daily life that shake us up, leading us to grow in faith and re-center our lives in God's grace.



**Stewardship**  
*a way of life*

# Synod News

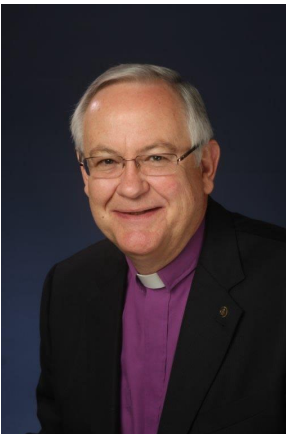
## The Spirit

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### The Power of Dignity

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NW Washington Synod / ELCA



The most frequent question that I am being asked these days is, "What are you going to do next?" I announced in September that I would not be seeking reelection and immediately the question began. Strange as it may sound, I wasn't prepared for it. In fact, I have given very little thought to what I might do next other than sleep, spend more time with Kim, and get out more on our boat, *Gratitude*.

I am now thinking more seriously about what I am going to do next - knowing that throughout my life God has always disrupted my plans.

One area I know I want to invest more heavily in is my work as a trustee of Renton Technical College. It has been one of the greatest experiences of my life's journey to have a front row seat at the College. I have been tuned into the college for over thirty years. I was first attracted to the college knowing the population of students it serves - primarily those for whom traditional education is not fulfilling, those who cannot afford a 4-year college and more recently those who are new to our country whose primary language is not English.

The faculty at the college is likewise unique. They are people of great passion who believe that every person can learn and succeed. By and large, all of them can find much higher paying jobs in other areas of the economy. They are in it because they receive great joy in seeing students who have little or no confidence discover how smart and capable they are.

I recently returned from a gathering of trustees in Olympia where we hosted the Transforming Lives dinner. It was an opportunity to offer gratitude and praise to 34 students, each representing their school. Each of them arrived with incredible stories of moving from utter defeat to a pace of hope.

Five of the 34 were invited on stage to tell their stories. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. One woman returned to college at 46 after years of abuse nearly ending in her own death. She was a high school dropout and had four children for whom she was responsible. She said to her kids before

she entered college. "Don't grow up to be like your mom." It took only one counselor to see what potential she had. She went from wanting to drop out of college in the first week to getting her GED and will graduate this Spring with the intention to get her degree in psychology and use her life experiences to help others. At the end of her presentation she said to her four children in the audience, "Be like your mother - never give up."

Another student had come out of an abusive home from which she ran from. She ended up in the horrific world of sex trafficking. She once again ran from the violence, knowing her only hope was in getting an education. It was a hard story, but she said, "I do so because I want others to find the hope that I have found."

Two other students had been living on the streets and in their cars without shelter. Each had been incarcerated for lengthy periods of time. One living with HIV and the other having been a child soldier in the war in Liberia. They spoke powerfully of the confidence and hope they have in their futures. Further education and a living wage awaits all of these students.

The final student came from a family of 24 siblings. They lived in incredible poverty. She never dreamed she would go to college. She found a dead-end job and knew that her only hope for a bright future was education. She is now a rising star in her college with a very promising future.

Each one of these students went from being unable to establish eye contact to finding their voices in less than two years' time.

There wasn't a dry eye in the room because we witnessed how resilient the human soul is when at least one other person knows you by name, sees you as fully their equal and believes in your ability to fulfill your dreams.

I don't know all that I will be doing - but I will continue to be an advocate for fully funding our Community and Technical Colleges. +BKU

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of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

# Earth Ministry

## World Water Day Movie Night: "Return of the River"

**Tuesday, March 21, 7 pm**

*Holy Rosary Parish Center, 630 7th Ave. N., Edmonds WA 98020*

"Return of the River", a documentary by Jessica Plumb, tells a story of hope through the restoration of the Elwha River.

This is a story for our times. Winner of ten film festival awards, this film, 4 years in the making, follows the efforts of tribal leaders and activists as they work to remove two dams and restore the Elwha River in Olympic National Park. These committed people changed the opinions of a divided town (Port Angeles), and ultimately a nation, reaching consensus and bringing down two dams to restore an ecosystem! The consequences of freeing the Elwha River have been earth-changing in salmon restoration, tribal rights, preservation of a national park, and in conflict resolution of an entire community.

At the film's conclusion the audience will have an opportunity to hear a brief presentation by three local experts: Rebecca Wolfe, newly elected board member of Snohomish County PUD, hydrogeologist Hank Landau, and Rodney Pond, Director of Salmon Sound Solutions.

This event is hosted by Holy Rosary Parish of Edmonds, an Earth Ministry Member Congregation.

## Plate & Planet: Eating with Earth in Mind

**Saturday, March 23, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm**

*St. John's Episcopal Church Snohomish, 913 Second Street, Snohomish 98290*

How does the Food on your plate affect the Environment? Join us for a conversation as we seek to answer this question.

Keynote address by Brian Sellers-Peterson, Missioner for Agrarian Ministry, Author: Harvesting Abundance: Local Initiatives of Food and Faith. There will also be a panel discussion on how local people can be involved in community feeding programs in an environmentally friendly way. Workshops will feature speakers giving information on the relationship between what we eat and the environment, practical ideas, and inspiration to make positive change.

Hosted by St. John's Episcopal Church of Snohomish, an Earth Ministry Greening Congregation.

The cost is \$10 and includes lunch. To register: call 360-568-4622 or emailkim@stjohnsnohomish.org

### ***Luther Memorial, a Greening Congregation Mission Statement***

*As people of faith we affirm that all of God's creation is sacred.*

*We strive to be faithful advocates for these gifts.*

*We partner with neighbors near and far to promote personal and public practices  
which use earth's resources justly and sustainably.*



## LMLC News and Events

### **PARKING**

Upon the opening of Compass Broadview, parking will again be available in the parking lot area to the west of the church building. Those spaces are CHURCH PARKING ONLY. There is no Foss parking there. We hope they will be marked clearly.

LMLC Staff will be parking in the parking garage beneath Compass Broadview to ensure there are adequate spots in the lot.

On Sundays and days of weddings, funerals, memorial services and special church events we will also have the parking to the south of the church, which is shared with Foss.

Overflow on Sundays can park at the school or in the neighborhood.



### News About Thrivent Financial

Quite a few LMLC members and others are members of Thrivent Financial as owners of an insurance policy or contract or a Thrivent investment product.

One of the important Thrivent charitable programs is the "Choice Dollars" program. Luther Memorial has received many dollars over the years as a recipient of "Choice Dollars."

To be eligible to participate, one must have specified annual premiums of qualifying insurance products or annuities. While eligible participants may designate their annual "Choice Dollars" to various charitable organizations, many have chosen to have them given to Luther Memorial.

All Thrivent members should contact Thrivent to determine if they are eligible and have a balance of undistributed Choice Dollars for the 2018 calendar year. This 2018 balance will be lost if you do not act by March 31, 2019.

The easiest way for you to determine if you have a 2018 balance and to specify how you wish to allocate any balance is to phone 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt. Your call will then be answered by a person to help you.

Any amount you direct to Luther Memorial will be much appreciated.

Please contact Norman Swenson if you have any questions.



# LMLC News and Events



## Cover photo collage...

Earline Alston (artist and poet) is a local award-winning, critically acclaimed (Seattle Times) impressionistic landscape artist. Her work is informed by the natural world. In each piece, colors, shapes, detailed patterns, and textures, continuously morph and create movement. The results are ethereal landscapes with trees appearing to have human-like characteristics.

The art of Earline Alston was displayed at Luther Memorial from January 6—March 5. Earline’s story was the subject of one of Pastor Julie’s sermons in 2017. A survivor of a traumatic brain injury, Earline said that “God woke her an artist” and her work has received much acclaim in the



## Happy March Birthdays!

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|--------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 06 Heidi Sallaway  | 20 Norman Swenson       | 26 Chandra Johnson |
| 07 Elaine Hardin   | 21 Karen Senior         | Michael Trice      |
| Shirley Yandl      | 23 Jackson Ter Hark     | 27 Gavin Gough     |
| 12 Nancy Sandbloom | 25 Mary Ellen St. Clair |                    |

# Financial Picture

## January 2019 Financial Picture

**LMLC 2019 Full Year Expenses: \$218,648      Contributions Needed per week : \$4,204.77**

### January Contributions Received:

January 6	\$1,270.00	January 20	\$1,156.00
January 13	\$5,445.82	January 27	\$1,956.41

### January Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Offerings and Tithes	\$8,263.64
Room Use (Room Use, Damage Deposits, and Facilities Offset Fees)	\$305.00
<b>General Fund Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$8,568.64</b>

**Needed: \$16,819.08    Difference: -\$8250.44**

### January Off-Budget Fund Contribution Designations

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018 Giving Tree	\$30.00
Music & Art Ministry	\$20.00
Intern	\$40.00
2019 Holden Village	\$380.00
World Hunger	\$40.00
Day Camp 2019	\$14.00
Kaleidoscope Play & Learn Grant (Paid by King County to fund program)	\$2,375.00
<b>Designated Fund Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$2,899.00</b>

**Financial Notes from the Treasurer:** Luther Memorial welcomes your financial gifts through any method you choose. Electronic and traditional givers accustomed to texting can now give through Give+ Text. Make one-time or recurring offerings by simply sending a text to our secure account at 206-929-4108. It's a convenient solution when you can't attend services or don't have cash or checks with you. We thank you and all givers for supporting our mission.

For those that do not want to text, but still would like to give by credit or debit card - you can visit our online giving page directly at [www.luthermemoralseattle.com/onlinegiving](http://www.luthermemoralseattle.com/onlinegiving), or find us on the GivePlusMobile App on your smartphone.

*Thank you for supporting the mission and ministries here at Luther Memorial!*

# Worship

## Readings for March

**March 3**  
**The Transfiguration**  
**of Our Lord**

Exodus 34:29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-43a

**March 10**  
**First Sunday**  
**in Lent**

Deuteronomy 26:1-11  
Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16  
Romans 10:8b-13  
Luke 4:1-13

**March 17**  
**Second Sunday**  
**in Lent**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18  
Psalm 27  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

**March 24**  
**Third Sunday**  
**in Lent**

Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

**March 31**  
**Fourth Sunday**  
**in Lent**

Joshua 5:9-12  
Psalm 32  
2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32



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*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.*

	3/3	3/10	3/17	3/24	3/31
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Vicar Laura	Steve Olson	Vicar Laura	Katy Sarff	Steve Olson
<b>Lector</b>	Shirley Teuber-Goins	Steve Olson	Julie Moe	Vicki Cook	Cathy Fransson
<b>Acolyte</b>	Jed Ter Hark	Joshua Lingappaiah	Payton Johnson	Lillian Long	Payton Johnson
<b>Communion /Altar</b>	Lollie Ellingson				
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Bill & Laurie Meade	Diane Chapman Donna Smith	Ardene Adams Cathy Fransson	Mary Hinderliter Eric Zoekler	Bill & Laurie Meade
<b>Children's Time</b>	Vicar Laura	Pastor Julie	Vicar Laura	Pastor Julie	David Horton
<b>Song Leader</b>	Katy Sarff	Karen Skrinde	Julie Moe	Leia Smith	Shirley Teuber-Goins
<b>Musician</b>	David Horton				
<b>Closer</b>	Donna Smith	Rah Lingappaiah	Bill Meade	Bruce Hitson	Dave Ter Hark

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

# March 2019

See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: [www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/calendar](http://www.luthermemorialsseattle.com/calendar)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Transfiguration of Our Lord</b></p> <p>9 Coffee Hour 9:15 First Sunday Faith Forum 9:15 Sunday Church School 10 Choir 10:30 Worship</p> <p><b>12:30 Confirmation Class</b></p> <p><b>1:00 Historical Open House</b></p> <p><b>3:00 Concert</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastor Julie's Sabbath Vicar Laura's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>10 Kaleidoscope Play &amp; Learn</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>9:30 Seekers <b>12 Worship</b> 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Worship</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>1 Step-Study Group</b></p>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>1 Lent</b></p> <p>9 Coffee Hour 9:15 Sunday Church School 10 Choir 10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastor Julie's Sabbath Vicar Laura's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>10 Kaleidoscope Play &amp; Learn</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9:30 Seekers 11.1 Worship &amp; Music Team <b>6 Soup Supper and Worship</b> <b>7 NarAnon</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p><b>1 Step-Study Group</b></p>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>2 Lent</b></p> <p>9 Coffee Hour 9:15 Sunday Church School 9:30 Book Brigade 10 Choir 10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastor Julie's Sabbath Vicar Laura's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>10 Kaleidoscope Play &amp; Learn <b>5 Facilities Committee</b> <b>6 Church Council</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>9:30 Seekers <b>6 Soup Supper and Worship</b> <b>7 NarAnon</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>1 Step-Study Group</b></p>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>3 Lent</b></p> <p>9 Coffee Hour 9:15 Sunday Church School 10:30 Worship</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Pastor Julie's Sabbath Vicar Laura's Sabbath</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>10 Kaleidoscope Play &amp; Learn <b>1 Spiritual Growth</b></p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9:30 Seekers <b>6 Soup Supper and Worship</b> <b>7 NarAnon</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>1 Step-Study Group</b></p>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>4 Lent</b></p> <p>9 Coffee Hour 9:15 Sunday Church School 10 Choir 10:30 Worship</p>						



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