

OUR MISSION:
In Christ we love & serve God and our community.

MAPLE LEAF LUTHERAN CHURCH

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BLESSING OF ANIMALS: Join us on **Sunday, October 1 at 10:30 a.m.** as we celebrate and bless the pets and animals in our life. Pets are so important to us and we want to knowledge and celebrate them. Bring your pet on a leash, in a travel carrier or other appropriate method, considering it will be indoors around other animals. The blessing will happen at the very end of worship outside under the awning. If you are not able to bring your pet you can bring a photograph of them instead. We also bless stuffed animals (toys, not taxidermy) as well! All, both animals and people, are welcome!

St. Francis of Assisi wrote, "If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." Today at Blessing of the Pets we're hosting a Washington-based **animal rescues table in the Narthex** for donations. We are called to look after the least among us and be stewards to this earth. No donation is too small to help an animal in need! Questions? See Dorothy Ann. Let's live out our calling not just in our own backyards but in our community!

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Here's a list of the animal rescues we will be hosting:

- ⇒ **North Food Help Line**, Pet food (dog/cat/bird/small animal) not expired.
- ⇒ **Purrfect Pals (purrfectpals.org)**, Monetary or cat food/products with a focus on kittens (please visit: purrfectpals.org/give/wishlist/ for more).
- ⇒ **Seattle Pure Breed Rescue (spdrdogs.org)**, Monetary donations only since their sponsors/pets are spread out in WA.
- ⇒ **Wolf Haven in Tenino, WA (wolfhaven.org)**, Monetary donations only because I don't want to drive raw meat to Tenino the same day! :)

YOUNG FAMILIES TO THE PUMPKIN PATCH: As you may know, Maple Leaf Lutheran Church has a group for families with young kids (approx. 6 and younger) that gets together once a month or so for potlucks and other events. On **Saturday, October 7** we will be meeting at Bob's Corn and Pumpkin Farm for a day of fun at the Pumpkin Patch. If you'd like to join us please contact Emeline M. or Pastor Julie.

ONGOING ADULT FORUM: Continuing with our Ever Reforming series in celebration of the 500th Reformation, these classes have a very Lutheran theme: music. Come for one or come for them all, we would love to have you! **Oct 1st**=Through the Church the Song Goes On. Meets in 3rd flr library (above nursery) at 9AM on Sundays.

SERMON SERIES: ARE LUTHERANS RADICALS? Perhaps we don't think of Lutherans as very radical people. Especially if when we think about Lutherans all we think about are potlucks, organ music and Garrison Keillor. But Martin Luther and subsequently Lutheran theology has some radical things to say about ecology, the economy, education, financial institutions, government, political leadership and social assistance. As we celebrate the 500 anniversary of the Reformation this October, join us for a sermon series on Lutheran Radicals and Radical Lutherans.

Here is who we will be hearing about: Oct 1 = Martin Luther; Oct 8 = Soren Kierkegaard; Oct 15 = Dietrich Bonhoeffer; Oct 22 = Dorothee Soelle; Oct 29 = Reformation Skit by our Confirmation Students



BOOK CLUB: October 17th= *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich - at Nancy G's house. New members are welcome.

CHURCH & COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME INTERIM MUSICIAN.



Martha Freitag grew up in the ELCA tradition and over the years has served various denominations as a church musician, along with a parallel career in business. She keeps a busy schedule as substitute/interim organist/choir director. She earned her Bachelor of Music

in organ performance (piano minor) from Lawrence University Conservatory of Music, Appleton, WI and a master's degree in musicology from UNC Chapel Hill, NC. Martha lives in Bellevue, where her family has lived for many years. When not involved with music and the arts, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, travel, walking, gardening and various volunteer activities.

MUSIC MINISTRY: Tell us what you want, Oct. 1-8.

The newly formed Music Ministry Search Committee needs your input as we begin to look for new leadership for our church music program. **Please join us in the community hall after church on Oct 1 & Oct 8** to talk about your hopes and dreams for music ministry at Maple Leaf. This is an exciting opportunity to think about our church's musical future, but we need your feedback to help us get there. You can also share ideas with the committee members: Ellie K., Emeline C.M., Gloria M., Bruce R., Karen V., Susan T. (Personnel Cmt) and Lynne S. (Worship Cmt). Thanks!

REFORMATION 500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATORY MUSIC:

For our worship services in the month of October, we will observe our Lutheran heritage and the Reformation by highlighting music written by Martin Luther and other key Lutheran musicians, like J.S. Bach. Most tunes will be familiar & many are beloved favorites!

Luther created a German service, translating key parts of the Latin mass (including the Holy, Holy, Holy and Lamb of God) and setting them to music for his growing congregation. As an inspiring teacher,

he also set the Creed and Lord's Prayer to music, along with hymns for all occasions. **This week (Oct. 1)** we chose Luther's best known hymn, *A Mighty Fortress* (Ein feste burg), and settings of the Lamb of God (based on his *Christe, O Lamm Gottes*) as well as a Holy, Holy, Holy setting based on a Bach chorale. The postlude is by Dietrich Buxtehude, renowned church musician from Lübeck & mentor to J.S. Bach.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2017-2018: Confirmation class continues this Fall with Confirmation Sunday projected to take place in May 2018. Please keep the 4 new students in your prayers that they may learn and grow in their faith. They are: Josh K, Marie J, Stella O & Sophie G.

OCT 31, 4-6PM = "TRUNK OR TREAT" (*Date and time still tentative*). Again this year we will have our cars parked out in front of the Wedgwood Broiler Restaurant and hand out candy to the kids. **There are many ways you can help us:**

- **Donate candy.** Many times we run out of candy so we need lots and lots! Bring it to church anytime between now & Oct 29. We need time to label every piece with MLLC name/website.
- **Distribute** candy between 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Park your car, come in costume if you like and have a wonderful time chatting with parents and watching all the fun costumes.
- **Join us** for dinner at the Wedgwood Broiler. As a way to thank them for letting us park in their lot and to enjoy our community we will have dinner together afterwards at about 6:00 pm.
- **Pray** for this event and that it might be a successful way to share Christ's love with our neighborhood.
- **Stop by** and say Hi – we'll even give you candy.

Be looking of a sign-up sheet in the narthex (back of the church) so we know how you'll be helping with this super fun event.

ATTENDANCE & GIVING STATISTICS

SEPT	3	10	17	24	Totals	Average
Attendance	54	78	97	60	289	72
Offering	\$ 2550	\$ 4833	\$ 5201	\$ 5955	\$ 18539	\$ 4635

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS: The 2017 MLLC Congregational Project for God's Work, Our Hands is creating **3 Independent Living Kits** for refugee youth who are transitioning into independence. Sign-up sheets are located in the narthex. We ask that you would consider donating one or more of the small household items & bring them to church by **Sunday, Oct 22nd** to place up front in the Sanctuary so everyone can see the fruits of their giving. "Blessing of the Kits" will be during worship, as we celebrate God's Work, Our Hands.

It's similar to helping a college student outfit a dorm. We're excited for this new partnership with LCSNW! Please reach out to Karen V with any questions.



LAKE CITY HOLIDAY PROJECT: Fall is here and thoughts turn to preparations for the Lake City Holiday Project, Meadowbrook Community CARE's annual holiday gift giving event that benefits over 600 low income, homeless and foster children in North Seattle. It's

**God's work.
Our hands.**

We're partnering with Lutheran Community Services NW (LCSNW) and their Refugee & Immigrant Children's Program (RICP). They are a fostering community whose needs have expanded. Current youth in the program are from all over the world: Democratic Rep of Congo, Honduras, Guatemala, Somalia, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Mexico, Rwanda, Nepal, Afghanistan, Burma, El Salvador. Our congregation will assemble 3 starter kits for youth moving out on their own which include kitchen, bath, household, & cleaning supplies, etc...

a fun and rewarding activity to be part of and here are the ways you can be involved:

- Look for the sign-up board in the church narthex that lists all the volunteer activities and the dates and times for each activity.
- Consider buying a \$25 scrip to Target at church during Scrip Sundays in October and November. These gift certificates will be used for a child's gift or for a family to purchase additional gifts or food. It's a very convenient way to help the project without going shopping!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

OCT	1	8	15	22	29
READER	Susan T	Gloria	Lynne	Ron G	Sandy
COMM ASSTS	Paularose & Karen A	Karen A & Catherine J	Catherine & Dody	Paularose & Dody	Catherine J & Kathy
GREETERS	Sue L	Kelly O	Catherine J	Karl F	Gossards
USHERS	Lentzs	Jeromes	Jones	Tiptons	Tbd
ASST. MINS	Randy Ga	?	?	?	?
ACOLYTES	Other & Britt	Other & Stella O	Tessa G & Britt	Marie J & Josh K	Soren & Emmett
ALTAR	Randy	Emeline	Susan	Sue	Kiki
VAN DRIVER	Jim	Bill	Tbd	Ned	Aaron
KIDS' TIME	Puppets	Puppets	Puppets	Puppets	Skit
MUSICIAN	Martha Freitag	Martha Freitag	Martha Freitag	Martha Freitag	Martha Freitag
MINISTER	Rev. Julie Blum	Rev. Julie Blum	Rev. Julie Blum	Rev. Julie Blum	Rev. Julie Blum
LITURGY	October will be a focus on Martin Luther's influence in Liturgy and music.				
COOKIE chart	Chilcoats, Francis, Grimm, Terpsmas, Oppies, Talbots				

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OUR OWN REFORMATION BOOKSTORE! The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is this month! Stop by our Bookstore to shop for engaging books for readers of all kinds! Save up to 50% plus get free shipping on all titles. Browse the narthex, Sept 10 to Oct 29 to place an order for you and your family.

ADVENT PLANNING MEETING: Help us plan worship & special events for the season of Advent (Dec 3 – Dec 24.) Come to our first planning meeting on **Sunday, Oct 15 right after worship** in the Community Hall at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church. No experience needed just the willingness to be creative & share your ideas.

OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES 25TH ANNIVERSARY GALA & AUCTION: The annual ODM auction is on **Nov 4** at South Seattle Community College. This fun event is ODM's primary fundraiser, allowing us to continue into our 26th year of ministry connecting the LGBTQ community with churches, and working with churches toward becoming Reconciling in Christ. We invite you to register to attend the auction by visiting our website at opendoorelca.org

For those who cannot attend, we have several vacation packages available for purchase any time until November 4. We have partnered with a travel group to offer **several vacation packages**. The price includes an \$800 tax-deductible contribution to Open Door Ministries. Information can be found on your church bulletin board or in the church office and on our website. Thank you for your support!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: LWR needs a few more willing people – anyone who can lift 30 pound boxes – to help with the twice-a-year Seattle LWR quilt and kit collection on Friday Nov 3rd from 8am to 3pm, and Saturday Nov 4th from 8am to noon. If you cannot lift, or do not want to lift boxes, we also need traffic directors to manage the incoming loads, and help with checking cars in. Traffic directors get to wear bright yellow or orange vests, and talk with everyone who comes into the parking lot. Traffic director is a nice job if you like to socialize. Food is provided for all.

Volunteers work two-hour shifts, if possible – with time off between incoming vehicles for conversation and snacks. This is a physical Tetris game – we stack the boxes 9.5 feet high and 8 feet across in 53-foot long containers. The boxes range from banana and apple boxes to various packing boxes, so loading can be challenging.

This event takes place in the parking lot west of Our Redeemers' Lutheran Church (2500 85th Ave NW). We have two loadings a year – first week in May, and late October/early November. Please call Rich Mathes (206-384-1183) or Email lwrmathes@aol.com if interested in helping, or have questions.

DEAR MAPLE LEAF FAMILY, As you already know, our choir director and keyboardist/accompanist, Handel and Yoon Shin and son Isaac have tendered their resignations with us. We know they have been greatly appreciated, loved and will be missed. **To honor them and their time with us at Maple Leaf we have three projects for you to participate in to show how much we care.**



1. Join us in creating a **memory book** for Handel, Yoon and Isaac. The book will be composed of pictures from the past and present along with messages from members of the congregation. We plan to start the work on Sunday, October 1st after church. There will be a couple of tables set up in the Fellowship hall with instructions on how to be part of the project. We would hope to be done with the book by Reformation Sunday.

2. In addition, the quilters are putting together a **comforter** for the Shin family which will give more people in our congregation a chance to pay tribute in a physical way.

3. We will also be collecting **monetary gifts** for the family to see them through this transition time. Checks should be made out to Jordis Foster, and may be mailed to Maple Leaf or placed in the offering bowls during worship.

This gives you three ways to participate in the farewell for Handel, Yoon and Isaac. Take part in one, two or all three. For questions or clarification about these projects, please see: Lee & Dody F (leedody@comcast.net); Kathy C (kcoketlet@comcast.net); or Marijayne G (marijaynegossard@yahoo.com).

2017 CALENDAR OF SPOOKY EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Communion Sunday 9:00 AM Confirmation & Adult Forum 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - Pet Blessing 11:30 AM Scrip Sunday 9:00 PM Nightly Shelter all month	2 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	3	4 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	5 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	6 janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo 6:45 PM Seattle Recorder Society	7 janitorial Pumpkin Patch trip 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
8 9:00 AM Confirmation & Adult Forum 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Church Shelter meal	9 Columbus Day 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	10 1:00 PM Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group 7:00 PM Mutual Ministry	11 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir 7:00 PM Church Council	12 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	13 janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	14 janitorial 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
15 9:00 AM Confirmation & Adult Forum 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Cmt/Advent Planning 3:00 PM Shelter Meal	16 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	17 7:00 PM Book Club	18 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir 6:30 PM Edu Cmt	19 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir 7:00 PM Thornton Creek Mtg	20 janitorial 9:00 AM Deadline for Cross-Road 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	21 janitorial 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
22 9:00 AM Confirmation & Adult Forum 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship - God's Work, Our Hands	23 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	24	25 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	26 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	27 janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	28 janitorial 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
29 Reformation Sunday 9:00 AM Confirmation & Adult Forum 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	30 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	31 Reformation Day 4:00 PM Trunk or Treat				

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SUNDAY WORSHIP : 10:30 AM
 9a Sunday School/Confirmation
 9:30AM Adult Forum

SUMMER WORSHIP
 June 18 - Sept 10
 9:30 AM Sunday Mornings

Weekly Education
 7:30 AM Thursday Bible Study
Grateful Bread Bakery
 NE 70th St & 35th Ave NE



At Maple Leaf Lutheran Church, we rejoice in the diversity that enriches, nurtures and challenges the life and ministry we share in Christ. We welcome visitors and members of all backgrounds, races, gender identities and sexual orientations. We share Word, Baptism and Communion with all people. We believe that the Gospel is God's unconditional gift. To all — especially those who have ever felt excluded, alienated or left behind — we extend a heartfelt embrace. In the spirit of love and goodwill, we treasure one another's similarities and accept our differences as we strive to discover what it means to be reconciling in Christ. Come walk with us as we are transformed by God's path of grace and peace, truth and love. **To those who see what we say, come and see what we do.**

— "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another" — Rom 12:5

REFORMATION 500: As you may know, 2017 is the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. It was in 1517 that Martin Luther nailed his famous 95 theses to the church door in Wittenberg, Germany. This Fall we'll do several things to celebrate... A book fair featuring books about the Reformation, a sermon series in October and a very special worship service on Reformation Sunday, October 29, 2017. Happy Reformation!

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