

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Mission: Morris Maze

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Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale & Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Ellen Larney & Gail Matuska

BIBLE VERSES FOR CHRISTMAS

Isaiah 9: 6 – 7: *For a child has been born to us, a son is given to us; he will bear the symbol of dominion on his shoulder, and his title will be: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty Hero, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. Wide will be the dominion and boundless the peace bestowed on David's throne and on his kingdom, to establish and support it with justice and righteousness from now on, for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will do this.*

Luke 2: 1 – 7: *In those days a decree was issued by the emperor Augustus for a census to be taken throughout the Roman world. This was the first registration of its kind; it took place when Quirinius was governor of Syria. Everyone made his way to his own town to be registered. Joseph went up to Judaea from the town of Nazareth in Galilee, to register in the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was of the house of David by descent; and with him went Mary, his betrothed, who was expecting her child. While they were there the time came for her to have her baby, and she gave birth to a son, her firstborn. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them at the inn.*

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LET'S CELEBRATE LOVE DURING ADVENT

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. Advent takes place during the four Sundays and weeks leading up to Christmas. The word "advent" translates into "coming" in Latin. It is our time to remember the real meaning of Christmas and celebrate the birth of Jesus into our world. The four candles of Advent represent each week leading up to Christ's birth. Doing some research, I found out that the first candle represents "hope." This couldn't be any more important for the world's current state of affairs as it exists today. Also, so many people become very frantic during their searches for the perfect Christmas gifts. We should all learn to turn that state of frenzy into joy. Take a deep breath and remember the reason for the season.

Let's enjoy each other and the magic that comes from helping those who are less fortunate. Listen to some Christmas music and attend the Advent services at church. Set up a Nativity scene as a reminder of why we celebrate Christmas. Most of all, be thankful for all of the wonderful people and things that you have in your life. No matter how busy you are, there is always time to be thankful.

I am guilty of not doing this as much as the next person. I know that Advent is not intended to have resolutions like the New Year traditionally does, but maybe it is time that this becomes a thing. Thank you, Jesus, for everything that you have done for me and being there to help me find my way.

Hoping everyone has a healthy and safe Christmas,
Dominic Gregoria



WINTER WONDERLAND TREE LIGHTING

Sunday, December 8, 7PM on front lawn of Connolly Center
Each tree will be decorated by a participating organization or business in Lacey.

Light refreshments will be served.



CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICES

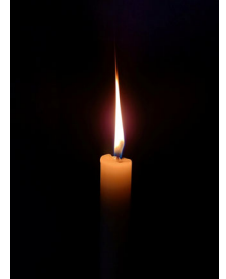
4PM: Remembrance Service

7PM: Family Service

9PM: Traditional Service

11PM: Communion Service

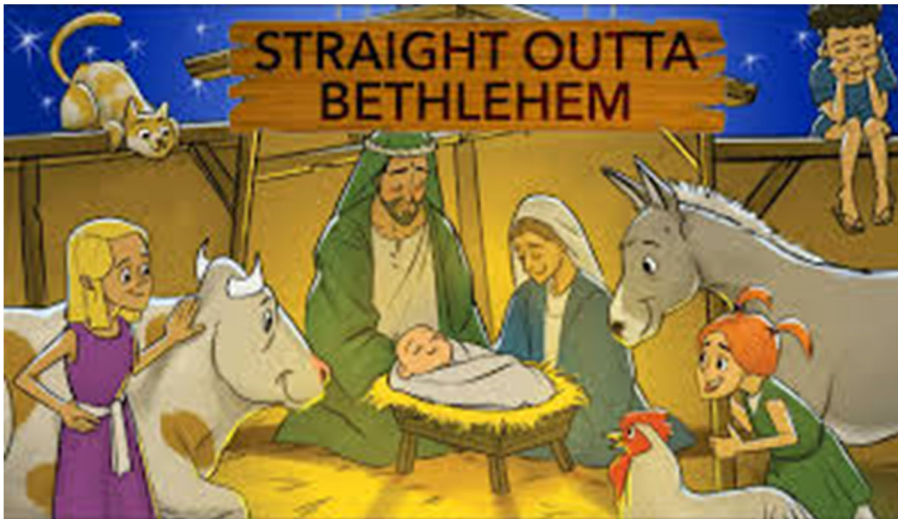
All services will include candle lighting.



A.L.I.C.E.: ACTIVE SHOOTER TRAINING

Monday, December 9: 5PM – 7PM in LUMC Lower Hall

This is an open invitation to anyone willing to be trained for emergency situations that may arise in our Church or community. Training and information is being provided by Chief DiBella.



A Christmas Musical Dinner Theater
- Including a Barn-Yard Boogie

Presented by the LUMC Drama Club
And the children of Kúrios Kids

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

5PM Italian Dinner / **6PM** Show

\$10 adults / **\$5** children under 12

Tickets will become available for purchase on December 3rd. They can be purchased from the Church Office or Dominic Gregoria. For more info, call (609) 693 – 5222 or (732) 904-9945.

DAD AND ME CHRISTMAS PICTURES

Sunday, December 8: Bring in any Christmas photos of you and your dad that you would like to share with us to be displayed on the Altar for everyone to celebrate to help understand better the relationship between Jesus and Joseph.

ATTENTION ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Youth Group (5th grade thru High School): Fridays 6:30PM until 8PM

Sunday School (Kindergarten thru High School): Sundays, except first Sunday of month, 9:15AM - 10:15AM

Kúrios Kids (Kindergarten thru 5th grade): Wednesdays 4:30PM until 6:15PM

DRAMA CLUB CONTINUES

***“In the shadow
of a steeple
In a star that
lights the way
You will find
Him in a
manger
The heart of
Christmas has
a name”
Matthew West***

As of this writing, the kids of the Drama Club are hard at work preparing for their December 14th performance of “Straight Outta Bethlehem.” Since the start of the Drama Club in September, we have gone over many facets of acting, including Stage Directions, Improv, Basic Functions Of Blocking, Relaxation Exercises, Script-in-hand Readings, Basic Rules That Every Actor Should Know and Tips For Memorizing Lines. As long as your child was present for those sessions, they received a handout on each of those topics. They were also introduced to a warmup Improv game called Yoo-Hoo. Once the production of “Straight Outta Bethlehem” takes place, we will be focusing on more aspects of acting. Obviously with Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve falling on Tuesdays, there will be no sessions on those days.

Children are welcome to join the club at any time. We meet from 5PM until 6:30PM. They should have an interest in acting to participate. This is a free program being offered to the community, therefore a level of commitment is required from each participant.

Dean Abramo, who has volunteered to assist me, has been having some scheduling conflicts as of late. I have been lucky enough to have other adults available to stay during the sessions for Safe Sanctuary reasons. I am looking for another volunteer to assist with the program to ensure a 2-adult active presence at all times. I enjoy working with the youth and am very excited to see how they develop their talents over time.

God Bless,
Dominic Gregoria

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