

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community



Messenger

October, 2019

All are welcome at Luther Memorial.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS & GENEROSITY

Pastor Julie & Team,

From the bottom of my heart I want to thank you for your hospitality and discipleship. I appreciate the genuine warmth and welcome you all have given us at Compass Broadview. Thank you for your part in the block party. The food was delicious, the people were so nice and attentive.

I especially thank you for the donated backpacks and school supplies given to our children I can only speak for myself when I say I totally forgot; when I did remember I didn't have the money anymore. You and your team has taken so much pressure off of me. I want you all to know that you are greatly appreciated by my child and I.

I would like to volunteer one hour or two to a needed service to show my gratitude... May God bless you and your congregation with your hearts desires and beyond your wildest dreams.

With lots of appreciation and gratitude, Tiarra and Tahrome



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Mank you

October 15 is the deadline for articles in the November issue.

PJ's Page

One of my pet peeves is when people say that a parent is "babysitting" their child. Even if one is not the primary caregiving parent, one never "babysits" one's own child. It's just called being a parent.

In a similar way, there's really no such thing as "volunteering" at church. Because we are all a part of this community of faith, we don't volunteer, we serve. That service is a part of our stewardship, our giving back, in this case, of our time and talents.

Erin Wathen writes about this in an article for Patheos. "I balk at the secular nature of what it means to volunteer. To volunteer means that you are an outside resource, stepping in to help an organization in need. Volunteering is what we do when we pick up trash at the park, or build a house with Habitat, or help sort food at the local food pantry. In other words, it's what you do at a place that is important to you – but not at a place that belongs to you."

Luther Memorial belongs to you.

There are a number of ministries at Luther Memorial in need of servants to give of their time and talent. Our Facilities and Maintenance Team needs folks who are handy with a hammer OR who wouldn't mind being available to contact repair and maintenance folks when we have an issue that needs the professionals!

Our Worship and Music Team needs people to prepare and clean up after communion. This isn't a complicated task, but it is a holy one. We provide lots of instruction and support and no special skills are needed.

We are also hoping that additional folks will serve as Assisting Ministers in worship. A training session is scheduled for October 13th after worship.

We always welcome those who'd like to serve as song leaders, ushers, or readers in worship as well.

We are asking for people to make coffee and provide snacks for our Sunday morning social hour.

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I hope you'll give some thought to where and how you'd like to offer your gifts and talents and time in service to this wonderful community we all call ours.

Grace and peace, Pastor Julie Hutson +

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

Beginning October 20th, we will offer prayers for healing every third Sunday following worship, in the Chapel. Such prayers may be for oneself, a friend, a family member, or for a particularly troubling issue, or for the world.

Recently, the news has been horrifying to watch in many ways. We hear stories about another mass shooting, police brutality, violence and crime, and we see images of children sleeping in cages. I am most haunted by those images of children in cages who have gone without a bath and proper medical care all while being separated from their parents. Images of 2 years old's sitting before a judge expected to answer the judge's questions about their legal status. This is horrifying. I often feel hopeless and sad when I see these images or read these stories as I don't know what else I can do to help.

Just as I was feeling hopeless, I received an email from Chris. Chris told me that he had passed our church a number of times and appreciated our reader board. As a member of the Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network, Chris thought it would be a perfect opportunity to host a session on immigration justice at Luther Memorial.

During this time in our country when it is so easy to feel hopeless and lost, I hope you will join us on October 7th at 7pm to learn more about immigration justice. We will spend an hour together learning about the current immigration system and how we can put our faith into action for a more just system. This night together will not solve each issue with our immigration system but it will be a start for us to learn together and dream about what a just immigration system can and will look like some day. I'll see you October 7th at 7pm.

Peace, Laura Harris-Ferree



PET BLESSING

This year we are trying something new in honor of St. Frances of Assisi.

Throughout the month of October, you can pick up

a "Take Home Pet Blessing" kit in the narthex. The bags will include a special litany and prayers for your pet (they will NOT respond in the bold print, though!), a treat, and some reflections about what it means to be owned by our pets.

If you would like Pastor Julie or Laura to come by your home to do an individual pet blessing, they would LOVE to do that! (Laura will bless all cats, as PJ has a severe cat allergy.) Please email PJ at <u>pastor@luthermemorialseattle.com</u> or Laura at <u>Outreach@luthermemorialseattle.com</u> to make arrangements.

LMLC News and Events

Happy October Birthdays!

- 2 Dorothy Lundahl
- 9 Sharon Howell

- 22 Mary Walters
- 28 Bruce Hutson

10 Arne Einess

31 Robert Johnson

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Lynne & Claude Greenup



Operation Brown Bag

Lunches are handed out Monday-Friday, 10 am—Noon to anyone who is hungry. Our volunteers prepare a well-rounded sack lunch for this program.

The following items are typical of what goes into the sack lunches:

- **Proteins** Small can of Vienna sausage, packet of tuna or salmon, a tuna or chicken salad lunch and cracker kit. (Must be able to be opened without a can opener).
- Fruit Fruit cup, applesauce or raisins.
- Drink Juice box or pouch. Additional bottle of water, when available.
- **Dessert** Pudding cup, gelatin cup or small pack of cookies.
- Grains Small bag of chips, package of crackers, and/or a granola bar.
- **Care Items** We always hand out individually wrapped hand wipes i.e. Wet-Ones. In colder weather, fall/winter we give out hand warmers, lip balm and extra water if we have them available.

If you'd like to donate supplies, please drop them off at the church. If you'd like to ASSEMBLE lunches, please email/call the office to get starting directions. Lunches can be made at any time that you have time available to volunteer!

THANK YOU to all the current volunteers and those donating items!!! This ministry wouldn't be possible without YOU!



WHAT CAN WE DO TO SUPPORT IMMIGRANT JUSTICE?

Have you been hearing about the cruel treatment of immigrants in our country? Are you wanting to help but don't know where to start? Come out and learn more about how the immigration justice system works nationally, locally, and how you can get involved in the struggle for a more just world!

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MON, OCT 7, 2019 7:00-8:00pm

FREE (donations accepted)

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LMLC News

STUDY GROUP: FAMILY MATTERS

What role do you play in your family? Are you the problem solver? The planner? The mischief maker? How does your family talk about hard things? Shout at the dinner table? Calmly and rationally? Or...not at all?

Family dynamics teach us about ourselves and the way we operate in the world. Scripture is filled with stories of "interesting" families. For three Thursday evenings in October we will gather to do some work around our own family systems, hear stories of families in Scripture, and imagine our way through them all. Thursday, October 10, 17, and 24 6-7:30pm



BOOK BRIGADE (LMLC book club)

Join us on Sunday, October 13 at 9:30 | Book of Choice Come and discuss whatever you've been reading!

FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE

Are you handy with a hammer? Can you change a light bulb? Do you know some basics about upkeep of buildings and grounds? The Facilities and Maintenance Ministry Team is looking for new members. This team generally meets once a month, on the **third Tuesday of the month at 5pm**. It supports Mary Chamberlin, who works on Facilities from a staff level, and works with Pastor Julie as well. If you are interested, please speak to Pastor Julie or send her an email at <u>pastor@luthermemorialseattle.com</u>



TRUNK OR TREAT

If your neighborhood is anything like mine (writes Pastor Julie) you have fewer and fewer trick or treaters coming to the door. I miss seeing the kids in costume and giving them candy, but absolutely understand the changes in our society that have brought about kids and their parents finding other options besides literally taking candy from strangers.

Enter...TRUNK OR TREAT! This year, on Halloween afternoon, after school is out (exact time TBD) LMLC folks are invited to decorate the

trunks or cargo spaces of their cars for Halloween, wear a costume, and hand out candy to the kids at Compass Broadview. This will be a GREAT opportunity for us all to interact! We'll also have some special snacks for their grown ups.

Bruce and I are already dreaming what we'll dress up as and how we'll decorate the car! We hope you'll join us! \sim PJ+

LMLC News and Events

FIRST SUNDAY FAITH FORUM

First Sunday Faith Forum returns on **Sunday, October 6th, at 9:30am in Celebration Hall**. This month we will welcome our own Catherine Fransson as she talks about the journey that eventually became her book <u>Loving the Enemy: When the Favorite Parent Dies First</u>. While it's not necessary to read the book ahead of time, it is a fascinating and easy read and is available at booksellers both local and online.

MUSIC NOTES

Beginning October 13th, Chrade Younkin will be directing the choir and serving as our musician during worship, through the end of the calendar year. Chrade previously served as Musician, and bass section leader at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on Mercer Island. We are delighted to have Chrade with us!

The LMLC Choir is singing in worship once again (except for the first Sunday of every month). If you are interested in singing with the choir, join them for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 9:15am.



ASSISTING MINISTER INFORMATION & TRAINING

Are you interested in learning more about how to serve as an Assisting Minister in worship? Join Pastor Julie **after worship on Sunday, October 13th**, for a introduction to this ministry as well as some practical training.

THE CHAPEL

We are so pleased that our beautiful chapel space is complete and available for use by everyone. It is intended as a more intimate space for prayer, reflection, and small group use for worship and contemplative practices together. Prayer candles, Scripture, art, and other ways to help us deepen our spiritual practices will be available in the chapel. It is open at all times for folks with door codes to access the building. It is open from 9am-2pm every weekday for the community at large.



REFORMATION

On October 27th, we will celebrate Reformation Sunday with Festival Worship for Reformation, followed by a pot-luck lunch afterward in Celebration Hall. <u>Bring a dish to share and plan to join us for some</u> <u>Reformation fun and games!</u> This gathering will also be our Fall Forum and include an opportunity to hear more about what is happening in the life and ministry of Luther Memorial.

ELCA Prayer Ventures



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

1 Give thanks for ELCA Disability Ministries and its work of connecting and assisting congregations, ministries and members to invite all people into full participation in this church and in the world. Pray that the Spirit will enrich and further the work and advocacy of intellectual and developmental disabilities ministries, mental illness ministries, deaf ministries, and blindness and visual impairment ministries.

2 Give thanks for the reelection of Presiding Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton and pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen her faith and will grant her wisdom, compassion and vision for the ministry of leadership to which she has been called.

3 Pray for our congregations that serve neighbors in need through food and clothing pantries, community meals, homeless shelters, community gardens, employment assistance and partnerships with local churches and organizations.

4 St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226. Pray that our faith and lives may exemplify Francis' simplicity, service, respect for others and care for creation and all creatures.

5 Remember in prayer the Rev. Elizabeth Johnson, the Rev. Brian Palmer, the Rev. Linda Johnson Seyenkulo, Elie Sanda, Arnie and Willibroad Langdji, and James and Lorreva Foster — ELCA missionaries serving in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon, the Lutheran Church in Liberia and the Lutheran World Federation in health care, development, women's and youth ministries, Bible translation and literacy, and primary, secondary and theological education.

6 Pray that, as people of faith and disciples of Christ, we may demonstrate through our words, actions and service a spirit of humility that expects no reward, recognition or repayment.

7 Praise God for the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association and the Christian Education Network of the ELCA, organizations that support, advocate for and equip Lutheran schools, educators, professionals and volunteers involved in faith formation ministries through our congregations and partner organizations.

8 Pray for the people of Puerto Rico, that their hope will be renewed and sustained; that they will have good, just governance and smooth transitions between political leaders; and that they will experience progress in their economic recovery and their long -term recovery from Hurricane Maria. Ask God to bless the ministry, service and witness of the Iglesia Evangélica Luterana en América Sinodo del Caribe (Caribbean Synod), its leaders and its congregations. These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church. Thank you for your continued prayers for the life and mission of this church.

9 Consider how our faith in Jesus Christ, God's grace, the word of God, the witness of other people of faith and the calling we have through our baptism has influenced and changed us — and give thanks!

10 Thank God for the ways our church engages its members and leaders in discernment, biblical study and reflection, prayerful decisions and commitments, and teachings that help us grow in understanding of how our faith intersects with daily life and society. Pray that the recently approved social statement Faith, Sexism, and Justice: A Call to Action will guide and inspire us to act on a range of issues, including gender-based violence, workplace discrimination and economic inequality.

11 We are a church that believes the God-given gifts of science and technology should be used to respect and promote communities, life and human dignity. Pray that the Spirit will guide us in conversations about how faith and science intersect and that we will be mindful of the impact of technology intended and unintended — on humanity and creation.

12 Ask for God's help to resist the temptations of envy and greed that draw us away from trusting God and committing our lives and endeavors to God.

13 Just as the one leper returned to thank and praise Jesus for healing him, we pray that we, too, will be eager to thank, praise and worship God for God's miraculous, awesome love and healing presence in our lives.

14 Remember in prayer our ELCA missionaries working in education, evangelism, parish ministries, and lay and pastoral leadership development with our companions in Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Norway and the United Kingdom.

15 St. Teresa of Ávila, 1515-1582 St. Theresa was known for her life of contemplation and prayer, her theological reflection and writing, and her strong identification with people suffering poverty and illness. Remember the people who have helped shape our faith, values and life, and pray that, through the work of the Spirit, our faith, example and service will have a positive influence on our neighbors, the church, society and the world.

16 Pray for the members who serve on their congregation councils, that God will help them lead with wisdom, vision and compassion as they guide and manage their communities of faith for mission.

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17 Remember God's just and merciful works throughout history, the help and compassion we receive, the gifts and resources that sustain our lives, and the new covenant made with us in Jesus Christ.

18 Pray for the countries of Central America, especially for children and youth who are traumatized by violence and have fled to other countries; for an end to gang violence and drug trafficking; for a more just distribution of wealth; and for Christians and communities of faith to have courage and persistence in living out the gospel.

19 Pray that we will seek ways of supporting and affirming youth and family ministers in their work of faith formation, equipping young people with life skills, engaging young people in service, supporting parents and inspiring and encouraging new leaders.

20 Pray that the Spirit will make us persistent and fearless in our prayers, especially on behalf of people who long for justice, mercy, peace and relief from suffering.

21 Look around and listen to the people you have encountered today. Remember in your prayers their joys, struggles, questions and sorrows.

22 Pray for the Lutheran World Federation's global study of contemporary Lutheran identities as they are lived in the local contexts of Lutheran churches, and for the leaders now gathering for "We Believe in the Holy Spirit: Global Perspectives on Lutheran Identity," a global consultation hosted by the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

23 Pray that we will be bold witnesses, evangelists and teachers inspired, equipped and sent by the Spirit and our sisters and brothers in Christ to proclaim the gospel and to counsel, encourage and help people to discern truth from falsehood.

24 Give thanks for the ELCA's long-standing commitment to interreligious and ecumenical relations that promote understanding among Christians and greater unity among Christ's people.

25 With humility and gratitude, give thanks to God, the creator of all that exists, for being our sure and trustworthy help throughout life.

26 Give thanks for musicians, composers and writers who share their gifts and skills to help us give expression to our faith and worship and to praise God together through hymns, music, songs and liturgies. 27 Reformation Sunday Praise God! Give thanks that Jesus the light and truth given for the world — sets us free from sin and the bondage of death, and transforms us for lives of love, mercy, peacemaking, serving our neighbor and sharing the good news with everyone.

28 Pray that our church's relationships with the Lutheran World Federation, the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches of Christ will continue to grow, and that we will share resources and utilize people's diverse voices and gifts to do God's work in the world and serve our neighbor.

29 Give thanks for the message of the apostle Paul — which had a profound impact on Martin Luther and the foundational beliefs of our church — that we are all flawed and broken human beings yet are reconciled to God by God's gift of mercy and love in Jesus Christ.

30 Pray for the witness of the nine young people serving alongside the Lutheran Church of Australia as part of the ELCA Young Adults in Global Mission program; the Rev. Kim Crawford and Rev. Henry Martinez, YAGM country coordinators; and the Rev. Sara Bishop, ELCA missionary serving in parish ministry.

31 Reformation Day Remember the reforming work and teachings of Martin Luther, who sought to re-center the church, its theology and its practices in Scripture and the gospel. Pray that the church today will always discern how best to participate in God's work in the world, to share the gospel in changing contexts and to reform our church, its practices and its traditions in response to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit for the sake of mission.

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Synod News

The Spirit

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Thursdays in Black By Bishop Shelley Bryan Wee, NW Washington Synod / ELCA



For the next several months, as I am able, I will raise up issues, resolutions, actions and memorials that were taken at the 2019 ELCA Churchwide Assembly. This month I am focusing on the ELCA's Commitment to the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

Several years ago I sat in the window seat on a plane. The plane ride was long. Fourteen hours long. The man next to me struck up a conversation. We talked for a while. I then fell asleep. When I woke up it was dark in the plane's cabin. No lights were on. Everyone appeared to be sleeping. But the man's head was resting on my shoulder. Thinking he would be embarrassed when he awoke, I gently tried to move my shoulder away from him in order to give him more space. Instead, this man woke up and with his face right next to mine he attempted to kiss me while groping me. I was caught between this man and the wall of the plane. Why I didn't notify the flight attendant is still a mystery to me. Instead, I somehow pushed my way out to the aisle and wandered through the plane wondering what to do. Honestly, I couldn't think. Eventually I returned to my window seat and sat as close to the window as possible, as far away from the man as possible, putting a barrier of sweater, blanket, and pillow between me and the man.

You know, with the amount of violence and harm that happens to women throughout the world, this is a small story. Unfortunately, many women have much worse stories to tell. This is why this month I want to lift up the important action that took place at the 2019 Churchwide Assembly. The assembly voted to adopt a resolution to support the World Council of Church's "Thursdays in Black" campaign toward a world without rape and violence.

In its simplest form, this means wearing black on Thursdays declaring our support through words and actions towards a world without rape and violence. The color black was chosen as a color of strength. As the WCC's *Thursdays in Black* website states, "Often *black* has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign *Black* is used as a color of resistance and resilience."

I invite you all to wear black on Thursdays. I hope that you will look at the website and see the materials available for you and for your congregation. (The link to the website is <u>www.oikoumene.org/en/get-involved</u>). Especially, I strongly encourage and advocate that we all work towards a world where there is no more rape or violence against any



vulnerable population. As WCC's *Thursdays in Black* website states, "We all have a responsibility to speak out against violence, to ensure that women and men, boys and girls, are safe from rape and violence in homes, schools, work, streets – in all places in our societies."

In the synod office, we have ordered pins that you are welcome to wear each Thursday. We hope that you come and visit the office and pick up a pin. Even more, beloved Children of God, I pray that God grants us courage and strength as we work towards peace, wholeness, justice, and love.

In God's Peace and Joy, Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee

Worship

Readings for October

October 6 17th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 Psalm 37:1-9 2 Timothy 1:1-14 Luke 17:5-10 October 13 18th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c Psalm 111 2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17:11-19 October 20 19th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

October 27 Sunday of the Reformation

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22 Sirach 35:12-17 (alternate) Psalm 84:1-7 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18



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Worship servers are scheduled on the 15th of the preceding month by Pastor Julie. If you have dates when you do NOT wish to be scheduled, please let her or the office know before the 15th. <u>If there is a scheduling</u> <u>conflict, please find a substitute from among the additional names on the schedule.</u>

	10/6	10/13	10/22	10/27
Assisting Minister	Steve Olson	Steve Olson	Laura Harris-Ferree	Laura Harris-Ferree
Lector	Shirley Teuber-Goins	Cathy Fransson	Andrew Wesley	Steve Olson
Acolyte	Jed TerHark	Payton Johnson	Joshua Lingappaiah	Lillian Long
Communion /Altar	Vicki Cook			
Greeters and Ushers	Bill & Laurie Meade	Lollie Ellingson Lynne Greenup	Ardene Adams & Cathy Fransson	Mary Hinderliter & Eric Zoeckler
Song Leader	n/a	Leia Smith	Shirley Teuber-Goins	Julie Moe
Musician		Chrade Younkin		
Closer	Donna Smith	Raj Lingappaiah	Bill Meade	Bruce Hutson



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