



LUTHER MEMORIAL

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Quarterly Messenger

Fall 2022



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FROM PASTOR SARA FUNKHOUSER

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. -John 14: 27

As we continue in “Ordinary Time” in the church’s liturgical year, I know that these times feel both ordinary and not, as we begin our transition to fall. It feels like just last week I was beginning my time as pastor with you all, and here we are preparing for all of the fall activities to start. I am looking forward to gathering with you all in fellowship and educational opportunities to enrich our whole community!



I have always loved this from John because Jesus is promising the coming of the “Advocate,” the Holy Spirit to remain with the disciples. What a beautiful image of our relational God to bring with us into this new season in our church’s life together. And, he is reminding us that the relationship we have with God is different from the relationship that we have with the world. Yet, we are still people who live in the world. We live in community with one another and we get to wrestle with how to live out our faith in the world, yet Christ promises that his peace will dwell with us.

I am so grateful for my call to this community and the love and support that you all have shown me as I have begun my time here as pastor. Even when it can be scary to begin new things, I have felt Christ’s peace coming from all of you in this transition. So, as we move toward fall and another time of transition, we will continue to embark on new activities and deepen relationships in our neighborhood, and we ask for Christ’s peace to dwell with us in those moments too! I cannot wait to see where God continues to lead us in our relationship with one another and our community neighbors.

No matter what lies ahead of us, we can trust in Christ’s promise of peace. I have found that when my to-do list is getting long or I am stuck on what to say next in sermons or communications updates, I go and sit in the sanctuary and take in the peacefulness of it all. Christ is truly present in this place and among us in our daily lives. So, as we move into another time of life here in our congregation and in our lives, I hope that you feel Christ’s peace that rests upon you this day and always and that you are able to take a moment or two to just dwell in that peace!

Peace,
Pastor Sara Funkhouser

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FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Luther Memorial Friends in Christ,

Today (8/31) is my dad's birthday! Ole Jordan Moe would be 102 years old today. I am filled with happy memories, many of them right here at Luther Memorial. Dad loved God with all his heart and he loved this congregation. I was just talking with my sister, Christine, about how he treasured the traditional, "high church" rituals, but he'd occasionally surprise us with his embrace of more contemporary ideas.



I try to imagine Dad here, in 2022, and wonder what he would think of all that has occurred since his last Sunday in church 32 years ago. So much has changed, yet our primary calling, our mission, remains the same. As I sat here early this morning, trying not to stress over the as yet unwritten letter to you all, the words & music from this hymn seeped into my sleepy mind.

"We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God." (David Hass)

One of the most transparent ways we show our love and service is through our Little Free Pantry ministry. Pastor Sara & I are meeting with Mary H. and Diane C. to fine-tune our purchasing practices in order to be better stewards of this vital community resource. We are also searching for community partners that may work with us to supplement the pantry with food items and/or monetary support. Please let us know if *you* have any resource connections!

One way we can help feed our neighbors while also helping to reduce our home clutter (I'm pointing to myself here!) is to participate in the church Rummage Sale on September 18th. Bring your gently used, unwanted items to church and we will use the proceeds from the sale to bolster our pantry budget.

While brainstorming with Pastor Sara, we focused on "multi-benefit" events. A rummage sale benefits our members in reducing clutter, aids our neighbors in finding something useful for their homes at a reasonable price, and helps our neighbors when they can access a well-stocked pantry. How about a benefit concert? We can plan a lovely evening of live music in our sanctuary and collect a free will offering that will support the pantry. How about a special dinner in Celebration Hall? (Gordon, are you listening?!) It could be a fancy \$\$/plate feast with proceeds going towards our food ministry, and/or we could host a community potluck with a free will offering. Ideally, I'd love to see us move towards hosting a soup supper once a month for our neighbors. There are so many ways to make meaningful connections within our community! What are *your* ideas? If you have an idea to share, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Take care,
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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, 31 July - 20

Sunday, 7 August - 27

Sunday, 14 August - 36

Sunday, 21 August - 17

Sunday, 28 August - 29

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

Quarterly Financial Snapshot for **April through June 2022**

Luther Memorial Annual Budget $\$180,579 \div 4 = \$45,144$ per quarter

Quarterly Budget		April-June Receipts		Surplus/ Deficit
\$45,144		\$ 36,607		\$8,537
April-June Actual Expenses		(Under)/Over Budget		Surplus/ Deficit Net Operating revenue
45,822		\$678		\$9, 215

When looking at a quarterly financial accounting of the budget, the incoming revenues fall short of the total expenses. This is a trend for this time of year. Monthly expenses spike at different times of the year. Revenue also has its ups and downs. All are encouraged to be diligent in our giving when possible.

News from your Property Committee

We are working with James Culver to learn more about navigating the operation of the thermostat for the new furnace. He has been such a great support. The furnace has an air circulation fan that brings in more clean air. This has been set to come on, Sunday mornings. We should feel a difference. Thank you, Jian, for being part of the conversation. So much to learn.

There is a thought of having a fall clean-up to prepare the outdoor gardens for winter. It would be our hope to gather a few helpers to accomplish this task. More information to come.

Thank you:

- to the continued care of the gardens around the church by *Stewardship to the Earth* adopted garden volunteers.
- to volunteers who have helped those with garden plots, to begin cleaning out the summer plants. These garden boxes make the front of the church so inviting.
- to Laurie and Bill Meade for their continued care of attending to the little things that need to get done.
- to Dougie Dyer for fixing the railing of the stairs leading up from the parking lot. Dougie has also helped problem solve an electrical plug issue in the office. We may need to seek the services of an electrician.
- to Laurie for cutting down the large shrub by the pantry. It is a constant area for hiding garbage. The trunk will be removed, giving a possible space to move over the pantry cupboard. This will eliminate a hiding space.

Do you have a few hours to spare? We could use some more volunteers to mow the lawn in September and October. Please see the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or ask Laurie Meade or Marilyn Enloe.

Thank you for all your support. Please feel free to notify us of any issues that may need our attention.

Marilyn and Laurie.

Fall Education and Fellowship Opportunities

Book Club: Are you interested in reading new books and discussing them with others in our community? Join Pastor Sara for a weekly Book Club on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 P.M. on Zoom! The group will make plans from how much to read each week, what books to read, etc. once we begin gathering. To get us started though, we will have our first meeting on Wednesday, September 21st to discuss the first 51 pages (through chapter ix) of *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Feel free to invite friends and family you think would be interested in joining too.

Coffee and Conversation: Join Pastor Sara at 10:00 A.M. on the 4th Saturday of every month for a time for coffee (or tea) and fellowship at different coffee shops in the area! Our first gathering will be on Saturday, September 24th at Diva Espresso on 145th and Greenwood. All are welcome to join!

Seekers: We are bringing back a decades long tradition of fellowship and Bible study at Luther Memorial! Beginning on Wednesday, October 12th from 9:30-11:00 A.M., you are invited to an in-person time of fellowship and casual study of Scripture at LMLC. All are welcome to attend; no Bible expertise needed!

LMLC Fall Activities Schedule

Potluck

September 10th
5:00 P.M.
Luther Memorial

Book Club

Begins September 21st
Wednesdays 2:00-3:00 P.M.
Zoom

1st Week of Confirmation

October 2nd
Escape Room
with Maple Leaf Lutheran

Garage Sale

September 18th
1:00-5:00 P.M.
Luther Memorial Parking Lot

Coffee & Conversation

Begins September 24th
10:00 A.M.
4th Saturday of Every Month
Diva Espresso
(145th and Greenwood)

Seekers

October 12th
Wednesdays 9:30-11:00 A.M.
Luther Memorial

Luther Memorial Church Rummage Sale

Sunday, September 18th

All proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry ministry!

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Organize & Price Items

Saturday, September 17th

10:00 - 1:00 (or as much time as you can offer)

Please begin bringing your donations to church! We will store them in the room across the hall from the Sunday School room. All types of items are welcome - kitchen items, tools, books, movies, knick-knacks, small furnishings, clothing... just make sure all items donated are clean and gently used.

We have a small team that will work on organizing and pricing the items on Saturday, September 17th. If you're able to stop by and help for a bit, please do!

Any left over items from the sale will be donated to Goodwill or a similar organization. If you'd rather pick up your unsold items, please be at church at 5:00 p.m. on the 18th.

We have pre-printed price stickers, paper grocery bags, tables, and a cashier! (Thank you, Dave C!)

We need more volunteers to:

- Help us price and organize items on the 17th
- Help carry out and set up tables on the 18th
- Help monitor the tables during the sale (1-2 people sitting at each table)
- Help take down/clean up after the sale at 5:00 on the 18th

If you're able to help with any of these tasks, even for just a short time, please contact Julie Moe (425.697.0723) and let her know!