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CHAPEL NEWS

1916 – 2016: A Century of God's Gifts in Jesus Christ

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Christmas: The Miracle of the Ages

December, January Special Services

Midweek Advent Vespers on Wednesdays
Nov. 30 & Dec. 7 & 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Children's Christmas Program
"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"
Sunday, Dec. 18, at 10:30 a.m.

The Nativity of Our Lord
Saturday, Dec. 24, at 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 25, at 9 a.m. Divine Service

New Year's Eve
Divine Service
Saturday, Dec. 31, at 6:30 p.m.

Epiphany Divine Service at Our Savior, WFB
Friday, Jan. 6, at 6:30 p.m.

We rejoice in it every year – the Nativity of our Lord. It is good to wait for and anticipate its celebration, and this article is not meant to bounce over this season of Advent. As God's people waited through the centuries for the promised Messiah to come, so the waiting and anticipation of Advent are good and proper preparation for us.

The appointed Scriptures for the Sundays in Advent help focus our hearts and minds on this waiting and preparation. We also have midweek Advent services each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. near the baptismal font. In this season of hopeful expectation, please be encouraged to come and join us for these opportunities for evening prayer, when we fill focus on lessons from the prophet Isaiah:

Nov. 30: **Isaiah 2:1-5** – ***O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.***

Dec. 7: **Isaiah 11:1-10** – ***There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.***

Dec. 14: **Isaiah 35:1-10** – ***Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not!"***

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Serving Us

Kenneth W. Wieting, *Pastor*

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Bessie Fick, *ISM Coordinator*

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With double *Chapel News* issues (for Dec./Jan.) I have missed written reflections on this Gift of gifts! So as you wait and anticipate this year, let what Martin Luther wrote help you block out the cacophony of commercial songs and the crush of hyped-up selling and the pressure of artificial expectations. Of the incarnation of Jesus Christ Luther writes:

> *God would tie and attach us to this one Person, Christ. Apart from this Person, born of Mary and having real flesh and blood, we are neither to seek nor to find God. For we are to grasp and find God only through faith in the flesh and blood of Christ.* (*What Luther Says* #444)
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> *This great benefaction exceeds by far all the other works of creation; and yet our faith in it is found to be so weak, although it is preached and sung to us by angels, who are heavenly theologians and who were so glad for our sake!* (*WLS* #459)
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> *God says: Now I shall hide My majesty most thoroughly, shall allow My Son to become man, born of a virgin; let Him do good to men and preach them the forgiveness of sins. He shall act in the kindest manner possible; only bear in mind that this man is the same God who spoke in the desert at Mount Sinai to the Children of Israel … He has hidden His majesty in humanity.* (*WLS* #461).
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> *The body of Christ was God's temple, His castle and palace, His royal hall. We should note this well. So God had bound Himself to the temple at Jerusalem, which is now to end, not indeed for His own sake but for the sake of the people, who for this reason, had a definite place where they knew they could find God…. But now, in the New Testament, God has prepared a different temple in which He wills to dwell. This is the dear humanity of our Lord Jesus Christ. There God desires to let Himself be found, and nowhere else…. For Christ is the true Mercy Seat, with whom we find pure grace, pure love, pure friendliness.* (*WLS* #477)

– Pastor Wieting

RETURNING TO THE THREE-YEAR SERIES *BY PASTOR WIETING*

For centuries in the Church, a series of Sunday readings have been used and repeated each year. These Gospel readings were largely used by the Church Fathers in the early centuries, in the Middle Ages, by Martin Luther in Reformation times, and by Lutheran pastors in America until about 1980. It is this One Year series of readings that we have used at Luther Memorial Chapel the past three years. While you may have noted some variance from readings in churches you have visited – please know that you have been right in step with the Church down through the ages. It was a distinct blessing for me to use the readings that I grew up hearing and that my grandfather used in the late 1800s and early decades of the 1900s. When pastors and congregations use this good gift altogether, there is connection to what has been handed down to us.

Since my ordination in 1982, the dominant series of readings in our land has been the Three Year Series (also known as the ABC series). Series A, which begins this Advent, makes heavy use of the Gospel of Matthew – Series B, the Gospel of Mark – and Series C, the Gospel of Luke (with readings from the Gospel of John selectively used throughout). That is the series I used from 1982 to 2013. We will begin a cycle of these readings again this Advent.

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS!

Dr. Martin Luther said of music that it is "a gift of God, not a gift of men." He added, "I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise" (*What Luther Said* # 3091), and "Christian musicians should let their singing and playing to the Father of all grace sound forth from their organs and whatever other beloved musical instruments there are" (*WLS* #3100).

On Sunday, Nov. 20, Luther Memorial Chapel remembered with thanksgiving the wonderful service of Martha Galvin as church organist and music director for a quarter century.

This petition was included in the Prayers of the Church that day:

> Gracious Lord, receive our thanks for Your blessings upon those who have worshipped and confessed the faith here through a century. Receive our thanksgiving also for Martha's service among us for so many years – for leading us in the joy and beauty of Your gift of music, and for her faithful attention to its use in confessing the faith and praising the risen Christ. Raise up servants in Your Church whose talents can be so used and give to Your Church recognition of the treasure at work when Your word is married to music.
> Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

During coffee break a reception was held in the University Student Center.

REV. MICHAEL LARSON PREACHES FOR CENTENNIAL EVENT SEPT. 25

Left: Michael began to attend USC several years ago as a UWM business student. He presently serves St. Paul Lutheran in Wittenberg, WI.

Right: A special reception was held after the service that day.

RECEIVING CHRIST'S BODY & BLOOD *BY PASTOR WIETING*

Receiving Christ's Body

Two methods have been used in the Church's life for receiving the body of Christ in Holy Communion. Mouth Communion was the practice at the time of the Reformation, and because there was some connection between hand Communion and using leavened bread, the Lutheran Church generally retained the practice of receiving Christ's body directly in the mouth, with the Host placed on the tongue.

When receiving in the hand, generally the right hand is placed upon the left, both palms open and facing upward. By not reaching for the Host, breaking and dropping is minimized. This common method of receiving from the Church's history is also a kindness to the pastor who is distributing.

At LMC several people who are not instructed for communing come forward for a blessing. For this reason, and also with two tables for Distribution and pastors alternating sides, it is a wonderful help when each communicant clearly presents their tongue or clearly extends their hands as noted above. If by mistake of the server you are initially passed by in the Distribution, please make that clear before leaving the altar so that you may be properly served.

Receiving Christ's Blood

In former decades it was thought that the cold and flu season (hygiene) was a compelling reason to use individual glasses. This mistaken understanding was one of the reasons for their widespread acceptance in Lutheran congregations in the 1950s and 1960s. What prior and subsequent studies have shown, however, is just the opposite. Whereas the chalice is made of precious metals that react with the alcohol in the wine to create a sterile environment, and the rim is wiped before other lips touch that part of the chalice, the little glasses hold bacteria and have frequent contact with the number one germ carrier of man – his hands. People reach out and touch the rim of the individual glasses. That is how they pick them up. By the time of Distribution they've touched many objects and perhaps blown their nose. They may even have shaken hands with a number of people (the number one way disease and colds are transmitted). The little glasses have also been handled individually and perhaps brushed by other communicants.

Regarding concern for hygiene, there is a helpful article on page 102 in *The Altar Guild Manual* (Maxwell [CPH, 1996]), "A Note on Communion Ware and Hygiene." It states:

> *The use of the chalice (or "common cup") used to be universal in Lutheranism but in the last century its use has become infrequent. One of the reasons for replacing it with "individual glasses" was hygiene. People believe (mistakenly) that germs are easily transmitted by using the chalice. However, the combination of the noble metal of the chalice (such as gold or silver) and the alcohol content of the wine makes the possibility for germs to be transmitted almost nonexistent.*

Another article therein states, "*It is through hands that most disease is transmitted.... And how many hands touch the 'little glasses'?"*

You should not be discouraged from receiving Christ's blood from either the chalice or the little glasses when cold or other symptoms are present. Just the opposite! Come, for here is Christ with healing for all our ills, serving us the medicine of immortality. Here is Jesus with forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Whatever our weakness, Jesus lovingly invites, "*Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest*."

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC *BY BESSIE FICK, ISM COORDINATOR*

This month LMC member and volunteer Kim Hernandez reports on our Sunday morning Bible Reading Classes:

Sunday mornings during the Adult Study and Sunday School hour we are blessed to have friends from other lands join us in reading from the Lutheran Study Bible (LSB). Many of those who join us first learn about our Bible reading from friends they meet at our weekday English classes or Thursday night Worldview Conversations. Although gaining a mastery of the English language and enjoying fellowship with each other and members of our congregation are two reasons internationals keep coming back on Sunday mornings, reading the rich source that is our Lutheran Study Bible is their primary objective. Many do not have this opportunity in their home countries, and they are so hungry for God's Word. I recall the first time I volunteered to lead the reading in Bessie's absence, a young man who had been introduced to our congregation through Vacation Bible School, which his daughter had attended a few weeks earlier, arrived with many questions. What was this book? What is its message? Who wrote it? How did it get handed down to us in this form? Could we read it in a couple of months? (He was soon to be heading back to China.) We read the notes and brief preface at the beginning of the LSB and he understood we could not read the entire Bible in such a short period of time. However, we might be able to get through one book, "perhaps one of the Gospels," I suggested, and John was the Gospel of choice.

We did not get through all of John before this friend returned home, but we read enough for him to get the message. By then new arrivals had joined us and we continued with John, followed by Acts. The challenge now is that new arrivals keep coming while some have been with us for many months. They are not yet proficient enough in English nor familiar enough with Scripture to benefit from Pastor's class. So we now separate into two groups: new arrivals are reading the Gospel of Luke, and those who have been with us for some time are reading Genesis. In Genesis we have read about Creation, the Fall, and the Flood, referring to the LSB notes for deeper understanding, and referring our guests to Pastor for the "tough questions." Using the notes, we also connect Old Testament readings to New Testament fulfillment. For example, we discussed the Great Flood and Baptism according to 1 Peter 3:20-21 and Colossians 2:12. The insight gained has led some to Pastor for doctrinal teaching to receive the blessings of the Sacraments. This, of course, is truly a rich blessing for ISM and our congregation.

ISM has also been blessed this fall with mini-grants that have allowed us to purchase more LSBs, Chinese-English Bibles to aid in translation, CPH materials for the children, and paper products and other supplies for events such as the October Pumpkin Carving and the November Thanksgiving meal. We rejoice in this support and the ongoing support of our congregation here at Luther Memorial!

James, Michael & Alan were baptized in October.

UPCOMING ISM EVENTS

Christmas Party at Wieting home on Dec. 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Domes Tour, Saturday, Jan. 21, at 9:00 a.m.
(Need transportation help.)

Every Person a Theologian – Prayer *by Vicar Jennings*

At 176 verses, Psalm 119 is not only the longest psalm in the Psalter, but it is the longest chapter in the entire Bible. In this psalm King David not only praises God's Word throughout but also warns against boredom and contempt for His Word. Martin Luther explains that Psalm 119 is chiefly written to make us excited about God's Word.

Psalm 119 reveals for Luther three rules on how theologians should go about the study of God's Word, that is, by *Prayer (Oratio*), *Meditation on the Text (Meditatio),* and *Agonizing Struggle (Tentatio).* These rules should not be limited to theologians as we typically define them today, ones who are academic or professional church workers. Instead, the definition of *theologian* is much broader and should encompass all Christians. This is what Luther does when he says, "We are all called theologians, just as also we are all called Christians." These three rules of studying Scripture ultimately apply to all Christians.

When we look at *Prayer*, Luther begins this first rule by setting aside reason, specifically when it comes to those things eternal. He says in his preface to his 1539 German Writings:

> Firstly, you should know that the Holy Scriptures constitute a book which turns the wisdom of all other books into foolishness, because not one teaches about eternal life except this one alone. Therefore you should straightway despair of your reason and understanding.

For Luther, sin has perverted man's reason and senses. Trusting these things will only lead to error, seeking God and His gift of eternal life in places where He doesn't allow Himself to be found. Therefore, what Scripture reveals is our only source of truth. It frees us from the foolishness of other books, which try to bring life but in reality plunge "you and others with you out of heaven into the abyss of hell," as Luther states.

Turning to the actual prayer itself, Luther explains:

> But kneel down in your little room and pray to God with real humility and earnestness, that he through his dear Son may give you his Holy Spirit, who will enlighten you, lead you, and give you understanding.

For Luther, we are passive in prayer. This means from beginning to end God is at work for us. He is the one who brings enlightenment and understanding of His Word. In prayer we are ultimately humbled and cry along with David throughout Psalm 119, "Teach me, Lord, instruct me, lead me, show me."

Prayer for Luther ultimately was tied to Scripture. This first rule of how theologians should go about the study of God's Word leads one to *Meditate on the Text*. This we will discuss next time.

Thanks from LMC's Volunteer Coordinator *by Judy Hessel*

As another year draws to a close, I continue to be so appreciative of the overwhelming response by members of the congregation when volunteers are needed. Our Altar Guild has increased its membership by 30 percent; I see new faces who have become ushers on a regular basis; our Sunday School and VBS teachers have welcomed new children, many of whom are internationals; so many people have pitched in when kitchen help for special events was needed or monthly mailings needed to be completed; at ISM activities, members and university students have been there to offer assistance, whether through teaching, driving, instructing the internationals in baking or gardening, or offering a warm welcome to LMC. And our 100th Anniversary Committee did a spectacular job organizing all of the special events throughout the year.

My sincere thanks to everyone who has generously offered their time and talents to our church family.

THE LATEST USC HAPPENINGS

The University Student Center has been busy over the past couple months. Here's a quick look at what's been going on.

Every other week Vicar gathers together with both UWM & MSOE students to discuss the Book of Ephesians. Why Ephesians, you ask? In this chief letter written by Paul, nearly every major article of faith can be found. In fact, seeing the richness of this book, the Lutheran fathers cited Ephesians over 60 different times throughout the confessions. Studying the Book of Ephesians gives us the opportunity to discuss a wide variety of topics, such as: saved by grace through faith, the new life and walking in love, marriage, and spiritual warfare. We are looking forward to continuing this study through the remainder of this semester and into the beginning of next year.

On Friday, Oct. 29, university students came together in the USC to celebrate the 499th anniversary of the Reformation. As one would imagine, this included a variety of German food, such as brats, potato salad, Gluehwein (a warm, spiced fruit drink), and pfeffernusse cookies! Once stomachs were full we relaxed by watching the movie *Luther* and playing an exciting game of "Pin the Tail on the Papal Bull." Prizes were also handed out to the individual with the best costume. Congrats to Sarah Solomon!

On Sundays, Nov. 13 and 20, university students participated in Luther Memorial Chapel's annual canned food drive. Students helped distribute bags and collect non-perishable food items throughout Shorewood in order to help over 30 needy families who are served by the food pantry at Hope Lutheran Church of Milwaukee. This food pantry distributes the food and personal care items that have been donated. As we have been given countless blessings by God, we were thankful to have this opportunity to reach out to those in need, especially during holiday season.

Students collected 30-40 bags on Nov. 20, which were delivered to Pastor Harmon and the Hope Lutheran Church Food Pantry on Nov. 21.

Finally, on Sunday, Dec. 11, university students will gather to go caroling at Lake Terrace Nursing Home and houses of other LMC members. Once we're done students will warm up and enjoy a nice meal at the parsonage. Menu is still to be determined. We look forward to singing the songs of the season and bringing the message of Christ, who came to us in the flesh and continues to do so.

CENTENNIAL REFORMATION CELEBRATION OCTOBER 30

As our centennial year draws to a close, we give thanks to the Holy Trinity for a century of His gifts through our Lord Jesus Christ. We deeply appreciate all who have volunteered & provided hours of participation & help throughout the year, & Diane Kretsch & Sue Rebholz for their wonderful year-long organizing & committee coordinating!

The Divine Service.

The Choir.

Two LMC vicars, older & newer. One pastor, just older.

UW & CUW strings.

Jonathan, Rebecca, Caleb & Rev. Dr. Ben Mayes, our guest preacher & teacher.

After teaching & Divine Service came the potluck feast.

Altar Guild for December & January

The first three Sundays of December, our paraments will be purple to observe Advent, the season of repentant preparation for Christmas. Beginning Christmas Eve, we celebrate the birth of Christ with white paraments, signifying the Godhead, the angels, joy, and purity. White continues during the short twelve days of Christmas and the weeks that follow the Epiphany of Our Lord, Jan. 6, and the Baptism of Our Lord, Jan. 8. Then we keep the Epiphany season with green paraments for the last three Sundays of January.

The Sunday Gospels	**Weekly Psalms**	**Hymns of the Day from *LSB*** for two months:
Dec. 4, Matt. 3:1-12	Psalm 72:1-7	**344** On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Dec. 11, Matt. 11:2-15	Psalm 146	**345** Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Dec. 18, Matt. 1:18-25	Psalm 24	**357** O Come, O Come, Immanuel
Dec. 25, John 1:1-18	Psalm 2	**382** We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth
Jan. 1, Luke 2:21	Psalm 8	**900** Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love
Jan. 8, Matt. 3:13-17	Psalm 29	**406** To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
Jan. 15, John 1:29-42a	Psalm 40:1-11	**402** The Only Son from Heaven
Jan. 22, Matt. 4:12-25	Psalm 27:1-14	**839** O Christ, Our True and Only Light
Jan. 29, Matt. 5:1-12	Psalm 15	**842** Son of God, Eternal Savior

The new flower chart for 2017 will be in the narthex in December. The donation for a regular bouquet is $20. Two or three bouquets can be donated each Sunday, each by different donors. We will deliberately print the reason for the flower donation in each Sunday's bulletin. On the chart, simply write "anniversary" or "in memory of" or "in thanksgiving for," etc. Please write your "reason" on the chart several weeks before the Sunday bulletin would be printed. Then your reason will automatically be included in the bulletin. Your reason for donation will be printed, but not the names of any of the donors.

Children's Program | Matching Funds Continue to Grow

The Children's Christmas Program this year is "From Heaven Above to Earth I Come." It is based on that song written by Martin Luther, and ties in with the upcoming 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation. Please join us in the sanctuary at 10:40 a.m. following Divine Service on the Fourth Sunday in Advent, Dec. 18. A lunch eon follows.

$11,935.59 received to date

will equal **$23,871.18** *after matching*

Centennial Capital Improvement Fund as of Nov. 22, 2016

Enclosed in this issue is an offering envelope for LMC's Centennial Capital Improvement Fund.

If you use it by Dec. 31, 2016, the amount of your gift will be matched with an equal amount by an anonymous donor.

The fund will be used for many needed items for our facility: a new air conditioning compressor, computer upgrades for the church office, and other needs inherent in the ongoing care of a facility that is in some areas over 90 years old.

I Nearly Walked Out *by Pastor Wieting*

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name.... Sing to him, sing praises to him. (Psalm 105:1-2)

The first time I can recall a pastor singing (chanting) portions of the service was at the St. Louis Seminary when I was in my 30s. I nearly walked out – somewhat angered – thinking – "Why this performance? Doesn't this professor know (that except for hymns) we just talk during worship? Don't these people understand that chanting – like crying – just isn't manly?"

How wrong I was! The perfect man wept over the death of Lazarus and over unrepentant Jerusalem. The perfect man would also have chanted in worship (sung portions of Scripture were used in temple and tabernacle worship (1 Chronicles 16). Even as He went out into the night for His betrayal Jesus was singing (chanting) a Passover psalm (Matthew 26:30). How unaware I was that Christians continued to follow the practice of chanting psalms and other biblical texts. How ignorant I was of how Luther purposely retained chant in his orders of service – also denoting chanting of the pastor for the Holy Gospel to communicate clearly the truth and power of God's Word.

My anger at first hearing chanting in worship was a judgmental perspective proceeding from a woeful lack of understanding. How sad that my home congregation or others along the way did not at least teach us that this is how *The Lutheran Hymnal* was intended to be used when it was first written. How sad that I wasn't exposed to this rich practice on occasion through three decades. The life of the perfect man clearly testifies that neither tears nor chanting (singing) are unmanly. In the presence of Jesus this elevated speaking honors Him without concern about how entertaining or emotional the music is.

This short piece is not written to convey that chanting is somehow required! Some of the settings we use have more and some have less. But it is written to help remind us of its use in Scripture and its rich use in the Church down through the centuries. Luther didn't keep it because of lingering Roman Catholic ties that slackened his thinking. Luther kept this Scriptural and historic form of elevated speech in order to honor the presence of Christ and the power of God's Word among His people in worship.

> *And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ* (Ephesians 5:18-21).

This & That *by Pastor Wieting*

PASTOR'S CARD
Included with this *Chapel News* should be a small calling card that I leave if I've missed someone when calling or to give to people who may ask about our congregation and service times. Should you know someone you would like to refer to Luther Memorial Chapel or someone facing difficult issues who may benefit from pastoral conversation, please be invited to use this card as you might like.

ALTAR BOOK STAND
Decades ago an altar book stand was used at Luther Memorial Chapel and it is still present for use. While the new Altar Book (for the *LSB* hymnal settings) was originally a monster, too big for practical use, a new version in condensed form is now available. With that new resource, we will try to put the stand to use once again this Advent season.

NO MATINS IN DECEMBER
Your prayer requests are invited for Advent Vespers on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

PRINTED SERMON COPIES
These are available in the narthex and church office. Tapes of the sermon are provided on request.

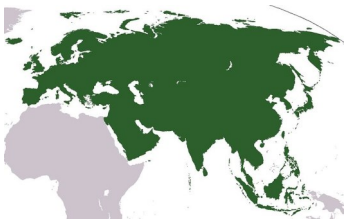
Dorcas Hears Mission Speaker

On Oct. 27 members of the Dorcas Guild learned of a young woman's planned mission work to the Czech Republic. Sarah Harms, a recent graduate of CUW, is preparing to serve as a GEO (Globally Engaged in Outreach) Missionary. She spoke of the need to teach the Gospel to the people of the Czech Republic.

Working with the Silesian Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession (SECAC), Sarah plans to relocate to a small rural community in the Czech Republic, learn the language herself, and then work as an EFL (English as a Foreign Language) teacher.

The Gospel is incorporated in Bible-based materials she will use, and she will also work with LCMS partner churches. Sarah's enthusiasm for her calling to serve the Lord is an inspiration. She has requested our prayerful support of her work in the Czech Republic, and financial support from those so inclined.

One of our newest members, Dr. Charles Cortright, will be heading to this EurAsia region as an LCMS missionary. Information on supporting him or Sarah or others can be found at lcms.org/international. Or call 1-888-930-4438.



| From Mrs. Behling's Scrapbook

"Our special service was always held on Christmas Eve, with the children reciting Old Testament prophecies, along with the familiar account from the second chapter of Luke. We always had a tree!"

This writer is reminded of many LMC Christmas Eves, with real trees, thick cords of colored lights, and many strands of silver tinsel. The oldest Sunday School children stood in the pews near the altar, faced the congregation, and recited Luke 2:8-14.

So much of our early church history was faithfully recorded by Mrs. Renata Behling. She and her husband, William, were members of the earliest congregation. We are so thankful for her scrapbook/journal.

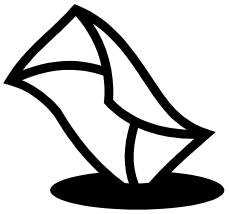
CORRECTIONS TO LMC PICTORIAL DIRECTORY

Bottom of page 2 should read:
"On April 12, 1916, a group of people gathered" (*not* March 16).

Next paragraph should read:
"The little white chapel was dedicated on April 18, 1915" (*not* 1916).

Above the first paragraph on page 5, add this sentence: "In 1958, Rev. Lawrence W. Brandt, Salt Lake City, was called in January. He served until 1970."

A Note from the Trustees Regarding 2016 Donations to LMC



To comply with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Guidelines and to simplify the task of our "counters," the Trustees need to emphasize the fact that, if you want your donations to be credited to calendar year 2016, they MUST BE received or postmarked by Dec. 31, 2016.

Any donations dated 2016, but received AFTER JAN. 1, 2017, will be applied to your 2017 donations. There will be no exceptions.

The specific cut-off date allows us to "close the books" on 2016 much faster and more easily. This affords us a more complete picture of our financial situation and assures full compliance with IRS guidelines.

DECEMBER, JANUARY BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Dorothea Ede	Dec.
Sarah Sagert	Dec. 2
Bonnie McAuly	Dec. 2
Kim Hernandez	Dec. 6
Una Lane	Dec. 9
Jennifer Grasse	Dec. 9
Nicole Berrens	Dec. 9
Jeffery Hagedorn	Dec. 10
Judith Swanson	Dec. 10
Latif Gaba	Dec. 12
Ulrich Sovitzky	Dec. 18
Edmund Makowski-Scott	Dec. 21
Margarethe Paterson	Dec. 21
Rachel Swanson	Dec. 21
Colin Whitney	Dec. 22
Zachary Paronto	Dec. 23
Stefanie Jennings	Dec. 24
Bethany Bratz	Dec. 25
Wendy Pelsis	Dec. 26
Narrah Wieting	Dec. 27
Sharon Paronto	Dec. 28
Tim Albers	Dec. 29
Natalya Gurneau	Dec. 30
Laura Osterndorf	Dec. 30

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Ella Burfeind	Jan. 1
Alden Grasse	Jan. 7
Darren Bergelin	Jan. 8
Finn Gnas	Jan. 10
Ellen Haines	Jan. 10
Josh Pullman	Jan. 10
Ilsa Grasse	Jan. 11
Diane Kretsch	Jan. 11
Sarah Buelow	Jan. 12
Nathanael Sovitzky	Jan. 13
Joseph Burfeind	Jan. 17
James Gabriel	Jan. 17
Randy Otto	Jan. 17
Ellis Grasse	Jan. 24
Paul Haase	Jan. 25
Judy Buelow	Jan. 29
Russell Knetzger	Jan. 31

DORCAS IN DECEMBER

We will visit shut-ins to deliver Christmas cookies in December. If you are willing to help, please call Marie at 964-8638.

Dorcas will meet Thursday, Dec. 8, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. to wrap gifts and pack cookies for the shut-ins. That will be our only meeting in December.

YOUR OFFERING ENVELOPE BOXES

During the last two weeks of December, your new offering envelope boxes for the year 2017 should be available downstairs in the parish hall, in alphabetical order. Please find your box and take it home.

On January 1, 2017, please throw away any and all of your leftover envelopes from 2016.

It is important to discard your 2016 envelopes, because the contribution number on those is probably not connected with your name anymore. Most likely a new number has been assigned to your name for the year 2017.

Thanks for your cooperation!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

BAPTIZED *on Oct. 21, 2016,* Miriam Ruth Wieting, *daughter of Luke & Hannah Wieting at Arlington Heights Community Hospital*

On Nov. 13, 2016, Audrey Grace Zhao & Hongrui Zhao, *daughter & son of Ning Zhao & Bin Wu*

On Nov. 20, 2016, Hans Martin Paterson, *son of Mark & Kate.*

ADDRESS CHANGES

RELEASED TO

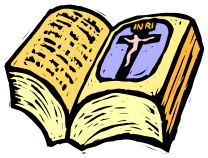
Bethany Ev-Lutheran Church, Montoursville, PA: Samantha Jutsum *On Oct. 24, 2016*

Daily Scripture Readings for December 2016

Dec. 1 Is 7:10—8:8
1 Pet 3:1–22

Dec. 2 Is 8:9—9:7
1 Pet 4:1–19

Dec. 3 Is 9:8—10:11
1 Pet 5:1–14



Dec. 4 Is 10:12–27a, 33–34
2 Pet 1:1–21

Dec. 5 Is 11:1—12:6
2 Pet 2:1–22

Dec. 6 Is 14:1–23
2 Pet 3:1–18

Dec. 7 Is 24:1–13
1 John 1:1—2:14

Dec. 8 Is 24:14—25:12
1 John 2:15–29
Obadiah 1–21

Dec. 9 Is 26:1–19
1 John 3:1–24

Dec. 10 Is 26:20—27:13
1 John 4:1–21

Dec. 11 Is 28:14–29
1 John 5:1–21
2 John 1-13;
3 John 1-15

Dec. 12 Is 29:1–14
Jude 1–25

Dec. 13 Is 29:15—30:14
Rev 1:1–19

Dec. 14 Is 30:15–26
Rev 2:1–29

Dec. 15 Is 30:27—31:9
Rev 3:1–22

Dec. 16 Is 32:1–20
Rev 4:1–11

Dec. 17 Is 33:1–24
Rev 5:1–14

Dec. 18 Is 34:1–2, 8—35:10
Rev 6:1–17
Micah 1:1—7:20

Dec. 19 Is 40:1–17
Rev 7:1–17

Dec. 20 Is 40:18—41:10
Rev 8:1–13

Dec. 21 (St Thomas)
Is 42:1–25
Rev 9:1–12

Dec. 22 Is 43:1–24
Rev 9:13—10:11

Dec. 23 Is 43:25—44:20
Rev 11:1–19

Dec. 24 Is 44:21—45:25
Rev 12:1–17
Daniel 10:1—12:13
&Isaiah 48:1–22

The Twelve Days of Christmas Begin

Dec. 25(Nativity of Our Lord)
Is 49:1–18
Matt 1:1–17

Dec. 26 (St Stephen)
Is 49:22–26; 50:4—51:8–16
Matt 1:18–25

Dec. 27 (St John)
Is 51:17—52:12
Matt 2:1–12

Dec. 28 (Holy Innocents)
Is 52:13—54:10
Matt 2:13–23

Dec. 29 Is 55:1–13
Luke 1:1–25

Dec. 30 Is 58:1—59:3, 14–21
Luke 1:26–38

Dec. 31 Is 60:1–22
Luke 1:39–56

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR JANUARY 2017

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS CONTINUE

Jan. 1 (Circumcision/ Name of Jesus)
Is 61:1–11
Luke 1:57–80

Jan. 2 Is 62:1–12
Luke 2:1–20

Jan. 3 Is 63:1–14
Luke 2:21–40

Jan. 4 Is 63:15—65:2
Luke 2:41–52

Jan. 5 Is 65:8–25
Luke 3:1–20

EPIPHANY SEASON

Jan. 6 (Epiphany of Our Lord)
Is 66:1–20
Luke 3:21–38

Jan. 7 Ezek 1:1–14, 22–28
Rom 1:1–17
Habakkuk 1:1—3:19

Jan. 8 Ezek 2:1—3:11
Rom 1:18–32

Jan. 9 Ezek 3:12–28
Rom 2:1–16
Ezek 4:1—11:25

Jan. 10 (Baptism of Our Lord)
Ezek 18:1–4, 19–32
Rom 2:17–29
Ezek 19:1—24:27

Jan. 11 Ezek 33:1–20
Rom 3:1–18

Jan. 12 Ezek 34:1–24
Rom 3:19–31

Jan. 13
Ezek 36:13–28
Rom 4:1–25

Jan. 14 Ezek 36:33—37:14
Rom 5:1–21

Jan. 15 Ezek 37:15–28
Rom 6:1–23

Jan. 16 Ezek 38:1–23
Rom 7:1–20

Jan. 17 Ezek 39:1–10, 17–29
Rom 7:21—8:17

Jan. 18 Confession of St Peter
Ezek 40:1–4; 43:1–12
Rom 8:18–39
Ezek 40:5—42:20;
Ezek 43:13–27

Jan. 19 Ezek 44:1–16, 23–29
Rom 9:1–18

Jan. 20 Ezek 47:1–14, 21–23
Rom 9:19–33

Jan. 21 Joel 1:1–20
Rom 10:1–21

Jan. 22 Joel 2:1–17
Rom 11:1–24

Jan. 23 Joel 2:18–32
Rom 11:25—12:13

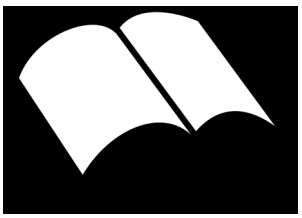
Jan. 24 (St Timothy)
Joel 3:1–21
Rom 12:14—13:14

Jan. 25(Conversion of St Paul)
Zech 1:1–21
Rom 14:1–23

Jan. 26 (St Titus)
Zech 2:1—3:10
Rom 15:1–13

Jan. 27 Zech 4:1—5:11
Rom 15:14–33

Jan. 28 Zech 6:1—7:14
Rom 16:17–27



Jan. 29 Zech 8:1–23
2 Tim 1:1–18

Jan. 30 Zech 9:1–17
2 Tim 2:1–26

Jan. 31 Zech 10:1—11:3
2 Tim 3:1–18

Luther Memorial's Officers & Staff in 2016

President:	John Burfeind
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Vice-Chair of Elders	Don Toll
Secretary of Elders:	Luther Himsel
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Geographical Elder Areas

Don Toll – North 53211

John Galvin – South 53211

Carl Swanson – Riverwest/East Side

Ben Wieting – Near North

Peter Gurneau – Far North

Jeff Hagedorn – South

Joe Bratz – Wauwatosa/Near West

Luther Himsel – West/Far West

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NAME/TITLE
Pastor Kenneth W. Wieting
Vicar Jonathan Jennings
Bessie Fick, Intl. Student Coordinator
Martha Galvin, Director of Music
Kathryn Hill, Church Secretary
Treasurer Louie Sagert
Sarah Reynolds, U. Student Coordinator Rachel May, U. Student Coordinator

SCHEDULES FOR DECEMBER 2016 & JANUARY 2017

USHERS
Tom Rebholz, *Head Usher*
Temish Christiansen
Jim Genthe
Paul Hessel
John Kretsch
Carl Schramm
Aaron Siegmann
Prince Solomon
Rachel Swanson
John Swanson
Aaron Viets

DECEMBER ALTAR GUILD
Diane Kretsch
Kathy Clark
Judy Hessel

JANUARY ALTAR GUILD
Judy Hessel
Wendy Pelsis
Connie Cortright
Piera Siegmann

COFFEE BREAK SERVERS
December 4 Gabas

December 11 U Students

December 18 *Sunday School Lunch Instead*

December 25 *No Coffee Break*

January 1

January 8

January 15

January 22

January 29

Savior of the Nations, Come
1
Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Your home!
Marvel now, O heav'n and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.
2
Not by human flesh and blood,
By the Spirit of our God,
Was the Word of God made flesh—
Woman's offspring, pure and fresh.
3
Here a maid was found with child,
Yet remained a virgin mild.
In her womb this truth was shown:
God was there upon His throne.
4
Then stepped forth the Lord of all
From His pure and kingly hall;
God of God, yet fully man,
His heroic course began.
5
God the Father was His source,
Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down,
Back then to His throne and crown.
6
For You are the Father's Son
Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole
All our ills of flesh and soul.
7
From the manger newborn light
Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides;
In this light faith now abides.
8
Glory to the Father sing,
Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be
Now and through eternity.

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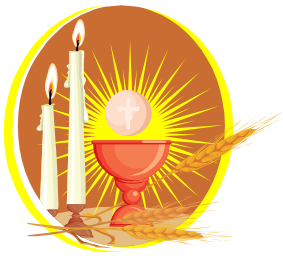

YOUR FALL MISSION GIFTS

Thank you for your support for the fall gift of the Luther Memorial Mission Society. Gifts were gathered in October for domestic mission work in Toledo, Ohio, where **Rev. Peter Burfeind** is serving. Peter is the brother of our member John Burfeind. The freewill gifts collected totaled **$1,905**. We are thankful for the growing efforts to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ there.