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SUNDAY WORSHIP

*December Worship 10:30am Facebook Live
and posted online*

January Worship (tentative)

8:15am Worship ~ Main Church

10:30am Worship ~ Main Church

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If you have “green” or “blue” hymnal at home, I recommend you open your hymnal to find a deep resource of hope and faith through the words found in our worship liturgy and hymns. The singing or reading of the hymns is an overlooked spiritual practice, but is especially meaningful during the Advent and Christmas seasons. I learned this devotional practice through one of my seminary professors who had all the hymns in the Lutheran Book of Worship memorized! Many of you may be familiar with a worship service called “Holden Evening Prayer”. It’s a service of the Word with meditative singing and best accompanied by a piano. The most meaningful times I have participated in this service have been during the season of Advent...because Advent is a season of recognizing the darkness all around us...but through hope, we are comforted and guided by the light of Jesus Christ. Another favorite liturgy is Evening Prayer found in the Lutheran Book of Worship and is the service Luther Memorial Church uses for our Bach Cantata Vespers. The Evening Prayer service begins with the simple singing of the words by the liturgy leader: “Jesus Christ is the light of the world” with the congregation responding: “The light no darkness can overcome”. So hopeful.

The year 2020 has taught me an awful lot about myself, and although I wish we never needed to ever deal with Covid-19, this pandemic has allowed me to know these things.

- In the past, I have taken for granted the ability to gather with friends and family and my community of faith.
- I have overlooked the gift of recreation, leisure, travel and gathering together for community events.
- I have learned to trust more in the gifts of grace, hope and love.
- I have learned that each day of life is a gift.
- Finally, I have learned to cling onto the promises of God, especially in these dark times, that Jesus Christ IS the light of the world.

Happy Advent and Merry Christmas!

Luther Memorial Church Sunday Morning Worship



Luther Memorial Church will hold Sunday morning worship online beginning Sunday, November 22 through Sunday, December 27. The service will be at 10:30am on Luther Memorial Church's Facebook Group page (on Facebook live), but it will also be available to watch on Luther Memorial Church's YouTube Channel and church website at www.luthermemorialonline.org at 12 noon or any time after. To find Luther Memorial Church's YouTube Channel search for "Luther Memorial Church Erie PA". To watch the service on Luther Memorial Church's website go to the "Resources & Online Worship" tab and then click on the "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study" tab.

Blue Christmas Service



Christmas can be an exciting time of year. But, for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one, dealing with illness or job loss, it is also a difficult time. This year Covid has also changed many of our holiday plans.

Luther Memorial Church will hold an online Blue Christmas Worship Service on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00pm. The service at 6:00pm will be on Luther Memorial Church's Facebook Group page (on Facebook live), but it will also be available to watch on Luther Memorial Church's YouTube Channel and church website at www.luthermemorialonline.org at 7:30pm or any time after. To find Luther Memorial Church's YouTube Channel search for "Luther Memorial Church Erie PA". To watch the service on Luther Memorial Church's website go to the "Resources & Online Worship" tab and then click on the "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study" tab.

Christmas Eve Service



Online Christmas Eve service
Thursday, December 24
Live at 6:00pm

Luther Memorial Church will hold one Christmas Eve service online on Thursday, December 24 at 6:00pm. The service at 6:00pm will be on Luther Memorial Church's Facebook Group page (on Facebook live), but it will also be available to watch on

Luther Memorial Church's YouTube Channel and church website at www.luthermemorialonline.org at 7:30pm or any time after. To find Luther Memorial Church's YouTube Channel search for "Luther Memorial Church Erie PA". To watch the service on Luther Memorial Church's website go to the "Resources & Online Worship" tab and then click on the "Sunday Morning Worship, Daily Prayer and Bible Study" tab.

Luther Memorial ReCharge



Welcome the new year and worship with us at ReCharge on Sunday, January 10. We plan to come together at 4:00pm to visit; masks are worn and physical distancing practiced. Individually wrapped snacks will be provided. Worship will begin at 5:00pm.

Our maximum number of people at this time is 25. We ask that you please RSVP to Norma in the church office, 454-0106, ext. 221, or nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or Sarah Prylinski, prylinskisj@upmc.edu if you plan to attend.



St. Lucia Festival



It is with a sad heart that SVEA Lodge will not be having our annual St. Lucia Fest. Our Lodge met and decided that with the extraordinary, escalating Covid 19 numbers in Erie County, the proximity to Thanksgiving gatherings and the recommendations from the medical community, we will cancel our community event which was scheduled for December 13. Although this has been a Scandinavian tradition for decades, we cannot in good conscience proceed.

Spreading Joy

Even though there may be some visitation restrictions in nursing and retirement homes due to Covid this year, we will be able to continue our tradition of delivering some holiday baskets and spread some joy. We have kept in touch with everyone through many, many phone calls, cards and deliveries of home-cooked meals. Our relationships with one another have remained strong and continue to grow. During this holiday season we are looking forward to brightening the day for some very special people from Luther Memorial with holiday baskets.

Holiday Baskets will be ready for delivery on Sunday, December 20.

All care facilities have been contacted, and we are permitted to include home-made cookies in our Holiday Baskets. If you would like to bake some Christmas magic in your kitchens, we would appreciate the help. Cookies may be dropped off to the church office by Friday, December 18.

Thank you!

Please contact Linda Graffius, 454-0106, ext. 229 or the church office, ext. 221, if you are able to help with the preparation and/or delivery of the holiday baskets.



Mitten Tree



During this Christmas season many that visit the Bethany Outreach Center are in need of that extra warmth from the cold. We may be unable to decorate our Mitten Tree this year, but we are still able to collect hats, scarves, mittens and gloves which will be donated to the Bethany Outreach Center. We welcome you to drop off these donations to our church office through Sunday, December 20 and the warmth that you provide will be distributed to those in need at the Outreach Center.

Blankets are also welcomed items that are appreciated. These will also be donated to the Bethany Outreach Center for those in need.

Annual Bethesda Trinity Family Christmas Dinner



Season's Greetings! Due to the Coronavirus, the Bethesda Trinity Center at West 18th and Walnut Streets will NOT be having their usual Family Christmas dinner in their dining room, as we've done with them in previous years. What they **ARE** doing is giving each of 30 families a 'basket' of Christmas dinner groceries for them to make their own Christmas dinners in their own homes.

When asked what Luther Memorial could do to help, they asked if we could get the Christmas Dinner groceries to go with the hams and fresh potatoes that they are helping to provide for the 30 families.

We are asking whoever would like to participate, to provide ONE bag of groceries for ONE family. List of groceries being asked for is as follows:

- ❖ 4 various canned vegetables;
- ❖ 2 cans yams/sweet potatoes;
- ❖ 1 box/pkg. (2, if small) bread / biscuit mix;
- ❖ 2 dozen homemade cookies OR cake mix & frosting OR brownie mix;
- ❖ Drink mix; e.g. lemonade / kool-aid / hot cocoa.

Groceries can be dropped off to our church office no later than Sunday, December 13, please!! Joe Helm and Roberta Lobaugh will see to it that they get delivered to the Center. Groceries can be brought to church in any kind of bag, as they will be distributed to families in baskets, not bags. God Bless All of You for your generous hearts during this Holy Season of Giving!! If you have any questions, please contact Joe Helm and Roberta Lobaugh, 459-6064.

Joe Helm & Roberta Lobaugh

Kids for Kids



"If you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else up." -

Booker T. Washington

Thank you to all for the kindness shown through our Kids for Kids collection. We would also like to thank all those who are volunteering to shop so we can make Christmas shine for some families in need. Volunteers to help us shop are still welcome; please contact the church office or see Beth Keller.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please drop this off (marked "Kids for Kids") in the church office or drop in the mail. All donations are used to purchase gifts for families of Luther Memorial and LMA in need this Christmas.

Opportunities for Continued Connection to Luther Memorial Church

- **Sunday Morning Worship** - Facebook Live at 10:30am, and then the recording will be posted to the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel by 12:00pm.
- **Tuesday Morning Prayer** - Live on LM Facebook Group page at 9:00am, and available to watch a recorded version on the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel.
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study** - Posted to LM Facebook Group page, Church Webpage and YouTube Channel at 10:00am.
- **Thursday Evening Prayer** - Live on LM Facebook Group page at 6:00pm, and available to watch a recorded version on the Church Webpage and YouTube Channel.
- **Advent Resources** for all age groups will be posted each Wednesday morning at 10:00 to LM Facebook Group Page and Church Webpage. The Advent Wednesday posting will be resources to prepare for the upcoming Sunday in Advent.



Holy Communion Practice for those Worshipping from Home on Sunday Morning



At Luther Memorial Church we are grateful to provide the option of worshipping from home or worshipping in the building, and to allow each person to make the best decision for themselves, but there is a real loss for those unable to come to worship in the church building on Sunday morning, as they are unable to receive bread and wine from the Lord's table. Understanding that the bread and wine is a sustaining gift from Jesus that is blessed and received in community, we now have available bread and wine in individual packets that, after being blessed on Sunday morning during our worship, will be available for those worshipping from home to pick up at the church during the week. The intention is that you take home enough bread and wine for each member of your family for the month. During our worship service, those worshipping from home would set before them the consecrated bread and wine, and then receive the bread and wine when those who are in person for worship do. To make arrangements to pick up the bread and wine from the church please contact Linda Graffius by email at lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org, Norma Buerk by email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org, or by calling the church office at 814-454-0106, ext. 221.

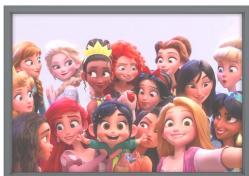


*Our love and sympathy is extended
to the family and friends of:*

Laura Dascanio (Patty McMahon, daughter) who died November 2, 2020

Christian Education

Zoom with Children's Church



Children's Church families continue to meet via Zoom from 6:30-7:00pm on Wednesdays. Our familiar Spark curriculum is used so everyone can follow along during our time together. Materials are emailed prior to each Wednesday gathering. This is a wonderful way for all of us to stay connected. We'd really like to see everyone during the holiday season. Gather in front of your Christmas tree and Zoom with us.

December 2

December 9

December 16

Baptism Celebration



Sunday, January 10, 2021

The day of your baptism is very special and should be celebrated. All those baptized at Luther Memorial Church in 2020 will be recognized during our worship service on Sunday, January 10, 2021.

Supporting our Youth

Christmas Hamloaf

The holidays just got a lot easier - just thaw, pop in the oven, and you and your family will enjoy a delicious meal. Continuing to support local companies, Gahr's is located in Titusville, PA.



- ❖ Orders for hamloaf will continue to be accepted through Sunday, December 13.
- ❖ To place an order, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 or email at nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.
- ❖ Cost: 1 lb. hamloaf @ \$5 / \$2 lb. hamloaf @ \$8.
- ❖ Delivery: Orders will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 20. Those ordering are asked to come to the church at 9:00am and your order will be ready for you.

Football Snacks

Even with Covid, our football season goes on. Order some goodies from Stanganelli's for your family and enjoy the Super Bowl. It's easy; if you are stopping in to the church for any reason, an order form will be at the welcome table by the church office. Orders are also taken by contacting Norma in the church office; 454-0106, ext. 221 or nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.

Pepperoni Balls (13 count) - \$14

Plain / Cheese & Pepperoni / Hot Cheese & Pepperoni
Ham & Cheese

Pizzas / cheese & pepperoni (14") - \$8.50

Combo Balls (4 count) - \$15

Salami, pepperoni, cheese, banana peppers on a sliced pepperoni ball



Wings (2.5 lbs.) - \$23.00

Hot, Butter & Garlic

10" Subs - \$6.50

Combo / Meatball / Sausage & Peppers

Orders will be accepted through Sunday, January 24.

Items may be picked up at the church on Sunday morning, February 7, from 9:00am -12:00pm.

Women of the ELCA

Tuesday Circle News



Meetings are held at 4:00pm in the church parlor.

January : Tuesday, January 5

Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 3:00pm in the church parlor.

Our Circle is open to all women, and we welcome you to contact Pat Young, President, at 455-7736, or our church office, 454-0106, ext. 221, with any questions.

Deborah Circle News

Meetings are held at 12:00 noon in the church parlor.

January : Tuesday, January 5

For more information on the Deborah Circle, please contact Judy Johnson at 833-4600.



Christmas Surprise



At the November 3 meetings the Deborah Circle and Tuesday Circle filled 30 bags for the men and 10 bags for the women of Warren State Hospital. These much needed items will make Christmas very special for the many residents. Pat Young delivered these bags to Table of Grace Church for delivery to Warren State Hospital.

Thankofferings



If you have not yet turned in your Thankoffering, we ask that you please keep these for now. We are considering a collection of same in January or February 2021.

Pennies for Poverty



As a continuing project to aid women and children in crisis, special containers for donations to "Pennies for Poverty" are located by the doors to the Main Church and Faith Chapel. Our women's groups thank one and all for your donations of coins and dollars.

Magic Fingers Grace Group

So many things you can knit at Christmas; mittens, stockings, scarves, and prayer shawls are always needed. We will not be gathering together in December, but we can knit no matter where we are. And if you'd like to chat while you knit, call a friend and enjoy a good conversation.

Keep the knitting needles busy in January; we're sure to need a nice warm scarf. We hope to be together again so join us at 10:00am on January 12 and January 26.

If you have questions on how to knit, we're here to help. Please contact Jan MacInnes, 454-0106, ext. 233 or the church office, ext. 221 with any questions.



Prayer Requests



Luther Memorial has many family and friends on our public and private prayer lists that we are in prayer for and hold close to our hearts. We appreciate the updates on their progress that are shared with us. We are asking that when you would like to add or remove someone from the prayer list that you contact us by phone or email. This is the best way to communicate with us to ensure that your prayer request is received. Prayer requests that are received by Facebook Messenger and texts can be missed.

Thank you for sharing your concerns with us. You are most welcome to contact us by phone or email; Linda Graffius, 454-0106, ext. 229, lgraffius@luthermemorialonline.org or Norma Buerk at 454-0106, ext. 221, nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org.

“Life is a Marathon, Not a Sprint!”



I have heard this saying but didn't know where it originated and was actually surprised to find out that Dr. Phil McGraw, of TV fame, originated it. He is so right, especially when it pertains to what we are all going through. I heard it again at our knitting group when Jan read her meditation about perseverance. I was already thinking about the subject resilience for this newsletter and when I heard her read, I knew I must include perseverance. We need both to get through this pandemic quarantine.

Perseverance is defined as the continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure or opposition and not giving up. We control what we can control – no matter the circumstances – and we persevere. Rev. Karl VanHorn of the PineRest Christian Mental Health Services writes that “love renews and resets our hearts and energizes us to persevere in doing what love requires of us day by day. Deep down love empowers us to do what is good for others and ourselves.” He recommends this daily breathing meditation:

Breathe in love and breathe out resentment.

Breathe in love and breathe out weariness.

Breathe in love and breathe out stress.

People have inside themselves the capability to develop the kind of perseverance that will see them through the world's current health and economic crisis. In my reading one of the tips for developing perseverance suggested looking at how others survived tough times. I have read several stories about how the people of Erie survived the Spanish Flu of 1918-1919. They didn't have even half of the conveniences and resources that we have and they persevered and got through it. Read about this time of our history or talk to family or friends about their personal times of crisis and ask how they prevailed over challenges or obstacles. Perseverance helps us to become mentally tougher. The only thing that makes a person give up and quit is thinking about mental fatigue. I have heard people say they have “covid or quarantine fatigue”. There are days we all probably feel that way. Try not to “go down that rabbit hole”. As Jan's meditation said, “Life requires perseverance, so wise travelers select a traveling companion who never tires and never falters. That partner, of course, is God. Ask God for strength. Are you discouraged? Believe in His promises. Are you defeated? Pray as if everything depended upon God and work as if everything depended upon yourself. With God's help, you can persevere...and you will.”

My interest in resilience started a few years ago when my granddaughter was very ill. We had to reach out to many doctors to determine a diagnosis. The answers were not definitive and this was very hard on her and our family. I began to wonder if she would have the resilience to come through this and maintain a good mental health outlook. Resilience is the process of harnessing resources to sustain well-being in the face of adversity. I shouldn't have doubted her resilience because with the help of family and counseling, she showed her strength.

Think of resilience as a see saw, where negative experiences tip the scale toward bad outcomes and positive experiences tip it toward good outcomes. How can we build resilience? First we need to unload the negative side and identify and reduce the sources of stress. As I've written about before – limit how much news you are exposed to and curtail your use of social media. Are your basic needs of food, shelter, finances and healthcare being met? Reach out and accept help to meet these needs. Then we need to load up on the positive side by piling on positive experiences, especially through responsive relationships. This is important in childhood development. Most children who develop resilience have in common a stable, committed relationship with a supportive parent, caregiver or other adult. As adults we need to strengthen our life skills to manage daily life. Many of us have said we are having trouble focusing, remembering, or other mental functions we usually can do. I see this in myself, family and friends. Accept that this is happening and resolve to strengthen your life skills. How? Use your phone to take notes and reminders. There are lots of apps available to help you get through each day. I don't like to do this on my phone, so I bought a tablet and make notes of what needs to be done. It's working! Ask your family and friends to help. I'm sure they are having the same issues. Reach out to family and friends by sending cards, making phone calls or FaceTime. I am proud of how our members are reaching out to help each other and lift each other's spirits. We're all in this together!

I also want to share the prayer that was in the meditation that Jan read.

Lord, sometimes, this life is difficult indeed. Sometimes, we are burdened or fearful. Sometimes, we cry tears of bitterness or loss, but even then, You never leave our sides. Today, Lord let me be a finisher of my faith. Let me persevere – even if the day is difficult – and let me follow Your Son, Jesus Christ, this day and forever. Amen.

Cont'd.:

Please stay safe so that we can have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Blessings,
Linda Graffius, RN
Faith Community Nurse

Resources:

www.pinterest.org/resilience-strategies-during-a-pandemic-blog/

www.businesspress.vages/columns/experts-corners; How to draw on the Power of Perseverance during Covid-19, Troy Nix; May 19, 2020.

www.pinterest.org/prayer-for-perseverance-during-the-pandemic-blog/ Rev Karl VanHorn.

The Limits and Power of Resilience; Abby Rosenberg, MD Univ of Washington School Of Medicine.

Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 31, 2021
Annual Meeting
11:30am – Main Church



All members of Luther Memorial Church are encouraged to participate in the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 31 immediately following the 10:30am worship service in the main church. **The Annual Meeting will also be available on Facebook live.** Please note that we will NOT have the 8:15am worship service

that morning, but one combined worship service at 10:30am in the main church. We are hopeful to be gathered for in-person worship by this date, but that will be determined by church council and communicated to the congregation. The Annual Congregational Meeting agenda will include presentation of 2020 reports, election of Church Council members, and a review of the proposed 2021 budget.

Voting will take place for our 2021 Council officers and our budget. Voting will also be made available for those not yet ready for in-person worship by mail, email or phone call to our church office. Communication will be sent in ample time explaining the procedure to be used.

The Annual Report will be emailed and available on our church website. Hard copies will also be available to pick up in our church office.

Please join us in person or online to review the year and look ahead and plan for the ministry year of 2021!



Presque Isle Lights 2020



Presque Isle Lights is the Partnership's newest event coming to Presque Isle this December. The event welcomes visitors to experience a self-guided evening driving tour of seasonal lights throughout Presque Isle State Park from the comfort and safety of their vehicles. Visitors will follow the park's full 13-mile loop road encountering along the way a variety of lights and displays coupled with the natural beauty offered by Presque Isle after dark.

Enjoy the light display on any of the following evenings from 6:00 – 9:00pm.


December 5-6 | Sat. & Sun.
December 25-27 | Fri.- Sun.

December 11-13 | Fri.- Sun.
January 1-3 | Fri.- Sun.



December 18-20 | Fri.- Sun.

This holiday experience is **FREE** thanks to the support of many generous donors.

December Birthday Celebrations

Megan Cunningham	12/1		Lupe Eagle	12/13	Rose-Marie Rose	12/21
Nathan Helsley	12/1		John McKibben	12/13	Giovanna DePaul	12/23
Erich Pirschel	12/1		Skip MacInnes	12/14	Christopher Fuhrman	12/24
Maryann Fried	12/2		Howard McConnell	12/14	Christine Hickey	12/24
Michael Pirschel	12/2		Mark Cadden	12/16	Ryan Robie	12/24
Jack Tell	12/3		Ron Colicchio	12/16	Christine Snyder	12/24
Tim Thomas, Jr.	12/3		Annabelle Cooney	12/16	Denise King	12/26
Rose Lintelman	12/5		Joshua Graffius	12/16	Susan McConnell	12/26
Adam Franks	12/6		Natalie Montero	12/16	Luke Huston	12/28
Sabashton DePaul	12/8		Brian Franks	12/17	Matthew Kinzig	12/28
Xyla Lombardozzi	12/8		Gina Sims	12/17	Madilyn Mantsch	12/29
Linda Melaragno	12/8		Marne Brown	12/18	Maura Myhoffer	12/29
Thomas Coffey	12/9		Robert Kraut	12/18	Dylan Ambrose	12/30
Lois Fobes	12/9		Jacob O'Brien	12/18	Evan Andrae	12/30
Christine Satur	12/10		Jonathan Hagen	12/19	Mindy Boyd	12/30
Ely Cooney	12/12		George Kurtich	12/19	Danielle Graffius	12/30
Frank DiCenzo	12/12		Jordan Sturm	12/19	Megan Ross	12/30
Kathy Morey	12/12		Miley Schill	12/20		
Benjamin Davis	12/13		Cheryl Momeyer	12/21		

January Birthday Celebrations

David Coffey	1/1		Carol Davidson	1/14	Sara Wettekin	1/23
Amy Kurtich	1/1		Robert Alvaro	1/17	Rebecca Brown	1/24
Natie Bartlett	1/2		Jack Bartlett	1/17	Judy McKibben	1/24
Nancy Come	1/2		Catherine McAdoo	1/17	Ava Romba	1/24
Madison Chaffee	1/5		Cheryl Brown	1/18	Gabe Fracassi	1/25
Jerry Keller	1/6		Alan Eagle	1/18	Dave Kinzig	1/25
Leo Blore	1/7		Brian Davidson	1/19	Barbara Walter	1/26
Caleb DiCenzo	1/10		Richard O'Leary	1/19	Dominic Barbaro	1/27
Joanne Dahlstrand	1/11		Timothy Dugan	1/20	Jan MacInnes	1/27
Ben Gustafson	1/11		Andres Duran	1/20	Kathy Weisman	1/27
Chloe Meucci	1/11		Mary Pheasant	1/20	Chris Andrejewski	1/28
Anton Partusch, III	1/11		Tamara Wettekin	1/21	Tammy Hessinger	1/28
Krista Partusch	1/11		Stacey Batkiewicz	1/22	Steve Narusewicz	1/28
Joan Chalikian	1/12		Spencer Cadden	1/23	Sarah Heintzel	1/29
Matthew Lasher	1/12		Zackary Helsley	1/23	Nathan Muhanna	1/30
Cathy MacGregor	1/12		Felix Schill	1/23	Christopher Young	1/30
Aiden Montero	1/12		Fiona Schill	1/23		

December & January Birthday Celebrations for our Sunshine Members

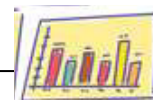
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November 2020 Statistics



ATTENDANCE:

	<u>8:15 A.M.</u>	<u>10:30 A.M.</u>	<u>4:00 P.M. RECHARGE</u>	<u>NURSERY</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
November 1	33	52			85
November 8	24	49			73
November 15	22	25			47
November 22	In-person worship cancelled due to Covid				
November 29	In-person worship cancelled due to Covid				

BAPTISMS: None received.

FUNERALS: **DASCANIO, LAURA** - Date of Death: November 3, 2020 / Date of Funeral: November 6, 2020 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

YOUNG, LINDA J. ERIKSON - Date of Death: November 7, 2020 / Date of Funeral: November 10, 2020 / Pastor William E. Coleman officiating.

MEMORIALS: **DASCANIO, LAURA** - FROM:

Marilyn Bohn Deborah & Kenneth Rausch
Suzanne Durand

LETTER OF TRANSFER: **KIEFER, ANDREA**

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: None received.

WEDDINGS: None received.

November Council Meeting via Zoom



1. *Minutes* of the October 13, 2020 meeting were reviewed and on motion unanimously accepted.
2. *Treasurer's Report* - The details of the written report were reviewed indicating that church finances are in good order. The report was unanimously approved.
3. *Communications* - Pastor Coleman reported that the following have been received:
 - a. M. J. Howell sent a thank you for the cards she has received.
 - b. A friend of Les Fobes thanked us for the prayer shawl and knitted crosses.
4. *In-Person Christmas Eve Worship Service* - It is currently scheduled to have 3 Christmas Eve services in church, two of these will also be online.
5. *Annual Meeting* - The Annual Meeting may be held online, which will involve some extra preparation, including resolving the issue of not voting in person. If the meeting is held in person, it will take place in the main church.
6. *Member Phone List* - Names were given to each council member. Church families will be contacted to check in and see how everyone is doing.
7. *Property* - Plaster is falling on the northwest corner of the building. Some pointing was done by Tirpak in 2011; they are now out of business. Fisk has been contacted for a proposal for pointing to be repaired in the spring.
8. *Next Council Meeting Dates* - December 8, 2020 and January 12, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom.
9. *Annual Meeting* - Meeting scheduled for Sunday, January 31, 2021 following the 10:30am worship service. Details to be determined.



Luther Memorial Academy

Kids for Kids



"If you want to lift yourself up, lift someone else up." -

Booker T. Washington

No matter the day or season, kindness is always appreciated and you are certain to find it at Luther Memorial Church and Academy. As we all know, this year has been especially challenging for many and our "Kids for Kids" program is so important this Christmas season.

Ziplock bags were sent home with each student the beginning of November in hopes they return filled with coins and bills knowing that someone's Christmas will be brighter because of the kindness you have shown. All monies will be used to provide Christmas for those in need in our school and church family. All bags were to be returned to the school office by **Monday, November 23.**

Picture Retake



Need a redo on those pictures? Never fear; picture retake day is scheduled for Monday, December 14. Bring those smiles with you!

Christmas Vacation

**Monday, December 21 -
Friday, January 1**

School will resume on
Monday, January 4, 2021.



Martin Luther King, Jr.

In recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.,
LMA will be closed:

Monday, January 18



May you have the gladness of Christmas
which is hope;
The spirit of Christmas
which is peace;
The heart of Christmas
which is love.

newyearchristmas.com

D E C E M B E R 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:00pm Prayer Group via Zoom 6:30pm Children's Church via Zoom	3 	4	5
6 <i>Advent 2</i> 10:30am Worship via Zoom	7 6:00pm Lego League	8 6:00pm Council via Zoom	9 6:30pm Children's Church via Zoom	10 6:00pm Lego League	11	12 
13 <i>Advent 3</i> 10:30am Worship via Zoom	14 LMA Picture Retakes 6:00pm Lego League	15 	16 6:30pm Children's Church via Zoom	17 6:00pm Lego League	18	19 9:00am Holiday Baskets prepared
20 <i>Advent 4</i> 10:30am Worship via Zoom Holiday Basket deliveries	21 LMA Closed	22 LMA Closed	23 LMA Closed	24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 6:00pm Worship via Zoom	25 <i>Christmas Day</i>  Church & school offices closed	26
27 10:30am Worship via Zoom	28 LMA Closed	29 LMA Closed	30 LMA Closed	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>  Church & school offices closed		

JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Church & school offices closed	2
3 8:15/10:30am Worship 1:00pm Pastor Zoom with 10 th Gr.	4 LMA Classes Resume	5 12:00pm Deborah Circle (tentative) 4:00pm W/ELCA (tentative)	6 7:00pm Worship & Music via Zoom	7	8	9
10 8:15/10:30am Worship 1:00pm Pastor Zoom with 7 th gr. 4:00pm ReCharge service	11	12 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group (tentative)	13 3:00pm W/ELCA Board Meeting	14	15	16 
17 8:15/10:30am Worship 1:00pm Pastor Zoom with 8 th gr.	18  Church & school offices closed	19	20	21	22	23
24 8:15/10:30am Worship 1:00pm Pastor Zoom with 9 th gr.	25	26 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group (tentative)	27	28 	29	30
31 8:15/10:30am Worship 11:30am Annual Congregational Meeting						