

LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

Great is thy faithfulness

STEWARDSHIP 2023





Dear Luther Memorial family,

It is a privilege to write to you again this fall. We continue to feel incredibly blessed and honored to serve as your pastors. While our faith community has been through much together over the years, this fall seems like a new spring.

After two years of LM changing and adjusting life, work, and ministry together, things seem to have returned to a kind of normalcy. Worship, learning for all ages, choirs for all ages, ministry with our partners of Parroquia Santa María and Lutheran Campus Ministry, outreach and service to our neighbors are all now in full swing.

Yet, we recognize that some things may never return to normal, whatever that means. Many among us mourn the death of loved ones who died these past two years. Others are unable to be with us in person because of health concerns.

Whatever the future holds, it is not going to be like the past. But we press on knowing that God has been and continues to be faithful

to us and that the Spirit continues to give us life, and life abundantly.

We have been blessed here at LM, with faithful and thoughtful leaders who have helped steer us through life's challenges. We are grateful for all of you and your participation, encouragement and support of our shared life together. We look forward to what the coming year holds.

We especially thank all those who have joined our community during the past two years. People who have felt called to be among us, who were welcomed here by all of you, and did not let the pandemic prevent them from finding ways to participate and join together with us in the life of this community of faith.

As we look forward to 2023, we are asking that you prayerfully consider your participation and giving to Christ's church. Because of the pandemic and its aftereffects, including inflation, we anticipate some challenges in funding all aspects of our ministry in the coming year. If you are able, we ask

that you please consider a 4–5% increase in your giving.

Through it all, Christ who is Lord of all times, remains faithful to us. Christ's presence among us, by the gift of the Spirit, is with us to be our guide and strength for today, tomorrow and always. For the life he gives us and for the life we share together as Luther Memorial Church, we give thanks to God.

In gratitude,
Pastor Brad Pohlman and
Pastor John Worzala Dumke



“ A faith community



“As newer members at Luther Memorial, thinking about our stewardship became an important issue for us. Contributing financially and with time and talent are all components of supporting and sustaining this faith community. We are drawn not only by the worship tradition of Luther Memorial, but also grateful to be part of

a congregation that has so warmly embraced us as a same sex married couple where we could worship together, sing in the choir and contribute in other ways as opportunities arise. That welcome and liturgical tradition played a major role in our decision to become members and in turn encourages us to faithfully engage and endeavor to actively support the ministries of Luther Memorial Church.”

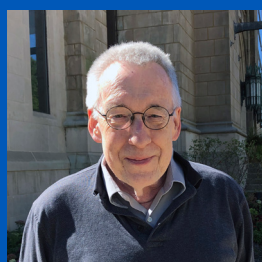
Gary Lewis & Ken Sosinski



“When we moved to Madison in mid-2020, we began watching Luther Memorial’s online services to get to know the pastors and the community. Having played instruments and sung in choirs in college and at previous churches, we were especially drawn to Luther Memorial’s musical offering and the

congregation’s enthusiasm for music. When we felt comfortable attending in-person post-vaccine, the Luther Memorial community welcomed us at every step. We enjoy getting to know other members through choir, at church gatherings, and after services.”

Connie & Vasanth Subramanian



“I had been away from any church for years but was looking to come back to something after my parents died. With the pandemic lockdown, I envisioned a long process of ‘church shopping,’ but I knew right away Luther Memorial would be a good fit. The magnificent building and traditional liturgy wowed me, and the

warm welcome I’ve received here meant becoming a member was the best decision I ever made.”

Jeff Van Fleet



“We joined Luther Memorial initially for a faith community and to be part of the legacy of the choir. Since joining we have grown spiritually and have gained many new friends in God’s family.”

Christopher, Abby and Andrew Beaver

Dear friends,

It has been my privilege to serve as council president this year. There has been much going on here at LM, but what strikes me the most is how generous the congregation is. People are generous with their time and their treasure in ways both great and small. Both have been a wonderful thing to see.

I invite you to consider your financial support to our ministry for the coming year. If you have never pledged, please consider doing so. If you pledged this year, please consider doing so again in 2023. And if you are able, please consider increasing your pledge for the coming year. Some people give to our general ministry fund, others to the building fund and still others to both. Whatever you feel called to do.

Please join us in supporting the church as best you are able. It is a blessing to be here with such great people. For all of you, and for all you do, thanks be to God.

In thanksgiving,
Council President Bruce Curtis
and wife Alicia



PLEDGE TODAY

Please take time to prayerfully consider your support for 2023. Your pledge will help sustain the mission and ministries of Luther Memorial Church. You can direct your gift to two different funds:

Ministry (Operating) Appeal

Your gifts to the general ministry of the congregation go to support everything from Sunday School, bible studies, worship, the food pantry to light bulbs and snow shoveling. As we plan for ministry in 2023, we invite you to consider making a pledge toward our ministry, and if you have done so in the past, to consider a 4–5% increase from the current year.

Building (Capital) Appeal

Your gifts to the building fund go toward paying down our primary mortgage from the major remodeling done in 2017, as well as critical building repairs.

To pledge, simply go online to www.luthermem.org/pledge, or use the enclosed pledge form and return envelope. Extra forms are available at the welcome desk.

Have a question? Please contact Suelyn Swiggum, Director of Shared Ministry, at swiggum@luthermem.org or by calling the church office, (608) 258-3160 ext. 15.

Thank you!

*"Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside."*

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