

## Lutheran Lay Fellowship of Metropolitan Washington DC



### Spring 2019 Newsletter

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#### **Opening Devotion — A Time for Change**

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3)  
As the weather is becoming warmer, I took particular notice of "a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted". My daffodils have sprouted and I have moved my potted herbs outside. In the garden, it will soon time to uproot anything dead and weed out whatever doesn't belong, making room for the new plantings.

Spring is a metaphor for change. Some changes we eagerly await, and some we abhor. Some changes we plan and others arrive uninvited. To all these changes we ask the gift of Your perspective beckoning us to expectation, hope, and rebirth.

May the sunlight and the rain be reminders that You are at work renewing the earth. As a God of renewal, You are ever at work in our lives, too.

Open our eyes and lives to the needed changes in our lives this Spring. Awaken us to new life and perspective, for we pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

<https://connectusfund.org/9-best-prayers-for-springtime>

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## **LLF Scholarships**, application deadline April 15

The Lutheran Lay Fellowship of the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Area (LLF) is pleased to announce the availability of two scholarship awards for 2019. 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 scholarship program. The application deadline is April 15. For more information and application form, click on the link below:

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

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## **Thrivent Financial**, Choice Dollars® deadline March 31

Generosity is important to Thrivent and its members. Thrivent Choice® provides a platform for members to have a financial impact on the causes and nonprofits they care about. Eligible members can recommend where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funding by directing Choice Dollars®. Thrivent members, remember that 2018 Choice Dollars® expire on March 31st if you have not already directed them to your church or favorite nonprofit.

Logon to your account or call 800-847-4836.

<https://www.thrivent.com/making-a-difference/living-generously/thrivent-choice/>

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## **Pilgrim's Progress**

Revelation Media is gearing up to release a CGI animated film based off The Pilgrim's Progress that was written by John Bunyan while he was in prison, persecuted for preaching the Gospel. First published in 1678, The Pilgrim's Progress is the most famous Christian allegory still in print, according to Britannica, and has sold more copies than any other Christian book, second only to the Bible.

This movie will be in over 700 theaters nationwide on Maundy Thursday and Easter Saturday. Click on the link below for the movie trailer and to search for a showing in your area.

<https://www.pilgrims.movie>

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## **Membership Renewal**

If you have not received a membership renewal form in the mail, you may download the membership application form from our website. Please send to the LLF Treasurer, John Corkill, at the address at the bottom of the form, not Dave Lambert who sends out the newsletters. New members are always welcome to join!

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

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## **Fellowship Square Book**

"*A Mission to Serve: The Life of John A Scherzer and the Birth of Fellowship Square Foundation*" (ISBN 0-941397-03-3) was published in July, 1989.

The author, Jack Erickson, said that the book was based on information obtained from the official documents and correspondence of Fellowship Square Foundation and interviews with Dr. John A. Scherzer, current and former officers, members and staff of Fellowship Square Foundation. Mrs. Greta Dahlman, assistant to the executive director of Fellowship Square Foundation at the time, was a vital link in researching and preparing material for this book. Mrs. Dahlman's unswerving devotion, patience and care were invaluable assets in all phases of this project.

Over the next couple of years, LLF will be coordinating a project to republish and/or update this book -- we have begun working with Jack Erickson to accomplish this goal. FSF will be providing much of the information but if you have any specific piece of history from 1990 or later of which you are aware, please contact Bob Sargeant or Dave Lambert. We'd love to hear your stories or to see your memorabilia from the past!

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### **No Upcoming Meetings with Fellowship Square**

There are no monthly meetings scheduled this Spring. Lutheran Lay Fellowship is reworking its meeting schedule. Once it is finalized, we will print it in the newsletter.

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### **Reformation Service**

Each year, members of LLF serve as ushers for the Reformation Service at the Washington National Cathedral. This will be the first Reformation Service for a new ELCA Bishop who will be elected at the Metro Washington DC Synod Assembly in June. Save the date -- Sunday, October 27, 2019!

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### **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).

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### **LLF Meetings**

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

On occasion, Fellowship House Managers or Fellowship House RSC's will be featured. As stated above, Lutheran Lay Fellowship is reworking its meeting schedule. Once it is finalized, we will print it in the newsletter.

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### **Meeting Schedule**

1st Monday	Apr 1	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30pm
1st Monday	May 6	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30pm
1st Monday	Jun 3	LLF Wheaton	11:00-12:30pm

For updated information see [www.LutheranLayFellowship.org](http://www.LutheranLayFellowship.org) and click on "Calendar"