



# LUTHER MEMORIAL

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## The Winter Quarterly Messenger



*This article is excerpted, in part, from a sermon on Sunday 17 October 2021...*

Greetings, Beloved Community of Luther Memorial!

I continue to be amazed and inspired by the generosity of the people of Luther Memorial. Deep in the doldrums of a pandemic, you have continued to find a way to put yourselves aside and live for others. During this year that I have served as your Transition Pastor (yes! It's already been a whole year!) I have watched as you have  
forged a formal partnership with Foss Home and Village  
restarted a formal liaison relationship with Compass Broadview  
made overtures to Broadview Thomson Elementary to reopen that relationship  
offered space for a Free Little Library to enrich our community



You have

opened your space to Afghan refugee resettlement  
hosted showers in the parking lot, and offered kitchen use for a weekly meal for the homeless  
filled the Food Pantry day after day so hungry neighbors in Broadview could access food  
offered garden space where there might have been only grass or dandelions.  
given back six parking places to Compass Broadview in the garage

You have

continued to support the synod with monthly benevolence checks  
given robustly to the ministry of our own congregation

And all the while, you have

cared enough to reach out and take care of one another,  
you have adapted to online worship and Bible study.  
struggled about how to respond to the homelessness crisis in our neighborhood

I am so grateful to have the privilege to be your pastor for this short moment in time. And through it all, not once have I heard you say, "what's in it for me?"

The miracle of our baptisms, the same baptism with which Jesus was baptized, is that in those moments when we don't do so well, we know that we are held in the promise of the one who forgives us, and loves us, and will carry us through. That's our Jesus. And so long as we keep our eyes set on Jesus, and all the people of the world around us who Jesus so dearly loves, I think we're headed in the right direction.

As is always the case in the final months of the year, we will be focusing during November and December more intentionally on stewardship and building a budget for 2022. Your gifts of both time and money will be essential to keeping the ministry strong for the year to come.

Thank you for the model that you are of giving your time, your wisdom, your money, your passion to all that we feel called to do here in the Broadview neighborhood and beyond.

Yours Sincerely in Christ,  
Pastor Hoffman

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## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

I sit at Mom's old piano in my "new" family room, playing All Creatures of Our God and King.

Memories rush in, so many memories. Playing this duet with Kathy Nelson at the organ on Easter Sunday years ago, feeling jubilant in celebrating Christ's resurrection with my treasured musical partner. Kathy was my first piano teacher, my first choir director, and the mother of one of my beloved, lifelong friends. Kathy encouraged me, nurtured me, and nudged me to become a better musician.



On All Saint's Day, I let my mind wander to those early years and I felt the presence of Mom, Dad, Kathy and so many other beloved saints in that holy space. On November 18th, I will have been a member of Luther Memorial for 60 years. With my beloved parents and God's infinite grace, this community of faith encouraged me, nurtured me, and nudged me into becoming my best self. I am so grateful for my experiences here, not just the peak experiences, but the ordinary ones and the frustrating ones as well. This church is home to me. It is a privilege to be not just part of its past, but part of its future.

I play Chris Rice's contemporary arrangements of familiar hymns from my youth- The Church's One Foundation, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, For the Beauty of the Earth, This is My Father's World. The old hymn tunes are there, but surrounded by new energy, some twists & turns, variations that I once would have dismissed as beneath my notice. I used to abhor contemporary arrangements of classical hymns, and now I seem to be embracing them. I giggle as I play.

Our past can be treasured, but we are called to move forward, to think beyond our traditions, beyond our boundaries, to imagine new ways of sharing Christ's love in our community. What is our nurturing God nudging us to do next?

May Christ nurture you and sustain you through this coming season of Advent,

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The prayers and sympathy of the congregation are extended to these families at the death of loved ones:

**Kathy Nelson**, who died Friday, 1 October  
Memorial service will be held at Luther Memorial on Saturday, 18 December at 1 p.m.

**Charles, "Chuck" Fick**, brother of Elaine Hardin, who died Thursday, 11 November  
Memorial service date and time yet to be determined

*Rest eternal grant them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

## In-Person & YouTube Live Stream Worship Sunday @ 10:30am

YouTube Live Stream Worship links and instructions:

For upcoming live stream event: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6reljQUFBuOvnbeAF31sA/live>. When the event goes live, you will be able to watch the event in real-time. When the event is complete, the event will be recorded and saved as a video.

For past events: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6reljQUFBuOvnbeAF31sA> will show the past events/videos for you to watch.

We suggest you subscribe our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6reljQUFBuOvnbeAF31sA>, then click on the bell icon to turn on the notifications, it will send you email notifications for upcoming events.

## LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE – Tuesday, 21 December 2021 at 7 p.m. on YouTube

Pastor Hoffman will be offering a “longest night” service once again this year for those who wish to worship and remember not only the joy of this season, but also the loss. Our faith is a faith that embraces the full realm of the human experience – life *and* death; sin *and* forgiveness; loss *and* hope. In a time when so much of the world is focused only on joy and celebration, this opportunity for worship is designed to give those who need a chance to grieve or lament an opportunity for time set apart for those very human needs. Bring a candle. Bring your faith. Christ will be there. A YouTube link will come out closer to the time of the service via the Midweek Update, and also be on the LMLC Website.

## Schedule of Advent and Christmas Services for November, December, January 2021:

Sunday, 28 November 2021

+Advent 1 In-Person and Live Stream Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 5 December 2021

+Advent 2 In-Person and Live Stream Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 12 December 2021

+Advent 3 In-Person and Live Stream Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, 18 December 2021

Celebration of Life for Kathy Nelson at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, 19 December 2021

+Advent 4 In-Person and Live Stream Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Friday, 24 December

+Christmas Eve

In-Person and Live Stream Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, 26 December

+The First Sunday after Christmas

In-Person and Live Stream Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, 2 January 2022

+The Second Sunday after Christmas

In-Person and Live Stream Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor Hoffman will be on vacation from Monday, 13 December 2021 through Monday, 2 January 2022. The services at Luther Memorial during that time will be led by Pastor Chris Ode. Services at Foss Home and Village will be led by a volunteer from another congregation. Pastor Gary Southerton will be on call for emergency pastoral care. An emergency contact number for Pr. Southerton is: 206.979.0199.

## 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)

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile and is taking the steps to begin looking at potential candidates. We will meet with Pastor Andy Yee on 11/13/21 to discuss the interview process and set up mock interviews before we interview the chosen candidates. We are hopeful to continue this process in a timely manner but will have a better timeline once we meet with Pastor Andy Yee.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### Worship Attendance for October, and November

Sunday, 3 October – 16  
Sunday, 10 October – 21  
Sunday, 17 October – 26  
Sunday, 24 October – 31  
Sunday, 31 October – 24  
Sunday, 7 November – 28  
Sunday, 14 November – 21

Monday, 4 October /Zoom - 5  
Monday, 11 October /Zoom - 8  
Monday, 18 October /Zoom - 5

# FINANCES

## LMLC Budget Snapshot for November

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 October 2021

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

Monthly Needed		October Receipts		Surplus/Deficit
\$17,593		\$12,209.16		(\$5,383.84)
October Actual Expenses		(Under)/Over Budget		Surplus/Deficit
\$11,132.52		(\$6,460.48)		\$1,076.64

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

This month, expenses remain steady. **Receipts this month exceeded expenses.** This is great! Payroll expenses continue to be less than budgeted, with the salary deduction of the Associate Pastor. Other employee compensation is increased due to office and technology (a wonderful addition to the smooth operation of all aspects of LMC).

# MINISTRY UPDATES

## Poinsettias for Christmas Season Worship

We're back in the sanctuary for worship this year, and with that comes the opportunity to provide a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one. You can use the coupon below and sent it to the church with your check, fill out a similar form at worship on a Sunday morning during the Advent season, or click on the GIVING link on the Luther Memorial website. Contributions toward poinsettias in any amount are welcome. Thank you!

## Year-End Giving

It's a pretty safe bet that most of us thought on New Year's Day 2021 that by New Year's Eve of 2021 we would be in quite a different place regarding the "come back" from Covid. We did not imagine that we would still be worshipping socially distanced, wearing masks, taking communion in our seats. But here we are.

Nonetheless, we at Luther Memorial have much for which to be grateful. BECAUSE OF YOU, neighbors to our west who might otherwise be without shelter have safe, warm accommodations. BECAUSE OF YOU, neighbors

throughout the area benefit from your generosity in continually providing food. The gardens are hearty. Relationships with our nearest neighbors are strong and getting stronger. BECAUSE OF YOU.

As we are situated among the world's people dealing with Covid, our blessings are significant. God has been generous to and through us.

As we take stock of all of this at year's end, as people so often do, it is a good time to express our gratitude for all the year's blessings. A gift to Luther Memorial's ministry is a wonderful way to make that gratitude tangible, and to position our congregation well for all that lies ahead in 2022.

A year-end gift to the general fund will help us end the year well and establish a solid foundation to welcome a new pastor in the year that lies ahead. However, should you wish to make a designated gift for any purpose, those are certainly welcomed, too. Gifts toward transition/moving expenses for the new pastor, or to the free little pantry, the music ministry, or anything else that touches your heart is always a blessing. Should you wish to discuss a particular area of need at LMLC, please feel free to have a chat about this with Council President Julie Moe, Treasurers Diane MacKechnie or Marilyn Enloe, or Pastor Hoffman.

Thanks in advance for considering a gift at year's end. BECAUSE OF YOU, Luther Memorial looks toward 2022 with hope and joy.

## STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

At their November Council meeting, your leaders adopted a proposed budget for 2022. While this budget will fluctuate and continue to develop between now and our annual meeting in January, it is a good, solid working document for the exciting year of ministry that lies ahead.

On **Sunday, 21 November**, following worship, there will be a brief Congregational Forum to introduce you to the budget for 2022 and distribute pledge materials for 2022. **BECAUSE OF YOU** is the stewardship theme this year, a theme that began to develop with the work of the Transition Team early in the spring. Their work on developing our asset maps is visible through the tri-panel display in the narthex. You should have a look!

**BECAUSE OF YOU** our ministry in 2022 will be strong and vibrant. Be with us on 21 November to learn more about it, and to learn about your part in it all.

Pledges for 2022 will be received at worship on the first two Sundays of December, the 5<sup>th</sup> and the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you in advance for your generous response.