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## Quarterly Messenger 2024 Summer Edition



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## FROM PASTOR SARA FUNKHOUSER

*“Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and consecrated it.” (Exodus 20:8, 11).*



Dear Luther Memorial,

Summer in the church often reflects a period of Sabbath rest; our small groups take time off, people leave for vacations, and this time feels less busy. A few weeks ago, I preached about the importance of Sabbath rest, especially this sense of rest as being the things that connect us with who we are and whose we are. I hope that you are able to find some time for rest in these summer months as well.

We have been very active in the church the past nine months, with our busiest season of life being from Advent through Pentecost. In that time, we had the largest Easter attendance in my time here, I marked the beginning of my third year with you at Luther Memorial, we honored the life of long-time member Sharon, we welcomed a new member, we voted to move forward with the roof replacement and the funding for it, and so much more. As I reflect on my second year of ministry, I am genuinely amazed by all that we were able to do as this Luther Memorial community and I continue to be honored at the opportunity to serve as your pastor!

After those busy few months, I, too, will take some restorative Sabbath time this summer. On July 9th, I leave for a family vacation to Ireland! I will return in mid-July. Later in August, I will take some time to visit family and friends in Minnesota. Please see the details below about who will be leading worship while I am away. The Midweek Updates will also include who to contact in the event of a pastoral emergency. I trust that you will be in good hands, and I will come back re-energized with more stories to share!

Pastor Sara's Vacation: July 9th-21st; August 15th-24th

Preaching and Presiding:

July 14th: Pastor Paul Sundberg

July 21st: Pastor Inge Williams

August 18th: Deacon Liz Colver

Peace,

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# FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

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Dear Luther Memorial Friends in Christ,

Summer is here and vacations have begun! But don't forget Luther Memorial and join us each Sunday!



Our Roof Replacement Project has been a great undertaking. Many thanks to Laurie Meade and Marilyn Enloe for all their research and work in obtaining the information for the final decisions in completing the roof project. The Congregational Meeting on June 30 will allow everyone to review and vote on a financial plan for the roof project. Please take time to review the plan and ask any question you may have.

The goal is to start the roof project by summer's end.

May each and every one of you enjoy your summer vacation!

Blessings,

Donna Smith

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# WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## In-Person & YouTube Live Stream Worship Sunday @ 10:30am

YouTube Live Stream Worship links and instructions:

For upcoming live stream event: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6reliQJuFBuOvnbeAF31sA/live>. When the event goes live, you will be able to watch the event in real-time. When the event is complete, the event will be recorded and saved as a video.

For past events: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6reliQJuFBuOvnbeAF31sA> will show the past events/videos for you to watch.

We suggest you subscribe to our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6reliQJuFBuOvnbeAF31sA>, then click on the bell icon to turn on the notifications, it will send you email notifications for upcoming events.

# OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday** 9a-12:30p, then @Foss 1pm-5pm (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

**Wednesday:** 9:00am – 3:00pm (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

**Thursday:** 9am - 1pm, then Work from Home (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

**Friday:** @Foss 10a-12p, then in the office until 2p (Pastor Sara Funkhouser)

**Monday - Friday:** 9:00am – 1:00pm (Jian Zhang)

**Pastor Sara Funkhouser on vacation July 9 - July 21**

# WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

## Recent Worship Attendance

Sunday, 5, May, 2024 - 24  
Sunday, 12, May, 2024 - 24  
Sunday, 19, May, 2024 - 29  
Sunday, 26, May, 2024 - 27  
Sunday, 2, June, 2024 - 31  
Sunday, 9, June, 2024 - 29  
Sunday, 16, June, 2024 - 19  
Sunday, 23, June, 2024 - 25  
Sunday, 30, June, 2024 - 36



## Free Little Pantry News

We have been so fortunate to have received such wonderful food donations from both Whittier Elementary and Broadview Thomson K-8 this past year. Now as we head into the summer months our reserves have greatly diminished and we are having to purchase more items to fill the pantry especially protein items. With careful shopping we have been able to keep our costs down but find it is costing about \$600 to fill the pantry for June. Any monetary gifts would be greatly appreciated. Please keep the pantry and our clients in your prayers as we navigate through the summer months.

Pantry Co-Chairs,  
Mary Hinderliter  
Diane Chapman

## Property/Maintenance report from Laurie and Marilyn

Keeping the church grounds tidy is a continual weekly effort that includes weeding, mowing, refilling the rain barrels, garbage pickup, putting out curbside recycling, yard waste and garbage bins. We always say it takes a village and we thank Lynne, Leia and Keiko as part of the team. An upcoming project will be to trim the cedar tree branches on the north side of the building. In preparation for the roof project, we will be hiring a company to trim the tree branches that are hanging over the roof. This will help in eliminating the droppings from the limbs that land on the roof and clog the downspout.

The storm drains in the parking lot are cleaned and heat and water sensors have had their semiannual test and are in working order.

The garden plots are looking amazing as the summer growth is in full bloom and vegetable plants are beginning to produce. Our resident Mason Bees are helping with the pollination.

As a reminder, and an ask.... anyone is welcome to join the team if you have a bit of time to help in the work it takes to maintain the outdoor spaces.

The basketball hoop for the families of Compass Housing is a big hit. It has been attached to the pillar to keep it from moving forward. Families have been asked to put basketballs and bikes away when not in use.

Indoors, there is a plumbing issue with one of the ladies restroom toilets that will be fixed on Sunday, June 30th thanks to Matthew, Donna's grandson who works for Bee's Plumbing.

The big project is the new roof that is nearing the "go ahead" with our Congregational meeting and vote on June 30th. This will give the Council members input on the finance proposal. More information will be forthcoming by Sunday announcements and information via the Wednesday Mid-week Update. Please tune into those resources to get updated information.

# Church Activities



2nd Book Sale



Easter Sunday



Food donation from Whittier Elementary



Laurie cleaning the storm drains



Pride Parade



JULY & AUGUST 2024



### From the Bishop:

Martin Luther writes in the Small Catechism:

*What then does 'daily bread' mean? Everything included in the necessities and nourishment for our bodies, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, farm, field, livestock, money, property, an upright spouse, upright children, upright members of the household, upright and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, decency, honor, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.* (Small Catechism, Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer)

In May, the six bishops of Region One (this includes the synods of Northwest Washington, Southwestern Washington, Alaska, Oregon, Northwest Intermountain, and Montana) were asked by the Region One hunger teams to write a joint letter requesting Congress to re-authorize the federal Farm Bill and to not cut important funding. The six bishops agreed to write this letter. After it was written and signed, the ELCA Advocacy staff in Washington, DC hand-delivered it to the House and Senate Agriculture Committees' leaderships and to the Representatives in each of the synod's respective states.

In June, there was a zoom event for all the Lutherans in the six synods to learn more about the Farm Bill and advocate for its continuation. This event was sponsored by the Region One hunger ministry teams, ELCA Advocacy, and Faith Action Network (FAN). Different speakers shared information, conversation happened, and the opportunity to write letters to legislators occurred.

As you might know, the six synods have over 560 congregations and tens of thousands of Lutherans from the states of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming. These synods and states are not homogenous. The bishops are not homogenous. The congregations within each synod are not homogenous. The members of these congregations are not homogenous. We have differences of opinion at times, we have different priorities, we vote differently, we even shake our heads at things that don't make sense to us about one another.

And yet, in our diversity, we are also joined in the unity of Christ and the promises we have received. Deep in our bones, we know that we are saved by grace through faith. We hold fast to the truth that God loves us no matter what. We know this and trust this and hold this. And, because of this, together we are called out into the world – as followers of Jesus and as civic members of society.

We join together – over and over – to bring about change and protect the vulnerable. We come together beyond political difference because of what we have been promised and what we are called to do and to be. The example I've been using in this article is the Farm Bill. When we advocate for this bi-partisan Farm Bill, we are advocating for farmers, migrants, agricultural workers, Indigenous peoples, hungry children, the inclusion of those who have been historically excluded, and more.

But, of course, we come together far beyond this Farm Bill. We come together because God calls us to love others as God loves us. We work together for a just society. As German pastor and theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, "Mere waiting and looking on is not Christian behavior. Christians are called to compassion and action, not in the first place by their own sufferings, but by the sufferings of their brothers and sisters, for whose sake Christ suffered." (*A Testament to Freedom*)

I am thankful and proud to be Lutheran because of all of you who feed and clothe, nourish and shelter, love and protect those who are the most vulnerable in this country and this world. It would take pages to list all the ways that you do this individually, in your congregations, in the synod, and in the wider church. Thank you for your advocacy and your care. There is, of course, more work to be done. And so let us together work towards the day when all may receive "daily bread."

If you would like to read the Bishops' letter you may click this link: <https://fanwa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Region-1-Bishops-Joint-Letter-Agriculture-Committee-Leaderships.pdf>

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## Special Feature: Young Adults in Global Mission from our synod

Every year the ELCA provides a number of young adults the opportunity to grow in their faith and work hand in hand with our global companions through the ELCA's Young Adults in Global Mission (YAGM) program. These volunteers, who range in age from 21 to 29, take the plunge into a life-changing, yearlong journey in communities around the world. The YAGM program invites young adults into an international year of service supporting the ministries and projects of our global companions. It also invites volunteers into a journey of self-reflection, providing them with space to consider their own identity, God's work in the world and their place within it all.

Young adults serve in the spirit of accompaniment, walking alongside global companions in a manner that practices mutuality, interdependence and solidarity. Areas of service include, but are not limited to, health and human rights, education, environmental justice, professional support and congregational ministry. All site placements provide opportunities for young adults to confront issues of wealth and poverty, racial privilege, gender privilege, economic disparity and globalization, all through the lens of faith.

Each volunteer commits to raising \$6,000 to support their year of service, and other contributors to the ELCA help to support the remaining program \$10,000 per young adult. The total amount of \$18,000 is the average cost per YAGM volunteer, which covers all expenses associated with their service.

**As these young adult leaders prepare to head out for their year of service in August, please consider how you and your congregation can support these YAGM volunteers from our synod, financially and otherwise!**



**Katie Giseburt**

from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Bellevue & Salt House Church in Kirkland

Heading to Cambodia!

Learn more about Katie & how to support her [HERE](#)



**Thomas McCutchan**

from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Snohomish & Lutheran Campus Ministry at Western Washington University

Heading to Argentina/Uruguay!

Learn more about Thomas & how to support him [HERE](#)



**Brooke Nelson**

from Grace Lutheran Church in Des Moines

Heading to Argentina/Uruguay!

Learn more about Katie & how to support her [HERE](#)