

LUMC'S COMMUNITY REVELATIONS

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Lacey United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Linda Applegate

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Pianist-Choir Director: Dawn Slate

Chimes Director: Bill Applegate

Facility Maintenance – Grounds: Mike Orlick

Trustee Chair: Bill Jones

Church Council Chair: Rich Rosfjord

Staff Parish Team Chair: Rose Coram

Children-Youth Education: Sue Newman

Finance Chair: Steven Michalkowski

Head Counter: Becky Buglione

Thrift Shoppe: Elaine Brandt

Mission: Donna Jones

Outreach: Kenny Pitman

Worship: Dawn Marie Kuch

Hospitality Kitchen: Bill Buglione

Hot Lunch Mission: Roseann DePasquale & Ed Weisbrot

Summer Lunch Mission: Gail Matuska & Sherry Exel

BIBLE VERSES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Philippians 3: 13 – 14: *Brethren, I do not count myself to have 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 Christ Jesus.*

2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 19: *Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.*

A BIG THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL SHOW

I cannot say enough how proud I was of the young actors from the LUMC Drama Club and Kúrios Kids who performed “Straight Outta Bethlehem” for their families, friends and church members last month. I was very impressed with how they learned to help each other with their onstage performance. A big standing ovation goes out to Isabella Wioland, Carly Carpini, Andrew Larrabee, Blake Ridgeway, Abby Michalkowski, Kylie Rucki, Olivia Stanislawski, Tabytha Wedderman, Isabelle Van Arsdale, Gia Van Arsdale, Morgan Dimesa, Madison Slezak and Mackenzie Slezak. If I was to hand out awards, they would all get one.

I would also like to give thanks to Paige Tonachio for being my Stage Assistant. The wonderful set was designed by Jamie Sassano and Olivia Stanislawski. As always, the fantastic Musical Director was Dawn Slate. A special thank you goes to Bill Applegate and Pastor Linda for not only working the stage lights and sound but their unending support for the youth. We are going to miss you!

A big thank you goes out to Joann Michalkowski who was the Ticket Handler and for the fact that no one knows the full extent of the amount of work she puts into every aspect of the church. Thank you to Rich Rosfjord for assisting with the practices and the parents for their continued support. The German Butcher came through with a donation of meatballs that added to the very tasty Italian dinner provided by our Culinary Specialists: Sue Newman, Diane Collins and Molly Newman. It should also be mentioned that an award should go to Cole Wioland for dressing up for his

role as server. “Straight Outta Bethlehem” is published by Wordkidz and was created by Christy Semsen and arranged by Daniel Semsen. Complete with a Barnyard Boogie, I would like to thank PL for bringing this script to our kids.

God Bless,
Dominic Gregoria

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHTS

6:15PM at America's Keswick, 601 County Road 530, Whiting, NJ

Thursday, January 9: Guest Speaker: Pastor Dave Ridder, Bayside Chapel

Thursday, February 13: Guest Speaker: Pastor Mike Weigel, O. C. Baptist Church

Thursday, March 12: Guest Speaker: Pastor Mike Woods, NJ National Guard

See Bill Jones if interested and for meet-up time at LUMC



YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

Friday, January 10

6:30PM – 8:00PM: TACO DINNER / FUNDRAISER SETUP

Saturday, January 11

9:00AM – 4:00PM: TAMIYA MINI 4WD RACING FUNDRAISER

Cars available for purchase...unassembled & require batteries

Cost: \$8 per car per race category / \$15 for 2 races : \$20 for 3 races

Contact Bill at rcmaniac79@comcast.net for info.

Friday, January 17

6:30PM – 8:00PM: SCAVENGER HUNT / FROSTY'S

Monday, January 20

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY

Friday, January 24

6:00PM – 8:00PM: ALPACA FARM

Friday, January 31

6:30PM – 8:00PM: GAME NIGHT

See April Samaras Rucki for more info.



SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING & RE-CERTIFICATION

Monday, January 6: 6:15PM – If you would like to help teach Sunday School or volunteer in our Children & Youth programs, you must attend this training and undergo a State background check. Please contact Pastor Linda or the LUMC Office at (609) 693-5222 to learn more!

DRAMA CLUB RETURNS

With the holidays behind us, the LUMC Drama Club will resume on Tuesday, January 7 from 5:00PM until 6:30PM. This would be a perfect time for anyone from reading age until 18 years of age to sign up. Gaining some experience with their recent performance of "Straight Outta Bethlehem," the training will continue with more indepth styles of acting and ways to enhance one's performance skills. For those students that have already signed up, you need to just show up. If anyone's schedule will not allow the student to continue, please contact Dominic at (732) 904-9945 or at donnieg777@hotmail.com. Also, use the previously mentioned contact info to sign your child up. Jamie Sassano will be assisting me for future sessions. Ms. Sassano is a teacher, as well as a very creative artist. She will add plenty of creativity to what we plan to accomplish with the development of certain skills and confidence for these children to utilize not only on stage but in their regular lives as well.



A.L.I.C.E. TRAINING AT LUMC

Last month, I attended an Active Shooter Training information session in Fellowship Hall ran by Chief DiBella and assisted by fellow officers. This wasn't the first time this was held at our church. Members of a few other churches were also in attendance for this A.L.I.C.E. (Alert / Lockdown / Inform / Counter / Evacuate) training. In today's society, this training is very much needed due to the amount of active shooter scenarios that have been present in our schools, churches and businesses. Alert refers to the recognizing of a dangerous situation and then by being alerted or alerting others. If you are alerting others, you must make sure that your situation is safe before making a call. Lockdown procedures are necessary if there is no way to evacuate the premises. The most common scenario is to barricade the entrances to the area that you may have to hide in, which also gives you time to come up with a strategy after accessing the situation. The shooter needs to be distracted and delayed. Many casualties can happen within seconds. Inform refers to communicating about what is taking place in real time. Codes shouldn't be used in this step so that anyone can understand what you are trying to say. Counter does not refer to fighting. It means to distract the shooter by making noise or throwing objects to hinder the accuracy of the person with the gun. Distraction can provide the seconds that someone needs to evacuate. Keep in mind that moving targets are harder to hit. Evacuate, when possible, to a safe area so that people are free from harm. A window should always be broken from the top corner to allow an easier escape. Of course, every situation is different. Therefore, it is extremely important to understand your surroundings.

Last month, Bishop John Schol talked about active shooters in his message. He spoke about a code yellow that was called for the entire school district of Jersey City. "It was a horrific scene for more than four hours. Fortunately, the school children are all safe, but today a police officer's five children lost their father, and three other families lost their loved ones." He then spoke about another tragedy. "We also grieve with our Jewish friends who lost three people from their community. While there is a continuing investigation, it was a Jewish deli where the two gunmen went with the intent to kill people. In this Advent Season, I am reminded of the darkness in our world. The mornings are darker, and the evenings come sooner, all waiting and in preparation for God's light to shine."

Isaiah 60: 1 – 3 states: *Arise, shine; For your light has come ! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will rise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Bishop Schol ended his message by stating, "You are the light of God! Arise and shine on school children, on urban churches, on the grieving, on your legislator, on your pastor, on your neighbor. The light of God in you is what makes the difference." Let us take some time to pray for all of the victims' families and friends that have to deal with their loss due to these senseless acts of violence.

Dominic Gregoria

LUMC MUSIC MINISTRIES



All ages welcome and invited to participate

Chimes Of Praise Choir: Wednesdays
6:15PM – 7:15PM

Praise Team: Tuesdays 5:45PM –
6:45PM

Choir: Tuesdays 7:00PM – 8:00PM





Saturday, March 21 2020

The GNJUMC will gather to put together over 500,000 meals in one day! Many hands make light work! Would you please join us? Youth will be invited to participate also. Please mark your calendars. Thanks for making a difference!

Stay tuned for more info!



JOY OF ANGELS THRIFT SHOPPE

Hours: Monday : 10AM – 1PM // Tuesday: 12PM – 3PM

Wednesday: 10AM – 1PM // Thursday 8AM – 11:30AM

Friday: 10AM – 1PM // Some Saturday Hours (call office)

Volunteers are needed to keep the Thrift Shoppe open more hours

*“I was a dead
man walking
Until I was a
man walking
with you.
I was a blind
man falling
“Til I felt the
life You’re
calling me to.”
Jeremy Camp*

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