

## Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington DC



### January/February 2017 Newsletter

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### **Opening Devotion — Presidents and Prayer**

1775 - The first Continental Congress called for a National Day of Prayer.

1863 - Abraham Lincoln called for such a day.

1952 - Congress established NDP as an annual event by a joint resolution, signed into law by President Truman.

1988 - The law was amended and signed by President Reagan, designating the NDP as the first Thursday in May.

The National Prayer Breakfast is a yearly event held in Washington, D.C., on the first Thursday of February each year. The founder of this event was Abraham Vereide. The event—which is actually a series of meetings, luncheons, and dinners—has taken place since 1953.

The breakfast is typically attended by some 3,500 guests, including international invitees from over 100 countries. The National Prayer Breakfast is hosted by members of the United States Congress and is organized on their behalf by The Fellowship Foundation, a Christian organization. Initially called the Presidential Prayer Breakfast, the name was changed in 1970 to the National Prayer Breakfast.

Every U.S. president since Dwight D. Eisenhower has participated in the annual event.

## **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. 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. LLF Tyson Corner Meeting on Thursday, February 16

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 our last meeting on 01/20/2017 centered on how to strengthen the relationship with resident support through informational programs related to caregiver needs.

You are welcome to attend our next meeting and offer suggestions. Because we are meeting in a restaurant, you may order food off the regular menu and pay individually.

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/>

## **Cooperation with Fellowship Square**

Work continues on ways we can help the Fellowship Square Houses. With your help, LLF might be able to provide Gift Cards for food as well as to pay for medical needs at the pharmacy.

Many times transportation is also an issue.

The discussion at the January meeting on 01/20/2017 centered on how to strengthen the relationship with resident support through informational programs related to caregiver needs.

Our guest speaker was Carol Downs, a volunteer from AARP.

Caring for a loved one can be a rewarding and challenging experience. AARP's "Prepare to Care" workshop can provide Fellowship Square residents and their families with information and resources to help them better care for the ones that need help.

The workshop provides help in:

- starting the conversation with loved one before a crisis occurs
- information on how to form a team of those who can help with the caregiving process
- making a plan to include immediate and future needs
- finding local community resources, professionals and supportive services
- finding ways of caring for themselves

The workshop also identifies sources of state and national resources for caregivers. The workshop can be tailored in terms of audience, location and time. Local AARP volunteers trained in caregiving issues facilitate in leading the workshop. For additional information, visit [www.aarp.org/caregiving](http://www.aarp.org/caregiving) or call 1-877-333-5885. In Northern Virginia contact Amber Sultane, AARP State Associate Director via Email to [asultane@aarp.org](mailto:asultane@aarp.org).

Stay tuned to hear more about closer cooperation between LLF and Fellowship Square.

## 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](mailto: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	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
1st Monday	Mar 6	LLF Wheaton,	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Mar 8	LLF Bethesda,	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday,	Mar 16	LLF Tyson Corner,	12:00-1:30
1st Monday	Apr 3	LLF Wheaton,	11:00-12:30
2nd Wednesday	Apr 12	LLF Bethesda,	12:00-1:30
3rd Thursday,	Apr 20	LLF Tyson Corner,	12:00-1:30