



November/December 2016 Newsletter

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LLF Membership

Membership notices will be sent in December to current and past members of Lutheran Lay Fellowship. Dues are only \$12/year to cover the cost of our website, postage and other small office expenses. Please indicate if you wish to volunteer as an usher for the Reformation Service in October.

Not a member yet? Click on the link below and join today!

<http://www.lutheranlayfellowship.org/info/MembershipApplicationForm.pdf>

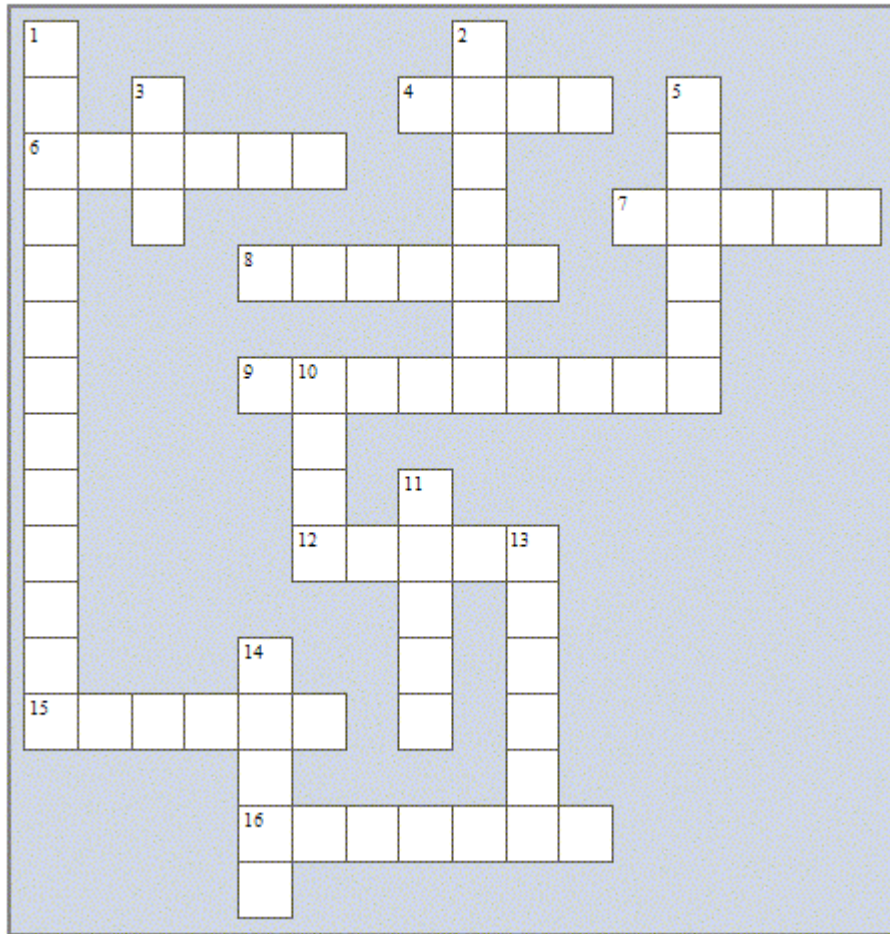
Opening Devotion — Joy to the World

"Joy to the World" is a popular Christmas carol. The words are by English hymn writer Isaac Watts, based on the second half of Psalm 98 in the Bible. The song was first published in 1719. Watts wrote the words of "Joy to the World" as a hymn glorifying Christ's triumphant return at the end of the age, rather than a song celebrating his first coming. The nations are called to celebrate because God's faithfulness to the house of Israel has brought salvation to the world. As of the late 20th century, "Joy to the World" was the most-published Christmas hymn in North America.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joy_to_the_World

ACROSS	DOWN
4. Joy to the world, the _____ is come!	1. the glories of his _____,
6. nor thorns infest the _____;	2. No more let sins and _____ grow,
7. let every _____ prepare him room,	3. repeat the sounding _____,
8. Let all their songs _____;	5. while _____ and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
9. he comes to make his _____ flow	10. and wonders of his _____,
12. Let _____ receive her King;	11. He rules the world with _____ and grace,
15. Joy to the world, the _____ reigns!	13. and _____ and nature sing,
16. and makes the _____ prove	14. far as the curse is _____,

Joy to the World



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<http://www.hymnsite.com/crosswords/umh246.js.shtml>
Click on the link above to do the crossword puzzle online.



LLF Tyson Corner Meeting on Thursday, January 19

Lutheran Lay Fellowship helped found the Fellowship Square Foundation to provide housing for low income residents. The close relationship continues to this day. The discussion at this meeting on 01/19/2017 centers on how to strengthen the relationship with resident support through **informational programs for caregivers**. You are welcome to attend and offer suggestions. Because we are meeting in a restaurant, you may order food off the regular menu and pay individually.



Thanks, Reformation Service Ushers

Reformation Sunday is observed on the last Sunday in October, this year it was October 30 and 8 LLF members served as ushers at the National Cathedral.

Reformation 500

The year 2017 marks the 500th anniversary of the beginning of what became known as the Reformation. It has been almost 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg in what is now Germany. No one expected the breadth of evangelical reforms in Christian teaching and practice that followed. Nearly 500 years later, the results of this evangelical confidence in God's forgiving and liberating Word are evident today in Christian communities of all types.

<http://metrodcelca.org/events/reformation-500/>

Gifts of Hope DC

Celebrating its 24th anniversary in 2016, Gifts of Hope is an alternative gift-giving program that serves as an intermediary between donors and organizations serving individuals and families in need locally and internationally. Gifts are available year-round, however, the program's primary focus is during the holidays, including the liturgical season of Advent. Over the years, Gifts of Hope has raised and dispersed more than \$3.1 million.

\$10 provides nutritious food; \$30 provides activities for foster children; \$35 helps the homeless; \$75 helps repair a church in Slovakia; \$150 helps with rent assistance; \$250 sends a kid to camp. Gifts of Hope helps others one gift at a time, locally and globally. The 2016 Catalog of Gifts has 40 unique gifts which support the work of 10 social service agencies, 2 church camps, 1 college, 1 seminary, and 3 companion synods.

Honor your loved ones and help others by choosing gifts.

Donate at <http://www.GiftsofHopeDC.org>

Scholarship Update

2017 Scholarships

One of the five objectives of the LLF is "to initiate and support worthy projects of a religious, charitable, and educational nature." The promotion and encouragement of the pursuit of degree oriented education among Lutheran students is the purpose of the LLF scholarship program. As in past years, we will be offering one scholarship to an undergraduate; for 2017 we are also planning on offering an additional scholarship to a Seminary student.

April 15, 2017 Deadline

Scholarship application materials are now available on our website.

<http://www.lutheranlayfellowship.org/scholarship/>

Caring & Sharing

Do you have news to share?

Is there something in your life or in the life of your congregation you would like to share with other members of the Lutheran Lay Fellowship to be published in a future LLF Newsletter? Have you been on a mission trip or taken a special vacation? Is your church doing something new and different that might be of interest to other congregations?

Send articles to webmaster@LutheranLayFellowship.org.

Three LLF Meetings a Month

LLF Wheaton - The Executive Committee meets on the first Monday of the month at Panera Bread in the Wheaton Mall. All are welcome.

Organizer: John Corkill

LLF Bethesda - Christ Lutheran Church is located at 8011 Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda.

Join Dave Lambert for the "Lunch Bunch" on the second Wednesday of the month.

LLF Tyson Corner - Bob "Sarge" Sargeant invites you to a Northern Virginia meeting at Brio Tuscan Grille in the Tyson Corner Mall.

Meeting Schedule

1st Monday	Dec 5	LLF Wheaton,	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Dec 7	LLF Bethesda,	No meeting during the holidays
3rd Thursday	Dec 15	LLF Tyson Corner,	No meeting during the holidays
1st Monday	Jan 2	LLF Wheaton,	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Jan 11	LLF Bethesda,	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday	Jan 19	LLF Tyson Corner,	12:00-1:30
1st Monday	Feb 6	LLF Wheaton,	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Feb 8	LLF Bethesda,	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday	Feb 16	LLF Tyson Corner,	12:00-1:30