



Our Trunk or Treat volunteers, from left: Cheryl Cooley, Patty Sollars, Steven Fuller, Sarah Black, Pastor Andrew, Pam Johnson, Tony James, Stacy & Jim Martin, Kay & Powers Alder, David Cooley, Nancy Oles & Janet Cado; sitting are Janae Fuller, Debbie & Glenn Bagley and Teri James. THANK YOU ALL!

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Lexington United Methodist Church

Where We Seek, Serve and Share Christ

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 Youth Group, Sundays 6 p.m.

Worshiping Winds Rehearsal:
 Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
 Choir Rehearsal: Sundays, 10 a.m.

“Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving, and His Courts with Praise!”

“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.” ~ Psalm 100 - NIV

Thanksgiving is a powerful tool that brings us closer to God and one another. As we enter times of uncertainty with politics, unrest in the world and contend with the storms of life we can be thankful that our Lord continues to build such a strong and vibrant church as LUMC.

I will start off with my own personal thankfulness I have for you LUMC. Thank you to our congregation for the gifts and cards that I received, (and even some for my wife Pastor Julie), for pastor appreciation, I am filled with gratitude!

It is right and a good and joyful thing to give praise and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus Christ for the spirit of transformation that is taking place within the congregation. On Sunday mornings we are constantly adding to the service and people keep stepping up. If you have not been to service in a while you're invited to come see what God is

doing in your church. During service there are lots of people who serve; if you feel led to take part in the service in some way please contact Liz in the front office.

I am thankful for our leaders who have stepped up during my tenure as your pastor and especially in this season of growth. It takes many people to care for God's creation. It is people like our teachers, nursery workers, and all the volunteers moving with the Spirit of Christ to make this progress possible.



Rev. Andrew Sanders

I want to give a special Thank you to **Teri James** for orchestrating our amazing trunk or treat. **We had 340 kids that came through LUMC!** That is community building!! Also **thank you to the volunteers** who ensured Terry's vision came to life.

Sunday night November 3rd we kicked off a new youth group. One of the things that we did the first night was to let the youth pick

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sundays: Worshiping Winds rehearsal 9:30 a.m. & Choir rehearsal 10 a.m.

Mondays: Quilters at 1 p.m

Wednesdays: Exercise Group: 9 a.m.

BABY GRACE: First & Third Saturdays, 10 to Noon. Now in its new location next to the Nursery room.

HARVESTERS DISTRIBUTION: Second Monday of the month 8 to 11 a.m.

WOMEN'S GROUP: Friday, Nov. 8, Noon for carry-in lunch.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, Nov. 18, 6 p.m., Choir Room.

DECORATING FOR ADVENT SEASON: We will decorate the church after the Sunday worship service Nov. 24th. Calling all volunteers!

COMMODITIES: Tuesday, Nov. 26, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED: Wednesday & Thursday, Nov. 27 & 28. Will reopen Monday, Dec. 2nd.

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the space they want to meet in. The youth and I are excited to say that they have chosen "The Well" to be their space. It's been a minute since the well was used but the youth have already sketched up a plan on how to best utilize the space. I can't wait to see how Jesus transforms this group into a vital ministry of the church! If you have youth to invite, we are meeting 6 to 8 p.m. on Sunday nights. If you would like to help with the youth, I could use some Safe Gathering trained volunteers to assist me as I facilitate the group, thank you in advance.

May God continue to bring praises to our hearts as we are filled with Thankfulness for all that is being done in our midst!!

HANDMADE KNITTED HATS FOR SALE

We have these colorful, handmade knitted hats for sale for \$10 apiece or a free will donation to benefit our new Youth Group. They will be available in the hallway by the sanctuary until sold out.

For Sale



Handmade, colorful knit hats in all sizes

\$10 Each
or Free Will Donation



Church COUNCIL

Liz Johnson | Secretary

Ad Council met October 21 at 6 p.m.

Pastor Andrew offered prayer after chairman Phillip Davis opened the meeting.

Pastor Andrew said we're averaging about 50 on a Sunday which is showing growth. He said we've grown enough to have four communion servers on Communion Sunday. Two will break off and take communion to the nursery.

Council voted to add the offering figures to the bulletin.

We would like to add more people to do the Children's Moment—please

reach out to Liz Johnson or Pastor Andrew if you are interested. Pastor has a book with 52 Children's Lessons moments to assist with planning.

Pastor mentioned that the hospitality room is overflowing so he would like to rearrange some of the hallway furniture to provide more space nearby for folks to sit and visit.

September financials showed us a tad up over expenses for which 10% will go toward apportionments.

It was decided now that the sidewalk has been completed that a No Parking sign will need to go on the brick pillars, with a weight limit of 500 pounds. The sign has been ordered and will be hung by trustees.

Charge Conference has begun with the Nominations team meeting October 23rd to begin planning for 2025.

Liz Johnson put together a new LUMC Safe Gatherings policy which was approved by Council so it could be sent to our district office.

Council decided that the Baby Grace room needs another organizational day. Liz J will reach out to Lauren to get a date set up. Meanwhile, Patty Skelton has been assisting in organizing the room.

We are also asking for folks not to donate any more items to Baby Grace until it has been fully organized.

Council decided that due to the high cost of live poinsettias this year, we would purchase everlasting ones from Michael's for adoption by folks for memorials or honorariums.

Chili Supper: Steven Fuller said the chili supper planning is underway for Tuesday, Nov. 5th, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10. We are in need of our bakers to make desserts for the supper.

The next meeting will be Monday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m.

TRUNK OR TREAT



Above, Pastor Andrew and left: Stacy & Jim Martin were on hand to give out treats to the trunk or treaters—surrounded by wonderful decorations! Thank you Teri James and all our volunteers!!



Above: Pam Johnson & her mom passed out treats to the kids at our Trunk or Treat. Right: Kiddos in fun costumes get ready to enter the trunk or treat.



Right: A couple of costumed kiddos appear grabbed by the giant green hand! Far right: Sylas Johnson, dressed as Woody poses by a huge blow-up Woody!



Far left: The Negrete Family took their kids trunk or treating: Tony, Lauren, Izzy and Graecyn. Left, Emalie peers through the car door.

NOVEMBER Birthdays

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11/15 Jase Coen

11/28 David Cooley

11/28 Gracelyn Coen

Let Liz know in the office if we don't have your birthday!

LUMC 6 p.m. Youth Group

Sundays *You're Invited!*
6 to 8 p.m. *In The Well*

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Honoring our Veterans Nov. 10th

Please join us Sunday, Nov. 10th as we honor our Veterans with a special service at 5 p.m. here at LUMC. We will have the other three churches joining us, including their choirs with special music.

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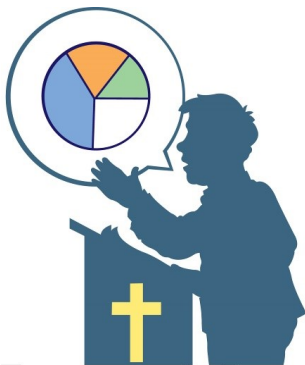
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WORSHIP: Sundays 11 a.m.

**Sunday School: 10 a.m. Adult &
Children's Classes.**

**Choir Rehearsal: Sundays at 10 a.m.
Worshiping Winds Rehearsal: 9:30 a.m.**

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Treasurer's Report

October 2024

October Offering:	\$13,999.10 (inc. UMCOR)
Reimbursements:	\$ None
Sidewalk funds	\$2,500.00
Less Expenses:	<u>-\$18,161.43</u>
Total	\$1,772.88
*Year-to-Date:	(10,275.84)

Figures are estimated until Treasurer closes out the month. Expenses include sidewalk repave, quarterly taxes, software renewal, lawn care.

Teri James: Treasurer

Liz Johnson: Finance Secretary

Sharol McMullin: Finance Chair

Phillip Davis: Council Chair

Pastor: Rev. Andrew Sanders

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." ~ Proverbs 22:9

A photograph of three men in black t-shirts standing in front of a wooden building. A logo for 'ERDIE COUCH & REVIVAL' with a red fish icon is overlaid on the image. The text 'LIVE FROM NASHVILLE, TN!' is written in large white letters at the top of the photo.

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ADVENT POINSETTIAS

Poinsettia Order Form

\$9 each



A list of donors will run in the
December 8, 2024 bulletin.

Poinsettias are everlasting and not live this year.
They are red flowers with gold foil around base.
Please turn in your form in the offering plate
or to Liz in the church office.

Deadline for poinsettia orders is Monday, Dec. 2.
Poinsettias can be taken home after Dec. 24 service.

In Memory _____

In Honor of: _____

Your Name _____

Quantity of
Poinsettias _____

Total
Enclosed _____

Sunday, November 10, 2024

Scripture Reading: Mark 12:38-44

Always give without remembering and always receive without forgetting.
—Brian Tracy

Here's a story about a king, a farmer and a nobleman:

Once upon a time there was a king who ruled over everything in a land. One day, a gardener grew an enormous carrot. He took it to his king and said, "My lord, this is the greatest carrot I've ever grown or ever will grow; therefore, I want to present it to you as a token of my love and respect for you."

The king was touched and discerned the man's heart, so as he turned to go, the king said, "Wait! You are clearly a good steward of the earth. I want to give a plot of land to you freely as a gift, so you can garden it all." The gardener was amazed and delighted and went home rejoicing.

But there was a nobleman at the king's court who overheard all this, and he said, "My! If that is what you get for a carrot, what if you gave the king something better?"

The next day the nobleman came before the king, and he was leading a handsome black stallion. He bowed low and said, "My lord, I breed horses, and this is the greatest horse I've ever bred or ever will; therefore, I want to present it to you as a token of my love and respect for you."

But the king discerned his heart and said, "Thank you," and took the horse and simply dismissed him.

The nobleman was perplexed, so the king said, "Let me explain. That gardener was giving me the carrot, but you were giving yourself the horse."

Motive matters.

This is one lesson we also learn from today's Bible reading from Mark 12. The poor widow put two coins in the offering. It was all she had. Jesus praised her as highly as he praised anyone in recorded scripture: "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

When we give to the Lord, or even when we give to others (like the poor and needy), we honor God when we give with no expectation of return, no thought that others may see our good deeds and no idea that by so giving we might curry favor with the Lord. Giving is a means by which we can express our gratitude to God for all that God has done for us.

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: O God, I am so grateful for the many blessings that have graced my life. My cup overflows! Use my gifts for your glory! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** Acts 23-25
- Monday:** Acts 26-28
- Tuesday:** Ephesians 1-4
- Wednesday:** Ephesians 5-6
- Thursday:** Philippians 1-4
- Friday:** Colossians 1-4
- Saturday:** Psalms 129-132

Verse to Remember

*Be kind to one another,
tenderhearted,
forgiving one another,
as God in Christ has
forgiven you.*

—Ephesians 4:32



VETERANS DAY WORD LADDER

Our country’s veterans were BRAVE in the face of danger. And some of them were fliers in the Air Force. Here is a Word Ladder that begins with BRAVE and ends with FLIES. Using the clues provided, change only *one letter* for each clue.

B R A V E

- ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ a serious situation
- ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ fruit on a vine
- ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ complain
- ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ holds tightly
- ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ multiple vacations
- ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ several attempts
- ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ favorite cooked potatoes

F L I E S

“Grandma, what’s a percolator?”

Little Eva is visiting her grandmother. Eva is 11 years old. In their conversations, grandmother has mentioned many things Eva doesn’t understand. Her mother said to Eva, “Why don’t you keep a list and ask grandma someday?” So today is the day. Pretend you are the grandmother. How would you answer these questions?

1. What is a fender skirt?
2. What is a steering knob or “necker’s knob”?
3. What was an emergency brake? Is that the same thing as a parking brake?
4. What is a “foot feed”?
5. Why do you talk about “store-bought” things?
6. What does it mean if someone is “in a family way”?
7. What’s a percolator?
8. What’s a rat fink?
9. What’s a mimeograph?
10. Why do you say “durn!” a lot?

Activity: If you don’t know the answers to Eva’s questions, chat with your neighbors about this list. Or, make this a topic of conversation with the next person who visits you. Do you recall other words or objects of a bygone era that sound strange to us today?

SOLUTION TO WORD LADDER: brave, grave, grape, gripe, grips, trips, tries, fries, flies.

Sunday, November 17, 2024

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world. —Desmond Tutu

Do you consider yourself a provocateur, that is, a person who deliberately behaves controversially in order to provoke argument or other strong reactions? Unlikely — but if you did, you'd be on solid biblical ground, because today's reading lays it right on the line: "Provoke one another" (v. 24).

Wars have been fought over misguided or unfortunate provocations. The assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria in 1914, which served as the catalyst for the outbreak of World War I, is perhaps the most famous of political provocations.

The Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962 is another example. The Soviet Union intended to install nuclear missiles in Cuba just 90-some miles from U.S. soil. The United States interpreted this as a provocative act. The tense standoff between the two superpowers brought the world to the brink of nuclear war.

On the playground, children provoke each other constantly with taunting, name-calling, or aggressive posturing. Neighbors will plant trees or erect fences perilously close to a boundary. Marriages have fallen apart because of abusive provocations.

So why does the Bible say, "Provoke one another"?

Well, of course, I am not quoting the entire verse, am I? If we continue to read, the text says, "Provoke one another to love and good deeds!"

Ah, this is much different, isn't it?

The biblical author wants to encourage fellow believers to actively pursue "random acts of love and kindness." To provoke each other in this way emphasizes the importance of mutual support, accountability and encouragement within the Christian community.

Far from inciting conflict or hostility, this kind of provocation is aimed at inspiring and motivating one another to live out the teachings of Jesus Christ in practical ways.

Can you think of how you might be a loving *provocateur* today?

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Dear Lord, inspire in me some creative ways to stimulate love and kindness not only in myself but others as well. In your name. Amen.

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Hebrews 1-4

Monday: Hebrews 5-7

Tuesday: Hebrews 8-10

Wednesday: Hebrews 11-13

Thursday: Philemon; 1 Peter 1-2

Friday: 1 Peter 3-5

Saturday: Psalms 133-135

Verse to Remember

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

—Hebrews 11:1



Blue and blew; Mail and male

Directions: A homophone is a word that sounds the same as another English word (like blue and mail in the title above), but both its meaning and its spelling are different. Each sentence below contains a pair of homophones. See if you can do this exercise without peeking at the word list below.

1. A house helper is a _____, but it sounds like _____.
2. A couple might be called a _____, but it sounds like this fruit _____.
3. If you are correct, you are _____, but it definitely sounds like _____.
4. Although it sounds like _____, a person who is not strong is _____.
5. The flesh you eat is called _____, but please, don't eat the people you _____!
6. The square root of 64 is _____, but don't try to spell it as _____.
7. There's a large animal called a _____; without its fur it would be _____.
8. My daughter's brother is my _____, although a lot of people spell it _____.
9. A witness guaranteed he had _____ the _____.
10. You can only _____ if you listen; you can only stay if you're already _____.

Word List: ate, son, made, bear, pair, right, meat, seen, write, week, here, meet, eight, maid, bare, sun, scene, pear, hear, weak.

ALPHABET TEST!

Use all of the letters in the alphabet to complete these words:

b a ___ a i n; l ___ ger; dy ___ sty; ___ gote; sa ___ ation; di ___ pan;

pum ___ in; de ___ ay; bo ___ ar; di ___ it; sun ___ rn; obl ___ ue; li ___ off.

Answers: Blue and blew; Mail and male: 1. maid, made; 2. pair, pear; 3. right, write; 4. week, weak; 5. meat, meet; 6. eight, ate; 7. bear, bare; 8. son, sun; 9. seen, scene; 10. hear, here. **Alphabet Test:** baRGain, lODger, dyNasty, ZYgote, saLVation, diSHpan, pumPKin, deEJay, boXCar, diMWit, sunBUrn, oblIQue, liFToff.

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 24, 2024

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:4b-8

Showing gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other. —Randy Pausch

In 1940, WW2 was well underway. The battle for France had begun. The Netherlands fell. London survived the Blitz during the Battle of Britain. Mussolini had invaded Greece. It was one of the darkest periods in the history of humankind.

Therefore, it was no surprise when President Roosevelt in his annual State of the Union address explained why the United States needed to become involved in the war. At stake, he said, were four freedoms: freedom of speech, freedom of worship, freedom from want, and freedom from fear. These freedoms became known as the Four Freedoms, and according to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum website, “symbolized America’s war aims and gave hope in the following years to a war-wearied people because they knew they were fighting for freedom.”

One person who took notice was the American artist and illustrator Norman Rockwell (1894-1978). Inspired by Roosevelt’s speech, Rockwell created four paintings illustrating each freedom.

“Freedom from Want” became the iconic painting associated with the Thanksgiving holiday. The painting, about 45 inches by 35 inches, became a *Saturday Evening Post* cover, as did the other “Four Freedoms.” According to Wikipedia, the “painting shows an aproned matriarch presenting a roasted turkey to a family of several generations ... The patriarch looks on with fondness and approval from the head of the table ... Its creased tablecloth shows that this is a special occasion for ‘sharing what we have with those we love.’ The table has a bowl of fruit, celery, pickles, and what appears to be cranberry sauce. There is a covered silver serving dish that would traditionally hold potatoes, ... The people in the painting are not yet eating, and the painting contrasts the empty plates and vacant space in their midst with images of overabundance.”

This coming Thursday, we observe Thanksgiving. The occasion reminds us of the blessing of “freedom from want.” Let us express our gratitude to God for all of the freedoms we enjoy!

—Timothy Merrill

Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for providing for all of my needs. In your name, I pray. Amen.

Week of November 24, 2024

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday:** 2 Peter 1-3
- Monday:** 1 Timothy 1-3
- Tuesday:** 1 Timothy 4-6
- Wednesday:** 2 Timothy 1-4
- Thursday:** Titus 1-3
- Friday:** 1 John 1-2
- Saturday:** Psalms 136-138

VERSE TO REMEMBER

The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.

—Psalm 138:8

PSALM PUZZLE

Using the boxes below, find the theme of this psalm (96). To discover what it is, write a word on the blanks provided that best fits each definition. Then, transfer the letters to the numbered boxes. Spaces with an X below the line indicate that those letters are not used.

A. Two children can sit on this and go up and down.

1 16 X 18 14 17

B. Something to keep wet ink from smearing.

X 10 11 5 7 9 12

C. Precise middle of the day.

3 6 19 15

D. One of the words an auctioneer uses to close a deal.

4 X 2 20 21

E. A nail has one.

8 X X 13



1	2	3	4		5	6		7	8	9		10	11	12	13		14		15	16	17		18	19	20	21

