



# LUTHER MEMORIAL

## lutheran church

*Actively Sharing Christ's Love in Community*



# Messenger

August, 2018

**All are welcome at Luther Memorial.  
Come join us for worship every Sunday morning at 10:30!**



Pr. Julie explaining what a Labyrinth is at *Time with Children* during worship.  
LMLC now has a temporary Labyrinth applied to the floor in the sanctuary.

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**August 15** is the deadline for articles in the **September** issue.

## *PJ's Page*

Love does seem to be in the air at LMLC! We extend our congratulations and love and cheers to Julie Moe and Darryl Rogers as well as to Vicar Laura and Kate Harris....both couples are engaged and will be married soon!

Weddings bring much joy and anticipation. We know this well at our house. At this writing we are twelve days away from our son Robert's wedding to Haley on a lavender farm, with this mom/pastor officiating. What joy! (Also, thank goodness for water proof mascara.) So you are aware, I will be out of the office from July 30-August 11<sup>th</sup> as we welcome family and friends for this occasion.

I found a quote recently that I'm thinking of using in Robby and Haley's wedding sermon. Mark Twain said: "To get the full value of joy you must have someone to divide it with." Not to put too fine a point on it, but joy shared doesn't actually divide it, rather it multiplies it. The joy shared when two people promise to spend their lives together ripples out into the world and pulls all who know and love them into its wake.

The same thing is true of joy in community. When we share joy...the joy of the Lord, the joy of singing a favorite hymn (or a NEW hymn) together, the joy of a shared meal, the joy of a story told through the generations...well that joy multiplies.

Summer brings many gifts with it....this summer one of those gifts for me is this long anticipated wedding in our family. Another will be the trip to Holden Village many of us will make in mid August, carrying on a long tradition at Luther Memorial. (Thanks to Colleen Lingappaiah for pulling this together!) But another joy multiplied happens every Sunday, when we gather to worship. Summer travel and events sometime mean we aren't all together in worship as often as we'd like, but even so, our hearts are connected in community. Joy abounds.

It's my prayer that these remaining days of summer are made of memories and milestones that multiply joy among you and those you love. Elsewhere in this Messenger you'll find a couple of opportunities to gather with community. I hope to see you there.

See you in church!

*Pastor Julie+*

## Vicar's Voice



First, I would like to thank you all for the well wishes as Kate and I announced our engagement. We are very excited to start this journey together and we always appreciate your support!

Support is such an important aspect in all walks of life but especially so when you are an LGBTQIA+ clergy person. As you are probably aware, the church has not and, in some instances still does not support, LGBTQIA+ clergy people in the best ways. Therefore, LGBTQIA+ clergy folks are required to create their own community of support. It was not until 2009 that LGBTQIA+ clergy members could be ordained and be in committed relationships. The need for community and support was evident and in the 90's Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) was formed. ELM affirms and supports LGBTQIA+ Lutheran rostered leaders and those pursuing a call to rostered leadership, while engaging allied congregations and ministries to proclaim God's love and seek justice for all. ELM operates a program called, Proclaim, which is a community of almost 300 LGBTQIA+ Lutheran rostered leaders & seminarians. I am a member of Proclaim and so grateful for the support and witness that Proclaim has offered me. Each year Proclaim has a National Gathering where we learn, listen, and engage in community. Unfortunately, I could not attend the Gathering this year but in years past the Gathering has fed my soul. It offers me the opportunity to interact with those of similar journeys and know that there is a place in this church for all of us. I always left Proclaim gatherings feeling spiritually fulfilled, and having my faith restored in the institutional church.

There were many times as a LGBTQIA+ candidate for Word and Sacrament that I wanted to walk away from the church. I did not feel understood or supported by the ELCA but that all changed when I experienced the Proclaim community. I got to know and build relationships with people who had similar stories to mine and those who had radically different stories. I got to build a community of support and trust. Honestly, Proclaim has kept me grounded and inspired to continue forward with my call to ministry amid the struggles LGBTQIA+ folks face.

Not all churches are willing to support and welcome a LGBTQIA+ clergy member so I must thank you for being willing. For being a church that understands the radical welcome in the Gospel and is willing to break through walls that divide. Support is so crucial in ministry and with ELM, Proclaim, and Luther Memorial I know I can fight any barrier that comes my way.

To learn more about ELM & Proclaim you can visit: [elm.org](http://elm.org)

Peace,  
Vicar Laura

# Director of Music and Worship Arts

The Sanctuary is heating up!



## Summer Special Music Continues!

First, I wanted to take a moment and give my praise to Julie Moe, Katy, Shirley, Karen, and Kris for providing wonderful music during the offertory over these past summer months! Please let me know if you would like to participate, there are only a few more summer worship services left before we get back into the programed program year. Please know that your musical talents, no matter where they are in their journey, are welcomed and supported by our congregation. Please email me if you have any questions or would like to sign up!

## Our New Piano Arrived!

How about that new piano!?! July 15 marked the first Sunday with our newly purchased Yamaha grand piano and wow, I'm in heaven. Many of you have already expressed how much more clearly you can hear the music and how big the sound is in our sanctuary. This newly purchased piano will allow us to not only have a richer worship experience, but provide an excellent instrument for guest artists in our upcoming Art Series. In the coming weeks, I will be releasing dates for four concerts at LMLC during the 2018/2019 program year.



## Ring those Bells!

We had an amazingly passionate and eager group of young ringers for our first Youth Handbell Camp in July. Kiddos from LMLC and the surrounding community joined Vicar Laura and I for a short week where we accomplished the basics of handbell ringing technique, music appreciation, and how to ring as an ensemble that all culminated with a short concert for family and friends on the last day. We all had a blast with crafts, games, and fun rehearsals. Many thanks for those that helped and attended our mini concert!

## Missing the Choir?

I hope you are! For those that are in our choir, I hope you are enjoying some extra time on Sunday mornings, but our start time is fast approaching! I am planning to have a choir sing-through on **Sunday, September 16 from 12:00 to 1:30 PM** following our morning worship. We will sight-read most of our music up until Christmas! ALL are welcome, but please RSVP so I know how many copies to make of our music. Our regular rehearsals will resume on the first Wednesday of the month starting on **October 3 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM** with a short warm-up and run-through before worship starting on **October 7 at 10:00 AM**. If you're just the least bit curious about our group, come join us for a "no pressure" rehearsal!

## Giving to God

Starting September 30 through October 21 we will be focusing on generosity and stewardship and what it means to be a culture that gives, not only to our community, but to God.

Our worship services will focus on four different aspects of generosity and stewardship that reach far beyond our wallets. Need something to read? Our church council will be reading *Giving to God: The Bible's Good News About Living a Generous Life* by Mark Allan Powell in preparation for this special worship series.

*"We all know that everything we have is a gift from God. But sometimes it's hard to know just how to give back to God. How much is enough? What does the Bible really say? What should giving look like in our everyday lives? Filled with good news for followers of Jesus, Mark Allan Powell's Giving to God shows Christians the way to a better life and a better relationship with their money — and with God. Powell presents stewardship as an act of worship, an expression of faith, and a discipline for spiritual growth. Faithful use of our time, talents, and money starts with a deep, satisfying relationship with the God to whom we belong. We can then learn, says Powell, to give gladly and generously out of our heartfelt connection with God. Informative, concise, and eminently practical (including discussion questions), Giving to God gives us resources for best using the treasures, material and otherwise, that God has given us."*

You are invited!

Be well,  
David

*Director of Music and Worship Arts*

## STEWARDSHIP LIVING / SUMMER GIVING

A reminder that your financial support throughout the entire year helps make all of the ministries that happen at Luther Memorial possible. If you are traveling or away from worship for another reason, know that you are missed, AND remember to continue to support Luther Memorial with your financial gifts. They can be mailed ([13047 Greenwood Ave. N, Seattle 98133](mailto:13047GreenwoodAve.N.Seattle98133)) or given online ([www.luthermemoralseattle.com](http://www.luthermemoralseattle.com)).



# LMLC News and Events

## WORSHIP NOTES

Beginning on July 29<sup>th</sup>, and extending through all of the Sundays in August, our assigned Scripture readings remind us that Jesus is the Bread of Life. We also hear about God sending manna to feed the Israelites and about the feeding of the crowds with just a few fish and some bread. This cycle of "bread" readings comes up in the lectionary every three years.

Breaking bread together is a holy thing, whether we are at home, gathering with friends, or in worship at the Eucharistic feast. During these bread focused Sundays, consider inviting someone you don't know well or even someone with whom you share different opinions over for a meal or even just some bread (lemon meyer pound cake is currently baking in my oven) and tea. Get to know them better. Really listen to what is in their hearts and in your own.

## Carpool/Share a Ride to Church!

Interested in helping others get to church? Would you like to share a ride on Sunday mornings? See the info at Sign-Up Central. Willing drivers, please put your name, ZIP code and phone number, so that those who would like a ride can find someone near them.



## Fall Kick-off / Rally Sunday

Make a note on your calendar for **September 9<sup>th</sup>** and stay tuned to the Mid Week Update, bulletin announcements, and the September Messenger for details!

## Table Talk

The final Table Talk of the summer is Happy Hour on Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00- whenever we're finished with conversation and time together. C'mon out, bring your questions, curiosities, or topics for conversation! This is an over 21 event. Watch the Messenger, bulletin, and Mid Week Update for details about location.

## Sunday Church School News

Rally Day will be September 9. All the new fall programs will begin for everyone! Mark this on your calendar! Detail to follow!

## SAVE THE DATE!

The LMLC Advent/Christmas pageant has been scheduled for December 16<sup>th</sup>! This year's pageant is being written and directed by our very own David Horton! All students are encouraged to be present for the first pageant prep gathering on Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, during the 9:15am Sunday School hour.

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## HOUSING UPDATE

Windows are being installed on the west side of Broadview Commons as the work remains a bit ahead of schedule. Last month, Luther Memorial held a cookout lunch for the workers on the project with Vicar Laura at the grill. Thanks to all who came out to lend a hand (Mary Hinderliter, Eric Zoeckler, Mary Chamberlin, Katy Sarff, David Horton, and Bruce Hutson.)

## REMODEL UPDATE

We received notice that the City of Seattle is taking a little longer than anticipated with our permitting process. What we'd hoped would be complete in mid July now looks more like the end of August. However, Walsh Construction has sub-contractors looking at the work as budgets and timelines are drawn together.

This later start means that the beginning of the Program year will take a different look as we look creatively at how to use our space in the meantime!



## LMLC GOES TO HOLDEN VILLAGE

Luther Memorial has a long history with Holden Village, Lutheran retreat center nestled in the mountains in eastern Washington.

Here's how the Holden Village website describes this special place: *"Over the course of 50 years, Holden Village has been transformed from a copper mining town to a vibrant place of education, programming, and worship. It has been a rich journey of faith. Holden welcomes all who seek contemplation and community in the remote wilderness of the beautiful Cascade Mountains. We invite people of all ages to come and experience our rhythms, which inspire and equip travelers to continue a sustainable life of faith outside the Village. And we continue to listen to and reflect on our story and history as we seek to discover our place in God's creative mission in our world."*

In mid August (August 12-17<sup>th</sup>) a group of folks from LMCL will once again board the Lady of the Lake Ferry and a school bus and head up the mountain for a time away. There's no phone, television, or...Facebook! Just the wonder of Creation and time in this wondrous place set apart.

# ELCA Prayer Ventures



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

**1** Remember in prayer the newly elected synod bishops, and pray they be strengthened and inspired by the Holy Spirit for serving and encouraging leaders and members of their synod's congregations and ministries.

**2** Pray for unity among all Christians and that, as followers of Christ, we pursue and celebrate a unity that bridges differences and affirms we are of one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism and one God.

**3** Sing and shout praise to God for the fullness and wonder of creation and nature, gifts that renew our spirit, inspire creativity, sustain life and reveal God's power and love; pray we value and tend carefully these gifts entrusted to us for the sake of the world, all life and glorifying our Creator.

**4** Give thanks for the ELCA missionaries accompanying our global companions in Germany and Russia to help build the capacity of Lutheran churches for evangelism, mission and leadership development.

**5** In the spirit of Jesus' feeding 5,000 people, pray for generous responses to ELCA World Hunger's Global Farm Challenge, a year-long, youth-driven fundraising challenge to support the agriculture-related programs of ELCA World Hunger, our church's ministry to end hunger and poverty.

**6** It takes the skills, dedication and work of many to run our schools – people who teach, cook, attend to special needs, drive buses, clean, counsel students, coach and more. Pray for everyone who has a role in the education, development and well-being of children and youth in our schools.

**7** The Lutheran Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations Network (LEIRN) is made up of volunteers representing the 65 synods of the ELCA. Pray for the work of LEIRN's representatives as models and advocates for ecumenical and inter-religious engagement in the life of the synod and this church.

**8** Remember in prayer all those who suffer daily from chronic pain and its physical, mental and spiritual effects; pray they find hope, effective treatments without addiction and relief from their pain.

**9** Continue praying for all who are recovering from natural disasters, severe weather, flooding and wildfires; ask God to stir an enduring hope, resilience and spirit of mutual care in people as they face the lengthy, difficult and emotional work

*These petitions are offered as guides to prayer for the global, social and outreach ministries of the church.*

of grieving loss and rebuilding lives and communities.

**10** Ask God to bless and further the work of the Evangelical Lutheran Education Association (ELEA) in supporting, equipping and advocating for our 1,400 schools and early childhood centers and their 18,000 educators and employees serving and sharing the gospel with over 150,000 children and their families.

**11** Just as God has fed, nourished and sustained us in body and spirit, pray we too are generous with our resources, abundance and witness for the sake of our neighbors who are hungry or food insecure and for the sake of those who long for the hope and good news we know in Jesus Christ.

**12** Jesus' refusal to turn away hungry crowds reminds us that gospel-centered, faith-driven compassion and responses are not easily dissuaded by daunting problems or large-scale situations that might otherwise discourage our engagement. Pray for the Spirit to stir in us empathy, determination and an awareness of the assets around us that we can put to use in serving our neighbor.

**13** *Florence Nightingale (1910) and Clara Maass (1901)* Pray for all who work for the care, healing and comfort of those who are sick, injured or in the last stages of life, especially physician assistants, nurses, physicians, hospice staff, health educators, medics in the military, emergency responders and home-care providers.

**14** Pray for humility and courage to be imitators of God and put aside anger, bitterness, slander, dishonesty and cruelty, and be – as urged in Ephesians – kind, tenderhearted and forgiving of one another as God in Christ has been for us.

**15** Give thanks for the ways *Always Being Made New: The Campaign for the ELCA* is strengthening and growing ministries of the church here and around the world. In this last year of the campaign, pray that the Spirit will continue to spark generosity, involvement and a clear sense of the amazing things we can accomplish together.

**16** Remember in prayer students of every age who are returning to school, that their hearts and minds are open to learning, study and change.

**17** Bless, praise and give thanks to God, for God is good and hears our every prayer, cry, joyful laugh and sigh.



## ELCA Prayer Ventures

**18** Pray our schools are safe, encouraging environments free from violence that children and youth can learn, mature, socialize and develop skills for life without fear, anxiety or worry.

**19** Give thanks for the gifts of God's grace, love and restored hope we experience in Holy Communion and for the promise that Jesus Christ is present in the word, bread and wine through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**20** Ask God to help us be aware and affirming of the vital gifts and assets of elders in our congregations and communities; pray we have the wisdom to call on their spiritual gifts, faith, interests, life experiences and insights for the mission of the church and serving our neighbor.

**21** The ELCA and The Episcopal Church are committed to prayer, fasting and advocacy addressing cuts to public programs that are vital to hungry people who are living in poverty. Remember to pray for these concerns, our leaders and people in need on the 21st of each month through December 2018.

**22** Pray for help in discerning, living and walking in God's ways and wisdom, especially when we feel uneasy or uncertain of God's ways in the midst of popular culture, social norms, diverse values, current politics, peer pressure or other powerful influences in our daily life.

**23** Ask for the Spirit of God to be present and active in planning groups, staff and volunteers preparing for the beginning of fall congregational programs; pray these programs and ministries reach new people, deepen the faith of members, inspire people of all ages to serve neighbors in need and help grow the church.

**24** Give thanks to God for the work of the Spirit in our lives and the church as we seek to do good in the world, pursue peace and love our neighbor.

**25** Pray for young adults finishing a summer of service in outdoor ministries that they will continue to be committed to learning, witness and service in their communities, schools, church and the world as leaders equipped with faith, skills, creativity and insights gained through outdoor ministry experiences with people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.

**26** Give praise and thanks to God for the gift of Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, in whom we have new life, salvation and hope.

**27** Remember in prayer people and situations – nearby and globally – that have slipped from our memory, prayers, daily conversations or media coverage; pray these people and concerns in the world live in us and are not easily forgotten.

**28** Faithful, generous volunteers are critical for doing God's work in the world. Give thanks for volunteers who lead and staff programs and ministries in our congregations; pray they are inspired and sustained by their faith, find training and support for their work, and are moved by the Spirit to share their faith and the good news of Jesus Christ with others.

**29** Pray to be "strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power" when confronted by difficulties, threats or the darkness of evil and that we are always ready to proclaim the gospel of peace and pray for the needs and concerns of others.

**30** Give thanks for the rich partnership and relationship we have with the United Methodist Church, a full communion partner with the ELCA since 2009. Pray for their church and ask God to further our respect for one another and work together sharing the gospel and serving our neighbor.

**31** Give thanks for our long, rich tradition and commitment to faith-based education in homes, congregations, day care and early learning centers, schools, colleges and universities, seminaries, lay schools of theology and through online learning; pray for writers who prepare curriculum, educators, faculty, staff, volunteers and administrators who have responded to the call to serve children, youth and adults of all ages, abilities and needs.

## Synod News

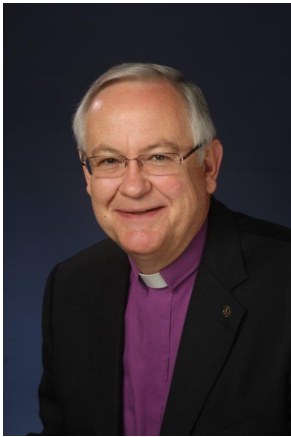
# The Spirit

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### This Changes Everything

By the Rev. Kirby Unti, Bishop, NW Washington Synod / ELCA



It was my joy to attend the National Youth Gathering with 276 young people and adult leaders from Northwest Washington. We gathered under the theme: THIS CHANGES EVERYTHING. What changes everything? Discovering the love, grace, and hope that has come into the world in the name of Jesus.

Thirty-one thousand students, all in brightly colored t-shirts bearing the gathering logo, took Houston by storm. Our first day was our synod congregations' Service Learning Day. I joined up with students from a few of our congregations and folks from a couple other synods in the Midwest. We were sent to a local Houston park where we spent time on three projects: reclaiming a sand volleyball court that had been invaded by deeply rooted weeds; gathering up trash around the park; and sweeping out all the picnic shelters.

It was steaming hot outside, with many of our young people experiencing major humidity for the first time in their lives. Fire ants were another first. But, this didn't stop them. They grabbed their working tools and took on the challenge. Sweat was dripping off our brows. For some it got so hot they cut the sleeves off their t-shirts. For those of us who didn't know what end of the shovel to use, the farm kids from Minnesota offered us a demonstration. Three hours of hard work and not a single complaint. Around the greater Houston area, other church groups were painting murals to lift the spirits of some the oppressed neighborhoods, cleaning up schools, helping at non-profits, and preparing thousands of book donations for distribution.

Our second day was spent in the Interactive Learning Center - which had activities to appeal to every young person's interests - inviting our students to: "encounter God through a variety of learning styles and sensory experiences." You could do everything from building a picnic table, riding bumper

cars, sailing on a zip line, participating in a coloring book prayer exercise, learning active Bible Story tell to chilling in Hammock Village. (You can find out more about these interactive learning stations here: [www.elca.org/YouthGathering/details/interactive-learning](http://www.elca.org/YouthGathering/details/interactive-learning).)

Day Three was our Synod Day. It was a day to spend time in scripture and to explore how God sends to us messengers who are, more times than not, strangers. We unpacked the story of the disciples on the Road to Emmaus where they discovered the stranger to be none other than Jesus. We asked the question how is Jesus showing up as stranger in our world?

Every evening we gathered in the NRG Stadium for music and inspirational speakers. Many of the kids will tell you the speakers were the best part of the event. They understood the challenges facing our young people and knew how to relate to them. There were, shouts, tears and many standing ovations.

I must tell you what impressed me most was the young people themselves. I told our Synod youth they made me so proud to be their Bishop. I was deeply moved by their deep desire for justice, their care for their neighbors, and their ability to articulate the kind of world they want to see. The Holy Spirit is indeed moving among the young people of this church.

Their behavior is to be applauded. I spoke to police officers, Metro employees, bell hops and complete strangers who commented on how wonderful our young people were. It was powerful for me to witness how they cared for one another. They worked hard to see that no one was left out and comforted those kids who were having a hard time being away from home or facing the realities of what is happening in their own lives. I was moved by how comfortable and committed they are to inclusiveness. I left Houston with a renewed sense of hope for the church knowing God is forming a new generation of disciples who are well-fit to be the church now and into the future.

## Community News

### Bonhoeffer Lecture

Tuesday, August 28, 1pm at Pacific Lutheran University

Two renowned Bonhoeffer scholars will join in presenting at this special lecture event: the Rev. Dr. Renate Wind from Heidelberg, Germany will speak on the theme "Bonhoeffer: The Man, the Myth, and the Martyr" and Rev. Dr. Mark Brocker of Portland will present "For Love of the World: Bonhoeffer's Theology of Resistance and of Hope." Co-sponsored by Pacific Lutheran University and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, there will be a reception hosted by PLTS Rector Ray Pickett at both events which are free to the public. For more information, [www.plts.edu/events/4267/](http://www.plts.edu/events/4267/)

### Operation Brown Bag

Lunches are handed out Monday-Friday, 10 am—Noon to anyone who is hungry. Our volunteers try very hard to have 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. During the summer/sunny season we hand out small tubes of sunscreen, if we have them available. In winter/cold weather season we hand out handwarmers, gloves, hats and lip balm, if we have them available.



If you'd like to donate supplies, please drop them off on the **table** in Katie's Parish. If you'd like to MAKE 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!

# Celebrations and Readings

## Happy August Birthdays!

4 Dianna Blom	7 Kristina Culmer	18 Marjorie Skrinde	21 Dick Greenwood
4 Phillip Cherry	9 Gail Stern	18 Phyllis Swenson	21 Marilee Heuchert
6 Lilia Bannister	14 Marlys Carlson	19 Ethan Bannister	31 Lorraine Gibbs
7 Morgan Brassfield	17 David Ter Hark		

## Happy Anniversary!

Paul Allen & Rev. Steven Mitchell	August 8
Les & Steph Bloom	August 8
Katy & Mike Sarff	August 10

## Readings for August

<b>August 5</b> <b>11th Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>August 12</b> <b>12th Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>August 19</b> <b>13th Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>	<b>August 26</b> <b>14th Sunday after</b> <b>Pentecost</b>
Exodus 16:2-4,9-15 Psalm 78:23-29 Ephesians 4:1-16 John 6:24-35	1 Kings 19:4-8 Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25—5:2 John 6:35,41-51	Proverbs 9:1-6 Psalm 34:9-14 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58	Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18 Psalm 34:15-22 Ephesians 6:10-20 John 6:56-69



## *Faith and Everyday Life*

In the story of the Prodigal Son...a younger son takes what he has learned his entire life and decides to go in another direction. He asks for his inheritance while his father was still living. He has a good time, a really good time. He spends his entire inheritance which would have sustained him for a lifetime in a short time. His new friends are now gone. He finds work in a pig pen. He is hungry and homeless. He makes his plan to go home and ask for forgiveness. He wants to work for his father as a servant. He plans his speech on the journey home.

The Father has been waiting, each day going to the highest point of his estate looking longingly for his son. When he sees him he lifts his robes and runs to greet him. As his son begins his long rehearsed speech his father cuts him off. He says his son was lost is now found. He puts an elegant robe on him, and tells his servants to prepare a feast for his son. He was restored as a son.

How many times do we think our past is unforgiveable? How many times do we stay away from those we have hurt because we think what we have done is unforgiveable. How many people are awaiting their prodigal? Returning, humbling seeking restorations can bring both eternal rewards from a Loving God and also to a family awaiting their family to return home.

This is a story of hope; a hope for reconciliation, a prodigal returning home, a family looking and waiting for the return. Joy and forgiveness is awaiting them; child, parent, friend together again.

Written by a staff member of Lutheran Counseling Network

*Lutheran Counseling Network is a nonprofit organization of dedicated professional psychotherapists providing services since 1981. LCN is an extension of the church's ministry to the community. We provide therapy for individuals, couples and families, addressing such areas as depression, anxiety, recovery from trauma, behavioral problems, parenting, sexuality and spirituality. We charge a standard fee, and insurance companies may reimburse a portion of the fee. Many of our clients pay a subsidized fee adjusted according to family income. This is made possible by the generous donations of the churches we serve.*

### Mission Statement

*By providing psychotherapy to people in need and education for congregations and pastors, Lutheran Counseling Network is an instrument of God's grace which strengthens and brings healing to individuals, couples and families so that they might in turn be instruments of God's grace.*

## Financial Picture

In order to balance the publication date of the Messenger with reporting full and accurate financial statements, we will be offering financial statements one month late. Your Council, Treasurer, Stewardship Team, and Pastor hope that these will give you a good idea of how our finances are faring. Talking about money, budgets, and giving is a part of Stewardship. We hope that having this information will be helpful to you in your financial support of the ministries of Luther Memorial.

### June 2018 Financial Picture

LMLC 2018 Full Year Expenses: \$192,105      Contributions Needed per week : \$3,694.33

#### June Contributions Received:

June 3	\$3,456.41	June 17	\$1,092.41
June 10	\$3,145.41	June 24	\$1,107.41

#### June Budget Fund Contribution Designations

Fund	Amount
Offerings and Tithes	\$8,020.64
Room Use (Room Use, Damage Deposits, and Facilities Offset Fees)	\$175.00
<b>General Fund Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$8,195.64</b>

Needed: \$14,777.32    **Difference: -\$6,581.68**

#### June Off-Budget Fund Contribution Designations

Fund	Amount
Fellowship	\$280.00
Helping Hands	\$25.00
Holden Village 2018	\$150.00
Music & Art Ministry	\$20.00
Sunday School Special Projects	\$61.00
VBS	\$30.00
World Hunger	\$40.00
<b>Designated Fund Total Contributions:</b>	<b>\$606.00</b>

# Worship Leaders

*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. If there is a scheduling conflict, please find a substitute from among the additional names on the schedule.*

	8/5	8/12	8/19	8/26
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Vicar Laura	Katy Sarff	Gordon Trombley	Vicar Laura
<b>Lector</b>	Gordon Trombley	Julie Moe	Elaine Hardin	Donna Smith
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lillian Long	Stacie Jamieson	Payton Johnson	Joshua Lingappaiah
<b>Communion &amp; Altar</b>	Vicki Cook			
<b>Greeters and Ushers</b>	Lollie Ellingson Lynne Greenup	Zachary Johnson Gordon Trombley	Diane Chapman Donna Smith	Bill & Laurie Meade
<b>Children's Time</b>	Vicar Laura	Pastor Julie	David Horton	Pastor Julie
<b>Closer</b>	Gordon Trombley	Dave TerHark	Donna Smith	Raj Lingappaiah
<b>Musician</b>	Paul Hoffman	Paul Hoffman	David Horton	David Horton





# LUTHER MEMORIAL

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# August 2018

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>5</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	<b>6</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Missing a Sunday this month?              LMLC has Online Giving on our website:  <a href="http://www.luthermemorialsattle.com/onlinegiving">www.luthermemorialsattle.com/onlinegiving</a></i></p> </div>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	<b>2</b> 1 Step-Study Group 6:30 Pack 321 Bear Den	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 7:30 FARA
<b>12</b> 12th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	<b>13</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></p> </div>	<b>14</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	<b>9</b> 1 Step-Study Group	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30 FARA
<b>19</b> 13th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	<b>20</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></p> </div>	<b>21</b> 5 Facilities Committee 6 LMLC Council	<b>15</b> 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	<b>16</b> 1 Step-Study Group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7:30 FARA
<b>26</b> 14th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	<b>27</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></p> </div>	<b>28</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 Seekers 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	<b>23</b> 1 Step-Study Group	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30 FARA
<b>5</b> 11th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 Worship 11:45 Fellowship	<b>6</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #e0f0ff; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <p><i>Pastor Julie's Sabbath</i></p> </div>	<b>7</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 Seekers 5 Table Talk 6 Nar-Anon Book Club 7 Nar-Anon	<b>30</b> 1 Step-Study Group	<b>31</b>	