

THE CHIMES



Message from the Pastor

I'm sitting outside on a Tuesday evening watching the sun start its descent through the pine trees. My two youngest children are playing with the neighbor kids who are several years younger than them. Yet they regale in feigning inability as they allow the smaller ones to be "competitive" in their game. A broad smile crosses my face as I watch and I realize for the first time since early this morning, I have taken and released a nice, deep, relaxed breath—truly joyful and thankful for my kids, the people they are growing up to be, the beautiful autumn weather, and all of God's gifts. It's then I realize I am especially thankful for the small gifts that I often overlook: a light evening breeze, the laughter of carefree kids who simply enjoy being in one another's presence, the smell of smoke off the grill, the soundtrack of my favorite tunes playing on the radio.

One of the many things in which I consistently struggle is being thankful. It seems there is always something more I am striving to be or to accomplish, something I want to have or do. If not that, it is the frustration of a to-do list as long as my arm, a never-ending list of household chores, obligations to run kids to and from non-stop, a calendar full of meetings, and the feeling that I never "measure-up" that hinder me from seeing that which is right in front of me: God is so very good and I am so thankful for all that God has given me. This includes not only the "good" things, but the struggles and trials that help me to grow as a person and a Christian and help me see the beauty in life I might otherwise miss.

November is a month to focus on being thankful. This does not always come naturally, but it must be intentionally practiced daily in order that it might become a habit, and then, a part of our character and our being. Studies have shown that people who are truly and genuinely thankful are happier and live longer lives than others, even when considering countless other factors that one would think would have a greater impact.

This month, my challenge to each of you and to myself is to find one thing—just one thing—that you are thankful for each day. It can be big or small. Whatever it is, grab a sheet of paper and write it down. Use the same sheet of paper for the whole month. Then, on Thanksgiving Day (I know it's not quite the end of the month, but it's close), read it out loud in a prayer of thanksgiving to God for the blessings you have in your life. Share these with a friend or a family member. Thankfulness is contagious. I will share mine each day on the LMC Facebook page as well. I invite you to comment on the post with what you are thankful for that day.

May we all give thanks for the good things the Lord has given to each of us. After all, a thankful heart is a happy heart.

God's peace,

Pastor Brett

Safeguarding God's Children



**SAFE
ZONE**

As mentioned in the letter sent out in October, LMC is working with the synod to implement a Safe Church policy that will help us to ensure that LMC is always a safe place for everyone who enters.

As part of this effort, and to comply with Illinois statutes, anyone in our congregation who supervises children as part of their role—whether a volunteer or paid—needs to complete the tasks outlined at <http://safechurch.lmcquincy.org>. This includes nursery staff and volunteers, Faith Formation leaders, VBS staff, youth trip supervisors/chaperones, etc.

Tasks includes:

- Agreeing to a background check and providing the necessary information to complete it.
- Completing the DCFS Mandated Reporter Training.
- Reviewing the Safeguarding God's Children policy and completing the associated questionnaire.

If you are unsure as to whether you need to complete these items, please contact the church office or Pastor Brett.

Church Work Day!



Every Month – First Saturday – 9:00 a.m.

Join us in working to keep our worship facility in good repair and looking nice. Many hands make light the work! There is always plenty to do.

Faith Formation

(historically known as “Sunday school”)

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. following worship

For ALL Ages!

Come grow in faith and fellowship!

Adults in the Great Room

Children & Youth Upstairs

SYNOD YOUTH RETREAT

Save the Dates: November 17-19

This year's synod retreat for youth ages sixth grade through high school will be held November 17-19 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville. The out of pocket cost is the registration fee of \$189/participant. If you are interested in attending or have questions, contact Kari Gosteli at 309-657-5175 or kari@gosteli.org.



The Finance Team developed the 2024 Budget Process at their recent meeting on October 10th.

- **10-29-23** Due date for the pledge cards to be submitted to the church office.
- **11-15-23** Ministry Team Leads submit 2024 Budget request submitted to church office.
- **12-05-23** Ministry team leads meet with church council to present preliminary 2024 Budget requests.
- **12-12-23** Church council approves the 2024 Budget.
- **01-15-24** All Annual Report content due to the church office.
- **01-28-24** Annual Meeting Date immediately after church.
- **01-21-24** The Annual Report **will not be mailed** but can be picked up at the office.
- **01-28-24** The Annual Meeting will be held immediately after church.

Worship in the Park

On September 24, the congregation of Luther Memorial Church gathered at Wavering Park for outdoor worship and carry-in lunch. More than 50 people were in attendance! It was a beautiful morning of praise to God and fellowship.



Bishop Busboom Installed



On September 23, the Reverend Dr. Greg G. Busboom was installed as the Bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod. Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, the church-wide Bishop of the ELCA presided over the installation worship service. Pastor Brett Gosteli and his wife Kari were in attendance for this celebration as was Pastor Daniel Granger of our friends at Christ Lutheran Church.



ITEMS OF THE MONTH

The item for November is canned beans and fruit. (Not corn or green beans) *Boxed Cereal is desperately needed.* Please consider picking up extra items for the pantry. Remember, monetary gifts are always appreciated.



Food Pantry

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November - Canned Beans, Fruit or Veggies (not corn or green beans)

December - Peanut Butter (16 oz.) & Jelly

January - Toiletries (Small Shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush)

February - Paper Towels/Toilet Paper

March - Boxed Pasta (Not Mac & Cheese) & Spices

April - Canned Soup/Ramen

May - Dish Soap (small) Laundry Detergent (Sheets or Small Bottles)

June - Energy Drinks, Gatorade, Water

July - Cereal & Microwave Popcorn

Volunteers

Midwest Food Bank Distribution will be received on Monday, **November 27**, around 8:30 a.m. **Volunteers Needed to help put products on the shelves!!**

November Food Pantry 9-11 am
Volunteers:

November 07 - Sharon Kendall, Lorraine Wickman, Tanna Barry, Rich Demien, and Stephanie Demien

November 14 - Kathy Dieker, Rich Demien and Stephanie Demien

November 21 - Kathy Dieker, Jennifer Bock-Nelson, Lorraine Wickman, Sharon Kendall

Novembr 28 - Kathy Dieker, Rich Demien, and Stephanie Demien

HY-Vee Bakery Pick Up 2023

November - John Kendall

December - Rich Demien

Upcoming Youth Events

2023 Youth Events

November 17-19

Carlinville Youth Retreat
at Lake Williamson
Christian Center

2024 Youth Events

June 10-14

Crossways Confirmation Camp
at Augustana College

June 24-29

Leadership Lab
at Augustana College

July 16-20

ELCA Youth Gathering
in New Orleans
(only occurs every 3 years)

Upcoming Events

EVERY SUNDAY

- 9:30 am - Worship Service of Word and Sacrament
- 10:30 am - Fellowship in the Great Room
- 10:45 am - Faith Formation
(Adults, Children, and Youth)

EVERY THURSDAY

- 10:00 am - Bible Study @ Calftown Coffee House

FIRST & FOURTH WEDNESDAY

- 4:00 pm - Confirmation

Nov 06 - Worship Arts Meeting - 7:00 pm

Nov 09 - Table Talk - 7:00 pm @ Ratskeller

Nov 09 - Youth Ministry Meeting - 7:00 pm

Nov 14 - Finance Team Meeting - 11:00 am

Nov 14 - Church Council Meeting - 7:00 pm

Nov 16 - Table Talk - 7:00 pm @ Ratskeller

Nov 20 - Stewardship Ministry Meeting - 7:00 pm

Nov 21 - Executive Meeting - 7:00 pm

Nov 27 - Midwest Food Bank Delivery Day - 8:30 am

Dec 10 - Poinsetta order due church office

Jan 28 - Annual Meeting

FOOD PANTRY SCHEDULE

- Every Monday - Stock Day - 8:00 am
- Every Tuesday - Open to Patrons - 9:00 - 11:00 am

Recovery Group Meeting - Church Basement

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

Women's Support Group Meeting - Great Room - Kala Breder Facilitator

- 2nd Wednesday each month at 7:00 pm

AA Support Group Meeting - Church Basement -

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

Happy Birthday



Jefferson Miller Grawe - 1
Noah Oliver - 1
Sherry Centanni - 2
Leah Hughes - 3
Sophia Gasko - 4
Courtney McGlaughlin Gasko - 9
Scott Hamby - 9
Charles Breder - 14
Myrtle Cheney - 17
Matthew Hale - 27



John & Sharon Kendall - 6
Christopher & Lori Hale - 28

Did we miss someone's birthday or anniversary?

If so, please contact the Church Office, 217-222-5085, so we can make it right!

THANK YOU GOD FOR:



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Church Council Meeting-Luther Memorial Church

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

In attendance: Mark Snider, Pastor Brett Gosteli, Rich Demien, Stephanie Demien, Amber Casley, Lorraine Wickman and Tom Oliver.

Not in attendance: Kala Breder, Addison Gosteli, Kara Moon, and Brandon Dieker.

President Mark Snider called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

Pastor Brett led the group in prayer and Dwelling in the Word.

Rich made a motion to approve the minutes from last month's meeting. Tom seconded. Motion carried.

4. Pastor's report

- a. 5 Confirmands from Luther Memorial this year.
- b. Faith Formations have resumed which required major clean-up of upstairs area. Pastor is hopeful we will see more participation especially in our children and youth faith formation.
- c. Bible studies continue on Thursday mornings at 10:00 at Calftown Café.

5. New Business

- a. Council Visioning was discussed. We are working towards reaching some of our goals. Especially those around community outreach, accessibility, and getting information out to people. To that end we are planning a community meal in February.
- b. Everyone working with children and youth in the church is to fill out forms found at <http://safechurch.lmcquincy.org>. There will be information in the Chimes about this. This will cover safe church, mandated reporting, and background checks.
- c. Discussion was held about various ways to make visitors more comfortable when coming to Luther Memorial. Tom is going to bring something to our next meeting.
- d. Discussion was held on how to bring the Council Roster more into a 3-year rotation. To that end, it was suggested that Mark Snider and Stephanie Demien be dropped to a two-year term ending in 2025 and Amber Casley to serve a one-year term ending in 2025.

6. Old Business

- a. Council Greeter Sign-ups 13

Sunday, October 15--Amber

Sunday, October 22--Stephanie

Sunday, October 29--Lorraine

Sunday, November 5—Tom

Sunday, November 12—Mark

While ushers have been charged with collecting the offering, Council Greeters are still encouraged to greet people as they come up the steps.

b. Stewardship Team

Pledge cards and letters went out 10/10.

c. Membership Roster

Work continues on getting a more accurate member roster.

e. Robocall—Trunk or Treat on October 29, Return Pledge Cards by October 29.

7. Ministry Team Reports

a. Finance Team

--10-29 is the due date for pledge cards to be submitted

--11-15 All 2024 budget requests should be submitted

Rich made a motion to change the name structure of the investment accounts. The Krueger Scholarship Account will change to the Ministry Scholarship Account. The Heithold Endowment—ELCA will change to Reserve—Primary, and Operations—Secondary. Mark seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

Rich made a motion to take out the Mission Outreach line item on the balance sheet. Motion was seconded by Tom. Motion carried.

b. Property Team—Still working on the lights in the sanctuary. The change from Cool to Heat was done by Heck Heating and Cooling on 10/10. Keck will continue to evaluate and give suggestions on our heating and cooling systems.

c. Memorial Team—Tanna Barry is working on getting costs for new paraments. A television was bought for the Pre-K/K Faith Formation

d. Food Pantry—Received a \$5000 donation from the Tracy Foundation to buy food. We continue to see 30-35 families weekly, many of them new to our pantry. The next food delivery will be October 23. We continue to need help with stocking on Mondays and working the Pantry on Tuesdays. We had one freezer stop working at the cost of -about #70 pork. We have served 1001 unique individuals from June1-September 30.

e. Worship Arts—Worship in the Park had great attendance. October 22, Pastor will be out, but will do a musical service. November 12, Pastor will be gone, Rich Demien will be lay leader. October 31, Reformation Sunday, we will have Bibles to give out to third graders and anyone older who has not received a Bible. November 19 is the youth retreat at Lake Willamson. Pastor is willing to go unless we have another male chaperon willing to go. LMC will not be having a Thanksgiving Eve service.

f. Youth Ministry--The next WOW Sunday will be October 29th. Trunk or Treat will be held in the church parking lot from 3-4:30 on October 29. On October 22, the youth group will meet for pizza and games

after Faith Formation. Saturday, December 10 will be a Family event to make Christmas candies and cookies for shut-ins and first responders,

8. **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 14 at 7:00

9. Announcements

a. Zoom Meeting on December 5th to review the budget.

b. Executive Council Meeting—Tuesday, September 19th at 7:00 October 17 at 7:00.

Stephanie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Tom seconded. Motion carried.

We ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Demien, substitute Church Council Secretary



Stay Up to Date!
lmcquincy.org/calendar
 Have an event to promote?
 Contact the church office
 at 217-222-5085 or
[office@lmcquincy.org!](mailto:office@lmcquincy.org)



Hospitalized & Homebound Disciples

If you or someone you know is hospitalized or stuck at home, please let the church office know so Pastor Brett can make a visit.

Call 217-222-5085.



POINSETTA FORM

BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY FOR CHRISTMAS!!

NAME: _____

How Many Poinsettia _____ **Cost \$10 each** _____

In Honor/Memory of _____

(Optional)

DEADLINE TO ORDER IS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH, 2023.

**Contact the church office to place your order.
Make checks payable to Luther Memorial Church.**

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all with Gods' love, and sharing our
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