

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

MAPLE LEAF LUTHERAN CHURCH

CROSSROADS

MARCH
NEWSLETTER 2018

LENT SOUP & BREAD: For 5 Thursdays in Lent (Feb 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 are in the narthex (back of church.)

LENT 2018: MID-WEEK SOUP & "SEEKING THE HEART OF GOD" SERIES: 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.

March 8: Sharon Lee, Executive Director of Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI.) Have you heard about "Tiny Houses" and how they are creating private, more permanent space for people experiencing homelessness? Come out and hear all about how they operate, how to get plugged in, who runs them and have all your questions answered about this great new way to help get folks housed.

March 15: Kelly Brown, Executive Director of North Helpline Food Bank. We will hear about the causes of hunger and poverty as well as learn about practical ways to help in the short term and the long term. What are the best ways we can address hunger issues?

March 22: The Rev. Priscilla Austin, Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran Church will lead us in a conversation on "Liberating LOVE: Allyship." How are Christians to address racism, racial inequality and how can the white folks among us be allies to people of color?

2018 Blood Drive at FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH on Monday March 5: Help save lives. Every 3 minutes, someone in Western Washington needs a blood transfusion. 4 out of 5 of us will need a blood transfusion some time in our life. For only about an hour of your time, you can donate a life-saving gift of blood for another person.

Your support will help make this year's local blood drive a success: Bring a family member, friend, neighbor or co-worker.

Stop by on Monday March 5 between 1-7pm in the Wedgwood area: 8208 18th Ave NE Seattle 98115, Thank you!

"YOU ARE THE WAY" LENT DEVOTIONALS: If you haven't yet, please pick up your FREE copy of our Lent devotion book for daily reading through these 40 days of Lent. Each of the

devotions offers an evocative image, a reading from John, a quotation to ponder, a reflection and a prayer. "You Are the Way" explores one or more "I am" saying of Jesus during each week of Lent. May it bless and guide your way to the cross and to the empty tomb.

ADULT FORUM: Hope to see you at Adult Forum as we continue with **Ever-Reforming: A Reformation 500 Cross-Generational Study.** Classes are in the Maple Leaf Lutheran Church Library (3rd flr) at 9AM every Sunday. Here are the next installments: North Carolina Ecumenical Partners; Lutheran Social Services; Refugees, Immigration, & Lutherans; Toward Reformation 1000.

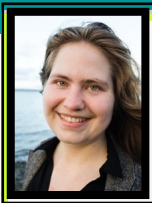
EASTER BREAKFAST: Easter is coming up and before we worship together celebrating our Lord's Resurrection, we'll gather for another amazing **Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall from 9-10AM.** We will again feature sweet and savory breakfast casseroles, as well as other fruit platters, sweet rolls, juice, bacon, etc. We're asking that you sign up in the Narthex to bring baked casseroles. Feel free to bring a favorite or try one of the recipes available at church. Please bring casseroles pre-cooked this year, either Saturday morning at 9-11AM, or before 8:30AM on Sunday.

There is also a **sign-up sheet** for "A Few Good Men" to help with serving and clean-up. We appreciate these helpers so much—the breakfast can't happen without them. No experience necessary—on the job training provided!



Book Club: *Waking Lions* by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen at Nancy G's at 7pm on Tuesday March 27th. JOIN US!

🎵 MUSICAL UPDATES 🎵



INTERIM MUSICIAN NATALIE: THANK YOU! March 11 will be Natalie's last day with us as our interim musician. She has been with us for over three months and we want to recognize all her hard work and thank her for her wonderful dedication. She has been a pleasure to work with and we wish her well in the future. Please join us that day in saying good bye to her with a special cake at coffee hour. Thank you, Natalie!



WELCOME NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR: ELLIE K.! We are pleased to announce that we have hired Ellie Kok as the new Music Director of Maple Leaf Lutheran Church. Ellie has been a member here at Maple Leaf for several years. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Music and a Master of Arts in Teaching. She is currently an elementary school music teacher and a member of the American Choral Directors Association. We are so pleased to have her on board as staff and hope you'll take a moment to welcome her as well.

MUSIC SEARCH TEAM: THANK YOU! We want to give a HUGE thank you to our dedicated Music Search Team: Susan T, Lynne S, Gloria M, Emeline M, Bruce R, Ellie K, & Karen V. They have spent months and months (nearly 6!) listening, planning, emailing, interviewing and doing all the hard work that goes into hiring not one, but TWO new music staff members, not to mention finding and hiring interim staff. We couldn't have done it without them, and keep in mind they are all volunteers! Thanks also goes to our choir for their input, our financial folks for help with contracts and such, the Personnel Committee for their assistance and numerous other folks - it takes a village, people!

The biggest thanks of all goes to the leader of this group, Susan T. If you knew half of what she did you would think she was on staff here at church! Truly, this woman is non-stop and deserves your undying thanks and praise. If it wasn't for her commitment, dedication and follow-through we'd still be at square one. She is an inspiration to us all to what it takes for a volunteer organization like ours to be able to work. If it wasn't for folks like her we would not be able to be in existence. So, thank you, Susan!

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

MAR	4	11	18	25
READER	Karen V	Don	Gloria	Bill W
COMM ASSTS	Catherine J. & Paularose	Lynne S. & Kathy C.	TBD & TBD	Sandy G. & Diana K.
GREETERS	Sue	Gossards	Nancy G	CAtherine J
USHERS	Lentz	Jones-Ringen	Otis	Jerome
ASST. MINS	Randy Ga	Paularose	Mike R	Ron G
ACOLYTES	Emmett & Stella O.	Britt J. & other	Josh K. & Soren J.	other & Marie J.
ALTAR	Emeline	Randy	Kiki	Sue
VAN DRIVER	Jim T	Tbd	Bill W	Joe O (?)
KIDS' TIME	Pastor Julie Blum	Tbd	Kelly	Dody
MUSIC	Natalie & Ellie	Natalie & Ellie	Beiwen & Ellie	Beiwen & Ellie
MINISTER	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum
LITURGY	ELW 8	Feast	New Song	ELW 3
COOKIE chart	Wendy, Dorothy, Cook, Olson, Nancy O, Betty Ann, Matthew, Lily.			

March CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		 <i>scan here for mobile donations</i>		1 7:30 AM Bible Study; 11AM Text Study; 6:30 PM Lent Soup Supper; 7:30 PM Choir 9PM Nightly Shelter all month	2 janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo; 6:45PM Seattle Rec Society	3 janitorial 3:30 PM Organ 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
4 9AM Adult Forum/ Confirmation; 9:30 AM Sunday School; 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Scrip Sunday 5:00 PM Baby/Toddler group	5 9 AM Quilters 1:00 PM Blood drive@Faith 4:45 PM Pacifica 7PM Bee chat	6 9:30 AM CPR- Kathy C	7 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	8 7:30 AM Bible Study; 11AM Text Study; 6:30 PM Lent Soup Supper; 7:30 PM Church Choir	9 janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	10 janitorial 12PM Camino event 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
11 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS 9AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship noon Worship Cmt Mtg 4:00 PM Church Shelter meal	12 9 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	13 1:00 PM Alzheimer's Assoc Mtg	14 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir 7:00 PM Exec Cmt Mtg	15 7:30 AM Bible Study; 11AM Text Study; 6:30 PM Lent Soup Supper; 7:30 PM Church Choir	16 janitorial 	17 janitorial 3:30 PM Organ
18 9AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	19 9AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	20 9:00 AM Deadline for CrossRoad	21 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	22 7:30 AM Bible Study; 11AM Text Study; 6:30 PM Lent Soup Supper; 7:30 PM Church Choir	23 janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	24 janitorial 3:30 PM Organ 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
25 9AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship- Palm Sunday 	26 9AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	27 6:00 PM Preschool Meeting	28 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	29 7:30 AM Bible Study 11:00 AM Text Study 6:30 PM Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM Church Choir	30 janitorial 7:30 PM Good Friday	31 janitorial 9AM Easter AM prep; 11AM Pacifica event 6:45 PM Camino 7PM Flower Cross Deco

HOLY WEEK 2018 SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday = March 25, 10:30 am. We begin a procession of palm branches with the congregation gathered outside before moving into the sanctuary. We will remember Jesus' trumpet entry into Jerusalem, as well as celebrate a baptism this day.

Maundy Thursday = March 29 and our worship will begin at 6:30pm. We will have a potluck meal in the midst of the worship service in the Community Hall. Please bring a dish to share. As we remember the night Jesus shared a meal with his disciples and as arrested, we will share Holy Communion together and then move up to the sanctuary for the stripping of the altar.

Good Friday = March 30 at 7:30 pm. Some people say that this is the most special and moving worship service of the whole year. The worship will include music, words and images that speak of Jesus' life giving actions on the cross.

Flower cross decorating = March 31 at 7pm. Feel free to bring flowers, gloves, scissors, etc. to help decorate the cross that will adorn our Easter Sunday worship space. Alternatively you can just drop off flowers (anytime that day in buckets that will be outside the church doors) or you can just come to help decorate.

Easter morning = April 1 and it promises to be a joyful celebration. There will be no Sunday school, Confirmation or Adult Forum but breakfast will be served from 9-10AM. Easter Worship service will follow at 10:30AM with a bright color, festive celebration, with great music and much joy! Please bring all your family and friends.

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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



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS: Please remember that Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 11, 2018. Before you go to bed on Saturday night please set your clocks ahead one hour. Adult Forum & Confirmation class are at 9a, Sunday School at 9:30 & worship at 10:30AM.

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