

Luther Memorial Church
818 Tinton Ave
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LMC Newsletter

July 2020

Sunday Schedule

LIVE Worship at 8:00AM on Facebook & YouTube

Or watch whenever is convenient for you.

Outdoor Worship at 9:00AM at LMC in our yard (weather permitting)

Bring a lawn chair, face covering, and a Bible if you wish.

Bible Study at 10am on Zoom with Ed Blair

We will resume our study of the Book of Romans. A PDF of the study and a Zoom link is available on our website lmcnj.org



Weekly Bible Studies

Monday - Friday at 9:00AM Virtual Devotions with Pastor Detrie

Tuesdays at 10:30AM Community Bible Study with Pastor Detrie

Currently meeting in Jody Joseph Bongiovi's back yard,
845 Tinton Avenue
Tinton Falls NJ 07724

You can park in the church's parking lot and walk across Tinton Avenue to attend. Bring your Bible, a lawn chair and whatever you may need to participate.

My fellow Saints,

It seems that no matter where you turn today all anyone ever sees is the ugliness of life. There are riots, protests, character assassinations, a pandemic and if that is not enough, we cannot forget the normal everyday evil that we have already become accustomed to. As a Pastor all I hear from everyone around is that the End must be on the horizon because no one can remember a worse time and a part of me thinks that, hey, they might be right. As much as I look forward to the return of my Savior, the King of Creation, I pray that He does not come because I know what the outcome would be. There simply would be too many people who would spend eternity out of His presence.

What I see in our world today, is just that, a world that kicked its Creator out of His creation. A world that thrives on the misery of others so that hope becomes almost too hard to find. This ugliness comes from the fact that too many people have lost the fear of the LORD.

Today in our community people do not go to church to give thanks to God, to fellowship with saints or ask for forgiveness. In our community today people divorce because life is too hard and it's just easier to cut people out of our lives, we abandon marriage with just living together because we have to know if we can "make it" before we tie the knot or we have to live together because of finances. We call ourselves Christians yet we blaspheme the name of God and/or hear others do it and give no thought to it at all. We gossip and judge people yet give no regard to the "log in our eye". Because of our abandonment of holding ourselves accountable and just go with the flow of the world we have contributed to the breakdown of our community and we ourselves are just as responsible for the loss of hope that comes solely from a life spent living with trusting Jesus by living the way He showed us. We make it easy for Satan to do what he does best, sow discord and mistrust so that we tear one another down instead being a neighbor to those who are different. Honestly there are days that I just weep for my children because of the state that the world is in. I weep because I am raising them to fear God and I know that means that they will suffer for it. It used to be that the church was the place to find refuge and solace when life got too hard to bear but now the church has become the place where we are the enemy because we do not accept the world's standard and so we face attacks from all sides.

If anything, the state of our community has reinforced for me the reality of God in my life. I cannot conceive of an existence where this is all there is. If this would be the case I would just give up and move to the mountains away from the ugliness of this world. I know that God is real and alive and at work in our world today. The evidence is also everywhere. The problem is that God's people have been quiet for way too long, we have become complacent in our

faith. God warns about this in His Word, how His wrath is kindled against those who believe and yet are “luke warm”.

The only way we fight back against the darkness is to live in the light of Christ. Each one of us needs to privately talk with God and ask forgiveness for our complacency and the power to live in the light. Then we need to stand with God by living by the Law as our guide while we proclaim the Gospel. We need to help those in need the best we can. We need to let our voice be heard standing up for what is right and just and support others who do as well. The time of silence must end and the time of action must begin. This needs to be our message and ethos as His children. The people around us will notice and hope will spread. People need to know God’s grace and the only way they will learn of it is through us. God’s grace is powerful because it literally transforms and saves lives. People want to belong. People want to be loved and accepted. People want hope. This is what we live with every day and we need to share it.

The Church and Preschool applied for the Payroll Protection Program loan in April and received funding in May. This money was used for payroll and benefit expenses for our church and preschool staff. The coverage period has passed and the entire loan amount was used for the prescribed purposes. We will be requesting forgiveness through our bank as soon as that application is ready.

Congratulations to Mike Colianno
on his college graduation!
(Sorry we missed you last month!)

Thrivent Online Seminars

Thrivent is offering free educational Zoom meetings. You do not need to be a member and no products will be sold. To register to attend one of these helpful events visit <https://connect.thrivent.com/john-seifert/events/>

July 30 Building Your Retirement Foundation at 7 pm

August 4 Social Security at 7 pm

August 6 Funding College at 7 pm

Sewer Repair

The main sewer piping leaving the church was recently replaced. The crew did an amazing job and got the work completed over the course of just one long day. The work started on the lawn outside of the church office and required over 12' foot deep excavation near the street at the utility connection. Multiple breaks were present and the entire length of piping was replaced.





Outdoor Church

On-site church services resumed on Sunday June 21st at 9:00am. This service is held on the lawn outside of the Fellowship Hall and features music by the Revelation Band and liturgy, prayers, and sermon by Pastor Detrie. Services will continue to be held every Sunday whenever there is no rain forecasted. Bring your lawn chair!



Dear Friends,

We have been asked to share with you the sad news that our dear friend and fellow sister in Christ, Laurie Genke was called home to our Lord on Friday, June 26th.

Please keep Jim, Anna and Sara as well as all of Laurie's family and friends in your prayers.

Below is a copy of Laurie's obituary with the details of the family's plans to honor her.

We will announce when her memorial service will take place at a future date.

Yours in Christ,



Laurie Ann Genke passed away on Friday, June 26th, 2020 at the age of 60.

She was born on January 15th, 1960 in Long Branch, NJ. Her family moved from Eatontown to Colts Neck in 1965 where she was a life-long resident. Laurie graduated from Marlboro High School in 1978 and went on to become a dental assistant. She also worked at Mary Ann's Inn (Colts Neck), which was owed by her family. In June of 1991, Laurie married James Genke.

Together they raised two amazing daughters: Anna Victoria and Sara Elizabeth. Laurie was an amazing cook and had a passion for food and wine. She loved classic movies, skiing, the beach, and antiques.

She is predeceased by her father George and her mother Josephine (Chickie) Widger. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, her brother George, her sister Debbie, as well as several cousins, in-laws, nieces and nephews.

Her final wishes were to be cremated. A memorial service will be scheduled at Luther Memorial Church in Tinton Falls, when her family and friends can safely gather to celebrate her Life. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be sent to Luther Memorial at 818 Tinton Ave, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know
please e-mail officeLmc818@gmail.com
or call Pastor at 423-507-7189

Bible Readings for July



7/5/2020

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Old Testament: Zechariah 9:9-12
Epistle: Romans 7:14-25a
Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

7/12/2020

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Old Testament: Isaiah 55:10-13
Epistle: Romans 8:12-17
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

7/19/2020

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Old Testament: Isaiah 44:6-8
Epistle: Romans 8:18-27
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

7/26/2020

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Old Testament: Deuteronomy 7:6-9
Epistle: Romans 8:28-39
Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52

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lmcnj.org
for links, updates, and all the
latest news

July Birthdays

4th Devon Rucker

18th Gretchen Gallimore

5th Bob Keller

20th David Padilla

10th Dana Fritz

21st Patricia Hollenbeck

17th Erin Koob

26th Marianne Vorbeck



Prayer Requests

Louis Russo	Elfriede Gordon	Russ Baccaglini	Dorothy Carroll
Joyce Siney	Lynn Gerhman	James D'Andrea	Cathy
Jen Cho & family	Brian Donovan	Melvin Taylor	Brian
Devny & Kayla Joseph	Colton Farrell	Harold Brown	Ulkika Weiss
Renee Connell	Ruta Colomb	Janis Luksis	Linda Moldoch
Jerry Kastning	Kathleen Samaras	Connie Wild	Joe Scelfo
Gina Tobia	Cynthia Mayer	Fran Curtis	Tim Bains
Judith Shaw	Sandi Carter	Carol Parkus	Gloria Gagliardi
Anne-Lise Maida	Michelle Walker	Bob Hollenbeck	Jason
Jan Bastone	Joe Tetley	Hitue	Deborah
Vivian Skaar	Joanne R.	David Bartelt	Mary Ann
Beth McLaughlin	T. Ball & Family	Zak Brown & family	Winnie Liem
The Lembeck Family	James	Collin	Dave Brown
Gene Buckley	Family of Carol Crance	Lauren & children	Jen O'Connor
Aunt May	The Family of Sam & Bob Juliano	Gary du Bois Sister-in-law Roseann	Our country & all those impacted by the recent events and protests.
The Genke Family			

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

Share the News! The deadline for August's newsletter will be July 27th
If you have stories, questions, or ideas e-mail us at ellen.illies@yahoo.com