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LMC Newsletter

November 2023



Autumn Pot Luck Dinner November 4th 6pm

LMC will be hosting a pot luck dinner to celebrate the season, All Saints Day, a bountiful harvest, friends, family and our many blessings. We will share a meal and give thanks to God. The sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board where you can let us know how many people will be attending with you and what you would like to add to the meal.

Monthly Game Night November 18th starting at 6:30pm

Games, Pizza, and good company- what more is there to say? We always have a good time together and would love to share that joy with new people. Hope to see you there!



Sharing Thanks Together

This month you are invited to add a feather to our "Thanksgiving Turkey". Share your thanks by writing them on paper feathers and pinning them to our "turkey" in the hallway!



**Sunday
November 5th**

(If you're accidentally early,
coffee is in the hall!)



Operation Christmas Child is fully underway. There is still plenty of time to pick up a box or two and fill with fun things for a youngster. Please don't forget the \$10 to cover shipping costs. You can pay online or include a check with your box. If you can't fill a box but can donate a few items or a little money towards the shipping costs, that would be appreciated, too!

Shoe boxes are due back on Sunday, November 12th.



Preschool Miss Chocolate Fundraiser

There is still time to order your items for the Miss Chocolate Fund Raiser. Please see the poster on the church bulletin board or contact Stephanie at lmcpreschool818@gmail.com. Hurry, though- the due date has already been extended. There's not much time left to order!

Thank you to everyone for all the wonderful donations in October! With Thanksgiving approaching, Lunch Break will be collecting turkeys and all the trimmings for Thanksgiving dinners. Please see the included flyer for more details. If you want to collect all the items for a dinner, you may use the extra bags near the bins. Just take it home fill it up & drop it off at the Lunch Break warehouse, 968 Shrewsbury Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ door #5 from Monday through Friday 10am to 2pm by Monday November 20th, or have it back to us by Sunday, November 19th for delivery.



Website Update

When you visit lmcnj.org there is a new feature! Scroll all the way down the homepage to the links along the bottom and you will see a “Member Section”. Click here to sign up. Once approved, you will be able to see things like the most recent minutes, budget information, and our member directory. We are still working on perfecting the page, but hope that it will be a useful way to improve communication.



LMC's 2024 Budget

Copies of the preliminary budget for next year will be available in the church office and on the member's section of our website. Most of the changes from last year are in salaries, wages, and benefits. Programs, salaries, and utilities add up fast, but we try to be responsible with the gifts God provides us. We rely on the generosity of our members to meet the needs of the congregation and the community.

Seasons of the Church

We are presently completing the longest season of the church year. Pentecost - Paraments were green for growth. It was an opportunity to examine your heart, study God's word and reach out to others. How did you do? There are a few Sundays left that we celebrate special times. The first being The Reformation which took place October 31, 1517. Martin Luther posted the ninety-five Theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. It's the work of God in preserving and reforming the church in time of trial and defending the truth. Red is for zeal and martyrdom.

All Saints Day is November 1st and celebrated after the Reformation commemorating the martyrs and all the people of God, living and dead. The paraments are white pointing to eternity and perfection which all saints now enjoy.

The last Sunday of the church year we celebrate Christ the King pointing to the second coming of Christ... That leads us right into the Advent Season. A time to prepare our hearts for Jesus coming... My! How quickly the year has passed.



Luther's Mission Garden

October has brought us a bunch of surprises!!

From torrential rains that flooded the garden and toppled our tent to the garden visit from Senator Vin Gopal!!

With the evenings getting darker earlier, we've continuously been moving our harvest times earlier. And with the weather turning cooler, the crops are slowly petering out!! The end of the season is coming soon!! One by one, the plants and vines are being torn down, and the hoses and stakes are being prepared for winter storage. We only have a few more harvests left.

Our work at Luther's Mission Garden will be done for 2023!!

How have we done?

As of today, our harvest tally has surpassed **1600 pounds!!** *AMAZING!* The Lord has truly blessed us! And His blessings have touched the Food Pantry recipients at LUNCHBREAK and the RED CROSS at EARLE!! Without God's help and without your support, we never could have accomplished this!

We ask that you continue to keep Luther's Mission Garden in your prayers, because we believe that through this MISSION, we are showing others HIS LOVE!!!



Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped make our recent outreach efforts so successful! Some events were cancelled due to rain, but we had tables at Tinton Falls Day and the Heartstrings Fundraiser. Plus, we hosted our biggest Trunk or Treat yet! Thank you everyone! We couldn't do it without you!

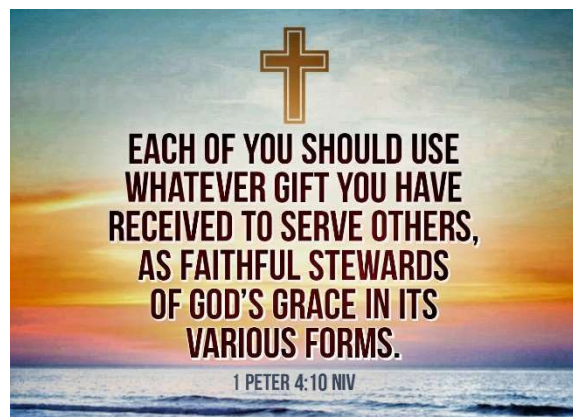
Open Church Board Positions for 2024

We depend on the wonderful volunteers that help with the administrative portions of our church and preschool. Every year we have elections at the December voter's meeting to determine who will be serving in each open position for the next year.

We have several open positions to fill this year. Please prayerfully consider if you can help in any of these important service activities.

- **President**- Runs monthly Board meetings and any Voter's Meetings. Meets with Pastor, Elders, boards, and committees to make sure things are going well (1 year term)
- **Vice President**- Chairperson of the Preschool Board – runs their meetings and ensures the Preschool has everything it needs. Also, puts together the slate of candidates for all positions each year and fills in for the President as needed. (1 year term)
- **Director of Outreach**- Encourages the Congregation to share the Word and invite people to church. Hosts and attends events to increase our connection to the community. (2 year term)
- **Director of Education**- Makes sure our bible studies, Sunday School, VBS, etc. have everything they need. Encourages the congregation to learn more about their faith. (2 year term)
- **Public Relations Director**- Uses traditional and social media to advertise the church and our events (2 year term)
- **Preschool Treasurer**- Reviews and keeps the financial records of the Preschool
- **Preschool Board Member**- Attends meetings and helps our Preschool stay on track

If you are interested in running for election or if you would like to help by joining a committee- speak to any current member of our boards, Pastor, or you can e-mail the church office.



(The BIG secret? Being on a Board is easier than you think!)



Children's Christmas Shoppe

December 16th from 11am to 1pm

Do you remember Christmas when you were a kid? You'd save up your allowance to buy your mom or dad (or brother or sister) a gift. But what could you afford? And your parent had to drive you to the store to buy it... so there goes any kind of surprise. So frustrating!

Let's make the holidays a little jollier for kids in our community this year!

We will be hosting a little shop where every present is only a dollar and parents aren't allowed in. (The parents can enjoy a few kid free minutes in our Parent's Lounge with coffee and cookies!)

We need your help to make this happen!

On December 16th we will need-

- People to help the kids pick out gifts and keep the tables looking good
- 'Cashiers'
- People to wrap up those gifts to maintain the surprise

If you can't be there that day here are some other ways you can help-

- Donate wrapping paper
- Bake a plate of cookies
- Craft or purchase a few items you think children would like to give their family
- Donate funds for us to buy more gifts
- Let your neighbors, coworkers, and everyone else know that they are welcome to come!



Invite Cards Available!

There are small blue cards on the table in the back or the sanctuary. They are a great, easy way to invite people to come to church with you! Keep a few in your car, in your purse, in your back pocket... God has a way of giving us opportunities to share our faith



Sponsor A Family For A Holiday Meal

We've got the turkeys, can you donate the fixin's?

Foodtown can shop for you...

Visit Super Foodtown in Red Bank at 362 Broad Street and purchase pre-packed bags containing all the suggested items. The store will also deliver your pre-packed bags to Lunch Break.

Or you can do the shopping...

Pre-bag all of the following items in a reusable bag:

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| 1 box or bag of stuffing | 2 cans of corn |
| 1 box of mashed potatoes | 1 can of gravy |
| 1 can of yams | 1 box of cake mix |
| 1 can of cranberry sauce | 1 container of cake icing |
| 1 box of corn muffin mix | |

*servings should be for 4 or more

Drop-off dates and location

November 1st through 20th
Monday - Friday: 10am - 1pm | Saturdays: 10am - 12pm
968 Shrewsbury Avenue, Tinton Falls
(Drive straight back until you see the dumpsters.
Our door is #5 on the right.)

If interested please...



Scan the QR code or visit our
website at LUNCHBREAK.ORG



Lunch Break

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For questions, reach out to
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Lunchbreak.org | 732-747-8577 |

@lunchbreaknj



November Birthdays

6th James Pignataro

23rd Milly Taylor

16th Emily Illies

24th Christine Koob

17th Grayson Detrie

27th Bob Panarella

18th Jesse Whitehead

29th Valentina Roselle

20th Eleanor Mirandi



Please add these individuals to your prayers:

Stacy	Sandi Carter	Marie Helsing	Joyce Siney
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	Jennifer Shaljian
Walter Wall Sr.	Jean Berich	Chuck Colianno	Henry Bergmann's Daughter Carrie
Edith Bade Buckley	Milly Taylor	Anne Marie Tarantin	For all people in war zones
Gene Buckley	Peter Foy	Stephanie Wesch	The Schauer Family
Ruta Colomb	Joan Pignataro	Elenore Mirandi	Family of Daniel Cantrell
Pat McBee	Renee	Dave Meakem	Kathleen Babcock
Jerry Kastning	Mark & Josey	Brian Donovan	Oonar Hollenbeck
Connie Wild	Kathy Doss	Jake Johnson	Bill Ahlborn
Bob Hollenbeck	Jill Bongiovi	Maureen Hoise	Family of Debbie Conover
Rosemary Schulz	John Palazzo	Susan O'Connor	Family of Michael Walsh
Andrew Karabinos	Darlyn Nash	Heidi Magenheimer	Family of Graham Brown
Bill A'Hearn	Kelly Baureko	Jim Sculthorpe	

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