Protestants in general and Lutherans in particular have been recognizing this year 2017 as the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the historical period known as the Reformation. In 1517, Martin Luther’s insistence on speaking truth to power to the Catholic church and its benefactors resulted in the beginnings of what became—and still are—various Protestant factions and denominations (a “protestant” originally being one who “protests”). As the influence of these various factions grew in practically every area of ordinary life, the Christian Church as a whole—both Protestant and Catholic—had a huge role in the building, shaping and identity of the world humanity has inhabited for the past five hundred years.

As a pastor in a faith community whose values and vision include inviting diversity into an ever-widening community, sowing seeds of God’s love and mercy, and embracing the challenge to move from fear to faith to action, I would be remiss if I did not remind us at this commemorative time that the past five hundred years has been a living hell for people of color in this world. And it has been invaded, overpowered, captured, tortured, slaughtered, enslaved, raped, dispossessed, disenfranchised, de-culturalized, de-legitimized, dehumanized, belittled, denied, discriminated against, legislated against, and consigned to hell—both here and in the afterlife. All in the name of Jesus! It was allowed and carried out in part by Christian people of European descent and their descendants who had inherited a strong, non-pluralistic belief in their own superiority, and crowned themselves the standard-bearers of the human race—with the blessing of the God that was discerned to have purposed it so.

There are many Christians today who can begin to discern some of the many things that are wrong with that picture. One of them is that both the Christian Church and the ecclesiastical Reformation started by Luther and others were supposed to be agents of freedom, love, inclusiveness, moral authority, cultural cooperation, a widening of spiritual boundaries, contextual interpretation of the Bible, and attention to the justice agenda of Jesus. Instead, we find the Christian Church today to still be one of the most segregated and sexist institutions we have, with roots planted deeply into the soil of racial and cultural oppression, misogyny, and heterosexism.

And so, five hundred years later, the question of the hour can scripturally be “What then shall we say to this?” (Rom.8); or it can practically be “what then shall we do about this?” We are blessed to have a team concept of ministry here at Lake Edge that is becoming less and less afraid to name and explore some of the things that we know divide us as a society and a community, and in the process are learning more and more about things we didn’t know—but need to know—if we are to become the wounded healers, the justice-bearers, and the peace-makers that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ encourages and empowers us to become. As we seek to continue to move from fear to faith to action, let us pray to also be moved from reformation to transformation to actualization in our visions and values of diversity, inclusiveness, and love.

So that five hundred years from now, our biological and ecclesiastical descendants won’t have to have these same conversations.

In Faith and Struggle,
Pastor Stephen
In Our Prayers

Our prayers for comfort and healing are with:

- those who grieve including the families of: Alexis Brown, Andrew Anderson;
- those who are ill, hospitalized, recovering, or who are in special need of a healing touch from God, including: Michael Murray, Diana Hein, Terry Jackson, Maria Lobato-Martinez, Mariellen & Harry Kuehn, Penny Allen, Scot Severson, Mike, Linda Newman, John Williams, Sylvia Johnson, Caroline Erickson, Jack Galloway, Charles Hagen, Joe Pliska, Carrie Ketcham, Tessa Myers, Lorraine Hansen, Dekker Meyer, Sue Frisch, Casimir Brandon, Debora Smith, Sybil Gilbert, Judy Marsh, Loretta Erdahl, Bill Jones, Jeremiah Wright, Nancy McFadden, Brayden Stacey, Tony Paulson, Carol Landen, Judy Fritz, Bette Paulson, Luke Latham, Doris Norgord, Jill Holland-Nash, Audrey Simonson, Wes Stiemke, Judy Kollath, Christine Thompson, Joyce Narveson, Albert Singer, Virgil Mellum, Bruce Burnside, and the family of Maureen Mengelt;
- our neighborhood church partners: Lake Edge United Church of Christ, St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church, St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Lakeview Moravian Church, Zion Lutheran Church, and Plymouth UCC;
- our synod and national church staff; our sister congregation, Cristo Rey, El Salvador, and our companion synods, The Northern Evangelical Lutheran Church in India and the Caribbean Synod of the ELCA;
- all affected by natural, yet deadly, disasters, including hurricanes Harvey and Irma, and flooding around the world.

Pastors' Emergency Fund

The Worship Mission has designated the first Sunday of each month for donations to the Pastors' Emergency Fund. Donations are used to assist with security deposits, rent, or other bills. Most recipients simply need a $25 gift card to Woodman’s for gas or groceries.

If you use the printed envelopes for your offerings, you will find a Pastors' Emergency Fund envelope provided for each month. There are also designated "Pastoral Emergency Fund" offering envelopes by the entrances to the sanctuary. Simply put your name on the envelope and place it in the offering basket. In addition, loose cash from the offering on the first Sunday of the month will go to the Pastors' Emergency Fund.

You are encouraged to make donations to the Pastors' Emergency Fund at any time, but we hope that focusing on one Sunday each month for donations will help our pastors more consistently meet the needs of those in our community.

Come and Pray With Us

Lake Edge has two weekly prayer groups that are open to all. On Sundays there is Centering Prayer at 9:30 am in the Luther Room. On Thursdays there is a prayer group that meets in the Library from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. All are invited to these prayer opportunities.

Do You Receive the Weekly E-Letter?

On Thursdays we email a short newsletter with information and announcements. Not receiving this e-letter? Please email Chris at communications@lelc.org and ask to be added to the list.

Coffee & Conversation at Java Cat

Every Wednesday
2:30-3:30 pm

A co-pastor or council leader will be at Java Cat to buy you a cup of coffee (or tea). Discuss community, current events, church, and yourself! We look forward to seeing you at Java Cat on Monona Dr. between Cottage Grove Rd. and Davidson St.
**Did You Know? Reformation Trivia Edition**

Martin Luther’s 95 theses were a list of protests against the church of his day. Bishops were political leaders. Reformers were responsible for destroying centuries worth of sacred art and icons. The Catholic church still sells indulgences. There’s a graphic novel to tell you all about the story of the Reformation! (See Pastor Katya if you want to skim through her copy...)

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**Bible Study**

**Thursdays, September 28-November 2; 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm**

This fall we will begin a study of the Book of Matthew, Jesus’ words and actions, and what they say to us. The study will begin September 28 and will run for 6 weeks. The sessions will be offered twice each Thursday from 1:00 to 2:30 pm and from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. We will begin with pie, ice cream and fellowship, followed by Bible study. Pastor Katya will lead the study. Sign up now on the bulletin board. As you prepare for session 1, please read Matthew chapter 1 before class. See you there!

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**Summer Flower Thank You**

During July and August, the Care of Creation committee of the Peace and Justice Mission provided home grown flower arrangements for the altar. They have used their God-given talents of creativity and design while enjoying each other’s fellowship and our appreciation. The Altar Guild would like to thank the following people: Michel Hagen, Chris Maloney, Pat Swan, Rainbow Marifrog, Ann Ahearn, Meredith Oehlkers, Kari Zimmerman, Daniel Ryan, Erin Kollenbroich and Laura Tollefson.

The Altar Guild has a florist provide flowers for the altar area each Sunday the rest of the year, paid for by donations made by members celebrating special occasions or honoring loved ones. As we move forward into the fall season please remember to sign up on the flower chart located in the narthex. You can sign up to donate a bouquet in honor/memory of someone or to celebrate a special event. The cost is $20 per bouquet. The Altar Guild would like to thank all the people who have previously donated bouquets that adorn our altar each Sunday.

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**Substitute Office Volunteers Needed!**

Can you help? We occasionally need volunteers to substitute in the church office during the week for morning or afternoon shifts. Our office volunteers answer the phone, greet visitors, and may help staff with other tasks. If you would like to help occasionally as an Office Volunteer Substitute, please contact Fay Hanson and 222-7675, or call the church office at 222-7339.

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**The South-Central Synod of Wisconsin Reformation Commemoration Synod-Wide Event!**

**Saturday, November 4 at 7:00 pm**

First Lutheran Church
612 N Randall Ave.
Janesville, WI 53545

Join the Reformation 500th Choir! All choirs and singers are invited to join in the SCSW-ELCA sponsored Reformation 500th Commemoration, held at the First Lutheran Church of Janesville on Saturday, November 4th, at 7pm. This ecumenical event will feature full orchestra, handbell groups, and a festival choir composed of many different Protestant and Catholic backgrounds. Through music, word and prayer, we will highlight the role the Reformation has served in the development of the modern age. Above all, our joint commemoration focuses on the amazing mercy and love of God in Jesus Christ, the firm foundation by which all people of God stand. For more information and to sign up, please contact Jan Knutson, jknutson604@gmail.com, (608) 921-6534.

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**Music of the Reformation**

**Sunday, October 1; 2:30 pm**

St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church

Celebrate the music of Martin Luther and find out how the Reformation influenced church music through tunes and texts at a Music of the Reformation Hymn Sing! Refreshments will follow the hymn sing. There is no charge for the event, but a free will offering will be taken to offset costs.

Retired pastor, Terry Peterson will provide background on Luther’s times and information on some of the hymns Luther wrote. Bruce Bengston, Director of Music at Luther Memorial, will play the organ and lead the singing.

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**Trunk or Treat at a New Time!**

**Saturday Morning, October 28**

9:30 to 10:00 am - Cars arrive to setup
10:00 to 11:15 am - Trunk or Treat for the kids (or adults!)
11:30 am Awards will be given out for best costume and best decorated trunk. A light breakfast will be provided.

Questions? Contact Lisa Nienhaus, Lnienhaus@madisoncollege.edu or by phone at 608-852-3674
Summer Bible Study Was Delightful!
How could it happen so fast? Summer is over – Fall has begun and everything is gearing back up to full swing. That includes the Women of the Church. Some important things are happening.

Lefse Time
Come join the many willing hands that help with the lefse each year. The dates for this year’s preparation and baking are:
• October 6th and 7th
• October 20th and 21st
• November 3rd and 4th

On the Fridays we peel potatoes and prepare the loaves. We begin at 8:30 AM and are usually done by 10 am. The Saturdays we begin at 8:30 am and are finished by 11 am. Saturdays we pat, roll and bake. All are welcome. (This isn’t just a ladies project). There is a job for everyone. We have already completed one peeling and baking session – there is still time for you to help. Our Scandinavian Delicacies baking date has been set for Wednesday, November 15th beginning at 9 am.

Annual Bake Sale
Saturday, November 18
Good Shepherd Hall
Our lefse sales are a big “drawing card” for this event, but we will have other baked goods for sale and Scandinavian delicacies. Last year our sales benefited many local agencies. We contributed to: Cristo Rey; Salvation Army; Triangle Community Ministry; Community Action Coalition (CAC); Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS); Goodman Community Center; Luke House; River Food Pantry; Lutherdale; and ELCA Good Gifts. It is our only fund-raising event.

The Knitters will be selling dishcloths they’ve made plus a few more items like baby sweaters and baby blankets.

So mark your calendars now and we hope to see you at the Lefse Bees! And then in November at the Bake Sale!

All-Circle Meeting
October 29 at 2 pm at LELC
All women are invited to our All-Circle Meeting. Even if you have not previously participated in a circle, you are encouraged to come and get an idea of what a circle is. You will have an opportunity to "sample" each our three circles.

Circles
New Bible Study for Circles begin in September.
• Deborah Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Contact Doreen Davidson 770-5194.
• Salome Circle meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm in the Adult Education room. Contact Terry Anne Taylor 223-9807.
• Rhoda Circle meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the church library. Contact Sharon Kreul 279-2814.

Fresh Grounded Women’s Conference
Friday, October 27;
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm
Saturday, October 28;
9:00 am to 12:30 pm
High Point Church, 7702 Old Sauk Road, Madison.
Mt. Zion Baptist Church is co-hosting. The speaker is Jennifer Rothschild. Check out the poster on our bulletin board. Tickets are currently $34.00 if purchased before September 5th from Mt. Zion Baptist (608-255-5270) through Verla Barnes.

Merry Widows’ Luncheon
The Merry Widows’ Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at 12 Noon at Rosie’s 4604 Monona Dr, Madison. All widows are invited to attend. Please sign up on the bulletin board. The Merry Widows meet monthly on the third Wednesday at noon at a variety of locations.

Facebook Event Postings
One of the cool features about Facebook is the ability to create "Events" to announce activities and opportunities at LELC. Members of Facebook can "Share" Facebook events with others to help spread the word. Church staff members create our Facebook Events and postings. If you think an upcoming event would benefit from being posted on Facebook, please contact the church office.
Global Outreach

Thank you for filling School Bags for Lutheran World Relief. We purchased 250 pre-made bags. 208 Filled Bags have been returned and already packed into boxes for shipping on October 7, 2017. Thanks to Sharon Kreul, Lil Genskow, Judy Davidson and Joan Martin for their help in going through each bag and packing in boxes.

Thank you for your generous donations for the Personal Care Kits. We are now currently able to put together 147 Personal Care Kits.

Coming Attractions:

Sunday, October 1, 2017
Put Personal Care Kits together from Noon to 2:00 pm (Light lunch will be provided) in Good Shepherd Hall. Sign up on the Bulletin Board. Children will also be helping during the sermon activity time.

Sunday, October 1, 2017
Quilt Sunday – we will be displaying our Quilts and honoring our Happy Quilters!

Saturday, October 7, 2017
Boxcar Loading Day! You can help by transporting our boxes to the boxcar site. Look for the sign-up sheet in mid-September.

Boxcar Loading Day – October 7th!
Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 7th – it is BOXCAR Loading Day for Lutheran World Relief.

We are looking for “Transporters” to take our boxes to the Boxcar Loading Site.
• Meet at church at 8:00 am.
• Load our boxes into your car, van or truck and take them to the site on East Johnson Street
• The time commitment is approximately 1 hour or less.
• Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Any questions, please contact Joan Martin at 839-1370.

The Knit & Crochet Group

Our Knitters and Crocheters continue to make baby hats for newborns at Lake Edge and baby blankets for Global Health Ministries. We are also knitting prayer shawls and lap robes, working on mittens and hats for this winter.

We will be Artists of the month in November, 2017. Lap robes and prayer shawls will be available to you to take to a relative, neighbor or friend. Some of our items will be available for purchase at the Bake Sale on November 18, 2017.

We meet every Monday at 1:00 pm in the library. All are welcome. If you can’t come, but would like to knit or crochet, patterns and yarn are always available. Contact Bonnie Gudmandsen or Joan Martin. Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

Your Global Outreach Mission

Luke House

Help Us Feed the Hungry at Luke House

Thursdays, October 5; November 2; 4:45-7:00 pm
Mark Your Calendar for the 1st Thursday Each Month
310 South Ingersoll Street in Madison

Luke House provides free dinner at 5:45 pm., Sunday through Thursday. Meals are provided and shared by faith communities throughout the Madison area, with a different menu from each community. Director Paul Ashe encourages community participation and welcomes all to come and dine. One doesn’t need a black tie to join this feast, “no shirt, no shoes, no service” is not written on the entry, rather it’s a gathering place of the servant church.

The first Thursday of every month, Lake Edge Lutheran Church provides the menu and dines as guests of Luke House. The menu for 165 children, women, and men entering the door is: baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, bread and butter, milk, and desserts.

We never have too much food. What may appear as leftovers, feeds people at Luke House’s lunch program or is taken to men at Port St. Vincent for the lunches they take to work.

We humbly ask God to move our community to reveal the Spirit of Christ in our midst. God enters our lives to become relational and that can be risky, for we never know who will be given on loan to love for the day.

Are you called to feed the hungry in our community? Do you have questions? Contact Joan Martin at 839-1370. Hope to see you there! Thank you for your continued support of this ministry.

LWR Quilt Blessing

October 1, 2017
The Happy Quilters from Lake Edge have been meeting monthly since our last drive, sewing diligently and putting quilts together. A quilt can bring warmth on a cold night or shelter from the sun on a hot day. It becomes a bed, a room divider, a backpack for carrying belongings, and at times even a home. Those quilts will be displayed and blessed in worship on Sunday, October 1, 2017.
Memorial Garden Brick Walk

September surprised the LELC Memorial Garden. The sun shone warmly and even hotly. Some say we had August in September. The occupants do not care. They are serene in repose.

As October commences, the weather is not cold but cooler. The plants, the flowers notice. It will eventually be time for dormancy.

And, if you choose to enter the garden, you will first encounter this message:

Lake Edge Lutheran Church Memorial Garden
An area of reverence and quiet reflection

The brick walkway begins with three names Bud Hu-banks, Ruth Ringer, and Mary Goth. Do you know these names? Many names follow, names of people worth knowing and remembering, come and passed on. The last three names you will encounter on the brick walkway are: Ethel Stemke, then Glenn and Bernice Bragstad. (On a personal note...40 years ago Pastor Glenn Bragstad entered our home to invite Kathy and me to become members of LELC.) So many names most worthy of your attention reside between. Come say, "Hi."

Book Club 2017-2018

The LELC Book Club typically meets the first Monday of every month. Below you will find a list of books that we are reading for discussion each month.

October 2  "Wait Till Next Year"
by Doris Kearns Goodwin

November 6  "Master Pip"
by Lloyd Jones

December 4  "My Grandmother Told me To Tell You She’s Sorry"
by Fredrick Backman

Tell the World About Your Church!

Have you followed Lake Edge Lutheran Church on Facebook yet? If not, head over and "like" us to see recent photos, events, and updates!

While you’re there, consider leaving a review! Facebook allows users to share what they love about the places they love, and those reviews become public for others to see. Share what LELC means to you, and help others get excited about our faith community also!

Young Adult Gathering:

Wednesday, October 4
7:00 pm
Glass Nickel Pizza
See Facebook Event for More Details

Get to know other young adults in the community! Anyone age 21-35 (ish) is welcome to join in the fun :) We meet the first Wednesday of each month, in the basement room at Glass Nickel. Food or drinks are on your own.

October 4 - Waking Up White (with Lucy Gibson)
Come prepared to share your thoughts and experiences with race and culture. No need to read the book in advance.
Preparing to be Partners: Conversations on Being White
October 3; 7:00 pm St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church

Part of the challenge of engaging the racial disparities in Madison involves our willingness, and our ability, to get to know, and learn to stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters of color. You are invited to participate in a series of conversations at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, 1833 Regent St. on the history and cultural identity of white people in the US. The series will begin on Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 7 pm with a lecture by Dr. Damon Sagnani, Assistant Professor of African Cultural Studies at UW, teaching a course called “The Problem of Whiteness.” This course focuses on how race is experienced by white people and how institutional racism is consciously and unconsciously perpetuated. Everyone is encouraged to attend this initial session. Those who wish to explore the issues further will meet the following six Tuesdays (Oct. 10-Nov. 14); 7 to 9 pm. To make sure we have enough materials for the later sessions, sign up with Leanne Puglielli at Leanne.puglielli@gmail.com or call 608-886-3737.

Holistic Healing Book Study
Monday, October 23; 7:00 pm in the Library

Have you or a loved one ever been given a seemingly incurable diagnosis like: autism, ADHD, MS, interstitial cystitis, cancer, Alzheimer's, colitis, IBS, enlarged heart, or others only to find years later that people were indeed recovering from it? That has happened to me on a number of occasions as I, first, tried to heal my children and then later, when I tried to heal myself. Unfortunately, I found that these healing methods were not easy to find and, most often, I learned of them as the result of talking to the right person at the right time. In this Book Study, we will discuss one important book each month starting with “The Prime: Prepare and Repair Your Body for Spontaneous Weight Loss” by Kulreet Chaudhary, MD. on Monday, Oct. 23 at 7 pm in the Library. (Read the reader reviews on Amazon.)—Sally Averkamp

Building Bridges Bible Study

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM at Christ the Solid Rock Baptist Church, 1502 Parkside Dr, Madison, WI 53704. Lake Edge Lutheran and Christ the Solid Rock Baptist join together for Bible study every Wednesday. You are invited!

21st Century Teens
Monday, October 23; 6:30–8:00 pm

MissRepresentation – A film addressing the sexualization of girls and women and the impact this has on individual development and relationships. 21st Century Teens is a monthly meeting for adults who are concerned about our teens. The fourth Monday of each month, we will gather for a presentation and conversation on topics related to youth and the realities of living as a teen today.

Sunday Adult Education

Join us Sunday mornings, 9:30 am in the Adult Education room for a variety of educational opportunities.

October 1: Pastor presentation on Stewardship
October 8: Planned Giving
Guest Presenter, Rev. Larry Westfield
October 15: Advance Care Planning
Meriter Spiritual Care Department
October 22: Funeral Planning with Pastor Katya
October 29: Racial Justice Coalition

Immigration Education Forum:
Sergio Gonzales
October 17, 6:30 pm
Lake Edge UCC, 4200 Buckeye Rd, Madison
Sponsored by Seeds of Peace

Leading this educational forum is Sergio Gonzales, a doctoral candidate in the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an organizer for the Dane Sanctuary Movement. He has given several presentations in recent months to Dane County interfaith communities and is a highly recommended speaker. Sergio will address immigration issues in Dane County, and share information on the Dane Sanctuary Coalition, why this should be important to people of faith, and what role churches have played in the Sanctuary movement. He will provide information on how congregations or individual members can assist without making a formal sanctuary declaration.

RETURNING PRISONER SIMULATION
Saturday, October 14; 10:00 am - 1:00pm
St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church
5700 Pheasant Hill Road, Monona

If you were to take a walk in the shoes of someone just released from prison—would you find your way? The Returning Prisoner Simulation, run by Madison Area Urban Ministries, puts participants in the role of someone who has just been released from prison and provides a unique, interactive opportunity to understand the experiences of individuals when returning to the community from prison. Participants try to accomplish a list of tasks that newly released prisoners must do during their re-entry. The interactive role-play workshop helps people to start to understand the various barriers and difficulties individuals face when return to the community after a period of incarceration. After participating in the simulation, hear from a panel of formerly incarcerated individuals about their experiences. Sign up today to join in a journey of healing and reconciliation. There is a suggested minimum $12 donation per person to help us to cover the costs associated with the event. Any and all proceeds directly support the Restorative Justice Programs of Madison Area Urban Ministries. Sign up online at: http://tinyurl.com/re-entry-simulation-sign-up
Council Minutes  September 18, 2017

Council Members Present: Al Anding, Jean Berg, Linda Newman, Pastor Katya Ouchakov, Diann Oyan, Ron Siggelkow, Milan Summ, George Swamp, Mark Taylor
Excused Absence: Treasurer, Jim Ahearn, Pastor Stephen Marsh.

Call to Order by President Milan Summ at 7:00 pm.

Prayer & Bible Study: Pastor Katya shared a reading from “Places along the Way.” The Bethany Tomb, John 11 1-45. After a brief discussion, we prayed.

Business

Financial Dashboard – Jim had a work conflict but he did send an updated Financial Dashboard to the council for review. The report was dated through July 31st but was noted that the final close out for August has not been done.

Reports
Pastors’ Report - Pastor Katya has returned from vacation. The annual stewardship efforts at Lake Edge has begun. This year will include two special speakers that will present during the Adult Education sessions (first September 24th) The initial mailing has occurred and will be followed by a second mailing with pledge cards about October 1st. Members will be asked to return these cards by October 15th.

Tentative schedule for pastoral duties include three baptisms in the coming weeks.

Missions
(Items needing Council Awareness or Approval)

- **Finance & Property** – Al Anding the wall is in progress; the new HVAC Controllers have been installed and adjustments are being made. Our #2 boiler is failing but we can continue to use #1 & #3 without problems. Al also reports that there are plans to address this problem next year.

- **Membership Support** – Jean Berg reports a new church directory is coming together. Several members have served as volunteer photographers for this activity. Sign up will continue through September. The mission will also be scheduling some make-up times in October. Once production this is ready for printing a donation of $10 will be requested to defer costs.

- **Education** – Pastor Christa will be starting a parents of teens group held at Lake Edge on the 4th Monday of the month.

- **Worship** – Linda Newman reported a proposal for Lake Edge Confirmands to participate in worship leadership roles for both the 8am and 10:45am service on three proposed dates. This was discussed by Council but tabled to next month to confirm the arrangements for this idea.

- **Peace & Justice** – Diann Oyan attended a meeting the previous evening of the Dane Sanctuary Coalition. This group is dedicated to not splitting up families, developing community resources for families and an advocacy team. Many local organizations including churches have joined the coalition. Motion by Linda, second by Mark that Lake Edge become a member of Dane Sanctuary Coalition. After a brief discussion to clarify that membership would provide opportunities for education and lending our name in support of the Coalition's activities the motion was passed by voice vote.

President/President-Elect Topics:
- **Christa’s fundraiser Proposal** – idea to hold a chili cook-off and a talent show. Council liked the idea but our stewardship efforts will be in October so then we discussed when this might be done. Perhaps this could be tied to next year’s Youth ELCA trip to Houston. There will still be a need for hurricane relief as well as the cost of the trip. No final decision was made.

- **Gifts request for Christa’s salary 2018** - The Council discussed the current arrangements for Pastor Christa’s salary and how we might proceed. Motion by Al, second by Diann to submit a proposal to the Gifts Committee from the Council to fund ½ of Pastor Christa’s salary (to include ½ of any additional cost of living adjustments as may be determined) for the period May 2018 – April 2019. Approved by voice vote.

- **Gift’s request for $5000 HVAC** – After a brief review of previous discussions by the Council a motion was made. Motion by Pastor Katya, second by Mark to submit a proposal to the Gifts Committee from the Council to fund $5000 for the HVAC repair costs. Passed by voice vote.

Reminders:
- **October Dialogue Articles Due:** Sunday, September 24, 2017
- **Next Mission Meeting:** Monday, October 9; 6:45 pm
- **Next Council Meeting:** Monday, October 16; 6:45 pm
- **Snacks for next month’s mission meeting Peace & Justice Mission**
- **Time for the missions to begin planning** for 2018 activities.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Katya led the Council in a closing prayer.

Adjourn – Motion by Ron, second by Diann to adjourn. Passed by voice vote.

8:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted, George Swamp, President Elect.
Finance and Property

The Wall Was Down and The Wall Is Up! The wall outside the Monona Dr. doorway has been re-built. The top will be finished off with a steel cap to protect the wall from falling apart again. This last step will happen on October 13th. The landscaping to address the water problem will happen at the end of September.

Fall Yard Clean-Up is October 21st, sign up on the bulletin board. We will rake leaves and clean up the yard from 8 to 10 AM. Refreshments will be available.

Gifts Committee: Matching Gifts Needed

At the most recent congregational meeting, two special initiatives were approved to be funded through the gifts committee.

First, the congregation approved funding a youth pastor part time for the next year for $14,400. Parents and kids both spoke up in support of retaining Pastor Christa Fisher to continue in this position. If you want to directly support this position, please make a gift to the gifts committee for “youth pastor” and we’ll match your gift up to a total of $3,600. The gifts committee has already spent another $3,600 for this position for January through March 2017 and is in need of your support.

Second, the congregation approved funding through the gifts committee of the repair of the front rock wall and fixing the drainage issue near the front door to prevent rain water from reaching our elevator shaft and basement hallway. The total for this project is $12,650. If this project is of interest to you, you can give through the gifts committee for “rock wall repair”.

As always, thank you for your support of these types of special initiatives through the gifts committee. Jim St. Vincent, Chairperson, Gifts Committee

Hurricane Relief

Lutheran Disaster Response’s affiliate is actively present in areas affected by hurricanes, collaborating with community leaders and officials to initiate the proper responses, particularly the long-term recovery efforts. Lutheran Disaster Response will be there to accompany those affected through every phase of this disaster.

We invite you to stand by our neighbors on the Gulf Coast and in the Caribbean during this time. Your financial gifts allow our church to provide help and hope for those left homeless or otherwise affected for years to come.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response, designated for “Hurricane Response – United States” will be used entirely (100%) for this disaster until the response is complete.

You can also give undesignated donations to Lutheran Disaster Response, or give a designated donation to support one of the other efforts of LDR.

Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support. Give today to support the needs in this response and others like it. Thank you for your generosity!

Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response and mail to:
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
ELCA Gifts Processing Center
PO Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116

Call 800-638-3522; or visit http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response

New Wall by Monona Dr. Entrance

Sidewalk Replacement in Front of the Monona Dr. Entrance.
Be an Usher at Lake Edge

While attending a service, you could stand and pass the plate for the offering and rise for communion to guide other members to the rail of the altar. But you are not alone! There are three teams for each service so your team would rotate to provide usher duties every three weeks. During the summer months when we have only one service, the rotation is split between all six teams.

Conflicts with family schedules are common and therefore we are always looking for additional ushers. You would notify your team Captain of your conflict and adjustments to the team would be made for a successful service. You are excused from duty for that service.

There is a booklet for a variety of Usher duties. Usher Captains will provide training and walk new ushers through their duties.

This is another way to join the TEAM Ministry at Lake Edge! Let an usher know about your interest and the Team Captain will assist you to join the team! Thank You!

October 2017 Worship Helper Schedule

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