

June 2017



Upcoming Services and Events

June 4th

Combined Service,
Potluck
The Dedication of
the Organ Service
Pentecost Sunday
(Wear Red)

June 11th

Communion
Recognition of
Graduates
Blessing for VBS
Volunteers
Trinity Sunday

June 18th

Father's Day
Recognition
VBS Presentation

June 25th

Baptism of Myles
Pelikan & Reception
of Membership for
the Pelikan Family
Coffee Fellowship
Loose Change
Sunday

The New Wine

Dear Members of Lemont UMC,

As we look around, we easily see our corn fields, gardens, and even trees on the streets are growing and, especially, Acacia trees are blooming beautifully with the fragrance. My vegetable garden is providing us fresh onion leeks, radish leaves, and spinach. It is obviously a season of growing. As the Easter season is ended and Pentecost Sunday is approaching, it would be good to remind you of the Holy Spirit who makes us grow in loving God and serving others. In understanding the work of the Holy Spirit, it is our tendency to think that it is the Holy Spirit's job to make us feel better. Of course, the Spirit as Comforter eases our distress, encourages us, and comes to us in times of trouble to remind us of Jesus' presence and promises. Yet, in the Pentecost story in Acts, the Holy Spirit descended like tongues of flame and like a violent wind and prompted the disciples to make disruptive, disturbing, and life changing work through the power of God. Everyone who witnessed the disciples' multi-lingual ability was bewildered, amazed, and astonished.

According to a commentary, the word which was translated as Comforter and Advocate in John 15 is *Paraclete*, which is a compound Greek word that means "to come alongside another." Based on this translation, the work of the Holy Spirit is to come alongside us to encourage and equip us for the task of ministry. The Spirit stirs and shakes things up to come alongside us to share the life-giving word of grace of God for all people. In this understanding, it is not only the pastor's job to teach, preach, share faith, pray, give witness and visit the sick, but it is also your call by God's Spirit to come along side another to do the same.

We all have been joined by our baptism into the community of faith to encourage, equip, and testify the Word of God for the work of love, peace, and justice. If we, the church, ignore the work of the Holy Spirit individually or communally, we cannot grow and bear fruits. Moreover, we become dangerous because we will lose our direction, hope, and purpose for our future. Jesus sent us the Holy Spirit to continue the ministry of Him: fellowship, praying, discerning, correcting, taking care of the needy and feeding the hungry, evangelizing to everyone, encouraging, equipping, and testifying the truth of God. Only the Holy Spirit enables us to continue these ministries and missions; grow and bear fruits; make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Let us continue the ministry of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit in and through our daily lives and our church ministries and missions.

VBS is one of the most important parts of our ministries and missions to the children and youth in our community and beyond. We are going to **have VBS 2017, "Maker Fun Factory," from June 12 to 16, 2017.** Over 100 children with 60 youth and 30 adults volunteers are involved in this event. There are items needed. Please support VBS through your prayers, presence, gifts, and service. As we plant and sow seeds of the gospel in the hearts of the children and youth, they will grow and bear fruits in the future and make our world better place. Come join the ministry of the kingdom of God. May the Holy Spirit make you grow in loving God and serving others.

In the Holy Spirit who comes alongside another,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 2-Adam Anderson
June 2-Philip Ramos
June 6-April Lange
June 9-Patrick Woytek
June 10-Mike Chappell
June 10-Al Janovyak
June 11-George Lubben
June 15-Grace Kirkman
June 18-Alice Lange
June 18-Theo Nelson
June 19-Marge Fox
June 19-Jordan Kehr
June 21-Annie Woytek

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

June 3-Don & Pat Farrer
June 6-Mark & Vickie Olinger
June 13-Steve & Gina Walter
June 20-Gene & Joanne Gosczycki
June 21-Jackie & Anthony Ferrazzi
June 24-George & Linda Lubben
June 28-Tom & GleeAnn Kehr



SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Friendly Scrip Reminder.....

Scrip can be bought as a gift card, or as your own card to be used as cash wherever your favorite place to shop may be. You buy a card for \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 and YOU GET \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 to use as cash. The church automatically gets a percentage. The list of all participating merchants, restaurants, gas stations are in the back of the church. I now have Meijer, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Walgreens, Walmart/Sam's Club, Panera, Jewel, Bass Pro Shop, Home Depot, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target, and Kohl's. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU BUY A KOHL'S CARD YOU CAN USE IT TO PAY YOUR CHARGE! AND THE CHURCH GETS THE PROFIT! At this point no other card that I know of Yet allows you to do that. Scrip is the easiest *Ongoing* fundraiser to participate in. We all just have to get in the habit of buying those cards to keep on hand for things we purchase or place we go on a regular basis. As proceeds build up, they can be dispersed where our current need is. **We started the program 12/7/2015 and as of 12/27/2016 our profits are \$968.44!** So basically all our profits will be kept until a need arises and the money will be there!

Fundraising Shop

WHILE YOU



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You purchase gift cards from your organization at face value, and your coordinator orders those cards from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a reduced price. The difference is an instant rebate for your organization. It's really that simple!

Great Lakes Scrip Center offers over 300 of the country's biggest brands, including grocery, department stores, gas stations, restaurants, hotels, home improvement, and more. Just by using scrip to pay for your normal weekly purchases, you can easily raise \$500 or more per year. It's time to put your shopping dollars to work!

Customize this field with coordinator contact info, enrollment code, and/or sign-up information.

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OPEN PANTRY NEWS

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Open Pantry. Hours are on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00, this is light work and helpful to families that work during the day. The Open Pantry is in need of pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, ravioli cans, and medium cans of fruit.



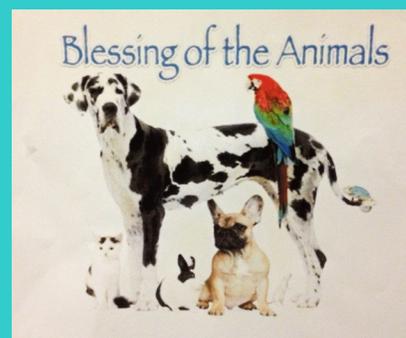
Sanctuary Volunteers Are Needed!

As you have seen, the video and audio are up and running. What we need now are volunteers! We do not want to have one person stuck in the booth every Sunday. Plus we need to spread the knowledge around so when someone goes on vacation, there will be someone to fill in. Our goal is to have 4-6 people who are comfortable flipping through the computer presentation slides and 4-6 people who are comfortable raising and lower the sound on a mic so we do not have feedback. You do not have to worry. We will walk you through the programs and train you so you feel comfortable with the devices! We just need volunteers!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for both sound volunteers. We need people for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. The more we have the better. That means that everyone will be able to sit with their family most Sundays. So, please put your name on the sign up sheet or stop by the booth and let Jana Stelter or someone on the Worship committee know. We will get you familiar with the program so you can get in the rotation to volunteer for a service.

PET BLESSING

Please join us and invite your family and friends to come to Lemont United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 9th at 11:30 a.m. for a Pet Blessing. Come and share your love of animals with us!



Calling All Musicians

We are encouraging all musicians and singers who are interested in joining the Praise Band to contact Leslie, Bob, or Jana.

Come join us!



Upcoming Worship Services

Exciting things happen in June and July
Come and join us~!

June 4, The Dedication of the Organ, Combined Service and Potluck

Pentecost Sunday (Wear Red)

June 11, Recognition of Graduates and Blessing for VBS Volunteers

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June 25, Baptism of Myles Pelikan

July 9, 11:30 a.m. Pet Blessing

THANK YOU

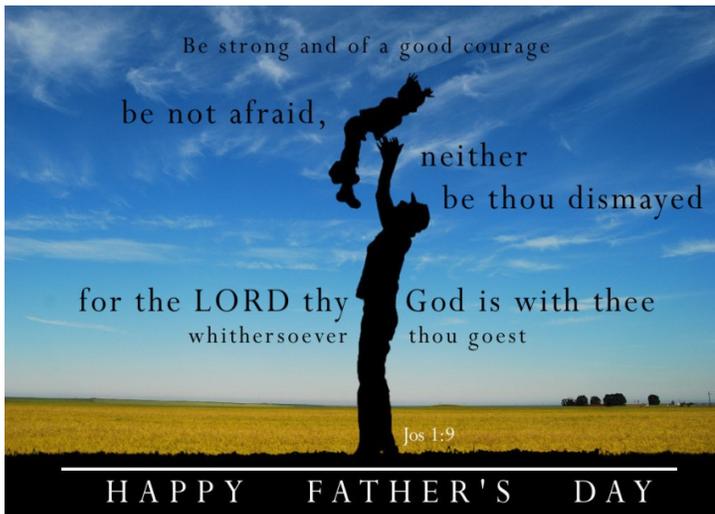
Our thanks go out to the volunteers who showed up for the Lemont Food Pantry Drive, we are blessed with giving workers. Dale Janssen, Carolyn Stelter, Curtis Stelter, Jana Stelter, Ron Walter, Dave Anderson, and the Englund, as well as a scout from Troop 49 and his dad. We were able to sort 20 tons of food donated through the US Post Office in Lemont.



Jana Stelter was at church on Tuesday and saw a woman drive up to the back of the church. She was not a member, but she had a car full of groceries to donate. As Jana and Amy Cheehy helped her unload she mentioned she was from Lemont but heard of the problem at Joliet. The Post Office in Joliet had 50 tons of food donated in their city. Unfortunately, no one showed up to collect it. In a city as large as Joliet with many churches NO ONE bothered to avail themselves of free groceries. In a city with many hungry, poor people, NO ONE took the time to deliver free food to a church or pantry. The woman had heard about it on Facebook after the Post Office had announced free food for anyone who would show up.

She drove to the Post Office, filled her car, and drove to the only place she could think of that would put it to good use.....Lemont United Methodist Church.

We are a very small candle burning in the darkness.....



LUMC Women's Book Club

June 13th– Safe Haven

July 11th– The Mystery at Sag Bridge
(This book available at The Smokey Row Antique Store-next H&H in Lemont)



Thank You LUMC

Late in April I spent a week at Silver Cross Hospital with 5 five days in the ICU. I was released after three dialysis treatment and LOTS of blood tests and anti-bacterial medications. I had two lasting memories of that stay. First were the tremendous amount of TV commercials I had to watch since I could not skip over them like I do at home.

But the best memories were the visits from family and church members. George and Alice Lange even brought me some cookies (which I had to hide and eat one a day since I was on a strict diet). I was also grateful to hear the many questions and concerns I heard when I was able to attend a church service. Thank you for your concerns and prayers on my behalf. I am truly grateful to have such a loving and concerned family.

Marty Knott

RED BIRD MISSION YARD SALE/'TREASURE HUNT'

THE RED BIRD MISSION COMMITTEE is sponsoring a Yard Sale/Treasure Hunt at the Lemont United Methodist Church to raise money for the 2018 mission trip on:

Saturday June 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

We are asking for slightly used items for the sale.

All items will be welcome except for clothing.

Donation drop off time is Friday June 23rd from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

and Saturday morning from 7:00- 8:30 at the LUMC.

Pick up truck volunteers are needed for after the sale.

If you have items you would like picked up or you would like to volunteer for the sale please contact Steve Walter at 630-853-9514 or email at: swalter@pbaclaims.com

FUN OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a fun way to participate and serve our church? Then think about joining our Activities Committee. We will be planning activities that include everyone for the year. Some suggestions have been a talent show, a ladies luncheon, a game night, a campfire and movies. If you are interested, please contact Peg Pecher: (847-204-1747) or the church. Come help us make our church a joy filled church.



SUGGESTED NEW MINISTRY

In a recent Upper Room devotional, the author talked about visiting a retirement center for fellowship and sharing with the residents. After reading this article, I was so moved. Maybe we could form a group to have this kind of ministry! In the Lemont area, there are many centers. Please call me if you are interested. My number is: [815 838 6318](tel:8158386318). Looking forward to hear from you.

Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

June 4

9:30-Peg Pecher

June 11

9:30- Bill Stelter

June 18

**9:30- Joanne
Goszczynski**

June 25

9:30-Jana Stelter

Greatest Contentment

By Richard H. Lee

Do you know what it means to be content with what you have? Other terms like this are having enough or satisfied. And there are many things we can be content with or find adequate but others that continue to bother us. In the Bible Paul teaches the churches about being content, especially in the letter to the Philippians chapter 4. Jesus also teaches about being content and not seeking riches or many possessions in the Sermon on the Mount and the parables such as the Rich Man in Matthew 19, Mark 10 and Luke 18: 18-30.

I think it is very surprising that Jesus tells the rich man, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor" and then the man went away sad but unwilling to be generous (Good News Bible). What would happen if this message was preached in our churches today? Doing a word search with the Internet resource Bible Gateway.com we find Paul explaining how much trouble and persecutions he has experienced in Second Corinthians 12:10 and yet he didn't give up or go into hiding.

In the letter to the Philippians Paul explains how we should be joyful and rejoicing in the Lord in 4:4. Then he says to have good thoughts and dwell on peace in 4:8-9 so this is a mental attitude. Being satisfied economically is hard but has many benefits as he explains in 4:11 and 18. Last he explains how we should be satisfied with what we have, whether full or hungry in verse 12 and how God will supply all our needs in verse 19. Maybe Paul has already accomplished most of what he has been chosen for. The love of money can completely corrupt a man to the point of making secret deals and secret bank accounts with many lawyers and accountants to keep it safe and hidden.

Refusing someone who asks you for help will mess up your prayer requests in Matthew 6:2-4, 7:36-38, and 10:42 (giving a drink of pure water to one of my followers).



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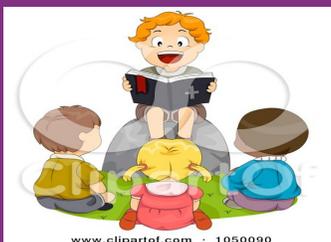
**Children's
Message
Schedule**

June 4-Mark
Huegelmann

June 11-Yaso
Laemmer

June 18-
Ron Walter

June 25-
Marty Knott



Greeters

June 4
9:30-Kennedy Family

June 11
9:30-Mark & Vickie
Olinger

June 18
9:30-Marty & Arlene
Knott

June 25
930-Joanne
Goszczycki & Joyce
Koon

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For More information please contact the church office at
(630)257-5210 or ministry leaders.

SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study:	TBA
Prayer Meeting:	TBA
ALPHA:	Craig Baxter 815-685-1900
Methodist Essential:	Bill Price 630-754-7667
VBS:	Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
The Last Supper:	Arlene Knott 708-301-2023
Adult Sunday School:	Richard Lee 630-257-7339
Sr. High Youth:	Karin Peraino 630-846-1415
Jr. High Youth:	Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
Breakfast Club:	K. Peraino 630-846-1415
Jr. High Sunday School:	K. Peraino 630-846-1415
Children's Sunday Sch:	K. Peraino 630-846-1415
Prime Timers:	Joyce Koon 630-257-6275 Joanne Goszczycki 630-257-6790
Men's Group:	Tony Ferrazzi 815-886-4177
Couples:	Tim and Karin Peraino 630-846-1415

MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR CHURCH

Prayer Warrior:	Pastor Oh 847-769-1125
Care Bear:	Alice Lange 815-838-5158
Coffee Social:	Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
Script Fundraising:	Marge Fox 630-243-8166
CAPS:	Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
Audio and Visual:	Jana Stelter 630-243-9122
Handyman:	Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
Landscape Team:	Bill Stelter 630-243-9122
Hospitality Team:	Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
Widows Group:	Richard Lee 630-257-7339
Usher Team:	Mark Olinger 815-838-0660
Welcoming Team:	Sue Hinks 630-257-6743
Worship Choir	Sue Gergescz 815-483-7282
Praise Band	TBA
Junior Choir	Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
Any Other Ministry You Would Like to Start	

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

Pantry Workday:	Church Office 630-257-5210
Panera Bread:	Church Office 630-257-5210
Daybreak Shelter:	Vickie Olinger 815-838-0660
Worthy Treasures:	Paulette Fries 815-838-6318
ESL:	Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699
Red Bird:	Steve Walter 630-783-1621
**Any Other Ministry You Would Like To Start	

Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott
Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

This is the next in a series of articles about stewardship. In these articles I will try to inform you about the many ways you can contribute to your church's programs.

“The Capital Repair Fund”

During 2016 the church had several repairs and improvements made. These expenses were initially paid for out of the Maintenance Fund but it soon became clear that additional funds would be needed. For this reason the Capital Repair Fund was re-started. This fund was initially started a few years ago to pay for the security, office, Open Pantry, and kitchen improvements that were under way.

The funds for these Capital Repair Fund start-ups were both paid by loans from church members and from our Endowment Fund. So, in July of 2016 loans were made from church members and the Endowment Fund in the total amount of \$75,000. Of this total \$55,000 were from church members. All of these loans were to be repaid as the church became capable and were paid an interest rate of 1.5% per year.

Since the total contributions to the Capital Repair Fund have reached about \$16,000 we will be making some loan repayments this month. In fact one of the smaller loans will be retired. Repayment to the Endowment Fund will be delayed until all of the member loans are paid off.

Unfortunately these contributions have been less than desired and pay-back of the loans will be slower than expected. In addition the trustees are planning on some additional church improvements that will involve some serious expenses. For these reasons, the Finance Committee encourages you to increase (or start) your giving to the Capital Repair Fund.

Our offering envelopes do not now include a line for the Capital Repair Fund and so the “blank line” has to be used. You can enter “Capital Repair Fund” on this line or simply write **CRF** instead. Thank you to those members who made loans to the church and thank all of you for your help and repaying the loans!

General Fund beginning balance:	\$25,567
Receipts:	11,909
Disbursements:	12,762
General Fund ending balance:	24,714
Maintenance Fund balance:	\$60,221

June 2017 Rainbow Covenant

In addition to our annual apportionment, LUMC makes monetary donations through the Rainbow Covenant in order to support specific causes. All loose change collected on the fourth Sunday of each month goes to support the Rainbow Covenant. Each month we highlight a charity from one of the bands of the Rainbow Covenant. For June, we are highlighting the **purple band charity, missionary, Betty Tshala in Zambia**. Betty serves in the nutrition program of the Mujila Falls Agricultural Project in the Northwestern Province of Mwinilunga, Zambia. With a degree in nursing administration, she has long taught about the overlooked treasures in the local diet, such as the Moringa tree, recently recognized by the international community as a “superfood.” (Betty’s husband, Tshala, was also a missionary supported from our Conference. He died in a bus accident in 2014 while returning from the market.) Please bring in plenty of change on **June 25th** (Loose Change Sunday) to contribute to the Rainbow Covenant. If you would like to make a larger offering to this specific charity, write **“Missionary”** on a pew envelope.

Thank you for your support of the special ministries in the Rainbow Covenant.

Organ Dedication Sunday June 4th, 9:30 a.m., Brunch to follow

Please mark your calendars for Sunday June 4th. On that day we will be celebrating our Lord through music and dedicating our new organ. Bob Gergescz and Bill Hill be highlighting the service with organ music as well as choral presentations. This will also be the beginning of our summer hours, one combined service each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. After the service, we will head downstairs for a Pot Luck Brunch and much needed fellowship.



Organ Dedication Service
Sunday, June 4, 2017 at 9:30 AM

Hope to see you all there.

Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

June 2017 Book Reviews

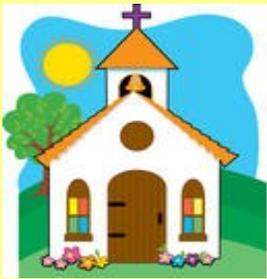
Non-fiction for the men, "Wise Guys" by Kent Evans. The cover of the book asks are you open to "unlocking hidden wisdom from the men around you." Seems to me you first have to admit to yourself that you need wisdom. Also seems to me that we all need wisdom and that we should follow the principles in this book. However, it's for guys. The author believes strongly that men who admit to needing help can learn from each other. He wants men to be open to more male friendships, to seek out certain friendships. It used to be that men learned by observing and ASKING. Now it's more that each man has to be self-made, self-reliant. BUT didn't Jesus himself seek out others? The chapters range in topics from Figuring Yourself out to Ditching the Cynicism to Excelling with lots in between. Where do you find these geniuses? Well, actually you're probably one. Also, do you know someone who has traits you'd like? Wouldn't it be great to have a list of men who have a specific expertise or behavior? For instance: the personality traits of correcting gently, knowing when to let go, welcoming kindly, always be asking, having certain skills, are chapters unto themselves-maybe one or two apply.

Can you confidently defend your faith? When friends or anyone asks you to prove the existence of God, what comes to mind? Or, more importantly, what comes out of your mouth? Do you mumble through a half-hearted explanation, or can you make a coherent case for your faith? Consider this: Thomas Aquinas often referred to as the greatest theologian of the Middle Ages, developed his five arguments for God's existence. These arguments are grounded in an Aristotelian ontology and make use of the infinite regression argument. Aquinas did not intend to fully prove the existence of God as he is orthodoxly conceived (with all of his traditional attributes) but proposed his Five Ways as a first stage, which he built upon later in his work. Aquinas' Five Ways argued from the unmoved mover, first cause, necessary being, argument from degree, and the teleological argument. The unmoved mover argument asserts that from our experience of motion in the universe (motion being the transition from potentiality to actuality) we can see that there must have been an initial mover. Aquinas argued that whatever is in motion must be put in motion by another thing, so there must be an unmoved mover. Aquinas' argument from first cause started with the premise that it is impossible for a being to cause itself (because it would have to exist before it caused itself) and that it is impossible for there to be an infinite chain of causes, which would result in an infinite regress. Therefore, there must be a first cause, itself uncaused. The argument from necessary being asserts that all beings are contingent, meaning that it is possible for them not to exist. Aquinas argued that if everything can possibly not exist, there must have been a time when nothing existed; as things exist now, there must exist a being with necessary existence, regarded as God. Aquinas argued from degree, considering the occurrence of degrees of goodness. He believed that things which are called good must be called good in relation to a standard of good. There must be a maximum goodness that which causes all goodness. The teleological argument asserts the view that things without intelligence are ordered towards a purpose. Aquinas argued that unintelligent objects cannot be ordered unless they are done so by an intelligent being, which means that there must be an intelligent being to move objects to their ends: God Seems to me that Aquinas was spot on. Not only was there a Creator, God, but He is a loving and Caring God. If He made so many things for us and us, how can He not be? There must be an intelligent being, a creator, for our creation thus we who have fallen are unintelligent beings dependent on that intelligent being for everything in our world, even the ones who don't believe. But we are bound to help others see. Greg Laurie's book "Tell Someone-You Can Share the Good News" shows and encourages, (remember Christ told us) to share (go and preach) the Good News. Then perhaps one of the twenty-five percent who don't go to church will go, and learn. How has what He has done for you affected your being?

The book "Noah-a Man of Destiny." is a historical work of fiction. Noah was a man who stood up to the non-believers by doing what God prescribed withstanding the unbelief and ridicule of the evil world at that time. I wonder at the faith of someone who kept on doing what he knew was right. What strength of character he had. The book of Genesis told the story of Noah and the flood, now this book presents the author's description of the pre-flood.

Handyman wanted

We have widows in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs: basic maintenance and grass cutting or snow shoveling. Ideally it could be a retired man with experience in building. Please contact the church office at: 630-257-5210 if you are interested.



ESL Tutoring

Kay Norfleet has graciously offered to teach English as a second language to anyone in need.

If you are interested, you can contact her at 630-257-6699.

A repeat review of "Walkin' with God Ain't for Wimps." This is a compilation of short, very short, anecdotes which might divulge insights our characters. For instance: The story about what happens when we think we're going to pray explains how often we are not focused enough to avoid other thoughts to intrude. Or, have you ever lost your wallet or thought you did. Or, and this applies to all of us, I think who covet. God wants us to reflect on his freebies. Or, for animal lovers: Butterball. Each story is followed by a short prayer appropriate to the incident.

And for the kids, "Jesus Wants All of Me". A bedtime prayer edition. Each prayer is preceded by a short story describing some event that might be appropriate to the child at that time. Please take and enjoy the book(s), but then return them so others might enjoy.



NO MOVIES UPSTAIRS ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

The 7th Day Adventist Church is here setting up their musical equipment on Friday evenings. We want to be respectful of the time they need in the sanctuary.

Thank You

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 12, 2017-June 16, 2017

Lemont United Methodist Church invites children on a 5 day VBS experience where kids discover they are created by God and are built for a purpose. Kids learn: God made you; God is for you; God is always with you; God will always love you; and God made you for a reason. VBS is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! And out activities that help faith flow into real life. Imagine a world where curious kids become hands-on inventors who discover they're lovingly crafted by God. Spark creativity with interactive decoration and experiences.

Maker Fun Factory Vacation Bible School transforms our church into a place buzzing with excitement!



"I want to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, visits during Bill's illness. You don't know how much I appreciate all the support. Just knowing my church family is there for us, means everything to me. Thank you again!
Love, Bettye Curry



Worship and Jr. Choir and Praise Band Pizza Party

Thank you to all of our choir and praise band member for sharing their beautiful voices and musical talents with our congregation. On May 16th they celebrated together with a pizza party.



Thank You for Giving Us Another Last Supper Performance

I want to thank all of you for a wonderful Lenten Journey. Recently, we celebrated a 34th heart-rending performance of the Last Supper. The audience became immersed in the intrigue of the evening events in that Upper Room. The two new disciples, Mark Olinger and Curtis Stelter, did a great job and are welcome additions.



All of the disciples gave sterling performances. The new organ, played by our talented organist Bob Gergesz, filled our sanctuary with heavenly music. The music helped to set up the oncoming event. The songs sung and the instruments played enhanced the vision of the happenings. These included Leslie Ramos accompanied by her husband Philip Ramos on guitar as well as Sue Gergesz and George Lange accompanied by Bob Gergesz on piano. There was so much love given by very talented artists.

Much talent and effort was given behind the scenes too. Where would we be without Carol Walter and all of her makeup artists? They took more than two hours applying makeup, beards, and wigs to make the disciples look like Leonardo DaVinci's painting "The Last Supper." Sometimes even loved ones didn't recognize them! Pat Farrer was in charge of buying food and setting the table. She also acted as our greeter. A young man opened up the sanctuary door to greet our guests. Young and mature persons alike carried table boards and benches to set up and take down the scene. Nursery personnel took care of our guest's children. Pastor Oh welcomed all and led us in prayer.

A member of the congregation, Dottie McAdams, volunteered to make a costume for one of the two new disciples. She really had to overcome many obstacles, including searching for the right color and texture of material. For that, a perfect stranger donated the fabric out of her own collection. All new volunteers ran the lighting, video, and sound systems. Several people took care of publicity.

After the performance over \$400 was contributed by the audience for our Open Pantry program. All of this made it feel like a church production. As a member of the audience, thank you for adding to my Lenten Journey. As for me being the director, it's a joy and an honor to work with you. Thank you. God's blessings on all of you.

In Memoriam

We had two sobering losses in our "production company." Ted Friedley, a disciple called James the Younger, was planning on performing his 34th year in the tableau. When he told me "Yes, I'll do it another year." He was giving up a trip that he had been looking forward to. Sadly, neither was to be.

John Nelson, who had played the part of Simon Peter for many years as, also passed away this past year. He contributed through his performances but also through scouting, visitation, teaching courses on faith, and being an ambassador for our church. We will miss them both.

Arlene Knott, Director



BISHOP'S APPEAL
Giving Abundantly. Generosity Overflowing.



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**The Bishop's
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place of
Rainbow
Covenant.**

Bishop Sally Dyck has chosen the United Methodist Global AIDS Fund UMGAF (as the 2017 Bishop's Appeal recipient). Each congregation is asked to take a special offering or to do some type of special fundraising to help support the appeal and bring it to **Annual Conference in June**.

The World Health Organization, WHO, reports that 36.7 million people are infected with HIV. Nearly half of those who are infected are women. The UMGAF assists 287 projects in 44 countries. The goals of the UMGAF are: the prevention of mother-to-child transmission of HIV; the prevention of HIV in young people and high-risk populations; increased access to HIV counseling, testing, and treatment services; stigma reduction and psychosocial support to people living with HIV. Please make sure to indicate UMGAF's Advance Special number #982345 on your contributions.

Light Shines Through ...
178th Northern Illinois Annual Conference
Pheasant Run Resort, St. Charles, IL
June 4 — 6, 2017

Mission Challenge

The Mission Challenge will collect Dignity Kits for the UMC Midwest Mission Distribution Center.

For Aurora District - Hand Towels/1,500 • Washcloths/1,500
Please be generous and donate Dignity Kits.



Activity Committee Updates

Mark your calendars!!! More information as the date draws near

Remember the third Friday of each month is Family Night. It will typically be a movie or game night. It is open to everyone so bring your friends and family.

- June** Used book sale as part of Yard Sale for Red Bird Mission
- Summer** Picnic
- Sept 23** Saturday, Mystery Dinner
- Oct 20** Friday Family night Bonfire at the Janssen's

Please remember to sign the sign up sheet so we know how many to plan for! Come have fun with us. Questions or information needed? Call Peg Pecher at [847-204-1747](tel:847-204-1747) or the church.

LUMC WORK PROJECTS FOR SUMMER 2017

With the arrival of spring weather it is a good time to note the number of projects which the Board of Trustees has scheduled for the near future. At times our work list has looked endless, but through hard work the Trustees have narrowed the list down to a few critical items.

We are once again thankful that a group of volunteers is helping cut the grass around the church on a weekly basis. The group is looking for volunteers who can drive a riding mower or volunteers who can use a lawnmower to trim around the edges and places the mowers can't go. We currently have 3 teams rotating so it would only be a few times each cutting season. Please forward your name to the church office if you are interested.

A project to refinish the parking lots has begun. Recently the large cracks were resealed; the next step will be to resurface and restripe the parking lots and driveways. This project will begin the week after Memorial Day. Parts of the lots will be off limits as the surfaces and lines have time to dry, but all should be complete for weekend services.

We are trying to keep costs as low as possible, but we will need the help of the congregation for these coming projects. Donations for the coming projects at LUMC will be important and greatly appreciated as we try to keep our church safe and sound.

Our final project will involve assessing possibilities for improving the handicap accessibility of our church, and repairing or replacing the roof. As everyone is aware we have significant needs to make both levels of our church available for anyone to use for worship and programs. To begin the process we have interviewed architectural teams and selected Arris Architects. The long term project has begun with the Trustees evaluating preliminary plans. We will soon be looking for input from all congregation members as the process goes into full planning.

Special Thanks to our hard working group who quietly give so much time and effort to our church and never charge for overtime or hazardous duty: Tony Ferrazzi and Tim Peraino have done several internal repairs. Jana Stelter, Al Janovyak, Tom Kehr, and Dale Janssen spent a recent long Saturday pouring cement for the new sculpture in the north garden, trimming dead trees, and repairing broken walls. We are truly blessed to have willing workers with strong backs.

Congratulations

Class
of 2017 

We will recognize 8th grade, high school, and college graduates on June 11th at 9:30 a.m.
Please contact the church office if you have a graduate.

OLD CAMPGROUND FESTIVAL & CELEBRATION

The United Methodist Church of New Lenox invites you to their 42nd annual Old Campground Festival and **150 year celebration** of the campgrounds on Saturday, June 24th. The arts and crafts festival will be open from 9:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. There will be old fashioned games and "Little Critters" from Pilcher Park, Joseph "Standing Bear" Schrans with Indian memorabilia, and several craft demonstrations. Bring the whole family. Free admission, free parking, and free entertainment throughout the day. The fest is held on the shaded grounds of the United Methodist Church, 339 W. Haven Avenue in New Lenox. The site is just off U.S. Route 30, one mile east of Interstate 80, exit 137. For further information call 815-485-8271, Ext. 52.



Please Join Us!

PHIL KEAGGY CONCERT

Friday, July 21st - 7:30 p.m. Calvary Church 16100 S. 104th Avenue,
Orland Park IL 60467

www.itickets.com/events/376081 800-965-9324

Aurora District United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, August 12th, 2017 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew UMC
250 N. Gary Street, Carol Stream, IL

Hosted by the Men of St. Andrew

RSVP to Mike McIntosh at rekreseb@gmail.com

or (630)653-7116 by 08/09

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

During the School Year

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: Ages pre-k-5/6

JUNIOR HIGH : Grades 6th-8th

BREAKFAST CLUB: High School Freshman-Senior

ADULT CLASSES: In the Conference Room

Please join us! All are welcome!



MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD

“Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”
1 Thessalonians 2:17-18

Charlie Belander, surgery
A Happy Hands family lost a baby
Judy Murray, lost her mother
Kathy, loss sense of smell and taster
Ryan Reigel, facial reconstructive surgery
Art Runyan, pancreatic cancer
Mary Ellen, broken hip
Michael Harden, heart issues
*Richard Pierce, hip replacement
*Shelby Fox, foot surgery
*Sue Hinks, hand surgery
Suebea Wright, second round of chemo
*David Mlady, lingering illness
*Sherrill Weary, broken arm
Bridgette & Erik Kerber, loss of pregnancy
Deanna, liver cancer spreading
Smith-Kudos Family, strength
Chase, bone disease testing
Kendyll, attempted suicide
Walter, cancer
Syl Arnold, recovering from brain surgery
Amanda, digestive pain
Sam, copd, heart blockage
Jackie Stetz, lupus
Laura Wolowiec, health issues
Melvyn Marshall, intensive care/stroke
Cindy Hudon, cancer, chemotherapy
*Bill & Mary Jane Sykes, health & strength
Betty’s family, strength
Bonnie, MS, lost her son
Sandy, testing for cancer
Nancy Rose, surgery
Colleen Andrew, cancer treatment

Beverly Scholtes, stage four gallbladder cancer
Amber Neitzel, health issues
Anderson family health issues
*Mary Ende, chemotherapy
Ken, rehabilitation
Ashley & Brian, difficult pregnancy
Sandy Lauer, severe back pain
Dana Patterson, MS and brain tumor
Mason Patterson, surgery
Judy Olinger, lymphoma
Anna Palmer, brain tumor surgery
Ken, bone cancer
Sandra, auto immune disease
*Sheila Farrer, surgery
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis/testing
Lou Gunder, lymphoma
Ellie Cuiching, clinical trial for cancer

Answered Prayers:

Marilyn Troyer, completed treatment, recovering
Suzanne Moake, completed treatment, recovering
Gia Shah, medication working
Mason Patterson, brain surgery
Neil Janssen, MS
Heidi Dupont, MS

Joys:

*Bill Hill, playing the organ
*Nathan, getting a job in Indianapolis
*Debbie & Leslie singing together
*Kexia graduated from medical school!
*Activities Committee ice cream & movie night
*Bobbie Legan, completed treatment
Our guests and visitors
Newborns, Birthdays, Anniversaries, Family Reunions

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Debbie & Leslie singing together
*Happy Hands Graduates
*Successful Ice Cream Social &
Movie Night
*Post Office Food Drive
*Choirs and Praise Band Pizza
Party
*Kexia graduating from medical
school!
*Lent Bible Studies
*Beautiful Mother’s Day
Celebration

Coffee Fellowship June 25

Carol Walter
Alice Lange
Barbara Lee
Linda Lubben
Priscilla Ludwig
Gina Walter
Joyce Koon
Grace Kirkman



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

Help Needed-Occasional Cooks or Meal Providers

The Care Bearers are looking for a few new people to help provide an occasional meal (home cooked or purchased) for members of our congregation who are recovering from a serious illness, birth of a baby, or the loss of a family member. Meals are **only occasionally** needed in our church, and it is a wonderful mission! If you would be willing to provide a meal when someone is in need, please contact Alice Lange or Wendy Myers. We would love to add you to our list of Care Bearers.

Alice Lange: 815-838-5158
Wendy Myers: 630-257-7689

Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer
Lemont, Illinois 60439
Phone: 630-257-5210

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE June 2017

The Hindu Clinic

The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago has offered the use of their clinic to anyone in need of medical help. The clinic is open the first Sunday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Their address is 10915 Lemont Road, Lemont and their phone number is 630-972-0300.

AA Meetings

AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

Please contact:
Pat at (815) 274-4244

WEBSITE

Services are being recorded almost every week thanks to Erik and volunteers. If you would like a video of a part of the service, like a baptism or someone playing a song, please contact Paul Froehle. He can copy it to a DVD or flash drive as a computer or phone readable video file.

United Methodist Men



**Will not meet June,
July or August.
Enjoy the Summer!**

Come and join us! The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast.

This group is made available for the fellowship of all the men of the church and all are welcome to attend. Information about meeting dates and times are posted in the church calendar and bulletins.



For those of you that might not be aware, we DO have a FB page. Please try and visit it regularly. As time goes on we will be posting more and more.

There are actually 3 FB pages that were started, but the one you should be using has a picture of the sanctuary on it.

I am one of the Admin's so bear with me while I get used to my new role. I will do my best but do not know all the rules and settings so be patient :)

Marge Fox

Primetimers



**Saturday
June 17
1:00 p.m.**

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church fellowship hall. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions, please call:

Juanita Fick
630-257-7639