



Lux



February 2019

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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

P & S Quilt of Valor Sewing Day

Saturday, Feb. 2
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SOUPer Bowl of Caring

Sunday, Feb. 3

Food Movers

Thursday, Feb. 21
Set-up 3:30 p.m.
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

Beaman Baby Shower

Saturday, Feb. 23 - 2 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Chili Cook-off

Sunday, Mar. 3 at Noon
Fellowship Hall



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Another Wonderful Concert!

I ended last year's Scholarship Concert review saying, "In truth, each year, the moment the concert ends, I start looking forward to next year's!" And this year I echo my own words. We are an immensely lucky congregation to have such talent abounding in our music program. This year's scholarship program students, Alyssa Handspike, Adam Krause, Taylor Mills (both a singer and a flautist), and Zack Sneed were a thrill to see and hear on stage, Their beautiful voices showcased by a diverse selection of songs with both piano and guitar accompaniment superbly provided by Kristie Wiggert, John Dale Smith, and Steve Sneed. Also, once again, an amazing handbell ensemble performed a beautiful piece with graceful sleight-of-hand.



Alyssa Handspike, Taylor Mills, Zach Sneed and Adam Krause, the 2018-19 scholarship singers.

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Making a Difference!



Kids Hope USA is about making a difference in the life of an at-risk child. It is a national organization that started in Michigan over 20 years ago and has spread across the nation. Its mantra is "1 child, 1 hour, 1 school, 1 church." The program is based on volunteers from churches mentoring an at-risk child in a local school for one hour a week during the school year.

Forest View Elementary, a K-3 Lansing school (2.8 miles or a seven-minute drive from church), has agreed to partner with ULC in this endeavor. During the one hour, the mentor reviews topics given by the child's teacher, talks with the child, plays games, etc. No religion is involved in the mentoring process.

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

How are you Using Your Spiritual Gifts?

Do you consider yourself gifted? Do you have spiritual gifts?

Well, if you've been in worship in January you will hopefully answer that question with a resounding, "Yes! Yes I have spiritual gifts." And even more, you can hopefully name at least some of those gifts, if not all of them.

Beginning on Jan. 13 with The Baptism of Our Lord, we talked about how in our baptism the Holy Spirit was poured out on us and we were given gifts. And hopefully the phrase, "God doesn't call the gifted. God gifts the called," has been running through your head.

And then we talked about what those spiritual gifts are. There are Gifts of the Heart: helps, hospitality, mercy, faith, and giving. There are Gifts of Action: leadership, administration, shepherding, encouragement/counseling, and apostleship. There are Gifts of Proclamation: discernment, knowledge, wisdom, evangelism, teaching and prophecy.

But just as important as recognizing and acknowledging what our gifts are, is the question of what are you doing with your gifts? How are you using your gifts in ministry in this



*God's Gifts Equip
Us for Ministry*

congregation? How are you using your gifts in ministry in your job, your community and the world?

So often when we come to spiritual gifts, we tend to simply think about the church: what committees or teams am I serving on? What ministry

am I involved in at church? And while that's important and we need people who are willing to serve on committees and teams and with various ministries, just as important is how we are using our spiritual gifts for the sake of the world that God loves.

When I think about the greatest ministry accomplishments in my life, while there are things I've accomplished in the congregations I've served that I'm proud of, the ministry I feel best about has nothing to do with church! It's the ministry of loving and caring for my son Luke as he grew up and went through the challenges of childhood and adolescence. It's caring for Miriam throughout our marriage. It's the work I've done with Habitat for Humanity in years past. It's when Miriam and I served as a Big Brother/Sister to a child in need

when we lived in Saginaw. It's the mentoring I did with a child in need. You see, God didn't give us spiritual gifts simply for the sake of the church. God gave us spiritual gifts for the sake of the world. And I've always believed that I don't need to be a Pastor in order to use my spiritual gifts. I could have used them just as well in any profession and in whatever I chose to do.

As we conclude this series on spiritual gifts, I hope that you will think and pray about your spiritual gifts and how God might be calling you to use them for the sake of the church and world. Because our world desperately needs people using their spiritual gifts in a ministry of teaching in our schools and universities, or in a ministry of serving in public office, or in a ministry of caring for the sick, or in a ministry of caring for the poor and refugees, or in a ministry of.....

How are you using your spiritual gifts to answer God's call to ministry? How are you living out your baptismal calling? Indeed, God doesn't call the gifted. God gifts the called. And we were all called and gifted in our baptism.

Blessings as you use your God-given gifts for the sake of the church and the world.

Pastor Gary

Kids Hope continued from page 1.

In the Kids Hope program, the mentor-child relationship is supported by a prayer partner and a scholarship provider. The prayer partner prays for the mentor and child on the day they are meeting as well as other times during the week. This partner is in touch with the mentor to get a progress report on the child. The scholarship provider helps to maintain the mentor-child relationship by providing \$15 a month.



If you have questions about this program or would like to volunteer, contact me at barbkissling@comcast.net or call 517-349-0188.

Are you willing to make a difference in the life of a child?

*Barbara Kissling
ULC Kids Hope USA Director*

Spring Break Preview

Mar. 2-9 One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry at MSU will venture out in faith on their annual alternative spring break mission trip! This year we'll travel to serve alongside our neighbors in Savannah, Georgia where students and adult leaders will continue building community with Habitat for Humanity.



One Community group during 2018 trip to Charleston.

Our theme this year is “Build Up” as we focus on the book of Ephesians, chapter 4: “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12). If you’d like to hear one of our key songs for the week, search “Build Up” by visiting Dakota Road’s website and scrolling down to

the “Build Up” album (<https://dakotaroadmusic.com/music-audio>).

Verse 1:
*Break the chains of injustice, let the oppressed go free.
Share our homes with the homeless and our prayer with the hungry.*

Refrain:
*Build up, prepare the way
Remove the obstructions from my people’s way
Build up, prepare the way
God is here, God is here today.*

Pastor Haley Vay



JOIN US FOR A

Baby Shower

TO CELEBRATE THE ARRIVAL OF

Baby Girl Beaman

FEBRUARY 23, 2019
2:00-4:00PM

University Lutheran Church
1020 S. Harrison Rd.
East Lansing, MI 48823

RSVP to Vicki Anderson by February 15th
vickianderson831@gmail.com

Feel free to come as you are...

Or bring your favorite children's book in place of a card. By signing your book, we'll remember and share special memories of you even when you're not there.

For when she can read, and her brain keeps on growing, we've set up a college fund; education seeds we are sowing!

She may be an astronaut or work in a zoo.
She may even choose dear old MSU!
So if you wish, there's no obligation—
you may graciously give a monetary donation.

Your presence is gift enough,
but if you prefer—
we're collecting diapers and not just for her!

Half the diapers will go to Homeless Angels' diaper bank...
and we'll have a wonderful, generous, amazing YOU to thank!



College Fund Contributions
Checks may be made payable to University Lutheran Church with "Baby Beaman" noted on the memo line.

Registry Information
May be located by searching for Bryn and Haley Beaman at Target and Amazon.com

“Souper Bowl of Caring” Kick-Off

On Sunday, Feb. 3 our Confirmation and Sunday School participants will kick-off “ULC Cares Month” with SOUPER BOWL of CARING. On Super Bowl Sunday youth will gather in the narthex between services to collect monetary donations toward “Team Chicken Noodle” or “Team Tomato.” *Who will get your vote?*



Throughout February, our Sunday School participants will collect soup cans to go toward the same cause. Our youth will then visit the Greater

Lansing Food Bank to share our congregation's donations and learn more about the ministry there.

On Sunday, Mar. 3 “ULC Cares Month” will culminate with a **Chili Cook-off**. Turn to page 16 (back cover) for more information.

Pastor Haley Vay

Vacation Bible School – Mark Your Calendars!

VBS this year is scheduled for Monday-Thursday, June 24-27 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Children ages three through second grade are welcome to attend. Please mark your calendars, share the news with your friends and family!



Also consider how you might help as a volunteer at VBS! There is a wide range of opportunities for volunteers, from help with a themed snack, to Biblical storytelling, music, and more! How might you exercise the gifts of time and talent that God has given you to share?

and mom of four, Nicole Greiter, will step in as Director for VBS! Nicole has an extensive background in serving with families and young children, as well as music! She also served as a former Student Associate at ULC during her years as a student at MSU. Thank you, Nicole! We look forward to the good news that God will share this summer in VBS.

Stay tuned!! We can hardly wait to unveil this year's VBS theme in the March edition of the Lux!

Pastor Haley Vay

Although Pastor Haley Vay will be on maternity leave during VBS this year, we are thrilled that ULC member

Dear Parents With Young Children in Church

This article originally appeared on Jamie Brueschhoff's blog “I am totally *that* mom” and was reprinted in the Jan. 2019 North/ West Lower Michigan Synod Bishop's Newsletter. View the original post [here](#).

You are doing something really, really important. I know it's not easy. I see you with your arms overflowing, and I know you came to church already tired. Parenting is tiring. Really tiring.

I watch you bounce and sway trying to keep the baby quiet, juggling the infant car seat and the diaper bag as you find a seat. I see you wince as your child

cries. I see you anxiously pull things out of your bag of tricks to try to quiet them.



And I see you with your toddler and your preschooler. I watch you cringe when your little girl asks an innocent question in a voice that might not be an inside voice let alone a church whisper. I hear the exasperation in your voice as you beg your child to just sit, to be quiet as you feel everyone's eyes on you. Not everyone is looking, but I know it feels that way.

I know you're wondering is this worth it? Why do I bother? I know you often

leave church more exhausted than fulfilled. But what you are doing is so important.

When you are here, the church is filled with a joyful noise. When you are here, the Body of Christ is more fully present. When you are here, we are reminded that this worship thing we do isn't about Bible study or personal, quiet contemplation but coming together to worship as a community where all are welcome, where we share in the Word and Sacrament together. When you are here, I have hope that these pews won't be empty in 10 years when your kids are old enough to sit quietly and behave in worship.

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The Jesus Fatwah & Samaritas

February and March 2019 not only continue to explore faith at work across different religions and cultures, but provide several amazing examples of God Working through Our Hands right here in our own back yard. These are another two months when you will want to urge your friends to attend the Sunday Forum! Watch for more details about our March offerings in the next newsletter!



Jan. 20-Feb. 17 - The Jesus Fatwah: A five-part DVD-based series led by Pastor Gary and Imam Sohail Chaudhry. From the series website: *Much of what passes as information about Islam is weed-like disinformation rooted in stereotype and watered by fear. In The Jesus Fatwah, Islamic and Christian scholars offer reliable information about what Muslims believe, how they live out their faith, and how we all can be about building relationships across the lines of faith. We are confident you will like the people you meet as you join this conversation.*

Feb. 3 - The Jesus Fatwah 3: "Islam in America: In Which We Introduce You to People Who Love America and Pray Towards Mecca." *Chief among the popular anti-Muslim stereotypes is the idea that Muslims are plotting to overthrow American society. In fact, most Muslims love the United States. This is true of Muslims living in countries where Islam is the predominate religion, and it is especially true in the United States, where Muslims, as a demographic, are among the most patriotic American citizens.*

Feb. 10 - The Jesus Fatwah 4: "Making Connections, Part 1: In Which Non-Muslims Make A Case." *We asked Non-Muslims and Muslims to talk to us about building relationships across the lines of faith, and while the answers were compatible—and even complimentary—it was interesting to observe the ways in which Muslims and Christians spoke differently about interfaith cooperation. Christians tended to take an intellectual approach starting with the mind; Muslims were more likely to approach the issue relationally, starting with the heart.*

Feb. 17 - The Jesus Fatwah 5: "Making Connections, Part 2: In Which Muslims Have Their Say." (See session 4 description above.)

Feb. 24 - Pastor Nik Schillack, Director of Congregational Engagement, Samaritas. He will be with us to talk about what's happening in Samaritas and especially what is happening in terms of refugee resettlement and the refugee crisis we are experiencing.

March speakers will include:

Shelley Marinus, Women At Risk, International. Last year's W.A.R. speaker made such an impact that the Social Action Team voted to make this organization the recipient of ULC's Lenten Collection ("Change for a Change").

ULC's own Nicole and Jim Greiter, Willow Tree Family Center—A Place for Pregnancy, Birth, and Beyond, supporting pregnant mothers and young families in Lansing and the surrounding area. This amazing organization provides a wealth of wonderful services.

Pam Miklavich, The Davies Project: Free, round-trip rides to medical appointments for children facing serious health challenges. Several ULC members volunteer with this life-saving organization.

Louise Harder and the ULC Confirmation Class: Last year's presentation was terrific and included a hilarious Quiz Bowl with forum participants. Stay tuned to see what they're planning for this year!

What is Sunday Forum?

Sunday Forum is a weekly lecture series on wide-ranging topics. It is held between services (9:40-10:30 a.m.), open to all, and requires no advance preparation or homework! Guests are also welcome at any time!

The Forum Schedule is posted 24/7 on the brightly colored easel in the narthex. Each Sunday's topic will also appear on our website, in the Sunday bulletin, and in the weekly email announcements.

Whether you normally attend first or second service, be sure to mark your calendar to include a truly wonderful 50 minutes spent immediately after or before your time of worship.

Linda Trevarthen

If You Need a Reason to Wear Your Name Tag . . .

A comment from a recent Forum speaker and MSU faculty member: "I noticed that a lot of people here wear name tags. That is such a welcoming and thoughtful thing to do!" ~ Linda Trevarthen



ULC Memorial Library

More New Materials in the ULC Library

The ULC Library is open when the building is open, so please visit the library anytime. It truly is a gem and offers materials for all ages. Below are some new materials you may want to check out.

Adult Non-Fiction

 *Mere Science and Christian Faith: Bridging the Divide with Emerging Adults* by Greg Cootsona (215 Coo) From the review: Greg Cootsona draws from his experience in ministry with young adults (18-30 year-olds) and his theological expertise to explore how faith and science are not in a wrestling match where one will be the victor. *Mere Science and Christian Faith* is written conversationally rather than didactically and provides a field guide that identifies challenges and creative ways faith can integrate and collaborate with science, whether in concern for the environment, an understanding of human sexuality, or the ubiquitous presence of smart media.

 *Teach Us to Pray* by Gordon T. Smith (248.32 Smith) From the review: Explaining the three movements in prayer – Thanks, confession and

discernment – Smith reveals, not an instructional manual on how to pray, but a change in perspective. He explains how allowing the Spirit freedom to lead the prayer allows for a deep fellowship with God and an opening to knowing the joy of God. Smith’s minimal use of theological language allows readers to understand quickly the purpose behind Spirit-led prayer.

Children

 *Different Pond* by Bao Phi (E Phi) From the review: A story of how a boy and his father fished for food in their homeland of Vietnam. The book brings together issues of diversity, culture, and immigration without using platitudes. The personal story offers many positive messages about family values that highlight the relationship between father and son and between cultures, old and new.

Thank you for visiting ULC’s Library. There is always something new to see.

ULC Library Team



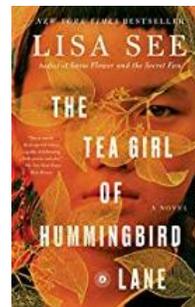
ULC Book Club

Grab a Cup of Tea and Join us!

The February selection for the ULC Book Club is *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane* by Lisa See.

If you are a tea lover, you will enjoy reading this book about Li-yan and her family, who align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. There is ritual and routine, and it has been ever thus for

generations. The author introduces us to the customs of the Akha, a Chinese ethnic minority in a remote Yunnan village. From the publisher, “This powerful story about a family, separated by circumstances, culture, and distance, paints an



unforgettable portrait of a little known region and its people and celebrates the bond that connects mothers and daughters.”

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 10 a.m. in the ULC Library.

Judy Kindel

St. Luke Coat Bank a Success!!

At eight different events, held Oct 13, 2018 through Jan10, 1,504 coats plus an assortment of boots and accessories were distributed through the St. Luke Coat Bank! Thanks to local churches and individuals, we continue to keep



our community safe and warm! Thanks everyone

Darra Haase

Mark Your Calendars!

**Summer Youth Music Camp
Monday – Friday, June 17-21**

Choir ~ Recorder ~ Handbells
Choir Chimes ~ Sign Language

Children’s Choir

ULC Children’s Choir will sing during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, March 17.

*Janine Novenske Smith
Director of Music*



An Introduction to the Pipes of the Organ

When the pipes for our organ begin to arrive, what will they be made of? What will they sound like and look like? How many will there be? These are exciting thoughts to entertain as we await the completion of the organ renovation project.

An organ keyboard has 61 keys and there is one pipe for each note in a set called a “rank.” An organ generally has several ranks of pipes that make different sounds. These pipes are of two general types, flue pipes or reed pipes. A flue pipe produces sound through the vibration of air molecules and has no moving parts. The air, under pressure in the wind chest, flows into the pipe and then over a little “open window” and



Flue pipes that have a whistle-like opening for the air to blow through.

against the sharp lip of the pipe. A reed pipe uses a vibrating brass strip,

known as the reed, to make its sound as the air flows through the pipe. The length of the pipe determines the pitch. To match the pitch on the piano, the lowest note on the keyboard has a pipe that is eight feet long. The pipes get smaller as you go up the keyboard, but all the pipes in this rank are still referred to as an eight-foot rank. Organs have ranks that are 16-foot and play an octave lower than a piano, 32-foot ranks that play two octaves lower, and sometimes a 64-foot rank, playing three octaves lower.

Going the other direction, there are usually four-foot ranks (one octave higher), two-foot ranks (two octaves higher), and sometimes one or half-foot ranks. There are also ranks called “mutations” that produce sounds that are usually a third or a fifth above the actual note being played. Finally, there are ranks of pipes grouped together in a “mixture” which plays multiple pipes at one time, usually in consecutive octaves and fifths.

So, what about our new organ? It will have two keyboards (called manuals) and a pedalboard. The lower keyboard, called the Great, will have 854 pipes and have spots for two additional ranks that were cut from the original project, but could

be added later. The upper manual, called the Swell, will have 659 pipes, and a spot for one future addition. The pedalboard has 32 pedals that can play anything from lower bass parts to melody parts, using its 164 pipes.



Reed pipes have a vibrating brass strip that make the sound.

The glorious thing about organs is that there are all sorts of ways to use the pipes from one keyboard in the pedalboard or combine the pipes from the Swell with the pipes on the Great. Organists spend years learning about the sounds of different kinds of pipes and how to mix them together to create the best sound to accompany congregational singing or to perform a piece written in 1735 by Bach or a piece written in 1875 by Franck. It is a challenge and a great joy to find the perfect mix of sound.

*Julie Baglien
ULC Organist*

Fifty Homes Participated in Audit

We are pleased to report that there have been a total of 50 households between ULC, the Islamic Center and Haslett Community Church who

have participated in the Consumers Energy Home Energy audit program. Many thanks to those who participated in helping to



reduce our collective carbon footprint and for caring for our creation.

Judy Kindel

Thank You, Facilities Team!

“There’s water in the storage room!”
“Call Dale.”

“The drinking fountains in the Atrium aren’t working.” “Tell Dale.”

Dale Romsos currently heads the Facilities Team, one of the most important volunteer groups in the church. They have saved the congregation many thousands of dollars while preserving the building, improving conditions, and saving energy.



Growing up on a dairy farm in northern Wisconsin, a descendant of Norwegian immigrants, Dale learned if something broke, you fixed it. He graduated from Wisconsin State College, River Falls, and earned his Ph.D. at Iowa State University. At MSU, he taught and did research in the Food Science and Human Nutrition department. He knew Dena Cederquist, ULC's first woman president.

Pastor Fred used to keep his eye on church facilities, but now the Facilities Team does it. Dale, after consulting with the team, got bids to replace the malfunctioning heating/cooling equipment on the roof. Now different areas of the church can be heated or cooled by computer control depending on need. Dale noticed the tower was heated since the choir used to practice there and was still heated to keep hot water radiators from freezing. They are disconnecting the hot water pipes, draining the radiators, and thereby reducing our heating bill.

Judy Kindel has spurred interest in LED lights. ULC has some 1000 light bulbs, and a 250-watt bulb can be replaced by a 50-watt LED bulb. A grant from Consumers Energy reduced the cost of the bulbs. Dale learned how to rewire fixtures to install ballast-bypass LED bulbs and, assisted by Sandy Davis and Dave Wiggert, so far they changed over three-fourths of the

bulbs with payback in a year or so. Another grant was obtained to assist with purchasing LED bulbs for the parking lot, to be installed when weather permits.

Al Booren, a retired professor from Food Science and Human Nutrition, is of Swedish ancestry and also grew up on a dairy farm. When ULC was shifting from a janitor to a janitorial service, Al was our

volunteer janitor for the months it took to make the change. Recently, he installed latches in all the lavatories, women's and men's, so stall doors would actually stay closed.

Sandy Davis grew up in Grand Rapids as the third generation to have inherited a “handyman gene,” and didn’t need to be a Scandinavian dairy farmer to learn his skills. He worked as a civil engineer for the state. Sandy made and installed lovely shelves in various places in the church, knows every inch of the building, and is “the glue” of the team, I was told. Lately he spent a half day on his knees under the kitchen sink completing the plumbing of the new dishwasher.

Dave Wiggert, growing up in the Detroit area, got all three degrees from the University of Michigan. A retired professor of Civil Engineering in Fluid Mechanics, he took his turn as Facility Team leader before Dale. He directed the renovation of the downstairs bathrooms and the new boiler among other projects.

When it costs \$100 to have an electrician or plumber walk in the door, and costs go up as they do something, it is a huge help that this team can handle many problems or get initial work done before the expert arrives. We all need to give Facility Team members our thanks.

Phyllis Andersland



Come Sew with Us!

Feb. 2 - National Quilt of Valor Sewing Day

It's almost time for National Quilt of Valor Sewing Day! Saturday, Feb. 2 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. with pizza lunch provided. We are looking forward to filling the Fellowship Hall with men and women working to make quilts for service members and veterans. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please consider joining us in this effort even if you can only stay for part of the time. There are a variety of tasks including some that do not require sewing skills. We have all the tools to make the quilts, but please feel free to bring your own sewing machine. Our seven machines are looking forward to being busy!!

High School Seniors

Do you have a high school senior in your family? This will be the 18th year of wrapping graduating seniors in a quilt the second Sunday in June. We don't want to miss anyone! Please contact either Bobbie Davis or Ann Booren with the name of your senior.

Feb. 12 - P & S Sewing Day

Come sew with us on Tuesday, Feb. 12 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium to make prayer quilts. Miriam has cut wonderful kits to make quilt tops if you need homework because this time just doesn't work for you. Come get one in our sewing room in the Sunday School area downstairs on Sunday. If

you are able to take home some fabric for washing and ironing, please let us know. This important task is the first step in the making of the quilts.

Blankets for City Rescue Mission

The Davis family, with the help of a Thrivent Action Grant and Prayers & Squares funds, made 21 fleece tied blankets for the women's and children's unit of the City Rescue Mission. It was a great way to celebrate the gift of Christmas!

Thank you for helping us reach out to so many people in need of our prayers!

Bobbie Davis

February is Personal Needs Collection Month!

Personal Needs products are not covered by "Food Stamps." But try to imagine getting along without these everyday necessities. Christian Services allows families right here in our own backyard to apply for emergency supply sets of these products when their budgets are stretched to the limit. As a member church of Christian Services, ULC has made a commitment to collect Personal Needs products twice a year.

Full-size versions of the following items are the ones most urgently needed:

- ✓ Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Bleach
- ✓ Shampoo, Bar Soap, Deodorant
- ✓ Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissues
- ✓ Sanitary Pads, Tampons
- ✓ Toothpaste, Toothbrushes (both Adult and Child sizes)

- ✓ Shaving Cream, Razors
- ✓ Lotion



I know we all support an exceptional number of charities, services, and programs, but this is one that requires little more than a few dollars (or nothing, if you find a Buy One, Get One Free sale!) Many of these items are available at the Dollar Store. Bringing in just one item is a blessing. More is always welcome, but one is ONEderful!

Place your items in the blue plastic tub located between the Cry Room and Elevator. Note: Although we deliver Personal Needs products to the Macedonian Drop Off only twice a year, our collection bin is available for your donations year-round.

Linda and Bill Trevarthen

Thank you, Endowment Team!

We give thanks to God for our Endowment Team who has graciously discerned the use of funds toward a new van for our congregation! This blessing will help

us accommodate weekly transportation needs, so that intergenerational ministry among children, youth,



families, and students at MSU may continue to grow and thrive at ULC and in our community.

Pastor Haley Vay

The ULC Council met on Jan. 15. The following are highlights from this meeting.



students instead of Pastor Haley Vay.

- Approved the purchase of a 2018 Ford 12-seat van.
- Planned Feb. 2 Council Retreat.
- Set time and dates of 2019 council meetings. Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

- Welcomed Joy Oslund and Gavin Witter as members at large.
- Barb Kissling is attending training session for new ULC Kid's Hope program.
- Pastor Gary will go on Spring Break trip with One Community

*Sheila Nicholas
Council Secretary*

December Attendance	
Dec. 2:	129
Dec. 9:	255
Dec. 16:	216
Dec. 23:	132
Dec. 24:	383
Dec. 25:	24
Dec. 30:	72

Lead Management Team Notes

Bicycle Ministry-Gary Garbarino: Three bicycles and three helmets ready to be used - adult, youth and child

Social Action-Bryan Rahe: The food distribution in December served 55 households, and we had 21 volunteers. The distribution was held inside.

Tight Knit-Vicki Anderson & Terrie Reinoehl: The Tight Knit group continues creating items for charity. The group is currently working on making Knitted Knockers, lap robes and prayer shawls for McLaren Hospice, baby items for the baby pantry in the Muskegon area, as well as hats and scarves for various groups such as Homeless Angels and Food Movers. On Jan. 6, thirty-four shawls and lapghans were blessed during the worship service at ULC. These will be given to McLaren Hospice.



Welcome Team-Barbara Riegle, Linda Trevarthen & Emily Heidrich: Some of the syrups purchased with grant money for Visitor Gifts are now also being used as Thank You Gifts for Forum Speakers.

Communications Team -Amy Wagenknecht: Postcards were mailed to 1,250 East Lansing homes the week of Dec. 17. We decided not to place a print ad in the LSJ this Christmas as they only provided the option to

purchase a print ad bundled with e-ads which were not in our budget. We did place a quarter-page ad in the City Pulse. We are requesting an update to the worship cards to include "How did you find us?" to help us determine if our publicity efforts are bearing fruit. Next month we will compile a list of community calendars to use for promoting ULC activities and will look for a volunteer to help place events on these calendars.

We also continue to review the usability of the "Connect" portion of the Realm church software. The accompanying app has been disappointing. We are leaning toward discontinuing this portion of the software program, but we would lose the ability to access the member directory on-line, which the pastors use frequently. We will review this again at our Feb. meeting.

Stewardship-Mike Anderson: The 2019 offering envelopes are being picked up. The number of envelopes is just about the same as last year. The 2019 Outreach of the Month schedule is:

- January: Food Packing
- February: Seminary Financial Debt Reduction Support
- March: Samaritas
- April: Synod Assembly Offering
- May: Rebuilding Together
- June: Living Water Ministries-Camper Scholarships.
- July: Medical Supplies for Christ
- August: Michigan Refugee Hope
- September: Honduras Support
- October: Friendship House
- November: OPEN
- December: ELCA World Hunger: Good Gifts catalog

Amy Wagenknecht

Outreach of the Month Rostered Minister Debt Reduction

The indebtedness (due to college and seminary loans) of the rostered ministers in the ELCA has become an increasing problem. At Luther Seminary, the largest ELCA seminary, average student indebtedness is \$62,000. Unlike other professions, it is more challenging for pastors and deacons to repay their student loans because of the compensation pastors and deacons receive. Indebtedness impacts pastors and deacons in several ways. Luther Seminary research has found:

- 52 percent of pastors surveyed say loans negatively impacted their standard of living.
- 30 percent of pastors surveyed are bi-vocational.
- 26 percent of pastors surveyed left ministry due to financial pressure.
- 25 percent of pastors surveyed pursue higher paying ministry opportunities.
- 24 percent of pastors surveyed postpone healthcare.



Our Bishop has stated that he experiences the impact of rostered minister indebtedness in pastors who are open to serving in our Synod and intrigued by some of our smaller congregations but determine they cannot enter into the call process because of the burden of indebtedness.

In response, the Synod Council has approved a plan to begin to address the burden of seminary education debt born by many of our pastors and deacons. The plan is to annually award as many 2,000-dollar grants as possible directly to lending institutions for educational debt to be applied to the principal of a rostered minister's seminary student loans. The synod has been advised that 2,000 dollars is the minimum amount that will have a lasting impact.

This month's Outreach of the Month will go to the Synod's Rostered Minister Debt Reduction Fund.

Pastor Gary

Save the Date

For the Life of the World: Bonhoeffer & Ecology

Saturday, March 23
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
University Lutheran Church

The Publicly Engaged Church Table of the N/W Lower Mich. Synod, in cooperation with the Holley Speaker Series, will be presenting an event by Rev. Dr. Lisa E. Dahill, Associate Professor of Religion at California Lutheran University. In the morning, one of



the following workshops can be attended:
Samaritas-Refugee Resettlement,
BRICK (Building Racial Reconciliation in Christ's Kingdom)-Southeast Mich. Synod
Interfaith Power & Light -

Environmental Stewardship.

A free-will lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, call Miriam Bunge. You can register [here](#) or visit www.mittensynod.org/event/.

Miriam Bunge

Mark Your Calendars!

2019 Soup Kitchen Volunteer Schedule

This year, the Saturdays that ULC is scheduled to host/assist at St. Luke Lutheran Soup Kitchen are Mar. 30, June 29, Aug. 31, and Nov. 3. This is an amazing four-hour (9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.) stewardship opportunity. Please text Darra with any questions at 989-



506-8724 or email Steve at Zkz895@comcast.net. Please note, the soup kitchen is open every Saturday and welcomes volunteers anytime

Darra & Steve Haas

ULC Teen Makes Team USA



Clara Van Wieren, a junior at Okemos High School, is a member of the Under-18 USA Hockey national team that competed in the International Ice Hockey Federation Women's World Championships in Japan in January. Clara plays forward and has committed to play in college at Minnesota-Duluth. The national team earned a silver medal to

extend its unprecedented medal streak in tournament play to 12-straight IIHF Under-18 Women's World Championships.

Former ULC Member Passes

Former ULC member **Douglas S. Zatechka, Ph.D., 75**, passed away Dec. 14, 2018, after a brief battle with lung cancer. Douglas was a graduate of the University of Northern Iowa and Michigan State University and retired

as director of housing and former assistant vice chancellor of student affairs for the University of Nebraska- Lincoln. He received many awards during his 47-year career in higher education **including the Outstanding Educator Crystal Apple Award from MSU in 2004**. Prior to moving to Nebraska in 1977, Douglas served as associate director of residence hall programs at MSU.

Douglas was an active member of First Lutheran Church and former board member of Tabitha Health along with several other organizations in Lincoln. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jane (Johnson), three sons: D. Steven Zatechka, Jr. (Jenny) of Memphis, Tenn., Robert Zatechka (Jennifer) and Jonathan Zatechka (Sarah) all of Omaha, along with seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to UNL Foundation, Michigan State University College of Education or First Lutheran Church. Condolences can be made online at Roperandsons.com.

Submitted by Dale Harpstead

Wonderful Concert continued from page 1.

This wonderful concert also included: Guest Artist, Gretchen Morse; Pastor Haley Vay Beaman and Music Director, Janine Novenske Smith, singing a gorgeous duet from *Wicked*; a trio including Janine, Pastor Haley Vay, and Pastor Gary Bunge singing a thrilling version of *What a Beautiful Name*; a stunning solo by Janine; and two rousing pieces sung by the fabulous ULC choir, one accompanied by piano and flute, the other by piano and guitar.

It's clear that an enormous amount of planning, preparation, and rehearsal goes into every concert. But Janine's talent, expertise, connections, and, perhaps most important, her love of music and her appreciation of and for all her performers, make every concert seem to fall into place effortlessly. We are so blessed with musical talent here at ULC that, in the words of a favorite hymn, "How can we keep from singing!"

Linda Trevarthen



Bell choir quintet with Megan Kotnik, Eric Podolsky, Lynn Kotnik, Vicky Qiao, and Jeremy Cacak



Janine Novenske Smith, Pastor Gary Bunge, and Pastor Haley Vay Beaman



Guest artist, oboist, Gretchen Morse



ULC Senior Choir

The Dennison Property Story Continues . . .

The January Archive Lux article told the story of Mrs. Lillian Dennison who lived in the house north of the church. She sold the house to ULC with the provision that she would have the right of lifetime tenancy. She moved to a nursing home two months before her death in January of 1979. So, the house became the property of ULC. Well, actually...

From the Jan. 1979 Lux: *Update on the Dennison Property: It Isn't ULC's After All*

Once Mrs. Dennison was confined to a nursing home and not expected to recover, her children decided to release the house to ULC. However, it was soon discovered that most of the property belonged to the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan because the property line between ULC and the Episcopal property ran through the house with nearly all of it on the Episcopal side.

“Here is how that came to happen. About the same time that ULC bought land from Mrs. Dennison, the Episcopalians and the Presbyterians bought adjoining lots, the Episcopalians to the south and the Presbyterians to the north.

Then, when ULC was ready to embark on its building program, it ran up against two problems. One, proportions of the planned building were too large for the lot and moreover, Mrs. Dennison's house still stood where the church would logically go.

Fortunately about that time the Presbyterians decided they would sell their lot to ULC. Fortunately, too, the Episcopalians were agreeable to swapping properties with the Presbyterians so that the new church could be constructed at its present location. In fact, the early planning of the present building included an educational wing extending from the northwest part of the present building and connecting to a chapel on the Episcopal property. The chapel, it was thought, might be used by both ULC and the Episcopal church.

The upshot of the cooperative effort was that the new property line was drawn through Mrs. Dennison's home near the southern edge and the agreement provided that ULC would continue to assume the obligations that went with Mrs. Dennison's life tenancy (primarily major repairs).

However, the agreement did not spell out what disposition should be made of the house when the life tenancy ended. Although some ULC participants recall that the house was seen primarily as a liability and, in that light, assumed it would be ULC's responsibility to eventually remove the house, no record to that effect has been found.”After Mrs. Dennison's daughter relinquished all claim to the property, a “1010 Harrison Committee” was formed to explore the possibilities and potential of the new development. That was when the answer came back that the Episcopalians assumed the house to be their responsibility. Former pastor Walt Wietzke confirmed that was the intent.

With that information the committee recommended that ULC's claim to the property should end and the responsibilities for the property were transferred to the diocese. A planning committee was then formed to explore the future of the site with representatives of the diocese and local Episcopal leaders. Look for the rest of the story in the Mar. Lux.

Connie Lenkowski

Front Door Security

The ULC Security Team has recently installed an access control system for the right sides of the far west and handicapped doors. Front doors will remain unlocked during weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. when staff is present. The doors will be unlocked on Sunday from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.



New key fob

When all front doors are locked after 4:30 p.m. or on weekends, the right sides of the far west and handicap doors can be unlocked by placing a fob on the reader by the far west door. Fobs will be distributed by the ULC administrative assistant to the pastors, staff, team and group leaders with meetings/activities after 4:30 p.m.

This process is currently in progress as data is put into the system software.

Fobs will be programmed to unlock doors for one hour before a meeting/event to allow for set-up and to lock the doors one hour after the meeting/event begins. The middle set of doors should stay locked. When leaving ULC, make sure all doors are locked. The system only locks the right sides of the far west and handicap doors. The other doors must be locked manually with the Allen wrench on the window sill. The door is locked when the panic bar comes out.



Allen wrenches to lock doors.

Barbara Kissling, Security Team

Birthdays

2 Emilie Harpstead
Alison Kuchnicki
3 Kimberly Ruiz
4 Thomas Lindman
Steve Zimmerman
David Gift
Aaron Brooks
5 Eric Bubolz
Emily Oswald
6 Myles Davis

february

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9 Alexis Velasquez
Nick Andresen
11 Erica Dethloff
12 Donald Armstrong
13 Randy Asmus

Elizabeth Karcher
14 Vern Seefeldt
Mary Harpstead
Lanae Williams
15 Erica Butts
16 Jack Goebel
19 Gail Riegler
Norman Jolin, Sr.
20 Bohdan Heller
21 Jim Greiter
22 Clara Fisher

24 Nicole Greiter
25 Kylie McPhall
27 Madeline Helser
Elizabeth Althouse
Vivian Leung

Anniversaries

13 Marvin & Marcia
Schultz
14 Gary & Miriam
Bunge



Dear Parents continued from page 4.

I know that they are learning how and why we worship now, before it's too late. They are learning that worship is important.

I see them learning. In the midst of the cries, whines, and giggles, in the midst of the crinkling of pretzel bags and the growing pile of crumbs, I see a little girl who insists on going two pews up to share peace with someone she's never met. I hear a little boy slurping (quite loudly) every last drop of his communion wine out of the cup, determined not to miss a drop of Jesus. I watch a child excitedly color a cross and point to the one in the front of the sanctuary. I hear the echos of "Amen" just a few seconds after the rest of the community says it together. I watch a boy just learning to read try to sound out the words in the worship book or count his way to Hymn 672. Even on weeks when I can't see my own children learning because, well, it's

one of those mornings, I can see your children learning. I know how hard it is to do what you're doing, but I want you to know it matters. It matters to me. It matters to my children to not be alone in the pew.

It matters to the congregation to know that families care about faith, to see young people... and even on those weeks when you can't see the little moments, it matters to your children. It matters that they learn that worship is what we do as a community of faith, that everyone is welcome, that their worship matters. When we teach children that their worship matters, we teach them that they are enough right here and right now as members of the church community. They don't need to wait until they can believe, pray or worship a certain way to be welcome here, and I know adults who are still

looking to be shown that. It matters that children learn that they are an integral part of this church, that their prayers, their songs, and even their badly (or perfectly-timed, depending on who you ask) cries and whines are a joyful noise because it means they are present.

I know it's hard, but thank you for what you do when you bring your children to church. Please know that your family — with all of its noise, struggle, commotion, and joy — are not simply tolerated, you are a vital part of the community gathered in worship.

*Jamie Bruesehoff
Writer, speaker, lifelong Lutheran,
mother of three, and a pastor's wife*



The deadline for the Mar. Lux is **Friday, Feb. 15.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net and Britny Pollard at 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!



- 1 5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge
- 2 9:00a P & S QOV Sewing Day + Lunch-Fellowship Hall
- 9:00a Council Retreat-Conference
- 4:30p Basketball Parking
- 6:00p MSU Men's Basketball v. Indiana
- 3 8:30a Worship
- 9:40a Faith Formation/Forum-SOUPer Bowl of Caring
- 10:45a Worship
- 4 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 5 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
- 9:30a Lux Planning-Conference
- 10:15a Communications Team-Conference
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 6 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 4:00p Lead Management Team-Conference
- 7 7:30a Assisting Ministers-Conference
- 6:30p Bells Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 8 5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge
- 9 12:30p MSU Basketball Parking
- 2:00p MSU Men's Basketball v. Minn.
- 10 8:30a Worship
- 9:40a Faith Formation/Forum
- 10:45a Worship
- 1:30p Sons of Norway-Fireside
- 3:00p Latvian Worship
- 11 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 12 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
- 9:00a Prayers & Squares Work Day-Atrium
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 7:00p Pub Theology-Spartan Brewpub
- 13 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 7:00p Confirmation-Fireside/Student Lounge
- 14 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 15 5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge
- 16 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL

- 17 8:30a Worship
- 9:40a Faith Formation/Forum
- 10:45a Worship
- 11:30a MSU Basketball Parking
- 1:00p MSU Men's Basketball v. Ohio State
- 18 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 19 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside
- 6:30p ULC Council
- 20 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:30a Amnos Circle-Fireside
- Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside
- 5:00p MSU Basketball Parking
- 6:30p MSU Men's Basketball v. Rutgers
- 21 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room
- 22 5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge
- 23 2:00p Beaman Baby Shower-Fellowship
- 24 8:30a Worship
- 9:40a Faith Formation/Forum
- 10:45a Worship
- Noon Campus Ministry Team-Student Lounge
- 25 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 26 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board-Library
- 6:30p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship
- 7:00p Pub Theology-Spartan Brewpub
- 27 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 7:00p Confirmation-Fireside/Student Lounge
- 28 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library
- Noon ISM Board-Fireside
- 3:30p Food Movers Set-up-Fellowship
- 4:30p Food Distribution-Fellowship
- 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room

Enhance Fitness classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in Atrium	Education Hour – 9:40 to 10:30a: Sunday Forum – Fireside Room Sunday School (Age 2 - HS) – Basement Education Wing
Friendship House Classes at ULC: Mondays 1:00p - English-Fireside Tuesdays 3:00p – Pilates-Atrium Wednesday 11:00a - Watercolor Painting Class-Youth Rm	Reminder - Please contact the ULC office BEFORE scheduling your events. This will help you get the space you need and your group's event on the ULC calendar. Thanks!



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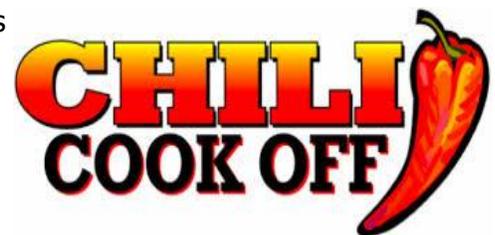
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On **Sunday, Mar. 3** "ULC Cares Month" will culminate with the annual ULC Chili Cook-off. This is an intergenerational event following 10:45 a.m. worship and we welcome you and your family to attend!



We will gather in our Fellowship Hall to reveal the winner from our "ULC Cares" soup collection (i.e. Team Chicken Noodle or Team Tomato) and enjoy homemade chili by members of our congregation. Votes will be cast and prizes will be awarded for the following chili categories: Meat-Free, Most Unique, and Tastiest Overall.

Sign-up to enter the chili cook-off at the display in the narthex.