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## The Luther Memorial News November 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...**

By the time you read this "Luther's Lunch at 12:05" will have begun. Each Friday at lunch we will be offering a simple meal of soup and bread in the campus center to whoever comes. You should have received a letter outlining the basics of this program and you will find an article about this program elsewhere in the newsletter. Here I want to say a little more about why we are beginning this ministry.

Faithful ministry involves looking at your context and asking, "What is the need to which we are being called to ministry at this particular time and place." There is never a shortage of worthwhile causes to which we might give our energy; discernment asks, "Which of these are we uniquely positioned to take up?"

Luther Memorial has long understood ministry to the university as one of its particular callings. Our location gives us a unique opportunity to serve students, faculty, and staff. As we explored our "neighborhood" one of the needs we discovered was the food insecurity of some students.

We also realized that we are positioned to offer a place of hospitality and conversation at a time when suspicion and anger are at all-time highs. We tend to spend time with people who are pretty much just like us. The church of Jesus Christ is ever called to be an agent of reconciliation and understanding.

In offering a simple meal we hope to meet a physical need but also to create a safe space where people can share food and conversation in pursuit of greater understanding. I invite you come and be part of this ministry: share some soup, get to know someone new, offer nourishment and care in Christ's name.

*Pastor King*

**Please bring your photos between October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>** and place them on the table in the narthex. When you bring your photo, please write the name of your beloved saint on one of the cards that will be on the table. We will place the name card with the photo on the display. Please pick up your photo any time during the week of November 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Preparing to Remember**

On November 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am you are invited to join members of the Religious Arts Group to prepare the display of persons in our lives whom we remember for guiding and encouraging us. This display in the narthex, using the photographs which members provide, will allow us to share memories with each other as we consider the cloud of saints who have surrounded us.

### **Festival of All Saints**

On November 6<sup>th</sup> we will remember members who have died this past year. We will read their names during the prayer of the church as we ring the church bell to let the community know of our sadness and joy. We also invite you to provide the name of a saint in your life who died since last November who was not a member of the congregation. If you get these names to Pastor King by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, he will be able to include their memory in our worship on the Festival of All Saints.

### **Advent Workshop is on Sunday, December 4**

Do you have a project or a craft that you would like to share with our church family that will help all ages prepare for Advent; stars, food item, ornaments? We will gather at 4:00pm on that Sunday afternoon, share our work, and then we will share a light meal. Would anyone like to make soup or chili to share? Please let Pastor Joanna know of your interest in leading a craft and preparing food. (jstallings@lmlc.org)

### **Luther's Lunch 12:05**

Each Friday during the lunch hour Luther Memorial is offering a simple meal of bread and soup to whomever comes. Our goal is to address food insecurity among some students, but also to provide a place where anyone can experience a welcome. All are welcome and we hope to promote greater understanding among the many groups of people who make up the Blacksburg community.

How you can be involved? Each week we need persons to prepare and serve the meal, welcome whoever comes, and clean up. Initially we will use canned soup so that ingredients can be readily identified; some in our target audience have dietary restrictions. Preparation will be begin at about 11:30am and we will serve until 1:30pm. If you would like to be part of this new ministry, please sign up on the poster that is in the narthex.

**Help Support Our Ministry to the Homeless- Volunteer for To Our House:** As the temperature drops, the local churches and community groups are gearing up to provide shelter to homeless men this fall and winter. LMLC will be hosting "To Our House", a winter shelter for homeless men for 2 weeks beginning November 12. Please consider being an evening volunteer (5:30-9:15pm) or an overnight volunteer (9:00pm - 7:00am). Evening volunteers open the campus center, and greet and make guests (homeless men and support group that provides meals) feel welcome. Overnight volunteers 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. Please be a part of this important ministry and sign-up on the poster in the narthex. Questions? Ask Carol Papillon at [carolpapillon@gmail.com](mailto:carolpapillon@gmail.com).

**Volunteers are needed to help park cars on Saturday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> for the UVA game.** Many students will not be in town for this football game that is held near the end of their break. Contact Rachel Magri ([rmagri@vt.edu](mailto:rmagri@vt.edu)) or Pastor Joanna if you can help. It's fun and easy.

### **Faith5 Sunday Meetings**

A shout out to Lisa Goodall, Erin & Mike Peterson, Bill & Melissa Knocke, and Carla Liversedge for teaching the Faith5 group. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Pastor Joanna ([jstallings@lmlc.org](mailto:jstallings@lmlc.org) or 540-392-4327)

#### ***Meeting dates through the end of the year:***

November 6 - Jennifer Freeman  
November 20 - Carolyn Howard, Erin & Mike Peterson  
December-4-Carla Liversedge & Lisa Goodall  
December 18 - Amy Roeder

### **Road Trip Retreat for Middle Schoolers**

**Lost and Found** is our annual weekend retreat for youth in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades and their adult advisors. We have **Large Group** gatherings that consist of singing, energy, comedy, worship and a presentation on our event theme. After each Large Group gathering each person is part of a **Small Group** made up of about 8 youth and a couple adult leaders where participants will get to know other Lutheran youth from Virginia and discuss life, faith and other topics that arise throughout the weekend. On Saturday afternoon there is large chunk of **Free Time** during which we will also hold our annual **Talent Show**. In the evenings you will relax in your **Cottage** and talk with other youth and adults from your congregation and other congregations about how the weekend is going. It's not too late to sign up! Download a paper application at this site: <http://www.vasynod.org/event/lost-and-found/>

### **Actively Christian Teens during the Month of November**

November 9, 6-7:30pm.  
Dinner at the Fellowship Hall

November 23, let's go to the movies!  
(We will see what is on and pick one shortly before the meeting.)

**How is your Reformation Walk going? It's not too late to sign up, learn a little something about the Reformation AND get healthy.**

### **Reformation 500 Mile Challenge**

2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Martin Luther's posting of the *95 Theses* in Wittenberg, the event which launched the Protestant Reformation. The Lutheran congregations of the New River Valley are creating a challenge to honor the anniversary and help our members get a bit healthier. Between Reformation Day, 2016 and Reformation Day, 2017 commit to walking, biking, running, or swimming 500 miles and you will receive milestone prizes, weekly quotes from Luther, and monthly history updates centered around significant places of the Reformation.

**Sign up at: [nrvlutherans@gmail.com](mailto:nrvlutherans@gmail.com)> and check out the bulletin board in the hall outside the Fellowship Hall.**



### **New River Conference Gathering, 2:30pm., Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

The New River Conference Gathering will be Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at Luther Memorial. This is an important meeting, as we will be discussing the process by which a new bishop of the Virginia Synod will be elected in 2017. Come meet the Transition Team as they lead you through a series of small group discussions focused on the 2017 Virginia Synod Assembly Election of a Bishop. In addition, a presentation on the *Forwarding Faith* campaign will be given.

The 2016 Conference Gathering will provide an opportunity for members of your conference to gather and share ideas with each other in order to learn from and be encouraged by one another.

The 2016 Conference Gatherings are a space where all are welcome because the Spirit intends for us all to have a voice to speak! This event is for council members, youth, young adults, teachers, worship leaders, parents, grandparents- **everyone is invited!**

### **Help Bring Bach to Blacksburg**

2017 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Luther's posting of the *95 theses*, the event usually cited as the beginning of the Reformation. As part of the year-long celebration of this anniversary, Luther Memorial is planning to sponsor a program of Bach's music on Palm Sunday, 2017. We are well on the way to lining up musicians and soloists for an exceptional event. This will be a special expense for the congregation. If you would like to help ensure that this program takes place by making a special donation, please contact Pastor King.



## NOVEMBER 2016 CHANGE FOR CHANGE CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Christmas Outreach will support tuition assistance for families who have children attending Valley Interfaith Child Care Center (VICCC). The goal of VICCC is to provide high quality affordable, educational and nurturing, care for young children (ages 0 to 5) of income eligible working families in the New River Valley. The mission of VICCC is to provide support for the low income working population of the New River Valley as they strive to become more self-sufficient. Did you know that in the New River Valley alone, 1 in every 5 children lives in poverty? Out of 46 childcare centers in the area only VICCC provided care exclusively to low-income children. With the average cost of non-subsidized childcare reaching over \$700 per child per month, a low income family's average income of \$1200 simply does not allow for a non-subsidized child care center. I have the pleasure of serving on the board for VICCC. I have had a chance to get to know the staff and met some of the clients. This program allows people to be able to work and better themselves. Many of the staff are also able to continue their education while working at VICCC. I personally feel this is a valuable program for our community and encourage our congregation's continued support.

Last year we were able to raise \$3000 to provide \$150 each to 20 VICCC families to help with the cost of their child care. We plan on continuing this gift to provide tuition assistance to designated families this Christmas. I would like to challenge the congregation to raise \$3750 so we can provide the \$150 to 25 families this year. We also plan on providing cookies and a book for each child at the center. The center serves about 45 children including an after school program. We will kick off the fundraising at the congregational dinner on November 20<sup>th</sup>. We will take donations through Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup>. If you would also like to provide cookies, those need to be delivered to the church on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December so we can put them in individual bags for each child. I also would be glad for a couple of volunteers to help me place the cookies in bags on the 11<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank everyone who continues to support this fund raising effort.

Teresa Cassell



## **Blacksburg Refugee Resettlement Partnership Has a Family**

Our congregation has been engaged with other individuals and communities of faith to assist in the resettlement of a Syrian refugee family. The partnership has been assigned a family and they are in Blacksburg. The family has two parents and six children ranging in age ~6 months to 14 years. They speak no English and have been undergoing sustained hardship for a period of years.

Thank you to those who have already contributed to the LMLC pledge of monthly financial support. Our original goal was set at \$1200 (\$100 a month for a year). Your donations have exceeded this amount! However, there is still a need for financial support. If you would like to contribute to this support, you may write a check to LMLC with the memo 'refugee resettlement'. If you have questions please contact Wava Vigen (571 276 5079 Wavaburg@gmail.com)

**move out of your comfort zone**

**TAKE THE PLUNGE!!**

**POLITELY**

**LET**

**UNFAMILIAR**

**NEWCOMERS, OLD-TIMERS, AND**

**GUESTS**

**EXPERIENCE A WELCOME AT  
LUTHER MEMORIAL THROUGH**

**YOU!**



**Yes, it's hard to be vulnerable and greet new people, but what a gift it is to offer a smile and a welcome. So if you do not know someone you meet before, during, or after worship –  
take the plunge!**

## **NOTES OF THANKS...**

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$594.77 to New River Community Action in September.

Per your request, we will restrict your donation to the 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 the Pantry is able to provide groceries valued at \$100 to \$200, depending on family size and food availability. The program serves 850 or more individuals per month. You may learn more about this important ministry at <http://interfaithfoodpantry.acciai.us/>.

Thank you again for your contribution to the Interfaith Food Pantry. We look forward to your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Terry Smusz, CEO

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Dear Luther Memorial Church Family,

Thank you so much for your continued donations to Micah's Backpack. Because of the generosity of people like you, we were able to send home over 9,800 bags of food for hungry children this past school year and deliver almost 2,000 bags this summer with our Mobile Backpack bus. Your gift helps make an immediate, positive impact on so many young lives.

This summer, as we took bags to kids in their own neighborhoods, we were again able to bring fresh blueberries and yummy fresh vegetables from Micah's Garden. Their faces lit up as we offered these to them along with the usual MBP food. Thank you for helping to make smiles light up their faces.

Thank you for all the ways your partner with MBP – from monetary support, to food drives, to delivering bags to Kipps Elementary each week. We couldn't do it without you!

Peace and Hope,  
Susan Verbrugge, Director

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Dear LMLC Family,

Thank you for the visits, cards, calls and prayers during my recent stay at Lewis Gale Montgomery. I have always felt enveloped in love and caring with you all, but never more so than now.

Sincerely, Rhoda Myers

### **New address for Irmtraut Hartenstein:**

1510 Spruce St. Unit B  
Christiansburg, VA 24073  
Phone: [540-382-8730](tel:540-382-8730)



## Lutheran Campus Ministries At Virginia Tech

**Our Mission Statement:** Because God loves us and calls us to love, we welcome and invite others to engage and grow in faith. Through discipleship and active service in our community, we are able to intentionally deepen our relationship with God and one another.

*All students are invited to participate in weekly meetings, informal gatherings, and service projects associated with The Well.*

### **Tuesday at The Well in November: Free meal and programs for all students.**

During the 12<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> of November the Campus Center will be used for **To Our House**, the men's low barrier shelter. The space will not be available for weekly meetings or study.

#### **Tuesday at The Well**

**7:00-8:30pm**

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**

Dinner and Worship

**Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner and Bible Study

#### ***Note the Change in Day***

#### **Wednesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm**

In the Parish Hall of Christ Episcopal Church students will enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings with the students at Canterbury House. All students are invited and encouraged to bring a side to share.

**Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

No Meeting during Break

**Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner & Worship

**Luther's Luscious Lunches** will be served on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> in the Campus Center following the 11:00am worship service. Any student is invited to enjoy a home cooked meal!

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**2016-2017 The Well Leadership Team**

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## NOVEMBER SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

### 8:30 AM WORSHIP

8:30	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Janet Buss	Mary Gremms	Everett Warner	Kathy Parrott
<b>Lector</b>	Mark Barrow	Zelma Harris	Jay Crone	Ed Vigen
<b>PW Greeter</b>	Everett Warner	Congregation	Mark Barrow	Congregation
<b>Ushers</b>	Marcia Barrow	Marcia Barrow	Marcia Barrow	Marcia Barrow
	Glenn Buss	Glenn Buss	Glenn Buss	Glenn Buss
	Charlie Harris	Charlie Harris	Charlie Harris	Charlie Harris
<b>Tellers</b>	Danny Knott	Danny Knott	Danny Knott	Danny Knott
	Mara Knott	Mara Knott	Mara Knott	Mara Knott
	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson	Kevin Carlson

### 11:00 AM WORSHIP

11:00	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	Diane Catley	Alison Vick	Gwen Barnes	John Hess
<b>Lector</b>	Tammy Heft	Stephanie Valencic	Ann Hess	Alison Vick
<b>Greeter</b>	Xavier Barnes	Teresa Cassell	Irmtraut Hartenstein	Amy Roeder
<b>PW Greeter</b>	Teresa Cassell	Irmtraut Hartenstein	Betty Segar	Teresa Cassell
<b>Ushers</b>	Joe Straub	Joe Straub	Joe Straub	Joe Straub
	Barb Straub	Barb Straub	Barb Straub	Barb Straub
	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Betty Segar	Betty Segar
	Jody Freeman	Jody Freeman	Jody Freeman	Jody Freeman
<b>Tellers</b>	Elaine Belay	Elaine Belay	Elaine Belay	Elaine Belay
	Diane Rencsok	Diane Rencsok	Diane Rencsok	Diane Rencsok
	Kathy Valencic	Kathy Valencic	Kathy Valencic	Kathy Valencic

*If you are unable to fulfill your position, please try to find a substitute and contact the church office with their name.*





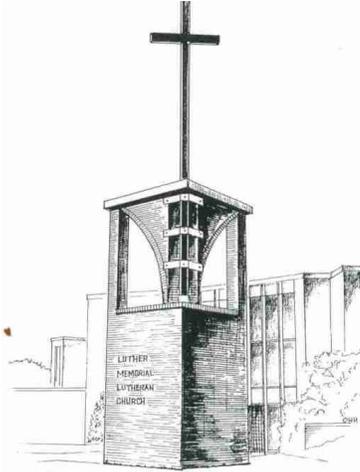
## LUTHER MEMORIAL LUTHERAN CHURCH NOVEMBER 2016 CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 5:00pm – Parenting Class	<b>2</b> 7:30am – MBS 9:00am – PMO 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise	<b>3</b> 10:00am – TMFD 6:30pm - AA	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 10:00am Rehearsal in Sanctuary
<b>6</b> 8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Christian Formation 9:45am – Faith Five 11:00am – Worship 12:00pm – S.M. Committee 2:30pm – NR Conference at LMLC	<b>7</b> 9:00am – PMO 6:00pm – Boy Scouts 6:30pm – AA 7:00pm - WRC	<b>8</b> Presidential Election	<b>9</b> 7:30am – MBS 9:00am – PMO 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise 6:00 – ACT – Dinner at the Fellowship Hall	<b>10</b> 10:00am – TMFD 4:00pm – Dialogue on Race 6:30pm – AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 10:00am Rehearsal in Sanctuary
<b>13</b> 8:30am – Worship 9:45am - BDF 9:45am – Christian Formation 11:00am – Worship 12:00pm – BDF 7:00pm – Church Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:00am – PMO 6:00pm – Boy Scouts 6:30pm – AA 7:00pm - WRC	<b>15</b> <b>NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</b> 5:00pm – Parenting Class	<b>16</b> 7:30am – MBS 9:00am – PMO 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise	<b>17</b> 10:00am – TMFD 1:30pm - FCA 6:30pm - AA	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 10:00am Rehearsal in Sanctuary
<b>20</b> 8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Christian Formation 9:45am–Faith Five 11:00am – Worship 7:00pm – LMLC Annual Cong. Mtg.	<b>21</b> 9:00am – PMO 6:00pm – Boy Scouts 6:30pm – AA 7:00pm - WRC	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7:30am – MBS 9:00am – PMO 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise 6:00pm - ACT	<b>24</b> OFFICE CLOSED THANKSGIVING DAY	<b>25</b> OFFICE CLOSED	<b>26</b> 10:00am Rehearsal in Sanctuary
<b>27</b> 8:30am – Worship 9:45am – Christian Formation 11:00am – Worship	<b>28</b> 9:00am – PMO 6:00pm – Boy Scouts 6:30pm – AA 7:00pm - WRC	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7:30am – MBS 9:00am – PMO 10:30am – Get Moving Exercise	<b>BDF</b> <b>Birthday Fellowship</b> <b>TMFD</b> <b>Thursday Morning Faith Discussion</b> <b>PMO</b> <b>Parents Morning Out</b> <b>WRC</b> <b>Wilderness Road Chorus</b> <b>FCA</b> <b>Funeral Consumers Association</b> <b>MBS</b> <b>Men’s Bible Study</b>		



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## Stewardship Nugget for November 2016

"Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think"

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), American writer and poet.