

The Luther Memorial News

June 2018

*We are a
Reconciling in Christ Congregation.*

*A community committed to making
Christ's disciples, dedicated to worship,
study and prayer while serving all in need.*

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FROM OUR PASTOR...

“Run through the tape.” That is what track coaches tell sprinters to do. The idea is to push hard for the whole race, not letting up until you are well past the finish line. It is a mental image which helps runners drive hard from beginning to end.

As we move into the summer, many of our programs will gear down as folks are in and out of town. There is nothing wrong with a time of hiatus to recharge and refocus our energies. But that does not mean nothing is happening this summer. There are tasks to be done and opportunities for ministry. Most important this is also a time when Luther Memorial will be preparing for its next ministry chapter under new pastoral leadership.

By now all of you should know that I will be retiring in September. My intention in the coming months is to “run through the tape,” using this time to help Luther Memorial plan for a new program year. So I invite you to run with me. Think about what our congregation will need in the fall to continue its important ministry in Blacksburg. More than that, think about what ministries excite you, what gifts you have to offer, where you can invest yourself in the work of our Lord—perhaps in ways you have never explored before.

Luther Memorial does not have to merely go into a holding pattern or coast along until a new pastor is called. It can run through the tape, exploring new ministry directions and strengthening programs already in place. We have strong lay leadership at Luther Memorial; I invite you to support them with your ideas and energy.

Pastor King

MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE 2018

Evangelism/Communication Committee: Friday, June 1@ 9am in the Parish Life conference room
Social Ministry Committee: Sunday, June 10 following service, in the Fellowship Hall
Church Council Meeting: Sunday, June 24 following service in the Parish Life Center

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Time and Talent

If anyone has still not had a chance to make their Time and Talent pledge, we are still happy to take them. If you prefer you can put it in my mailbox at the church or email me at dwcattley@gmail.com.

Could you use a helping hand?

The *Congregational Care Ministry* may be able to offer assistance. Will you need a ride to an appointment or evening meeting? When you're not feeling well, would you need a delivery of medicine or chicken soup? If you are dealing with cancer or other health concerns, would you like to talk with a trained volunteer? For more information, call the church office at 540-951-1000, or Lois Voss at 952-927-0448 or Carol Reynolds at 540-204-1094.

Blacksburg Refugee Partnership

Blacksburg Refugee Partnership needs you to drive! Most of the BRP youth have been signed up for various camps this summer. Some camps are half day (9 to 12 noon or 1 to 4 pm) and some are full day (9 to 3 pm). Each child has been signed up for the equivalent of one week of a full day of camp. You can help them get these kids to these activities which help with their assimilation. You do not need to drive both ways or even everyday. You may only be able to drive a few times. Be a part of the village!! You will need a background check that BRP will facilitate. Please contact Wava Vigen 571-276-5079 or Wavaburg@gmail.com

Luther's Lunches

Luther's Lunch will be taking a break for the summer. As of June 1st, we will no longer offer lunches on Fridays. On behalf of the planning committee, I would like to thank everyone who provided food for the lunch program. Your dedication made this project possible and I know the participants appreciated your efforts. I would also like to especially thank Rob Myers who dedicated most of his Fridays to supervise the lunches. His efforts made the Luther's Lunches a success. The lunch program will resume in the fall. In Christ, Teresa Cassell

Earth Day Statement from the ELCA Presiding Bishop

As members of the ELCA we share a deep love for all God's creation and a profound responsibility for it. Made in the image of God, we are called to continue what God is already doing for the earth (Psalm 104), enabling it to flourish. God assigns humans to care for the earth as God does, in loving servanthood (Philippians 2:7; Genesis 2:15). To read entire article go to: <http://www.elca.org/News-and-Events/7922>

Power in the Spirit

Walking in Newness of Life: July 12 -14, 2018 Roanoke College Registration is open!
<https://www.regonline.com/registration/Checkin.aspx?EventID=2327305>

Pictorial Photo Directory Possible

Some members have expressed the desire to have an updated pictorial directory of the Luther Memorial congregation. We have explored several options and the most feasible seems to be one prepared commercially. The cost of the congregation would be nothing (the company hoping to sell pictures). We cannot proceed until we find someone who is willing to be the overall coordinator of the project. Below is the job description provided to us by LifeTouch. If you would be willing to be the coordinator (or would like to discuss this) please contact Pastor King.

Overall Coordinator: This person oversees the program, keeping the team on track. This person will be responsible for overseeing the directory program and be the primary contact person representing the organization and working with the local Lifetouch representative. They also serve to keep the project moving forward on time and as planned and outlined at the organizational meeting.

Volunteers are needed to check-in families during the photo sessions each day. This person will be responsible for helping folks schedule an appointment, before/after church services and major events. These sign ups can be done online, or by printing schedules out, scheduling families, and then insuring the appointments are entered into the online schedule.

Directory Designer: Also needed is someone to work on the design of our church directory using Storybuilder software provided by the company. This software makes the actual design of your book a quick and easy process for anyone who is relatively comfortable using a computer.

June Change for Change

Salvation Army School Supply and Book Bag Program

Summer has barely started and here I am, already wanting to talk to you about school supplies for next school year! It may seem crazy, but it's true - not the crazy part, the wanting to talk about school supplies part.

An annual summer project of Luther Memorial is to participate in the School Supply and Book Bag Program, in conjunction with the New River Valley Salvation Army. This summer will be our 10th straight year of participating in this fantastic community ministry!

To get a jump start on the project, the June Change for Change donations have been designated to go the School Supply and Book Bag Program.

All of the donations given in June will be used to purchase school supplies and book bags.

These are assembled together and then donated to our local Salvation Army so that they may be provided to families with children who have difficulty affording necessary school supplies.

EVERY CHILD in our community, without exception, deserves to be ready for that first day of school – this program is a great way for us to help make that happen!

We will be preparing book bags for: pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, elementary school (grades 1-4), middle school (grades 5-8), and high school (grades 9-12).

And coming soon – a display in the church narthex about the School Supply and Book Bag Program, and more ways you can offer your support!

Let's make our 11th year of participating in this community ministry our best year yet!

Please contact Leah Wechtaluk McFarren (lwechtal@vt.edu) or Kathy Parrott (homes@vt.edu) with any questions.

SERVANT PARTICIPANTS FOR JUNE 2018

	June 3	June 10	June 17	June 24
Greeter	<i>Irmtraut Hartenstein</i>	<i>Ann Hess</i>	<i>Jennifer Freeman</i>	<i>Amy Roeder</i>
Communion Assistant	<i>Diane Catley Mary Grems</i>	<i>Linda Libey Karl Pedersen</i>	<i>Tom Wilson John Hess</i>	<i>Mandy Wilson Danny Knott</i>
Cantor	<i>Bennet Cassell</i>	<i>Carolyn Howard</i>	<i>Jenny Akers</i>	<i>Tom Wilson</i>
Lector	<i>Ann Hess</i>	<i>Bennet Cassell</i>	<i>Kay Jordan</i>	<i>Chris Skogen</i>
PW Greeter	<i>Mark Barrow</i>	<i>Irmtraut Hartenstein</i>	<i>Kathy Valencic</i>	<i>Teresa Cassell</i>
Ushers	<i>Glenn Buss</i>	<i>Glenn Buss</i>	<i>Glenn Buss</i>	<i>Glenn Buss</i>
	<i>Marcia Barrow</i>	<i>Marcia Barrow</i>	<i>Marcia Barrow</i>	<i>Marcia Barrow</i>
	<i>Everett Warner</i>	<i>Everett Warner</i>	<i>Everett Warner</i>	<i>Everett Warner</i>
	<i>Betty Segar</i>	<i>Betty Segar</i>	<i>Betty Segar</i>	<i>Betty Segar</i>
Tellers	<i>Elaine Belay</i>	<i>Elaine Belay</i>	<i>Elaine Belay</i>	<i>Elaine Belay</i>
	<i>Bill Knocke</i>	<i>Bill Knocke</i>	<i>Bill Knocke</i>	<i>Bill Knocke</i>
	<i>Janet Buss</i>	<i>Janet Buss</i>	<i>Janet Buss</i>	<i>Janet Buss</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN JUNE

<i>June 03</i>	<i>Elaine Belay, Lily Westcott</i>
<i>June 04</i>	<i>Rick Howard</i>
<i>June 05</i>	<i>Connor Rogers</i>
<i>June 06</i>	<i>Mark Barrow</i>
<i>June 07</i>	<i>Norm Bakken</i>
<i>June 08</i>	<i>Lisa Goodell</i>
<i>June 10</i>	<i>Will Crone, Michael Crowe</i>
<i>June 11</i>	<i>Paul Smeal</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Ben Anstrom</i>
<i>June 15</i>	<i>Justin Akers, Jean Farmer</i>
<i>June 16</i>	<i>Mary Powe, Everett Warner</i>
<i>June 18</i>	<i>Keagan Rogers</i>
<i>June 19</i>	<i>Marti Larson</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Julia Everett</i>
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Leah Wechtaluk McFarren</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>Scott Herrmann, Ryan Oosterhuis</i>
<i>June 25</i>	<i>Marshall Tessnear</i>
<i>June 28</i>	<i>Meghan Rupkey, Alex Widner</i>
<i>June 29</i>	<i>Carol Reid</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Ellie Lichty</i>



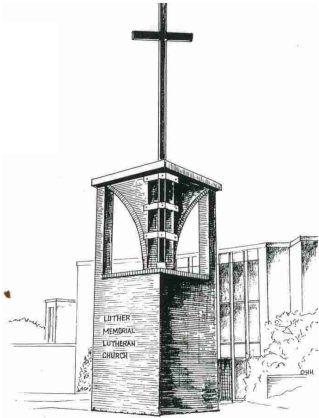
June 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 9:00 am Evangelism/ Communication	2 9:00 am VT Faculty Women's Club 10:30 am Sanctuary Rehearsal
3 Second Sunday after Pentacost 10:am Worship	4 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 6:30 pm – AA Meeting 7:00 pm – Wilderness Rd. Chorus	5	6 MS Bike America 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 10:30 am – Get Moving Exercise 4:00pm – Garden Club	7 Campus Center 6:30 pm – AA Meeting	8	9 10:30 am Sanctuary Rehearsal
10 Third Sunday after Pentacost 10 am – Worship 11:30 am – Social Ministry Meeting	11 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 6:30 pm – AA Meeting 7:00 pm – Wilderness Rd. Chorus	12 Election Day	13 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 10:30 am – Get Moving Exercise 4:00 pm – Garden Club	14 4:30 pm Dialogue on Race 6:30 pm – AA Meeting	15	16 10:30 am Sanctuary Rehearsal
17 FATHER'S DAY Fourth Sunday after Pentacost 10:00 am – Worship	18 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 6:30 pm – AA Meeting 7:00 pm – Wilderness Rd. Chorus	19	20 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 10:30 am – Get Moving Exercise	21 6:30 pm – AA Meeting	22	23 10:30 am Sanctuary Rehearsal
24 Fifth Sunday after Pentacost 10:00 am– Worship 11:30am Congregation Council	25 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 6:30 pm – AA Meeting 7:00 pm – Wilderness Rd. Chorus	26	27 9:00 am – Parents Morning Out 10:30 am – Get Moving Exercise	28 6:30 pm – AA Meeting	29	30 10:30 am Sanctuary Rehearsal

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STEWARDSHIP NUGGET FOR JUNE 2018

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left and would say, I used everything you gave me."

Erma Bombeck