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December 2023



Luther Memorial Lutheran Church

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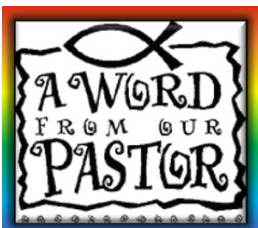
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York, PA 17403

AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

All people are welcome to share in laughter, the love of God, and life of Christ with us regardless of creed, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic background or anything that may separate you from another community.

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Greetings Luther Memorial Family!

It is with great joy and excitement that I begin serving as your new pastor. I know the last three years have been challenging and you might say, difficult, for a variety of reasons, not least of which is the COVID-19 pandemic.

If we have learned anything from the past three years, it is how to persevere and to continue to look forward to and anticipate that better days are coming. We aren't the only people who have faced challenges in our lives. The Old Testament is filled with

stories of God's chosen people facing challenges – some a result of their own choices and some a result of the choices of others – and how God shows up in those moments.

As we begin this time of serving God together, I hope that we can see and witness God showing up in various ways and what better way than with the beginning of the season of Advent. Advent is the season of the church year where we wait with eager anticipation the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. Advent is the season of the year when we wait for God to show up in the very unexpected form of a baby in a manger. Advent is the season of waiting for Emmanuel – “God with us!” As we await the birth of Jesus Christ, I hope you will be attentive to the ways that God is already showing up in your life and then I invite you share how you have seen God with your siblings in Christ at Luther Memorial.

As we begin this new chapter in the story that God is writing at Luther Memorial, I share with you this call to worship for the season of Advent:

Church of God, are you ready? **We're ready!**
Are you ready to meet the Lord?
Church of God, get ready! **We're ready!**
Are you ready to greet the Lord?
Church of God, get ready! **We're ready!**

Get ready and wait for the Lord. Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall soar with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not grow faint.

~ This Far by Faith (page 72)

As we begin our time together, I hope that when you're invited to participate in the life of the congregation – the life that God is leading this community to live – that you'll respond with great joy and excitement and say, “We're ready!”

May the peace of Christ be with you always!

Pastor Vanessa Storlie

CHURCH COUNCIL

From the Council President

The past month has been a momentous one for Luther Memorial. As I write this, on Thanksgiving Day, I am reminded how thankful I am for this congregation. I am so pleased and proud of you all!

At the beginning of the month, on All Saints' Sunday, we chose unanimously to call Vanessa Storlie as our next pastor. She accepted readily, and will be ordained on Sunday, December 3, at 4:00 p.m. at Trindle Springs Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg. If you can attend this important moment in her ministry, please plan to do so.

At our annual meeting, we approved an ambitious budget, which I hope you will support as fully as you are able.

We also elected three continuing members of Council, and four new ones:

- ♦ Jim Platt and Peggy Ebersole will serve one-year terms ending in December 2024.
- ♦ Carol Little will serve a two-year term, ending in December 2025.
- ♦ Karl Boldt, Craig Campbell, Roberta Freedman, and Lois Larson will serve three-year terms ending in December 2026.

The council, both current and incoming members will meet on December 18 to organize and set goals for the coming year.

Finally, I wish for all of you a most peaceful and happy Advent and Christmas!

Carol Little

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

- Carol Heiss, 2330 Freedom Way, Apt.203, York, PA 17402
- Leona Hubley, 3377 Fox Run Road, Dover, PA 17315
- Dick Mylin, Misericordia, 998 S Russell St, York, PA 17402
- Mary Ann Rudler, 1801 Folkemer Circle, York, PA 17404
- Jean Rudy, Senior Commons Rm. 310, 1775 Powder Mill Road, York, PA 17403
- Judy Skouras, The Haven at Springwood, 2321 Freedom Way, York, PA 17402
- Mary Ann Wertman, 2330 Freedom Way, Apt.327, York, PA 17402



♪ Happy birthday to you, happy birthday to you, happy birthday dear... ♪

12/1 Mike Page

12/20 Karen Doolan

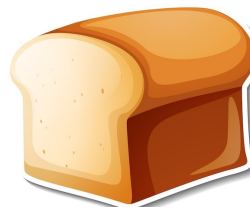
12/7 Sarah Nevin
Tammy Taylor

12/22 Matthew Herrington

12/9 Jim Anderson
12/11 Jeanne Anstadt
12/15 Chet Chidester
12/16 Jeane Eby



COMMUNION BREAD BAKER WANTED



We are in need of one or more people to help with baking communion bread for Sunday worship. If anyone feels so called to serve as a bread baker, we would so greatly appreciate your help and service.



ZOOM WORSHIP 10 a.m. Sunday

If you can't join us in person, worship with us
on Zoom & Facebook Live
View on your computer or call in and listen to the
worship service each week.

In addition to this guide, a weekly bulletin including all
hymns and readings may be downloaded from the
Luther Memorial website: lutherpeople.org

CONNECT WITH ZOOM

Type this address into your browser to join the webinar:
<https://zoom.us/j/95620305506> Type in Password 064255

Call 1646 558 8656

When asked for meeting ID dial 956 2030 5506#

When asked for password, dial 064255#

WORSHIP BROADCAST SPONSORS



We are offering the opportunity to sponsor the broadcast
of worship. The full cost is \$50 and we will include a
dedication in the Weekly News. You may also make a
contribution of any amount to help with the cost of
worship broadcast. This has been a vital ministry,
keeping many in our congregation connected and safe
as they worship from home.

**Broadcast sponsors: December 10—Leslie Ehrhart
December 31—Donna Marsh in memory of her parents
Vince & Sylvia Conti**

Open Dates at publication:
December 3, 17, 24

December Hymns and Readings

December 3 – Advent 1

Hymns:

Gathering: LBW 23 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Hymn of the Day: LBW 32 – Fling Wide the Door

Sending: LBW 33 – The King Shall Come

Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

December 10 – Advent 2

Hymns:

Gathering: LBW 26 – Prepare the Royal Highway

Hymn of the Day: LBW 29 – Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Sending: LBW 36 – On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry

Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11, 2 Peter 3:8-15a, Mark 1:1-8

December 17 – Advent 3

Hymns:

Gathering: LBW 394 – Lost in the Night

Hymn of the Day: WOV 649 – I Want to Walk as a Child of the
Light

Sending: LBW 25 – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24 – Advent 4—Morning Worship

Hymns:

Gathering: WOV 730 – My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

Hymn of the Day: LBW 34 – Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel

Sending: LBW 30 – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Readings: 2 Sam 7:1-11, 16, Romans 16:25-27, Luke 1:26-38

December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight at 7 p.m.

December 31—Christmas 1 at 10 a.m.

December 2023



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday







Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Advent is a time of expectation and preparation.

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. Advent means "coming" and is a time of preparation, anticipation and expectation of Christmas where we celebrate that Jesus, God's Incarnate son, was born into our world.

3 Advent 1 10a Worship 4p Ordination of Pr. Vanessa @ Trindle Springs Lutheran 8p Search for Serenity	4 2p ARC 8p Grope	5 2p ARC	6 2p ARC 6:30p Choir	7 2p ARC	8 8:30a Ping Pong 2p ARC 	9 3p Grope Group
10 Advent 2 10a Worship 8p Search for Serenity  UNDIES AND DOLLS DUE	11 2p ARC 8p Grope	12 2p ARC	13 2p ARC 6:30p Choir	14 2p ARC 1p Stitches of Love 6p York Beaders 7p Moms of Tw/Tr	15 2p ARC	16 3p Grope Group
17 Advent 3 10a Worship 8p Search for Serenity ANGEL GIFTS DUE 	18 2p ARC 7p Council 8p Grope	19 Lumen Deadline 2p ARC 	20 2p ARC 6:30p Choir	21 2p ARC  First Day of Winter	22 2p ARC	23 3p Grope Group
24 Advent 4 / Christmas Eve 10a Worship 7p Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 	25 	26	27 6:30p Choir	28	29	30 3p Grope Group

31 Christmas 1
10a Worship


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UNDIE SUNDAY & DOLL COLLECTION

We have been given so much, and we are constantly reminded of how blessed we are. This year with that in mind we are planning to give back to the community through Helping Hands For Homeless. For this program to be successful we need you. We are looking for the following items: **Mens, Womens, Childrens underwear, socks and dolls. If you are willing to donate please bring them to the church by December 10th.** Help us give back this season as we celebrate our blessings together.

Warmest Regards, Tammy Taylor



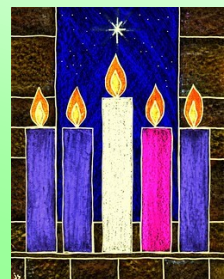
Angel Tree Gifts

This year in coordination with Mom's of Twins and Triplets, we have taken on 3 families for Angel Tree Gifts through the Community Progress Council. Tags are available on the front pew of the nave and wrapped gifts should be returned to the church no later than Sunday, December 17. Thank you for your generosity.



CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING

Sunday, December 10 after worship.
Please stay after worship to help dress the nave in its Christmas finery.
More hands make the work light.
All are welcome to participate.



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Holy Communion &
Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 24 at 7 p.m.
Join us for this annual tradition

PASTOR VANESSA'S ORDINATION



All are invited to attend the Service of Ordination for
Pastor Vanessa Storlie on

**December 3 at 4:00 pm at
Trindle Spring Lutheran Church
(14 State Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050).**
All are invited to come for the service.

A reception will follow at Pastor Vanessa's home church, Trinity Lutheran Church (132 E Main St, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050).

If you are able to attend and/or provide light refreshments, your help and presence will be greatly appreciated. Those that are unable to attend in person are welcome to visit **www.trindlespringlutheran.org** and click on either their Facebook or Youtube link on their websites main page.

YSEF Impact Foundation Food Pantry

We are collecting the most needed items for the Impact Foundation's Food Pantry. The needs change from week to week and you can find an updated list on the York Suburban Education Foundation's Facebook page or call the church office.

Household: shampoo & conditioner, paper towels, soap
Food: peanut butter, tomato soup, canned chicken, canned tuna

Items may be dropped off on Sunday morning in the basket to the right of the TV in the narthex. Thank you for your support!



Impact Foundation

Students Helping Students ... A Committee of YSEF

OCTOBER COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

REPORTS / OLD BUSINESS:

Property Report – Boiler had a leak that required repair

OctoberFest: Plans were coordinated and enacted by council

NEW BUSINESS

Angel Gifts—We are working with Mom's of Twins and Triplets to provide gifts for three families through the Community Progreaa Council. Gifts will be picked up December 17

Undie Sunday—Council agreed to continue the tradition of holding a collection of new underwear, socks, etc. and dolls for Helping Hands for the Homeless on the 2nd Sunday of Advent

Building Use Request—A representative of York Suburban requested use of the parking lot for an event on October 27, 2023. Council decided to allow student parking on our lot on that date so the truck would be parked in York Suburban's lot instead of Luther Memorial

New Carpet—It was agreed to move forward in obtaining information on estimates for new carpet for the narthex, sanctuary and hallway

Special Congregational Meeting—Motion passed to set a tentative date of November 5, 2023, for the candidate to preach, and conduct a call vote. A Meet and Greet to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023

Office Staff—The Administrative Assistant submitted a letter of resignation, so the position will be opened again and Jennifer Morris has agreed to complete the necessary tasks until a suitable replacement is found

REMINDER

Date of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation—Sunday, November 19, 2023

The meeting concluded in prayer

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Date	Total Deposit	Undesignated Giving	Budget	Variance
Jan—Mar	\$39,856	\$35,927	\$43,208	-\$7,281
Apr—June	\$30,223	\$26,937	\$43,689	-\$16,752
July—Sept	\$25,437	\$22,931	\$44,169	-\$21,238
October	\$11,007	\$9,704	\$14,883	-\$5,179
TOTAL	\$106,523	\$95,499	\$145,949	\$50,450



OFFERING ENVELOPES

The 2024 offering envelopes are available in the church narthex. We welcome you to deliver envelopes to family or neighbors in the congregation.

END-OF-YEAR CONTRIBUTIONS

Please plan to have your final 2023 contributions at the church **no later than Sunday, December 31.**

This deposit will be recorded for December 31, but it will officially be deposited on Tuesday, January 2.

2024 COUNCIL MEMBERS

Peggy Ebersole—one year term ends December 2024

Jim Platt—one year term ends December 2024

Carol Heiss—1st three year term ends December 2024

Marianne Spangler—1st three year term ends December 2024

Carol Little—two year term ends December 2025

James Taylor—1st three year term ends December 2025

Tammy Taylor—1st three year term ends December 2025

Karl Boldt—1st three year term ends December 2026

Craig Campbell—1st three year term ends December 2026

Roberta Freedman—1st three year term ends December 2026

Lois Larson —1st three year ends December 2026

OFFICE HOURS



The church office will not be operating under stated hours at this time

If you have business for the office, please either call and let a message or email. Phone and email are monitored remotely.

Pastor Vanessa will establish office hours and we will publish those hours when they are available.

In the event of an emergency, Pastor Vanessa Storlie may be reached either by phone/text at 717-819-1325 or by email; luthermemorialpastorv@gmail.com



FIND US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

You may find links to our Facebook pages on our website www.lutherpeople.org our search Facebook for “Luther Memorial Church York, PA” and “Luther Memorial Friends and Family”.



We're also on **Instagram**
[LutherMemorialChurchYorkPA](https://www.instagram.com/LutherMemorialChurchYorkPA).

EMAIL, ADDRESS & PHONE UPDATES



Has any of your contact information changed? If your contact information changes, please let us know. We also send out a weekly email reminder of all the events at Luther Memorial.

If you have an email address, please share it with us by emailing info@lutherpeople.org or write it down & leave it in the office.



HOSPITALIZATION NOTIFICATIONS

Neither York Hospital nor UPMC Memorial notify churches of member hospitalizations. If you become aware of the hospitalization of a church member or plan an admission, please give the office a call. We would greatly appreciate your help in keeping us informed so that Pastor Doug may visit.

CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL AND STAFF

COUNCIL OFFICERS

Council President **Carol Little—717-870-6784**
Vice President **Tammy Taylor—717-891-3235**
Council Secretary **Peggy Ebersole—717-854-8007**
Treasurer **Jim Platt—717-757-6907**

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Carol Heiss—717-894-8493
Marianne Spangler—717-845-1617
James Taylor—717-893-4562

STAFF

Pastor Vanessa Storlie, 717-819-1325
luthermemorialpastorv@gmail.com
Jennifer Morris, Administrative Assistant
Emily Morris, Worship Broadcast Technician
Richard George, Music Director
Charles D. Kress, Sexton



January Lumen Deadline: December 19

Please submit all items to info@lutherpeople.org, or call the church office during office hours.

Please keep your contact information up-to-date with the church office.



STITCHES OF LOVE

meets the second Thursday of every month at 1 p.m. in the narthex. Bring your knitting & lunch if you'd like. All are welcome!

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