

Luther Memorial Church
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LMC Newsletter

December 2023

Worship with us on



Christmas Eve

10am Sunday Morning Service
5:00pm Contemporary Worship
7:30pm Candle Light Service

You can also attend virtually [HERE](#)

Advent Services

Wednesdays
@ Noon
and
@ 7:00pm

(These services will not be streamed)



Join us **Sunday December 17th at 10:00am**
for **ONE** combined worship.

This is one Sunday you don't want to miss!

Wear your "best" **Ugly Christmas Sweater!**

We'll have prizes for those who really impress!

A **Voters' Meeting** will then be held after service where we will be deciding the 2024 Church Board Members and LMC's budget. If you are a member, you should be there. If you want to become a member, let us know!



Plus-

We will be

**Decorating
Christmas
Cookies**

after the
Voter's Meeting.



Children's Christmas Shoppe

Saturday, December 16th from 11am to 1pm

We have ornaments, toys, jewelry, candles, mugs, soap, clocks, stationary sets, and more! Many of these items have been hand crafted or embellished by our talented members. We are all ready to open our shop and let kids buy presents for their family... except...

We still need **YOU!**

A few more spots are available if you can help out.

- We would love to offer some freshly baked cookies on their way out. Are you a baker who could add a dozen?
- We would like to offer personalization of items (we even have gold and silver paint pens). Do you have handwriting nice enough to add a special greeting onto an ornament?
- The day would also go more smoothly if we had one more cashier, or a few more people to keep things neat and tidy or to say hi to the kids.

Sign up on the bulletin board or speak to Ellen Rehberg to chip in, or if you have any questions.

Thank You to everyone who filled out a survey! Our congregation has been blessed with so many talents! The answers we received will help guide our plans to meet the needs of our community as we move into the new year. Keep an eye out in January for a calendar of service projects and events spanning the whole year. And any time you have an idea that could help those around us, we want to hear them!

Talents, Skills, and Abilities

- I like walking or working in the outdoors
- I can balance a checkbook and keep accounts
- I can carry folding chairs or tables
- I consider myself an artist, maker, or crafter
- I can sing or play an instrument
- I take good notes

Some of the things we've learned...

- Our favorite way to find out what's going on are the announcements after service.
- We tend to love the outdoors and/or cooking
- There's a lot of wonderful people here at LMC!

(OK, I admit it. We knew that last one without a survey, but it's still worth mentioning!)



Luther's Mission Garden

ended its season with a Final Tally of
1808 lbs of produce.....

all donated to the
Red Cross Food Pantry at Earle and LUNCHBREAK! That's better than anyone expected! Tear down of the garden was done over a few days. Everything came full-circle when the garden looked the same as when we first started back in April!

We celebrated the Garden's success with a working dinner in the church library... enjoying good food (with some donations from Pastosa Ravioli in Eatontown) and good fellowship while working on trouble-shooting and idea-sharing to improve the Mission for next year!

We THANK everyone who joined in this project this year, and we hope more will find it in themselves to volunteer for the 2024 Season. Yes, it was hard work, but it definitely was fun, good exercise, heartwarming to hear the Food Pantry recipients' responses, and satisfying....to know that we were doing the work that God commissioned us to do. COME...JOIN US!!



Thank you to everyone who shared Thanksgiving bags with our friends at LunchBreak. November food donations and our bags were delivered and greatly appreciated. For December, the standard lists have been returned to our food collection bins. Let's continue to support this mission by providing the everyday needs for the people at LunchBreak.

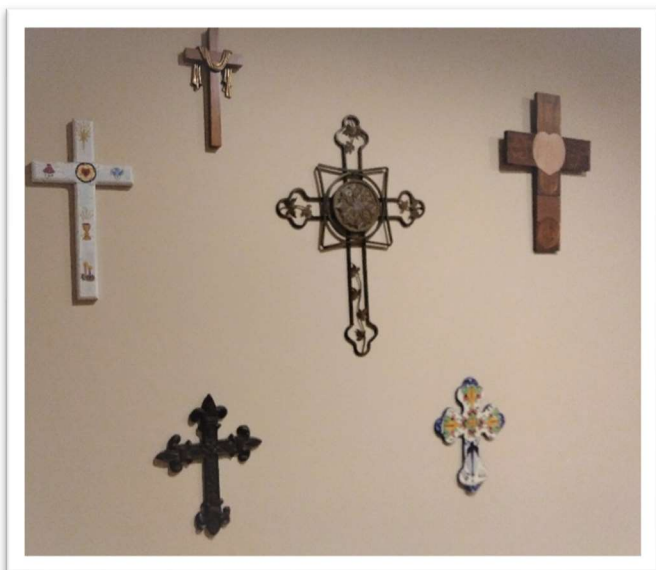
43RD CROP WALK UPDATE 2023

Not only were we all so thankful for sunshine and a good turnout for our 43rd Crop Hunger Walk on Sunday, October 15th, but our food drive brought in 12,000 pounds of food staples for several dozen local pantries, and our Treasurer's preliminary report of funds counted so far including online and monetary donations amounted to approximately \$108,000 with more donations coming in. Over 53 different groups participated this year from the various churches, schools and sponsors.

Even though Luther Memorial had less walkers and volunteers than in previous years, the support through your monetary and food contributions were amazing with a record breaking amount of \$2,785 donated and over 95 pounds of peanut butter, rice, beans and soup!

A special thanks to everyone for their continued support and for making this world a better place for all God's children!

God's Blessings to you all!



The crosses hanging on the wall of our hallway were all generously donated.

If you have a cross you would like to add to our collection, we'd love to display it!



Monthly Game Night

Saturday, December 9th at 6:30pm

Enjoy a break from the stresses of everyday life and come
PLAY!

It's not only fun, it's good for the brain!

Pizza, games, and drinks are all provided free, all you have to do is drop by.

New Year's Eve Game Night starting at 8pm-

Ring in the new year with the LMC gamers! Bring a snack or a beverage to share; we'll bring lots of games. Come and play one game or spend the whole night 'til the ball drops!

A big thank you to LMC's Operation Christmas Child Coordinator Jeanne Lobosco and all those who filled boxes and donated funds to fill and ship boxes. We appreciate your generosity and willingness to spread the love of Jesus and the Gospel to children all around the world.



Wednesday Night Bible Study
will be put on hold until the new year.

Sunday morning Bible Studies
will not be held on
December 17th, 24th, or the 31st

The poster to sign up to donate

Flowers for 2024

is now on the bulletin board. It's a wonderful way to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays, to remember those we love, and add beauty to our worship.

Coming Soon!

In 2024 look for Daily Devotionals
with Pastor Detrie
Monday through Thursday on Facebook

Poinsettias

The gorgeous flowers will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas. Make a donation to help purchase them and you can take plants home after church on Christmas Day.

More information to come



December Birthdays

2nd Heather Minue

10th Ed Kelsey

7th Jana Detrie

15th Henry Bergmann

8th Augie Daesener

16th Paul Gaboff

9th Lynda Edson

18th Emma Detrie

Matthew Kvedaras

26th Robert Hollenbeck

Prayer Requests



Anne Marie Tarantin	Marie Helsing	Joyce Siney	The Family of Jim Byrnes
Connie Schulz	Russ Baccaglioni	Sandra Erhard	Bob Panarella
Mary Stoerp	Joe Tetley	The Warner Family	Martin Rose
Lynda Abrams	Colin	Gilbert Saltzman	Jean Shaljian
Bill	Mike Colianno	Matthias Colomb	Jennifer Shaljian
Walter Wall Sr.	Jean Berich	Chuck Colianno	Milly Taylor
Edith Bade Buckley	Henry Bergmann's Daughter Carrie	Family of Graham Brown	For all people in war zones
Gene Buckley	Peter Foy	Stephanie Wesch	The Schauer Family
Ruta Colomb	Joan Pignataro	Elenore Mirandi	Jim Sculthorpe
Pat McBee	Renee	Dave Meakem	Pele DeNicola
Jerry Kastning	Mark & Josey	Brian Donovan	Bill Ahlborn
Connie Wild	Kathy Doss	Jake Johnson	Bill A'Hearn
Bob Hollenbeck	Jill Bongiovi	Maureen Hoise	Eric Brown
Rosemary Schulz	John Palazzo	Susan O'Connor	Family of Michael Walsh
Andrew Karabinos	Darlyn Nash	Burakowski family	Heidi Magenheimer
Oonar Hollenbeck	Stacy	Kelly Baureko	Jim Farney & Mary Rios
Sandi Carter	Delana	Wesley Rucker	Family of Colton Farrell

You can e-mail your prayer requests or enter them into the Prayer Book at the back of the Sanctuary. Join the weekly email prayer group by contacting the church office at officeLmc818@gmail.com.