



# Lux



The newsletter of University Lutheran Church and One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry at Michigan State University

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

**Sunday Worship via Facebook Live**  
Sundays through May 3  
10 a.m.

**Virtual Pub Theology**  
Tuesday, Apr. 7 at 7 p.m.  
(More details on page 14.)

**Maundy Thursday (4/9)  
& Good Friday (4/10)  
Virtual Services**  
7 p.m. on Facebook Live

**Food Movers**  
Thursday, Apr. 23  
Drive-thru pick up of  
prepacked boxes  
4:30 p.m.



### Cancelled Activities

- Wednesday Lenten Worship and Soup Luncheons
- Easter Egg Hunt – Apr. 11
- All in-building Holy Week Services: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday

## Inside . . .

Pastor: For Such a Time as This.....	2
Campus Ministry: Spring Break .....	3
Family Faith Formation ~ VBS.....	4
Meet Gary ~ Good-bye Kristy.....	5
Music Notes ~ ULC Book Club.....	6
Earthkeeping ~ Rebuilding Together .....	7
P & S ~ Kids Hope .....	8
President ~ Evangelism ~ Endowment .....	9
Archives: Looking Back/Looking Forward ..	10
Greater Church .....	11
Celebrations ~ Youtube.....	12
Virtual Pub Theology .....	13

## Spring Break in Tennessee



Spring Break 2020

On Saturday, Feb. 29, sixteen students and Pastors Haley Vay and Gary travelled to Maryville, Tenn. for a week of service and fellowship. The group stayed in cabins at Camp Montvale at Harmony Family Center. On Sunday morning, they attended worship at St. Paul ELCA in Maryville.

In the afternoon, they enjoyed hiking the Abrams Falls Trail in the Smoky Mountains. Dinner was a delicious create-your-own pizza and salad. The day culminated around a campfire under the stars, roasting marshmallows and making s'mores.

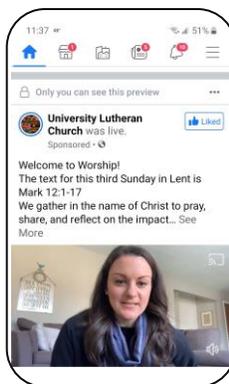
Continued on page 3.

## We Can Still Worship "Together"

Join us for virtual worship on Facebook Live every Sunday at 10 a.m. until it is safe for us to once again worship together in person. To watch the event "live:"

1. Visit Facebook.com
2. In the search window search **University Lutheran Church ELCA**
3. Click on ULC's Page, then Click **Following**
4. Click the pencil (edit) icon next to **Notifications**
5. Select the type of notifications you'd like to receive: If **Standard** or **Highlights** is selected, you will receive live video notifications from this page.

Note: When you're watching a live video, or a video that was recorded live, you can tap or click **Subscribe** to be notified the next time the Page begins a live broadcast.



*An integrated family journeying faithfully together, inspired by God's grace,  
guided by Christ, and empowered and sustained by the Holy Spirit*

## For Such a Time as This

I originally wrote this article in mid-March with the understanding that things would probably change significantly by the time the Lux was published. Little did I know how quickly and drastically everything would change. Because of that I'm updating this article on Mar. 24, but for the most up to date information, please read the emails from the ULC office. If you are not on the email list, please give us your email addresses. If you don't have email, please call the church office so we can send you information through the mail as needed.

Throughout the Governor's stay at home order, the church office is closed, but we have forwarded phones to our cell phones. To reach Britny, Pastor Haley Vay or me, just dial the appropriate church extension or call our cell phones directly.

I am very grateful for Pastor Haley Vay and the ULC staff. They have stepped up and worked together as we've been finding our way through a very challenging situation. I am thankful for their gifts, flexibility, creativity, and cooperation. We are blessed by their presence.

One of the most difficult things about the current situation is that we don't know what will happen or what the

future holds. The uncertainty is unnerving. I vacillate between being calm and collected to feeling a sense of fear. I'm grateful for our Governor's stay at home order as I would rather be on the side of safety and doing things for the good of our people and the community at large. It is the faithful response.



In light of this public health crisis and amidst the uncertainty and unknown, there are two things that stand out for me.

First is a passage from Romans that has been a favorite of mine my whole ministry. I've read it at many funerals, including my grandparents' funerals. In Paul's words in Romans 8:37-39 *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

For me, these words express the deep truth that no matter what life brings, no matter what crisis we might face, we will never be separated from God's love. Nothing can separate us

from the love of God, not even the Coronavirus. That empowers me!

Secondly, we are about to celebrate Easter and the resurrection of Jesus. The resurrection proclaims that even when death had done its worst, God triumphed. The deep, solid core of my faith is that we worship a God who brings life out of death. That isn't simply for when we die. It's all the time. Day in, day out, God is always at work to bring life out of death. I know that no matter what path the Coronavirus takes, this is Easter, and God will be at work to bring life out of death.

Even though we will not be able to gather in person at church to celebrate Easter, we will still gather in our homes in virtual worship to celebrate our life-giving God and God's power to bring life out of death. Fear, sickness, death and the Coronavirus will not have the last word. Jesus Christ who is risen from the dead has the last word! *For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May the power of Easter strengthen you "for such a time as this,"

Pastor Gary

**WAYS TO GIVE**

ONLINE    AUTOMATED    MAIL

### Please Continue to Give!

We encourage everyone, as you are able, to continue your giving to support the ULC mission and ministry. While we are not able to meet in person to pass the offering plate, there are other easy ways to give:

1. Use the "Donate" button on the bottom of our website.
2. Use direct deposit if you have an account at MSUFCU. (Contact treasurer Will Mahoney for more information.)
3. Mail a check to church.



# Tennessee Reflections

On Monday at 8 a.m. the group began serving at the Habitat for Humanity work site and the Habitat ReStore. Following a week of service and fellowship, they travelled back to East Lansing. On Sunday, Mar. 8, a recap of the trip was provided to the ULC congregation during worship. The following are some reflections.

**Andrew Earle:** I will have special memories of the lodge. It was a big rustic hall. We played cornhole in the yard outside and sat in the rocking chairs on the porch looking up at the mountains. We had a lot of fun playing "spicy uno" and watching our hilarious talent show. We also got to know each other a lot better having dinner and through our devotionals.

**Annaliese Marks:** My favorite part about our spring break trip was being able to have fun with everyone while we worked. I enjoyed volunteering with Habitat for Humanity, but it was the people involved that made it even more fun. Laughing and joking around, and getting to know everyone a little better, made the week fly by. Seeing the kindness and compassion of the



Habitat volunteers and within our group was what struck me the most. I believe that people and relationships are valuable, and so I think it is fitting that we were able to foster community while also volunteering to help others.

**Andrea Vera:** One Community's spring break trip meant more to me than I could have ever imagined. For as long as I can remember, I have been involved in my church and church's youth group back home. However, there have been few times that I have felt so connected to my religion or the people around me as I did while doing God's work in Maryville. One of the most meaningful instances in which I felt such love and peace was when we sang around the campfire on our final night of the trip. It was that night that I realized that I didn't ever want our trip to end, and, in a sense, it never will because I will forever hold these memories close to my heart.

*Thank You!* We thank our ULC community for all your faithful, financial, and prayerful support that helps provide for this mission trip each year!



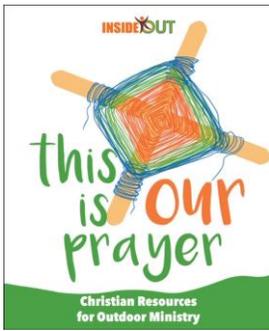
## 2020 Summer VBS/Day Camp with Living Water Ministries

Sunday through Thursday June 21-25



Location to be determined

Theme: "This Is Our Prayer"



- Day 1: Longing to be Invited. Luke 6:12-16
- Day 2: Longing for Guidance. 1 Kings 3:7-15
- Day 3: Longing for Renewal. Luke 5:12-16 & Isaiah 40:1-5 & 28-31
- Day 4: Longing for Change. Numbers 27:1-11
- Day 5: Longing to Celebrate. Philippians 1:3-11

## Staying In, Yet Reaching Out

### Card Ministry



As we seek to be the church together from a physical distance, interested children and youth will receive a packet of materials in the mail to make cards for people in our congregation. Each "Card Kit" includes card stock and paper of various colors and sizes, as well as envelopes, stamps, and names/addresses of members.

### Worry Knots Prayer Activity

Supplies:  
\*1 ft length of yarn  
for each person

Read 1 Peter 5:7

"Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you."

Consider how amazing this verse is: God, the Creator of the universe, loves you so much that you are invited to "give all your worries and cares over to God." Take a few moments and think of all the worries and concerns in your life. For each situation or person you are worried about, tie a prayer knot in your yarn.

Hear these words from Jesus: "I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid" (John 14:27). Jesus also said, "Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?...So don't worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring its own worries. Today's trouble is enough for today" (Matthew 6:27, 34).

Pray. Be still.

If you are able, untie your knots as a symbol of letting go of these worries and concerns and leaving them in God's capable hands.

Keep your string in your pocket and repeat these steps as needed.



## One Community Meets with Zoom



One Community gathers weekly (at least) via the internet in loving, supportive, prayerful community from a physical distance.

### Lux Egg Hunt

A dozen Easter eggs have been hidden throughout the April Lux. Can you find them all?



## Meet Our New Financial Administrator

Hi! My name is Gary Carl, the new financial administrator at ULC. I am excited to continue the great job that Kristy Stuart did in this position for many years. My wife, Donna, and I joined ULC in January 2018. We currently live in Clarkston, Michigan, near our four children and four grandchildren.



I recently retired from full-time employment after enjoying a long career in various lines of work including accounting, finance, real estate and facility management. I have already met many of the friendly people at ULC and look forward to meeting many more.

My hours will be the same as Kristy's (Tuesday and Thursday) once we reopen. The contact email for me is [Financial\\_Admin@ulcel.org](mailto:Financial_Admin@ulcel.org).

*Gary Carl*

## Kristy Stuart Moves Onward and Upward

Although all of us at University Lutheran are sad to see Kristy Stuart leave us, we must admit that she is embarking on an exciting and meaningful new mission. Kristy, who has served as ULC's Financial Administrator for the past eighteen and a half years, is now a Candidate for Unitarian Universalist (UU) Ministry, planning to graduate from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago this May.



Kristy is a local girl. She was born at Sparrow Hospital and grew up and attended school in Williamston and Perry. She's married to husband Joe and the couple have two daughters, Shelby and

Megan. Religion has always been a part of her life. She was raised in an Evangelical Christian family and attended an Independent Baptist church as a girl. As an adult, she graduated, as she told me, to "ever-more-liberal churches." She also attended ULC for a time before finding herself most at home in the Unitarian Universalist faith.

But her first career-call was not to the church but to accounting. Kristy has a B.A. in that field from Ferris State University. "I love accounting," she says. "I love the work." She worked at a variety of firms before joining the ULC staff. The financial administrator post here has been, she says, "The best job ever!"

"It was such a relief," she told me, "not to be working for an old white guy who wanted to make as much money as possible."

She's "thrilled to be a part of a supportive staff who want the best for the whole community." In Pastor Gary Bunge, she says, she's had "a really great boss." She has loved her

whole experience at ULC in fact. Among the things she'll miss the most, "Having the congregants come in. Getting to know them and being able sometimes to help them." Some regrets, yes, but she's moving onward and upward to marvelous things.

"I'm currently interviewing for a Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) Residency position at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor," Kristy said. "CPE Residency programs train religious professionals to be certified chaplains to provide spiritual care in hospital, hospice, academic and other settings. The residency will run from August 2020 to August 2021."

She's not sure what will come after that, but she's "imagining a bi-vocational combination of hospice or hospital chaplaincy and parish ministry with a focus on administration, pastoral care and faith formation." I think we can all be certain that whatever she does, she will be a success and have a tremendous, positive effect on many people's lives.

Kristy, thank you for the many gifts you've given us, and we wish you all the best in your new life. God bless you!

*Bill Trevarthen*



Kristy will see the Unitarian Universalist Association's credentialing body, the Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC), for an interview on Mar. 28. If that interview is successful, she'll be accepted into Preliminary Fellowship as a UU Minister and will be ordained by the Grand Rapids congregation (where she has been a part-time intern minister for the past two years) and the UU Lansing congregation on June 20.

### Summer Youth Music Camp



**Monday – Friday, June 15-19**  
**9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Choir ~ Recorder ~ Handbells ~ Choir Chimes ~ Sign Language

#### Summer Youth Music Camp

Students entering 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

#### Advanced Summer Youth Music Camp

Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and Older

#### Cost: \$60 per student

(\$50 for each additional student from the same family)

**Camp Directors:** Janine Novenske Smith & Kristie Wiggert

Application Forms are available in the church office or at [www.ulcel.org](http://www.ulcel.org)

**Enrollment Deadline: Thursday, June 11**



### Mark Your Calendars

#### Worship Expressions

**Worship Expressions, Bluegrass**

Outdoor Worship Service

Friday, Aug. 21 - time TBD

**Worship Expressions, Gospel Revival**

Alpha Sunday, Sept. 20 - 10:45 a.m.

**Worship Expressions, Jazz**

Friday, Dec. 4 - time TBD

Followed by the Advent Dinner

**Looking Ahead to 2021**

Worship Expressions, Racial Justice

Worship Expressions, And the Arts

## Choir Meets Virtually



Thursday, Mar. 26, during the usual weekly choir rehearsal time, ULC Choir members checked in with Zoom. Will virtual rehearsal be next? 

## Bell Choir to Resume This Fall

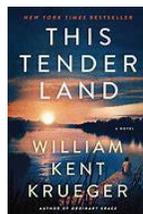
Director Louise Paquette reports that ULC Bell Choir rehearsals and performances for the remainder of this academic year have been cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Rehearsals will resume in the fall.



### ULC Book Club

## *This Tender Land*

The ULC Book Club will be reading *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger during April. According to the publisher, “This historical novel begins in an isolated Dickensian boarding school in Minnesota during the early Depression years. It morphs into a story of four runaways in a canoe a la Huckleberry Finn. On the run from their



headmistress and the law, these four orphans journey into the unknown as they canoe toward St. Louis to find their only known relative and a possible home. They cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith-healers to displaced families and lost souls of every kind. This is a gripping story of

compassion, courage and self-discovery.”

Hopefully, the next meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 23 at 10 a.m.** Please check the ULC website at [www.ulcel.org](http://www.ulcel.org) for information on when in-building meetings will resume. Everyone is welcome!

*Judy Kindel*

## Earthkeeping News

# April Recycling

April is a great time to recycle those unused and unwanted items in your home.

**Ingham County Recycle Rama - Saturday, Apr. 18** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5303 South Cedar St., Lansing. They accept Styrofoam, medications, hearing aids, electronics, cardboard, scrap metal,



CD, DVDs, working appliances and more. For a complete list go to [www.hd.ingham.org/recycle-rama](http://www.hd.ingham.org/recycle-rama) or call 483-4400.

**Meridian Spring Regional Recycling Event, April 27** from 9am to 2pm at Chippewa Middle School, 4000 Okemos Rd., Okemos. Electronics, bicycles, scrap metal, household items, egg cartons, latex and oil paint and much more. Details at [www.meridian.mi.us/Recycling](http://www.meridian.mi.us/Recycling).

*Judy Kindel*

## Earth Day - April 22

# The Fierce Urgency of Now

For those who care about God's creation, the present time is one of crisis, and yet it is also a time of possibility. It is a time in which the persistent call of God is reaching out to us amid climate threats, burning forests, and poisoned waters. The prophets of our faith have continually pointed to the need to act with all speed in a time of peril. In the first chapter of Mark, Jesus declares, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near." One of the Greek translations of "time" is the word **Kairos**, which signifies the fulfillment of the right action at the right moment. Is this our Kairos moment? (creation justice.org)

In the words of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. "We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time." King's words resonate for those addressing today's ecological crisis: now is the time for decisive action.

We are continually asking the question: What can we do to ensure a sustainable future? In this sustainable future, we must limit global warming to 2.9 degrees Fahrenheit, which would force societies to reduce fossil fuel consumption to just 13 percent of total energy production. That means quickly adopting clean energy, including wind and solar which is already cheaper (nearly half the price per megawatt) than coal and outpacing it for new capacity creation (Nature Conservancy 2020).



In addition to individual actions, the most critical action each of us can take is to support leaders who have a plan for stopping climate change in our lifetimes. Climate may not feel like the most pressing issue at times, but the science is clear: we have 10 years or less to get our emissions under control. That's it! What actions can we Christians take in this moment?

*Judy Kindel*



## Rebuilding Together Cancelled for This Spring

Rebuilding Together, originally scheduled for Saturday, Apr. 25 has been cancelled due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Consideration is being



given to possibly shifting the date to the fall but nothing definitive.

Thank you for your support during the March Outreach of

the Month collection. I will provide information as soon as I hear it's rescheduled.

*Jim Lorenz*



## Craft Sales Replenish Supplies & Fund Tithes

Because of the generosity of our congregation and friends who purchase items at our craft sales, the Prayers & Squares ministry is happy to tithe \$750 as a thank you for the blessings and support given us over the last 16 ½ years. We began tithing several years ago after realizing that we had been blessed with more money than what was needed to support this growing ministry. We requested the money be used on something within ULC. Three new folding tables have been purchased for the Bell Choir that can also be used by other groups. The remainder is earmarked for the installation of electric door openers for the two downstairs restrooms.

We have also pledged to donate an equal amount to other ministries in the East Lansing area that highlight the goals of Prayers & Squares. The first donation of \$150 worth of bedding and towels was given to Safe Place, the domestic violence shelter at MSU. We will continue to inform you of further donations throughout the year.

Recently prayer quilt number 1906 was tied and presented. This only happened because of the many volunteers who participate by washing and pressing fabric, cutting quilt kits, sewing tops and backs, putting in tying threads, creating and printing the cards for everyone



to sign, making the bows for the care tags and other tasks too numerous to mention. But the most impressive thing about this entire ministry is how the members of ULC reach out to those in need of prayer, request and choose a quilt, and then deliver it to the recipient. You are the heart of Prayers & Squares.

Our next scheduled sewing day is Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> in the Atrium at the bottom of the stairs at 9:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., however, it's likely we may not be able to meet together yet at that time. Quilt top kits, with fabric and pattern are available to work on at home. Contact me at [bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com](mailto:bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com) or 517-256-9452 to get one. Periodically former ULC members Jane Braatz in Wisconsin and Sharonlee Burmeister in Illinois send us completed quilts. Julie Klee, a friend in Canton, Ohio just sent us a package with two tops she made. So, share with them and us in covering those in need with prayers.

The latest project that Prayers & Squares has become involved in is making face masks for Hospice workers. Please contact Ann Booren ([boorena@msu.edu](mailto:boorena@msu.edu)) for more information about this project.

*Bobbie Davis*

## Reflections from a Kids Hope USA Mentor

I think I am most proud of how connected I am with Jameer and how I have helped him with his reading. Yesterday Jameer kept asking if he would see me tomorrow or the next day even though I know he understands I come once a week on Tuesdays. Knowing how much he looks forward to our time together warms my heart.



He also loves our routine where we do creative play, play a board or card game, I read him a life lesson book, and then he reads me a beginning reader's book from the Otto series I purchased for him which earns him a treat. He knows he gets to keep the Otto book after he can read it without help and has already earned his first to keep. When he read me the new

book for the first time yesterday, he retained all the sight words learned in the previous book which I thought was wonderful.

I remember one day after he had made progress reading and had been sure to share with me during creative play, I told him "Jameer you did a great job sharing and reading today." He told every staff member we saw on the way back to his classroom that he was good at sharing and reading, and I could see how happy and confident this made him.

Another day I brought along craft items to make valentines including a hole punch to thread ribbons throughout some cut out hearts. He was so impressed that I let him use the hole punch telling me "You

brought something really dangerous!" I realized that our one-on-one time allows him to try out something a little "dangerous" under direct supervision and again builds his confidence.

Most of all we have fun together. We ended yesterday's session in the staff bathroom practicing washing our hands while we sang Happy Birthday to each other. The school secretary was charmed by Jameer's enthusiasm for learning good hand hygiene from Mrs. Beth. I always leave with a big smile and know that he goes back to his classroom with his head held high and his own smile lighting up his face.

*Beth Rahe, Kids Hope USA Mentor*

(Jameer, age 6, is in kindergarten at Forest View Elementary)

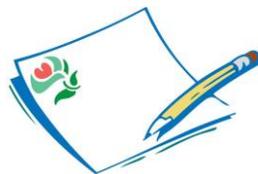
## From the President

# A Note of Encouragement

Dear ULC members and friends,

I must say, when I started this year as Council President and asked us to consider ways to encourage sharing, remove barriers and eliminate prejudice as we are being church in the world in 2020, I never expected we would be called to do so in the midst of a global pandemic.

Nevertheless, here we are, and we are doing just that. From worship services on Facebook with



interactive sermons, to various groups meeting via video conferencing, to cards and prayers being sent among our congregation, we are being church.

There have been some tough decisions along the way, and I'm grateful for the leadership of our pastors and council members. We are in constant communication and doing our best to keep up with the pace of change.

I expect we will have more challenges to face in the days ahead and I'm convinced we will continue our tradition of vibrant worship, dynamic ministry and faith-building community. It will be different and require us to be people of God in new ways- and we are up to the challenge.

I keep you all in my prayers for safety, health, connection, and love during this time of uncertainty.

*Yours in Christ,  
Erin Frisch*

---

## Evangelism Team Has Exciting Ideas

**Synod program on Evangelism** - Annette Stanley and Clarke Anderson attended a Synod program on Evangelism in February that was fabulous. There is much we can do. If you have one of these skills, please let us know if you are interested in helping spread the Good News: Art, Baking, Child Care, Cooking, Data Analysis, Editing, Event Planning, Humor, Listening, Project Management, Relationship Building, Sharing (especially your faith story), Shopping, Strategic Planning, Teaching, and Writing.

**New ULC Cloth Bags** - Bryan Rahe is working with several teams to develop a design and place an order for new ULC cloth bags for these various programs to use.

**New ULC Brochure** - Eric Podolsky contributed several photos from One Community programs to consider for the new ULC brochure.

**Help!** We're looking for help in the following ways:

- Design and edit posters and brochures
- Help do outreach to LGBTQIA+
- Coordinate events for outreach to young families and inter-generational programs
- A Grandparent / Grandchild team to help us do programs
- Identify measures to track and improve how we invite, welcome, and share the Good News to people who are "unchurched"
- Analyze visitor/participant data to see trends and celebrate outreach successes
- Explore how we can better serve "people on the edge"

*Clarke Anderson  
Evangelism Team Leader*

---

## 2020 Endowment Applications Now Being Accepted!

The ULC Endowment Fund has money available for qualified applications for both campus ministry and general endowment grants. These one-time grants are intended to help ULC members create and have access to enriched programs that are not typically funded under the ULC operating budget. The funds that support the



grants come from the annual gains on investments within the General Endowment Fund and the Campus Ministry Endowment Fund.

**Campus Ministry Endowment** applications for 2020 will be accepted now with final review/determination by Sept. 1. **General Endowment** applications will be

accepted now through Oct. 31, with final review/determination by Dec. 1.

Grant applications are available for download on the ULC [website](#). Please contact the **ULC Endowment Committee** at [ulcendowment@ulcel.org](mailto:ulcendowment@ulcel.org) for further information.

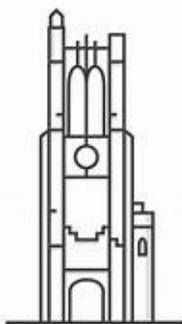
*Larry Wagenknecht  
ULC Endowment Committee*

## A Look Back – Our Ministry to the University in 1958

In the March Lux, we shared some of the 1958 University Lutheran “State of Our Congregation” report by Reverend Charles Klinksick and Reverend Donald Herb. This report was found in the time capsule recently retrieved from the Education Annex of the Ann Street Church. Last month we covered the ministry to the community. This month we will reprint the report on the ministry to the university.

### “Our Ministry to the University”

One of the joys and sorrows of our congregation is to find itself obligated to the Lord to serve the great educational and research center of Michigan State University. Until a few years ago it was the program of the Lutheran Church to provide a ministry of tea and cookies to students. (This is not to forget the tremendous accomplishments of LSAA, which often saw its mission more clearly than the church itself.) Now the church challenges its members within the university to a full ministry of the Word and Sacraments to faculty, administration, and students.



Through a series of historical accidents and the guidance of an understanding pastor, our congregation is in an almost unique position to fulfil this new concept of ministry. In many respects its opportunity is the subject of national envy. This does not mean that we automatically succeed, of course. It means, however, that we can be thankful for this “yoke of the Lord” and the way He has worked in the university through us.



- In this ministry the following has been done this year:
- A. Preaching and Worship – During the academic year, over 300 students hear the Word of God. Together with faculty and administration, and their families, they make up by far the larger part of our congregation. Many unchurched and non-Lutheran guests are included. This is by far the best part of our University ministry.
  - B. Preaching and Study – Our ministry has made possible a section of Religion 101, in the MSU department of Religion, serving more than 100 students throughout the year.....
  - C. Counseling...
  - D. Recruiting – Encouraging students and faculty to serve the church....
  - E. Calling and Evangelism – Married students are given a special emphasis in calling. Over 300 students in dormitories, rooming houses, fraternities, and sororities were contacted through student evangelists and “contacters.” The university health center was visited as often as possible.
  - F. Recreation – A weak part of our program, but two or three parties were held. The student lounge is open daily.
  - G. Service – A woeful subject – but our students did do babysitting for a congregational dinner, served on committees, as ushers, in the choir, in the nursery, in the auxiliaries, and as major leaders on the church council...”

Please check the display case in the narthex for other items taken from the 1958 time capsule in the Education Annex of the Ann Street Church.

*The Archives Team*

---

## A Look Forward - Our Ministry to the Community in 2020

It was a different world described in the March Lux newsletter, when over 300 students (145 actual members) and 375 resident members flocked into the Ann Street church. Four crowded services began at 7:30 a.m. with the rest at one-hour intervals. Roger Hoopingarner said the choir sang at the end of the second and start of the third service, and communion was once a month.

Pastor Herb Wolf, described as charismatic and especially good with young people, preached excellent ten-minute sermons in the short time before the next service. Weekdays, mothers stayed home with their children while their husbands worked.

While building the Ann Street church, members were already considering a Red Cedar area annex

west of MSU. It was eventually decided to build the first segment of our architecturally striking Harrison Road church which was dedicated Jan. 30, 1972. An education wing would be added later because of the cost.

In 1968 people running for church office were asked to tell the most important issues facing ULC.

Continued on page 11.

## 2020 North/West Lower Michigan Synod Assembly Cancelled

"Great is the Company of Those who Bore the Tidings, Great is the Company of the Women!" Psalm 68:11.

After prayerful reflection and in keeping with the recommendations of the Office of the Secretary and the Office of the Presiding Bishop, Bishop Satterlee recommended and Synod Council affirmed that we will NOT gather for Synod Assembly May 14-16, 2020 in Mount Pleasant. At this point, we are exploring whether we will have a re-scheduled shortened (half-day) assembly in the



fall for essential business or whether we will defer the next synod assembly until 2021. It is still too early to make this determination.

As a result, there will be no "Outreach of the Month" collection for April which was designated for the Synod Assembly offering.

*Pastor Gary*

### Looking Forward continued from page 10.

Former member Roy Niemeyer wrote, "Relating God's Word to our members, the community, and the world."

What is our ministry to the community today? We allow 16 organizations to use our facility without cost. They include: Latvian worship, Citizen Vounteers for International Programs, Samaritas, Enhance Fitness, several community support groups, Sons of Norway, and more. Habitat for Humanity, food packing, and student trips to serve in distant places are also part of our outreach.

Over 30 ULC connected meetings include many Bible study groups, Prayers and Squares and Tight Knit (both attracting non-members, and what they make mainly goes to non-members), and Music Camp for kids (mostly non-members attend). We welcome all to our services and

activities, inviting students from other countries to consider us their family in America. They enrich us with their faith.

Ironically, the most pressing reason to build the Harrison Road church is now underused, namely the nave. Only occasionally at some weddings, funerals, or special concerts is our nave filled. Former member Carl Frost wrote, regarding the most important issues facing ULC, "We need enough vision to recognize the needs of the church and enough concern to do something about them." One such need is paying off our mortgage, for which we pay \$75,500 each year. That limits new ways to proclaim God's word. It is a challenge for us all! More about debt retirement will be in the next Lux.

*Phyllis Andersland* 



Mar. 23, 2020: Given Governor Whitmer's executive order to stay at home, we will be closing our church building to all groups and eliminating all office hours until further notice. We are sad to have to make this decision, but for the sake of the larger community it is necessary and right. Check the ULC website [www.ulcel.org](http://www.ulcel.org) for further updates.

Please don't hesitate to call if there is a need. The church office phone (517-332-2559) will be connected to my personal cell phone during the day.

*Britny Pollard*  
ULC Administrative Assistant

## Celebrations



- 3 Gary Geisen  
Betsy Prince
- 4 Loran Bieber  
Erik Dawson-Baglien
- 8 Brenda Stoneburner  
Bryan Rahe
- 9 Pam Bartlett  
Annette Petersen

- 10 Kyle Saindon
- 12 Beth Hoger
- 13 Lianna Greiter
- 14 David Wiggert  
Karl Fritz
- 15 Maya Bubolz
- 18 Maddie Tracy
- 21 Betsy Booren  
Cathy Satterlee
- 22 Lillian Gallagher  
David Nussdorfer
- 23 Kellie Klee

- 24 Joseph Anderson
- 25 Chad Waldron
- 26 Kelsey Grant
- 27 Elizabeth Reynolds
- 28 Paul Milligan  
Bob Schikorra
- 30 Al Booren



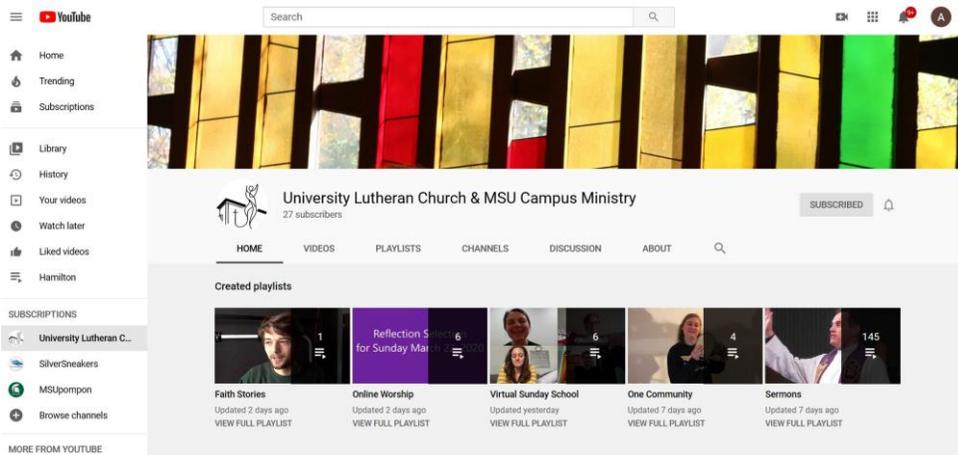
- 13 Lori & Jon Althouse
- 16 Pam & Paul Bartlett
- 29 Dale & Darlene  
Romsos
- 30 Jim & Jean Kocher



At this time, there are no events scheduled at ULC facilities through the month of April. Please check the ULC website for calendar updates if the "stay at home" guidelines are reduced. 

## We Have a Youtube Channel?

Did you know there is a ULC Youtube channel that you can subscribe to? Just click [HERE](#) to go to the University Lutheran Church & MSU Campus Ministry page. There you can watch Virtual Sunday School, One Community Campus Ministry videos, Virtual Worship, Faith Stories and Sermons. They're available to watch whenever you want and as many times as you wish. Enjoy!



The deadline for the May Lux is **Friday, Apr. 17.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at [amylarryw@comcast.net](mailto:amylarryw@comcast.net) and Britny Pollard at [ulcsec@ulcel.org](mailto:ulcsec@ulcel.org) or place them in the Lux mailbox in the ULC office. Articles may be edited for size or readability, but you will be contacted if significant changes are made. Keep those wonderful articles coming! Thanks!



University Lutheran Church  
One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry at MSU  
1020 S. Harrison Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
517-332-2559 [ulcsec@ulcel.org](mailto:ulcsec@ulcel.org) [www.ulcel.org](http://www.ulcel.org)

Non-Profit Org.  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Lansing, MI  
Permit No. 45

***Change service requested***

This month's edition of Lux will not be printed and mailed as usual because the ULC building is currently closed. If you know of a member(s) who do not use the computer, please consider printing a copy and delivering to their door. Or contact one of the pastors with their name.

We will resume mailing the print version of Lux as soon as we are able. Thank you for your patience!

**Gary A. Bunge**  
Lead Pastor

**Haley Vay Beaman**  
Associate Pastor

**Janine Novenske Smith**  
Director of Music

**Britny Pollard**  
Administrative Assistant

**Gary Carl**  
Financial Administrator

**Mary Letvenow**  
Event Coordinator

**Kristie Wiggert**  
**Julie Baglien**  
Organists

**Louise Paquette**  
Director of Handbells

## Grab a Beverage and Join Us!



Pub Theology will virtually meet via Zoom on Tuesday, April 7 at 7 p.m. Pub Theology is an informal discussion focused on four or five questions each week that often revolve around a specific theme. We usually meet at the Harrison Roadhouse, but we will be meeting virtually this month.

If you are interested in participating, contact me at [garybunge@sbcglobal.net](mailto:garybunge@sbcglobal.net) and I will send out a Zoom invitation by email with the questions. It should be fun.

*Pastor Gary*