

# LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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## KNOWING GOD THROUGH LOVE

**1 John 4: 7-11:** *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this, the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.*

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## SEEING GOD THROUGH LOVE

**1 John 4: 12-16:** *No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.*

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## THE CONSUMMATION OF LOVE

**1 John 4: 17-19:** *Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us.*

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## MONTHLY PASTOR'S BREAKFAST

This month's Pastor's Breakfast will be held on Monday, February 13th, at 9:30am at the Lacey Perkins, located at 113 South Main Street in Forked River. Everyone is invited to be part of the food, fellowship and fun!

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**JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 9:00AM IN- PERSON OR ON OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWS THE YOUNG DISCIPLES MESSAGE.**

**S.H.A.L.O.M. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are still in need of Laundry Detergent for S.H.A.L.O.M. (Showers / Hot Meals / Advocacy / Laundry / Outreach / Mission). The use of our laundry equipment and showers are available on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. We need more volunteers to help with this mission. Please contact the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 if you are interested in volunteering.

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**SHOE DRIVE IS UNDER WAY**

We are currently collecting your new or gently used pairs of shoes. All shoes should be dry, with their soles attached and no holes anywhere on the shoe. Not only do these shoes raise money for the church, but they also help others in developing nations start micro-enterprises that will create sustainable income for their families. The goal is to help the people from these nations escape poverty. Shoes can be dropped off at the LUMC Office during the week.

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**ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE**

On Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be worshipping with our friends from the Forked River Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm in the LUMC Sanctuary. Ashes will be distributed during the service.

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**THRIFT SHOPPE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed to work the Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe in order to expand their hours and be of better assistance to the community. Contact Maddie Stapleton at (609) 501-4207 if you are able to give a few hours of your time to keep this vital mission strong and open longer.

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**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP SCHOL**

Recently, the city of Memphis released a video of Tyre Nichols being brutalized to death by police officers. It was painful to watch. The death of Tyre Nichols has no redemptive value. Even God cried.

I watched an interview with Tyre's parents. They gave witness to all that is good in humanity, speaking of their pain, their love of their son, and a call for justice, God's grace and love.

At the very depth of this tragedy lies part of the human story: *Within each of us, just under the surface lies fear and rage*. But rage coupled with power that emerges as violence and brutality must always be condemned.

In the midst of this tragedy,

I invite all of us to live and call forth the best in God's creation – grace and love.

I call all of us to pray for Tyre's family and the City of Memphis.

I call all of us to seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God.

I call all of us to be engaged as the church in our communities to bring an end to violent rage, and to step up to be the presence of Jesus Christ.

Together, we can and will make a difference when we live God's justice, hope and healing.

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**SIGN UP YOUR KIDS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL BY CONTACTING ERIC DELA CRUZ AT  
(609) 709-9713.**



*“And when the flood and  
the water starts to rise,  
yeah*

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*I’ll ride the storm ‘cause I  
got You by my side*

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*With Your wind in my  
sails, Your love never fails  
or fades*

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*I’ll build a boat, so let it  
rain.”*

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# **HOPE CHEST PANTRY NEEDS:**

- Cereal / Cookies**
- Crackers / Fresh Fruit**
- Frozen Meals For One**
- Bread / Orange Juice**
- Ketchup / Mayonnaise**
- Fruit Snacks**

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\*\*\*Let Pastor Jonathan know if you would like to  
volunteer to bring Communion to housebound members  
on the first and third Sundays each month.\*\*\*

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