

# LUTHER MEMORIAL Iutheran church



# Messenger

### November 2012

Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community



All are welcome at Luther Memorial! Please join us for Worship, Sundays at 10 am!

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### PJ's Page



It is a gift, month of November by remembering the saints who have gone before us. As is customary in our community of faith,

you are invited to bring photos and other mementoes to share in our All Saints display in the narthex. Although we will first see the display on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, All Saints Sunday, the display will remain in the narthex throughout the month of November. We remember with great thanksgiving and gratitude the lives of the saints from this congregation who have died in the past year, including Dick Chapman, Earlene Taylor, Anne Hollister, and Barbara Siem. We give thanks to God for the many ways their lives were witnesses to the Gospel.

During the month of November society offers us many reminders that it is a season of thankfulness. As our nation celebrates the national holiday of Thanksgiving, we in the church come to the end of the church year. We have observed with gusto Reformation Sunday, remembered the saints, and observed Christ the King. Soon, the new liturgical year (church year) will begin again.

In November we will continue our indeed, to begin the Stewardship emphasis that began on Oct. 21<sup>st</sup>. This year, as you well know by now, we offer our Gifts of Gratitude. We have given thanks for the gift of the Church, and we will give thanks for the Communion of Saints, our Ministry Partners, and the gifts of this congregation. We will remember how vitally and critically important the work of ministry is to the neighborhood, the city, and the world. Your gifts, given in gratitude to God, will enable our work to continue.

> We have numerous opportunities to offer our thanks and praise this month and I commend them all to you! From our Sunday worship services, to the Cora voce Concert, to the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, I hope you will take time to come into a community of faith and offer your gratitude.

> Whenever I think of those things for which I am grateful, know that you are among them. Each one of you is so vitally important to our ministry and mission at Luther Memorial. How blessed we are by your gifts of prayer, song, study, friendship, food, laughter, smiles, service, and love.

> Lord God, our hearts are crowded with gratitude at this time of Thanksgiving! We gather at your table and at our tables with joy and eagerness, for we are truly grateful for all

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of your wonders and workings. We thank you for the great generosity of your gifts, especially for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Let us be servants to all and be always mindful of those who are without food or a home. We thank you for the communion of saints, who, though not gathered around table, feast forever at your holy table. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

With deepest gratitude,

Pastor Juli Hokon +

### Our Beautiful Church The Ernst Schwidder Project

Recently we were contacted about the beautiful carving that is displayed in the Narthex, as well as the panels on the Sanctuary doors. They are the work of Ernst Schwidder, (1931-1998), that created liturgical art all over the country. Three former Pastors are working on a project to record, interpret, and promote appreciation of his art with "The Ernst Schwidder Project".



#### November Bible Study

Join us on Thursday evenings in November (but not on Thanksgiving Day) for a study of the book of Daniel. Daniel has much to offer and speaks an important word about faithful living. Although it was written more than two thousand years ago it still asks us to consider to whom we owe our ultimate allegiance.



Come, bring your questions and your curiosity! November 1,8,15, and 29. 6 pm!



#### **First Sunday Faith Forum**

On **November 4,** Lutheran Peace Fellowship will be with us at 9am for the First Sunday Faith Forum. Come join our Ministry Partner for this time of conversation! They will also have a display in the narthex on that morning.

#### **Reconciling In Christ**

Luther Memorial welcomes representatives from Reconciling Works to our worship service on **November 4.** Following worship we will enjoy a celebratory reception in the narthex as we mark our official status as a RIC congregation!



#### All Saints' Sunday



On **Sunday, November 4,** we will remember the communion of saints, both past and present. We will also remember those who have died during the past year in the life of this community of faith, as well as those who were baptized into the community of faith during this year.

You are invited to participate in a month long remembrance of the saints by adding your photos and mementoes to the All Saints' display in the narthex.

### Around the LMLC Office

On **November 5**, your office staff will be on retreat for the day, tending to planning items for the months ahead. A volunteer will be in the office from 11 am - 2 pm. In the event of a pastoral emergency, please call Pastor Julie on her cell phone.

The Office is closed for Veteran's Day on Nov. 12, and for Thanksgiving on November 22 & 23.

#### **Compass Housing Alliance**

On **November 11**, we welcome Pastor Mary Lindberg from Compass Housing Alliance, as we give thanks for our Ministry Partners. Please come and welcome her during our worship service as we give thanks for their ministry, which is, in part supported by your gifts to this congregation.

#### **Advent Cheer Baskets**

During the Advent season Pastor Julie and Vicar Inge will be taking Advent cheer baskets to our members who are unable to leave their homes. We hope these will be a small sign of our affection for those among us who we no longer get to see in worship. The baskets will be assembled during the **9 am** hour on **December 2**.

Suggested items are candy (consider sugar free!), small gifts,

ornaments, notes, and booklets. If you would like to donate something for these 15 baskets, please bring it to the church starting on **November 18.** Better yet, bring it with you and help us assemble the Advent Cheer Baskets!

#### Cora Voce is back on November 18!

On Sunday afternoon, **November 18 at 3:30 pm**, Cora Voce, the 40-voice Tacoma-based civic choir that Paul Olsen sings in will return to Luther Memorial for its annual fall concert. As it was last year, this will also be a fund-raiser for Luther Memorial's Youth Group, so look for a youth representative after church to buy your tickets.

The concert will include selections from the Alfred Burt Carols, as well as anthems by Benjamin Britten, Herbert Howells, and other composers. Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for seniors and students. The Cora Voce concert was a wonderful experience for those of us who attended it last year, so get your tickets (from the Youth Group) and invite your friends!!







#### Sing Through the Church Year

On Christ the King Sunday, **November 25**, we will sing our way through the church year during worship, observing with joy all of the seasons of the church year in our readings and in our music. Don't miss the festive worship service that ends the church year!

#### LMLC Website Makeover!

Please take a look at the makeover that has been done to our website! Many thanks to Christy Watson (once again), for all the hard work. If you see something that needs correction, or have ideas for the website, please email the office.

www.luthermemorialseattle.com office@luthermemorialseattle.com

#### Welcome New Members!

On Sunday, September 16, we were pleased to welcome new members at Luther Memorial.



We are blessed by their presence with us and welcome them warmly to this community of faith. Over the next months, we will offer a brief bit of information about our newest members in The Messenger. In this issue, we meet DP Pham.

DP is originally from Vietnam, and came to the US in 1975. He currently lives in Kent, and works as a Medical Technician. DP said that reason he came to LMLC is because he feels welcomed, and comfortable here. Since becoming a member, DP says that he feels that he belongs here. He hopes to continue to have a "good life with God."

If you haven't had the chance yet to meet DP, please say hello and introduce yourself at worship!

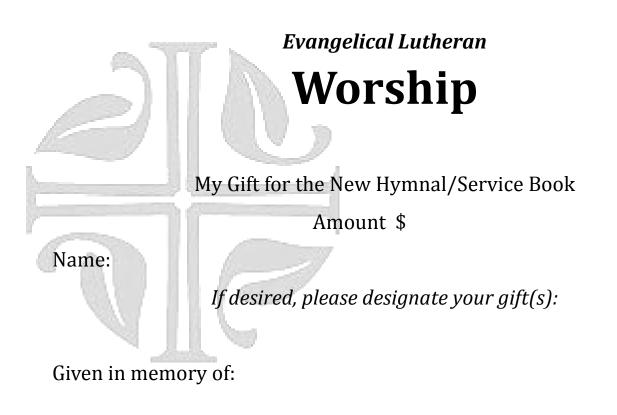


#### New Hymnals!

Evangelical Lutheran Worship is coming to Luther Memorial! For the past several years we have been singing hymns from ELW, printing them in our bulletins. We were reminded by our high school students that this practice of printing large bulletins is not good stewardship of the earth's resources. So, we are eagerly anticipating the arrival of our "new" cranberry colored hymnals.

We are grateful to the family of Tom Smith for the use of the memorial funds given in Tom's memory as seed money for this project.

Be sure to donate your hymnal in memory or honor of someone you love by **November 11.** The hymnals are \$24, which can be left in the offering plate with the form below, or brought to the office during regular hours (M-F; 9-2).



Given in honor of:

#### Gifts of Gratitude: Stewardship 2013

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ~ Colossians 3:16

Starting on October 21, we began our Stewardship emphasis for 2013: *Gifts of Gratitude*.

During this time we are recalling with joy and delight those things for which we are grateful. It is good and right that we name them: family, friends, faith, love, vocations, food, hobbies...the list is long! We will also consider, as we often do at this time of year, how we share the gifts and talents we have been given on behalf of the mission and ministries of God's church.

This month, you will receive two mailings, which include a response card. In this response you will be asked to indicate your financial support of our ministries for 2013. This is important because it allows us to faithfully plan for the year ahead. I also believe that it is a vital spiritual practice to give out of a place of gratitude. As your pastor, I truly believe that the act of giving is an act of worship.

We will also ask everyone to offer their gifts and talents by filling out a Time & Talent Survey. This helps us know how your skills and talents might best be used in the sharing of the Good News.

We will, in many and various ways, consider our gratitude. Then, we will offer our gifts.

When I think of those things for which I am grateful, know that you are among them. ~PJ+

# **Community News and Events**



PLU Christmas Concert on December 3 - A Child is Born

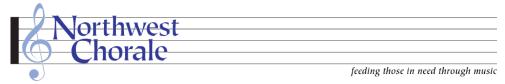
The time for awe inspiring music is coming this December. Please join
 Pacific Lutheran University's Choir of the West, the University Chorale and members of the University Symphony Orchestra in what has become one of the region's most inspirational Christmas celebrations. Students spend

hundreds of hours preparing for the five concerts they perform each holiday season. There have been quite a few LMLC members that have sung or played with these groups in the past, and can attest to the amazing Christmas concerts put on by PLU. Although none of us got to perform them at Benaroya! The Seattle concert will be at Benaroya Hall on **December 3,** and tickets are available starting **November 1.** 



#### Northwest Chorale Concert - A Very Choral Christmas

The Northwest Chorale will once again have a concert here at LMLC, on **December 15 at 7:30 pm.** The concert is a free will offering, with all proceeds going to Northwest Harvest. The concert will be mainly sacred Christmas music, but will have some modern pieces as well. Come see them on December 15!



Greenwood Food Bank 9041 Greenwood Ave N. Seattle, WA 98103



#### Greenwood Food Bank MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Hygiene items (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, soap, toilet paper)

Canned meats (tuna, chicken and salmon), canned fruits, and canned and boxed meals (soup, chili, stew)

Peanut Butter, Cereal

**No time to shop? Make a \$1 donation!** For every dollar used to support the food bank we were able to provide 3 meals last year.

Want more information? Visit our website at www.voaww.org or call 206.782.6731

### Vicar's View

Before I moved out to Seattle, I had heard that this region was called a "none-zone," because seventy percent of people claimed "none" in the box for religious affiliation on the census. I certainly have noticed something missing here from the landscape: the sound of bells. It seems like the air is emptier without ringing bells at noon, the hymns playing overhead at six in the evening, and the tolling shortly before worship on Sunday morning. A Catholic friend of mine explained that the bells in medieval Europe were a call to pause throughout the day and say the Lord's Prayer. Bells remind us to stop for one moment and remember that God is God, and God is good.

The tolling bells are one of our most powerful symbols on All Saints' Sunday, the first Sunday in November this year. I didn't bells, but the Muslim call to prayer, Tibetan grow up in a congregation who rang bells on All Saints' Sunday, so my first exposure to this ritual was in Germany when I was an exchange student. When they rang a bell for each member of the congregation who had died in the past year, it spoke more than any sermon could have. The bells said, we remember, we grieve, and we hope. It was a comfort to feel that full presence of the dead;



to know that in Baptism, we are united with Christ, in life and in death, eternally.

Although Seattle appears to be a "none-zone," this area really is blessed with a tremendous diversity of religious heritage, as I have learned attending the planning meetings for the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. If we heard the worship of all these communities, Seattle would be full of the sound not only of Buddhist chant, the Jewish blowing of the shofar, and much more. We will hear all of this on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. at Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church, and I hope you will be able to make it, to celebrate this national holiday with our neighbors of all faith traditions. This year's theme is "Community of Light," and will include a candle lighting ceremony to represent our unity as children of the Creator.

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I will close with the thanksgiving for light from our Christian tradition, found in the evening vespers service in the new hymnal. May we remember and give thanks for the light of Christ as the darkness increases on these November days!

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning, you called light into being, and you set lights in the sky to govern night and day. In a pillar of cloud by day, and a pillar of fire by night, you called your people into freedom. Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and with all your creatures we give you glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.



#### Looking Ahead - December at LMLC

Advent Mid-Week Simple Suppers and Worship

Suppers at 5:30 pm and Worship at 6 pm

- 12/5 Potluck with Mary's Place Guests
- 12/12 Meal Provided
- 12/19 Meal Provided

#### **Other LMLC Events**

- 12/2 First Sunday Faith Forum Making Advent wreaths and Cheer Baskets
- 12/15 Northwest Chorale Concert at **7:30 pm**
- 12/16 Sunday School Christmas Pageant
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Worship at 5:30 pm; Candlelight Worship at 10 pm.

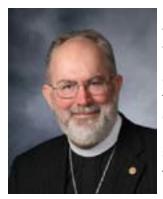
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### Synod and ELCA News and Events





#### Tuition Support For Our Candidates by The Rev. Wm Chris Boerger, Bishop



At our last Synod Assembly we passed a resolution that sets the goal of providing full tuition support for the candidates for rostered leadership from this synod.

This is an ambitious goal. It is also an important

statement about this synod's recognition of the need for future leaders in this church.

Every October the meeting of the Conference of Bishops takes place at the same time the eight Seminary Presidents meet in Chicago. We always spend some time together talking about the shape of Theological Education in this church and the future needs of the church. It is clear that we will need an increasing number of pastors and rostered lay leaders as the "baby boom" generation retires. It is also clear that the shape of leadership will change in the coming years.

The cost of seminary education, on top of four years in college is becoming a significant factor in identifying leaders for the future.

The amount of debt our graduates are bringing into their vocation is a concern. The ability of first call candidates to be good leaders in their stewardship is undermined by their debt loads. The need for bi-vocation pastors in smaller settings is also a factor that affects the candidacy process.

We have set an ambitious goal. It is an important goal. Many of us came

from predecessor churches that were able to significantly subsidize or fully pay for our tuition. Those days are long gone.

Churchwide and Synod support of seminaries is flat or declining.

Tuition makes up an increasingly significant role in the way seminaries balance their budgets. This is part of the reexamination of theological education that is taking place in virtually every denomination in this country.

The Lutheran movement began in the academic world. Luther was a professor. The early leaders of our church came from the academy. The expectation of a theologically trained pastor has been part of our DNA from the beginning. That model is now in transition.

Where we will be in the near future is still unclear. We are looking at how we will raise up the future leaders of this church. This is an important discussion and one that requires action from every expression of this church.

I encourage your congregation and key individuals to take up the goal of providing full tuition scholarships for the future leaders this synod will raise up.

Editor's Note: Our Synod's Candidacy Committee is chaired by Pastor Paul Hoffman, Phinney Ridge Lutheran Church in Seattle.

To learn more about the candidacy process in our synod contact the Assistant to the Bishop for Candidacy, Pastor Nancy Winder,

at candidacy@lutheransnw.org. To learn more about the ELCA candidacy process for our rostered leaders visit www.elca.org/candidacy.

### Synod and ELCA News and Events

#### Here 'n There

- Members at University Lutheran Church in Seattle will begin celebrating the completion of their organ repair on Reformation Sunday, October 28. They will also be celebrating their
   95th Anniversary! The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 5 p.m., followed by the celebration in the sanctuary at 6 p.m. The celebration will include a hymn sing, several anthems by the choir, and a few pieces by University Lutheran's organist, Eunjung Jung.
- Members of Church of the Beloved in Edmonds are releasing a new album of music for worship called Songs for a Mystical Supper. This is a free download. To learn more how you can help with production costs, and get free stuff, go to the Synod's home page and click on the Church of the Beloved's photo.
- Kent Lutheran Church in Kent is once again providing space in their building for homeless men. During October homeless men get to sleep, receive a hot meal, breakfast and a sack lunch. Kent Lutheran is working with H.O.M.E., a year-round overnight shelter for single adult men in South King County.
- At the end of September, Luther Memorial Lutheran Church in Seattle hosted Mary's Place. Mary's Place offers programs and services in a welcoming and accepting environment where homeless women and their children can build community, enrich their days and find resources to restore their lives.
- The Senior High Youth Group at **Salem** Lutheran Church in Mount Vernon will "serve God by serving others." On October 21 they will be serving dinner a the Union Gospel Mission in Seattle.
- Munchy Monday is a program of outreach and giving at Oak Harbor Lutheran Church in Oak Harbor. When the students from Oak Harbor High School have nowhere to go between early release from class and the beginning of after-school sports and other

activities, the church has opened its doors and gives them a snack and safe place to play a game, study or just hang out.

- St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Renton also offers an after school program for the students at McKnight Middle School. The congregation also provides a pancake breakfast each Friday when there is a late start.
- Christ Lutheran Church in Ferndale has a new website: <u>www.clcferndale.org.</u> And, Burlington Lutheran Church in Burlington also has a new website: <u>www.burlingtonlutheran.org</u>.
- Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church in Seattle is offering a Compline Service on the first Sunday of the month at 8 p.m., with refreshments following. Compline is an ancient service that marks the close of the day with the purpose of bringing spiritual peace.
- The Rev. Ronald F. Marshall, pastor of First Lutheran Church of West Seattle, published his article, "Luther's Alleged Anti-Semitism," in Logia: A Journal of Lutheran Theology, Reformation 2012.
- Learn more about the Northwest Washington Synod's Bishop Nomination and Election process on the synod's website at <u>www.</u> <u>lutheransnw.org</u>. At the 2013 Synod Assembly voting members will be electing a new bishop to serve a six-year term.

**The Spirit**, a publication of the Northwest Washington Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), is intended for members, leaders, and clergy of synod congregations and organizations. Congregations are encouraged to copy **The Spirit** and include it in their own newsletters. **The Spirit** can be downloaded from the Synod website.

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Let us remember these fellow members on their special days by rejoicing and celebrating together. If you are a member of Luther Memorial and you don't find your name on our lists, please contact the church office.

#### November 2012

# November Worship

### **Lectionary Readings**

November 4  All Saints' Sunday	November 11  Lectionary 32	November 25   Lectionary 33	November 29  Christ The King Sunday
Isaiah 25:6–9	1 Kings 17:8–16	Daniel 12:1–3	Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14
Psalm 24	Psalm 146	Psalm 16	Psalm 93
Revelation 21:1–6	Hebrews 9:24–28	Hebrews 10:11–14	Revelation 1:4b-8
John 11:32–44	Mark 12:38–44	[15–18] 19–25	John 18:33–37
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	NOVEMBER 4	NOVEMBER 11	NOVEMBER 18	NOVEMBER 25
Assisting Minister	Vicar Inge Williams	Vicar Inge Williams	Steve Olson	Gordon Trombley
Lector	Donna Smith	Leia Smith	Bob Greenhow	
Acolyte	Jackson Terhark	Ben Smith	Kelsey Stever	Kyle Gough
Altar Care and Communion Prep		Diane MacKechnie	and Karen Senior	
Greeters and Ushers	Heidi, Kyle, and Gavin Gough Gordon Trombley	Gordon Trombley Steve Olson	Gordon Trombley Leanne Hanley	Laurie and Bill Meade
Song Leader	Julie Moe and Janice Sherlock	Vicki Cook	Paul Olsen	Kris Johansson
Musician	Kathy Nelson	Kathy Nelson	Hart Eichberg	Hart Eichberg
Communion Assistants (for continual communion)	Donna Smith Jackson Terhark Steve Olson Vicki Cook	Ben Smith Leia Smith Karen Olsen Paul Olsen	Bob Greenhow Kelsey Stever Kate Nelson-Penland Karen Senior	Gordon Trombley Karen Olsen Karen Senior Vicki Cook

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