



# LUTHER MEMORIAL

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## The Quarterly Messenger April 2021



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## FROM PASTOR HOFFMAN



*Back to the Future cont...*

Dear Community of Faith at Luther Memorial:

Back in the winter, I encouraged us to think about our crawl out of Covid as a moment in which we go "back to the future..." Now that a return seems to be unfolding, that way of thinking about things seems more pertinent than ever.

By now, many of us have been vaccinated and begun to see family and friends. But it's not quite the same, is it? We aren't simply going back. We are going back to the future.

Many of us have picked up plans that were suddenly upended in March of 2020. Some of those are plans to travel, to initiate or complete a project, to get healthier or pivot to a new outlook. But it's not quite the same, is it? We aren't simply going back. We are going back to the future.

Many of us have adjusted to (or rebelled against!) visits on Zoom, Teams, or FaceTime. We've learned how to smile "with our eyes," mouths covered by masks out of care and concern for others. Some things about life are very, very new. Very, very different. We have not simply gone back. We have gone back to something new.

At Luther Memorial, this pandemic year has also been a year of transition and change. When we finally do get back together for worship in the building, we will be doing so as a **new** community of faith. Some familiar faces will be missing. There will be new worshipers to welcome. Even at our recent outdoor Easter service, this was the case. We had visitors! And we looked longingly around the circle of cars for loved ones who -- for whatever reason -- just weren't there. It is a new day.

Of course the Big Story of this move "back to the future" is the story of moving into a new era of pastoral leadership. Who will our new leader be? When will this happen? What is the process? How much longer will you be with us, Pastor Hoffman? These are all questions that I field in almost every conversation with folks in the community of faith that is Luther Memorial.

I don't know the answers to most of those questions; even the ones that I have an inkling about, it is just that - only a conjecture.

But here's what I do know, with no level of uncertainty whatsoever. We are being led back to the future by the one who holds all things in nail-printed hands. We are being led there by Jesus Christ who has risen from the dead. This Easter season is the perfect time to think about where we are heading: as God's people, as a congregation, as a city, nation, and world. The place we can anchor our hope and our trust is that in the future to which we are headed, Christ will be leading the way. And it will be a place of life that is always new.

We aren't simply going back. We are going back to the future.

Joining you in that Journey,  
Pastor Hoffman

People of God,

What a great joy it is to serve as your Pastor of Outreach and Community. As I stated in my previous Messenger article, we had so many big dreams for this year but alas COVID-19 thwarted some of our best efforts. But in the world of outreach and community our mission has continued.



Outreach- we continue to stock our free little pantry which takes less than a day for the stock to noticeably decrease. We host the free little library maintained and created by Page Ahead. We continue to pass out lunches and meet neighbors in their need when possible.

Inreach- we continue to worship online via Zoom or YouTube and occasionally see each other from the safety of our cars! We pause and pray together each Wednesday. The council diligently makes phone calls and I know you all check up on each other too. Notes of prayer are passed among each other and so many more activities.

The work has not been stopped in this time and I give so much thanks for your efforts and willingness to serve!

But why do we do this work? The words of Matthew 28: 18-20 often remind me why we do this work,

“Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words: “All authority has been given me both in heaven and on earth; go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name of Abba God, and of the Only Begotten, and of the Holy Spirit. Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you. And know that I am with you always, even until the end of the world!”

Go, therefore. Go, therefore and spread the love of God which was first modeled to us by the Word made Flesh, Jesus. Go, therefore and serve your neighbor meeting them where they are following Christ’s example. Go, therefore and actively share Christ’s love in community!

The words of Matthew 28 and LMLC’s mission statement continue to guide us forth in this work. The vital work that God has called us to which is sustained by our community. How might we more boldly go, therefore?

Peace to you in the name of the Risen One,  
Pastor Laura

## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Dear Friends in Christ,

Greetings to you, dear Luther Memorial friends! I am noticing the emergence of spring more acutely than ever before. (I imagine tiptoeing out from the gloom of COVID isolation has a lot to do with that!) Darryl's ginkgo tree is bursting with tiny green leaves on our balcony. Crows are busily adding twigs to a large nest right outside our kitchen window. Flowering trees are blossoming cheerfully all-around town. We sat on my sister-in-law's deck last night and could barely hear ourselves talk as the birds were twittering even louder conversations. New life, new energy abounds as we celebrate Christ's resurrection and all of the

possibilities of this growing season.

Even our church meetings seem refreshed with new momentum as we prepare for our future. I was privileged to take part in an enthusiastic Zoom conversation with Mary Hinderliter, Joe MacKechnie, Rick Henry (CEO of Foss Home), and Kim Hardwick (Marketing & Outreach Director of Foss Home) as we brainstormed ways that our two communities can support one another now and in the future. Stay tuned for more news on that front as we continue to meet and plan with one another!

Our Council meetings are dynamic and filled with hope as we continue to discuss what we have, what we need, and how to move forward. Pastor Laura and Pastor Hoffman are working faithfully to strike a beautiful balance between *nurturing* us and *nudging* us to become the best we can be as disciples of God.

Our Transition Team, led by Keiko Long, is hard at work crafting our Ministry Site Profile with all of the information they have gathered over the last few months. We project they will be handing off their work to our Call Committee by early summer.

We continue to talk about how and when we can safely reopen our beautiful building for small groups and regular worship services. We are getting closer! In the meantime, we are delighted to meet again *in person* for outdoor worship at a Shoreline park on May 2nd.

What are *you* noticing about this spring season? What new thoughts and ideas are percolating in your mind these days? I encourage you to take some time this week to consider *your* role in the life of Luther Memorial. What can you do to help nurture (and/or nudge!) your companions in faith? Is there a friend whom you miss seeing in church that you could call or send a note to? Do you have an hour or two to come up and work on beautifying our church property? What about the neighbors we are committed to serve? Could you make a contribution towards our Little Free Pantry or stop by to add a children's book to the Little Free Library? What are the specific gifts and talents that you possess that could play a role in energizing our community? Please don't hesitate to reach out to your pastors or me and let us know your thoughts and ideas - we are eager to hear from you!

***Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."***

Take care,  
Julie E. Moe, Congregation President

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Warmer weather is upon us which offers us more options for worship. After our successful outdoor Easter worship service, we are scoping out local parks to continue worshipping together! Below, you will find our worship schedule with some outdoor and Zoom options. We hope you will join us for worship, there is a place for you here.

**April 25<sup>th</sup>:** Zoom worship @ 10:30am

**May 2<sup>nd</sup>:** Outdoor Worship @ 10:30am

*Sunset Park 17840 10<sup>th</sup> Ave Northwest, Shoreline, WA 98177*

**May 9<sup>th</sup>:** YouTube Worship

**May 16<sup>th</sup>:** Zoom worship @ 10:30am

**May 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Outdoor Worship @ 10:30am

**May 30<sup>th</sup>:** YouTube Worship

**June 6<sup>th</sup>:** Zoom worship @ 10:30am

**June 13<sup>th</sup>:** Outdoor Worship @ 10:30am

**June 20<sup>th</sup>:** YouTube Worship

**June 27<sup>th</sup>:** Outdoor Worship @ 10:30am

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### Re-opening Details

The LMLC Council, Pastors, and re-opening task force continue to assess the ongoing statistics regarding COVID-19 and how it relates to our life together. The synod hosted a Zoom webinar with an epidemiologist and King County health official regarding our worship life together. We will continue to move forward and continue to keep everyone's health and safety as the utmost concern.

Our 12 step groups have requested more information about when they might meet again. The re-opening task force will meet regarding this request and take seriously the needs for these in-person meetings as they are vital for their sobriety.

We will continue to update you as our policies change and adapt but at this time we will continue to meet and worship online or in a safe outdoor setting. Thank you for your understanding during this time.

## Breeze

We have upgraded to a new church management software! For your pastors & financial secretary, this is amazing news as it offers us better resources for recording information. To that end, we would be so grateful if you could share with us your emergency contact information. This is vital information for us to care for you in case of an emergency. **Please fill out the form below or email the information to Pastor Laura at [outreach@luthermemorialsseattle.com](mailto:outreach@luthermemorialsseattle.com).**

Updating to Breeze also offers us a new online giving platform. If you are able, please switch your online giving to Breeze instead of Vanco. We will begin to phase out Vanco after we are confident all giving has been switched. Please visit the website giving tab to make this change or ask Pastor Laura for assistance.

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### Emergency Contact Form

Your Name	
Your Phone Number	
Emergency Contact Name	
Emergency Contact Phone Number	
Emergency Contact Address	
Relationship to Emergency Contact	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Emergency Contact Name	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Emergency Contact Phone Number	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Emergency Contact Address	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Relationship to Emergency Contact	

## TRANSITION TEAM

Great news, Luther Memorial, from your Transition Team! We've been hard at work these past four months, and we loved having the chance to get together with many of you online in late February for a preview of our work. We've scheduled another online Zoom session -- an open forum again -- for **May 3rd at 7 p.m.** And there's homework! For YOU.

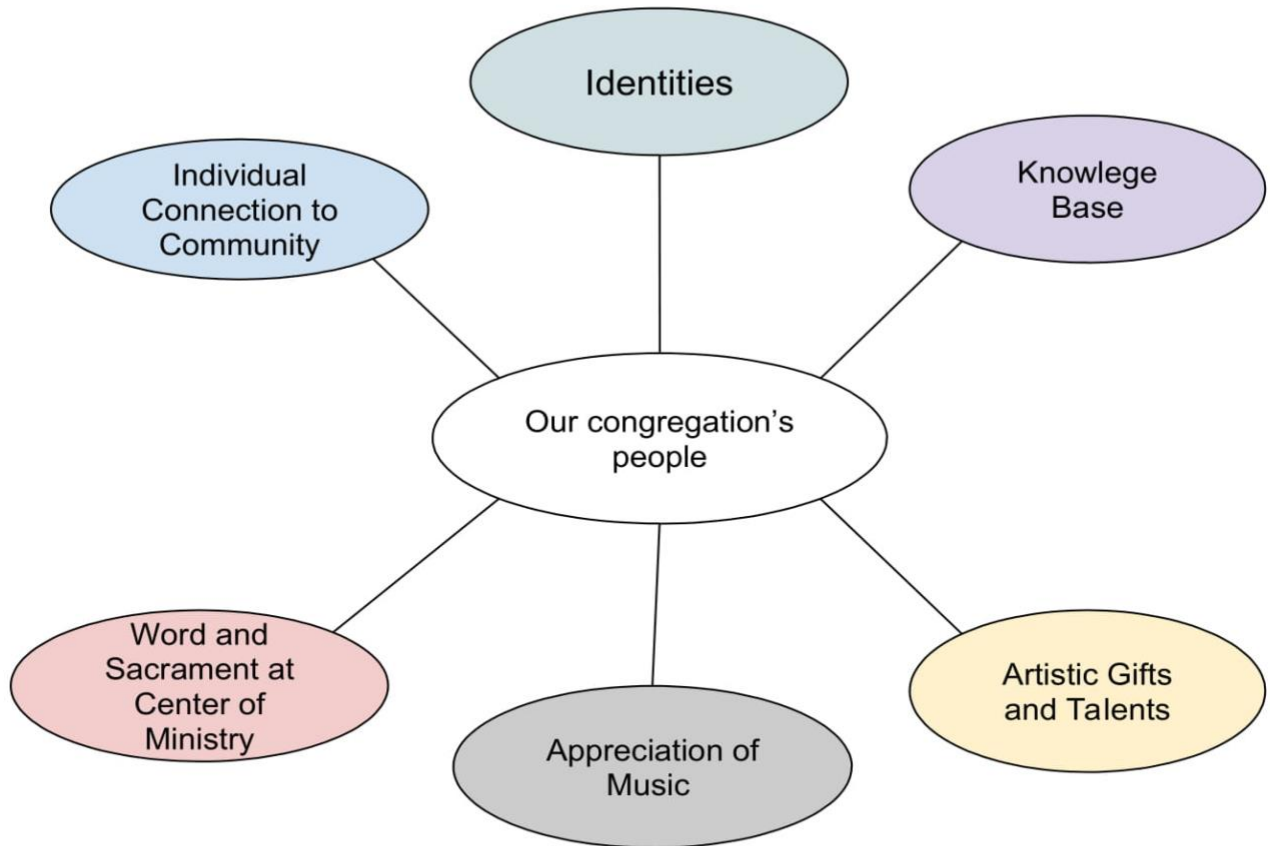
Attached to this edition of THE MESSENGER are three sets of Asset Maps, pg. 8-15, showing what we believe to be the gifts and strengths of our congregation. PLEASE! Have a look at them. Mark them up. Add to them. Reflect on them. Pray over them. At our **May 3rd forum**, we'll be counting on you for as much feedback as you have to offer. Then the team will do a final edit, and we'll be ready to complete our site profile and speak with the bishop about the formation of a call committee. See! Great news!

Thank you in advance for your continuing prayers for this important work; and for your partnership in helping to move us all to the next important step in the call process.

Yours in Christ  
The LMLC Transition Team  
Keiko Long, Chair

**Asset Mapping for Luther Memorial Lutheran Church  
Transition Team  
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**Asset Map #1 -- Our People**





### Our Congregation's People

- 109 baptized members, ~60 active members (KL)
- Weekly worship attendance (pre-Covid) ~40
- 40 active members 65+ yrs highly literate and filled with experiences and integrity in Lutheran tradition
- 18 active members 22-64 yrs highly committed to the well being of older members
- Small number of baptized members under 22 years
- Expanding list of prospective members, even during interim and Covid
- ~20 members live 0-1 mile, ~20 members live 1-3 miles, ~20 members live 3+ miles away from the church building

### Word and Sacrament Ministry at the Center

- Members cherish the Lutheran tradition
- Open to innovation
- Very grounded in Word and Sacrament
- Dedicated core group who meet for Bible Study (Weekly [non-Covid] and other occasional studies) and Pause for Prayer (weekly)
- Trained and active group of lectors, assisting ministers, altar guild
- Commitment to non-gender and inclusive language lectionary and liturgy

### Love and Appreciation of Music

- Strong talent base with connections to a wider circle of local musicians
- Highly appreciative of artistic gifts
- *Open* to a variety of styles, though rather static in practice
- Willingness to receive input from congregational members about musical and liturgical choices
- Willingness to share our sanctuary for public music events

Artistic gifts/talents of LMLC participants/members

- Painting
- Photography
- Sewing/Quilting
- Reading and Writing; Prose and Poetry

Knowledge base built over lifetime through profession/personal interest

- Interest in culture fostered by travel
- Gardening
- Woodworking
- Accounting
- Building Maintenance
- Computer Technology
- Culinary Skills

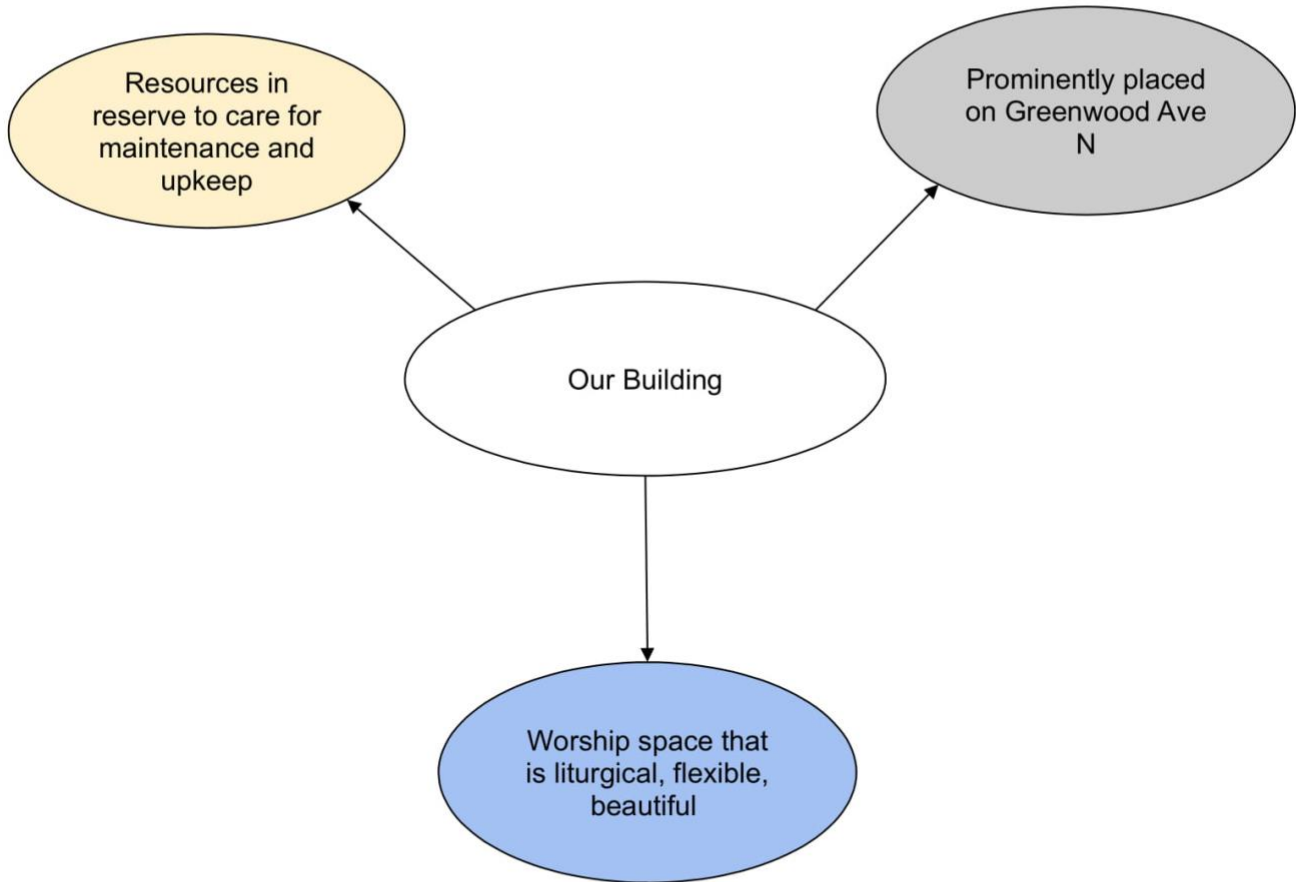
Individual Connections to Community Service

- Spanning Seattle, Shoreline, Edmonds, Everett, Bothell, Mukilteo, Kenmore, and others
- Deep heart for Community Service among members

Identities that help us relate to those around us

- RIC congregation
- Gifted leadership and membership from the LGBTQIA+ community
- Greening congregation
- (individual identities of members) Follower of Christ, woman, wife, mother, bi-racial child/daughter, immigrant, flight attendant/first responder, traveler, LMLC member, Shoreline/Parkwood neighborhood resident, Parkwood and Einstein School parent

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## Asset Map #2 -- Our Building

### Our Building

- Constructed 1956-57
- Remodeled and renovated 1984-85 provided us added storage, rebuilt sacristy, enlarged narthex and offices
- 2019 remodel created a welcoming and functional social gathering with a fully equipped, eco-friendly kitchen area and a separate entrance from the street
- A dramatic and prominent presence at the corner of Greenwood Ave North and 132nd Street, punctuated by an A frame style with one of Seattle's tallest rock walls
- Beautiful open worship space

### Worship Space that is liturgical, flexible, beautiful

- Excellent acoustics for music and other performing art
- Equipped with organ and piano
- Supports sound equipment
- Filled with glorious light pouring in through east and west facing stained glass windows
- Flexible seating
- Can be sectioned off for multiple events
- Chapel for small group/individual worship/contemplative/meditation

### Prominent place on Greenwood Ave N

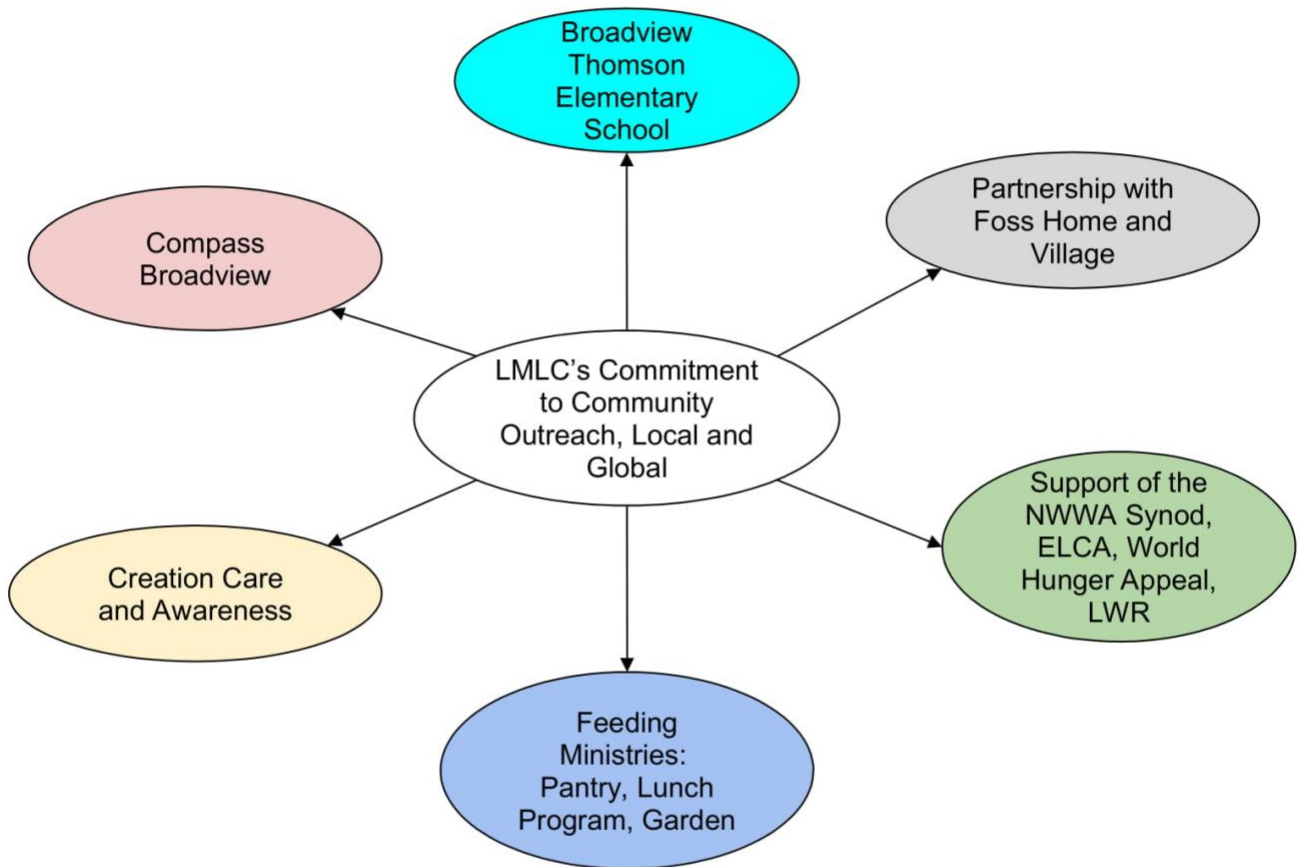
- Neighbors to Foss Home and Village, B/T Elementary School, Public Library, Compass Broadview Low Income Housing, Ida Culver Retirement Community
- Episcopal, United Church of Christ, Roman Catholic, and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints neighbors with good relationships
- Vibrant commercial neighborhood
- Mixed ethnic and socio-economic housing, single/multi-
- Garden plots for neighbors' use demonstrates the congregation's willingness to share
- Reader board changed frequently with thoughtful and humorous message
- Blocks away from the Aurora Avenue corridor and its challenges with drug use, sex trade, poverty

### Resources in reserve

- Five years of financial security from the sale of Luther Memorial's parking lot invested with the ELCA Foundation
- Agreement with Maple Leaf Lutheran to trade accounting ledgers (opportunity to identify potential cost savings)
- Steady stewardship of about 30 households
- Endowment Fund with ~\$40,000 in reserve
- Space rentals to several community organizations

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**Asset Map #3 -- Our Outreach**



### LMLC's Commitment to Community Outreach, Local and Global

- Sharing information about seminars, webinars, reading lists to become better informed about social justice, learn new skills of allyship for LGBTQIA+, racial minorities, homeless, jobless, at-risk youth
- Involvement in neighborhood associations in the effort to understand the forces at work within our neighborhoods
- Actively supported grant process for addition of 132nd St sidewalk and other local infrastructure improvements
- Purposely frequenting businesses along Greenwood Ave to highlight them monthly and financially support the neighborhood as we travel to and from our church building
- Kaleidoscope: a toddler parent learn-and-play session taught one morning a week. Applied and received a grant to fund this early education program
- Host to Page Ahead Book Oasis Free Little Library - Library of Congress 2021 State Literacy Award Winner

### Feeding Ministries

- Free Food Pantry whose traffic has greatly expanded during the pandemic and to which we have recently added a larger cabinet to accommodate more food donations
- Lunchtime Program which operates from 10am-12pm Mon-Fri staffed by church members offering both meat and non-meat portable lunch options
- The addition of an Amazon wishlist that can be modified to meet the needs of our outreach programs
- Garden plots offered to neighbors

### Support for the NWWA Synod, ELCA, World Hunger Appeal, etc.

- Annual benevolence gift to the NWWA Synod
- Support of ELCA, World Hunger, Lutheran World Relief
- Past/Current Committee and Board Service of Members and/or staff
- NWWA Synod Assembly voting members

#### Creation Care and Awareness

- Designated a Greening Congregation Partner with Earth Ministry

#### Compass Broadview Low Income Housing

- 59 apartments for permanent low income family housing were created when LMLC sold a portion of the parking lot to Compass Housing Ministry
- Dreams and possibilities for the relationship to expand and flourish post-Covid
- Establish a relationship with the social worker partnered with the residents so we might better understand residents' needs

#### Foss Home and Village Partnership

- Group created through Transition Team to explore opportunities to help both Foss and Luther Memorial
- **Possibilities of how and where we could help one another are listed below:**
  - Plan in place to provide weekly worship service and pastoral visits
  - Share call of the new rostered leader
  - Share custodian and facilities maintenance
  - Offer our building to Foss to use when offsite meeting space is needed
  - Volunteer drivers to deliver meals to seniors who want to continue to live in their homes
  - Use Foss purchasing power to buy food supplies for our food programs
  - Volunteer art and music activities (intergenerational)
  - More ideas to come...

#### Broadview Thompson K-8

- **Possibilities of how and where we could help one another are listed below:**
  - Volunteer reading mentoring program formed with the cooperation of Pastor Beistel and the then Principal of Broadview Thompson k-8 (this connection gradually was lost as many of the key persons either left the school or our congregation)
  - Query congregation/work with council if there is interest in re-establishing a relationship with the school/PTA
  - If interest exists, form a group who would like to be a part of an ongoing conversation to explore opportunities

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Lorraine Molzahn is 100!

Lorraine is turning 100 on April 24th and her daughter, Sherrienne, is collecting cards.

Please mail your cards to:  
Sherrienne Molzahn Caldwell  
PO Box 3018  
Bothell, WA 98041

## FINANCES

### March Financial Snapshot

Please be informed of the Luther Memorial financial status with this snapshot of our monthly report. Full reports are available upon request.

Monthly Financial Snapshot for March 2021

Luther Memorial Annual Budget  $\$211,120 \div 12 = \$17,593$  per month needed

<b>Monthly Needed</b>		<b>March Receipts</b>		<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>
\$17,593		\$10,809		(\$6,784)
<b>Feb Actual Expenses</b>		<b>Plus/Minus Budget</b>		<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>
\$22,951		\$5,358		(\$12,142)

Our primary financial difficulty in March was lack of income, having received only 61 % of what is needed monthly to meet expenses. In addition, expenditures for the month of March were skewed due to an annual payment for King County assessment of \$7,628, which accounts for two years of this charge as the previous year was not paid.



Red Highlighted numbers= Pastor Laura's Vacation

Green Highlighted numbers= Pastor Hoffman's vacation

# 2021 APRIL

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> Zoom Worship- 10:30am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Pause for Prayer- 11:30am	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	

# 2021 MAY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>2</b> Outdoor Worship- 10:30am	<b>3</b> Transition Team Forum- 7pm	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Pause for Prayer- 11:30am	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> YouTube Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Council Meeting- 7pm	<b>12</b> Pause for Prayer- 11:30am	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Synod Assembly
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<b>30</b> YouTube Worship	<b>31</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>					

# 2021 JUNE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Pause for Prayer- 11:30am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
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