



The Luther Memorial News - November 2022

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

All Are Welcome!

A Word from Pastor Monica



In mid-October, I joined my fellow rostered clergy colleagues at the Virginia Synod Gathering of the Ministerium in Virginia Beach. Our keynote speaker was theologian Dr. Deanna Thompson, Professor at St Olaf College. Deanna led us in several insightful sessions over the course of three days, centered on this theme: “The Body of Christ has always been a Virtual Body.”

Deanna’s area of scholarship focuses on the use of digital technologies within faith communities, and their impact on participants in this ever-changing first-world culture where the practice of religion has become less of a priority in mainstream society. Deanna shared her own personal journey and battle with cancer: she is a brave survivor who speaks candidly about her challenges, and how they have influenced and affected her faith, particularly as a “PK,” a Pastor’s Kid who rejected technology, until she experienced the healing wishes sent to her by thousands of people over the virtual network, [CaringBridge.org](https://www.caringbridge.org).

Deanna posed several intriguing questions to my rostered colleagues and I, as we reflect on our own use of technology during the pandemic and post-pandemic years. It was interesting to hear that while many of the Virginia Synod congregations now include some form of online or live-streamed worship, many continue to struggle to afford the equipment, gain access to dependable high-speed internet service, identify volunteers to edit and post the links or recordings, or convince their members that digital worship is indeed viable worship.

I appreciated Deanna’s wisdom: ever since Christ’s ascension into heaven, Christians have worshiped our Lord Jesus ‘virtually.’ We trust Jesus’ promise that he is always with us, beside us, and alive in our hearts through our baptism, yet we can’t see him; we can’t touch him; we can’t hear his voice or feel his loving embrace. Christ invites us to his holy supper every time we gather for worship, and we recite his own words to remind us that he is present, “Do this, in remembrance of me.”

Yet ultimately, we depend on God’s gift of faith to believe that Jesus is in our midst, 24/7. Jesus is indeed ‘virtual’ in terms of his physical presence, yet his boundless, unconditional love for us is real and tangible: we can feel Christ’s love when we gather in worship; when we serve our neighbors in need; and when we pray.

In this season of gratitude, let’s give thanks for the constant, undying, eternal presence, love and mercy given to us by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in whom we place all our trust, all our hope, and all our love.

Peace to all here, *Pastor Monica*



From the Luther Memorial Office

Coffee Fellowship Has Resumed!

The church and campus center kitchens are now open again for use by members and outside groups. Kitchen use must be reserved in advance by contacting [Office Manager Marcia Barrow](#); please observe all guidelines for proper sanitization and safety.

We are also holding a monthly Birthday Fellowship after worship in the Narthex on the first Sunday of every month. ***Our next birthday fellowship is on November 6th - thanks to Marcia Barrow for hosting!***



Please [contact Marcia Barrow](#) to host a monthly Birthday Fellowship. Hosts are asked to provide food options for persons who are diabetic, vegetarian, and gluten/dairy-free. Instead of the Bunn coffee machine, we will use the church's regular coffee makers, plus an electric kettle for hot water/hot tea. Please use the paper goods stocked in the church kitchen, and notify Marcia if an item needs to be restocked.

Donate to Luther Memorial on our new Venmo Account!



Luther Memorial now has a Venmo account. Venmo is a digital app that transfers funds from your bank account to any other Venmo account that you designate. Venmo is a subsidiary of PayPal, and offers instant, secure transfers of funds to organizations, businesses and individuals. LMLC's Venmo address is: @lmlc_org. To set up your Venmo account, download the Venmo app onto your smart phone or computer, create your Venmo ID and follow the steps to link your bank account. Transactions are easy to do, and you can set up automatic monthly payments. For more information, [contact the church office](#).

Luther Forum Meets Sundays at 8:45 am

The Luther Forum meets every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Lutheran Campus Center. The forum is using *On Earth As In Heaven: Daily Wisdom for Twenty-First Century Christians*, by N. T. Wright, as its discussion springboard. Wright is one of the most influential Biblical scholars of the past fifty years. *On Earth As In Heaven* is a compilation of excerpts from his many books, edited and organized around the church year.

Readings are short enough to be used as daily devotions and the class will focus on the assigned readings for a week - [you may download a copy of the calendar here](#).

Participants generally obtain their own book (either printed or electronic), but if you would like the church to get a book for you, please [contact Bill King](#). The class will meet in person, but persons may also participate via Zoom [using this link](#). If you need to call in use this number: +1 646 931 3860.



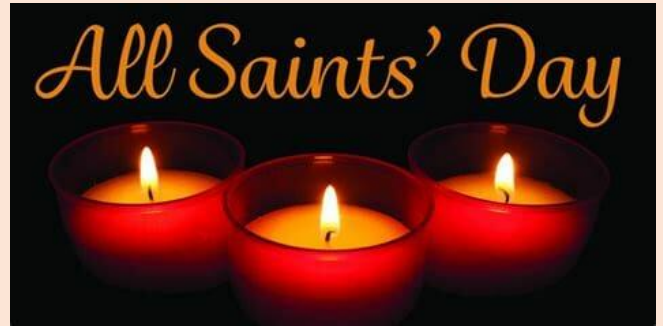


Events

All Saints' Day Worship Nov. 6th @ 10 am - A Time to Remember

Sunday, November 6, is All Saints' Day, a day to remember our beloved departed loved ones. The liturgical color of the day is White, and you are invited to wear white as a sign of remembrance. On November 6, we will provide individual stems of white flowers; worshipers will be invited to bring a flower to the altar during the Gathering Hymn, "For All the Saints," as a tribute to those whom we remember.

We will also read aloud the names of our departed loved ones during a special time of remembrance in the worship service. A bell will toll after each name is announced.



Rainbow Connection Meets November 6 at 4 pm

The Rainbow Connection group will meet on November 6th at 4 PM. Rainbow Connection gatherings are intended to be a safe space for LGBTQIA+ persons and allies to gather, socialize, network, and share their concerns. This intergenerational group is open to anyone in the Blacksburg area. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome, and students and faculty from Virginia Tech are encouraged to participate. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall!

Blessing of the Quilts/Prayer Shawls

On November 20, we will hold a Blessing of the Quilts and Prayer Shawls during our Sunday morning worship service. We give thanks to our quilters and crafters for their time and talent in creating these meaningful and beautiful items for those who need them.



Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!



Advent Midweek Worship

See page 4 for more information

Saturday, December 10th

Chrismon Tree & Sanctuary Decorating Workday 10 am - noon

Holiday Brass Concert, Luther Memorial, 7:30 pm (free to the public with reception following)

Midweek Advent Worship 2022 Information



The Blacksburg-Radford ELCA Fellowship will hold midweek Advent worship services on Wednesdays during Advent. ***Each week, the host congregation will provide a light supper (soup, salad or sandwiches) at 6 pm; Holden Evening Prayer worship service begins at 7 pm.***

Advent Midweek Worship Hosting schedule:

Wednesday, November 30 - New Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 2350 Poverty Creek Rd, Blacksburg

Wednesday, December 7 - Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

Wednesday, December 14 - Shiloh Lutheran Church, 5218 Long Shop Rd., Blacksburg

Wednesday, December 21 - St Michael Lutheran Church, 2308 Merrimac Rd, Blacksburg (Advent IV/The Longest Night Service to remember those we have lost in 2022)

The worship theme for our midweek services is “Conversations with the Advent Angels.” During the reflection time, we will read scripture passages that feature God’s holy messengers as they bring the word of God to God’s people. Each week we will hear the voices of angels as they interact with Zechariah and Elizabeth; Mary, the Mother of Our Lord; and the Angels who announce the Birth of Christ.



Poinsettia Orders Due to the Church Office by December 5th

If you would like to purchase poinsettias to decorate the Luther Memorial sanctuary this Christmas, please submit your order to Marcia in the church office no later than Monday, December 5th. Poinsettias are \$20 each, and you may designate them in memory of or in honor of

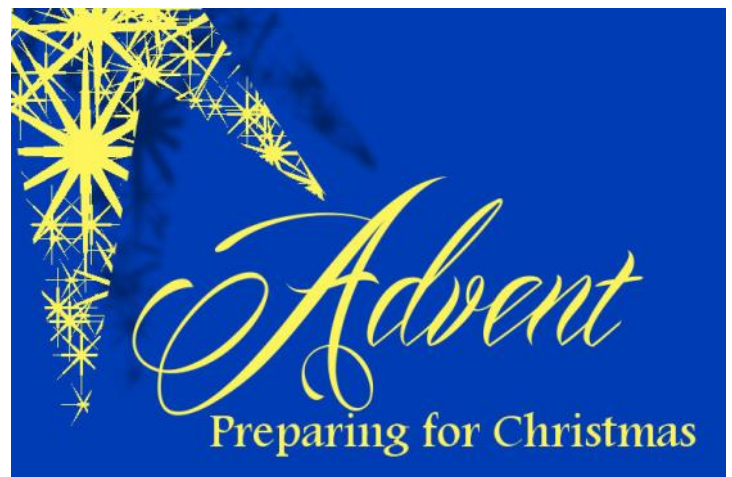
a loved one(s). Poinsettias will be placed in the sanctuary on Saturday, December 10, for the Holiday Brass Concert, and left in place through Christmas Eve, at which time you may take them home. We could use a few volunteers to help water the poinsettias during the weeks they are displayed: they get thirsty and begin to droop! [Please notify Marcia](#) if you can help with this task.



Advent Devotion booklets

Please pick up your daily Advent devotion booklets from the Usher Table as you enter the Sanctuary beginning November 13th.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 27th.





November 2022 Calendar Highlights

(Please check our calendar online for the most up-to-date information)

Wed November 2

7 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thurs November 3

7:30 am Men's Fellowship Bible Study
8 am Men's Bible Study
10 am Faith & Life Class
7 pm VA Synod Tapestry Team Women's Justice Bible Study

Sat November 5

The Well Hokie Football Parking
Daylight Saving ends at 2 am; set your clocks back one hour before bed!

Sun November 6

8:45 am Luther Forum
10 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
11 am Choir Rehearsal
11 am Monthly Birthday Fellowship
4 pm Rainbow Connection

Tuesday, November 8

4 pm Well Campus Ministry Planning Team

Thurs November 10

8 am Men's Bible Study
10 am Faith & Life Class
7 pm VA Synod Tapestry Team Women's Justice Bible Study

Sun November 13

8:45 am Luther Forum
10 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
11 am Choir Rehearsal

Thurs November 17

8 am Men's Bible Study
10 am Faith & Life Class
7 pm VA Synod Tapestry Team Women's Justice Bible Study

Sun November 20

8:45 am Luther Forum
10 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion
11:30 am Council Member lunch; Meeting begins at noon
4 pm Confirmation Class at St. Michael Lutheran Church

Thurs November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Sat November 26

The Well Hokie Football Parking

Sun November 27

8:45 am Luther Forum
10 am Worship Service w/ Holy Communion

Wed, November 30

6 pm New Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 2350 Poverty Creek Rd, Blacksburg
7 pm Midweek Advent Supper
Midweek Advent Worship Service



Church Life

Communion Assistants Needed!



Giving your time as a Communion Assistant is a sacred service to God and God's people. Communion Assistants stand with Pastor Monica at the altar during the communion liturgy, receive communion, then offer wine to worshipers with the words, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." After worship ends, Communion Assistants collect the empty cups and place them in the church dishwasher. Please consider joining the Communion Assistants team. If you'd like more information, [contact Pastor Monica](#).

Confirmation Class November 20

Confirmands, we look forward to seeing you at 4 pm on November 20 at St Michael Lutheran. Our Saviour Lutheran Church confirmands will sponsor the dinner that evening. Confirmands, remember to keep up with your service hours: there are many tasks at the church that you can do as you contribute to the life of our congregation. We hold you and your families in prayer!



Synod News

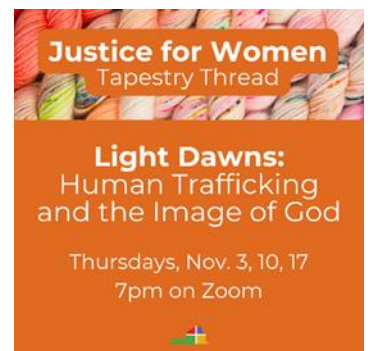
Virginia Synod Tapestry Focus on Human Trafficking

The Synod's Tapestry team advocates for social justice for all God's people, by highlighting a different social justice focus each quarter. Tapestry's fourth-quarter focus is Women's Justice, as we seek to be aware of the issues and challenges that face women in America, and around the globe. Pastor Monica is a co-chair of Tapestry's emphasis on Women's Justice this year. Tapestry invites you to participate in this Women's Justice advocacy; in October, you may wish to [visit the Tapestry webpage](#) to learn about the evils of Human Trafficking. The Tapestry Team continues to provide information and resources about this threat to individuals, to families, to communities and to the global society. In November, Tapestry will present a Zoom Bible study on Women's Justice; in December, congregations may use a special Litany and Prayers on Women's Justice in their Advent worship services, and study a pre-recorded presentation on Human Trafficking authored by Sylvia Eley, board member of the Virginia Synod Women's Organization. Please access these important resources as we unite together to eradicate the horrific sin of human trafficking and women's injustice.

VA Synod Tapestry Team Women's Justice Bible Study

Light dawns on a weary world when eyes begin to see all people's dignity.

God has made all of humanity in God's holy image - we are ALL beloved. Our primary identity is Child of God. Human trafficking and exploitation are linked to our identity and to the sexual brokenness of our world. Too often, God's children can become vulnerable to being exploited by others who will gladly "fill in the blanks" on who we are, what we are good for, and whose we are (their property). You are invited to join Pastor Kelly Bayer Derrick (Assistant to the Bishop of the Virginia Synod) and Lisa Kersey (Executive Director of Freekind) on Thursdays in November (3, 10, 17) from 7:00 pm-8:15 pm as together we engage God's Word to shine the light of truth on the sin and evil of human trafficking and on the hope, dignity, and inherent worth found in our identity as God's beloved. [Register here](#).





Council Corner

October 2022 Council Meeting Summary

Council Members: John Anstrom, Elaine Belay, Teresa Cassell, Jay Crone, Andy Hansbrough, Carolyn Howard, Gail King, Linda Libey, Karl Pedersen, Ed Vigen

***From the Finance Committee:** Adjustments to the proposed spending plan were made to reflect an increase to our VA Synod benevolence and step and cost of living increases for our pastors, office manager, and custodian. The proposed spending plan for 2023 will be considered at our annual congregational meeting on November 13th.

***Installation of an electric line for The Little Hokie Hangout's new water heater** has been completed. Bell Electric will install new LED lights in the hallway outside the restrooms on November 7th. The rest of the new flooring will be installed over winter break when the LHH will be closed for 2 weeks. Volunteers will be needed to move the furniture so this work can be completed.

***THANK YOU to Glenn Buss and Ed Vigen** for installing new banner rods in our sanctuary that will enable banners to be changed safely.

***Our annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 13!** Mark your calendar to attend the meeting after worship to approve the 2023 budget and elect new council members. A second Strategic Planning Retreat for council and committee chairs is scheduled to begin after the congregational meeting.

***The Well students** led worship on October 23 for Campus Ministry Sunday. Thank you to the students who participated in this service.

Serving on Council - A Unique Opportunity & Blessing



Have you ever considered serving on the LMLC Congregational Council? The Council meets once a month to conduct the business of Luther Memorial. Meetings last no longer than 90 minutes, and lunch is provided. New council members will be elected on November 13 at the Annual Congregational Meeting. This year, four council members "roll off" after completing their terms; one additional partial-term vacancy has been created due to the relocation of member John Anstrom to Pennsylvania after his retirement from Virginia Tech. Please consider submitting your name for this election. For more info, please see Council President Jay Crone or Pastor Monica.

Annual Congregational Meeting November 13th

The Luther Memorial congregation meets annually to elect new Council members and approve a Ministry Funding Plan for the coming year. This year's meeting will take place immediately following 10 am worship on Sunday, November 13. All baptized/confirmed Luther Memorial members who have received holy communion and/or donated funds within the past two years are eligible to vote at this meeting. Please plan to attend and participate in the life of Luther Memorial.



Music at Luther Memorial



From Amy Cowan, Choir Director

LMLC Choir has another busy season of great music ahead! Join us for some beautiful Dvorak on All Saints Day, for organ, flute and trumpet, or come sing with us as we prepare for Advent and Christmas! We will rehearse on Sundays after service (except on November 27) and will rehearse Wednesday November 2 and November 30 at 7 pm. Come hear us sing or join us- [e-mail Amy](#) with any questions!

November Change for Change - Christmas Outreach

Christmas Outreach Will Kick Off the Fund Drive on November 13th

It's hard for me to realize that the Christmas Season is upon us. With that said, we will begin our Fund Drive for Christmas Outreach at our annual meeting on November 13th. The Christmas Outreach Project provides financial support for families who have children attending [Valley Interfaith Child Care Center](#) (VICCC). The goal of VICCC is to provide high-quality affordable, educational, and nurturing care for young children (ages 6 weeks to 5) of income-eligible working families in the New River Valley. The mission of VICCC is to provide support for the low-income working population of the New River Valley as they strive to become more self-sufficient. There is a significant barrier to low-income parents seeking to participate in the local job market. These parents may be left with a difficult choice. Without childcare, some parents are unable to hold a job, leaving them dependent on public assistance and unable to strive for their family's self-sufficiency. VICCC operates a licensed nonprofit childcare center that provided high-quality care at a subsidized price that our families can afford. VICCC parents can report to work knowing that their children are in a safe and loving environment where they will benefit from a curriculum that stresses literacy, self-esteem, and school readiness as well as a nutrition program tailored just for them. Instead of providing financial assistance to the center, Christmas Outreach focuses on the families.

In 2021, we had an extremely successful fundraising effort, and raised \$ 8,307.46. We were able to provide \$400 in financial support to 19 low-income families whose children attend VICCC. In addition, we were able to provide a couple of prepackaged snacks and one books for all 40 children who attend the center. VICCC also provides the same book each month to each child as part of their curriculum. We were able to provide 2 months of books for the center.

VICCC will soon identify the families for Christmas Outreach. We hope to help at least 20 families this year. The Department of Social Services has lowered the requirement to receive childcare assistance including paying the copay until the end of 2022. We will be giving financial assistance to each family instead of paying their copay. With the increase in cost of food, gas and other products, this help will be greatly appreciated to make this a Merry Christmas. ***I would like to challenge the congregation to raise \$8500 this year. That will allow us to give each family \$425 in financial support, provide two months of books to the center and provide a gift bag to each child in the center.*** Thank you for your support of Christmas Outreach. Our help means the world to these families. *Peace, Teresa Cassell*



Social Ministries

To Our House Returns to LMLC

After two years at other venues, To Our House, the New River Valley hypothermia movable shelter, returns to our campus. However, we will not be hosting our traditional two weeks around Thanksgiving. Instead, ***we will be serving the first two weeks of January.***



On the morning of Saturday December 31, we will accept the bedding supplies (tents, air mattresses, and linens) and do the set up at the Well. We will not entertain the guests that evening. We will begin providing meals and volunteers January 2.

There are many ways you may participate in this ministry:

SET UP: December 31 from 8:00 am - ? Receive items from the volunteers who hosted the previous week. Rearrange Campus Center furniture and set up small tents and bedding within them.

MEALS: Breakfast items will be purchased out of church funds. Gift cards will cover lunch. Please consider preparing a homemade evening meal and serving it. If you would like to prepare a meal but are unable to serve it, please indicate that in the comments. Possibly the evening volunteer may be able to serve it. Dinner at 5:30 pm. After the meal, please clean the area.

EVENING VOLUNTEER: One person an evening is needed to help make the guests feel welcomed, to help clean up from dinner, perhaps you may need to serve the meal, and to help the TOH staff if needed. Arrive at 5:00 pm. Leave 8:30 pm.

OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEER: Spend the night. You may sleep through most of it in a back room. Serve a quick breakfast at 5:30 am. Clean up. Arrive around 9:00 pm. Leave around 6:00 am.

LAUNDRY: Linens and towels will need to be laundered about 4 times. A large amount will need to be done at the very end of our weeks.

PACK UP AND CLEAN UP: Saturday Jan 14 early morning. All supplies need to be packed up and delivered to Glade Church. Campus Center needs to be cleaned and furniture returned to original positions.

Many ways to serve! Please contact me with your questions or comments.

Thank you for all that you do and considering doing more!

Wava Vigen wavaburg@gmail.com Tel: 571-276-5079

[Sign Up Here!](#)

Thank you for supporting Micah's Closet!



Elaine Belay and I would like to thank the members of our congregation for the overwhelming support for Micah Closet. We were able to raise \$4659.10 in order to provide 21 elementary students from Eastern Montgomery Elementary with a week's worth of clothes. I especially want to thank the Well Students and our other shoppers for shopping for clothes for each child. We could not have done it without your help. We were able to deliver the bags of clothes on October 18th. The counselor for the elementary school was so grateful for all of your support. We are providing extra assistance to students who otherwise may not have had new school clothes. Thank you again and we will be working toward supplying Spring clothes in March. *In peace, Teresa Cassell*



God's work. Our hands.

We give thanks for your generosity, which made the following gifts possible to persons in our community during October:

- 39 pounds of food donated to Micah's Mini-Pantry off Tom's Creek Road
- 80 pounds of food donated to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry
- \$475 in Kroger cards and other assistance to persons in need.
- \$400 collected for Change for Change to benefit "To Our House."

In November, the Food Pantry is giving out an extra bag of food for a holiday meal. Items include fruit pie filling, canned pumpkin, stuffing, instant potatoes, green beans, corn, yams, cream of mushroom soup, fried onions, brown sugar, muffin mix, mac & cheese, mini marshmallows, refrigerated pie crusts and dinner rolls. ***Luther Memorial contributed 500 boxes of macaroni and cheese.*** In addition, customers will be given a ham or turkey breast (if available). Thank you for your continuing support of the food pantry so that we may feed the hungry.



Help Stock the Pantries!

Please pick up your copy of the Pantry Donation Calendar in the Narthex (or [click here to access it online](#)) and help us feed God's hungry people! Thank you!

NOTE: Please remember to put items for the Food Pantry in the blue wagon and items for Micah's Mini Pantry on the black rolling service cart. Thank you.

Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry

The preferred donations for the month of November are Spaghetti Sauce & Noodles, always a staple in providing a cheap but filling meal.



Micah's Mini Pantry

With cold weather coming and with prices rising, students are more in need of help! Donations have been low the last month; please consider adding a few items for the Mini-Pantry to your grocery cart every time you shop. The preferred donations for the month of November are Canned Chicken and Tuna Pouches. These are great sources of protein.



The Well Campus Ministry

Greetings in Christ!

It has been a busy October! We hosted parking for yet another busy football game against Miami. There are two more home games this season and it looks like we will break another fundraising record for this year. If you are interested in volunteering for the next game, November 5 at 12:30 pm, against Georgia Tech, [please click here to sign up](#). Our October community service event supporting the Humane Society took place October 22nd, followed by our annual Campus Ministry Sunday on the 23rd. It was an excellent service and I want to thank all the students for participating in leading the service as well as Daniel Taylor for helping us with the music. A special thanks to Bill King for filling in for me while I was sick.



Our November service project will be Pie Day on November 12. This will be the second year The Well will be providing pies and visits to some of our homebound church members and we look forward to continuing this wonderful tradition for years to come. We are not restricting participation to students only! Anyone who would like to come and help is encouraged to [sign up here](#)! The more volunteers we get, the more pies we can deliver!

Last month, The Well's leadership team voted to resume the old tradition of hosting student lunches once per month and we immediately had more volunteers to help than we had Sundays! We are very grateful for LMLC's support of our students and want to thank you for signing up. Sadly, we learned we do not yet have enough student interest and have made the decision to cancel currently scheduled lunches for 2022. We hope to try again next Spring.

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry.

Peace and blessings, *Pastor Libby Pfaff*

Volunteers Needed for Game Day Parking!

Can you support The Well's game day parking this fall by signing up for a 2-hour shift? Parking income provides support for campus ministry efforts and is a great way to connect with out-of-town guests and Well alumni. A shade tent and bottled water are provided! [Contact Pastor Libby](#) with any questions!

Remaining home games this fall are:

November 5 (Georgia Tech) - [Sign Up Here](#)

November 26 (UVA) - Sign up coming soon!

***A big thank you to everyone who has
volunteered this season!***





Thank you thank you thank you!

Thanks to these fine folks who served God and God's people recently:

- The Conklin family for assembling the TREX bench and placing it in the No Mow Zone
- Bruce & Nancy Prichard for faithfully weeding the Chapel garden and the 'hill' outside Fellowship Hall
- All our faithful Tellers who count donations after worship each week
- Our Finance Committee chair Bill Knocke, committee members and Marcia Barrow who prepared our 2023 Ministry Plan
- Ed Vigen and the Conklin family for installing new blinds in the Little Hokie Hangout classrooms
- The Stewardship Team chaired by Bennet Cassell for conducting the Time & Talent surveys and compiling results
- Carol Papillon and Danny & Mara Knott for delivering and installing a donated bed into the Von Bora Haus
- Ed Vigen & Glenn Buss for installing a new system to hang banners in our Sanctuary
- The Stewardship Team for their leadership with this year's annual pledge campaign
- Our Confirmands Willa Cruikshank, Gavin Conklin and Owen Conklin for serving as Acolytes
- The Cruikshank & Conklin families for hosting dinner for the Confirmation lessons in October
- Our Fellowship Team for hosting the Reformation Festival reception
- Alan Smeal for assisting Pastor Monica to unlock & turn on lights every Sunday
- Our amazing Choir for the beautiful anthems and hymns on Sundays and for the Reformation Festival
- Amy Cowan & Daniel Taylor for sharing their expertise and gifts to make beautiful music at LMLC
- The Well Students for their excellent leadership on Campus Ministry Sunday
- All who support the Rainbow Connection gatherings with their presence & participation
- Rev. Bill King for stepping in for Pastor Libby during her illness
- Rev. Don Holmstrom & Rev. Rachel Larson for filling in for Pastor Monica during her vacation

And EVERYONE who shows up, donates, volunteers and works behind the scenes to the glory of God!

Public response period: Social message on climate care

A draft of the ELCA's forthcoming social message on climate change and how we are called to respond has been posted, and **the public comment period is open through Friday, Dec. 2**. This project was authorized in light of the grim contemporary situation affecting our global home and the need for fresh action on the part of this church. The draft will be edited in response to your feedback and brought to the ELCA Church Council for a vote this spring.

[Read the draft and provide your input.](#)





New River Conference Women Will be Gathering 11/6

Mark your calendars, the women of the New River Conference will have our Fall Gathering on Sunday November 6th at St. Michael Lutheran Church in Blacksburg. Registration will be at 2:00 pm and the program will begin at 2:30 pm and will end at 5:00 pm.

We will have devotions, music, a guest speaker, and delicious refreshments. It has been quite a while since we have been able to meet together in person, so we hope to see you there!



The guest speaker will be Judy Castelee, Executive Director of Project Horizon. [Project Horizon](#) is dedicated to eradicating domestic, sexual and dating violence through the empowerment of survivors, and by being a sanctuary for victims. Judy will share information about the work that is being done by this amazing organization. Project Horizon is the VSWO's Love Offering and in-kind gifts recipient for 2023. Judy will explain ways that we can help.



Diane Catley - November 3
 Janet Buss - November 4
 Jody Freeman - November 5
 Teresa Cassell - November 14
 Betty Jo Prater - November 19
 Sam Akers - November 23
 Phil Jordan - November 23
 Joe Liversedge - November 23
 Mara Knott - November 27
 Erin Peterson - November 27
 Marjean Anthony - November 28
 Mark Freeman - November 30



November 2022 Worship Assistants

Nov.	6th	13th	20th	27th
Ushers	Rick Howard Jennifer Freeman	Carol Papillon Aaron Conklin	Marcia Barrow Charlie Harris	Jennifer Freeman Don Holmstrom
Lector	Jim Lang	Kathy Parrott	Zelma Harris	Bill Knocke
Tellers	Phil Jordan Carla Liversedge	Diane Catley Mark Barrow	Carla Liversedge Teresa Cassell	Phil Jordan Diane Catley
Comm. Asst.	Rachel Larson Don Holmstrom	Elaine Belay Marcia Barrow	Ed Vigen Bill King	Aaron Conklin Owen Conklin
Council Point	Jay Crone	Andy Hansbrough	Gail King	Ed Vigen

SET YOUR CLOCKS



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS SATURDAY NIGHT
NOVEMBER 6 AT 2 AM**

Set your clocks back one hour
before going to bed!





Resources

Here are a few resources to help guide you as you continue your faith journey!

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)	https://elca.org/
Virginia Synod ELCA	https://vasynod.org/
Reconciling in Christ	https://www.reconcilingworks.org/
Living Lutheran Magazine	https://www.livinglutheran.org/
ELCA Daily Bible Readings	https://elca.org/Faith/DailyBible/
Luther Seminary God Pause Daily Devotion	https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/



The Luther Memorial Lutheran Church newsletter is published monthly. Articles, story ideas, and comments can be emailed to luther@lmlc.org. **Deadline for the December 2022 issue is November 28th.** Please [contact the church office](#) with any questions.



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