

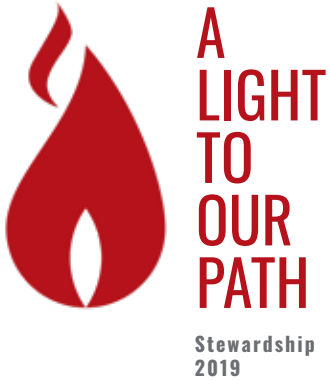
A LIGHT TO OUR PATH

Stewardship
2019



Luther Memorial Church





Beloved in Christ,

Sunday evening in the nave. A candle is lighted in the soft darkness. A solitary bell is rung. Time for Evening Prayer with the confirmation students. They take turns each week in leading the service — chanting, reading, singing. Eventually they come to know the liturgy by memory. Early in the service, one of the students will chant the Thanksgiving: *Enlighten the darkness by the light of your Christ; may our Word be a lamp to your feet and a light to our path.* For me, this is the best part of Evening Prayer.



Confirmation evening prayer is in some way a snapshot of our worship life together. It is inspirational and transformative. It is intergenerational and welcoming. It is the proclamation of Christ crucified and risen from the dead. It is why we gather every Sunday; why we join and why we give and serve.

Your financial gifts and your prayers make it possible for us to continue this ministry, and others like it, for the sake of our life in Christ.

Most years when confirmation is completed, one or more students will ask to help lead Sunday liturgy. That was true this year. This past spring we welcomed Surya Blasiole and Micah Scarlett as new assisting ministers, offering the Sunday prayers of the people, setting the table and distributing Holy Communion.

It is a wonderful thing to see young people participate more fully in the liturgy. But it shouldn't come as a surprise. Liturgy is the work of the people. All the people of God. And at LM we see people of all ages participating in the liturgy and serving as worship leaders. We hear their voices — *our voices!* — raised in praise and thanksgiving for the one who died and now lives that we might have life and have it in abundance.

Our liturgical practice unites us, nourishes us, and inspires our actions. During this time of fall stewardship, I invite you to prayerfully consider how you will support the life and work of Luther Memorial through all of its avenues of God's light.



In thankfulness,

Brad Pohlman
Senior Pastor

NEW

The Keep at LM



The Keep is a new outreach ministry housed in our recently renovated church basement. Its mission is to serve university students and other neighbors in need. Still in development, The Keep at LM partners with student-led organizations,

buddy churches, food banks, and Lutheran Campus Ministry to address issues of food, shelter and clothing insecurities. In addition to space, LM congregation provides mentorship and support to equip and enable students to care for others. The Keep Ministry Team goals for 2019 are to recruit new student orgs and launch a **Food Pantry** run by Luther Memorial volunteers.

Faith & Vocation Fellow



Addison Arndt joins LM staff part-time to work with youth. He serves on the Youth & Family Ministry Team and helps lead middle school youth group. A junior at UW, Addison is one of four Faith & Vocation Fellows to receive a grant

through our partnership with Lutheran Campus Ministry.

Faith & Vocation Fellowships are designed to provide opportunities for college students to grow in relationship with God through knowledge and faith practices, develop a close community of faith in which to reflect on God's presence in daily life, and serve others through partner ministries, exploring the diverse ways Christians serve Christ.

Director of Music



Andrew Schaeffer begins his ministry as new Director of Music in December 2018.

In describing Andrew, a mentor wrote: "The most significant fact about his multifaceted talents is that he understands the role of music as a servant

of worship. He not only understands this role, but embraces it enthusiastically. He wants to be a servant in the life of any congregation he serves."



Dear sisters and brothers,

With full hearts we celebrated the 40-year ministry of our beloved director of music, Bruce Bengtson, upon his retirement in May. Thanks to all who made this milestone event so memorable! My thanks also to the talented team of interim music leaders serving this fall and into 2019, a true blessing.

We encounter many transitions in church life together. Through big and small, I thank you for your unwavering financial support. This past year many of you gave generously to the 2018 annual appeal, as well as the 2017–2020 capital appeal.

With awe and gratitude for your leadership, I am inviting you to continue your support and renew your annual operating pledge for 2019.

Your dollars keep the church humming, vibrant and welcoming. You fund new and ongoing ministries of worship, music, learning, service, and care. You enhance our fellowship and maintain our facility.

Your support is critically important.

As you prayerfully consider your pledge to Luther Memorial for 2019, please think about an increase. **Join Dorothy and me and raise your pledge by 4% or more** over 2018. Many small improvements end up making a big difference!

Life flows on in endless song at LM. God's work continues among, and through, the people of this congregation. Here's to another great year in ministry with you in celebration of God's abundance!



Clifford J. Haaland

Cliff Haaland
Congregation Council President

FAQ

What does it mean to pledge?

By making a pledge you indicate your desire and intent to help support Luther Memorial financially in the coming year. You choose the amount you wish to give, and how frequently. As Christians we view financial giving as a sacred rite, a practice that deepens our faith. For many, making a pledge creates a structured way to do this.

How is my pledge donation used?

Your giving is vital to the daily work of our congregation. You create opportunities for worship and music, learning for all ages, small group and community enrichment, and outreach programs to serve our neighbors in need. Your pledge to the operating fund also covers regular building maintenance and repairs, and Luther Memorial's support to our synod and other key ministry partners.

How much should I give?

Give an amount that is meaningful to you. Prayerfully consider what is possible for your household at this time. Many in our parish strive to tithe, to give 10% of their income away to charity each year.

How much should I increase my pledge?

consider a
4%
increase

We have set a target goal to increase pledged income by 4% in 2019. If you are able to help our congregation reach that goal, please do what you can!

How does my pledge impact the Capital Appeal?

It doesn't. Last year, many people pledged to the 3-year capital appeal that runs July 2017–June 2020. This pledge is separate from your pledge to the operating fund. Of course you may wish to increase your capital appeal pledge; you can do this at any time.

Can I pledge to LM electronically?

Yes, many people set up a recurring gift. You can do so online at www.luthermem.org/giving.

Do I need to fill out a new pledge card if I give a recurring gift electronically?



Kim O'Leary

It is helpful if you do. This action also gives you an opportunity to prayerfully consider the amount of your gift for the coming year. For assistance, please contact Kim O'Leary, our church administrator.

Is there a deadline to receive my annual pledge?

Yes. Giving is good anytime, but please try to make your pledge by November 18. This assists the church in making ministry plans for 2019.



**Please make your pledge by
Sunday, November 18.**

Thank you!

