

Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington DC



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Opening Devotion — A Sound Like a Strong Wind

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Without warning there was a sound like a strong wind, gale force—no one could tell where it came from. It filled the whole building. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks, and they started speaking in a number of different languages as the Spirit prompted them.

[Acts 2:1-4 \(MSG\)](#)

I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

[Joel 2:28-29 \(NIV\)](#)

A stole is a long band of fabric worn by clergy as a sign of ordination since the eighth century. Paraments are the hangings on the altar and pulpit, and on the lectern if there is one. Paraments as well as stoles are in the color of the day. Red, the color of fire, is used on Pentecost when we remember the tongues of fire that descended on the crowd in Jerusalem. In Lutheran churches, red stoles and paraments are also used on Reformation Sunday in October.

Source: <http://www.elca.org/worshipfaq>

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated 50 days from Easter Sunday, counting inclusive of Easter Sunday itself, i.e. 49 days or 7 weeks after Easter Sunday. According to Luke 22:12–13, the descent of the Holy Spirit occurred while the Apostles were celebrating the Jewish day of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law to Moses at Sinai. Subsequently, "Pentecost" may refer to the Pentecost of the New Testament and Shavuot of the Old Testament. Shavuot is a significant event shared by Jews and Christians but Christians do not commonly celebrate it as a separate holiday. In the liturgical year Pentecost became a feast commemorating what is described by some Christians as the "Birthday of the

Church". This year, Christians around the world will observe Pentecost Sunday on June 4.

Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentecost>

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Source: [Book of Common Prayer, Collects: Contemporary, p. 227](#)

Lutheran Social Services Expressions of Abundance

The LSS/NCA Annual Benefit Breakfast showcases the inspirational stories and achievements of our neighbors because of your dedication and continued support. Come for a free breakfast, watch the release of their NEW centennial video, and support LSS/NCA. This event will be held on Wednesday, May 10, at the Silver Spring Civic Center, 1 Veterans Pl, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Click on the link below to RSVP for this event.

https://lssncaorg.presencehost.net/news_events/event_calendar/event/2017/05/10/expressions-of-abundance/146106

Martin Luther Film

Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World is a new film from directors Mike Trinklein and Steve Boettcher; it features Hugh Bonneville and Padraic Delany in the lead roles. This film depicts the rousing adventure story of Martin Luther's life, following his bold quest for truth—a journey that would reshape the church, and the world.

<https://www.tugg.com/titles/martin-luther-movie>

Our guest on Thursday, April 20 in Tyson Corner, was Mark Knauff. He arranged for the first showing of this movie in our area in March. It was presented to a sell-out crowd of 125 people and donations were made to Western Fairfax Christian Ministries. Mark described the process of arranging for this film and the pros/cons of doing so. Dave Lambert presented the process described on TUGG's website and showed a list of their partner's cinemas around the metro DC beltway capable of showing the film.

Here are few things to consider:

- 1) At least two months are needed to arrange for and properly advertise the showings
- 2) People are needed to collect tickets for each private showing
- 3) A minimum number of attendees is needed or the show will be cancelled
- 4) There is no monetary risk on the part of LLF
- 5) If a show is cancelled, people's credit cards are not charged
- 6) Donations above the cost of the ticket will go to LLF's support of FSF and its residents
- 7) A Thrivent Action Team could be utilized to support the event
- 8) Pre-created publicity materials make this event relatively easy to host

If there is enough interest, additional screenings will be held.

Let Dave Lambert know if you and your church are interested.

LLF Membership for 2017

Membership renewal letters have been mailed to all present and former members. If you did not receive one and wish to join, the 2017 Membership form is available on our website.

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

LLF is undertaking special projects in support of Fellowship Square residents. Examples of support include help with transportation, prescription medications and food as well as classes of interest to residents of the Fellowship Houses. In order to provide this, please consider making a tax-deductible donation on the back of your membership application and include this additional amount in your check to the LLF Treasurer. John Corkill's address is at the bottom of the application form.

Scholarship Update

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.

Applications received by the April 15 deadline will be reviewed during May and recipient(s) will be notified in June.

Fellowship Square News

Last month we reported that Fellowship Square Foundation announced the hiring of Christy Zeitz as the new executive director of Fellowship Square Foundation, and the hiring of S. L. Nusbaum as the new property management company for our apartment communities. Christy attended the LLF Executive Committee meeting on April 3rd in Wheaton.

Article II, Objective 5 of the Lutheran Lay Fellowship Bylaws says that LLF has the responsibility to elect Corporate Members of Fellowship Square Foundation, Inc. The Class of 2018 was reaffirmed and the Class of 2019 was elected at the April 20th LLF meeting in Tyson Corner.

The Fellowship Square Foundation Annual Corporate Membership Meeting is the link between LLF and FSF.

***Corporate members are encouraged to RSVP and attend
the Annual Corporate Membership Meeting on
Saturday, May 13, 2017, 9:00-11:00am
at Hunters Woods Fellowship House***

Each year, Fellowship Square Foundation (FSF) hosts its Annual Corporate Membership Meeting. Corporate Members are elected to a three-year renewable term by Lutheran Lay Fellowship (LLF). The history of this partnership goes back to the founding of FSF. As part of the original Bylaws for the organization, Rev. Dr. John Scherzer and other founding members determined that LLF would help to elect the Corporate Members for FSF who in turn would elect the FSF Board of Directors. This process takes place each year as new FSF Board members are nominated and approved for service.

While this structure was a strong model for the early years of FSF, today there are many other ways to ensure good governance of the organization. For example, at the 2017 Annual Meeting, Corporate Members will be asked to vote on Bylaws changes that help to streamline the governance of the organization, and bring it in-line with best practices of non-profit organizations operating today. While the connection between LLF and FSF remains strong, the Corporate Member structure as elected through LLF may not be the only avenue for continued partnership.

FSF has 69 Corporate Members which include the FSF Board of Directors, the four Fellowship House Boards of Directors (Lake Anne, Largo Landing, Lake Ridge and Hunters Woods), and several other key supporters. All are invited - and encouraged - to attend the Corporate Meeting.

In addition to the official Business part of the Meeting, several awards and recognition will be given out during the meeting, including recognition of the generous service of retiring Board members and our Top Donor of the Year.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact the FSF executive director, Christy Zeitz, at czeit@fellowshipsquare.org or (703) 860-2536.

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 TUESDAY*	May 2	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	May 10	LLF Bethesda	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday	May 18	LLF Tyson Corner	12:00-1:30
1st Monday	Jun 5	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Jun 14	LLF Bethesda	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday	Jun 15	LLF Tyson Corner	12:00-1:30

(*)Tuesday rather than the usual Monday due to schedule conflicts this month.

For updated information see www.LutheranLayFellowship.org and click on "Calendar"