



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.



News from the Council President

Hello United Lutheran Family:

Yesterday was the first official day of fall. The cool air and the trees starting to change colors are letting us know a new season is here.

Looking to the fall and winter seasons, your church council has discussed many topics, such as:

- ❖ Does the church and parsonage have hail damage from the big storm in July. The answer is, the church is good with no damage. BUT the parsonage has hail damage. We will be making a claim with Church Mutual for the damage and keep you updated on that.
- ❖ We have purchased new solar lighting for our entrance ways and for our sidewalk area. We are looking for someone to install these lights. The project should be pretty easy. The entrances to our church are very dark, especially in the fall/winter seasons.
- ❖ We are renting out another room to the Great Lakes Recovery Centers. They will be removing the partition curtain and installing a permanent wall. All the work and cost will be taken care of by GLRC.
- ❖ We have had three people step up and serve on some of our committees. **WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR CHURCH!** Your financial support is so important and we give THANKS to you, but we need actual physical bodies to carry on the work of our church. I know everyone is busy. I know we have an older congregation, but we need members of this family to say “I’ll help”!

Good news to share – We have a group of people who are going to be our Visitation Team. They will be trained by Pastor Julie Belew to give communion and will be visiting our shut-ins. It would be great if our shut-ins got a card or note from members of ULC during this time of vacancy, just to let them know they are missed

and we care. Lisa can provide you with names and addresses if you would like to send a note or better yet, give a call.

Our Intentional Prayer group is meeting and praying for all prayer requests. A basket is in the barrier free entrance to place your request.

Please support our Bakeless Bake Sale. Our monthly bills have increased and our monthly offerings are not covering it all.

We will be selling candy again this fall. It has been ordered.

Mark your calendars: October 30th we will be having a Fall Potluck. Please join us following worship. Join us for food and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share.

THANK YOU all for your continued support and prayers. If you have any concerns, please contact me. I am always available.

Yours in Christ,

Renee



You can support United Lutheran Church when you shop on Amazon. Use this link to get started. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/52-1041889>

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

October Birthdays

October 2	Zachary Lanczy
October 4	Janet Gerzetic
October 6	Delia Jo Langson Brenda Summers
October 7	Kerry Giddings Christian Morseau
October 8	Sandra Lytikainen
October 9	Shannon Anderson Judy Testen
October 10	Alana Jorgenson
October 11	Toni Rae Vizina
October 13	Krystal Eliason
October 17	Skyler Stein
October 19	Landon Marczak
October 20	Patricia Anderson
October 22	Brian Jentoft
October 24	Logan Fish Marilyn Harden Cheryl Marinich
October 26	Roxane Wanhatalo
October 29	Jennifer LaPlante
October 30	Cheryl Archambeau Leann Davis Eila Koski Paige Koskinen



FALL POTLUCK



Join us on Sunday, October 30

Following worship

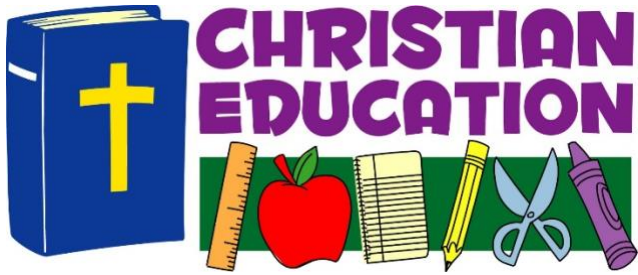
For a Fall Potluck Dinner

Please bring a dish share.

Come and join us for food and fellowship!

FYI: It is also Leann Davis' 80th birthday!

Come and celebrate with us!



Sunday School and Confirmation

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

We **NEED** one Sunday School teacher this year for the younger class.
If you are interested, please talk to Renee.

Confirmation – Confirmation will begin on Sunday, October 2nd immediately following worship until 12 noon. This means that Confirmation will begin as soon as worship ends. There will be weeks when Confirmation may begin at 10:40, 10:45, or 10:50... Please make sure your child attends worship on the days that we have Confirmation so they can be here on time for class.

CALL COMMITTEE

The Call Committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 6th at 10 a.m. to work on the Ministry Site Profile.

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.

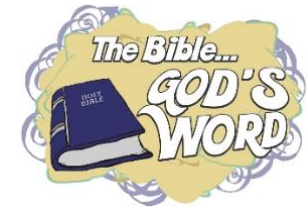
Food card and gas card donations are also needed!

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

Thank You!

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 (**October 18th**) 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!



News from the Women

The members of the Executive Board met at the end of August to do some planning for the coming year. The major decision was to change the day of the meeting. For a variety of reasons, it was determined that the Women of the Church should meet on Wednesday afternoons, rather than Thursdays.

It was also decided that we would meet every month, starting in October. Programs/activities were sketched out through our January meeting. Here is a quick outline of the meetings. More specific information will be included in the appropriate monthly newsletter and the Sunday bulletin.

First meeting -- Wednesday, October 12 @ 1:00 pm
Fall / Halloween / Thanksgiving activity.

Wednesday, November 9 @ 1:00 pm
Amy Schultz from Graybill and Mead will be presenting a program and answering questions on Estate Planning. Refreshments will be a pie social.

Wednesday, December 14 @ 1:00 pm
Annual Christmas gathering with special music and our traditional finger-food / munchies.

Wednesday, January 11 @ 1:00 pm
Sue Jacobs from Jacobson's Funeral Home will be on hand to provide information and answer questions on those "final decisions".

For our kick-off October meeting we are asking all women to bring their favorite finger-food / munchie to share. Also, bring a larger roll of toilet paper and a bag of wrapped candy (Snickers, Reese's, or any Halloween candy). These are for a couple of projects that we will be working on.

Women of the Church (WELCA) meetings are open to ALL women of United. We invite you to join us for a time of learning, fellowship, fun, and food and bring a friend.

See you there!

Ruth Anne Connor, President



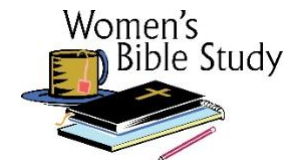
Visitation Team

The Visitation Team will have Communion training, provided by Pr. Julie Belew, on Tuesday, September 27th at 6 p.m.

Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 10 a.m.

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 4th at 1 p.m. at Annette Lindstrom's house.



Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, October 11th at 11 a.m. to start discussing the 2023 Budget.



COOKIE WALK - Saturday, December 3, 2022

It's still a little early to be digging out those favorite Christmas Cookie recipes and start your baking for the Cookie Walk, but thought it would be good that, as long as we were talking dates, that you are given a heads-up for the Cookie Walk as well.

Also, this year we are expanding the Cookie Walk to include not only baked goods and candies, but also jams, jellies, and other canned goods. So, although it's early to begin baking, it's not too early to be working on canning items.

Mark your calendars -- whether to donate or just to come and shop!

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? We publishing the newsletter every month... **the newsletter deadline for the October Newsletter is the 10th of October.** Please submit any information to the church office by that date to be included in the next newsletter.



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, Elsa Clement, George Cram, Kathy Danielson, Kinsley Dettmer, Eric Dufek, Tim Elmlad, John (Paavo) Falk, Ashley Fransted, Carole Franti, Debra Franti, Mr. Genseler, Connie Gibbons, Pastor John Henry, Tom Hietala, Jerry & Shirley Johnson, John (UC) Johnson, Roger Jordan, John Juntunen, Shelly Klemp, Shawn Kuehl, Janel LaPlante, Jenni LaPlante, Jamie McLeod, Tom and Mary Fran Menge, Jean & Howard Peterson, Hank Pole, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Patti Seavoy, Carrie Lou Thomas, Alyna Tollefson, Dan Uren, Hector, Hazel.

*The Family and Friends of Caleb Lynum
The Family and Friends of Carol Seavoy
The Family and Friends of Don Overbeek
The Family and Friends of Clarence "Duke" Seavoy
The Family and Friends of Theresa Barnett*

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.



	EXPENSES & INCOME FOR August	YTD	TOTAL BUDGET
Expenses:	\$4863.00	\$75838.00	\$131,547.84
Income:	\$6,144.34	\$63,388.24	
CHECKBOOK		Balance 7/31/2022	\$ 5,767.45
		Balance: 8/31/2022	\$ 7,557.73
Window Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 7,117.29
Endowment Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$12,742.99
General Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$14,648.08

Direct Deposit for Contributions

Did you know that even if you do not attend worship YOU CAN still give to your church? Go to your financial institution and tell them you want to set up a deposit to United Lutheran Church General Fund Account #900104257; SNB Routing #091101879 It is as easy as that! **Thank you for supporting your church!**





VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

We are still in **NEED** of volunteers for many groups right now.

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

*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.

*We **NEED** people to serve on our Church Council. If you are interested, please call the church office or contact one of our current council members.

*We **NEED** someone to teach the younger students in Sunday School. If you are interested, please talk to Renee.

All of these groups are very important to our church.

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

THANK YOU!

Are we starting from scratch? Not really. There is recent and a collective memory of the way things used to be, not only pre-pandemic, but pre-eighties. Whether these expectations, or even hopes, will be a help or a hindrance to new efforts remains to be seen.

Do we have clear instructions? I say no. This is where we need the collective wisdom of the body of Christ listening intently to the Spirit and finding a way forward together. The goal is not to recreate the church of the past but to lean into the future church that is becoming. The Church is being transformed. Our job is to be faithful in this moment of history that will last years. Keeping the witness of Jesus of Nazareth as the lens through which all else is considered, we can't go far wrong.

Are we clear on what the finished product will be? Maybe a little, but not really. The Church, capital C, is timeless. God will always call people to faith in Christ. The Spirit will

always gather believers together. The Bible will always be treasured and provide an inspiring word to proclaim Christ. But what the Church looks like, how it sounds, where it gathers, the liturgy, traditions, music, language, rhythms, might all be reshaped and reformed. The wind of God is sweeping over the face of the Church. We may not be a formless void, but our shape is being re-formed, slowly but surely, and yet certainly faster than anyone is comfortable with.

As Congregations are investing energy into new or resurrected ministry efforts, we are beginning again in a new set of circumstances. It feels both familiar and foreign. It is both exciting and overwhelming, hopeful and anxious.

I pray God's blessings upon your efforts. You're not creating something from nothing, but I think it can feel like that.

God is with you, inspiring, energizing, and speaking the Word Christ into any darkness, saying, "Let there be...Church!"

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Katherine Finegan

~From the Bishop~

“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ~ Genesis 1:1

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Have you ever ventured down the craft aisle of some do-it-yourself store? I remember being given a make your own sand art, make your own paint by number picture, and cross stitch kits with all the embroidery floss included. Maybe you graduated to the kits that brew your own beer or make your own birdhouse or nail together a raised garden bed.

I ordered a baker’s rack once that required assembly. It was very handy to have step by step instructions paired with pictures and arrows, connecting part a to part b. Sure, I put it together wrong a few times before I got it right, but it now stands correctly assembled.

It was easy to begin these projects because I had a guide, instructions, I knew what the finished product was supposed to look like. Beginning was easy because the end was clear.

We know something about beginnings. We begin new jobs, new school years, move into a new house or apartment, welcome a new child, initiate a new ministry. Even without a kit, we know what it is to “start from scratch” when there are no pieces to put together, no foundation already laid, no past to shape the future, no ready-made mix that only needs eggs to make the cake.

Certainly, God didn’t have much to work with “in the beginning.” God has a knack of how to make something from nothing. Such creative success takes a certain divine skill set. It is a God-only talent.

And yet, God shares God’s own creative genius with us. And that is a good thing. Because we as congregations, we as the church, are at the beginning again. We need the creative spirit that only God can give because there are a host of things that are unclear.

Do we have all the pieces we need? I say yes. I believe God provides the resources, the people, and the way forward for whatever God would have happen in and through your congregation.

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 a Bakeless Bake Sale envelope which can be pick up from the table in the Barrier-free entrance.



CANDY AND NUT SALE!

The candy and nut sale will begin sometime in the next few weeks.

Please watch the bulletins, Facebook, and our website for more information.

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

Call the church office or contact Renee.