



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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Sunday Worship

10 a.m. on Facebook

Followed by **ZoomForum**

Pub Theology

Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m.

Zoom (call 332-2559 for link)

Bag Pick-up/Soup Drop-off

Sunday, Feb. 14, 3-4 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship

Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.

Facebook – Bring you own ashes!

Lenten Midweek Worship

Feb. 24, Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24

7 p.m. on Zoom

Food Movers

Thursday, Feb. 25 - 4:30 p.m.

Drive thru distribution.

Due to Covid safety protocols, the ULC building remains closed.

However, our ministry continues.

The ULC number (517-332-2559) is connected to staff cell numbers, please call if there is a need!

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Rachel Kurtz Returns for Lenten Worship

The 2021 focus for Lenten worship is Racial Justice. Beginning on Feb. 24, each mid-week service will feature speakers from various backgrounds. They will talk about racial justice as it relates to the Church, to the education system and policing, to indigenous people, and to the criminal justice system.



Rachel Kurtz with Annaliese and Julianna Marks, leading Sunday worship on Sept. 18, 2016 during 75th anniversary celebration of campus ministry.

The first speaker will be singer/songwriter Rachel Kurtz. Rachel visited ULC in September 2016 and she led a women’s Bible study, a concert and Sunday worship as part of the 75th anniversary celebration of campus ministry.

While we won’t be able to share Rachel’s music in person this year, beginning at 7 p.m. of Wednesday, Feb. 24, Rachel will use the Zoom platform to share her story and music. The theme is “An Evening of Music and Conversation Around Racial Injustice.” Visit www.rachelkurtz.com to learn more about Rachel’s passions and talents. See the complete Lenten schedule on page 8.

Racial Justice Team

Mark Your Calendars



Worship Expressions

Passion Sunday

March 28th

10 a.m. worship on Facebook

Seek the Welfare of the City

It seems that we just celebrated Christmas and New Year's, and I'm already talking about Lent! But we are and that's good, because Lent affords us a time to reflect, acknowledge our brokenness, and turn back toward God.

But this year as I'm thinking about Lent, I'm thinking on a more corporate level rather than an individual level, because somehow an individual level seems way too small. Brokenness and sinfulness are so much more than individual acts that need to be confessed and forgiven.

What has occurred in the past few years, especially this past year - the killing of George Floyd, and the events at the Capital on Jan. 6 - have brought the issue of racism and racial justice front and center in our country and to the forefront of the minds of many people. We tend to think about racism individually: I'm not a racist; I have friends who are of another race; I'd never do anything racist toward someone. But racism and racial justice are corporate issues, issues that are at the very heart of our corporate life together as a church, a city and a nation. And Lent affords us the opportunity to corporately repent and turn toward God.

The racial justice workshop I attended at ULC in 2019 and the synod racial justice training I

attended in 2020 have deepened my understanding of how racism and systemic racism have been built into the fabric of our country, and how justice and racial justice aren't just political issues. They are a biblical and faith issues.

Throughout this past fall we read from the prophets on Sunday mornings. Over and over the prophets talked about justice. Then on Jan. 17 we read Jesus' inaugural sermon in Luke 4 that set out the agenda for his ministry, and it was a ministry of justice: good news to the poor; release to the captives; recovery of sight to the blind; setting the oppressed free. Justice is a biblical theme, a biblical issue.

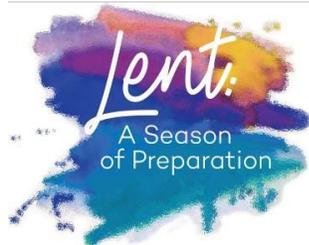
As a way of confessing our corporate brokenness and returning to God this Lenten season, we will focus our midweek worship on justice and specifically racial justice using the theme, *Seek the welfare of the city*. In Jeremiah 29, when the people of Israel are in exile in Babylon, God sent word to them, and it was a word about justice: *But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.* — Seek the welfare of the city,” — but “city” has the sense of more than just “city.” Seeking the welfare of the city is about seeking the welfare of the people of the city. It's about seeking the welfare of

those who were of a different nationality. It's about seeking the welfare of those who were foreigners, and who worshiped other gods, and who were their captors! And then the powerful words, *for in its welfare you will find your welfare*. Seeking the welfare of the city is about justice, even racial justice. And when justice is present, we all benefit.

Elsewhere in this issue of *Lux* (page 8) you will find information about our Lenten focus so I won't go into the details beyond saying that each Wednesday evening will include a short worship experience followed by a different speaker focusing on an aspect of racial justice. As I write this, we are still in the process of finalizing the speakers, but hopefully by the time this goes to print we will be able to share the list of speakers. These speakers have been made possible by a grant from the ULC Endowment and the marvel of Zoom which allows us to have speakers from other parts of the country without the expense of travel and lodging.

I hope that this Lenten season we will corporately repent and turn toward God as we deepen our understanding of racism and racial justice so that we will seek the welfare of the city, state, country and world in which we live. For in its welfare, we will find our welfare.

Blessings on this Lenten journey,
Pastor Gary





Ash Wednesday Worship
Feb. 17 at 7 p.m.
Virtual worship on Facebook

We invite you to impose ashes on your forehead like you did water during the Affirmation of Baptism on the Baptism of Our Lord Sunday. Before worship, please gather ashes from a fireplace or dirt from your garden or a potted plant to use at the appropriate time. If these are not options, please have a small bowl of water available.

Centering Prayer

Beginning Wednesday, Feb. 3 and throughout the Lenten season, young adults are gathering on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. for about 20-25 minutes before classes start for the day to center in prayer, read from the Psalms, reflect (silently or out loud) on scripture, and pray together. Everyone is welcome, and if you're not a young adult but want to participate, please join us consistently as we seek to build community. Zoom link provided by Pastor Haley Vay.

Fridays @ Five

Racial Justice Speaker Series - Each first Friday in campus ministry we engage with a speaker and this year our focus topic is racial justice.

February's speaker is Rev. Theodora "Teddy" Brooks. Rev. Brooks (Teddy) is the Vicar (Pastor) of St.



Rev. Theodora Brooks

Margaret's Episcopal Church, a 115-year-old congregation located in the Longwood community of the South Bronx, whose social media slogan reads: "Visitors expected. Come as a stranger, stay as a friend."

Rev. Brooks is a cradle, multiple generation Episcopalian but her spirituality is one that seeks God's revelation through conversation,

the writings, and the spiritual/ religious experiences of others, and her everyday experiences. She believes that what the Church and world need from the Christian community at this time is a ministry of presence, listening, and compassion and most especially the use of our voice and actions to bring hope and justice for the weak, most vulnerable, the marginalized, and those who hurt in our society.

She was born and raised in Yekepa, Liberia and is connected to ULC through Pastor Haley Vay, who lived

in Teddy's basement apartment while on internship in Manhattan, NY during seminary.

Fellowship & Fun - Every second Friday of the month we celebrate community through fellowship and fun activities planned by our Student Associates. While gathering on Zoom, some of these activities include virtual games, art projects, cooking classes and more!

Bible Study - "Justice is a Verb" is our monthly Bible study theme and we'll focus on Micah, chapter 6 including specific monthly themes that unpack justice as a verb; to "Do Justice," "Love Kindness," and "Walk Humbly with Our God." Study leadership is shared by Seminary Intern Mitchell Eithun and Pastor Haley Vay.

Service Projects - Virtual service projects have proven to be different than in-person, but not as difficult as we first imagined. Some ideas for upcoming service projects are writing letters to our community and government leaders, connecting with ULC members through mentoring relationships, baking cookies and delivering them to people living alone, and more.

Soup for Students

We continue to provide soup, bread, and snacks for students living locally during the pandemic. If you are interested in helping with this effort, whether by making soup, baking bread or brownies, or by giving a donation toward the cause, please contact Pastor Haley Vay. Thank you for helping us feed our students spiritually and physically in this unprecedented time!

Cards and Connections

As the pandemic stay-at-home life continues, students are interested in connecting with ULC people through exchanging letters, cards, and phone calls. If you would like to begin, or continue, relationship building with students I encourage you to reach out to be matched with one or more students. Contact me to get connected!

Pastor Haley Vay

Volunteers Needed as The Need for Food Grows

The food distribution continues to grow. We served 170 households in December. We also implemented a new electronic registration process whereby shoppers use their cell phones to text a keyword to a phone number and a registration



form appears on their phone. For shoppers without cell phones, volunteers enter their info on a tablet. In the future, the individuals using the same cell phone will have their registration forms appear populated with their previously entered info. They

can change the info or quickly submit it to register. We had 30 volunteers which are needed for this large operation. We expect the need for food will continue at this level, so we need plenty of volunteers to accomplish this ministry.

Bryan Rahe

Preparing for Lent

Join us for Worship Wednesday!



During the pandemic we have held Sunday School virtually on Wednesdays

and recorded elements of our time together to include in worship on Sundays. We call it “Worship Wednesday” and meet on Zoom at 4 p.m. We resumed lessons and activities for the semester on Jan. 20.

Please contact me if you want to join the fun!

Lent Activity Bags (LABs)



Lent Activity Bags will be distributed to Sunday School children and youth for the upcoming season.

Distribution is Sunday, Feb. 14 from 3 to 4 p.m.

Please arrive with your reusable SWAG Bag (or another bag from home) for a drive-thru distribution at

ULC, so that we can fill it with supplies for the season!

Souper Bowl of Caring



We are accepting canned soup (any flavor) and monetary donations during

the Lent Activity Bag distribution (Sunday, Feb. 14 at 3 p.m.). Help us tackle hunger for good! Click on the logo to learn more about *Souper Bowl of Caring*.

Pastor Haley Vay

Confirmation

Spreading Christmas Cheer

My family always enjoys making holiday cookies each year for our large family at Christmas.

Unfortunately, we were not able to gather together for the holidays this year, so we didn't need to make as many cookies as we usually do. During Confirmation class we were given the opportunity to make



and deliver cookies to some of our ULC members. My mom and I decided that this was a fun way we could share our cookies with others. We got to work and made some of our favorites like, Peanut Butter Blossoms, Spritz, and frosted Sugar Cookie cut-outs. We then

packaged them up and headed out as a family to deliver the cookies. When

delivering the cookies, we decided to add a little more Christmas cheer by singing a carol or two with the ULC members. We had a great time and enjoyed seeing some familiar ULC faces. I hope they enjoyed the cookies and the carols.

Morgan Fisher

Help us Create Easter Worship!

Easter Gospel Recording Instructions

1. Please record your household saying the paschal greeting together: “Christ is Risen!”
2. Please record the [Luke 24:1-12](#) gospel lesson in your household. If you have multiple people, feel free to creatively assign parts (e.g. narrator, women at the tomb, angel).
3. Please send your videos to Mitchell Eithun by email mitchell.eithun@gmail.com or text (920.359.0992). Please get in touch with Mitchell if you are having



trouble recording or sending your clip. **Recordings are due by Feb. 14.**

To produce the best possible clip, please do the following:

- Speak clearly and deliberately (but not necessarily slowly).
- Make sure your face is well lit.
- Temporarily eliminate background noise by turning off any nearby appliances that may be making noise (e.g. your washing machine).
- If possible, avoid clothing with text or logos.

Pastor Haley Vay



Paul, Rome and the Kingdom of God

Throughout February and March, we will travel the ancient world together through another amazing DVD Study Series entitled “Eclipsing Empire: Paul, Rome, and the Kingdom of God.” Part travelogue, part Bible study, “preeminent New Testament scholars Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan trace the Apostle Paul’s footsteps through the Roman Empire.

This 12-episode study (of which Pastor Gary Bunge will show eight) explores fresh insights into Paul’s message of the Kingdom of God, its challenge to Roman imperial theology, and the apostle’s radical relevance for today. Filmed in High-definition across Turkey, Greece, and Italy.”

Feb. 7 Part 1 – Empire and Jesus: A look at the matrix for Jesus, Paul and early Christianity.

Feb. 14 Part 2 – Paul and his Vocation: An intro to Paul and his vocation, focusing on his conversion experience.

Feb. 21 Part 3 - Cities: A look at the urban environment and its implications for Paul’s mission.

Feb. 28 Part 4 - Letters: A look at Paul’s letters; what’s authentic, what’s not.

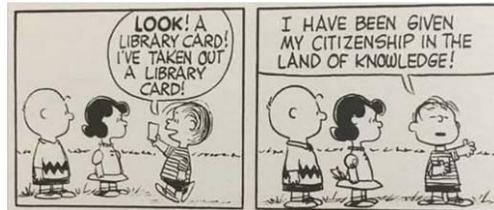
Linda Trevarthen



ULC Memorial Library

You Already Have a Card!

Did you know that by being a member of ULC you have a ULC “Library Card” and are a citizen in the ULC “Land of Knowledge?” Your signature – or now an email or phone call – is all you need to check out a book.



out and picked up the book. I’ve also gone to homes, and once a person came to my house. Other drop-off places – Arby’s parking lot and Meijer’s parking lot. We try to make it convenient for all involved.

Unfortunately, right now there are not a lot of books available, but there are racial justice books waiting to be read. You can find a list of books in the adult racial justice collection on the ULC website under ACTION – Racial Justice.

How do you actually get these books? Most times we meet at church and exchange. One time when the recipient had been exposed to Covid, I put the book on the bench outside the church doors and after I got back in my car, the recipient got

So, let anyone in the Library Team know if you would like to borrow a racial justice book or contact me at clenkowski@frontier.com or 517-655-5939. We would be happy to make arrangements to meet you.

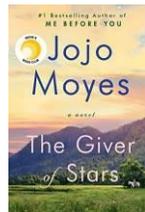
Connie Lenkowski

ULC Book Club



The Giver of Stars

On Thursday, Feb. 18 the ULC Book Club will discuss **The Giver of Stars** by Jojo Moyes. We will meet virtually at 10 a.m. on Zoom.



We welcome new members to our book club and hope you will join us. Please reach out to Beth Rahe at bwojan1@gmail.com or Mary Kotnik at mkotnik@comcast.net so we can add you to our email list and keep you informed with Zoom links, future book choices and any changes in meeting times or venue.

Goodreads.com describes **The Giver of Stars** this way: “...Alice Wright marries handsome American Bennett Van Cleve hoping to escape her stifling life in England. But small-town Kentucky quickly proves equally claustrophobic... So when a call goes out for a team of women to deliver books as part of Eleanor Roosevelt’s new traveling library, Alice signs on enthusiastically. Based on a true story rooted in America’s past.”

Looking ahead, in March we will discuss **Miss Benson’s Beetle** by Rachel Joyce. The books for April and May will be chosen at our February meeting.

Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik

Change for Change

Lenten Collection Supports Samaritas

Drop a coin and start a ripple . . . Samaritas (formerly Lutheran Social Service of Michigan) has been sending ripples of positive change across Michigan since 1934. Join us in supporting Samaritas as it provides services in the areas of foster care, new Americans, senior services, affordable living, and building communities.

In past years, we have been encouraged to participate in a daily Lenten discipline of supporting a social action cause by emptying our pockets into a Change for Change container during the six weeks of Lent. On Easter Sunday these containers were collected as we joined together for worship at the church.

Limited in-person transactions during the pandemic have reduced the need for coins in our pocket. It is also unlikely we will be worshipping in-person again this



Easter. But we can still discipline ourselves to virtually collect coins and transfer them to ULC using [PayPal](#) on the website or a check made out to and sent, using either USPS or digitally, to ULC. Please write “Change for Change” in the memo/note section.

Visit the Samaritas [website](#) to learn more about the services

and needs of this organization.

Social Action Team



Prayers & Squares Chapter 163

Quilts of Valor Sewing Day at Home Feb. 6

The Prayers and Squares ladies have quietly been sewing at home this winter, making surgical caps and quilts. We are hoping for better days when we can gather again on Tuesday mornings at church.

Our virtual Quilts of Valor sewing day is scheduled for Feb. 6. Several ladies have signed up to receive a kit so they can sew at home on that day. If you would like a kit to join in, please contact [Bobbie Davis](#) or me.

Over the past couple of months, we have provided international students, immigrants and refugees with five sewing machines. These sewing machines were donated by ULC members. They were then cleaned and serviced by Steve Cooper. Each sewing machine was delivered with fabric and thread. The recipient could



Marjan with her new sewing machine from Prayers & Squares.

start sewing right away! During the past several years, we have donated used and serviced sewing machines to more than 12 people. Your donations to Prayers & Squares allow us to provide this outreach ministry.

Marjan Behnam received a sewing machine recently. Her response was “I don’t know how to thank you. I was very surprised. My parents live in Iran and both are tailors. They were very pleased with her gift and wanted to say, “Thanks for your support.” Marjan has been active in Tight Knit as well as learning to quilt with Prayers and Squares.

Every year on December 31, from our P & S account, we tithe back to the church. The lead pastor suggests where it could best be used. This year \$620 was transferred to the new Racial Justice team. We are thankful for the support and space ULC continues to give us, and this is a way to give back.

Ann Booren
boorena@msu.edu

Prayer Partners an Important Part of Kids Hope

Kids Hope USA is a mentoring ministry between ULC members who meet (at the moment virtually) and select students at Forest View Elementary. But that's only half of the program. Each mentor/student pair also has a prayer partner. These are people who, individually, pray for a particular ULC mentor and student. Weekly contact between mentor and prayer occurs to share the student's and mentor's joys and challenges. I am the ULC's Kids Hope USA prayer partner coordinator, and Barb Kissling's prayer partner.

I give great thanks to ULC's Kids Hope prayer partners! They include Clarke Anderson, Michael Anderson, Karen Braselton, Miriam Bunge, Andrew Earle, Allie Jankins-Mihlfied, Mark Johnson, Connie Lenkowski, Nancy Lindman, Carol Mackin, Anne Smith and Bill Trevarthen. We can always use more! If you are interested in being a prayer partner, contact me or Barb Kissling, ULC Kids Hope director.

Prayer partners receive monthly devotional materials from the National Office for Kids Hope USA in Zeeland, Michigan. January's devotional below expresses this ministry of prayer partners and mentors so very well. It is written by Bethany Hicks, Director from Crossroads Bible Church in Grand Rapids and is entitled "Repairer of Broken Walls."

A few months ago, there was a house fire in the house that sits next to mine. The flames engulfed almost everything, and all that remained afterwards was

charred studs and a roof. This is what this season of life has felt like for many people across the world. An unexpected event, or a chain of several events, has had a destructive impact on "normal" life, and left us feeling stripped from normality.



The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame.

You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings. Isaiah 58:11-12

This passage comes from a chapter in Isaiah that discusses "true fasting." It highlights topics such as speaking up against injustices and sharing food with the hungry as being imperative if we desire to exemplify the values of God's Kingdom. In verse 11 and 12, the effect of this type of wholehearted service to the people around us is made apparent. In doing so, the Lord promises to guide us, strengthen us, and make us repairers of broken walls. When I start to feel the brokenness of the world on my shoulders, those promises are a beacon of hope. It's comforting to be reminded of God's leadership and my desperate need to be connected with Him through prayer.

The house that stands next to mine sat untouched for a while after the fire and was a charred reminder of the destruction that had swept through. Slowly but surely, though, construction

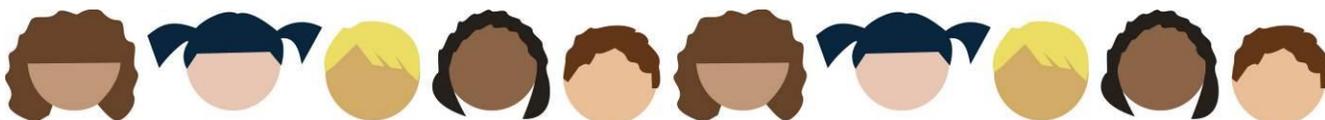
crews have been repairing and restoring what had been broken. Step by step, they have put the pieces together and have created something new in its place. I believe that is the type of work that we as mentors and prayer partners get to participate in.

Being part of a mentoring team means committing to a long stretch of obedience. As a result, we answer God's call to step into tough situations with the kids and families we serve. We get to let God guide us as we learn to play new games on Zoom or pray for students in our living room. We get to let Him provide us with living water that will overflow to the kids we have prayed for. We have the privilege of watching Him rebuild walls in our students' lives as He includes us in the work crew.

Lord, please remind us of the long-term projects that you have going on. Help us to lean into Your presence during the tough seasons of life, knowing that as we pray, you are rebuilding walls and restoring lives. Thank you for allowing us to be a member of a robust league of people who represent your love and care to the world through prayer and service. In your name we pray, Amen.

God's Peace to each of you,
Miriam M. K. Bunge
ULC Kids Hope USA Prayer
Partner Coordinator
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Editor's Note: In Lead Management notes from Barb Kissling, "We have six mentors working with students online and one pen pal mentor. Our other families do not wish to participate right now."





Racial Justice Team

Lenten Worship Series

You are invited to spend your Wednesday Lenten evenings together virtually for worship and education.

During Lent on Wednesdays, starting Feb. 24 through Mar. 24, there will be a series on racial justice held over Zoom starting at 7 p.m. The series will feature multiple speakers from various backgrounds sharing their experiences in their work and daily lives.

The Lenten season can be an occasion for removing something detrimental to make room for something sustaining. This is a good time for reflection on prejudice in our world and how we are called as children of God to repair the damage caused by oppression and strive for justice.

*Gabriel Aichele
Racial Justice Team
Church Presence & Worship Sub-group*

Speaking of Racial Justice



Prejudice

Prejudice refers to a preconceived opinion or feeling toward a person based solely on their affiliation with a group. It often casts an unfavorable light on someone simply because they're a member of some ethnic group, religion, or organization.

For example: White people are viewed as individuals where the bad behavior of one white person does not reflect on the merits of the group. By comparison, African Americans and other people of color are not afforded that privilege. The actions of an individual are more likely to be considered the actions of the group.

A Prayer from the Racial Justice Team . . .

O God, thank you for giving us the challenges we face, and bringing us closer to the realization, insight, and awareness of what it means to strive for racial justice. As we move forward, give us the strength and wisdom to fulfill the voids that we perceive, and become increasingly aware of our mission. We pray in your name, Amen. (David Wiggert)

Virtual Midweek Lenten Worship

Wednesdays at 7pm on Zoom

Seek the Welfare of the City

Feb. 24 Rachel Kurtz
An Evening of Music and
Conversation Around Racial Injustice

Mar. 3 ELCA
Churchwide Racial Justice

Mar. 10 Rev. Ken Ponds
Systemic Racism, Education, and
the Justice System

Mar. 17 To be determined

Mar. 24 Scott Hughes
Juvenile Justice/ Community
Outreach Coordinator
Ingham Co. Prosecutor's Office



Council Notes

The ULC Council met via Zoom on Jan. 20. The following are some highlights:

- Council reviewed finance committee recommendations for excess income from 2020.
- Council received a recommendation and approved a screen and projection equipment for the sanctuary.

- Council recorded a vote approving designated housing allowance for the pastors.

Emily Uebel, Council Secretary

Attendance

- Dec. 2 (Advent Mid-week): Up to 35 devices live, 395 views
- Dec. 6: Up to 118 devices live, 676 views
- Dec. 9 (Mid-Week Advent): Up to 30 devices live, 208 views

- Dec. 13: Up to 114 devices live, 507 views
- Dec. 16 (Mid-Week Advent): Up to 27 devices live, 228 views
- Dec. 20: Up to 114 devices live, 564 views
- Dec. 24: Up to 110 devices live, 778 views
- Dec. 25: Up to 24 devices on zoom
- Dec. 27: Up to 82 devices live, 469 views.

The Greater Church

Friendship House Welcomes New Director

Friendship House MSU (International Student Ministry Lansing Area) has appointed a new executive director following announced retirement of the current director, Rich Bearup, effective Sept. 1, 2020.



Dan Winter, new director of Friendship House MSU

Dan was born in July 1958 in Chicago, Illinois and adopted directly to Bud and Shirley Winter in NW Indiana. He was baptized, raised, and confirmed at Our Savior Lutheran Church of Gary, Indiana. While living in NW Indiana in early adulthood, he held various leadership positions at Our Savior including congregational president.

Dan graduated from DePauw University in 1980 in Greencastle, Indiana where he earned his BA degree. He married his high school sweetheart, Cindy Smith, and they celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary in October 2020. Dan and Cindy have three adult daughters and four granddaughters and one grandson.

Dan and his family moved to Michigan in May 1994 and became members at Martin Luther Chapel in East Lansing, a Lutheran campus ministry to MSU. Dan has

held various leadership roles here as well, including two tours as council president.

Professionally, Dan spent the bulk of his working career in sales and account management, the past nearly 14 years with Neogen Corporation, a Lansing based biotech food and animal safety company.

In the midst of a pandemic in 2020, Dan has connected with his birth mother and family and prayerfully decided to retire from full-time employment, shifting to full-time ministry as Executive Director of the Friendship House.

Rich Bearup

Can you help? Friendship House needs volunteers, especially male, to be conversation partners. In addition to English as a Second Language (ESL) and Bible classes, we offer limited opportunities for students to meet one-to-one each week with an American English speaker for individualized help. To volunteer, contact Dan at friendshiphousemsu@gmail.com or call the office at 517-657-7778.



Grounds Team

Memorial Garden Work Begun

The paver repair project for the memorial garden was completed the week before Christmas by Land Visions at a cost of \$6,900; a reduction of \$2,100 to keep their workers working. They also prepared the garden for a future irrigation system at no additional cost. They

will return in the spring to check the pavers and do some cosmetic work. I met with three landscape designers from three different companies. We need to get input from those in our congregation that are interested before we invest in a landscape plan.

Dale Romsos and I have done a huge amount of tree trimming in the last few months on the whole property. Thank you, Dale, for your help.

Norm Jolin, Sr

Birthdays

2 Anthony Waldron
3 Kimberly Ruiz
4 Steve Zimmerman
David Gift
Aaron Brooks
5 Eric Bubolz
Emily Oswald
6 Myles Davis
Chelsey Satterlee



Birthdays & Anniversaries

7 Paula Davis
11 Erica Dethloff
12 Donald Armstrong
13 Elizabeth Karcher

14 Vern Seefeldt
Mary Harpstead
Lanae Williams
16 Jack Goebel
19 Gail Riegle
Norman Jolin, Sr.
21 Jim Greiter
22 Clara Fisher
Gary Lee
24 Nicole Greiter
25 Kylie McPhall

27 Madeline Helser
Vivian Leung

Anniversaries

13 Marvin & Marcia
Schultz
14 Gary & Miriam
Bunge

ULC Archives

Over 70 Years of ULC News

There were several different newsletters before the beginning of our current *Lux* which began in 1968. *College Lutheran News* appears to be the first newsletter published at University Lutheran Church.

One of the earliest *College Lutheran News* editions that we have is from February 1949. I couldn't tell who the editor was, but possibly it was the pastor, Herbert Wolf. At this time, the congregation was meeting in the basement of the Ann Street Church. Following are some excerpts from the February issue.

“AN OCCASIONAL PUBLICATION WITH MONTHLY AMBITIONS! That could be the sub-title of our parish paper. The last issue came out way back in the days B.C. (before church), in November, and the headlines were about dedication plans. A lot has taken place since then, as the accompanying article indicates, so maybe our “subscribers” will excuse the editor for not turning out another issue before this. We have hopes for the future but make no promises...”

“NEW OFFICERS: Miss Dena Cedarquist, Mr. George Amundson, Mr. Ralph Bremer, and Mr. Jack



Flood were elected to the Church Council at the annual meeting. Remaining for another year are Mr. James Boyd and Mr. Fritz Kamiske.” And retiring officers – Mr. Karl Aven, Sr., Mr. Byron Good, and Mr. George Hecko. Some very familiar names to many of us.

“DOUBLEHEADER SCHEDULED—CHANGE IN SERVICE TIME PROPOSED: At the regular meeting of the Church Council on Sunday, February 6th, the following recommendation was adopted to be acted upon by the congregation on Sunday, the 13th: Because of the evident need for larger facilities for our congregation, two services will be held during the college calendar year at 10:30 and 11:45 AM. Services will be identical, insofar as that is possible. Sunday School will continue to begin at 9:30 AM.”

Activities mentioned: Couples Club (so-called because no one has come up with anything different); bowling by the Lutheran league and two college teams, the Grads and the Bachelors; newly formed Ushers

Club; W.M.S. (Women's Missionary Society) purchased a six-burner stove from Consumers Power for

\$162 to be paid for by voluntary contributions and proceeds from bake sales.

And finally, “CHOIR: What about a choir for the second service? That's an important question to be considered, for the contribution of the Choir to our services in its anthems and leading the singing has been greatly appreciated. But the answer depends upon the members and friends of our congregation. Mr. Posz would like to stress that our choir is not a student choir intentionally, but simply because no one else has offered his services. So, if you can carry a tune and follow someone else's leading, whether you're in high-school or ready to retire, come out to the rehearsals on Friday nights...”

We have been blessed for many years to have not only a monthly publication but a multi-paged newsletter, complete with color pictures. Thank you to Amy, our current editor, and all those who help with the process.

Connie Lenkowski



FEBRUARY

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| 2 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom* | Noon | Lectio Divina-Zoom* | |
| | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom | 1:00p | Rhodon Circle-Zoom* | |
| | 7:00p | Pub Theology via Zoom* | 4:00p | Worship Wednesday for Kids-Zoom* | |
| 3 | 9:00a | Communications Team-Zoom | 7:00p | Ash Wednesday Worship-Facebook | |
| | Noon | Lectio Divina-Zoom* | 18 | 7:30a | Assisting Ministers-Zoom |
| | 4:00p | Worship Wednesday for Kids-Zoom* | | 10:00a | Book Club-Zoom* |
| 4 | 7:30p | Sr. Choir-Zoom* | | 7:30p | Sr. Choir-Zoom* |
| 5 | 5:00p | Fridays@Five-Zoom* | 19 | 5:00p | Fridays@Five-Zoom* |
| 7 | 10:00a | Worship-Facebook Live | 21 | 10:00a | Worship-Zoom* |
| | 11:00a | Zoom* Coffee Hour/Forum@11:10
(Eclipsing Empire: Empire & Jesus – Part 1) | | 11:00a | Zoom* Coffee Hour/Forum@11:10
(Eclipsing Empire: Cities – Part 3) |
| 9 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom* | 23 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom |
| | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom | | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom |
| | 6:30p | Racial Justice Team-Zoom | 24 | Noon | Lectio Divina-Zoom* |
| 10 | Noon | Lectio Divina-Zoom* | | 4:00p | Worship Wednesday for Kids-Zoom* |
| | 4:00p | Worship Wednesday for Kids-Zoom* | | 7:00p | Midweek Lenten Worship-Facebook
(Rachel Kurtz) |
| 11 | 7:30p | Sr. Choir-Zoom* | 25 | 10:30a | RJ: Education-Zoom |
| 12 | 5:00p | Fridays@Five-Zoom* | | 1:00p | RJ: Communication-Zoom |
| 14 | 10:00a | Worship-Facebook Live | | 4:30p | Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru |
| | 11:00a | Zoom* Coffee Hour/Forum@11:10
(Eclip. Empire: Paul & vocation – Part 2) | | 7:30p | Senior Choir-Zoom |
| | 3:00p | Lenten Bag Pick-up/Soup Drop-off | 26 | 5:00p | Fridays@Five-Zoom* |
| 15 | Presidents' Day | | 28 | 10:00a | Worship-Facebook |
| 16 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom | | 11:00a | Zoom* Coffee Hour/Forum@11:10
(Eclipsing Empire: Letters – Part 4) |
| | 12:30p | Staff Meeting-Zoom | | | |
| | 6:30p | ULC Council-Zoom* | | | |
| 17 | Ash Wednesday | | | | |

* Zoom link contacts: Forum- found in Friday email announcements (contact [Britny](#) to be added to list); Choir - Janine Smith; Friday@Five - Pastor Haley Vay; Tuesday Study - Jim Kiefer; Pub Theology - Britny; Lectio Divina - Britny; Worship Wednesday for Kids – Pastor Haley Vay; Book Club – Beth Rahe; Rhodon Circle – Connie Lenkowski (clenkowski@frontier.com); Council Meeting – Nancy Lindman



The deadline for the March Lux is **Monday, Feb. 15.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net and Britny Pollard at ulcsec@ulcel.org. Articles may be edited for size or readability, but you will be contacted if significant changes are made. Please keep those wonderful articles and photos coming!



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February Outreach of the Month Greater Lansing Food Bank



Since March of last year, we have faced a pandemic — a pandemic which has created for some people hunger, lost jobs, and lost housing. During this time, The Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB) has stepped up to help the people who need food. It is also the agency that provides the food that Food Movers distributes.

Since last March, the number of people who come for food has increased. The need for more food means that more food must be purchased. The GLFB is funded by businesses and financial donations from people. God has even blessed us as a congregation during the Pandemic and is now calling us to be generous to our neighbors who need us.

To contribute to the February Outreach, you can use the “[Donate](#)” link on our website or send a check directly to the church office at the address above. Please designate your offering for the GLFB.

Michael Anderson