



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
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THE CONNECTION

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Come and Worship!

We celebrate with worship on
Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday: 1 – 4 p.m.

A Note from your Church Council President

Dear Church Family –

We are starting to get in a “fall” frame of mind. At our last council meeting, many topics were discussed that concern all of us as members of United Lutheran Church.

1. Our expenses. For the past couple of months the expenses have been more than our offerings received. Please consider and remember our church as part of your weekly giving. One very easy way to help our church financially is to sign up for Direct Deposit from your account (wherever it is) to United Lutheran Church checking account at Superior National Bank. Got to SNB, or see Lisa for a very easy form. You can give weekly, monthly, quarterly.. whatever you choose and it continues until you stop it. Your contributions show as a withdrawal on your statement and as a deposit fro you on ULC’s statement.

2. We need you to consider serving our church on the Council, Call Committee, Nominating Committee, Finance Committee, Visitation Team, Coffee hour, usher. For any questions regarding any of these vacancies, PLEASE Contact Renee (906-524-6013) or the church office (906-524-6484).

3. Please pray for our chuch and your church council during this time of vacancy. Pray for wisdom and guidance for us all!

Please call me with any cares and concerns. I want ULC to continue to be a place of grace and mercy and help to all who come through the doors.

God be with you!

Renee

September Birthdays



September 3	Scott Swanson
September 5	Edward Jorgenson
September 9	Gerald Niemi
	Alissa Robillard
September 11	Charlene Kangas
September 12	Elizabeth Cram-DeLeon
	Ryan DesLaurier
September 14	Thomas Lytikainen
September 15	Robert Ranta
	James Roth
September 17	Aamani Denomie
September 18	Lindsay Biekkola
	Blake Harden
September 19	Stephanie DesLaurier
	Lauren Gabe
	William Johnson
September 22	Walter Roth
	Madissen Swanson
September 24	Lauryn Biekkola
	Gerald Johnson
	Kay McIntyre
September 27	Mark Jentoft
September 28	Mercedes Magaraggia
September 30	Lori Johnson
	Roland Sweeney

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You can use Amazon Smile if you have Prime also. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Articles for Newsletter

Looking for ideas and articles for the newsletter. What would you like to see? Do you have information to be put in the newsletter? Remember that we are publishing the newsletter every other month... **the newsletter deadline for the October Newsletter is the 10th of September.** Please submit any information to the church office by that date to be included in the next newsletter.



GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

The Good Samaritan Fund is used to help out people in our congregation and community who are in need. Sometimes it is a food card, sometimes it is for gas in their car to get to an appointment, etc. The Good Samaritan Fund is continually being used. If you would like to donate to the Good Samaritan Fund, please put your donation into an envelope and mark it "Good Samaritan Fund" with your name on the envelope.

This fund is in need of donations at this time. Please consider helping out if you can.

Food card and gas card donations are also needed!

Thank you to all who have helped support this much needed outreach ministry.

*Thank
You!*

CALL COMMITTEE

We are looking for people to join the Call Committee. Please prayerfully think about this and say "yes" if you are asked. If you would like to serve on the Call Committee, please call the church office or talk to Renee.

You are probably wondering what the Call Committee does. If you have any questions, please call Lisa at the church office or Renee.

Visitation Team



United Lutheran Church is going to start a Visitation Team. We are looking for people to visit our shut-ins and give them communion.

If you are interested in being a part of our Visitation Team, please call Renee or the church office.

Communion training will be provided by Pr. Julie Belew. A time for the training has yet to be determined. Please contact Renee (906-524-6013) or the church office (906-524-6484) if you are willing to serve this important ministry.

Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 6th at 10 a.m. Robbie Schultz will be hostess.

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 1 p.m. at Roselyn Ruona's house.



News from the Women

The Executive Board of the WELCA is meeting on Wednesday, August 31 to look at possible activities and draft a schedule for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas of speakers, projects, or other activities that you would like to have included, please speak to one of the Board members -- Ruth Anne Connor, Nancy Bernard, Renee Eliason, Leann Davis, or Marlyn Harden. We're looking forward to a year full of fun and fellowship as we gather in the name of the Lord.

We'll keep you posted on any dates and events.

Ruth Anne
President

FOOD PANTRY



DONATIONS are needed for the food pantry.

Some foods and non-perishables that we could use are: Pancake mix, syrup, canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, peanut butter, cereal, Ramen noodles, Lipton Noodles, toilet paper, body wash, shampoo.

NEEDED: Donations of food cards and gas cards are needed.

The Food Pantry will be open during office hours. The office is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 am – 1 pm, Wednesdays from 1-4 pm. Also, on Sunday when the church is open for worship service.



The Food Pantry is located upstairs in the education wing next to the secretary's office. There are no eligibility guidelines.

If you need food, please feel free to come and get something.

SHUT-INS



Please remember our shut-ins. Keep them in your prayers. If you have a moment, stop and visit them.

At home: Ellen Biekkola, Merc Magaraggia, Arlene Patterson, Judy Testen.

At Canal View, Hancock, MI: Barbara DesLaurier (*Woodland Haven*).



Charlie Ahlsen, Bob Bersie, Kathy Danielson, Kinsley Dettmer, Tim Elmlad, Ashley Fransted, Jerry & Shirley Johnson, John (UC) Johnson, Roger Jordan, John Juntunen, Janel LaPlante, Jamie McLeod, Tom and Mary Fran Menge, Jean & Howard Peterson, Hank Pole, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Patti Seavoy, Alyna Tollefson, Dan Uren, Hector, Hazel.

The Family and Friends of Alan Stein

The Family and Friends of brothers, Aldrick and Joe Sirard.

The Family and Friends of Ed VanderZanden

Dear God,

I humbly ask that you heal us from any hurt, shame, sickness, and guilt. Heal our hearts, O Lord God. Give us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and let us wear the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness and burden.

I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS.

“God’s work. Our hands.” Sunday is Sunday, September 11, 202. This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor.

Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God’s grace.



This year our project will be collecting school supplies for the teachers at L’Anse Area Schools. There is a tote in the Barrier-Free entrance to drop off donations. Listed below is what the teachers can use.

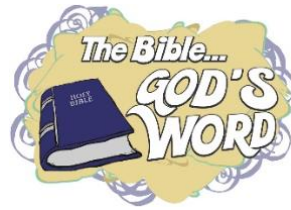
Elementary School teachers: Expo markers, pencil top erasers, Sharpie markers, Post-It notes, pocket folders, ‘good’ masking tape, clear packing tape, sheet protectors, wide ruled paper, Ticonderoga pencils, pens, binder clips, stickers for papers, Lysol/Clorox wipes, Kleenex, hand sanitizer.

Jr./Sr. High School teachers: Ticonderoga Pencils, Expo markers, notebooks, hand sanitizer, Kleenex, Lysol/Clorox wipes, and calculators (TI-30x11). They are about \$12-\$18 each.

INTENTIONAL PRAYER: Our Faithful Innovations team has been working on a project. Intentional Prayer.

The Faithful Innovation team will meet every third Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Intentional Prayers. This is open to anyone who would like to join us.

Prayer Requests: There is a basket and pieces of paper on the table in the Barrier-free entrance. The prayer group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month (September 20th) at 10 a.m. to pray for all who request prayers. You can also request prayers on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/ULCLanse>), by email (ulc_lanse40@yahoo.com), on the website (www.unitedlutheranchurchlanse.org) or by calling the church office (524-6484). All are welcome to join us!



We are Church Together **Sign up now to Share Faith and Fellowship** **with Fun and Interesting Conversations**

This fall, our Synod's Lifelong Faith Formation program will focus on Bible studies, Lutheran traditions, youth ministry, and more. A theme running through the new schedule is our life together in the church: our congregations, the Northern Great Lakes Synod, the ELCA, and worldwide. Beginning in September and October, the upcoming classes are:

- The Big Picture Bible Study
- Growing Younger: Sharing ideas to engage young people in our congregations
- Introduction to Biblical Hebrew
- Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function
- Romans: The Gospel According to Lutherans
- Taco, Cat, Goat, Bible, Pizza – Interpreting the Word as a Lutheran Today
- Why Do We Do That? A Background on Liturgical Practices of Feast Days and Seasons.

Registration is quick and easy! **Contact the church office for more information on registration.** All of the courses will be presented online via Zoom, with an added in-person option for “Living Together as Church: Lutheran Structure and Function”. The registration deadline is September 12th. Contact Deacon Lori Ward at loriward@nglsynod.org or 615-519-1969 if you have any questions or concerns.

CRAFTERS UNITED or UNITED CRAFTERS (however you want to look at it)

A small group of ladies continue to meet regularly making cards. The current project is sending individual Thank You cards to members of various groups in recognition of their service to the people of our community. So far over 300 cards have been distributed to 3 different groups ... but there are still many more on the list. We need people who can cut, fold, glue, add "bling" and address envelopes. If you can do any of these and would be interested in helping out, talk to Renee or Ruth Anne. The group typically meets on Wednesdays... or if you just want to come and enjoy the fellowship, that's fine, too! We'd be glad to have you join us.

Hope to see you there....Wednesdays at 11:00 am

	EXPENSES & INCOME FOR JULY	YTD	TOTAL BUDGET
Expenses:	\$8,885.00	\$70,975	\$131,547.84
Income:	\$6,640.98	\$57,244	
CHECKBOOK	Balance 6/30/2022		\$ 8,857.61
	Balance 7:31/2022		\$ 5,767.45
Window Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 7,117.29
Endowment Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$12,747.99
General Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$14,614.08

United Lutheran Church Family:

I hope this letter finds you all well. I would like to start by thanking you all for your continued contributions to our church. During this time of transition for us, I want to take the opportunity to bring you up to date on our expenses thus far for the 2022 fiscal year.

This is an average look at what our monthly expenses are.

I would like to make note that we have incurred a considerable increase in our heating bill for the church and parsonage. We are on the monthly budget plan with Semco and have seen an increase of over \$200 a month since they reconciled our account this spring.

Communication is key to keeping our congregation informed of our financial standings. Please prayerfully consider serving on our Finance Committee. It is a small commitment of time with a large impact on our church as a whole.

Respectfully yours,

Karisa Mukka
United Lutheran Church Treasurer



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We **NEED** volunteers for many groups right now.

*We are looking for people interested in serving on the Call Committee.

*We are looking for people interested in serving on the Visitation Team.

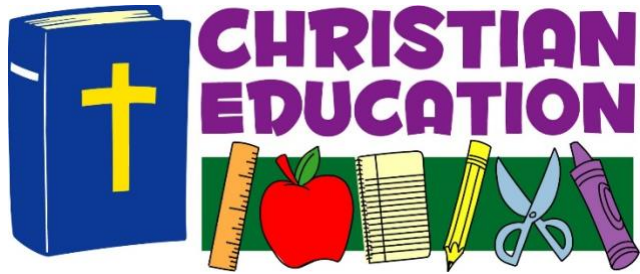
*We **NEED** one person who would like to serve on the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee meets four times per year. If you are interested, please call the church office.

*We **NEED** two or three people to be on the Nominating Committee. This is only a short term commitment. This is to find people to serve on the council. Anyone interested, please call the church office.

All of these groups are very important to our church.

PLEASE prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these groups.

THANK YOU!



Sunday School and Confirmation

Sunday School and Confirmation will begin in October.

Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 2nd at 10 a.m.
All children ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome!

Confirmation - Our Confirmation program will be changing this year. We will be scheduling a Parent meeting and getting a schedule set up for Confirmation classes soon! Parents, please watch your mail for a letter from the church in September in regards to Confirmation!

Upcoming Conference-Wide Youth Event

This event is free and open to 7th -12th graders, youth leaders, and pastors.

Saturday, September 24 – Copper Country Conference

- Location: Finlandia University, 601 Quincy St. Hancock, MI
- Time: 2-6 pm ET
- Contact: David Nelson (dannelso@mtu.edu)

Youth event with games, worship, service, food, fellowship and time to brainstorm future events.

Call Process.... What happens now.

The next step in the Call Process is to organize our Call Committee and the council will fill out the Ministry Site Profile. Please prayerfully consider serving on the Call Committee.

The Call Committee will meet once to get the information regarding Calling a Pastor. They will not meet again until we get the name of a candidate from the Synod. Once we get the name of a candidate from the Synod, the Call Committee will set up a weekend for an interview, Meet-and-greet, and a Sunday for the candidate to preach. After that, the Call Committee will meet to discuss calling this candidate to be our pastor. If it is decided to call this candidate, then a Congregational Meeting is set up to vote. If the congregation votes to accept this candidate as our pastor, the Call Committee is complete. If the congregation votes not to accept this candidate as our pastor, then the Call Committee waits for another name from the Synod.

If you are interested in being on the Call Committee, please call Renee (906-524-6013) or the church office (906-524-6484)/



Why God Gives To Us

Giving is a natural expression of love. Friends do it. Lovers do it. Parents do it. Even children do it. We give presents to those we love.

The Bible says that “God gives to all mortals life and breath and all things,” so that “in him we live and move and have our being” (Acts 17:25, 28). A psalmist says, “O, Lord how manifold are your works!...The earth is full of your creatures...They all look to you to give them their food in due season...When you open your hands, they are filled with good things” (Psalm 104:27-28). Jesus says that the Father in heaven gives “good things to those who ask him” (Matthew 7:11).



The word for this “giving” is grace. Jesus gives his life as a ransom for many (Mark 10:45). Eternal life is a gift of God (Romans 6:23). So is the faith necessary to receive it (Ephesians 2:8).

Why does God give these things to us? Because God love us and there is an intrinsic connection between giving and live. Perhaps the best known verse of the Bible says, “For God so loved the world that he gave...” (John 3:16).

God gives because God loves. God gives to us because God loves us. And when we give our offerings to God as an act of worship we reflect that love. We love God back.

There comes a day when we understand that all is of grace, that the whole world is a gift of God, a completely generous gift. We see each flower, each drop of water, each minute of our life as a gift of God. He gives them to all, both to those who know him and to those who are ignorant of Him.

– Paul Tournier, *Meaning of Gifts* (Richmond: John Knox Press, 1963), p. 59

FUNDRAISERS

CHURCH COOKBOOKS

We have United Lutheran Church Cookbooks for sale. They are \$12 per cookbook. If you would like a copy of the cookbook, stop by the church office to purchase one.

BAKELESS BAKE SALE!

We are having a Bakeless Bake Sale to go into our General Fund. Please use the envelope included in this newsletter or pick one up from the table in the Barrier-free entrance.



CANDY AND NUT SALE!

Watch for our Candy and Nut Sale in October-November!

Do you have an idea for a fundraiser? Please let us know.

Call the church office or contact Renee.