

Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington DC



June 2017 Newsletter

In this Issue

Opening Devotion
Martin Luther
Scholarship Update
Fellowship Square News
LLF Membership
Caring & Sharing
Three LLF Meetings a Month
Meeting Schedule

Opening Devotion — Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, was held on May 30 from 1868-1971. It marks the start of the unofficial summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end. Many people visit cemeteries and memorials, particularly to honor those who have died in military service. Many volunteers place an American flag on each grave in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans.

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

"They defended our nation, they liberated the oppressed, they served the cause of peace. And all Americans who have known the loss and sadness of war, whether recently or long ago, can know this: The person they love and miss is honored and remembered by the United States of America."
George W. Bush, Memorial Day Address, 2004

"That we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom; and that government, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."
Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863

Martin Luther Movie

500 years ago, Martin Luther triggered a seismic upheaval that rocked the western world-with an impact that continues to reverberate to this day. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of our Lutheran heritage with others. These Summer 2017 screenings are the perfect outreach opportunity -- a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an entertaining event in our community.

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail. It's a way to strengthen our faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and a chance to share that experience with others.

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

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

http://www.LutheranLayFellowship.org/info/2017/2017-05-30_LLF_Luther-Poster-Info.pdf

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. This year our scholarship to an undergraduate went to Michelle Heinitz. There were no Seminary student applicants.

In her application, Michelle said as Lutherans, we are all called to serve others. How we each choose to do this, however, looks different for each of us. For me, I have found that the way I want to fulfill this purpose is through pursuing a degree in social work. In social work, there is a code of ethics we must uphold at all times, which includes the principles of social justice, dignity and worth of the person, and service. As I learn about these values in my classes, I cannot help but notice the similarities between social work and the work I am called to do as a Christian.

Fellowship Square News

Four New Board Members Elected to FSF Board
Members Approve Needed By-Law Changes
House Managers Select Programs

At the May 13th Annual Corporate Membership Meeting, the Fellowship Square Foundation members elected four new members to the Board of Directors and recognized retiring board members and donors of the year.

It also approved needed updates to the bylaws and Articles of Incorporation.

Ric Fisher, Scott L. Parkin, Robert Sargeant and Joan S. Thomas were elected unanimously to serve three-year terms on the FSF Board of Directors. Retiring Board members Jennifer Maloney, the Rev. Dave Percy, the Rev. Suzanne Rudiselle and Chuck Wortman were recognized along with Donors of the Year Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hill and Prabha Iyer.

By-law changes now allow members to nominate and elect new members and make all members of the Board of Directors and House Boards Corporate Members. The changes also reduce the percentage of Directors must be members of Lutheran congregations from ½ to ¼, consistent with Class II affiliation with the Evangelical Lutheran Congregations of America.

At the May 18 LLF meeting in Tyson Corner, the FSF House Managers selected the following programs would be of most interest to their residents:

Fraud Awareness, an AARP Seminar

<http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/info-2017/fraud-protection-ultimate-guide.html>

Nutrition Education and Grocery Store Tours, by Giant Foods

<https://giantfood.com/live-well/health-and-wellness/nutritionists/>

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	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
1st Monday	Jul 3	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Jul 12	LLF Bethesda	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday	Jul 20	LLF Tyson Corner	12:00-1:30
1st Monday	Aug 7	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Aug 9	LLF Bethesda	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday	Aug 17	LLF Tyson Corner	12:00-1:30
1st TUESDAY*	Sep 5	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Sep 13	LLF Bethesda	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday	Sep 21	LLF Tyson Corner	12:00-1:30

(*)Tuesday rather than the usual Monday due to Labor Day long holiday weekend.