



# LUTHER MEMORIAL

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## Quarterly Messenger

### Summer 2022



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## FROM PASTOR SARA FUNKHOUSER

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. –Isaiah 43:19*



We have been in a time of great transition, dear Luther Memorial Community. With how much has happened in the past month, it feels hard to believe that I have only been serving as your pastor here for the past few weeks. Between COVID, my ordination and installation, our first few worship services together, and the start of my time at Foss Home, I have certainly been busy in my time here and we have been through a lot of new experiences together.

When I was in the interviewing process with you all, I was invited to meet the Council and lead a devotion. I chose a portion of Isaiah that contained the reading above. Not only because this Isaiah reading happens to be both one of my favorites and the class verse for my graduating class at Wartburg Seminary, but also because Isaiah speaks to the process of transition. The prophet Isaiah speaks about things being similar to, but not the same as they were before because God is continually up to something new and is inviting us into that newness too.

In this time after Pentecost, we are able to reflect too on all the newness that God brought when God sent the Spirit to dwell among God's people. Things were not the same for the disciples after and they would not be the same moving forward, just as we too are called into the newness that God is working in the world and in our community.

We know some of what this newness will look like here at Luther Memorial, i.e. a new pastor, a deeper relationship with Foss Home, etc. but the rest we get to be open to listening to and figuring out together. So, thank you all for your grace and your patience. I know that pastoral transitions come with both excitement and some changes, as well as the process of building trust and developing relationships with one another.

From my first interview, I was able to tell that God is up to something in this community and I could feel the love that you all have for one another and this place. And, I have been anxiously awaiting the start of our ministry together! I am looking forward to continuing to learn what makes this place and you all so special and to seeing what God is calling us to together. I am so glad to finally be here as your Pastor!

Stay tuned for more information about different ways that we can connect this summer and spend some more time getting to know one another!

Peace,  
Pastor Sara Funkhouser

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## FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

**“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”  
Matthew 11:28**



Dear Luther Memorial Friends in Christ,

Sitting on my deck this morning, I leaned back and turned my face up to the very warm sunshine. Closing my eyes, I let go of everything on my current worry list and could almost feel Jesus sitting next to me on the bench, saying, “Drop all that on my lap. I’ve got you. Just breathe, and rest.”

Sometimes it’s difficult to let go of the worries, isn’t it? There is a lot to worry about in 2022. I began to type a list here, but I imagine that your own list of concerns is sure to echo mine, at least in part.

During our Pause for Prayer this week, we shared our prayers for so many people - those we know as well as those we will never meet - and for so many dire situations in our country and world where change is desperately needed. We spoke about our gratitude for God hearing our spoken prayers as well as all the ones written on our hearts. We shared a moment of sadness and frustration at the overwhelming needs of so many people.

But God nudges us to also pray with thanksgiving. To pray not just about all of the things that worry us, but to celebrate in prayer all that is going well. We have so much to be thankful for this summer! May I share my prayer of gratitude with you?

Dear God,

You have blessed us in innumerable ways and sometimes we forget to offer our thanks & praise in the midst of days filled with stress and worry. Today I give thanks to you for our Pastor Sara and her partner, Emily. Thank you for bringing the congregation of Luther Memorial new leadership, new energy, and new hopes for our future together. Thank you for our office administrator, Jian, for our musician, Cynthia, and for our bookkeeper, Terry. Thank you for Ben and Bryant, who work to keep our building clean. Thank you for all of the members and friends who share their various gifts and talents so faithfully. Thank you for those in government who lead with wisdom and integrity. Thank you for the moments where we are reminded of your abundant blessings in both ordinary and profound ways. Help us reach out to our neighbors with love and compassion.

Thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ, and for the gift of your Holy Spirit. Feed us, comfort us, sustain us, encourage us, and stir us to service in Your name. Amen.

Take care,  
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**Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:6-7**

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### 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/UC6reljQJuFBuOvnbeAF31sA/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/UC6reljQJuFBuOvnbeAF31sA> will show the past events/videos for you to watch.

We suggest you subscribe our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6reljQJuFBuOvnbeAF31sA>, then click on the bell icon to turn on the notifications, it will send you email notifications for upcoming events.

## OFFICE HOURS

**Monday:** 9:00am – 1:00pm (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

**Tuesday:** 9:00am-12:30pm, then @Foss 1pm-5pm (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

**Wednesday:** 9:00am – 3:00pm (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

**Thursday:** 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

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

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

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

### Recent Worship Attendance

Sunday, 5 June - 30

Sunday, 12 June - 29

Sunday, 19 June - Closed due to Pr. Sara's COVID

Sunday, 26 June - 28

Sunday, 3 July - 25

Sunday, 10 July – 36

# FINANCES

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 2022

Luther Memorial Annual Budget  $\$180,579 \div 12 = \$15,048$  per month needed

Monthly Needed		June Receipts		Surplus/Deficit
\$15,048		\$12,139.20		\$2,908.80
June Actual Expenses		(Under)/Over Budget		Surplus/Deficit Net Operating revenue
\$18,207.64		\$3,159.64		\$6,068.44

June expenses exceeded receipts this month. Payroll expenses will be higher each month as we move into our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of our budget.

The June receipts include designated/restricted income of \$3,353.32. Income (as well as expenditures) this month are higher due to grant money received for Kaleidoscope Play and Learn. Income/expenses flow through to support this program supported by LM.

This does reflect an amount in the total of the June receipts that are not used for general budget expenditures. This needs to be taken into consideration each month as we view our receipts for the month.

## News from your Property Committee

Summer is finally here! The warm weather with the intermittent rain is keeping things growing and green. Thanks to those who have adopted a garden and are serving Luther Memorial in their *Stewardship to the Earth*.

### Thank you to:

- Lollie and Vicki for making the front entrance welcoming,
- Matthew Smith for mowing the lawn,
- Mary Hinderliter for tiding up the lavender on the walkway and planting the beautiful flowers beneath the sign,
- Rosemary and Jerry Semrau for keeping the garden on the west side of the parking lot walkway weeded...what a job it was to dead head all those Rhododendrons!
- Laurie Meade, Leia Smith, and Lynne Greenup continue to work with those who have garden plots
- Laurie and Bill Meade for their continued care of attending to the little things that need to get done and picking up around the property

If I missed someone, thank you! You are appreciated!

Do you have a few hours to spare to dig in the dirt? It truly takes a village to care for the surrounding property of LMC. Many hands make light work. The garden by the Sanctuary windows on the parking lot side needs some tender loving care. We could also use some more volunteers to mow the lawn.

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or ask Laurie Meade or Marilyn Enloe.

### **Worship Assistants:**

Are you a worship assistant, have you been a worship assistant in the past, or are interested in becoming one now? As we make the pastoral transition, we are trying to make sure we know who is interested in assisting with worship on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in being a lector, usher, assisting minister, or registrar, please email Pastor Sara at [pastorsara@luthermemoralseattle.com](mailto:pastorsara@luthermemoralseattle.com) with the roles that you would be interested in and she will be in contact with you about getting you in the assistant rotation!

### **Laptop/Tablet:**

Do you have an old laptop or tablet sitting around that you don't use any more? Consider donating it to Luther Memorial! We are looking for donations of a used laptop to be used for Live-streaming worship and a used tablet to be used for registration on Sunday mornings. Contact Jian at [office@luthermemoralseattle.com](mailto:office@luthermemoralseattle.com) if you have any questions.

### **Summer Gatherings:**

Join us once a month this summer for some gatherings focused on two of Pastor Sara's favorite things: fellowship and food! More details about times and locations to come, but for now know that our plan is to have a gathering at a different location once a month for July and August, culminating in a potluck at church in September to kick-off our fall ministries.

July 23rd: Edmonds (either at a park or a restaurant)

August 13th: Shoreline (either at a park or a restaurant)

September 10th: Potluck at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church!