

# The Luther Memorial News June 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....***

I often use this space to highlight a single theme or program, but this month I want to touch briefly on several different items:

- **Thank You.** As much of our weekly programming gears down for the summer I am always aware of the incredible faithfulness of so many people who have made the ministry of Luther Memorial possible during the past program year. We often do not notice that a job is being done until it isn't. So let me explicitly say thanks to the volunteers who lector, prepare communion, count our offerings, mow the lawn, prepare coffee, coordinate various food and clothing drive, plan our services, sing in the choir, teach our children, maintain our facilities, give generously to the ministries LMLC supports, set up, launder, cook, serve, and coordinate everything we do.
- **Pray for Jamie.** Our congregation will be welcoming an intern, Jamie Jordan, on or about July 15. She will be writing something for this space for the July newsletter. In the meantime, I invite you to pray for her as she prepares live and minister with us.
- **Keep Your Offering Current.** During the summer our congregation's financial needs continue. As you travel, remember to make your offering.
- **Capital Needs Campaign.** We launched the *Investing in Faith and Mission* Campaign at a congregational meeting in March. Some of you have already responded with a pledge. That is greatly appreciated. Shortly after the launch we discovered that a project to solve water infiltration issues in the fellowship hall and electrical room will be more expensive than anticipated. That expense will be part of a revised plan. You will hear more about the campaign as we discern the best way to move forward. I want to express my thanks to those who have invested many hours, working through very complex issues, to bring us to this point.

*Pastor King*

## MEETINGS IN THE MONTH OF JUNE

**The Congregational Council** will meet at 7:00pm on June 18<sup>th</sup>

**Looking Ahead:** The church office will be closed from June 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Pastor King and Sharon Walker will both be out of the office during that time. If an emergency should arise, please contact John Anstrom at 552-4594.

**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.

### **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.

### **Single Summer Service at 9:00am:**

Luther Memorial will have a single worship service during the summer. **This service is at 9:00am.** The reason for this summer switch is two-fold: There is virtue in having the whole congregation worship together during part of the year; we have discovered that regulars at one service do not always know those who attend the other. Summer schedules tend to make for very small attendance at two services; we hope a single service will make for a fuller worship experience for all. Recognizing that there is no ideal time for all we have tried to compromise between the 8:30 and 10:00 times we have had in the past. At the end of the summer we will evaluate this decision. We will return to two services on August 20.

### **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.

## NOTES OF THANKS

Luther Memorial,

Thank you very much for your generous support of the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program.

In 2016 with your help, MCEAP assisted 5,036 clients with \$648,607.00 in assistance including food, rent, utilities, water and heating oil. Our mission is to serve even more clients in a time of growing need.

Board of Directors, MCEAP

Luther Memorial Members

I write on behalf of the Space Between Collective to say how very much we appreciate all that you did to support our project and the reading of Erik's *What A Stranger May Know*. You opened the doors of the Luther Memorial Lutheran Church facilities with such generosity. You embraced the project and helped us reach people to participate. You stepped up yourselves to participate, attend, ask important questions and enter the conversations. Most literally, we could not have done this project without you.

I feel we formed a bond in working together that far exceeds the momentary existence of our project. If there is ever anything I can do for your church congregation and/or the Lutheran Campus Ministry, please let me know.

With much respect and deep gratitude, Bob Leonard

Dear Members,

Thank you for your contribution to the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership. Your donation will make it possible for refugees from war torn zones find a new life in Blacksburg, Va.

You can rest assured that 100% of your donation will be used to help a refugee family resettling in our community. The contribution you provided will help the family with rent, food, utility bills, clothing, educational items, and other necessities during their adjustment into a new, safe home in Blacksburg. Thank you for making a real difference in the lives of those struggling to make a new for themselves in our community.

Sincerely, Jane Aronson – BRP Board Member.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of NRV CARES, I would like to thank you for supporting the prevention of child abuse and neglect in our community through your donation. 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.

During the 2016 program year, the generosity of donors like you enabled our staff and volunteers to serve 264 parents and caregivers through Parent Education, to provide advocacy to 120 children appointed to SASA, and to provide numerous Community Education Programs to 3,318 participants such as *Stewards of Children*, a child abuse prevention program provided to adults and community members, and *Hugs and Kisses*, a child abuse prevention play offered to children in our local elementary schools.

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

Warm regards, Juli Dellorso, Executive Director

## STEWARDSHIP NUGGET FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

*"I place no value on anything I have or may possess, except in relation to the kingdom of God. If anything will advance the interests of the kingdom, it shall be given away or kept, only as by giving or keeping it I shall most promote the glory of Him to who I owe all my hopes and time or eternity."*

*David Livingstone*

## SERVICE PARTICIPANTS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2017

9:00	June 4	June 11	June 18	June 25
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Charlie Harris Mandy Wilson		Diane Catley Phil Jordan	Linda Libey Tom Wilson
<b>Lector</b>	Zelma Harris	Bennett Cassell	Andy Hansbrough	Ed Vigen
<b>PW Greeter</b>	Teresa Cassell	Mark Barrow	Betty Segar	Kevin Carlson
<b>Ushers</b>	Carol Papillon	Carol Papillon	Carol Papillon	Carol Papillon
	Marti Larson	Marti Larson	Marti Larson	Marti Larson
	Glenn Buss	Glenn Buss	Glenn Buss	Glenn Buss
<b>Tellers</b>	Bill Knocke	Bill Knocke	Bill Knocke	Bill Knocke
	Gary Buss	Gary Buss	Gary Buss	Gary Buss
	Janet Buss	Janet Buss	Janet Buss	Janet Buss

If you are unable to be at church on the day you are scheduled, please arrange for a substitute and contact the church office with their name. Thanks for your help with this.

Thank you for your service.



**CHANGE FOR CHANGE IN JUNE  
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 its 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 10th year of participating in this community ministry our best year yet!

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



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

<b>June 3</b>	Elaine Belay Lily Westcott
<b>June 4</b>	Rick Howard
<b>June 5</b>	Connor Rogers
<b>June 6</b>	Mark Barrow
<b>June 7</b>	Norm Bakken
<b>June 8</b>	Lisa Goodell
<b>June 10</b>	Will Crone Michael Crowe
<b>June 11</b>	Paul Smeal
<b>June 14</b>	Ben Anstrom
<b>June 15</b>	Justin Akers Jean Farmer
<b>June 16</b>	Mary Powe Everett Warner
<b>June 18</b>	Keagan Rogers
<b>June 19</b>	Marti Larson
<b>June 20</b>	Julia Everett
<b>June 23</b>	Leah Wechtaluk McFarren
<b>June 24</b>	Scott Herrmann Ryan Oosterhuis
<b>June 25</b>	Dianne Rencsok Marshall Tessnear
<b>June 28</b>	Alex Widner
<b>June 29</b>	Carol Reid
<b>June 30</b>	Ellie Lichty

**Birthday Fellowship  
June 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Following the 9:00am Worship Service  
Host: Betty Segar*

**Lay Communion**  
June 18, 2017

**Bulletin Preparation for June**

**June 2**  
Nelda Buss & Jan Spahr

**June 9**  
Betty Segar & Betty Jo Prater

**June 16**  
John Hess & Rob Myers

**June 23**  
Irmtraut Hartenstein & Betty Segar

**June 30** - Kathy Thorsen & Carol Papillon

**Lawn Care Schedule for June 2017**

**June 2**      **Barry Johnson,**  
Kevin Widner  
Dennis Catley

**June 9**      Glenn Buss, Andy Hansbrough  
Kevin Carlson

**June 16**     Tim Larson, Danny Knott

**June 23**     Neeble Family  
Zeiger Family

**June 30**     Everett Warner  
Fred & Dianne Rencsok  
John Anstrom  
Betty Segar

**Thank you for your service!**

# LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR JUNE 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
4 9:00am Worship	5 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm - WRC	6 7 BIKE THE U.S. FOR M.S. – Campus Ministry Center		8	9 10 Virginia Synod 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.	
11 Virginia Synod 9:00am Worship	12 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm – Wilderness Road Chorus	13 <b>PRIMARY ELECTIONS</b> (Fellowship Hall)	14 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise Group	15 1:30pm – Funeral Consumers Alliance Mtg.	16	17 10:30 Sanctuary Reh.
18 9:00am Worship 7:00pm Congregational Council Mtg.	19 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 6:30pm - AA 7:00pm – Wilderness Road Chorus	20	21 9:00am - Parents Morning Out 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise Group	22	23	24 10:30 Sanctuary Reh. <b>A.S.P.</b> Trinity UCC Upper Dublin
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