

The Luther Memorial News August 2017

*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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JOIN US FOR OUR CHURCH PICNIC



Sunday, August 27th is the church BBQ Picnic following the 10:00 am worship service. We will be gathering the community of faith after a summer of vacations, welcoming new students and visitors, as we enjoy lunch after worship. Plan to make a little extra food to share!! There will be some delicious foods for vegetarians too! Dress casually for church, bring a blanket and a friend, and plan to stay following the service for the picnic, fellowship, and fun!

If your last name begins with A – P, bring a side dish such as a salad or vegetable. If your last name begins with Q – Z, bring a dessert. **SIDE DISHES AND DESSERTS SHOULD BE LARGE ENOUGH TO SERVE AT LEAST 12 PEOPLE!!!** We are hoping to have plenty of hungry students as well as the rest of the congregation. If you are interested in helping to make this day a great success, please contact Marti Larson, 239-3453 or moonm@vt.edu. There will be a sign-up sheet on the kiosk for volunteers to help set up chairs and tables before the picnic, and help for cleaning up afterwards.

**WORSHIP TIME
CHANGE**



On August 20th we end our summer worship schedule. We will have a single worship service at 10:00am beginning August 20th. Christian Formation classes will begin September 10th.

From Our Pastor

“We’ve had a lot of change lately.” She made that statement as the congregational council was discussing a matter on our agenda—not really as an argument for one choice or another, just as an observation. It got me thinking about how we deal with change and how hard it can be.

Somewhere I read that part of the stress inherent in being human is that we are wired to want continuity and predictability, while simultaneously craving novelty. We hate big changes in our routine but we also hate being bored. Give us too many changes in a short period of time and we get anxious; give us too few and we quickly become lethargic and disengaged. Finding the balance is hard; we often feel rip-sawed between too much flux in our lives and too little. Too much change in a short period spikes our insecurity, but it’s hard to stay enthusiastic when we are playing out the same script over and over.

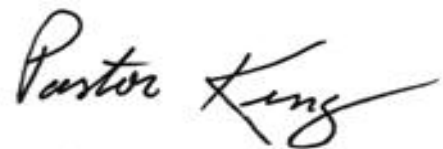
We find that tension in our work, our families, and also in our church. We want new things to happen in the life of our parish but we mourn when familiar patterns change. As one wag put it, “Everybody wants to go to heaven, but nobody wants to die.” But the core of the gospel is that there cannot be resurrection until there is death. There has to be an ending of the old and some risk before new possibilities can emerge.

When you have a community of people trying to be the church together you will have some who much prefer continuity and others who want to shake things up and try something new. I name this tension in the hope that doing so will help us work together to find the sweet spot where tradition and innovation meet.

In a given day I meet both those deeply grieving the loss of things they value and those who are chaffing under the unwillingness of the church (local and universal) to dare new things. My hope is that whatever our preference regarding change—whether our default is to resist it or embrace it—we can hear the pain and struggle of those who are different from us. That is part of what trying to be the church is all about, looking beyond our personal preferences to care about others who are part of the same body of Christ.

The truth: Luther Memorial is changing—too fast for some, not nearly fast enough for others. But we are changing. From construction outside the fellowship hall, to a new worship time, to a creative approach to confirmation, to testing new liturgies, to trying some new program which has yet to emerge, we are always trying to keep the security of the familiar while cultivating faithfulness which responds to fresh challenges.

The early church was called “the way.” They understood that they were on a journey and the only constant was the desire to follow where Jesus led them. I pray for that spirit among us as we enter into a new program year together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pastor King". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF AUGUST

The Congregational Council will meet at 7:00pm on August 20th.
Confirmation Meeting will be at 2:00pm on August 20th

Sunday, August 20th our worship service will begin at 10:00am.

Capital Campaign Back on Track

Luther Memorial launched its "Investing in Faith and Mission Capital Campaign" in March. Due to the unexpectedly high cost of remediating water infiltration in the fellowship hall, the priorities of that campaign have been revised. By now members should have received a mailing outlining what we are hoping to do. Early projects include renovation of the fellowship hall, kitchen, and playground. Please look over the materials and consider how you can support this effort to make our facilities more functional, safe, and inviting for ministry and mission in the future. It would be helpful to receive your pledge by July 15.

Educational Scholarship Available

Luther Memorial Lutheran Church will award the Education Endowment Scholarship to a qualified high school graduate who is a member of a Lutheran congregation or participates in Lutheran Campus Ministry. The scholarship of \$500 provides assistance to a student who is pursuing post-secondary education at any level. The application is available in the church office or may be printed from the congregation's website:

<http://www.lmlc.org/lmlc-educational-scholarship>

Deliver the completed application and supporting documents to the church office by August 11, 2017. The successful applicant will be informed of the scholarship by the end of August.

Creation Care Service on August 13th. We will worship outside in the picnic shelter (weather permitting). Our worship focus will be care of creation. You are invited to bring a lawn chair if you would like. There will be other chairs under the shelter. Why not invite a friend to join you for this special worship?

Meeting for Parents of Confirmation Age Students.

Parents of 7th & 8th graders, please note that there will be a meeting on Sunday, August 20th, at 2:00 to discuss confirmation for the coming year. We are exploring a joint program with several other congregations in the New River Valley. Because we are still determining which congregations will participate the location of the meeting is TBA. Details will be shared as they become available.

A Quick Reminder

During the summer, as we travel in and out of town, it is easy for payment on your pledge to fall behind. Our congregation's expenses continue year round, as do the expenses of the local benevolences which we support with our offerings.

Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for the September newsletter is **Tuesday, August 15!** Please be sure to have all articles or announcements to the church office prior to or on the deadline so that they will be included in the September issue.

GET INVOLVED!

Men's Bible Study Resumes: After a summer break, the Men's Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, August 30 at 7:30am, in the Campus Center. Join us for this hour of fellowship, study of the coming week's gospel lesson, and prayer.

Thursday Faith Discussion Group Studies Great Christians: Beginning August 31, at 10:00am, in the conference room, the Thursday Faith Discussion Group will resume its DVD course, *The Apocalypse: Controversies and Meaning in Western History*. We are exploring the text and significance of the book of Revelation. Each week we will hear a lecture on this theme—and use that as jumping off point to discuss challenges of faith in our own day.

Luther Forum: In honor of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, the Luther Forum will begin the year with a DVD course entitled *Reformation Roots*. This course explores how the Reformation came to be and how a movement birthed in Germany spread to other countries and sparked some of the denominations we see today.

Wednesday Morning Exercise Group: We have a group of seniors that meet in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday morning at 10:30am to exercise using instructional DVDs. All of our DVDs offer exercises from a chair. A few of them involve us using light weights and/or stretch bands. We exercise using Pilates, aerobics, tai chi, balance, strengthening, yoga and chair dance DVDs. This is a great opportunity for those who find exercising alone a commitment challenge. Please join us at any time. The fellowship combined with getting healthy is so motivating!

Micah's Backpack Sign Up: Luther Memorial will be responsible for delivering Micah's Backpack to Kipps Elementary School during the 2017-18 school year. MBP ensures that children on reduced or free lunch have food to eat over the weekend. Bags are picked up at St. Michael Lutheran Church on Thursday evening or Friday morning of each week. They are delivered to Kipps between 9 and noon on Friday. **The signup sheet to deliver a week or more is on the mailboxes in the narthex.**

Shelter Fest is Coming: Shelter Fest is a fundraising event sponsored by To Our House, the ministry with homeless men which our congregation hosts each year. This year Shelter Fest will be Saturday, August 26, beginning at 5:30, Sinkland Farms, in Riner. Details will be forthcoming.

Lord's Table: During the growing season, members with surplus produce from their gardens are invited to bring it in and leave it on the "Lord's Table" in the fellowship hall. When you worship pick up something and leave a donation which will be given to the ELCA's Hunger Appeal.

For Sunday School leaders/ teachers and others who are interested:

On August 20 there will be a Sunday School Curriculum Show-and-Tell Session in the Fellowship Hall following the church service. I invite you to come and take a look at our curriculum for our multi-age elementary Sunday School. I'll be giving a brief overview of the curriculum, showing you some of the leader books/ lessons, and answering your questions. Your attendance and feedback are very welcome if you are so inclined. I'm also happy to meet with anyone one-on-one to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached by carla.lockwood@gmail.com or [540.558.8641](tel:540.558.8641). If you've been considering volunteering for this program this is a great time to view resources and I can show you our sign up. We are always looking for more volunteers to connect with the children and strengthen our community while teaching about God's love!

Thanks! Carla Liversedge

Blacksburg Refugee Partnership News:

The Blacksburg Refugee Partnership has put together a summer tutoring and recreational program for the client families. There are more than 30 volunteers for the children, and an additional 12 for the adults. Thank you to those who have volunteered to help in this important aspect of helping the families to assimilate.

One of the mothers will soon give birth to her fifth child. The BRP is organizing a diaper drive and an online wish list. More details to follow.

Each family has a liaison (oversees all aspects of living in the USA), a health coordinator, and recreation coordinator. There is one family that has just lost their recreation coordinator and we are looking for a new volunteer. This person would help the families get their children involved in area sports (soccer is very popular), movies, entertainment events in Blacksburg (4th of July activities), swimming lessons etc. This person is not responsible for taking all the children to and from activities. There are others who help with driving. The ages of the children are 14, 12, 10, and 3. If you think you could help with this, or are interested in helping with the transportation to and from activities, please contact me. Wava Vigen, wavaburg@gmail.com 571 276 5079.

Link Your Kroger Card to LMLC

If you normally shop at Kroger there is easy way to support the ministry of Luther Memorial: link your Kroger Plus card to Luther Memorial. Through its community rewards program Kroger offers a rebate to non-profits. Luther Memorial is one of many worthy organizations in our area which participates in this program. How do you link your card?

- Log into **your** account at krogercommunityrewards.com. If you do not have an account you will need to create one at <https://www.kroger.com/account/create>.
- Click on Edit **Kroger** Community Rewards information and input **your Kroger Plus card** number
- Update or confirm **your** information. Enter a participating organization's number. The LMLC number is 82292.
- Click on confirm.

When you use your Kroger Plus card, a portion of the sale will be directed to the organization you have chosen. Kroger requires that you periodically re-link your card to an organization. So if you have not done this lately, you may need to re-link your card.

2017 – 2018 CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

New & Returning Students: The students at the university will be moving back to town during this month. Classes begin August 28 and dorms will be opening earlier in the month. Please make students and their families welcome as they come to worship and participate in the programs we offer. They bring life and vibrancy to our community and we want this to be their community of faith too!

Extending Our Campus Ministry by Student Referral: Do you know anyone who is going off to college for the first time? Maybe you know a returning student who is searching for a church home or campus ministry. You can extend the campus ministry of our church to institutions across the United States by logging on this site and sharing contact information with different sites. It's fast and easy. <http://lumin-networkreferral.org/student-referrals/>. Don't have any students—check out the page anyway—there is a lot of great information on the page about building faith among young adults.

**CHANGE 4 CHANGE IN AUGUST WILL BE DONATED TO
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY**



In August, Change for Change goes to support Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley (HFHNRV), the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.

Habitat for Humanity is an international organization that since its inception has built, renovated and repaired more than 600,000 decent, affordable houses sheltering more than 3 million people worldwide. HFHNRV serves Montgomery, Giles, Floyd, Pulaski, Counties and Radford City. We strive to maintain committee and Board representation of all geographic areas. HFHNRV is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God's love into action by building homes, communities and hope. They are dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions. Habitat for Humanity was founded on the conviction that every man, woman and child should have a simple, durable place to live in dignity and safety, and that decent shelter in decent communities should be a matter of conscience and action for all. Please consider giving your financial support to Habitat for Humanity this month! In addition, you can volunteer at current Habitat for Humanity build sites and repair sites at www.habitatnrv.org/volunteer/.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO THOSE CELEBRATING
BIRTHDAYS IN MAYAUGUST!**

- Aug. 1 Martin Forsman
- Aug. 2 John Westwood
 Anna Westwood
 Logan Wolfe
- Aug. 4 Elena Oosterhuis
 Tom Reid
- Aug. 5 Terry Papillon
 Harper Thorsen
- Aug. 6 Daniel De La Mota
- Aug. 7 Harper Kennedy
- Aug. 9 Mary Kay Smith
- Aug. 10 Jennifer Freeman
 Konrad Kubin
 Cindy Strock
- Aug. 12 Samantha Quesenberry
- Aug. 13 Glen Earthman
 Elizabeth Grant
- Aug. 14 Jim Westwood
- Aug. 15 Krista Johansen
- Aug. 16 Mark Pierson
- Aug. 17 Zelma Harris
- Aug. 19 Pam Vickers
- Aug. 20 Casey Knott
 Don Marickovich
- Aug. 21 Melissa Knocke
- Aug. 22 Morgan Knott
 Rebecca Schiek
- Aug. 26 Marcia Barrow
- Aug. 27 Hudson Collins
 Seth Elich
- Aug. 29 Alice Feret



Birthday Fellowship

Aug. 13th

8:30am

11:00am Following the 9:00am Worship Service

Hosts: Danny & Mara Knott

Lay Communion

May August 20, 2016 2017

John & Ann Hess John and Ann Hess

Bulletin Preparation for May August

May 6 Aug. 4

Nelda Buss & Jan Spahr

May 13 Aug. 11

Betty Segar & Meg Peterson Betty Jo Prater

May 20 Aug. 18

John Hess & Betty Jo Prater Rob Myers

May 27 Aug. 25

Jean Farmer Irmtraut Hartenstein & Betty Segar

Bulletin Proofer for May August

Bulletins proofed on Wednesday evenings.

Jane Walker & Lisa Goodell

Newsletter Proofer for August

Proofing w/e August 25, 2017

Brad Gremes

Lawn Care Schedule for June 2017

Aug. 4th

Barry Johnson

Kevin Widner

Dennis Catley

Aug. 11th

Glenn Buss

Andy Hansbrough

Kevin Carlson

Aug. 18th

Tim Larson

Danny Knott

Aug. 25th

Neeble Family

Zeiger Family

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MONTH OF August 2017

9:00/10:00	August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
	9:00am	9:00am	10:00am	10:00am
Communion Assistant	Marcia Barrow Diane Catley	Danny Knott Glenn Buss	Karl Pedersen John Anstrom	Mara Knott Mandy Wilson
Lector	John Hess	Anne Devenport	Mandy Wilson	Bennett Cassell
PW Greeter	Mark Barrow	Kevin Carlson	Mark Barrow	Kevin Carlson
Ushers	Bill Knocke	Bill Knocke	Bill Knocke	Bill Knocke
	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood
	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Betty Segar
Tellers	Teresa Cassell	Teresa Cassell	Teresa Cassell	Teresa Cassell
	Mark Pierson	Mark Pierson	Mark Pierson	Mark Pierson
	Tim Larson	Tim Larson	Tim Larson	Tim Larson

STEWARDSHIP NUGGET FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

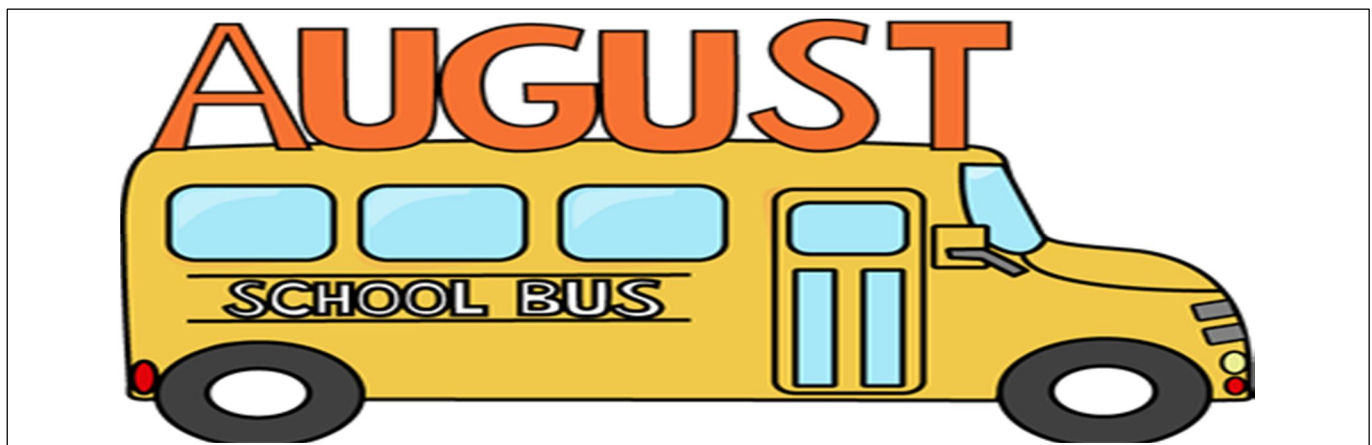
“Nothing brings us to the realization of our priorities better than hearing what God has to say about the subject of money.”

Unknown

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am - Get Moving Exercise Group 12:00pm - Garden Club Lunch Mtg.	3	4	5 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
6 9:00am Worship	7 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm - Wilderness Road Chorus	8	9 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am - Get Moving Exercise Group	10	11	12 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
13 CREATION CARE SUNDAY 9:00am Worship 7:00pm Congregational Council Mtg.	14 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm - Wilderness Road Chorus	15 NEWSLETTER INFO DEADLINE	16 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am - Get Moving Exercise Group	17 1:30pm - Funeral Consumers Alliance Mtg.	18	19 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
20 NEW WORSHIP TIME BEGINS 10:00am Worship 2:00pm Confirmation Meeting 7:00pm Congregational Council Mtg.	21 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm - Wilderness Road Chorus	22	23 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am - Get Moving Exercise Group	24	25	26 10:30 Sanctuary Reh. 5:30pm - Shelter Fest at Sinkland Farms
27 10:00am Worship CHURCH PICNIC Following worship	28 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm - Wilderness Road Chorus	29	30 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am - Get Moving Exercise Group	31 10:00am - Thursday Morning Faith Disc. Grp.		



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