



# LUTHER MEMORIAL

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## The Quarterly Messenger

### June 2021



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## FROM PASTOR HOFFMAN



As summer comes into its fullness, we find ourselves taking our continuing transitions at Luther Memorial in stride.

The move “back to the future” as we’ve returned to the building is allowing us to incrementally worship in person in a richer and fuller way. At the same time, the Monday evening Zoom service, a new addition to the weekly schedule of events at LMLC, offers those who are out of town for the weekend, or who choose to worship remotely for whatever reason, the chance to stay connected to the Living Word and one another.

Jian Zhang’s presence in the office on a daily basis is bringing stability and calm. He is a capable leader and has quickly learned the routines and people of our parish. But more, Jian is bringing wisdom, ideas, and energy to the ministry and he will serve as an important bridge between this transition time and the stability that a new pastor will bring to 13047 Greenwood Ave North. If you haven’t met him yet, give the office a call to say hello, or stop by during his office hours, listed elsewhere in THE MESSENGER.

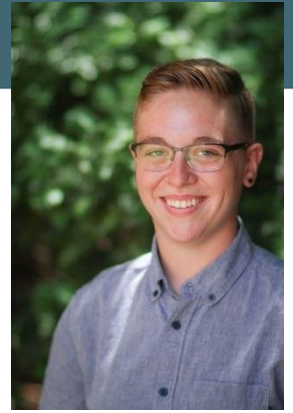
Certainly the resignation of Pastor Harris-Ferree brings us mixed emotions. I find myself so very happy for Laura and Kate, to be closer to the support of their families as they prepare for the arrival of their first child, to be in the call at Grace, Evanston that seems like such a great fit for them, and to be moving into this next chapter of their lives with our blessings. But, oh! How we will miss them. One of the great joys of serving in this interim call has been the opportunity to work side by side with and learn from Pastor Harris-Ferree. I know that no matter where she serves going forward, she will be a blessing to the Church as she has been a blessing to us.

I anticipate remaining half time as your Transition Pastor, but will pitch in as needed with extra hours. The pattern of being in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, having a weekend on Wednesdays and Thursdays, working from home on Fridays and Saturdays, and being with you for worship on Sundays is working well from my end. I hope that’s true for you as well.

I’m so grateful for the continuing leadership of our Church Council and especially its president, Julie Moe. We are blessed by their wisdom and faith, and it is on the wings of their leadership and energy that God is carrying us into the future.

As ever in Christ,  
Pastor Hoffman

## FROM PASTOR LAURA



Grace and peace to you in the name of the One who calls us each beloved.

On July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, I stood in the Columbus, OH airport teary-eyed and hugging my family. I had checked my two bags and I was off on my own to a city I have never been to before. I knew that by virtue of my vocation this would be the first of many teary-eyed moves.

What I didn't know, is that four years later, I would be making my second teary-eyed move. When I moved four years ago, I never imagined the ways in which Luther Memorial would change my life. I never imagined that I would be here for four years and become one of the pastors. I never imagined that I would build such deep lasting relationships and grow in leaps and bounds. I never imagined that this goodbye would be so hard.

But here we are four years later with so many amazing stories to share. Each and every one of you played a role in helping me become the pastor I am today, thank you. You encouraged me and assisted me as I was just beginning to learn what it meant to be a pastor. You challenged me and threw me some curve balls! I will forever be indebted to this congregation for the ways in which you helped form me. Luther Memorial not only formed me into the pastor I am today, but you all helped me trust and love the Church again.

Over these past four years, we have sat together at the bedside of a dying loved one and rejoiced in major life changes. You celebrated with us as Kate and I tied the knot and rejoiced once again when we announced our pregnancy. We walked together through difficult times of change and stayed connected during a global pandemic. We have learned together how to love and serve our neighbor in this ever-changing city.

In many ways, this is my love letter to you of deep gratitude. Gratitude for raising me to be the pastor I am today. Gratitude for taking a chance on my call when I was struggling to find a call. Gratitude for welcoming Kate and I with loving arms. Gratitude for the many ways you have all shown up over the past four years as we were church together.

I will be forever grateful for you, dear people of Luther Memorial. I pray that you continue to actively share Christ's love to those around you and find ways to share the hope of Christ with everyone. You are a small but mighty congregation with a big impact to make. Go down that path that is yet untrodden and show this world that a small church can make a big splash!

I will keep you in my prayers as our journeys split from each other and will forever hold you in my heart.

Peace be yours,

Pastor Laura Harris-Ferree

## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT



Greetings to you, dear Luther Memorial family!

In the spring newsletter, I mentioned the crows building a nest outside our kitchen window. Darryl & I were delighted to watch four baby crows grow up right in front of us. Gradually they ventured awkwardly out of the nest, one by one, to sit on a nearby branch, then a higher branch, then an even higher branch. Today they are noisily living in the larger tree across the street and taking regular flights over our balcony. We, too, are often gingerly stepping out of our comfort zones onto branches - or paths - unfamiliar to us, with the faith that God will walk beside us all the way and love & encourage us as we meet the changes and challenges in our lives.

As Darryl and I move into our new home, I am struck by the stark contrast of so many people that have nothing but a tent and a few belongings. I want to do more to help. How about you? One way for us to actively share Christ's love in our church neighborhood is to contribute to our Food Pantry. I challenge you to **choose a "high need" item on our pantry's Amazon wish list** and order that item *each month* to be delivered directly to Luther Memorial. Faithful volunteers are coming nearly every day to restock the pantry with our donated foods that are so desperately needed by nearby families.

Pastor Hoffman and I are meeting Saturday with the **Call Committee: Vicki Cook, Elaine Hardin, Bob Johnson, Donna Smith, Jen & Matt Smith, and Leia Smith.** (That's a whole lot of Smiths!) We are so excited to put our next steps (and our Ministry Site Profile!) into their capable hands. Please keep this committee in your prayers that they may meet their responsibilities with collaboration, wisdom, grace, and discernment.

Mary Hinderliter, Joe MacKechnie, and I continue to meet regularly with Rick Henry and Kim Hardwick of **Foss Home & Village.** Kim is working diligently with Mary to help order food items in bulk for our food pantry ministry. Soon, Pastor Hoffman will be offering a weekly worship service opportunity for residents at Foss. Our team has also developed a survey about aging/senior living. We plan to send it out to our membership and the broader community in the near future, using the results to guide our two organizations in helping to meet the needs of our seniors.

By now, you are well aware that Pastor Laura has accepted a call in Evanston, Illinois. Oh, how we will miss Pastor Laura & Kate! They have both been huge blessings in our midst these last four years. Please join us on **Saturday afternoon, July 24th, between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. (at church) as we bid farewell to Pastor Laura & Kate** and celebrate their upcoming parenthood!

It has been so meaningful to worship with many of you **in person** these last few weeks! I hope to see you again in worship very soon! As always, I am open to hearing your thoughts and questions as we transition towards our future together. Please feel free to email me at [council@luthermemorialsattle.com](mailto:council@luthermemorialsattle.com).

Take care,  
Julie E. Moe  
Congregation President

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

In-Person worship Sunday @ 10:30am

Zoom Outdoor Worship Monday @ 7:00pm

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday – Tuesday:** 10:00am – 3:00pm (Pastor Paul Hoffman)

**Monday – Wednesday:** 10:00am – 3:00pm (Jian Zhang)

**Thursday – Friday:** 9:00am – 1:00pm (Jian Zhang)

## MINISTRY UPDATES

### Re-opening Details

Welcome home! We are thankful for the work of Laurie B. and Andrew W. who met faithfully as the re-opening task force. We will continue to worship in person with masks and social distancing as we continue to care for each other's health and safety.

Also, we will continue to worship on Zoom Monday's at 7pm for those who prefer online gatherings.

We will continue to follow CDC and King County guidelines and make determinations about worship protocols as it is safe to do so. Often, we will stay a few steps behind the county's recommendations to ensure that we do not put anyone's health at risk.

Groups are welcome to use our building again and we will continually assess our guidelines.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Hoffman or Jian Zhang.

### O Living Bread from Heaven

Each time the Lectionary cycles through the Gospel of Mark (Year B), there is a five-week, mid-summer detour into the Gospel of John. For five Sundays in late July and August, we will hear Gospel texts from the "Bread of Life" chapter in John 6. It's a rich and wonderful theme, and here's how it will play out in preaching during the upcoming weeks:

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|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Sunday, 25 July   | John 6:1-21      | Pastor Laura Harris-Ferree preaching |
| Sunday, 1 August  | John 6:24-35     | Pastor Paul Hoffman preaching        |
| Sunday, 8 August  | John 6:35, 41-51 | Pastor Paul Hoffman preaching        |
| Sunday, 15 August | John 6:51-58     | Seminarian Steve Olson preaching     |
| Sunday, 22 August | John 6:56-69     | Pastor Paul Hoffman preaching        |

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

It's with a great sense of gratitude and pleasure for your Church Council to announce to you the members of the Call Committee. These seven congregational siblings will seek a new leader for the congregation and bring that person forward at some point in the future to the Council and then the congregation. You should feel free to be in contact with any of them at any time to express and discuss with them your hopes, dreams, and concerns about new pastoral leadership for our church.

Leia Smith

Donna Smith

Vicki Cook

Matt Smith

Jenn Smith

Bob Johnson

Elaine Hardin

Next steps? The Call Committee will meet to organize, elect a chairperson, review the Transition Team's Ministry Site Profile and complete the portions of it that are in their purview. Then they will meet with a representative from the Bishop's office. In turn, the synod office will provide names and profiles of potential candidates and the interview process will begin.

Please keep your Call Committee in your prayers as they move forward in this very important step in seeking new pastoral leadership for our congregation.

## OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Congratulations, Class of 2021!**

As a congregation, we are pleased to both support and congratulate these members of the class of 2021:

Ben Smith, University of Washington

Kelsey Stever, Eastern Washington University

Kate Sallaway, Shorewood High School

If we have missed any other graduating seniors, PLEASE(!) let us know. We'd love to reach out.

### **Foss Farmers Market**

Happy Summer!!

This year, we are once again, holding our 'one-of-a-kind' drive through Farmers Market. You order a box of produce and we will pack it and load it in your car! There are a couple of new additions, so be sure and visit the website. <https://www.fosscare.org/events/>

## LMLC Mid-year 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 June 2021

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

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|----------------------|--|---------------|--|-------------------|
| Monthly Needed       |  | June Receipts |  | Surplus/(Deficit) |
| \$17,593             |  | \$11,436.28   |  | (\$6,156.72)      |
|                      |  |               |  |                   |
| June Actual Expenses |  | (Under)/Over  |  | Surplus/(Deficit) |
| \$17,793.19          |  | Over \$200.19 |  | (\$6,356.91)      |

Expenditures for the month of June were over/under budget in these areas:

This was an average month for spending. There were no extra expenses above and beyond the usual. We continue to run at a deficit each month as expenses exceed receipts.