



The Luther Memorial News - October 2022

A Reconciling in Christ Congregation

All Are Welcome!

A Word from Pastor Monica



I imagine that if we took the time to count every single blessing God has provided to us, it would take many days and lots of pen and paper. God blesses us so richly, we may not even be mindful of every gift we receive, like the air we breathe, the sunshine, and the love of our families and friends.

Since ancient times, as the seasons change and Autumn approaches, God's people have harvested their crops, then stored those crops to be used for sustenance in the coming months, and celebrated God's rich abundance. Even though you may not grow crops or tend a garden, this season of the year invites you to 'measure the harvest' of God's generosity. How has God blessed you in 2022? What challenges and struggles did God bring you through, accompanying you every step of the way? How has your relationship with God been strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit, who stirs us to participate in the life of this faith community as we serve the world?

As a pastor, I measure many 'harvests': I thank God for the visitors who join us in worship and our Rainbow Connection gatherings; for all who partner with us to serve this community. I praise God for each of you, for your faithful donations of time and money that make our ministry together possible. I glorify God for the many holy encounters I enjoy with you, as we worship, serve and fellowship together, united in Christ by our baptism. I thank God in Christ Jesus for my call to vocational ministry, that I may proclaim the Gospel's Good News to people who don't know that Jesus loves them. I'm thankful that I may comfort those who grieve; laugh with those who rejoice; and shine the light of Christ on the lost, the lonely and the desperate.

In Luke 12:48b, Jesus reminds us to support God's work, in gratitude for God's faithfulness: "From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded." Jesus asks us to consider how God has already blessed us with faith, knowledge, time, talents and treasures; Jesus invites us to reflect on what God has entrusted to us, that we may share those blessings with the world, to glorify God, relieve human suffering, and serve Christ.

You may have already received a draft of the proposed 2023 Ministry Funding Plan, in advance of the November 13th congregational vote on 2023 funding. I'm grateful for every Council member, committee chair, committee volunteer, and especially for our Finance team, for their dedicated preparation of this proposed plan. We face significant challenges in funding, and we need volunteers to participate in our growing ministries. How might you 'measure your harvest' and give back to God what God has first given you? We look to our future with joy, giving thanks to the Holy Trinity in confidence that our ministry together at Luther Memorial will continue to bear good fruit for Christ.

Peace to all here, *Pastor Monica*



From the Luther Memorial Office

Council Votes to Resume Coffee Fellowship

At the recommendation of the COVID-19 Task Force, Council voted to resume coffee fellowship and reopen the church and campus center kitchens for use by members and outside groups, effective immediately. Kitchen use must be reserved in advance by contacting [Office Manager Marcia Barrow](#); guidelines must be observed for proper sanitization and safety.



We will resume monthly Birthday Fellowship after worship in the Narthex on the first Sunday of every month, beginning October 2nd. Please contact Marcia Barrow to host 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.

Coffee fellowship after Sunday worship will be available on days when volunteers sign up to host; please contact Marcia if you'd like to host coffee fellowship on the second, third, or fourth Sunday of the month.

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.



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.



COVID-19 TASK FORCE

Your Covid Task Force at Work

LMLC's COVID-19 Task Force met on September 6, 2022 to review the status of the pandemic in the community and at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church. The situation is somewhat improved, with targeted vaccines soon available and more experience with treatment of those who are ill. There are still concerns about COVID surges and new variants.

The Task Force made the following Motion to the LMLC Church Council on September 7, 2022, which Council approved by an email vote:

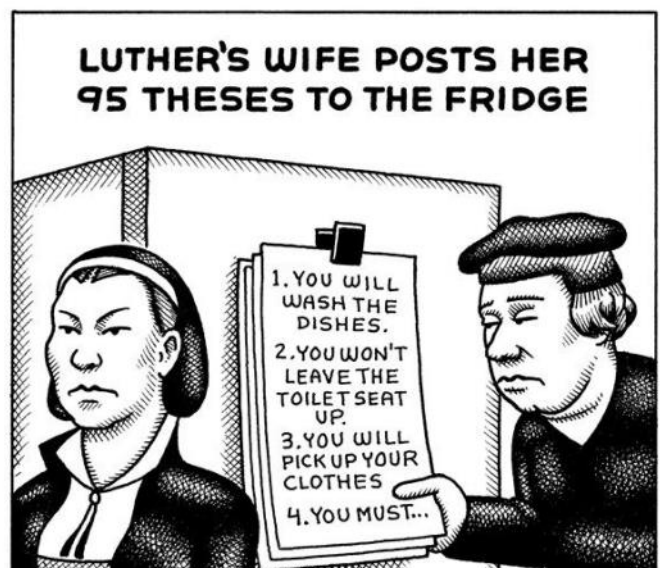
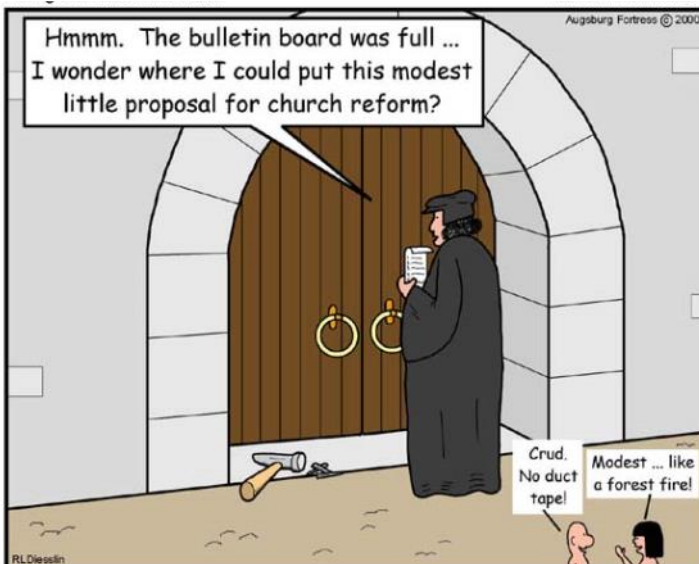
Recommendations

- Resume use of the kitchens in the church and in the Well campus center. Post the health department's guidelines for safe practices. Provide cleaning supplies.
- Announce this change to outside groups who use our buildings.
- Coffee fellowship and monthly birthday celebrations may resume, depending on availability of volunteers.
- Discontinue Pastor Monica's use of a glove for distribution of communion. Instead, Pastor and the communion assistants will use hand sanitizer. She and the assistants will wear masks during distribution, thus offering protection to communicants who remove masks at that time

If you have any questions about these recommendations, please contact a member of the LMLC Covid Task Force.

Thanks, LMLC Covid Task Force

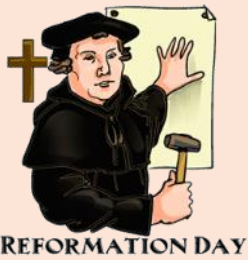
Jenny Akers, Bennet Cassell, Andy Hansbrough, Mara Knott, Carol Reynolds, Lois Voss





Events

Reformation Festival Worship on October 30th at 3pm

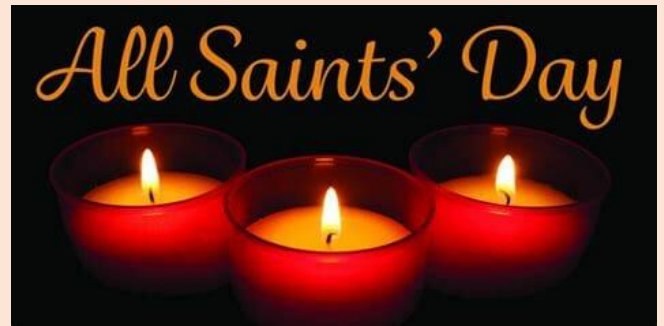


Join the congregations and clergy of Luther Memorial, St Michael, New Mount Zion, Shiloh, Christ and Our Saviour Lutheran churches as we gather to celebrate Reformation Day with a special worship service. All are invited to attend this festival service at 3 pm on Sunday, October 30. The combined choirs will present several musical selections, accompanied by organ, piano and trumpet. The pastors are rumored to be rehearsing a skit that you won't want to miss! The service will be livestreamed: you can [access the livestream by visiting our website](#) as always.

Please wear red to this service, the color of the Holy Spirit who makes all things new; we also ask you to bring a donation of non-perishable canned goods (for example, soup) to benefit the [Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry](#). A reception will follow worship in Fellowship Hall. Masks are recommended but optional for vaccinated/boosted persons. We look forward to this opportunity to gather together and celebrate our Lutheran heritage!

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. [Please submit to Marcia Barrow by October 25th](#) the names of persons dear to you who have entered the Church Triumphant within the past two years. A bell will toll after each name is announced.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!



Sunday, November 13th

Annual Congregational Meeting immediately following 10 am worship

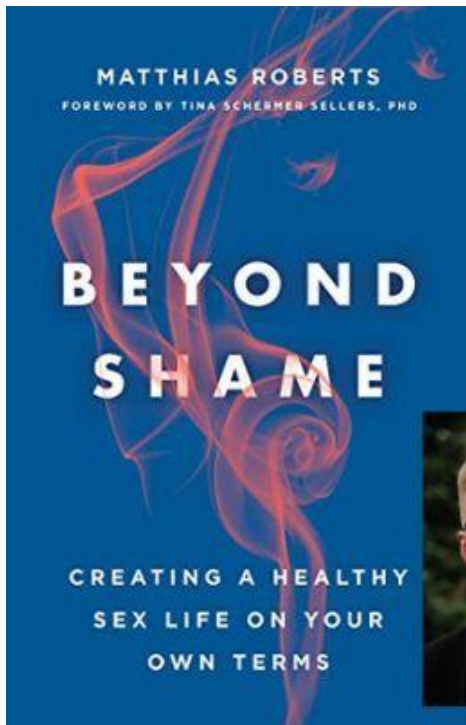
Advent Midweek Worship

The Fellowship churches will gather for combined Advent Midweek Worship using Holden Evening Prayer on Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14 and Dec. 21. We will offer a soup supper at 6 pm each week prior to 7 pm worship. Stay tuned for more info.

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)



October Book Study

Sunday 10/9 and 10/16

11:30 am-12:30 pm

(bring your own lunch if you wish)

Sunday 10/23 - 4 pm

**Contact Blacksburg Books
to order your copy!**



October Book Study - Beyond Shame

Luther Memorial, together with The Well and Edges, a progressive offshoot of Blacksburg United Methodist church, are co-sponsoring author Matthias Roberts who will hold a workshop in Blacksburg on October 29th (see more information below). Prior to the workshop, The Well, Luther Memorial, Edges and the Wesley Campus Ministry are offering a book study for three weeks in October.

Luther Memorial's book study on *Beyond Shame: Creating a Healthy Sex Life on Your Own Terms*, by Matthias Roberts will take place as follows in Fellowship Hall:

Sunday 10/9 and 10/16 - 11:30 am-12:30 pm

(bring your own lunch if you wish)

Sunday 10/23 - 4 pm (time change due to LMLC Council meeting)

Psychotherapist Matthias Roberts helps readers overcome their shame around sex by overcoming three unhealthy coping mechanisms we use to manage that shame. *Beyond Shame* encourages each of us to determine our own definition of healthy sex, while avoiding the ditches of boundaryless sex positivity on the one hand and strict moralistic boundaries on the other. Define your sexual values on your own terms, overcome your shame, and start having great, healthy sex. Anyone interested in participating may order a copy of the book at Blacksburg Books. If anyone needs financial assistance to order a book, please [contact Pastor Monica](#).

Beyond Shame Workshop Saturday, October 29, 2022

Matthias Roberts is offering a free workshop in a safe and welcoming space for all on Saturday, October, 29, 2022 from 9:30 am - 5 pm at Edges, 706 Harding Avenue, Blacksburg. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided; bring your own lunch. Whether you are seeking freedom from sexual shame or looking to build sustainable resilience practices, this workshop is for you! Matthias will speak on the intersections of gender, sexuality, mental health, and theology.

Lunch and Learn 10/30/22

On Sunday 10/30, the Luther Memorial congregation and The Well students are invited to attend worship at Edges at 10:30 am, followed by a Lunch & Learn conducted by Matthias Roberts, author of *Beyond Shame*. Lunch will be served - [please RSVP here](#).



October 2022 Calendar Highlights

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

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| October 1-8 | Pastor Monica on vacation; contact the church office for emergency pastoral care needs |
| Sun October 2 | |
| 8:45 am | Luther Forum |
| 10 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion (Birthday Fellowship following service) |
| 11:15 am | Luther's Luscious Lunch in the Campus Center (for The Well students) |
| 4 pm | Rainbow Connection |
| Thurs October 6 | |
| 7:30 am | Men's Fellowship Bible Study |
| 8 am | Men's Bible Study |
| 10 am | Faith & Life Class |
| Sat October 8 at 9 am | Quilting |
| Sun October 9 | |
| 8:45 am | VA Synod Conference Unconscious Bias workshop at Holy Trinity, Wytheville |
| 10 am | Luther Forum |
| 11:30 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion |
| | Beyond Shame Book Discussion with Pastor Monica; bring your own lunch |
| Thurs October 13 | |
| 8 am | Men's Bible Study |
| 10 am | Faith & Life Class |
| Sat October 15 | VT Hokies vs. Miami Football Parking |
| Sun October 16 | |
| 8:45 am | Luther Forum |
| 10 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion |
| 11:30 am | Beyond Shame Book Discussion with Pastor Monica; bring your own lunch |
| 4 pm | Confirmation Class at St. Michael Lutheran Church |
| Mon 10/17 - Wed 10/19 | VA Synod Gathering of the Ministerium |
| Thurs October 20 | |
| 8 am | Men's Bible Study |
| 10 am | Faith & Life Class |
| Sat October 22 at 9 am | Quilting |
| Sun October 23 | Campus Ministry Sunday |
| 8:45 am | Luther Forum |
| 10 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion |
| 11:30 am | Council Member lunch; Meeting begins at noon |
| 4 pm | Beyond Shame Book Discussion with Pastor Monica |
| Thurs October 27 | |
| 8 am | VA Synod Clergy Boundaries Training 10a-3pm |
| 10 am | Men's Bible Study |
| | Faith & Life Class |
| Sat October 29 9:30 am - 5 pm | Beyond Shame Workshop at Edges |
| Sun October 30 - Reformation Day! | Please Wear Red! |
| 8:45 am | Luther Forum |
| 10 am | Worship Service w/ Holy Communion |
| 3 pm | Reformation Festival Worship & Fellowship (Reception following) @ LMLC |



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 October 16

Confirmands, we look forward to seeing you at 4pm on 10/16 at St Michael Lutheran. Before class, please complete Lesson 2 in Unit 1, The Old Testament; and Lesson 2 in Unit 2, Lutheran History. Thanks to Janna Perry, Dana Cruikshank, Rachel and Aaron Conklin for providing dinner for the Confirmands this month! 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

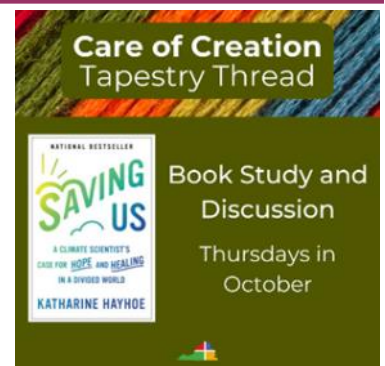
Virginia Synod Tapestry Focus on Human Trafficking

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. Over the course of three months, Tapestry will provide information and resources about this threat to individuals, to families, to communities and to the global society. Each Sunday in October, Tapestry will offer a special devotion on the sin of Human Trafficking and its particular threat to women and girls. 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.

Saving Us Book Study

Thursdays in October - 7-8 pm via Zoom, Led by Deacon Phyllis Cox

Individuals and congregations are invited to read Katherine Hayhoe's book, [Saving Us](#). Hayhoe is an evangelical Christian who is a climate scientist. [Click here to preview some of her work on YouTube](#). Sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register. [Click here to register](#).





Council Corner

September 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:** August was a good month! Work has been completed on a proposed spending plan for 2023 that will be considered at our congregational meeting on November 13th.

***The Little Hokie Hangout** upgrades are nearing completion. The new blinds were installed September 24th and 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.

***Organ repairs** will begin soon! There are some issues that need to be addressed quickly. Please consider donating to the LMLC Organ Fund to help with these important repairs and upgrades that need to be done to protect our beautiful instrument.

***Congregational Meeting** to 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.

*Council adopted a set of **proposed guidelines to protect minors and vulnerable populations** at Luther Memorial."

***The Well students** participated in a shopping day for Micah's Closet and are planning a book study in conjunction with Wesley and UKirk students to be held in the Campus Center.

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



Choir has gotten off to a beautiful start this season and has lots of great music to share with you in the coming months! Our Choir Retreat (Singapalooza!) was a fun way to look ahead at our music and build on our choral skills. We look forward to collaborating with other Lutheran churches for a special service on Reformation Sunday at 3pm, and have our own Andy Hansborough on trumpet. Having Rachel Larson serve as our Choir Chaplain has been a blessing, and we've enjoyed welcoming several new members to the choir. Look for us to sing a little more often from the front of the church- it's such a joy to see the choir's faces as they sing! Come enjoy the music and if you want any more

information or would like to join us, please [email Amy!](#)

October Change for Change & To Our House Update - NOTE NEW DATES!

During the months of November-March, churches in Blacksburg and Christiansburg traditionally make space in their facilities to house 12-15 persons who experience homelessness, to provide them with hot meals, showers and a warm place to stay. Luther Memorial has participated in this program for many years, even during the pandemic as we faced new challenges on how to safely house and feed guests.

The To Our House board of directors has modified the program to better serve guests. As a result, LMLC will **NOT** host To Our House (TOH) in November, but we **WILL** provide our Campus Center facility to TOH guests from **Monday January 2 until Saturday January 14, 2023**. COVID-19 protocols will be observed, and the Campus Center will be 100% devoted to "To Our House", as Well students do not return for the Spring semester until January 17. As usual, LMLC will house the guests overnight; we will provide simple breakfast foods, lunches, and a hot dinner each evening. LMLC will also wash guest towels in the Well laundry facilities or with the assistance of our members. As our TOH hosting opportunity approaches, we will share more details and ask you to volunteer with this very important ministry.

You can contribute this month in support of To Our House, which is our October Change for Change focus. Please donate your spare change, bills or checks and place them in the Change for Change box at the Sanctuary entrance. If you have any questions about To Our House and how you can participate, please contact Wava Vigen, Social Ministry liaison for To Our House. Thanks!



Rainbow Connection Meets October 2 at 4 pm

The Rainbow Connection group will meet on October 2nd 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!



Social Ministries

Seeking a New Home in Blacksburg

It's been a little over a year since the fall of Kabul and the takeover war-ravaged Afghanistan by the ultra-right-wing Taliban. Thousands fled. (Thousands are still seeking ways out as they face recriminations, torture and even death at the hands of the Taliban.) Some who made it to the USA are in some phase of obtaining Special Immigrant Visas. These are individuals who worked with the Americans including members of the Afghan military. Others left because they were involved in activities that would put them in danger of reprisals from the Taliban. They all seek asylum. Many from both categories came to Virginia. Many to Blacksburg. Since September 2021 twenty-two Afghan individuals have come to Blacksburg. In addition, a five-member family from Libya has recently arrived. All of these are receiving assistance from the all-volunteer [Blacksburg Refugee Partnership](#) (BRP).

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REFUGEE
PARTNERSHIP**

The last several months I have been assisting one such family as they adjust to a new culture. This family consists of a single mom who was a women's rights worker. She has her four children, ages 7-12, with her. She and others who arrived here at the same time, have been taking intensive English courses at VT Language and Culture Institute. And now my friend begins classes at New River Community College while still taking English lessons. She had an important trip to Charleston, WV in September to officially apply for asylum for herself and her children. It may take years before her application comes to a hearing.

There are teams of volunteers that assist not only this family, but the other families as well. There is help to get children registered for school and with other educational endeavors; everyone must have their vaccinations brought up to date. There are other medical and dental issues that need attention. Other areas of assistance are transportation, tutoring and finance education. Blacksburg Refugee Partnership provides financial assistance mostly in the form of rent. BRP is also busy seeking supporters, sponsors and grants. BRP was very fortunate to secured the pro bono services of an immigration law firm in Richmond.

There is much violence in this world that leads to a lot of displacement. Because of this, a few have found a new home in Blacksburg. They lost everything. BRP's mission is to help them transition to a new life. LMLC has been a supporter of BRP since its inception; there is a line item in our budget. And there have been many special fund drives that have met with generous response. Please [visit the Blacksburg Refugee Partnership website](#) to find out more about the organization and how you can volunteer, and [contact Wava Vigen](#) with any questions.



A big thank you to the Well Students for helping Micah's Closet for their September Service project!

The Well: Lutheran Campus Ministry at Virginia Tech September's service project served Micah's Closet, a ministry providing up to a week's worth of new school clothes to children in need, through a partnership with schools, churches, community groups, businesses, and individuals. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, students were able to pick up a gift card and shopping list last Friday to shop for these clothes.



God's work. Our hands.

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

- 50 pounds of food donated to Micah's Mini-Pantry off Tom's Creek Road
- 160.5 pounds of food donated to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry
- 18 cartons of soap for the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (this supplies all the soap needed until January 2023. Thank you!)
- Over \$2,400 donated to Holistic Addictions Recovery Halfway House (total from all Fellowship churches)
- \$425 collected for Change for Change to benefit the Women's Resource Center

For several years now, the Food Pantry has given out an additional bag of groceries to be used for a holiday meal. This year Luther Memorial purchased 500 boxes of macaroni and cheese which have been delivered to the Pantry. The bags are packed in late October and will be given out starting November 1st.



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 donation for the month of October is **Instant Mashed Potatoes** – This is filling and a great addition to recipes.



Micah's Mini Pantry

We need **Dish Soap, Sponges, Clorox Wipes, Multi-Surface Cleaners** – These items cannot be purchased with food stamps and are needed for healthy living.



The Well Campus Ministry

Greetings in Christ!

The 2022-2023 school year at Tech is well underway! During September, we have already hosted football parking for three home games and, with the help of our volunteers, have had great success.

Our vision for a community service-focused ministry kicked off on September 24 with our first project, supporting Micah's Closet. Students teamed up to shop for nine Blacksburg schoolchildren to provide a week's worth of clothing. Thank you so much to the members of LMLC for your generous financial support of this excellent program. Our next service project is scheduled for October 22 to help with the local Humane Society. More details to come! Please check out our weekly newsletter and social media pages for more information.



LMLC's COVID Task force has voted to lift restrictions on the use of our kitchens, so we are happy to announce that, starting October 2, we will resume the tradition of hosting a monthly lunch for students on Sundays. If you are interested in supporting an incoming student this year, please sign up for our Sponsor-A-Student program either online ([click here](#)) or on a paper sign up available in the fellowship hall.

October is shaping up to be a busy month for The Well, starting with a joint book study with Wesley Campus Ministry on October 11. The next home game is set for October 15 and we will have sign-ups available for volunteers as soon as the time is set. Campus Ministry Sunday is scheduled for October 23.

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:

October 15 (Miami)
November 5 (Georgia Tech)
November 26 (UVA)

***Visit The Well page
on the Luther Memorial website to sign up!***



Bill King, October 5
 Jim Wolfe, October 5
 Barry Johnson, October 10
 Ed Vigen, October 10
 Dennis Catley, October 18
 Kevin Carlson, October 26
 Erin Hansbrough, October 26
 Elizabeth Mallery, October 27
 Alison Knight, October 29



October 2022 Worship Assistants

| October | 2nd | 9th | 16th | 23rd | 30th |
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| Ushers | Carol Papillon Carla Liversedge | Charlie Harris Jennifer Freeman | Glenn Buss Diane Catley | Jennifer Freeman Charlie Harris | Marcia Barrow Carol Papillon |
| Lector | Glenn Buss | Chris Skogen | Bennet Cassell | Carolyn Howard | Rachel Larson |
| Tellers | Mark Barrow Rick Howard | Diane Catley Mark Barrow | Rick Howard Carla Liversedge | Mark Barrow Teresa Cassell | Marty Oosterhuis Tim Larson |
| Comm. Asst. | Marcia Barrow Kathy Parrott | Aaron Conklin Linda Libey | Karl Pedersen Ray Rigglin | Gail King Marcia Barrow | Bill King Aaron Conklin |
| Council Point | Ed Vigen | Teresa Cassell | Carolyn Howard | Karl Pedersen | Linda Libey |

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Tim & Marti Larson - October 20
 Mike & Marillia Deisenroth - October 27
 Karl Pedersen & Jan Buss - October 30





Resources

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

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| 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 November 2022 issue is October 26th.** Please [contact the church office](#) with any questions.



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