



# Lux



December 2019

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

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

### Pub Theology

Tuesday, Dec. 3 at 7 p.m.  
Lansing Brewing Company

### Advent Worship

Wednesdays at 7 p.m.  
Dec. 4, 11 & 18

### P & S Sewing Day & Potluck

Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 9 a.m

### Worship Expressions Jazz

Saturday, Dec. 14 at 4 p.m.

### "A Christmas Journey" Play

Sunday, Dec. 15 at 10:45 a.m.  
Followed by Advent Dinner

### Food Movers

Thursday, Dec. 19 - 4:30 p.m.

### One Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 29 at 9:30 a.m.  
"Lessons & Carols"

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## Worship Expressions Global

On Sunday, Nov. 10, worshippers were taken on a musical trip around the world. This latest Worship Expressions service included hymns from Zimbabwe, South Africa, Spanish-speaking countries, Madagascar, France, China and Malawi. The congregation was led in the hymns by the Senior Choir and the New Hope Singers under the direction of Janine Novenske Smith. The Handbell Choir, under the direction of Louise Paquette also provided a musical offering.



Pastor Gary and the New Hope Singers.

Bishop Craig Satterlee was the guest preacher and was later welcomed, along with his wife and six other families, as a new member at ULC. Instrumentalists included Kristie Wiggert, John Dale Smith, Judy Palac, Chuck Page and Jonathan Smith. Thank you to everyone for this wonderful worship experience! (See more pictures on page 5.)

Amy Wagenknecht

## WORSHIP EXPRESSIONS

### JAZZ

Saturday, Dec. 14th

4:00 p.m.

Followed by a reception in the gathering area.

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

## Listening to the Prophets

As we enter the season of Advent, the Narrative Lectionary takes a different approach from the Revised Common Lectionary. Rather than hearing about the second coming of Jesus and John the Baptist, the readings look to the prophets and the prophetic/biblical themes of the faithfulness of God to God's promises; the return of God's people from exile in Babylon; the rebuilding of the temple in Jerusalem; and finally Zachariah's Song from Luke and his prophecy of God fulfilling God's promises of long ago.

But these are marvelous Advent themes which get at the depths of our longing and hope in this Advent season. It's not just the people of Israel who wait on the faithfulness of

God. We often find ourselves longing and waiting for God to fulfill promises. It's not just the people of Israel who are in exile. We often find ourselves in exile – displaced and in a foreign land of illness, loneliness, grief, struggle or the like. It's not just the people of Israel rebuilding and restoring the temple. We often find ourselves in the process of restoration. And it's not just Zechariah singing the praises of God's faithfulness. We often find ourselves singing of God's faithfulness.

I find these themes deeply profound, very powerful, and incredibly hopeful as we move through Advent and into Christmas.

I hope that in the busyness of the Advent and Christmas season you'll take time to be at worship both on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday evenings as we worship with Holden Evening Prayer and listen to readings from the prophets with the theme *Voice of the Prophets*, rather than just Christmas worship. These worship experiences offer us the opportunity to bask in the promises of God and the hopefulness of the Advent and Christmas season. And they ground us for life in a world that is all too uncertain.

May this Advent and Christmas season fill you with hope in the promises of God and especially the promise that Jesus is Emmanuel – God with us.

Pastor Gary



### Senior Choir Special Music

#### *“Prophets and Angels”*

An Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols  
Music by Aaron David Miller  
Text by Herbert F. Brokering

Sunday, Dec. 8  
10:45 a.m.

This wonderful musical service is a setting of Advent-Christmas lessons and carols for choir, handbells, organ, oboe, congregation, and readers. It is based on the message of prophets and angels heralding the Good News of Christ.

Followed by Advent Lunch

### Opportunities for Worship and Spiritual Growth This Advent Season

Worship on Wednesdays  
*Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00pm*  
*(Voice of The Prophets)*

“A Christmas Journey”  
Sunday, December 15th  
10:45am

Christmas Eve  
5:30pm & 9:00pm *Candlelight Worship*  
*(musical prelude begins at 8:30pm)*

Christmas Day  
9:30am *Worship*

Lessons & Carols  
Sunday, December 29th  
9:30am

## Reflections from our Student Associates

“This past month has been an amazing time for One Community. We've made many new friendships, and strengthened the ones we already had. Through Bible Studies and discussions, we've pursued our faith further and grown together. We've also had plenty of time to laugh and enjoy spending time with each other. Through pinatas and guest pastors, this semester has turned out great!” -*Eric Podolsky*

“Over this past month we have had an opportunity to build our faith in Jesus and our community with others in some powerful and delightful ways. We spent our Fridays making friendship bracelets, learning about powerful call

stories in the Bible with Haley Vay, and talking about the importance of practicing awkwardness in order to grow as followers of Jesus with Rev. Phiwa Langeni from the Salus Center in Lansing. These Fridays have allowed us to grow in faith and in community, and they have opened us up to conversations we would not typically know to explore as twenty-somethings living in the culture of MSU. We are all so thankful for everyone who makes One Community possible, and after each month we reflect on how very blessed we are to have a congregation who supports us like this one does!” -  
*Megan Kotnik*



Students participated in the Worship Expressions Global worship service on Sunday, Nov. 10 as part of the New Hope Singers and by helping lead the children's message.



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## Alternative Spring Break Trip 2020

This photo of the beautiful smoky mountains in Tennessee contains the Bible verse which will be our theme for the week of our trip. We will be traveling the first week of March 2020 to Maryville, Tenn. where students will serve with Habitat for Humanity.



We want to thank our congregation at ULC for your continued support in campus ministry, which helps make alternative spring break trips possible. Planning continues and we look forward to sharing more details as they take shape in the new year!

*Pastor Haley Vay*

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## Transitional Foster Care

We have begun a new ministry at ULC! Working together with Samaritas we are providing classroom space for their Transitional Foster Care ministry. The ministry serves children and youth who come into the United States unaccompanied by any family members. After arriving in the US and going through appropriate processing, the children and youth are placed in temporary foster homes, usually for a period of 30 to 90

days, until they are joined with family members or sponsors here in this country. Following the East Lansing school calendar, leaders in ULC's transitional foster care classroom will teach academic subjects and help children learn English and transition into life in America.

*Pastor Gary*

## Family Faith Formation



**Sunday, Dec. 15**  
**During the 10:45 a.m.**  
**Worship Service**



◀ Student Sunday School leaders encourage children to join the fun in our upcoming play, "A Christmas Journey."

Our children, youth, and adults are learning and growing together as we prepare a heartfelt proclamation of "A Christmas Journey."

Sunday School for ages 2 through 12th grade is held 9:40-10:30am on Sundays during the school year at ULC. ▶



## Confirmation

### Gift Tags, Fun and Games

As we enter the season of Advent, I have been reflecting on all I have to be thankful for. On this list is the youth in our congregation. Our Confirmation students have been dedicating time every other



Shopping for the Giving Tree.

Wednesday to learn about the Bible and grow in their faith. We share highs and lows of the week, compete in quiz bowl trivia, laugh, read scripture, and pray. However, confirmation extends beyond Wednesday evenings.

This fall, we have picked Christmas gift tags off the tree in the Narthex, enjoyed bowling, and played board games. We are also planning on visiting the Capitol Area Humane Society and looking forward to our Christmas party later in December. If you have additional fellowship and/or service ideas or would like to



Game Night!

know the confirmation youth better, please reach out to the pastors or me. These youths would love to share their gifts with you!

*Louise Harder*

## Happy 100th Birthday, Helen!

Our long time member Helen Good will be turning 100 on Dec. 27. She still has her memory and is holding her own per her daughter Sarah. Please consider sending her a birthday card to mark this milestone birthday and to let her know we are thinking about her here in Spartan country. The address is: Helen Good, 110 Miami Street, Hiawatha, Kansas 66434. *Beth Rahe*



## Worship with our Two-year-old

As any parent of a two-year-old can tell you, they can be unpredictable, squirmy, loud, messy and make even the thickest-skinned parents embarrassed to sit in [worship](#). So how does one do it?

First, come and come regularly. The first time we do anything with our two-year-old there's no way to gauge his reaction. It may go perfectly. Sometimes he's fearful, hiding in our arms. Other times he goes straight to tantrums. For toddlers, repetition and rituals create comfort. That's why weekly [worship](#) is of paramount importance.

Expecting kids to behave when your attendance is irregular is simply not fair. It takes time for children to learn worship patterns and to feel safe. By making worship a regular ritual, your children will grow in comfort and build a foundation of faith.

In our case, worship has been part of our son's life since he was born. Never has the gift of new life been more evident than worshipping with our six-day-old on [Easter](#) Sunday! Over time he's come to know the congregation I serve as a nurturing place to learn, grow and meet friends.



Felix Javier Malpica & his son.

Next, come prepared and ready to engage your child during the service. Bring a well-stocked diaper bag—books to read, things to color, snacks to eat, quiet toys to play with and everything else—and invite your child to participate in worship as they are able.

Our son sits up in front where it's easier to pay attention. This also allows me as a pastor to hold him as we sing and listen to special music together. Sometimes he comes forward as I preach and lead, but I just roll with it. He loves to pass the peace and bless those around him with water from the font. When he started breaking bread and pretending to offer communion around the dinner table, I knew we were on the right track.

Finally, give your little one—and yourself—grace. Worship won't always go according to plan. Your toddler (or you) may need to step out for a break. They might make a little more noise or move around more than you would like, but those are the sounds of life!

Worship is a place to build and strengthen our relationship with God and one another. Bringing your children there is a gift for them and the congregation. Their presence alone makes church more lively and meaningful.

### Practices

- Bring a little bit of church home. "Play" church by passing the peace, sharing blessings, praying and singing a favorite hymn. This will help make worship more familiar and fun.
- Infuse faith into your bedtime routine. Light a candle, talk about your days, say a short prayer, bless one another and blow the candle out. Then point out the candles and prayers at church.

*Felix Malpica  
Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church,  
Janesville, Wis.*

## Worship Expression: Gospel



New Hope Singers and Senior Choir sing "Uyai Mose."



Bishop Satterlee



Bell Choir plays "Cantad Al Senior"



Narinda, "Inty!"



John Dale Smith, Chuck Page, and Jonathan Smith



Chuck Page, Judy Palac, Adam Krause, Chey Nevins, and Kristie Wiggert



Welcoming new ULC members!

# December Forum Schedule

Dec. 1 NO FORUM - Thanksgiving Weekend

Dec. 8 Earthkeeping - Brandon Baswell: Recycling, solar parking roofs and general sustainability projects at MSU.

Dec. 15 “What We're Reading” - Bill Trevarthen and Beth Hoyer will discuss several books that have recently had a profound influence on their faith journey.



Dec. 22 NO FORUM—Holiday break

Dec. 29 NO FORUM—Holiday break

Linda Trevarthen

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## Racial Justice Workshop Having A Powerful Impact

There are just twenty of us gathering in ULC’s fireplace room to read essays and poems, to watch films and YouTube videos (all of them dealing with white privilege and racism), to analyze and discuss these, and, we hope in the process, to learn and to grow. We are participating in *Embracing the Call to Racial Justice: A Workshop for White People*. And as is often the case with small groups of people working intently on difficult and emotional subjects, we, all twenty of us, are growing closer together.

Our leader and facilitator is Melanie Morrison, PhD., founder and executive director of Allies for Change and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. Melanie is highly qualified in this role. She has been facilitating workshops of this sort for over eighteen years. Very well-trained and very professional, she is also always very warm and genuine.

From the beginning of our work together, she made clear that as we examined our own “whiteness” and its attendant privileges, as we confronted our own racism and the systemic racism of our society, we would experience many difficult emotions: pain, guilt, regret, sorrow, but also joy. She has, indeed, been right about this.



Participants in the Racial Justice workshop.

Melanie has drawn from many resources to help us on our journey and of these, two stand out as especially powerful. The first is the “vignettes” Melanie read to us from *Citizen: An American Lyric* by the African American poet Claudia Rankine. These vignettes relate the details of racism, sometimes outrageously deliberate and sometimes subtle, unthinking, even routine, and of aggressions, both micro and macro, that American people of color encounter on a shamefully regular basis in their dealings with whites in a “world made for whiteness,” as the author Austin Channing Brown puts it.

The second was a portion of a film we watched called *The Color of Fear*. In this 1994 documentary, eight North American men (two African-American, two Latinx, two Asian-American, and two Caucasian)

were gathered together by Asian American director Lee Mun Wah for a dialogue about the state of race in the United States. The word “powerful” is inadequate to describe the interaction among these men and its effect on us. “Devastating” comes closer to doing the film justice.

This workshop has been a considerable commitment. When we registered for *Embracing the Call*, we all understood that we were expected to attend *all* of its multiple sessions. Up to this point (I am writing this on Nov. 19) we have met for three hours on the evening of Friday, Nov. 1, six hours the next day, and for three hours on each of the following two Sundays (Nov. 10 and 17). This coming Friday evening (Nov. 22), we will meet again from seven until nine o’clock, and then Saturday, Nov. 23, we will meet from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to finish our work.

Although we will have completed our participation in the workshop *Embracing the Call to Racial Justice* when you read this article in *Lux*, our work of self-examination and growth and the call to fight for racial justice in our country and the world will continue, we fervently hope, for the rest of our lives.

Bill Trevarthen



# Check out the New Books in the ULC Library!

## Children:

- 📖 *Birth of Jesus* (E 263 Tra)
- 📖 *Cold Night: A Christmas Fable* (E Ber)
- 📖 *Who is Coming to Our House?* (BB Sla)
- 📖 *I Walk with Vanessa: A story about a Simple Kindness* (E Ker)

## Adult Non-Fiction:

- 📖 *How the Bible Actually Works* (220.1 Enn)
- 📖 *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* (B Brown)

## Adult Fiction:

- 📖 *Where the Fire Falls* (FIC Bar)

## DVD:

- 📖 *Story of Christmas* (DVD E 263)

- 📖 Animate: Bible (includes DVD, journal and facilitator guide DVD 268 Bar)
- 📖 Animate: Practices (includes DVD, journal and facilitator guide DVD 268 Bar)

We hope you will visit the library soon. There are materials for everyone.

*ULC Library Team*

## Earthkeeping News

# Earthkeeping News at ULC

### Forum on Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>

We encourage everyone to attend Forum at 9:40 a.m. on Dec. 8. Brandon Baswell will be our speaker. He will talk about recycling at MSU and also about the solar carports in MSU parking lots.

### Reducing Plastic Waste at ULC Events

We have noted that a huge amount of plastic waste is generated by events held at ULC. Our goal is to eliminate this waste as it can take hundreds of years to break down in nature. We are encouraging all ULC groups and our community friends who use ULC facilities, to join us in this endeavor. Rather than purchasing items that are used once and end up in the trash, use ULC silverware, dishware, and glassware that is located in both the narthex and downstairs kitchens. (If you break items please notify the office.) If you do not use the ULC ware, use paper products that will break down in a short period of time--and avoid Styrofoam (polystyrene foam). Use tap water rather than plastic water bottles.

Dishwashers are located in both kitchens. (For training to use the commercial dishwasher in the downstairs kitchen, contact Bryan Rahe at [b.rahe@comcast.net](mailto:b.rahe@comcast.net) or ask the office to contact Bryan.) Please put items back in their correct place after they are clean. Paper cups and dishes are biodegradable and can be placed in the trash. Plastic cups, cutlery, and plates are what we wish to eliminate.

### Guidelines for Recycling When Holding an Event at ULC

We ask **all group leaders** holding an event at ULC to familiarize event participants with these guidelines.



Bins for recycling clean, empty containers are in the narthex and downstairs kitchens and in the alcove in the Fellowship Hall. Please rinse containers of any food residue before placing in the bins. Anything with food residue remaining must go in the trash.

### Recycling Bins are labeled for:

- Plastic #1-7 (Plastic cutlery, plates, and cups not labeled with a number 1-7 cannot be recycled and must be placed in the trash. No styrofoam (polystyrene foam) please. ULC no longer recycles it.)
- Returnable bottles and cans
- Glass and metal cans (No broken glass)
- Boxboard and cardboard

Thank you for supporting our efforts to recycle, eliminate single use plastic, and make our building more earth friendly.

*ULC Earthkeeping Team*



## Support P & S Through Craft Sales

Time is fast approaching for the Prayers & Squares annual craft sales on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in December. We will have our famous coil baskets, coasters, microwave bowl hot pads, tote bags and wonderful pine needle baskets Ann is making with needles from the pines in South Carolina. Each one is unique, so you'll want to check out the supply right away before they are gone! We also have beautiful cross-stitched pictures donated by a member of the community who wanted to support this ministry. Plan to purchase raffle tickets for two beautiful Christmas quilts. So, mark your calendars for Dec. 8 and 15 for this special opportunity to purchase unique gifts while supporting Prayers & Squares.

If you are interested in learning how to make the great midi tote bags that



These two Christmas quilts will be raffled off mid-December to raise funds for the quilt ministry.

have been a popular item for several years, plan to attend a workshop at ULC on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2020. Ann has promised to teach the members of the Lansing Sewing Guild how to make these handy bags and is inviting any members of ULC who are interested to join in the fun day. More details will be coming

soon. Please direct questions to Ann Booren ([boorena@msu.edu](mailto:boorena@msu.edu)).

A potluck lunch will be held following our Dec. 10 sewing day. This time of fellowship has become a seasonal tradition. Bring a dish to pass. We'll have the plates, utensils and beverages. We begin sewing at 9 a.m. and will stop for lunch at noon. Come join this fun group!

If this time doesn't work in your schedule, we have kits all prepared that can be taken home to make quilt tops. We plan to give each of the youth in ULC's Samaritas program for unaccompanied minors their very own quilt. To request a quilt for someone who needs our prayers, please contact Bobbie or Ann. We LOVE to tell the story.

*Bobbie Davis*

## Collecting Winter Apparel for St. Luke Coat Bank

From Nov. 10 to Dec. 15, there will be containers located in the ULC coatroom to collect items for the Coat Bank.



### Items needed:

- Adult coats and gloves - all sizes especially XXL and Larger (New or gently used)
- Children's gloves - especially water-proof
- Children's coats and snowpants - all sizes
- Scarves, Hats, Mittens - all sizes

Questions: Darra Haase (989) 506-8723/text or call; Steve Haase email [zkz895@comcast.net](mailto:zkz895@comcast.net); or Kathryn Prost (St. Luke) (517) 482-2252.

2019 marks the 10th year of this ministry. Please consider donating to this worthy cause to provide protection and warmth for individuals of the Greater Lansing Area. Pamphlets and a poster are available on the table in the narthex.

*Darra and Steve Haase*

## 2020 Altar Flowers Sign-up



Looking for a way to glorify God or celebrate an event in your life such as a birthday, graduation, anniversary, first communion, baptism, or memorial?

The 2020 altar flower calendar is now available and mounted on the bulletin board outside of the Sanctuary (next to the 2019 calendar). Be the first to sign up for your preferred date. A staff member will contact you before your date to see how you want your dedication worded and to arrange payment (\$30 and you can keep the flowers and vase). Or you may supply your own bouquet.

## Tight Knit

# Handmade Love

How do you show the love of God? One way is to help people stay warm. Tight Knit, a knit and crochet ministry of ULC, is doing just that by making and donating over 300 hats in November! During worship services on Nov. 17, the hats were hung along each side of the sanctuary. The congregation prayed over them, asking God to bless the hats and those who receive them. The hats were distributed several ways -- Kids Hope mentors were invited to select a hat for the child with whom they work, 30 hats were given to Forest View Elementary school to use for other children as needed, 22 hats went to the Baby Pantry at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Era, over 100 hats were distributed at Food Movers (a recovered food ministry of ULC in partnership with the Food Bank of Greater Lansing and University United Methodist Church), and Samaritas received more than 100 hats for unaccompanied minors and children in foster care.

Many thanks to those who contributed hats. Tight Knit meets at ULC on Mondays between 4:30 and 7 p.m. to craft hats, prayer shawls, baby items, Knitted Knockers and other items for donation. Ten to twelve ULC members (including MSU students) typically gather with two to three people from other churches and five or six internationals for an amazing group of around 20 people

who enjoy fellowship, support, inspiration, encouragement and food. Thank you, also, to the congregation members who make hats and give them to Tight Knit to distribute.



If you are interested in joining the Tight Knit ministry, please speak to one of us. We would love to have you join us! If you are unable to attend on Mondays, we have yarn available to work with at home. Tight Knit supplies members with the yarn needed to make the donated items.

If you are interested in supporting this ministry, please consider contributing money that will allow us to purchase additional yarn. Any amount is welcome since as little as five dollars can buy enough yarn to make a hat. Donations can be placed in the offering plate or dropped off at the church office. Please either write "Tight Knit" on the memo line of your check or use an envelope (you can find envelopes behind each pew) with "Tight Knit" written on the outside.

May we continue to do God's work with our hands.

*Vicki Anderson, Terrie Reinoehl, and Anne Smith  
Tight Knit Team Leaders*



Over 100 hats were distributed to Food Movers families.



Forest View Elementary staff receives 30 hats from Tight Knit.



Twenty-two hats were sent to the Baby Pantry in New Era.



## From the President

# Great Progress Toward Our 2019 Goals

For my last submission to the Lux, as Council President, I am going to cheat a little and reuse the President's report from the annual report.

As I stated in my first Lux report, and I still feel the same, I have been fortunate this year to follow several fine leaders and again serve with several more. Our church continues to be served by exceptional stewards. Last year, Lisa Swem led our council as we hired an associate pastor, funded an organ as well as major facilities maintenance. The efforts of the last few years positioned this year to be a year of growth.

The council for 2019 has been: Pastor Gary Bunge, Brandon Baswell (President), Erin Frisch (President-Elect), Lisa Swem (Past-President), Will Mahoney (Treasurer), Sheila Nicholas (Secretary), Jack Walch (Student Representative), At-Large Members: Laura Brown, Emily Heidrich, Carol Mackin, Joy Oslund, Mike Sweat and Gavin Witter. Early in the year our team retreated and established the following goals:

### Education

- We will develop educational opportunities in addition to Sunday morning, with emphasis on Social Justice, Bible and Interfaith

### Ministry/Community

- At least one intentional education opportunity will be developed in collaboration with a community partner
- At least 20 ULC people serving in Kids Hope as mentors, prayer partners and scholarship providers

### Worship

- Develop a way to receive and act upon feedback in worship
- Explore the use of the Narrative Lectionary in our worship

I am proud to report that thanks to the enthusiasm of Pastor Gary and Pastor Haley Vay we have come to realize most of these goals, and we continue to keep the direction. The Kids Hope program has been an outstanding outreach, and we should all be very proud of Pastor Gary for initiating this outreach as well as the coordination by Barb Kissling and engagement by so many members to ensure success.

Another notable accomplishment, which was initiated under Vicki Anderson, has been to have a committee review the ULC Constitution and bylaws. It has been many years since our constitution and bylaws have been reviewed and several modest updates were proposed for

clarity and right sizing. A committee led by Larry Wagenknecht met several times to consider each article and bylaw and ultimately brought recommendations to the congregation for a vote.

Certainly, a high point of our year was dedicating our new organ! Many generous members contributed to the organ renovation fund and many more helped prepare the site. The result is a beautiful, mostly new, instrument and remote console that will enhance our excellent music program for many years.

Looking to the near future, one significant challenge of the last few years is budgets in which we do not collect enough revenue to cover our basic expenses. In the last few years, it has been necessary to use designated funds to cover the budget shortfall. This has been a satisfactory short-term answer, but it is not a sustainable solution. Reducing our expenses to match our income, would significantly affect ULC's ministry. The best answer to this challenge is to grow our congregation and stewardship.

Thank you for trusting me to lead our congregation this past year. Thank you again to the fine council that I have been fortunate to serve with.

*Brandon Baswell  
ULC President*

*Congratulations to  
our recently selected  
officers & committee  
members . . .*

#### **Officers**

President-Elect: Nancy  
Lindman  
Treasurer: Will Mahoney

#### **Council**

Melissa Andresen  
Student: Annaliese Marks

#### **Finance Committee**

Jim Kiefer

#### **Endowment Committee**

Melissa Andresen  
Dave Wiggert



*Thank you to all who  
served last year!*

Brandon Baswell (Pres.)  
Erin Frisch (Pres-Elect)  
Lisa Swem (Past-Pres)  
Will Mahoney (Treas)  
Sheila Nicholas (Sec)  
Jack Walch (Student)  
Council At-Large:  
Laura Brown  
Emily Heidrich Uebel  
Carol Mackin  
Joy Oslund  
Mike Sweat  
Gavin Witter

The ULC Council met on Thursday, Nov. 21. Here are highlights from this meeting:



### Council Notes

- Racial Justice workshop had 19 attendees.
- Eleven new members were welcomed on Nov. 10
- Kids Hope has eleven mentors and prayer partners.
- Youth ministry discussing coordination in formation of capital area organization with possible paid leader.
- Spring break campus ministry trip to Tennessee to work on Habitat for Humanity project from Feb. 29 to March 7.
- Approved motion to move to inactive status members on roster who have not communed or contributed since January 2018.
- Approved motion to authorize the communications and evangelism teams to form a task force to identify a budget and design for a new electronic sign.
- Motion to authorize the President to sell the excess pews.
- Motion to appoint Pastor Gary Bunge, Will Mahoney, Diane

Goddeeris and Vicki Anderson to recruit, interview and recommend a candidate for hire to replace the Financial Administrator.

- Set council retreat for Saturday, Jan. 25, 2020.

*Sheila Nicholas*  
ULC Council Secretary

### Attendance

October 6: 147  
October 13: 203  
October 20: 138  
October 27: 170

## December Outreach of the Month

### ELCA Good Gifts

This year the December Outreach of the Month is ELCA Good Gifts. This is your opportunity to buy a gift for someone who “has everything” or is difficult to buy for. What if instead of getting them another shirt they don’t really need, or another piece of jewelry, or another whatever, you got them a goat? Or a pig! Or a duck! Or honeybees! Or a textbook! Or provided a community with fresh water! Indeed, what if?



Give something **unexpected** this Christmas.

Gifts start for as little as ten dollars and go as high as you’d like to go.

Check out the display in the gathering area at church. There is a Christmas tree with ornaments on it and a display with catalogues, cards, coloring books, stickers and piggy banks -- all to help share your gift.

You can make your gift online or write a check to ULC in the

The ELCA’s *Good Gifts* program makes it a breeze to give any of the above gifts. The *Good Gifts* catalog (available at church) and the *Good Gifts* web site <https://goodgifts.elca.org/> have many gifts like those mentioned above plus many others which would be a real blessing to a person or family in need around the world.

amount of your gift. Then, take the appropriate ornament/card from the Good Gifts tree in our gathering area to give to your gift recipient. Make your Christmas shopping a little easier and make a difference in someone’s life.

*Pastor Gary*

## Join the Team!

We’re looking for a few good folders and sorters. Ten times a year, you’re invited to join the Lux mailing team. In about an hour and a half, the team folds and sorts the latest Lux newsletter according to zip code. Not only are you providing a useful service to ULC, but you’ll be the first to read the latest ULC news! Please contact Britny Pollard to join the team!



## Welcome to our Newest Members

### Paul & Pam Bartlett



Pam worked for many years as a librarian at Cooley Law School and retired this year. Paul is a veterinary epidemiologist at MSU and will retire in Jan. 2020. They plan on traveling and updating their E. Lansing house. They will also be visiting their two adult sons (Andy and Alex).

### Tanner & Ellyn Delpier



Ellyn and Tanner Delpier are both from the Upper Peninsula. They've relocated to Lansing because Tanner is currently pursuing his doctorate in Education Policy at MSU. Ellyn teaches 8th grade English at Mason Middle School. They love to cook, go camping, and take walks around town. They are

very excited to join and get to know the community at ULC and have already been helping out as Sunday School Pre-School Teachers.

### Wei Dong



We moved to Michigan 2018 summer due to my husband, Jiming's new job at MSU. We lived 24 years in Madison, Wis., where Jiming was on the faculty at UW Madison. Both of our children were born and raised there. Our son, Kevin, is a senior at Washington University in St.

Louis and our daughter, Angie, is a sophomore at Columbia University in NY. We recently settled our empty nest in Haslett. I worked for Kraft Oscar Mayer for 20 years in Madison and now am working for them from home helping the Oscar Mayer procurement department strategize commodity purchasing. I love traveling globally and also like hiking and reading. After I moved to here, I started a new hobby of practicing hot yoga daily. Jiming and I are trying to make a home here and I am so thrilled that I found a home church now.

### Mitchell Eithun



Mitchell is a church-hopping, apocalypse-loving, ecumenist with a passion for music, justice and community. Mitchell has served as handbell director at the First Presbyterian Church of Holt since August 2018 and started as Children's Choir director at ULC in October

2019. Aside from arranging and composing handbell music, Mitchell is interested in developing innovative rehearsal techniques and writing about the history of church music ([hymnblog.com](http://hymnblog.com)). Mitchell also works to bring multi-denominational liturgical practices to the campus community through Campus Edge Fellowship, a non-denominational campus ministry for graduate students at MSU.

### Robert Lasley, Kelli Klee & Hailie Marie Lasley



Rob and Kellie met in 2011 in Jackson, MI. They moved to Texas in 2011, where Rob is originally from. After six years together in Texas, they ventured back to Michigan in 2017. Rob works at Art Moehn in Jackson and Kellie works at Dawn Food Products in Jackson. They are

engaged to be married and have recently brought their daughter Hailie into the world in Oct., 2019.

### Bishop Craig, Cathy and Chelsey Satterlee



Craig is CEO of a non-profit based in Lansing and Cathy is a retired dental hygienist. Chelsey lives in Brooklyn, NY. Craig likes to write. Cathy likes to bake. If you say, "Go, Green," they will respond, "Go, Irish!"

### Andrea Vera



My name is Andrea Vera, and I am a freshman at MSU studying environmental engineering, originally from the Chicago area. I love to read and enjoy doing anything and everything outdoors, so I'm very excited to explore all Michigan has to offer!



## 1959 Time Capsule Recovered!

What would you put in the ULC time capsule? After a long wait we plan to put the time capsule back in the altar. We would like your ideas for items to include. We already have a quilted square from Prayers & Squares and a newspaper article featuring ULC and the Islamic Center. What else tells the story of ULC in 2019 – or since the last time capsule in 1975?

On Jan.24, 2016, President Larry Wagenknecht removed the time capsule from the altar with the help of Pastor Fred Fritz and children attending the morning service. The time capsule had been placed in the altar on Founder's Day, April 27, 1975. We knew some of the contents as we had a list of items placed in the original time capsule of the Ann Street Church in 1945, and we knew that these items were transferred to the time capsule in 1975.

We expected to find items from the 1959 time capsule which was in the

cornerstone of the Education Annex on Ann Street. However, there was nothing from 1959 in the box. This led us to believe that the Education Annex time capsule was never removed. Since 2016 we have been in contact with University Seventh-day Adventist Church, the current owner of the Ann Street church at 504 Ann Street in East Lansing. We worked with a member of the church who has a masonry business, and he arranged to have the cornerstone removed. The cornerstone was reached quickly, however the force of the saw and the water involved damaged a lot of the contents. Previous moisture in the box also caused mildew and damage to several items. Some of the contents have been copied so they can be preserved.

What was in the 1959 time capsule? There was a Bible, hymnal, constitution, membership list, Sunday School roster, information on

the upcoming merger forming the ELCA, copies of The Lutheran Standard and other magazines, pictures of the groundbreaking for the Education Unit, coins including a Lansing Centennial 50 cent coin and pertinent ULC data like the annual report and Stewardship Program. Of particular interest was a tape of a conversation between the two pastors, Pastors Charles Klinskick and Donald Herb. This has been transferred to a digital format.

Now that we have all the items from the 1945, 1959 and 1975 time capsules we are ready to return the box to the altar adding objects featuring ULC in 2019. The Anniversary Committee would like your ideas. What do you think would interest ULC members worshipping in 2041 – our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary! What tells our story? Please share your ideas.

*Connie Lenkowski*



Removing the cornerstone.



1959 time capsule is removed from the cornerstone.



Contents from the time capsule.

## We are Blessed

ULC is blessed - by those taking care of our facility, indoors and out, enabling us to share it with many groups. We are blessed with people who lead and participate in our activities, from Bible studies to music to creating gifts, the products of their hands. We are blessed by students and all coming to our congregation, some from distant lands, enriching us by their presence.

We are blessed by pastors who are caring, creative, and competent and by our friendly, essential staff. We are blessed by new members and by the growing crop of little ones. We are blessed by those who see needs outside of our congregation, and devise ways for us to try to address them.

In so many more ways we are blessed! May we continue to share that blessing with others.

*Phyllis Andersland*

## Celebrations



- 2 Mary Goddeeris  
Ross Hagfors  
Andrew Ribnicky  
Jennifer Schneider
- 3 Marge Mahoney  
Deanna Milligan
- 4 Kimberly Melton  
Diane Wanagat
- 5 Gerry Erickson  
Jerry Lindman
- 6 Hannah Oslund
- 7 Rachel Morin
- 9 Jacob Ophaug

- Susan Zimmerman  
Paul Bartlett
- 10 Ross Clyma
- 11 Libby Baswell  
Russell Fitzgerald  
Lois Mummaw
- 12 Bruce Reinoehl  
Heather Stanley
- 13 Paul Guilfoyle  
Ross Lazar
- 15 Cathryn Smith  
Michael Sweat
- 16 Larry Cross  
John Sarver
- 17 Gregory Hagbom
- 19 Andrew Hagman

- 20 Jamie Patterson
- 21 Katie Grant  
Cheryl Kruger  
Brie McPhall  
Jo Salmonson
- 22 Kathy Sweat
- 24 Catherine Ernst  
Paige Erspamer
- 26 Bill Kost  
Gloria Olson
- 27 Helen Good
- 28 Johanna Karcher
- 28 Jesse Sanderson
- 30 Matthew Althouse  
Natalie Mitchell
- 31 Erin Morscheck



- 6 Art & Carolyn Lohr
- 14 Al & Ann Booren
- 20 Dan & Lindsay Sadler
- 22 Anthony & Chad Waldron
- 29 Todd & Barb Helser  
Roger Hoopingarner &  
Marian Stoll
- 30 Harry & Phyllis Kost

## New Directory News and Thanks!



Britny and I were finally able to submit all the contact information and order details for our long-overdue new directory in mid-November, adding at least contact information for our newest members if not their photos. The directories should arrive some time in early January and will be available in both hard copy and electronic form.

So many people helped with this effort, chief among them Connie Lenkowski and Britny Pollard! Thank you both so very much for all you did! Thank you also to the many volunteers who staffed the photo session check-in table and helped with sign-up: Cindy Baswell, Miriam Bunge, Erica and Alex Dethloff, Carole Ford, Emily Uebel, Sue Kamens, Nancy Lindman, Jim Lorenz, Carol Mackin, Sheila Nicholas, Bob and Anne Smith. One of the incredibly wonderful things about the ULC family is that whenever help is needed, volunteers quickly step up.

Thank you, too, to the whole congregation for your support of this project.

*Linda Trevarthen  
Pictorial Directory Coordinator*

## Pub Theology Returns!

Please join us the first Tuesday of the month beginning

**Tuesday, Dec. 3  
7-8:30 p.m.**

**Lansing Brewing Company  
518 E. Shiawassee St. Lansing**

Pub Theology is an informal discussion focused on four or five questions each week that often revolve around a specific theme. Lansing Brewing Co. has a kitchen as well as a bar so you are invited to order food and drinks as you wish. This is a great time for fellowship and to discuss matters of the faith. We will meet at a table in the glassed in brewery area. Come join in the conversation.

**Beer, Conversation and God!**



The deadline for the Jan. Lux is **Friday, Dec. 13.**

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!



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| <p>1 First Sunday of Advent<br/>       8:30a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>       9:40a Faith Formation/Forum<br/>       10:45a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>       2 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>       5:00p Security Team-Conference<br/>       3 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside<br/>       9:30a Lux Planning-Conference<br/>       10:15a Communications Team<br/>       12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>       5:30p Evangelism Team-Fireside<br/>       8:00p Basketball Parking (Duke @ 9:30p)<br/>       4 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>       Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>       4:30p Lead Management Team-Conference<br/>       7:00p Confirmation-Student Lounge<br/>       7:00p Advent Worship (Holden Evening Prayer)<br/>       5 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br/>       7:30p Senior Choir-Choir Room<br/>       6 5:00p Friday@Five-Student Lounge<br/>       7 10:00a Senior Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br/>       8 Second Sunday of Advent [ONE SERVICE]<br/>       8:30a Sr. Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br/>       9:40a Forum<br/>       10:45a Worship-Prophets &amp; Angels<br/>       Noon Advent Dinner-Fellowship<br/>       1:30a Sons of Norway-Fireside<br/>       5:30p MSU Basketball Parking (Rutgers @ 7:00p)<br/>       9 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>       10 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside<br/>       9:00a Prayers &amp; Squares-Atrium<br/>       12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>       11 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>       Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>       7:00p Advent Worship (Holden Evening Prayer)<br/>       12 5:30p Finance Committee-Conference<br/>       6:00p Senior Choir Caroling &amp; Party<br/>       14 10:00a Christmas Play Dress Rehearsal</p> | <p>4:00p Worship Expressions: Jazz-Sanctuary<br/>       15 Third Sunday of Advent<br/>       8:30a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>       9:40a Forum<br/>       10:45a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>       3:00p Latvian Worship<br/>       16 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>       17 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside<br/>       12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside<br/>       12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>       18 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>       Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>       1:00p Rhodon Circle-Conference<br/>       7:00p Confirmation-Student Lounge<br/>       7:00p Advent Worship (Holden Evening Prayer)<br/>       19 Noon Int'l Student Ministry Board-Conference<br/>       2:00p Worship Planning-Conference<br/>       3:30p Food Movers Set-up-Fellowship<br/>       4:30p Food Distribution-Fellowship<br/>       21 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast IHOP, EL<br/>       5:30a MSU Basketball Parking (Eastern Mich. 7p)<br/>       22 Fourth Sunday of Advent<br/>       8:30a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>       10:45a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>       24 Christmas Eve<br/>       Noon ULC OFFICE CLOSED<br/>       5:30p Candlelight Worship<br/>       8:30p Musical Prelude<br/>       9:00p Candlelight Worship<br/>       25 Christmas Day-ULC OFFICE CLOSED<br/>       9:30a Christmas Worship<br/>       26 ULC CLOSED<br/>       29 9:30a Worship-Lessons &amp; Carols<br/>       TBD MSU Basketball Parking (Western Mich.)<br/>       30 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>       31 Noon ULC OFFICE CLOSED<br/>       1 New Year's Day-ULC OFFICE CLOSED</p> |
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<p><b>Enhance Fitness</b> classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in Atrium</p>	<p><b>Education Hour – 9:40 to 10:30a:</b>          Sunday Forum – Fireside Room          Sunday School (Age 2 - HS) – Basement Education Wing</p>
<p><b>Friendship House Classes at ULC:</b>          Wednesday 11:00a - Watercolor Painting Class-Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>Reminder - Please contact the ULC office <b>BEFORE</b> scheduling your events. This will help you get the space you need and your group's event on the ULC calendar. Thanks!</p>



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## Senior Choir Scholarship Fund Benefit Concert

Sunday, Jan. 26  
4 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Featuring  
The Scholarship Quintet  
Senior Choir ~ Hand Bell Ensemble

Mark your calendars!

