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CHRISTIANS AND DEPRESSION *BY PASTOR LARSON*

Who among us has not struggled with depression or been close to someone who has? Surely it hits close to home for many of us. As the days grow colder and shorter, and the trees become bare, it's a reminder that this life is not all sunny days. We live in a fallen world and walk around in frail flesh, with the devil constantly on our backs. We sin against others and others sin against us. We are not immune from the devil's fiercest assaults. In fact, from the day that we were baptized, we became a target for spiritual attack from the evil one. He is a liar and murderer and whips up all kinds of chaos. Satan attacks us with everything he's got to cause us to despair of the love of God. He holds our sins before our eyes, exposes our weaknesses, and drives us to hopelessness. Sorrow, pains, and anxieties that we suffer can be truly debilitating, and we wonder, "What's the point of it all!?" How difficult it can be to find the strength needed just to carry out our normal responsibilities and daily tasks!

"Ministry and Mental Health" is the theme of the October issue of *The Lutheran Witness*. Included in the issue is a letter written by Pastor C. F. W. Walther, first President of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, to his congregation in 1859. He shares with his congregation a time of deep personal turmoil. He writes, "I was vexed by countless sighs and tears in very difficult struggle with our God and Father in heaven. But what happened? When distress had reached its greatest intensity, help came. When I thought I would be forgotten like the dead, God finally directed His friendly countenance toward me again" (p. 1).

Martin Luther was plagued with bouts of melancholy throughout his life. He also provided spiritual counsel to many friends caught in despair. He once wrote to a friend suffering, "Whenever the devil pesters you with these thoughts, at once seek out the company of men, drink more, joke and jest, or engage in some other form of merriment." Depression goads us to despair, to isolate our-

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SERVING US

Michael C. Larson, *Pastor*

Jason Lane & Brian German, *Assisting Pastors*

Kathryn A. Hill, *Church Secretary*

Martha Galvin, *Director of Music*

Julie Wohlrabe, *IO Director*

Tessa Pariseau, *USC Coordinator*

Anticipating Christmas:

Children's Christmas Program is Dec. 16 following the Divine Service.

Pick up your Advent Daily Devotional Booklet "What Child Is This?" from the back of the nave.

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selves, and turn inward. The Christian life, however, is lived out in the company of others, outside of ourselves, in the promises of God and in the lives of one another.

There is no easy answer to spiritual attack and depression. Much of the melancholy we suffer will only be relieved when Christ comes again to rescue us all from this valley of tears and brings us to Himself in heaven. But in the meantime, we find refuge in the Word of God, His Absolution, and His Supper, all the while praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

For us Christians, consider thinking of the devil's attacks on you as proof that you belong to the Lord Christ and His promises. Consider learning by heart the following verses, which you can pull out of your quiver and fire off at the devil during times of trouble.

"When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all" (Ps. 34:17-19).

"We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor. 4:8-9).

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me" (2 Cor. 12:9).

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38-39).

LMC'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MEAL NOV. 18

On Sunday, Nov. 18, we will have our annual Thanksgiving meal. All members, university students, and internationals are welcome to attend.

The church will provide turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, and cranberry sauce. The internationals will make pies. If you are able to attend, please complete the sign-up form you will find in the narthex and parish hall, indicating what dish you will bring. Please indicate the number of people who will be attending. This will help ensure we have enough food for all. The past few years we have served approximately 150 people. You can return the form to an usher, the church office, or to Judy Hessel.

Given the size of the meal, we also need help with prep and setup (Saturday morning, Nov. 17), serving, and cleanup.

If you are able to help, or have any questions, contact Judy Hessel

LOOK FOR MINUTES FROM OCTOBER'S CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IN THE NARTHEX

UPCOMING GUILD OF SAINT SAMUEL WORKSHOP *BY PASTOR LARSON*

What is the guild if Saint Samuel? The guild is a brotherhood dedicated to introducing young men to the work of serving as acolytes (servants) in the liturgy. They serve alongside the pastor, assisting with candle-lighting, processionals, and assistance in the Divine Service. They are vested to remind us that we worship in the company of saints and angels in heaven, wearing white robes washed in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7). The guild meets periodically as announced.

Details on the Next Guild Workshop

Date: **Saint Martin's Day, Sunday, Nov. 11**

Time: **Beginning at noon** (with a working lunch). **Ending 1:30 p.m. sharp.**

Format:

First half: discussion in multipurpose room.
Second half: practicum in the sanctuary.

Come with a knowledge of your acolyte availability for the following couple months, etc.

MEET, GREET, EAT SEPT. 9 | MICHAELMAS BRUNCH SEPT. 29

Above: **A record number, 59 students, for the Meet, Greet, Eat luncheon on Sept. 9!**
Below: **After the Divine Service on Saturday, Sept. 29, attendees enjoyed brunch at the parsonage.**

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH AT LMC:
UNDERSTANDING OUR LOGO

BY JULIE WOHLRABE, iO DIRECTOR

A joyful November to you LMC members and to all our friends reading this!

You have probably seen the logo for the International Outreach program that has been around now for one year, but have you truly *looked* at it? With the iPhone, the iPod and the iPad in society, it was quite a clever idea to hitch a ride on that popularity by using the lowercase "i" for the word "international." Then of course using the word "Outreach," which is descriptive in so many ways, including our own LCMS church body's logo of "Mercy – Witness – Life Together" (see p. 2). So now please take a fresh view of the "i" in international. It looks somewhat like a person and don't you know, it reminds us of an individual who connects with another individual.

Now I invite you to take a closer look at the "O" in Outreach. The circle itself is a reminder of God's never-ending love as well as the shape of the world itself. Now please take a closer look inside the circle. There is the color blue for the water and green for the land of course, but Americans usually see the earth depicted with the continents of North America and South America in view. We see familiarity, we see home. Inside *this* "O" we see a different view of the earth, we see different continents, we see it from a different perspective, we see something unfamiliar, we see *their* home. God gave this design to Nancy Wolck and she put it together for us. Isn't it wonderful! Thank you so much, Nancy!

I don't know about you, but it makes me think about being a stranger in a strange land. Along with my family, I lived in Japan for three years, so I know what that feels like. Maybe you do too, in a different way such as a new school, a new job, a new community. Please remember what that felt like so that when you see our international friends, you will want to *"reach out"* to them with a smile, a kind word, with love. Most important in this logo is the cross of Jesus Christ. He is the reason why we have this program in the first place. Please allow Him to use your unique gifts to welcome our international friends. Thank you so much for being our praying partners in this important outreach!

UPCOMING NOVEMBER EVENTS:
Pie Baking, Friday, Nov. 16, time TBD
Thanksgiving Potluck, Sunday, Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.

MORE iO RIPPLE EFFECTS: LMC & DIVORCE, PART 2 *BY TIM ALBERS*

In past articles, we talked of the "ripple effects" of Luther Memorial Chapel's international outreach. Of the more than 275 internationals—mostly visiting scholars and mostly from China—who have attended iO's Worldview Conversations class (and often, of course, other iO classes as well), we know that at least 10% have been baptized during their time in Milwaukee—some at LMC, some at other Christian churches—and quite a few more have confessed faith in Christ. These now-treasured friends from other lands take their new life in Christ back with them to their home countries and look for ways to live it out, often in places of serious persecution, and often with a sense of urgency that can put us Christians in the U.S. to shame.

Last month we told you about two women, L. and

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R.,* who came from the other side of the world to LMC's iO as strangers to each other but with two things in common—a hunger for the truth and marriages on the brink of collapse. Both found the truth they were seeking—were found *by* the Truth—and were baptized in Milwaukee before returning to a country of persecution. Back home, though many miles apart, they sought each other out for the support in the Body of Christ that is there both so precious and so perilous to find. And they experienced the beginning of healing in their marriages.

We told you, too, about the "left-behind-children" in rural areas of their country—virtual orphans, victims of an all-too-common small-village economic circumstance where both parents must leave them for as much as a year at a time to work in some far-away urban center. L. and R., moved by the Gospel, wanted to serve these young children somehow with a "summer program." By law, they couldn't tell of Christ directly, but they had a plan: They would *show* the love of Christ, and all the *songs* they taught would tell of His love. And recently, they executed that plan!

They recruited two more Christian women to teach. And their own husbands, though still non-Christian, volunteered eagerly as well. The six of them travelled to the remote mountainous area where one of the men had grown up and, with the blessing of the local public school principal, they used that facility to host a week-long summer camp. The 8,000 yuan ($1,300) for food and materials came out of their own pockets. L.'s daughter, a gifted musician, taught the Gospel-rich hymns and L. led the crafts. One of the 60 (!) left-behind children walked at least 40 minutes each way to attend every day. Based on the emotional goodbyes at the end of the week—so astounding to their husbands, who exclaimed that they had never seen such a thing—these children indeed both learned and experienced the love of Jesus, with the message that they matter and that there is hope.

All this, L. reminded iO volunteer Cheryl Albers in a recent 7,000 mile skype call, began in Milwaukee: "LMC is my mother church, always my home!" And we at LMC are privileged to see more ripple effects on the other side of the world, via the changed lives of two women who when they met had in common only impending divorce and LMC's iO. Please, please pray for the safety of these two women and their families because there's more to the story, which we hope to share in a future article.

Every active member of LMC has already played a part, through his or her vocations, in the story of L. and R. But consider how you might want, more directly, to become part of future Gospel "ripple effects" by volunteering in iO. Contact Director Julie Wohlrabe , Pastor Larson, or any iO volunteer for more information.

**Although these two women have shared their situations openly with a number of iO volunteers, we have chosen to protect their identities not only for usual reasons of privacy, but also because of the long surveillance arm of their government.*

PLEASE DONATE TO iO EXCHANGE ROOM:

For all ages: Winter coats & jackets, boots, hats, scarves, mittens, gloves.

Towels & blankets.

Kitchen ware: utensils, pots & pans, dishware, serving ware, small appliances.

All items must be clean!

Questions? Call

Georgia Sylke

or

Julie Wohlrabe

Membership News

God's Child	Rebirth Date
Alex Ignatowski	Nov.
Lisa Grossman	Nov.
Cheryl Toll	Nov.
Allison Clark	Nov. 4
Piera Siegmann	Nov. 6
John Boldt	Nov. 7
Raymond Hernandez	Nov. 9
Paunthip Grossman	Nov. 11
Jonathan Hagedorn	Nov. 12
Michael Kohut	Nov. 12
Pastor Wieting	Nov. 12
Kongsy Grossman	Nov. 14
Karen Hagedorn	Nov. 14
Kathleen Knutsen	Nov. 14
Hans Paterson	Nov. 20
Allison Pelsis	Nov. 20
Dexture Iusi II	Nov. 22
Rev. Jason Lane	Nov. 25
Bobby Schuette	Nov. 29
Keziah Wieting	Nov. 29

DEATH
Ronald Haines
September 18, 2018

ADDRESS CHANGES

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The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

5
My Savior paid the debt I owe
And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know
My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free,
And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!

6
May Christ our intercessor be
And through His blood and merit
Read from His book that we are free
With all who life inherit.
Then we shall see Him face to face,
With all His saints in that blest place
Which He has purchased for us.

– *LSB* 508

Church Social and English Country Dancing

Friday, Nov. 9, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at Luther Memorial Chapel
Light dinner, snacks, and beverages, *AND DANCING*
No dancing experience required! You will learn all the steps.
ALL INVITED! Hosted by University Students.
See Tessa Pariseau for more information.

Altar Guild

Another church year is coming to an end. On Sunday, Nov. 4, we observe All Saints' Day, using white paraments to remind us of the saints' robes, which have been washed white in the blood of the Lamb. Nov. 11, 18, and 25 are the last green Sundays of the year. On Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day, white will adorn the altar. We begin Advent the first Sunday of December.

The Sunday Gospel lessons this month are:

Nov. 4	Matthew 5:1-12
Nov. 11	Matthew 24:15-28
Nov. 18	Matthew 25:31-46
Nov. 25	Matthew 25:1-13

You may choose red or white poinsettias to beautify the chancel during Christmastide. Prices will be announced in Sunday bulletins.

Envelopes for ordering Christmas flowers will be found on the narthex bookshelf and on the tables by the elevators. Please turn in your envelopes to the church office no later than Monday, Dec. 10. Please make your donation for flowers as a separate check from your offering check.

You may pick up your flowers immediately after the Christmas Day service if you wish.

Volunteers to help deliver unclaimed flowers to shut-in members are very welcome. Please call Judy Hessel if you would like to help.

Daily Scripture Readings for November 2018

WEEK ONE

Nov. 1 (All Saints' Day)
Deut 34:1–12
Matt 21:1–22
Nov. 2 Jer 1:1–19
Matt 21:23–46
Neh 10:1—13:31
Nov. 3 Jer 3:6—4:2
Matt 22:1–22

WEEK TWO

Nov. 4 Jer 5:1–19
Matt 22:23–46
Nov. 5 Jer 7:1–29
Matt 23:1–12
Nov. 6 Jer 8:18—9:12
Matt 23:13–39
Nov. 7 Jer 11:1–23
Matt 24:1–28
Jer 12:1—19:15
Nov. 8 Jer 20:1–18
Matt 24:29–51
Nov. 9 Jer 22:1–23
Matt 25:1–13
Nov. 10 Jer 23:1–20
Matt 25:14–30

WEEK THREE

Nov. 11 Jer 23:21–40
Matt 25:31–46
Nov. 12 Jer 25:1–18
Matt 26:1–19
Nov. 13 Jer 26:1–19
Matt 26:20–35
Rev 13:1–18
Nov. 14 Jer 29:1–19
Matt 26:36–56
Rev 14:1–20
Nov. 15 Jer 30:1–24
Matt 26:57–75
Rev 15:1–8
Nov. 16 Jer 31:1–17, 23–34
Matt 27:1–10
Rev 16:1–21
Nov. 17 Jer 33:1–22
Matt 27:11–32
Jer 34:1—36:32;
45:1—51:64

WEEK FOUR

Nov. 18 Jer 37:1–21
Matt 27:33–56
Rev 17:1–18
Nov. 19 Jer 38:1–28
Matt 27:57–66
Jer 39:1—44:30
Nov. 20 Dan 1:1–21
Matt 28:1–20
Nov. 21 Dan 2:1–23
Rev 18:1–24

Nov. 22 Dan 2:24–49
Rev 19:1–21
Nov. 23 Dan 3:1–30
Rev 20:1–15
Nov. 24 Dan 4:1–37
Rev 21:1–8

WEEK FIVE

Nov. 25 Dan 5:1–30
Rev 21:9–27
Dan 7:1—8:27
Nov. 26 Dan 6:1–28
Rev 22:1–21
Dan 9:1–27
Nov. 27 Is 1:1–28
1 Pet 1:1–12
Nov. 28 Is 2:1–22
1 Pet 1:13–25
Isaiah 3:1—4:6
Nov. 29 Is 5:1–25
1 Pet 2:1–12
Amos 1:1—9:15
Nov. 30 (St Andrew)
Is 6:1—7:9
1 Pet 2:13–25

Luther Memorial's Officers & Staff in 2018

President	John Burfeind
Treasurer	Andrew Brondos
Assistant Treasurer	Laine Scott
Secretary	Bethany Bratz
Chair of Elders	Mark Paterson
Vice-Chair of Elders	Don Toll
Secretary of Elders	Jon Hagedorn
Chair of Trustees	Paul Hessel
Chair, Bd. of Christian Ed.	Jennifer Grasse
Sun. Schl. Superintendent	Janelle Galvin
Chair of Dorcas Guild	Marie Zimmerman
Chair of Altar Guild	Judy Hessel

Geographical Elder Areas

Don Toll – North 53211

John Galvin – South 53211

M. Paterson – Riverwest/East Side

Jon Hagedorn – Near North

Adam Scott – Far North

Jeff Hagedorn – South

Joe Bratz – Wauwatosa/Near West

John Wolck – West/Far West

Members of the **Board of Trustees** give attention to the financial responsibilities of the congregation and the church's physical properties. Concerns about budgets, maintenance of the church, or similar items should be addressed to the Trustees.

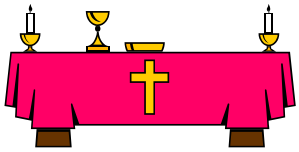
Members of the **Board of Christian Education** give attention to education programs. Concerns about Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Adult Classes, or similar items should be addressed to the Board of Christian Education.

Members of the **Board of Elders** work closely with Pastor for the spiritual well-being of the congregation. Concerns about the Divine Service, service times, pastoral care, church membership, or similar items should be addressed to Pastor or the Elders.

SCHEDULES FOR NOVEMBER 2018

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

Contact Tom Rebholz if you would like to help usher on Sundays.



ALTAR GUILD
Wendy Pelsis
Kathy Clark
Emma Ledford
Beth Vanderhyde

HYMN OF THE DAY & PSALM OF THE WEEK

Nov. 4 Ps. 33
LSB **677** *For All the Saints*

Nov. 11 Ps. 31
LSB **6 58** *Preserve Your Word, O Savior*

Nov. 18 Ps. 56
LSB **508** *The Day Is Surely Drawing Near*

Nov. 25 Ps. 45
LSB **516** *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*

ELDERS ASSISTING WITH THE LORD'S SUPPER

ON SUNDAYS
Nov. 4 *Adam Scott, Jon Hagedorn*
Nov. 11 *Mark P, Jeff Hagedorn*
Nov. 18 *Joe Bratz, Don Toll*
Nov. 25 *Jon Hagedorn, Aaron Viets*

ON MONDAYS
Nov. 5 *Aaron Viets*
Nov. 12 *John Wolck*
Nov. 19 *John Galvin*
Nov. 26 *Adam Scott*

COFFEE BREAK SERVERS
Nov. 4 Carltons
Nov. 11 Swansons
Nov. 18 *Thanksgiving Meal Instead*
Nov. 25 *Volunteers Needed*

Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode

1.
Who trusts in God
A strong abode
In heav'n and earth possesses;
Who looks in love
To Christ above,
No fear that heart oppresses.
In You alone,
Dear Lord, we own
Sweet hope and consolation,
Our shield from foes,
Our balm for woes,
Our great and sure salvation.

2.
Though Satan's wrath
Beset our path
And worldly scorn assail us,
While You are near,
We shall not fear;
Your strength will never fail us.
Your rod and staff
Will keep us safe
And guide our steps forever;
Nor shades of death
Nor hell beneath
Our lives from You will sever.

3.
In all the strife
Of mortal life
Our feet will stand securely;
Temptation's hour
Will lose its pow'r,
For You will guard us surely.
O God, renew
With heav'nly dew
Our body, soul, and spirit
Until we stand
At Your right hand
Through Jesus' saving merit.

(*LSB* 714)