

THE CHIMES



A Message From Pastor Brett

I write this message to you having just finished our Thursday morning Bible study on January 16. We studied the Gospel text for Sunday the 19th from John when Jesus attended the wedding in Cana with his mother and disciples. You'll recall the miracle (or "sign," as John says) that Jesus performs at the wedding is turning water into wine—and we're not talking about a couple of bottles. He used 6 jars that were for ritual purification, each about 20-30 gallons. We're looking at somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons—or 600 to 900 standard bottles of wine! I can only imagine that was more than enough to keep the wedding celebration going!

What we should keep in mind from this passage is that even when we think we are empty—of whatever that may be: strength, patience, resources, hope—Jesus is always there waiting to offer more. And not just "more," but so much that that abundance will be overwhelming.

I think about this when I consider our future as Luther Memorial Church. There are plenty of

times when it's easy for us to lament for the "good old days" when the pews were packed and the coffers were overflowing. (I'm sure the folks at the wedding who were finding out that the wine was out were longing for the time when the wine was flowing like a river!)

But does the fact that we are smaller today or that we have to pay closer attention to our spending mean that we are somehow less than what we were in the past or that God no longer has a part for us to play in God's work here in Quincy? Absolutely not! But it does remind us that we cannot place our faith in ourselves or what we have. We must place our faith in God's promise to use us, to provide for us, and to prepare us for God's work here.

God is not done with us, but I gather God is calling us to a mission and a ministry like nothing we have ever considered before. Let's move forward in strong faith and our all of our trust in the Lord.

Peace,

Pastor Brett

HELP US GET IT RIGHT!

Help Us
Get Your
Info Right!



Update Your Info!

We are currently updating contact information and other helpful info for our congregation.

Please use the QR code or visit <http://UpdateInfo.LMCQuincy.org>

We are planning to send the Chimes newsletter via e-mail to people with a valid e-mail address starting in November 2024.

Table Talks

Different Brews | Different Views

1st and 3rd Thursdays at the Ratskeller – 7:00 p.m.

Spirited Conversation on Spiritual Matters



**Ash Wednesday
Worship
March 5 at 7:00 p.m.**

JOIN US FOR
BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Caltown Coffeehouse - 432 S. 8th Street, Quincy

**everything
[in] between**

a Lenten series in Luke's gospel

"Everything [in] Between"
A Lenten Series in Luke's Gospel
Mid-Week Lenten Meals and Worship
in Partnership with
Christ Lutheran Church

**Wednesdays starting March 12.
Light Supper from 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Worship from 6:30-7:00 p.m.**

**Free-Will Offering for Suppers
Volunteers to help with supper and cleanup
are encouraged!**

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Over/ Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
Contributions	\$153,264	\$113,000	\$40,264	\$113,000
Loose Offering	1,303	2,000	-697	2,000
Total	\$154,567	\$115,000	\$39,567	\$115,000

Mark Your Calendar

Leadership Lab 2025



Leadership Lab

High school students, young adults and adults plan to attend at Augustana College on June 23 -28. Contact **Amber Casley** at tacasley08@yahoo.com with questions or to register.

Crossways Confirmation Camp

Youth currently in grades 6th - 8th, plan to attend Confirmation Camp 2025, June 9 - 13. Contact **Pastor Brett** at pastor.brett@lmcquincy.org with questions or to register.



Youth Group & Kids Club will meeting, Sunday, **March 9**,
from **12 pm - 2 pm**
No meeting in February.



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE DINNER

Please join us for pancakes, sausage,
coffee, and juice

*gluten free option available

MARCH 4, 2025 | 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Luther Memorial Church 12th & Jersey St

Free will offering to benefit the LMC youth
group trips

Food Pantry



If you would like to volunteer at the food pantry, please call Stephanie at 217-316-0758.

Midwest Food Bank Distribution will be received on **Monday, February 24**, around 8:30 a.m. **Volunteers Needed to help put products on the shelves!!**

Volunteers:

Food Pantry Hours 9-11 am

Feb 04 - Rich Demien, Stephanie Demien, Lisa Machold, Tanna Barry, Lorraine Wickman

Feb 11 - Mary Jane Pratt, Kathy Dieker, Cheryl Brinkman, July Poppe, Sharon Kendall

Feb 18 - Mary Jane Pratt, Kathy Dieker, Sharon Kendall, July Poppe, **1 more volunteer needed**

Feb 25 - Lorraine Wickman, Rich Demien, Stephanie Demien, Lisa Machold, **1 more volunteer needed**



A big **THANK YOU** to all who donated food during Advent. We can always count on the people of LMC to come through in times of need. Without your support, our Food Pantry Ministry would not be able to meet the many needs of families in our community.

Also, **THANK YOU** to our friends at Christ Lutheran Church for the food donation.

ITEMS OF THE MONTH

February - Paper Towels, Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta (Ravioli, SpagettiOs, etc), Canned Vegetables, Soup, Spagetti, Peanut Butter (Small Jar)

Monetary gifts are always appreciated.



Upcoming Events

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EVERY SUNDAY

09:30 am - Worship Service of
Word & Sacrament

10:30 am - Fellowship - Great Room

10:30 am - Faith Formation - Great Room

Recovery Group

Every Sunday at 6 pm
Every Tuesday at 7 pm
Every Friday at 6 pm

Women's Support Group

Kala Breder, Facilitator
2nd Wednesday each month - 7:00 pm

Toastmasters

1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday monthly - 12 - 1:00 pm

AA Support Group - Fellowship Hall

Monday - Saturday 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - 6:00 pm
Wednesday - 7:30 pm
Friday - 7:00 pm
Saturday - 8:15 - 9:15 pm
Sunday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Food Pantry Schedule

Every Monday - Stock Day - 8:00 am

Every Tuesday - 9:00 - 11:00 am

Feb 01 - Monthly Property Work Day - 9A - 12P

Feb 03 - Worship Arts Team Meeting - 7 pm

Feb 04 - After School Hang Out - 2:30 pm

Feb 05 - Confirmation Class - 3:00 pm

Feb 05 - Intergenerational Summer Planning -
7 pm

Feb 06 - Bible Study - 10 am Calftown Coffee
Shop

Feb 06 - Table Talk - 7 pm @ Ratskeller

Feb 11 - Finance Team Meeting - 11 am

Feb 11 - After School Hangout - 2:30 pm

Feb 11 - Church Council Meeting - 7 pm

Feb 13 - Youth Ministry Team Meeting-5:30 pm

Feb 18 - After School Hangout - 2:30 pm

Feb 19 - Confirmation Class - 3:00 pm

Feb 20 - Bible Study - 10 am Calftown Coffee
Shop

Feb 20 -Table Talk - 7 pm @ Ratskeller

Feb 25 - After School Hangout - 2:30 pm

Feb 27 - Bible Study - 10 am Calftown Coffee
Shop

Mar 04 - Shove Tuesday Pancake Dinner -
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Mar 05 - Ash Wednesday Worship - 7:00 pm

Mar 09 - Youth Group & Kids Club - 12 - 2 pm

Mar 12 - Lenten Meals & Worship Begin at
Christ Lutheran Church

Jun 09-13 - Confirmation Camp

Jun 23-28 - Leadership Lab

**For Updates, see
our Online
Calendar at
lmcquincy.org**

STAY UP TO DATE!!!

Happy Birthday



Rob Miller - 5
Joe Brinkman - 12
Kiley Buettner - 12
Skylar Engle Dieker - 14
Bill Machold - 15
Kala Breder - 29
Lianne Whiteside 29



H A P P Y

A N N I V E R S A R Y

None

*Did we miss someone's birthday or anniversary?
If so, please contact the Church Office, 217-222-5085,
so we can make it right!*

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH
ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA -
2024 JANUARY 26, 2025

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Call at 10:50

I.

Procedural Items

A. Appointment of Parliamentarian

II.

MOTION to approve the prior congregational minutes: Mark Snider

Seconded: Jessica Snider

Motion carries

B. Credentials Committee: Tanna Barry, Louraine Wickman, and Kara Moon

C. Tellers: Amber Casley and Stephanie Demien D. Determination of a

Quorum and Certification of Meeting

Quorum Present: 32 voting members in attendance

III.

Recognition of Council Members Completing Their Service:
Amber Casley, Mark Snider, Stephanie Demien

IV.

Reports

A. Congregation President and Pastor

- President Mark Dedert p.
- Statistical Information p.
- Pastor Brett Gosteli p.

B. Resource Development

- Treasurer’s Report - Rich Demien, Treasurer..... p.
- Memorial Committee - Rich Demien, Chair p.
- Property Committee - Rich Demien, Chair p.

C. Mission Outreach & Evangelism Ministry

- Food Pantry Ministry - Stephanie Demien, Chair p.

D. Worship Arts Ministry - Bill Machold, Chair p.

E. Children & Youth Ministry - Kari Gosteli, Outgoing Chair . p.

V.

New Business

Amber Casley, Incoming Chair

A. Creation of the LMC Future-State Task Force

B. Presentation and Approval of 2025 Budget p.

MOTION to approve the 2025 Budget: Amber Casley

Seconded: Stephanie Demien

Motion carries

C. Election of 2025 Nominating Committee

- Jessica Snider nominates Isaac Gosteli
- Isaac Gosteli nominates Jessica Snider
- Lisa Machold nominates Bill Machold
- Kathy Dieker nominates Connor Casley
- Jessica Snider nominates Jason Washington

MOTION to accept the slate for the nominating committee: Kara Moon

Seconded: Lisa Machold

Motion carries

D. Nominating Committee 2024 Report – Election to

Church Council p.

- Tony Casley
- Lisa Machold

MOTION to approve the nominated council member: Mark Snider

Seconded: Jason Washington

Motion approved

- Jessica Nominates Stephanie Demien

MOTION to approve of Stephanie Demien: Tom Oliver

Seconded Connie Hamby

Motion carries

VI. Adjournment

MOTION to adjourn meeting: Tom Oliver

Seconded: Kari Gosteli

Motion carries

Meeting adjourned at 11:30

VII. The Lord's Prayer

Council Officers:

- Lisa Machold nominates Mark Dedert as President, Connie seconded
- Rich Demien nominates Jason Washington as vice president, Connie seconded
- Lisa Machold nominates Addie Gosteli as secretary, Connie seconded

MOTION approved

Luther Memorial Church Council Meeting Minutes

Mark Dedert, President - Jason Washington, Vice President - Addison Gosteli, Secretary - Rich Demien, Treasurer - Rev. Brett Gosteli, Pastor

Tuesday, January 14th, 2024

In Attendance: Mark Dedert, Jason Washington, Addie Gosteli, Rich Demien, Amber Casley, Stephanie Demien, Connie Hamby, Mark Snider, Lorraine Wickman, and Pastor Brett Gosteli

Absent: Kala Breder (excused)

Quorum Present.

1. Call to Order

- a. Mark Dedert called the meeting to order at 7:05

2. Prayer

3. Dwelling in the Word

4. Consent Agenda (Seek approval of entire docket, otherwise removal of items for individual approval.)

- a. Approval of last meeting's minutes
- b. Pastor's Report (see report)
- c. Finance Team (see report)
- d. Worship Arts (see report)
- e. Food Pantry (see report)
- f. Youth Ministry Team (no meeting in January)

MOTION: Addie Gosteli moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Jason Washington seconded. Motion carried.

5. New Business

- a. Budget Town Hall Feedback
 - i. Wedding Chapel
- b. "Future of LMC" Task Force.
 - i. Group of 5, not required to be on council (suggestions were discussed)
 - ii. Have data presentable by next annual meeting
- c. Nominating Committee Report
- d. Annual Meeting
 - i. Agenda Draft
 - ii. Roles/Needs
- e. Visitor Feedback

6. Old Business

- a. Pastor Brett's Upcoming Vacation Sunday, January 19 (Mark Snider to lead worship).
- b. AED training/certification: Current status.
- c. Council Greeter sign-up:
 - i. Sunday, January 19 – Mark Dedert
 - ii. Sunday, January 26 – Connie Hamby
 - iii. Sunday, February 2 – Lorrain Wickman
 - iv. Sunday, February 9 – Jason Washington

7. Ministry Teams: Items Not Presented in Reports

- a. Finance Team - Rich Demien, Treasurer
- b. Property Team - Rich Demien, Chair
- c. Memorial Committee - Rich Demien, Chair

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- d. Food Pantry - Stephanie Demien, Council Representative
- e. Worship Arts - Amber Casley, Council Representative
- f. Youth Ministry - Amber Casley, Council Representative
- i. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner: March 4th

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 10th - 7:00 pm

9. Announcements

10. Adjournment

MOTION: Amber Casley moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Demien seconded. Motion carried.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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1210 Jersey Street
Quincy, IL 62301-4210

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



February 2025

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