

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

MAPLE LEAF LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**FEB CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Please join us on Sunday February 11 for the first Congregational Meeting of the year in the fellowship hall after worship. We will review end of year budget from 2017 and hear updates from each committee. The nursery will be open until 1pm to allow us to focus on the presenters. As usual, we will have a potluck, so please contribute a main plate, side dish, or dessert to share. See you there!

**LENT 2018: MID-WEEK SOUP AND SERIES:** We can all agree that we live in challenging times, but where is God's heart in all of

this? What is God calling us to do? This season of Lent we will have a series of speakers will us to engages in these questions and help us address topics that our relevant for the times in which we live.

Join us every Thursday evening in Lent for a simple soup supper from 6:30 to 7:00 pm and then a presentation from the speakers below, with time for questions, from 7:00 pm to 7:30 pm. A free will offering will be collected to go to the organizations these speakers represent.

**Feb 22:** The Rev. Terry Kylo, Director of "Neighbors in Faith," which is an effort undertaken by Christians and Muslims to encourage neighborly relationships between Muslims and people of all faith and non-faith traditions so that together we can work for a more peaceful world.

**March 1:** Michael Ramos, Executive Director of the Church Council of Greater Seattle. Given the practical concerns of our hurting and troubled world, what are principles and pathways to guide our engagement, as people of faith, with our neighbor and in the public square?

Stay tuned for more information on the next three speakers.

**FEBRUARY 4 WORSHIP SERVICE: "HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL"** This worship service focuses on healing. We will offer prayers for all kinds of healing: personal healing, healing of the nations, healing of creation, healing of our hearts, healing of relationships and whatever else in our world that longs for healing. We will hear scripture readings about healing and sing songs about healing. Our world is in deep need for healing. Let us gather together and seek it from the Healer of All. Please join us.

**FEB. ADULT FORUM:** Hope to see you at Adult Forum as we continue with the **Ever-Reforming: A Reformation 500**

**Cross-Generational Study.** Classes are in the Maple Leaf Lutheran Church Library (3rd flr) at 9AM every Sunday and new topics are as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup>=The Work and the Reach of the ELCA Today
- 11<sup>th</sup>=The Legacy of the Reformation
- 18<sup>th</sup>=No Class, holiday weekend
- 25<sup>th</sup>= Synod Companions—the Costa Rican Synod

**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP:** On Feb 14, we will gather together for worship at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary. This service will introduction our Lenten theme, that will continue in our Thursday evening services, of loving what God loves, having a passion for what God has a passion for and having a heart after what God has a heart for. (Plan on joining us that evening and then every Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 from Feb 22- March 22.) Please join us for this penitential and solemn service as a way of marking the beginning of the season of Lent.

⇒PLEASE GRAB A COPY OF THE NEW **DIRECTORY** IN THE NARTHEX :-) *Thank you, Sue L and Ron G!* NOTE: If you have **corrections/updates** for the directory, please notify the church office. Call Sarah (206.524.2448) or email [mapleleafoffice@comcst.net](mailto:mapleleafoffice@comcst.net)



THE 2018 WINTER CONGREGATIONAL MEETING IS FEBRUARY 11TH, AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE. JOIN US!

# ATTENDANCE & GIVING STATISTICS

JAN	7	14	21	28	Totals	Average
Attendance	86	68	71	75	300	75
Offering	\$ 2550	\$ 3210	\$ 4362	\$ 2364	\$ 12486	\$ 3121.50

**LENT SOUP & BREAD:** For five Thursdays during Lent (**February 22 – March 22**) we gather together as a community for a short evening (6:30 to 7:30) of food, fellowship and faith. We would love for you to be a part of that by simply showing up, but there is a way to also do more!



We need three people each week to bring bread or rolls to feed about 12 people, and then to stay after to help clean up a bit. We use paper products so it's really not much work at all. We also need five people each week to bring a pot of soup, any kind of soup you'd like, enough to feed about 10 people. Those folks need to show up a bit early to set up. This isn't much work either as we ask our wonderful SHARE residents to set up the tables/chairs for us.

If you can help to provide warmth, community and hospitality this season of Lent we would very much appreciate. Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex (back of church.)

**SAVE THE DATE: Day Camp 2018:** Once again Lutherwood Bible Camp will lead as we host Day Camp (VBS) here at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church this summer. The dates will be **Monday, July 30 – Friday, Aug 3, 2018**. Please save these dates on your calendar so you can be sure to send your kids in just a few months. Day Camp is for kids who have completed Kindergarten through completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Older kids can be "junior counselors." Registration materials will be coming out soon.

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

FEB	4	11	18	25
READER	Randy Go	Susan H	Marijayne	Diana K
COMM ASSTS	Vogels	Darrick & Kathy C	Paularose & Kris H	Karen A & Lynne S
GREETERS	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
USHERS	Lentzs	Jones/Ringen	Tiptons	Jeromes
ASST. MINS	Emeline	Randy Ga	Chris T	Ron Ga
ACOLYTES	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
ALTAR	Emeline	Randy	Susan	Kathy
VAN DRIVER	Joe	TBD	Jim	Bill
KIDS' TIME	Karen V	Peggy C	none	Trayton
MUSICIAN	Natalie Bartels	Natalie Bartels	Natalie Bartels	Natalie Bartels
MINISTER	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum
LITURGY	ELW 8	Feast	New Song	ELW 3
COOKIE chart	Anderson, Aguirre, Bolmer, Cokelet, Fritschel, Graham, Thompson.			

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir 9:00 PM Nightly Shelter all month	<b>2</b> janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo 6:45 PM Seattle Recorder Society	<b>3</b> janitorial 12:00 PM Chilcoat event 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
<b>4</b> 9:00 AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Scrip Sunday 5:00 PM Baby/Toddler group	<b>5</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>8</b> 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	<b>9</b> janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	<b>10</b> janitorial 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
<b>11</b> 9:00 AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>12</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>13</b> 1:00 PM Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group	<b>14</b> 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>15</b> 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	<b>16</b> janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	<b>17</b> janitorial 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
<b>18</b> 9:00 AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	<b>19</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>20</b> 9:00 AM Deadline for CrossRoad	<b>21</b> 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>22</b> 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 10:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	<b>23</b> janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	<b>24</b> janitorial 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
<b>25</b> 9:00 AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship 3:00 PM Community Shelter Meal	<b>26</b> 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>27</b> 7:30 PM Linda Blair recital	<b>28</b> 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>

## STEWARDSHIP NOTES:

- ⇒ Check your mailbox for your **2017 GIVING STATEMENT**, which can be used in tax filing and personal budgeting preparation.
- ⇒ If you have questions or need a duplicate statement, please call the office admin/bookkeeper, Sarah, at (206.524.2448) or email her in the church office: [mapleleafoffice@comcast.net](mailto:mapleleafoffice@comcast.net)
- ⇒ Stewardship Committee has ordered the **2018 Giving Envelopes**. Please hang tight, they should be arriving soon! (Meanwhile, please continue to use the standard pew envelopes to support the ongoing work of the church).
- ⇒ If you are interested in “going paperless” by using **electronic giving**, please see the Treasurer, Randy Gossard. There is a short, one-time form to fill out.



Thank you all for your continued generosity and goodwill.

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

*~FREE childcare is available~*

**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"* — Romans 12:5



**NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER?!** We are still seeking candidates for a part-time Musician/Organist and also for a part-time Choir Director. These positions range from 8-10 hours per week. If you, or someone you know may be interested in joining the Maple Leaf Lutheran Staff, please see Lynne Simmonds or Susan Talbot. Thank you!

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