

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL

Philippians 3: 12-16: *Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. Brethren, I do not count myself to be apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus Christ.*

Therefore let us, as many as are mature, have this mind; and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal even this to you. Nevertheless, to the degree that we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us be of the same mind.

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EPIPHANY PARTY

On Sunday, January 8th, there will be an Epiphany Party at the Parsonage, located at 744 Devon Street in Forked River, from 3:00pm until 6:00pm.

The Epiphany is a Christian feast day which is celebrated every year on January 6th. Also known as Three Kings Day and Theophany, it is a celebration of Jesus' birth and His baptism by John The Baptist. According to an article by Jen McCaffery and Meghan Jones, "The twelve days of Christmas mark the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany when they recognized Him as the Son of God."

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MONTHLY PASTOR'S BREAKFAST



This month's Pastor's Breakfast will be held on Monday, January 9th, 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.**

TRIVIA NIGHT & POTLUCK



On Friday, January 27, at 6pm, join us for a fun night of trivia. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Everyone is welcome to be part of the food, fellowship, and fun!



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

We are 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 Tuesdays and Thursdays. Volunteers are needed 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 HAS STARTED

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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SPRING OAK WORSHIP SERVICE

We will be worshipping with the residents of Spring Oak Assisted Living on Sunday, January 22nd, at 1:30pm. We will meet in the LUMC parking lot at 1:15pm. Masks are required. All are welcome.

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THRIFT SHOPPE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Maddie Stapleton has been organizing teams of people to get the Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe ready for the new year. Being a vital mission of the church, the store is currently open on Thursdays from 8am until 11am and on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am until 1pm. Maddie is in need of volunteers so that the hours of the shop can be extended. Not only raising money for the church, the Joy of Angels Thrift Shoppe assists those people in the community who can't afford necessities such as clothing, etc. Contact Maddie Stapleton at (609) 501-4207 if you are able to give a few hours of your time to keep this vital mission open.

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

DRAMA CLUB ACCEPTING ADULTS

As was stated in Revelations #57, I was challenged by Rosalie Mulvaney to open the Drama Club up to adults, as well as youth. The Drama Club meets on Wednesdays from 5:00pm until 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. After speaking with the youth involved, the Drama Club is now officially open to adults. The youth that are officially enrolled in the club include Bella LaMorte, Isabelle Van Arsdale, Gia Van Arsdale, Naomi Keith, Carly Carpini and Abby Michalkowski. The lone adult is Nicoletta Keith. For the purpose of Safe Sanctuary, my primary assistant has been Sally Potter, with Maddie Stapleton and Gina LaMorte as alternate assistants. There will be a Safe Sanctuary session held soon by Pastor Jonathan and myself for those interested in helping out with the Drama Club or any of our other missions within the church. In addition, I am hoping that we can eventually get the Youth Group up and running again.

Anyone interested in trying their hand at acting can sign up anytime by emailing me at donnieg777@hotmail.com. I am also looking for more people to sign up as assistants in case others can't make it. No acting experience is necessary! I would like to start looking at Easter plays for the troupe to perform when the season approaches.

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Drama sessions cover Warm-Up Exercises, Improv, Monologues and Scene Study. The techniques learned throughout these sessions are not just tools that can be used in theater, but in everyday life as well. Deep Breathing Exercises, as well as the 555 Breathing Technique, are utilized to help with bodily posture and mental focus. As they master this, we move into the Alexander Technique.

Another focus in the class is Enunciation. Combining the ability to speak clearly with a certain volume to their voice is a must practice. Everybody must reach that ability at their own pace. One of the first things they learn is Stage Direction. This encompasses knowing the difference between House Right and Stage Right, as well as Upstage and Downstage.

Teamwork is an important part of the process. It is not just about the performer looking good but helping your scene partner look good. The Four Levels of Analyzing a Character take the students through the Physical, Psychological, Social and Moral aspects of a performance.

When it comes to Improv, many techniques are discussed including the Viola Spolin Method, which was used at Second City in Chicago. The techniques of acting that are discussed and practiced include the Meisner Technique, Stanislavski's System and Lee Strasberg's Method. I even introduced a later method called the Practical Aesthetics Acting Technique which was created by David Mamet and William H. Macy in 1983 and expanded in 1984.

Hopefully, this gives a better overview of what the Drama Club entails. One of the end goals is to put on more performances for LUMC, as well as by giving the students practice by speaking at Sunday Services. Christian themes or social issues are utilized throughout the scripts that are practiced during class. As always, I can be reached at (732) 904-9945 for more information.

God Bless Everyone,
Dominic Gregoria

***“Come believe it,
come receive it
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Oh, the power of His
Spirit is now forever
yours
+-----***

***Come believe it,
come receive it
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In the mighty name
of Jesus, all things
are possible.
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KATY NICHOLE

HOT LUNCH MISSION

Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at 12 noon for the free Hot Meal Program. All are welcome and invited!

They all ate and were satisfied. Mark 6:42.

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LUMC HOPE CHEST EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

The Hope Chest Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30pm to 1:30pm. There is no need to register in advance to visit the Hope Chest.

Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it for one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it for me.” Matthew 25:40.

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