

Luther Memorial Church  
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# LMC Newsletter

## October 2023



### **Monster Mini Golf** **Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> at** **4:30pm**

We will meet at Monster Mini Golf, an indoor course lit by blacklight, what fun! Please let us know if you plan to attend. Monster Mini Golf is located at 749 Hope Road, Eatontown, NJ 07724 See Courtney Russomanno or Ellen Rehberg for more information.

# Trunk or Treat

Start planning your display for our  
**6th Annual Trunk or Treat!**  
**Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm**

We have had so much fun hosting a Trunk or Treat for our friends and neighbors; so, we're doing it again! If you would like to host a trunk just add your name to the list in the hallway or e-mail Ellen Rehberg at [ellen.illies@yahoo.com](mailto:ellen.illies@yahoo.com)

It's first come, first served so sign up early!

We have some goodies available if you can host a trunk but don't know what to hand out. Decorating ideas are available too, but there's no need to get fancy; A smile and a bucket of candy is all it takes to make kids happy! If you would rather welcome guests or answer questions or help set-up, let us know that too!

**Looking forward to some Halloween fun  
with you!**



*you're invited to*  
**GAME**  
**NIGHT**

**Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 pm**

Looking for a fun, no stress evening out? Look no further! We have all sorts of games and give a brief run down of the rules of any game we play before we start. It's easy to jump in! (Or just come for the pizza and conversation!)

WALK. GIVE. CHANGE THE WORLD.

*Red Bank*  
**CROP HUNGER WALK**

OCTOBER 15, 2023

RED BANK, NEW JERSEY

**An Interfaith  
Community Effort to  
Fight Hunger &  
Poverty**

Our 43<sup>rd</sup> Red Bank CROP Hunger Walk is set for Sunday, Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> with registration beginning at 1 pm and the Walk starting at 2. Teams of walkers from

many churches and schools come together all across the United States to raise thousands of dollars which supports a number of hunger-fighting partners, both local and international, including the global programs of Church World Service that work towards alleviating hunger and malnourishment, provides clean drinking water, aids in refugee relief, supports long term development and helps in times of disasters (earthquakes, floods, fires, hurricanes, drought, etc.)

Thanks to the many dedicated walkers and supporters, our Red Bank Crop Walk last year was the 5<sup>th</sup> largest walk in the U.S. and raised \$133,000 of which 25% stayed in our own community and was distributed to 14 local partners. Also, 17,000 lbs. of food was collected and distributed to over 20 different food pantries in the area. Walkers of any age can collect donations by using the traditional paper forms, register online under the Luther Memorial Team or do a combination of both. It should also be noted that it is not necessary to walk if you just want to collect donations.

As for donations, they can either be given by check to an individual walker (made out to: **Red Bank Crop Walk**) or you can also donate online to our Luther Memorial team by credit card or PayPal. To register to be on our team or to donate online, go to <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2023/event/redbanknj>

As in the past we will be only collecting peanut butter, rice, beans and soup up to the date of October 15th which will be given to local food pantries, including Lunch Break. Normal food collections will resume after that date.

Hunger has not gone away in Monmouth County nor has the need for food and clean drinking water in other parts of the world or in places of devastation. Your help is needed now more than ever. To register, make a donation or for more information, I will be in the Narthex for the next several weeks after each service. There will also be a box in the back of the church for pledges for your convenience and you will be contacted at a later date. For any help or additional information, you can reach me at 732-542-7892.

**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION AS A WALKER, SPONSOR AND BY YOUR FOOD DONATIONS.**

Thank You and God Bless Our Efforts

~Marie Helsing

## Luther's MISSION GARDEN

is the new landmark at **Tinton Ave & Swimming River Road!**



On almost a ¼ acre, this Mission project of **Luther Memorial Church of Tinton Falls**, has grown from being barely noticeable to something that catches your eye every time you pass

by. With its start 3 years ago, a lot of trial and error, sweat & tears, it has developed into a farmer's haven, sprouting three different types of tomatoes, peppers, eggplant, cucumbers, zucchini, lettuce, parsley & basil, and even has a Pumpkin Patch!!!

Our “Novice Volunteer Farmers” meet at least twice a week for group gardening and sharing of ideas. We learn through advice from educated gardener's, from our Vegetable Encyclopedia, and lots of “googling” and YouTube videos!!

Being a Lutheran Church, our mission is to go out into the world, and share our faith by helping those who need help. With Luther's MISSION GARDEN, we do that by donating **ALL of our produce** to fight Food Insecurity in our community, providing fresh vegetables to The American Red Cross Food Bank, Lunchbreak, and other area food pantries. So far this year, our donations have **surpassed 1200 lbs. of produce**.....and we are still going strong!!



Our community (Home Depot of West Long Branch, Home Depot Neptune, BJ's, & Tractor Supply) has shown us support by donating gardening tools and supplies. This has been a blessing to us.



Our church family supports us through prayer and commitment to this project. The response from the Pantry recipients has been extremely positive. And our spirits are given a boost when we get “Toots & Hollar's” from passing traffic!!

Our challenges are still many! But we will continue to work through them with the grace of God and the community's continued support.

Give us a “honk” when you see us working out there!!



# Operation Christmas Child

Come and join in and take an Operation Christmas Child Shoe Box to fill. Get suggestions on what to include in your boxes and discover where the boxes are distributed. Once your boxes are filled and you have included the funds for the postage, we have a bin in the hallway to collect your donations. You can still bring in extra shoe boxes as well. Thanks for your help with this mission. For more information, see Jeanne Lobosco.



## Lunch Break

We received a letter thanking us for our recent contribution of 179 pounds of food!

We are still collecting food for Lunch Break this

October; the basket for donations is in the hallway. There is a separate bin for items to be donated for the CROP Walk with a list of items that *they* would like. It is important to support both of these mission projects. Let's keep up the good work for October as we head into cooler weather and the need for good hot meals in our community.

## Weekly Bible Studies, Classes & Discussion Groups

### Sundays

10:00am

Adult Bible Study

Grab a cup of coffee and come on back to the Church Library

10:00am

Youth Sunday School

All ages welcome

### Wednesdays

10:45am

Community Bible Study

Currently looking at the Book of Concord

7:00pm

Evening Bible Study

Currently reading First Corinthians



Pastor Detrie is available in an emergency, as well as for visits with you at any time you request him to meet for a personal visit at the church or in your home. If you would like to meet with him, please notify the church office at 732-542-2727 or officelm818@gmail.com to set up an appointment. In an emergency call his cell phone: 423-507-7189.



**Community Days** Have you ever been to a Community Day (Tinton Falls Day, Middletown Day, etc.)? There's always food, tables from local businesses and organizations, free giveaways, and lots of fun kids' activities. There's often a Touch a Truck, bounce houses, helicopter landings, and police dog exhibitions. Once there was a life-sized mechanical dinosaur! Neighbors get together and catch up or make new friendships. We will have a table at two local Community Days this year. Can you come represent LMC this year? (And have a chance to look around, too) We have flyers, giveaways, posters, a tent, chairs... we'll be very comfy and we'll have fun smiling at passersby. We'd love to have you sit with us!

**Tinton Falls Day**  
**October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
from 2-6pm  
977 Sycamore Ave  
Tinton Falls, NJ 07724

**Middletown Day**  
**October 14<sup>th</sup>**  
from 11am-4pm  
(This is the rain date,  
due to tropical Storm Ophelia)  
900 Leonardville Road  
Leonardo, NJ 07737



## Endowment Committee

The LMC Endowment Committee has requested the addition of a member with accounting experience to join the Endowment Fund staff in a voluntary capacity. If you would be interested in joining the committee as the accountant for the fund, please contact the LMC church office. 732-542-2727 email: [officelm818@gmail.com](mailto:officelm818@gmail.com)

## Autumn Pot Luck

**November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6pm**

There are many things we can celebrate this season- All Saints Day, a bountiful harvest, friends, family, and all the other blessings we have received! Let's share a meal and give thanks to God!

A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board soon.



## Children's Christmas Shoppe

**December 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 1pm**

Calling all Crafters and Shoppers!- We'll need a bunch of fun gifts we can sell for \$1 each. We're looking for things kids can give to their parents or siblings. See Ellen R. Calling all adults- We'll need people to supervise the kids as they shop, to act as cashiers, and to wrap the gifts. Please sign up early so we can plan appropriately.

# October Birthdays

1<sup>st</sup> Dave Kvedaras

2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Mirandi

5<sup>th</sup> Janice Langanke

6<sup>th</sup> Annie Blair

13<sup>th</sup> Donna Colasurdo

Elizabeth Russomanno

16<sup>th</sup> Sandy Seckendorf

18<sup>th</sup> Joe Genke

20<sup>th</sup> Kevin Langanke

21<sup>st</sup> Ed Magenheimer

30<sup>th</sup> Mike Colianno

Harrison Detrie



## Prayer Requests

Please add these individuals to your prayers:

Daniel Cantrell	Sandi Carter	Henry Bergmann's Daughter Carrie	Rev. Burakowski & family
Connie Schulz	Russ Baccaglioni	Sandra Erhard	Bob Panarella
Mohamad	Joe Tetley	The Warner Family	Martin Rose
Lynda Abrams	Colin	Gilbert Saltzman	Jean Shaljian
Bill	Colton Farrell	Matthias Colomb	Milly Taylor
Walter Wall Sr.	Jean Berich	Chuck Colianno	Dan Lowe & Family
Devyn & Kayla Joseph	Joyce Siney	Marie Helsing	For all people in war zones
Gene Buckley	Peter Foy	Stephanie Wesch	Pastor Johnny Lopez & Family
Ruta Colomb	Joan Pignataro	Elenore & Tom Mirandi	Jim Sculthorpe
Pat McBee	Renee	Ernie Giglio & Family	Kathleen Babcock
Jerry Kastning	Mark & Josey	Brian Donovan	Lynn McDonald
Connie Wild	Kathy Doss	The Kraus Family	Bill Ahlborn
Bob Hollenbeck	Jill Bongiovi	Maureen Hoise	Bill A'Hearn
Rosemary Schulz	John Palazzo	Susan O'Connor	Anne Marie Tarantin
Andrew Karabinos	Darlyn Nash	Heidi Magenheimer	John Rehberg

Please e-mail us any prayer requests; or join the weekly email prayer group by contacting the church office at [officeLmc818@gmail.com](mailto:officeLmc818@gmail.com)