

The Luther Memorial News

October 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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On the horizon appears a new beginning for the members, friends, and students who make Luther Memorial their community and a new beginning for me as well. I joyfully anticipate becoming the Interim Pastor of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. As your shepherd, I pray that together we will faithfully grow as disciples and clearly discern the mission and ministry to which God is calling Luther Memorial. This interim time is an intentional process designed to discover God's vision for Luther Memorial and what gifts and skills your pastor will need to help you live that vision.

A little about me....I was born in Arlington, Virginia, adopted, and grew up in Prince George's County, Maryland, just outside Washington, DC and I have four siblings who still live in the Annapolis, MD area. My son, Robert, and his wife, Carrie, are new parents to my first grandson. Bodhi was born five weeks early last December, which was quite a life change for all of us. Robert and Carrie live in Mechanicsburg, PA, just a five hour drive from Blacksburg. Earlier this month Bodhi was baptized as a child of God into God's family. I can barely describe the joy and love watching Robert carry his son to the altar for the blessing at communion.

After receiving my Bachelor's degree from Frostburg State College (Frostburg, MD) in History and Political Science, I worked for Verizon for over twenty-five years. In 1994 while working full time at Verizon, I began studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. I had a wonderful internship experience at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Lynchburg, VA with Pastor John Herman and was called to Bethlehem to serve as associate and, later, solo pastor. Pastor John shepherded the congregation through the discernment process for a new vision that led Bethlehem to create a new contemporary worship experience. I witnessed the power of shaping a worship community by discerning God's vision and was challenged to help others fully live into that vision. Twelve years ago I was called to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Holmes Beach, Florida on Anna Maria Island, a Gulf-coast resort area. While at Gloria Dei I was highly active in the local community and Social Ministry. I have been active with the local soup kitchen, Our Daily Bread, Habitat for Humanity's Inter-faith Build, and Selah Freedom (an organization that helps women escape the life of sex trafficking.) Gloria Dei supports a local Girls' High School Basketball Team and cheers on the girls at the games and makes quilts as they graduate.

I have a passion for the gospel and for God's people. I am energized by the possibility of helping students as they contemplate their life journey and their relationship with God. I witnessed the power of what is possible when a congregation discerns and pursues God's vision. I eagerly await the opportunity to share in your discernment journey and being a part of the mission and ministry of Luther Memorial.

Pastor Rosemary Backer

Church Council Meeting: Sunday, October 28 following service in the Parish Life Center

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HURRICANE RELIEF

Most of you will recall that our former pastor Joanna Stallings accepted a call to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Goldsboro NC in early 2017. Goldsboro is some distance southeast of Raleigh and was directly in the path of Hurricane Florence. I have spoken with Joanna in recent days to explore ways to help. Pastor Stallings' church property sustained some damage, but was fortunate enough to be well covered by flood insurance. However, the community itself was badly damaged, with many homes lacking flood insurance and many families with no home at all. Church Council and the Social Ministry Committee are asking members of LMLC to contribute to a special Goldsboro relief effort over the next 2-3 weeks. Please consider making a contribution, making checks out to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church with "Good Shepherd Relief" in the "MEMO" line. Around mid-October, we will forward proceeds to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church where Pastor Stallings will oversee distribution to areas of greatest need in the Goldsboro community. Thanks to all for generous support.

TO OUR HOUSE - Homeless Shelter

Volunteer opportunity in November

When the temperature drops, the local churches and community groups provide shelter to the homeless. This year women will also be served. LMLC will be hosting "To Our House" for 2 weeks beginning November 10. Please consider filling one of the following roles:

- Evening volunteer (5:30-9:15 p.m.) - open the campus center, and greet and make guests (homeless persons and support group that provides meals) feel welcome.
- Overnight volunteer (9 p.m.-7 a.m.) - sleep in an adjoining area of the campus center, assist paid staff member as needed and set out breakfast in the morning.

Instructions will be provided. Sign-up on the poster is in the narthex beginning on October 7.

BREAD FOR THE WORLD SUNDAY

October 21, 2018

Bread for the World Sunday is an opportunity to join others in praying for those who struggle with hunger and to rededicate ourselves to efforts that create hope and opportunity for those in need, In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells his disciples that "for God all things are possible" (Mark 10:27). In this spirit of God-given possibility, we invite your prayers and actions for an end to hunger. There will be more information in our bulletins on how to help end hunger.



breadfortheworld
HAVE FAITH. END HUNGER.

We invite you to join us by visiting www.bread.org

Change for Change October 2018:

Micah's Backpack

Micah's Backpack was started by several people at St. Michael's Lutheran Church in Blacksburg in 2007. They saw a need and wanted to help. MB began with 6 people and 5 backpacks. It has grown to giving backpacks out to over 300 children in 9 schools in Montgomery County.

The purpose of MB is to give low-resource students food for the weekend. Often the children have breakfast and lunch at school during the week. But on weekends, the cupboards may be thin or even bare. Each backpack contains 6 meals, 2 juice boxes, and 2 milk boxes. This food helps to keep the children alert in school and healthier overall.

Donations are always needed to help this program continue and reach more students who may be in need. 2 preschools are now receiving backpacks. Please search your heart and decide if you would like to contribute to this wonderful cause. Thank you.



**Micah's
Backpack**

Packing Thursday
Delivering Friday
Feeding Saturday and Sunday

CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

We will again be collecting Christmas shoe boxes for the Head Start children at the Pine Ridge, SD Indian Reservation. Please stop by the display in the Narthex to pick up a sheet with information on how to assemble your shoe box. Shoe boxes must be brought to the church no later than Sunday, November 11th. St. Michael Lutheran Church will be preparing them for shipment.

BRUNCH WELCOMING PASTOR BACKER

Pastor Backer will preach her first sermon at Luther Memorial on October 21st. We will hold a Brunch following worship in order to welcome and get to know our new interim pastor. Plan on being present and bring a brunch dish to share.

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS OCTOBER 2018

	October 7	October 14	October 21	October 28
Greeter	<i>John Hess</i>	<i>Elaine Belay</i>	<i>Betty Segar</i>	<i>Irmtraut Hartenstein</i>
Communion Assistant	<i>Janet Buss</i> <i>John Anstrom</i>	<i>Kathy Parrott</i> <i>Glenn Buss</i>	<i>Karl Pedersen</i> <i>Linda Libey</i>	<i>Danny Knott</i> <i>Mandy Wilson</i>
Cantor	<i>Tom Wilson</i>	<i>Carolyn Howard</i>	<i>Jenny Akers</i>	<i>Jay Crone</i>
Lector	<i>Mark Barrow</i>	<i>Bennet Cassell</i>	<i>Andy Hansbrough</i>	<i>Ann Hess</i>
PW Greeter	<i>Irmtraut Hartenstein</i>	<i>Mark Barrow</i>	<i>Elaine Belay</i>	<i>Betty Segar</i>
Ushers	<i>Gary Buss</i>	<i>Gary Buss</i>	<i>Gary Buss</i>	<i>Gary Buss</i>
	<i>Marti Larson</i>	<i>Marti Larson</i>	<i>Marti Larson</i>	<i>Marti Larson</i>
	<i>Kevin Carlson</i>	<i>Kevin Carlson</i>	<i>Kevin Carlson</i>	<i>Kevin Carlson</i>
	<i>Bryce Carlson</i>	<i>Bryce Carlson</i>	<i>Bryce Carlson</i>	<i>Bryce Carlson</i>
Tellers	<i>Janet Buss</i>	<i>Janet Buss</i>	<i>Janet Buss</i>	<i>Janet Buss</i>
	<i>Tim Larson</i>	<i>Tim Larson</i>	<i>Tim Larson</i>	<i>Tim Larson</i>
	<i>Lisa Carlson</i>	<i>Lisa Carlson</i>	<i>Lisa Carlson</i>	<i>Lisa Carlson</i>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THOSE BORN IN OCTOBER

<i>October 02</i>	<i>Evelyn Brown, Henley Collins, Megan Lighty</i>
<i>October 04</i>	<i>Kate Buss</i>
<i>October 05</i>	<i>Bill King, Jim Wolfe</i>
<i>October 10</i>	<i>Alex Depew, Barry Johnson, Ed Vigen</i>
<i>October 12</i>	<i>Allen Price</i>
<i>October 13</i>	<i>Kelby Zeiger</i>
<i>October 14</i>	<i>Irmtraut Hartenstein</i>
<i>October 18</i>	<i>Dennis Catley</i>
<i>October 20</i>	<i>Elizabeth Roeder</i>
<i>October 24</i>	<i>Kami Reece</i>
<i>October 25</i>	<i>Judy Mattox</i>
<i>October 26</i>	<i>Kevin Carlson, Erin Hansbrough, Anna Schmitt</i>
<i>October 27</i>	<i>Elizabeth Mallery</i>



NRVCares PARENTING CLASS

Luther Memorial will be hosting the NRV Cares Parenting Class again this fall. The classes will be on Tuesday nights, September 25 through November 20 (with a night off on November 6). If you would like to help provide and serve a meal for this group, or if you'd like more information, please contact Mary Hansbrough at 951-8189 or maryhhans@aol.com. There is also a signup sheet on the mailbox kiosk.

COMMUNITY FRIDAY LUNCH

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered so far for the Community Lunches on Fridays. We have a need for a volunteer for October 12th. Other dates are also available. We provide a hot meal and conversation for anyone. We are asking for at least one volunteer each Friday. We would love to have our volunteer stay for lunch but if that is not possible, we welcome you leaving the lunch to be heated up or set out by the experienced set up person. We will need to know instructions if you leave lunch so we can get it ready for our guests. If you can stay for lunch, we are asking volunteers to be at the campus center at 11:30am for a noon lunch and you should be done no later than 1:30pm.

Friday Lunch has gone to using an electronic signup sheet instead of a paper one. The link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4da8a828a3fa7-community>

If you prefer, I can sign you up by a phone call to 540 818-1438. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email at teresa.cassell@comcast.net.

PARENTS' MORNING OUT AT LUTHER MEMORIAL

Community Co-op Play Group meets in the nursery on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week from 9 until noon.

This co-op group is coordinated by Trish Downs, 951-7380, tkdowns@me.com. Trish is the sole paid person and coordinates with parents to provide care and activities for up to 10 children. A \$10/day fee is paid monthly by parents. Parents are also required to volunteer to help staff the program. Children from 1 to 3 years of age are provided guided activities. Any family can participate, the service is housed in Luther Memorial Lutheran Church but it serves the community and neighborhood.

It is a small group with occasional openings. Encourage those who could use this opportunity for young families to join the co-op to contact Trish Downs.

KROGER REWARDS CARD



Use your Kroger Rewards Card to help support the ministries of Luther Memorial.

Go to www.kroger.com/communityrewards to sign up or to make sure your card is linked to Luther Memorial Lutheran Church (SB721).



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

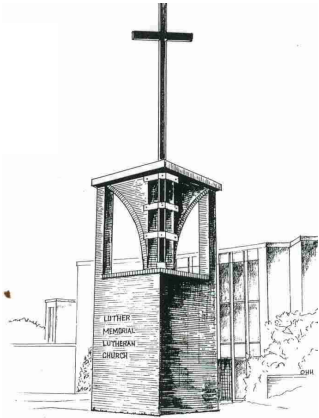
October 2018 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 am – PMO 6:30 pm – AA Meeting; Boy Scouts 7:00 pm – Wilderness Rd. Chorus	2 5:00 pm – NRVC Parenting Class 5:30 pm – Christian Education Meeting	3 9:00 am – PMO 10:30 am – Get Moving Exercise 7:00 pm – Choir Practice	4 10:00 am – Bible Study 6:30 pm – AA Meeting	5 9:00 am – PMO 10:00 am – VT Faculty Women 5:30 pm – Games 	6 10:30 am Sanctuary Rehearsal
7 9:00 am - Sunday School 10:00 am – Worship 2:00 pm – Women of ELCA 3:00 pm – Lyric Movie	8 9:00 am – PMO 6:30 pm – AA Meeting; Boy Scouts 7:00 pm – Wilderness Rd. Chorus	9 9:00 am – Newcomer’s Club 5:00 pm – NRVC Parenting Class	10 9:00 am – PMO 10:30 am – Get Moving Exercise 7:00 pm – Choir Practice	11 10:00 am - Bible Study 4:30 pm Dialogue on Race 6:30 pm – AA Meeting	12 9:00 am – PMO	13 10:30 am Sanctuary Rehearsal
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STEWARDSHIP NUGGET FOR OCTOBER 2018

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”

1 Peter 4: 10