

# The Luther Memorial News July 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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## ***FROM OUR PASTOR...***

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## MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF JULY

**The Congregational Council** will meet at 7:00pm on July 16<sup>th</sup>.  
**The Christian Education Committee** will meet at 5:30pm on July 25<sup>th</sup>.



**The Church Office** will be closed on Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day.

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### Summer Hours for Our Secretary

During the month of July, the office hours for our church secretary changes. Sharon Walker will be in the office from 8:00am – 1:00pm, Monday – Thursday and will be off on Fridays in July. Her normal hours will resume on August 1<sup>st</sup>. As always, if you need to get in touch with her after the regular hours, please leave a message on the answering machine and she will contact you the next morning.

### **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 21, 2017. The successful applicant will be informed of the scholarship by mid-August.

### **WELCOME BRUNCH on July 16th**

We will have a brunch on Sunday, July 16th, following the 9 a.m. service. We will welcome our intern, Jamie Jordan, and enjoy fellowship with each other. Please bring a brunch dish to share such as fruit, breakfast casserole, coffeecake, muffins, bagels, etc.

### **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 (4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wavaburg@gmail.com) [571 276 5079](tel:5712765079).

### **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.



## 2017 Virginia Synod Assembly Update

Synod Assembly is our annual opportunity for the 150 congregations of the Virginia Synod to come together and be reminded what it means to be a part of the wider church. Our theme during our June 9-11, 2017 gathering was “Ambassadors For Christ: Forwarding Faith.”

During the weekend, The Rev. Rafael Malpica Padilla, the Executive Director of the Global Mission program, represented the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, bringing good news from the wider church.

The Rev. Malpica Padilla also served as election representative for the Virginia Synod Bishop Election. The Rev. Robert Humphrey pastor at Muhlenberg in Harrisonburg was elected on June 11<sup>th</sup> to serve a six year term as bishop. Humphrey was elected on the fifth ballot with 217 votes to 167 votes for The Rev. Kelly Bayer Derrick, associate pastor of St. Philip Lutheran Church of Roanoke.

Testimonials from campaign leadership, Stephanie Hamlett of Epiphany Lutheran in Richmond, The Rev. Jean Bozeman of First Lutheran in Norfolk, Jonathan Hornbaker of Grace Lutheran in Winchester, and Bishop James F. Mauney were given in support of the ForwardingFaith campaign and the many ministries this endowment aims to support. The campaign has raised over \$2.2 million thus far. The congregational phase is when we welcome and provide the opportunity for our congregations to come together and support faith formation in the Virginia Synod.

One resolution was passed with a standing ovation, recognizing the great work in the life of our synod by Bishop Mauney, naming him Bishop Emeritus at his retirement on August 31st.

**Power in the Spirit:** Power in the Spirit, the ministry conference sponsored by the Virginia Synod, will be held July 13-15 at Roanoke College. This event features worship, keynote lectures, Bible study, and workshops. A poster and more information can be found on the bulletin board in the narthex. There is scholarship money available if you would like to go and bring back some new ideas for our congregation! See Pastor King.

## NOTES OF THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift of toiletries. Our community is our biggest partner in providing free services to adult and child victims of sexual and domestic violence. Your participation in our mission helps us get closer to becoming a community free of sexual and domestic violence.

With sincere gratitude,

Pat Brown - The Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$200.00 to New River Community Action. Per your request we will restrict your donation to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry. We are extremely grateful for your awareness, compassion, and decision to support the work we do and the people we serve.

The Interfaith Food Pantry offers basic food supplies, once a month, to low income Blacksburg residents or those in emergency situations, including homeless individuals and families. Currently we are able to provide groceries valued at \$100 - \$200, depending on family size and food availability. The program serves 850 or more individuals per month. Thank you again for your contribution to the Interfaith Food Pantry. We look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely, Terry Smusz, CEO

### 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](https://www.kroger.com/account/rewards). 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.

## CHANGE 4 CHANGE IN JULY WILL BE DONATED TO THE BLACKSBURG INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY



This month's Change for Change is for Blacksburg's Interfaith Food Pantry. Historically, summer months are the leanest months for contributions to the Interfaith Food Pantry. This month's donations will go towards purchasing foods that are not donated such as eggs, orange juice, or cheese.

Did you know...

- To be eligible for food, family income must be less than 150% of the poverty income level.
- There are currently 450 families eligible for assistance.
- Emergency food assistance (limited list of items) is available for anyone who asks.

Luther Memorial will be asking for food donations for the Food Pantry on **July 20<sup>th</sup>** from **12:00 pm until 4:00 pm** at the **Kroger's on Main Street** (The date has changed from the first published date.) Anyone wishing to volunteer for a two-hour shift, please contact Sandy Hagman ([sandy.hagman@comcast.net](mailto:sandy.hagman@comcast.net) or 951-0270).

**Mark your calendars:** On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm until 3:00 pm, you are invited to join the celebration of 30 years of service by the Interfaith Food Pantry to the Blacksburg and McCoy areas of Montgomery County. More information on this celebration will be forth coming in the August and September newsletters.

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

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
July 15	Meg Peterson
July 19	Sam Crone Betty Segar
July 22	Ann Stevens
July 23	Krista Rogers Jacob Schillen
July 25	Cooper Neeble Roger Sheppard
July 26	Susan Everett Peggy Gray Kathy Thorsen
July 29	Rod Smith
July 30	Julein Axelson Korin Freeman Kayla Hansbrough
July 31	Georgia Roeder



**Birthday Fellowship  
July 9<sup>th</sup>**

*Following the 9:00am Worship Service*  
Host:  
The Kings

**Lay Communion**

June 16, 2017  
Marcia Barrow and Carol Papillon

**Bulletin Preparation for June**

**July 7**  
Nelda Buss & Jan Spahr

**July 14**  
Betty Segar & Betty Jo Prater

**July 21**  
John Hess & Rob Myers

**July 28**  
Irmtraut Hartenstein & Betty Segar

**Lawn Care Schedule for June 2017**

**July 7** Barry Johnson  
Kevin Widner  
Dennis Catley

**July 14** Glenn Buss  
Andy Hansbrough  
Kevin Carlson

**July 21** Tim Larson  
Danny Knott

**July 28** Neeble Family  
Zeiger Family

**Thank you for your service!**

**SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2017**

<b>9:00</b>	<b>July 2</b>	<b>July 9</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>July 23</b>	<b>July 30</b>
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Non-communion Sunday	Kathy Parrott Diane Catley	Mandy Wilson Linda Libey	Janet Buss Glenn Buss	Mary Grems Tom Wilson
<b>Lector</b>	Leah Wechtaluk-McFarren	Jay Crone	Carolyn Howard	Ann Hess	Stephanie Valencic
<b>PW Greeter</b>	Teresa Cassell	Kathy Valencic	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Teresa Cassell
<b>Ushers</b>	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson
	Bryce Carlson	Bryce Carlson	Bryce Carlson	Bryce Carlson	Bryce Carlson
	Marsha Barrow	Marsha Barrow	Marsha Barrow	Marsha Barrow	Marsha Barrow
<b>Tellers</b>	Danny Knott	Danny Knott	Danny Knott	Danny Knott	Danny Knott
	Mark Barrow	Mark Barrow	Mark Barrow	Mark Barrow	Mark Barrow
	Lisa Carlson	Lisa Carlson	Lisa Carlson	Lisa Carlson	Lisa Carlson



**STEWARDSHIP NUGGET FOR THE MONTH OF JULY**

*Stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions, or wealth are used or given for the service of God.*



# LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JULY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
						<b>1</b> 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
<b>2</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>3</b> 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm – Wilderness Road Chorus	<b>4</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED            JULY 4TH</b>	<b>5</b> 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise Group 12:00pm – Garden Club Lunch Mtg.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Trinity Lansdale ASP  10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
<b>9</b> Trinity Lansdale ASP  9:00am Worship	<b>10</b> 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm – Wilderness Road Chorus	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00am - Parents Morning Out  10:30am – Get Moving Exercise Group	<b>13</b> <b>14</b> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">Power In The Spirit – Roanoke College</div>		<b>15</b>  10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;">2017 Confirmation Camp</div>						
9:00am Worship 7:00pm Congregational Council Mtg.	9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm – Wilderness Road Chorus		9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise Group	1:30pm – Funeral Consumers Alliance Mtg.		10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
<b>23</b> 9:00am Worship	<b>24</b> 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm – Wilderness Road Chorus	<b>25</b> 5:30pm Christian Education Mtg.	<b>26</b> 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise Group	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
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