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

PJ's Page

September ushers in the season for returning. We return to school and routines and, often, if we've spent our summer Sundays elsewhere, we return to worship in our communities of faith. I look forward to seeing YOU in worship!

In addition to Sunday morning worship, at the end of the month we will end our Sabbath keeping from meeting and extra activities and engage again in the usual activities of our life together. As we prepare for that, I invite you again to the questions we agreed to consider together during this time: ***What did you miss? What didn't you miss? How does this impact our mission to Actively Share Christ's Love in Community?*** There will be a number of opportunities to share our thoughts around these and other questions during the month of September.

One of those opportunities is a small group conversation, facilitated by Laura Harris-Ferree, our Minister of Outreach and Community. These conversation groups are limited to six people and will meet throughout the month of September. There is a sign-up sheet on 'Sign Up Central'; please sign up to indicate your attendance so plans can be made accordingly and the groups can be accessible in size.

On Sunday, September 29th we will BREAK OUR FAST from summer Sabbath rest with a BREAKFAST at 9:15am in Celebration Hall featuring pancakes and much, much more! During worship we will bless our Sunday School teachers.

You've likely noticed that the Sanctuary is undergoing some updates, specifically the replacement of the original asbestos backed tile flooring and completing the chapel space in such a way that it will be accessible to all people.

There's much to anticipate in the days ahead. I hope to hear about what you did with your summer Sabbath. Where did you see signs of God at work in the world? Who showed the face of Christ to you?

Grace and peace,

Pastor Julie Hutson+

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Past, Present, and Future of Luther Memorial

Visioning for a Healthy Future Together

In, *Friedman's Fables*, Ed Friedman writes, "The grass is only greener when you're not caring for your own lawn." It is a natural process that congregations need to care for their lawns literally and figuratively. It has come time at Luther Memorial to do some lawn care and dreaming about the future together.

Caring for our lawn does not mean that there is a crisis occurring or that conflict is present, but it is necessary for any system or group of people to gather occasionally and touch base. These past 2+ years at Luther Memorial have been filled with swift change, uncertainty at times, and the completion of long dreamed of projects.

I encourage and invite you to sign up for our small group discussions so that we can "care for our lawn". During these small group discussions there will be time for questions and transparent discussion about the past. We will also include time to discuss what is currently taking place at Luther Memorial. Best of all, we will dream together about the future. Now what? What will our next project be or what is our next mission journey? How do we use the lessons of our past and present to launch us into the future?

So, please join me for this time of caring for our lawn and discussing all that has been, is, and is to come at Luther Memorial. I hope that you bring your questions, concerns, cares, and dreams as we dive into meaningful conversation. I am ready for exciting and invigorating conversation that will launch Luther Memorial into a promising and mission filled future.

Peace,

Laura Harris-Ferree, Minister of Outreach and Community

BACKPACKS FOR COMPASS BROADVIEW

Thank you to everyone who donated to our drive to provide backpacks for the students at Compass Broadview! Thanks to you, these students will have a nice new backpack to begin this school year!

BACK TO SCHOOL COOL

On September 4th, students in Seattle will return to school. Come offer a word of encouragement and a popsicle as school releases for the day. We'll gather at the church at 2:00. Sign up at "Sign Up Central".

MORE BACK TO SCHOOL

Our blessings and prayers are with Steve Olson, who is officially a seminary student at Luther Seminary in Minneapolis! Steve will be engaging his studies through a combination of distance learning and on site coursework. We give thanks for Steve and for his willingness to answer this call!

LMLC News and Events

Happy September Birthdays!

2 Rev. Julie Hutson	17 Lollie Ellingson	25 Delia Broderick
8 Sandy Jamieson	19 Steven Mindrum	25 Corey Stever
9 Stephanie Bannister	23 Jean Rizer	29 Ryan Smith
12 Beverly Mueller	24 Tara Ter Hark	

Happy Anniversary!

Ardene Adams & Catherine Fransson	September 5
Erika & Joe Skovron	September 10
Don & Stephanie Bannister	September 12
Laurie & Morgan Brassfield	September 19
Diane & Joe MacKechnie	September 25



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 warmer weather, spring/summer we give out sunscreen, 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!

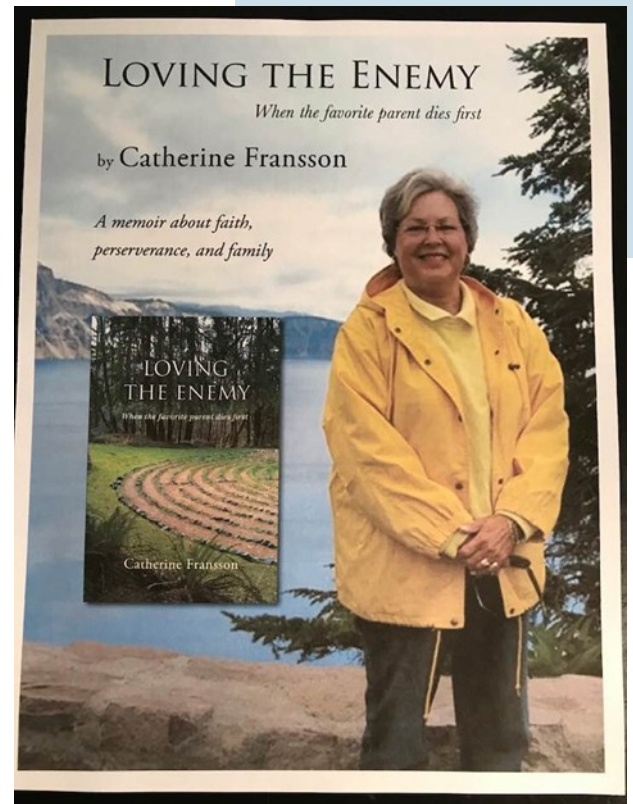
THANK YOU to all the current volunteers and those donating items!!! This ministry wouldn't be possible without YOU!

LMLC News and Events

Congratulations, Cathy Fransson!

Cathy Fransson has recently published her book: [Loving The Enemy: A Memoir About Faith, Perseverance, and Family.](#) This look at the spiritual dynamics inherent in family systems is a compelling read! Copies of the book are available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble online or any local bookseller can order it for you, if it's not on their shelves.

Cathy will be our presenter at the First Sunday Faith Forum on October 6th, speaking about the process of writing this book and her own faith journey. Mark your calendars!



Loving the Enemy by Catherine Fransson is a “groundbreaking book—a spiritual compass for adult children caring for their aging parents.” Her memoir recounts a life of ongoing contention with her father until his decline in health in his late 90s. When her mother died before him, she grappled with how to care for him in other than anxious estrangement. Her faith, counseling and ministry experience, years of working with students, parents and elders, gave her insight, patience, wisdom and compassion. Witnessing her dad day-by-day, listening to stories of his early life, Fransson reveals how estrangement can be overcome with courage, time, and an open heart. “It’s a tapestry woven of a lifetime of memories, rich though often painful; wisdom from poets and spiritual thinkers; and heartfelt guidance for how to find the words beyond the words.”

Praise for *Loving the Enemy*:

Loving the Enemy is a moving memoir. But it is far more than a journal of significant personal experience. Read it, and you will encounter an invitation to reimagine your life journey through the eyes of compassion. With poetic passion, humility, and wisdom, Catherine Fransson describes the transformation of relationships that can only emerge when love is stronger than fear. This is a groundbreaking book—a spiritual compass for adult children caring for their aging parents.

~Fran Ferder, FSPA, PhD, and John Heagle, MA, JCL, LMHC. Co-Directors, Therapy & Renewal Associates (TARA). Co-Authors, *Tender Fires: The Spiritual Promise of Sexuality*.

I wanted to read this memoir because I, too, have an elderly parent who needs my attention. But *Loving the Enemy* swept me into its path and kept me up late, reading hungrily. I expected a simple chronicle of the author, her parents, and their last years together, but instead found a mix of personal and spiritual, past and present. It’s a tapestry woven of a lifetime of memories, rich though often painful; wisdom from poets and spiritual thinkers; and heartfelt guidance for how to find the words beyond the words. In chapter one, Cathy as a child escapes from a rainstorm into a church sanctuary where she plays the organ (breathing “remnants of candle wax, floor polish, and old hymnals”), a small scene that is a metaphor for the way *Loving the Enemy* offers a respite from the deluge of family losses—for both the author and the reader—into the solace and healing power of art.

LMLC News

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.



BOOK BRIGADE (LMLC book club)

Join us on Sunday, Sept. 8 at 9:30.

We'll be discussing the book Becoming by Michelle Obama

PARKING

Please note that there is AMPLE parking in the Luther Memorial parking lot and on the south side of the building in the spaces marked as Foss Only On Weekdays and Luther Memorial Only on Sunday.

Also, work on the earthquake retrograde at Broadview Thomson School has begun and we are being asked NOT to park there! Happily, we don't need those spaces any longer.

FACILITIES USE

Are you wondering how community groups are scheduled to use the space at Luther Memorial? Detailed information and request forms are available on the website and that is the first place to look or direct interested people or groups. Mary Chamberlin in the office is in charge of ALL scheduling, payments, and other arrangements. Remember, even LMLC groups need to schedule through Mary so we avoid double scheduling a room. It's also helpful to know at the outset that we have very limited storage available and none of it is locked or secured.

The facilities at LMLC are beautiful and functional. If you know of someone who might be interested in meeting here, please refer them to the website (under the What We Do tab) or to Mary in the office.

LMLC News and Events

Stocking up for back to school? Shopping for the holidays?

Shop at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-0679122> and AmazonSmile donates to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church!

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Support Young Children and Families

Luther Memorial participates in the *Kaleidoscope Play and Learn Program*.

Tuesday mornings from 10:00—11:30.

Play and Learn is a 90 minute facilitated play group for young children and their parents and/or family, friend and neighbor caregivers. A free of charge, drop in opportunity to play, sing and dance, engage in art activities and connect with other adults about supporting the child's growth and development. Parents and caregivers play an important role in a child's development, early learning and school readiness.

If you have, or care for a child Birth to 5, please consider joining us.

If you know of someone who you feel would enjoy participating, please invite!



Marilyn Enloe, Facilitator

ELCA Prayer Ventures



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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.

1 Pray that we learn humility, respect and hospitality from the example and teachings of Jesus and the Spirit at work in the lives of people around us, and that we exercise in daily life this regard for others without bias, reluctance or feeling that we deserve something in return.

2 *Labor Day* On this day we recognize and pray for the work and service people do to sustain their families and benefit their communities and society. Pray that all receive fair wages, work in safe environments, are renewed through times of sabbath, and experience joy and fulfillment in their labor; pray that all those who seek employment will find work and for the well-being, care and support of people unable to work.

3 Give thanks to God for our early-learning centers, K-12 schools, lay schools for ministry, colleges and universities, and seminaries, and for the significant role they serve in faith formation, education and equipping leaders throughout life.

4 Praise God for filling us with mercy, compassion, joy, a sense of justice, and a bold, confident faith that spills over into the world.

5 Give thanks and praise to God as we celebrate with the 2019 graduates of the ELCA International Women Leaders initiative: Sthela Gun Holly Hanitrinirina (Malagasy Lutheran Church); Yuen Ching Lee, Abby Lai and Melissa Neo (Lutheran Church in Malaysia); and Elisa Pérez-Trejo (Mexican Lutheran Church). Give thanks for all who have supported them throughout the program, and ask God to bless their service and ministry as they move forward.

6 Pray that our actions, words, work, service and concern for our neighbors in need — be they strangers, friends or forgotten — bear witness to the word and ways of God made known to us through Jesus Christ and instilled in us by the Holy Spirit.

7 Give thanks for the ministry and witness of ELCA missionaries serving alongside our global companions in Senegal, South Africa and Eswatini, as well as the six young people serving in Senegal and the four serving in Southern Africa as part of the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission program.

8 *"God's work. Our hands."* Sunday Pray for children, youth and adults involved in volunteer community service across the country in partnership with neighboring congregations, Lutheran agencies and community organizations. Give thanks for the living, daring confidence in God's grace from which our every act of service throughout life flows!

9 Continue to pray for peace, justice, reconciliation and economic opportunity for the people and countries of Central America, and pray that the United States and other nations will respond to their needs with humanitarian and economic assistance, collaborative efforts to find effective, lasting solutions to the crises they are experiencing, and prayerful, enduring support.

10 Praise God for knowing us better than we know ourselves and assuring us that we are loved and are never forgotten or alone in the world.

11 Pray that the peace, confidence and grace of God given to us in Jesus Christ will prevail and calm our every fear and anxiety in these turbulent and uncertain times.

12 As members of the body of Christ we are like "trees planted by streams of water," sustained in all that we do, nurtured to bear fruits of the Spirit and strengthened to follow the word and ways of God. Pray that we are not shy about inviting others to have faith in God's redeeming love through Christ and enjoying the life-enriching blessings of being in a community of faith.

13 Approximately 1 in 10 people around the world can't access the food he or she needs to live an active, healthy life; more than 40 million people in the United States are unsure where their next meal will come from; and 10% of the world's population lives in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 per day. Remember in prayer those who suffer with poverty and hunger, and give thanks for the work of ELCA World Hunger, our congregations and other partners as they respond to communities in need, striving for sustainable solutions that get at the root causes of hunger and poverty.

14 *Holy Cross Day* Today, give thanks and lift up words of celebration for Jesus' self-sacrificing, redemptive, life-giving offering on the cross for the sake of all humanity.

15 *National Hispanic Heritage Month* Give thanks for the gifts, contributions and rich cultural diversity of our Latino brothers and sisters and pray for the work and growth of the 147 ELCA Latino ministries in the United States as they share the gospel, encourage our unity in Christ, support pastors and lay leaders, and serve their neighbors in many community contexts.

16 Pray for God's mercy, forgiveness and guidance when we stray from God's ways or find ourselves worshiping wealth, earthly possessions, power or status more than we worship God.

17 Pray that our church in all its expressions — congregations, synods and the churchwide organization — are guided by the wisdom and enthusiasm stirred by the Holy Spirit to implement and live into decisions made during synod assemblies and the ELCA Churchwide Assembly for the sake of doing God's work in the world, sharing the gospel, growing the church and serving our neighbor.

18 Pray that we might be persistent and caring in seeking, inviting and welcoming people who have left our congregations, feel unwelcome because of who they are or what they've done, have been hurt by conflict or feel they have no place in the church, the body of Christ.

19 Pray for relief and access to clean water where people are suffering from extreme heat and drought in the world; ask God to help us work with one another to care for our environment and precious water resources, find ways to ease and prevent the impact of climate change, and share generously our resources to provide for the essential needs of people everywhere.

20 With grateful hearts, thank God for the mercy and grace we receive through Jesus Christ, who embraces who we are in all our humanness and shortcomings and transforms us for service and faithful leadership in the world.

21 *Matthew, apostle and evangelist* Pray that we will serve as willing, faithful and bold followers of Christ even though our backgrounds, life experiences, professions and gifts are diverse and may seem incongruent with what we imagine God desires in a disciple or evangelist.

22 Pray that the Holy Spirit will work in us and guide us to be faithful, trustworthy and responsible with all God has entrusted to us in this life, that we may serve our neighbors in need, care for creation and honor God.

23 Remember in prayer ministry candidates who have responded to God's call to ministry and leadership through the church and are involved in the process of preparation, discernment and waiting for assignment. Pray for candidates and their families during this time that can be both joyful and anxious; and pray that leaders and ELCA staff involved in the assignment process will be guided by the Holy Spirit in their discernment and decision-making.

24 Pray for the 15 ELCA missionaries serving in parish ministry and education as they work alongside our companions in Slovakia and Russia.

25 Praise God who exists throughout the universe and all time yet has compassion and concern for people who are poor and in great need; pray that we will be moved by God's ways, examples and commands to show attentiveness, mercy, compassion and love for our neighbors in need.

26 Pray for the ministry of ELCA Advocacy, its Washington office and its state public policy offices as they work with ELCA members to develop and advance legislation that will overcome poverty, defend God's creation and promote peace, dignity and justice.

27 Give thanks that God is slow to anger and inclined to forgive our sins, shortcomings, mistreatment of our neighbors and deliberate wrongdoings, and to treat us with mercy and compassion for the sake of restoring our relationship with God and setting us back on track in our daily lives.

28 Pray for Bible study leaders, teachers and volunteers serving in our congregations who share their faith, help us study and explore Scripture, join us in prayerfully and thoughtfully wrestling with spiritual questions, and help us connect the word of God with everyday life.

29 Reflect on the gifts, abilities and courage of faith we have received from the Holy Spirit, and on the joy and confidence we have in the promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ; give thanks for who we have become in Christ for the sake of mission and service in the world.

30 Give praise and glory to God that through our worship and liturgy we will be reminded of the promises spoken at our baptisms, the forgiveness and new life we receive through the washing with water and the word of God, and the call we receive to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness—as individuals and communities of faith.

This resource may be copied and shared among members and friends of the congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Contact info@elca.org for additional information. Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, 8765 West Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631. Telephone: 800-638-3522, ext. 2458.

Synod News

The Spirit

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Broken Vessels

By Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee, NW Washington Synod / ELCA



Today in the mail I received a surprise gift of pottery. Two vases and a cup. All beautiful. All treasured. But the most beautiful one has a crack on the top. I worried that it had cracked during the shipping process so I texted my friends who had sent it asking if I should be concerned. One of them replied, "Earthen vessels that we are, with maybe a crack that God can make beautiful."

I confess that I'm feeling a little cracked right now. As excited as I am for this new call as Bishop, and as excited as I am to work with rostered ministers and congregations in this synod and in the wider church, there is a lot to process and learn. I feel the weight of responsibility and expectation.

But today, looking at this cracked vase, ruminating on my friend's words, I am awash in grace.

You see, it is so easy when we look at ourselves or our world, to only concentrate on what seems broken. Sometimes we only see the imperfect and despair. We wonder what is wrong with this world, with society, with church, with ourselves.

But what if it is exactly this brokenness that shows God? What if this crack is where the Spirit enters in? Maybe it is in this very vulnerability when we can finally catch a glimpse of who God is and who we are.

I know that just as I have some anxiety about beginning a new call and what the future holds, there is anxiety in your lives, too. I understand both the difficulty and anticipation of moving into the future together.

But as I quoted Acts 17 during the synod assembly, I say to you again, "For in God, we live and move and have our being." And this is where we begin and end – in God, with one another, trusting in the love that comes from Jesus. For this is who we are: Cracked earthen vessels open to the calling of the Spirit.

As I begin this new call as Bishop of the Northwest Washington Synod, I call on all of us to be trusting, accepting, vulnerable, and hopeful, as we anticipate the dance of God's Holy Spirit – cracked beautiful vessels that we are together.

In God's Peace and Joy,

Bishop-Elect Shelley Bryan Wee



Worship

Readings for September

September 1 12th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time	September 8 13th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time	September 15 14th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time	September 22 15th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time	September 29 16th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time
Proverbs 25:6-7	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Exodus 32:7-14	Amos 8:4-7	Amos 6:1a, 4-7
Sirach 10:12-18 (alternate)	Psalms 1	Psalms 51:1-10	Psalms 113	Psalms 146
Psalms 112	Philemon 1-21	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7	1 Timothy 6:6-19
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:25-33	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13	Luke 16:19-31



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

	9/1	9/8	9/15	9/22	9/29
Assisting Minister	Steve Olson	Laura Harris-Ferree		Laura Harris-Ferree	
Lector	Steve Olson	Andrew Wesly	Julie Moe	Cathy Fransson	Donna Smith
Acolyte	Joshua Lingappaiah	Jed TerHark	Payton Johnson	Lillian Long	Joshua Lingappaiah
Communion /Altar	Laurie Baughman				
Greeters and Ushers	Bill & Laurie Meade	Lollie Ellingson / Lynne Greenup	Kate Harris-Ferree / Bruce Hutson	Mary Hinderliter & Eric Zoekler	Ardene Adams & Cathy Fransson
Song Leader	Chrade Younkin	Leia Smith	Julie Moe	Leia Smith	Julie Moe
Musician	Chrade Younkin				
Closer	Raj Lingappaiah	Bill Meade	Donna Smith	Bruct Hutson	Raj Lingappaiah

September 2019

See our live calendar online for any changes or updates: www.luthermemoralseattle.com/calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 12th Sunday after Pentecost Ordinary Time	2 Labor Day Church Office is CLOSED 6:30 Narcotics Anonymous	3 10 Kaleidoscope Play & Learn 7:30 Seattle Photo Society	4 9:30 Seekers 7 NarAnon Family Group	5 1 Step-Study NarAnon Family Group	6	7
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