

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

MAPLE LEAF LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FULL COUNCIL MEETING: Just a reminder to all our Council members (officers & Committee chairs) that we have a full Council meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm here at Maple Leaf Lutheran Church. If you can't attend please send a representative from your committee.

CREATION CARE: Sunday, April 22nd, we will celebrate "Care More, Car Less" Sunday. This exciting program highlights ways in which people of faith can have the greatest beneficial impact on God's creation through transportation choices. Our efforts are part of a city-wide carbon reduction project coordinated by Earth Ministry.

Please consider traveling to church that day in ways that give rest to God's creation. Walking, biking, carpooling, and taking the bus are all ways to live more lightly on the earth and also provide the opportunity to get to know your neighbors better! Contact Karen V to sign up to help or to get more information on alternative transportation options in our neighborhood. **All are welcome and encouraged to participate!**

CONFIRMATION CLASS: Just a reminder that we will not be meeting April 1 or 8 (Easter/Spring Break) but we'll be back at it April 15, 22 & 29. Please keep our Confirmation students in your prayers.

2018 SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR KIDS: 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, August 3, 2018**. Day Camp is for kids who have completed Kindergarten through those who've completed 5th grade. Older kids can be "junior counselors." If you **register before June 1st** it's only \$50 per child for the whole week! Optional "aftercare" is \$12 a day.

Registration materials and a full brochure can be found at ReachOutChurch.org or here at church or by contacting Pastor Julie: mapleleafcapastor@comcast.net

NOMINEES FOR MAY ELECTIONS: At our May 6, 2018 Annual Congregational Meeting we will be electing some officers who are up for a second term and Council members/committee chairs. Please plan on attending. We'll also accept nominees from the floor. **Here is the list of nominees:**

- President:** Trayton O. (up for second term)
- Treasurer:** Randy G. (up for second term)
- Education committee chair:** Darrick M. (up for second term)
- Endowment committee chair:** Chris J. (up for a second term)
- Mission committee chair:** Kayla P.
- Family Ministry co-chairs:** Sandy G (second term) & Marijayne G (first term)
- Worship committee chair:** We still need a nominee!

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- 2019 Nominating Committee:** Lisa C., Don C., Carol C.

If you are interested in filling an open position please talk with someone on the current Nominating Committee: Marijayne G, Lucas K, Sandy G, Lynne S, Randy G. Chris T, or Pastor Julie.

ADULT FORUM: We are coming to the end of our Reformation study in Adult Forum. It has been an informative insight into the life of Luther and his legacy.

We encourage everyone to join us **Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Library** as we finish this out over the next few weeks and explore where Lutherans are headed in today's world. Starting Sunday April 29th we begin a new session with a Biblical study of CS Lewis and his book Mere Christianity. This too promises to be thought provoking and intriguing. Classes are laid out in a manner that you can come every week or as you are able. We promise some lively debates!

ANNUAL REPORTS DUE: Committee chairs, in advance of the May Congregational meeting, please prepare your committee's annual report highlighting your teams' effort throughout the past 12 months.

Please send your reports to Sarah (mapleleafoffice@comcast.net) **by Friday, April 13th**. Thank you, Trayton O.



Mission Cmt Adult Forum= 'Care More, Car Less' & Zone Mapping: 9AM in the Comm Hall on 4/22. Join us!



STAFF UPDATES



WELCOME NEW MAPLE LEAF LUTHERAN CHURCH PIANIST/ORGANIST: My name is **Beiwen Liu**, and I just graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in Computer Science. People would describe me as an "ABC" (American Born Chinese) - as I was born and raised in Savannah, GA, and my parents are from China. I started playing the piano at the age of 6, and it has been my continuing passion to spread my love of music.

I would describe my religious background as a circle of denominations - I went to a Lutheran church growing up, went to a Baptist School Elementary school/Middle school, played for a Presbyterian church in high school, and now I am looking forward to serving here at Maple Lutheran Church.

My favorite past time is creating music - feel free to check out my YouTube channel at (youtube.com/beiwenliu)! I am also a car fanatic. you will probably see me wearing my Mustang sweatshirt. My other interests are in computer games and gambling. Fun fact - I've had extreme fluctuations in weight - I used to compete in weight lifting competitions and gained 80 pounds in two years. But recently, due to college studies, I've lost 40 pounds up until this day. **I am looking forward to getting to know everyone!**



CARE OF PEW SUPPLIES: Did you know that for many years now our very own Lily V comes by the church once a month or so and cares for the items in our pews? She sharpens the pencils, adds new offering envelopes/welcome cards and makes sure everything is in good order. Lily will be "retiring" from this much appreciated task and so **we are looking for someone else to take over.** If you'd be willing to check on the pews every month or so, please let the church office know. We imagine Lily would even be willing to "train" you. Thank you for considering it, and thank you, Lily, for your years of service.

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

APR	8	15	22	29
READER	Sandy G	Jason T	Ron G	Darrick
COMM ASSTS	Paularose & Lynne S	Kris H & Catherine J	Sandy G. & TBD	Sandy G & Catherine J
GREETERS	Sandy G	Catherine J	Randy & Marijayne	Paularose
USHERS	Tom & David	Steph T	Randy & Marijayne	Steph O
ASST. MINS	Bill W	Emeline	Darrick	Lynne S
ACOLYTES	others	Emmett & Marie J	Josh K. & Stella O	Other & Josh K
ALTAR	Kathy	Sue	Kiki	Randy Ga
VAN DRIVER	tbd	tbd	tbd	tbd
KIDS' TIME	Kathy C	tbd	Kathy C	Karen V
ACCOMPANIST	Beiwen	Beiwen	Beiwen	Beiwen
MUSIC DIR.	Ellie	Ellie	Ellie	Ellie
MINISTER	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum	Pastor Julie Blum
LITURGY	ELW 3	ELW 2	ELW 10	ELW 8
COOKIE chart	Tricia/Rob F, Trevor/Kristin K, Diana K, Rob/Missy K, Gloria M, Steph/Clancy T, Bill/Carol W.			

April

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 AM Easter breakfast 10:30 AM Easter Worship 11:30 AM Scrip Sunday 9:00 PM Nightly Shelter all month	2 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	3 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	4 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	5 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 11:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	6 janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo 6:45 PM Seattle Recorder Society	7 janitorial 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
8 9:00 AM Adult Forum 10:30 AM Worship 12:00 PM Worship Cmt Mtg	9 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	10 1:00 PM Alzheimer's Association Caregiver Support Group 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	11 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	12 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 11:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	13 Annual Reports Due janitorial 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	14 janitorial 9:00 AM Recorder group 3:30 PM Organist 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo
15 9:00 AM Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship	16 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	17 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	18 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir 7:00 PM Council meets	19 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 11:00 AM Text Study 7:00 PM Church Choir	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 Adult Forum/Confirmation 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship- Creation CARE Sunday 3:00 PM Community Shelter Meal	23 9:00 AM Quilters 4:45 PM Pacifica Choir	24 6:45 PM Camino Al Cielo	25 4:00 PM Pacifica Choir	26 7:30 AM Grateful Bread Bible Study 11:00 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
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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



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