

The Luther Memorial News

July 2016

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

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

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From Our Pastor...

During the summer we are counting down your favorite hymns as the prelude of worship each week. When Gail did the tally we discovered that there were over 90 different hymns which members listed as their favorite. With 870 hymns in the ELW that may not seem like a lot, but I find it amazing—and reflective of our congregation. Luther Memorial's worshippers have a diversity of tastes, theologies, and pieties. On that list of 90 is 19th Century American gospel such as "The Old Rugged Cross" and "Shine Jesus Shine," a favorite at synodical youth events. There are chorales and praise tunes, Bach and brand new, elaborate poetry and simple chants, songs from the traditional lands of Lutheranism and tunes from Africa and South America.

One of the strengths of our congregation is this diversity of taste, and even more important, the willingness of our members to entertain songs and styles of worship which may not be their first choice. Perhaps you take that openness for granted; I do not. I have been in congregations which rotated the same 30 to 40 hymns all year, every year, congregations where you could hear the audible slap of books closing when the organ sounded an unfamiliar tune.

So, three things: Thank you for that openness; it is simple way we demonstrate the gracious embrace of Christ to a wide circle of people. Second, invite your friends to share what we offer. Do you know someone who might value both substance and variety in worship? Third, let's continue to expand our diversity beyond hymnody. How can we reach out to all persons—regardless of race, national origin, economics, or sexuality—and make them feel like valued part of the Luther Memorial community of faith?



Pastor King

STEWARDSHIP NUGGETT FOR JULY

"The happiest people on earth are the people who have discovered the joy of giving"

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A Quick Reminder

As you travel this summer, please keep your pledges current. Our congregation's expenses continue year round as do the expenses of the local benevolences which we support with our offerings.

Office Hours in July: Sharon Walker will be out of the office beginning June 30 through the end of July for surgery. Pastor King will be taking vacation in July and Pastor Stallings will be at Confirmation Camp from July 17 – 23. You may call the church office and leave a message on the church voice mail and one of the pastors will return your call. If an emergency arises, please call either Pastor King's cell at 540-838-5586 or Pastor Stallings at 540-392-4327.

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Enjoy the holiday with your family and friends.

The Campus Ministry Committee will be meeting after the 10:00am worship service on Sunday, July 10th. We are looking for a new coordinator of Luther's Luscious Lunches as well as new members for the committee that have a heart to serve the students at Virginia Tech. If you are interested in serving on this committee please contact John Hess, 382-8235 or Pastor Joanna, 951-1728.

Picnic and Backpack Project –July 13: The church family will gather under the picnic shelter on Wednesday, July 13 at 6:00pm for a fellowship meal and service project. The Christian Education Committee will supply the main dish, paper products and beverages. Participants are invited to bring sides to share. We will be filling backpacks with school items according to the various needs of each grade. Everyone is invited-friends and neighbors, children and adults. If you haven't made a contribution of supplies or backpacks bring them on July 13th. It will be a great way to help kids prepare for school and for fellowship.

Newsletter Deadline: The deadline for the August newsletter is **Friday, July15!** 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 August issue.



Please remember our Confirmation Students in your prayers during the week of July 17-23: Nick Brians, Gilli Freeman, Kayla Hansbrough, Addie Zeiger and Pastor Joanna will travel to Lutheridge for a week of Confirmation Camp.

**2016 Summer Service Picnic
Wednesday, July 27, 6:00pm.**

The Christian Ed. Committee will supply the meat or non-meat options, beverages, and paper products. Everyone is invited to bring sides to share. We will meet under the picnic shelter to enjoy the evening. The projects will be designed to involve children and adults. We will close the evening with vespers. Invite your neighbors to enjoy the opportunities for community, service and celebration at LMLC.

New & Returning Students: The students at the university will be moving back to town during the month of August. The dorms will open on August 17th. 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.

SAVE the DATE: Sunday, August 28 is the church BBQ Picnic following the 11:00am worship service. We will be gathering the community of faith after a summer of vacations, welcoming new students, and visitors to enjoy lunch after the 11:00am worship service. Plan to make a little extra food so share!! There will be some delicious foods for vegetarians too!

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.

Creation Care Service on August 8th. On Sunday, August 8th 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?

"Our Favorite Hymns" Countdown Update: Thanks to all of you who voted for your favorite 3 hymns. In case you missed any Sundays in June here are the results so far. There were 4 hymns that got the 5th highest number of votes and those were sung during the prelude on June Sundays. There were 5 hymns that got the 4th highest number of votes, and those hymns will be sung during July. The top three hymns will be sung in August. The hymns sung in June were: 674, Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ; 731, Earth and All Stars; 817, You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore; 612, Healer of our Every Ill.

Lutheran Campus Ministry – The Well

Do you know a student who is going to a college or university in the United States? During the undergraduate years students are exploring academics, but also questioning their faith. Lutheran Campus Ministry reaches out to students to give them a safe place to ask tough questions, find community, opportunities for service and growth through Bible study. You can extend the Campus Ministry of our congregation by connecting that student to a ministry or congregation near their school. A referral tool is on the Lutheran Ministry web site: <http://luminetworkreferral.org/student-referrals/>. While you are there check out the video that will tell you why Lutheran Campus Ministry is so important.

Are you a new student at Virginia Tech visiting for orientation or just checking out the town before you arrive in August? We have an active student led college group called The Well. All are invited to come enjoy hospitality, opportunities for service, ask tough questions about faith, or expand your understanding of scripture through study. Please visit our electronic home at: <http://lsmvt.lmlc.org/the-well-lutheran-campus-ministry-vt> Or make an appointment with Pastor Joanna jstallings@lmlc.org, call or text at 540-392-4327.

Better yet come to Gobblerfest on Friday, September 2, 4:00pm.-8:00pm on the Drillfield.

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 July 15, 2016. The successful applicant will be informed of the scholarship by mid-August.

Join us for Power in the Spirit, July 14-16, 2016 at Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia.

Power in the Spirit is an inspirational conference for everyone who wishes to explore God's call to service through joyous worship, Bible study, keynote addresses, workshops, and fellowship. In addition, all congregational leaders will find POWER IN THE SPIRIT especially nurturing and challenging as they consider their mission and ministry.

Keynote speaker is The Rev. Dr. Kathryn A. Kleinhans, Musician: is Jonathan Rundman and Bible Study Leader is Bishop Edwin Gulick Jr.

A Note of Thanks...

Dear Pastor King,

On behalf of NRV CARES, I would like to thank you and the members of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church for supporting the prevention of child abuse and neglect in our communities through your generous donation of \$357.43.

Your contribution makes it possible for us to further our mission of protecting children from abuse and strengthening families through education, advocacy, and community partnerships and to foster our vision to reduce child abuse and neglect in the New River Valley. These funds will be used to support three program areas: Parent Education, Community Education and CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the New River Valley.

NRV CARES' programs improve the lives of children and families throughout the New River Valley. We greatly appreciate your support and hope you continue your involvement with NRV CARES.

Kindest regards,
Laura B. Guilliams, Executive Director.

USED CLOTHING DRIVES AT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY CHRISTMAS STORE

The Montgomery County Christmas Store will hold three Used Clothing Drives on the fourth Saturdays of the summer months. The first will be held Saturday, June 25 from 10:00am-1:00pm at the Christmas Store which is located at 310 West Main Street in downtown Christiansburg. Please mark your calendars for additional used clothing drives on July 23 and August 27.

The Christmas Store always has a shortage of gently used warm coats for all ages and sizes, hats, gloves, scarves, sweaters, long-sleeve shirts, jeans, sweats and shoes. Clean and gently used undergarments are always accepted.

Large, extra-large and plus sizes in winter clothing are in highest demand. Summer clothing is not needed since the Store is open for shoppers in December. Household items and furniture are not accepted.

If you are cleaning out your closets, remember that gently used books are always needed, especially cookbooks and children's books. As shoppers wait to be guided through the Christmas Store, they browse in the Book Area and are invited to choose books for their families.

Volunteers will be at the Store on June 25 from 10:00am-1:00pm to accept your donations and provide you with a tax deductible form. For more information, call Terri Lynn Howard at [540-230-7288](tel:540-230-7288).

CHANGE FOR CHANGE IN JULY MICAH'S BACKPACK

Change for Change for July is for the **Micah's Backpack** program. Micah's Backpack addresses children's hunger issues by partnering with local schools to provide direct assistance to students and families who qualify for the free lunch program. Each week during the school year, qualified students receive a backpack filled with enough food for the weekend. The backpacks include two dinners, two lunches, and two breakfasts. Weekly, approximately 70 volunteers work together to pack the meals. Additional volunteers distribute the food to the designated schools. So far this year more than 222 volunteer hours have been logged, 1,057 backpacks delivered, and 6,342 meals provided. Any contribution is appreciated.

- \$8 – Provides 6 Meals and Snacks for one child for the weekend.
- \$64 – Provides 6 Meals and Snacks for one child for the summer
- \$160 – Provides 6 Meals and Snacks for one child for a semester





- July 2 Robin Reynolds
- July 4 Sandy Sheppard
T.O. Williams
Tom Wilson
- July 6 Christina McIntyre
- July 7 Amy Cassell
- July 8 Justin Akers
Michele Kennedy
- July 11 Chris Lichty
- July 12 Sandy Hagman
Glenn Mallery
- July 15 Margaret Hoskins
Meg Peterson
- July 19 Sam Crone
Betty Segar
- July 20 Ben Blanchard
- July 22 Ann Stevens
- July 23 Krista Rogers
Jacob Schillen
- July 25 Cooper Neeble
Roger Sheppard
- July 26 Susan Everett
Peggy Gray
Sam Hensley
Kathy Thorsen
- July 29 Claire Branscome
Rod Smith
- July 30 Julein Axelson
Korin Freeman
- July 31 Kayla Hansbrough
Georgia Roeder

**Thanks for your service
during the month of July**



LAY COMMUNION

July 17 - Marcia Barrow / Carol Papillon

BIRTHDAY FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

July 10 - Betty Segar / Joanna Stallings

BULLETIN FOLDING / STAPLING

Thursdays in July

July 02 - Nelda Buss / Jan Spahr

July 09 - Betty Segar/

Betty Jo Prater / Betty Everett

July 16 - Glen and Julie Earthman

July 23 - Lisa Goodell / Irmtraut Hartenstein

July 28 - Alison Vick / Ben Anstrom



MOWING SCHEDULE FOR JULY

- July 1 Everett Warner
Betty Segar
Fred & Dianne Rencsok
- July 9 Barry Johnson Family
Kevin Widner
- July 16 Glenn Buss
Andy Hansbrough
Kevin Carlson
- July 23 Tim Larson
Danny Knott
- July 30 Neeble Family
Zeiger Family

LMLC Calendar for July 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00am Sanctuary Reh.
3 8:30 - Worship 10:00 - Worship	4 Church Office closed for July 4 Holiday	5	6 10:30 - Get Moving	7 6:30 - AA Mtg.	8	9 10:00am Sanctuary Reh.
10 Trinity Lutheran - ASP 8:30 - Worship 9:45 - BD Fellowship 10:00 - Worship 11:00 - Campus Ministry Meeting	11 6:30 - AA Mtg. 7:00 - WRC	12	13 10:30 - Get Moving 6:00 - Picnic & Backpack Project	14 1:30 - FCA Mtg 4:00 - Dialogue on Race 6:30 - AA Mtg.	15 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE	16 Trinity Lutheran - ASP 10:00am Sanctuary Reh.
17 Confirmation Camp 8:30 - Worship 10:00 - Worship 7:00 - Cong. Council Mtg.	18 Confirmation Camp 6:30 - AA Mtg. 7:00 - WRC	19 Confirmation Camp	20 Confirmation Camp 9:00 - PMO 10:30 - Get Moving	21 Confirmation Camp 1:30 - FCA 6:30 - AA Mtg.	22 Confirmation Camp	23 Confirmation Camp Trinity UCC - ASP Jerusalem Lut. ASP
24 Food on the 4th Trinity UCC - ASP Jerusalem Lut. ASP 8:30 - Worship 10:00 - Worship	25 9:00 - PMO 7:00 - WRC	26	27 10:30 - Get Moving 6:00 - Summer Service Picnic	28 6:30 - AA Mtg.	28	30
31 8:30 - Worship 10:00 - Worship						

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

Service Participants for the 8:30am Worship

8:30	July 3, 2016	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	July 31, 2016
Communion Assistant	Glenn Buss	Everett Warner	Charlie Harris	Teresa Cassell	Kathy Parrott
Lector	Bennett Cassell	Glenn Buss	Zelma Harris	Chris Skogen	Ed Vigen
Greeter	Jennifer McDonald	Teresa Cassell	Ann Hess	Jennifer McDonald	John Hess
PW Greeter	Everett Warner	Mark Barrow	Teresa Cassell	Everett Warner	Mark Barrow
Ushers	Carol Papillon	Carol Papillon	Carol Papillon	Carol Papillon	Carol Papillon
	Dylan McDonald	Dylan McDonald	Dylan McDonald	Dylan McDonald	Dylan McDonald
	Allie McDonald	Allie McDonald	Allie McDonald	Allie McDonald	Allie McDonald
	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood	Jim Westwood
Tellers	Gary Buss	Gary Buss	Gary Buss	Gary Buss	Gary Buss
	Janet Buss	Janet Buss	Janet Buss	Janet Buss	Janet Buss
	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson

Service Participants for the 10:00am Worship

10:00	July 3, 2016	July 10, 2016	July 17, 2016	July 24, 2016	July 31, 2016
Communion Assistant	Gwen Barnes	John Hess	Linda Libey	Phil Jordan	Ben Anstrom
Lector	Mandy Wilson	Ann Hess	Alison Vick	Stephanie Valencic	Linda Libey
Greeter	Xavier Barnes	Irmtraut Hartenstein	Amy Roeder	John Hess	Xavier Barnes
PW Greeter	Irmtraut Hartenstein	Kathy Valencic	Irmtraut Hartenstein	Kathy Valencic	Irmtraut Hartenstein
Ushers	Gilli Freeman	Gilli Freeman	Gilli Freeman	Gilli Freeman	Gilli Freeman
	Joe Straub	Katya Grant	Katya Grant	Katya Grant	Katya Grant
	Barb Straub	Marti Larson	Marti Larson	Marti Larson	Marti Larson
	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Betty Segar
Tellers	Diane Catley	Diane Catley	Diane Catley	Diane Catley	Diane Catley
	Alex Depew	Tim Larson	Tim Larson	Tim Larson	Tim Larson
		Mark Pierson	Mark Pierson	Mark Pierson	Mark Pierson

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