

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Pub Theology

Tuesday, Jan. 3 & 31
7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Worship Wednesday

Resumes Jan. 11
4:15 p.m. on Zoom

Food Movers

Thursday, Jan. 26
Drive-thru distribution
beginning at 3:30 p.m.



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O Holy Night



The 2022 Children's Christmas Program with beautiful music and costumes.

On Sunday, Dec. 11 the youth offered a wonderful rendition of the Christmas story during worship. It was a beautiful continuation of special Advent activities at ULC leading up to Christmas Eve, starting Sunday, Dec. 4 with special music during worship and a delicious Advent Dinner with crafts that

evening. On Dec. 18, Worship Expressions, Jazz provided beautiful music to continue the Advent journey that culminated on Christmas Eve with two candlelight worship services. Please visit pages 4, 6 and 7 to see more photos of these events.

Amy Wagenknecht

National QOV Sewing Day

Saturday, Feb. 4

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

ULC Fellowship Hall

Pizza & Salad Lunch

No sewing experience needed!



Quilts of Valor
Quilts = Healing!

A Little Bit of This. A Little Bit of That

With the start of January, we are now into the gospel portion of the Narrative Lectionary.

This year the gospel is Matthew and Matthew begins his Gospel with these words: “*An account of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham.*” Usually, we just kind of skip over biblical genealogies. Too long. Too many names we can’t pronounce and don’t know who they are. Too irrelevant.

But the words Matthew uses to introduce his genealogy are very significant because they root the Jesus story in the midst of the Old Testament story of Israel including David and Abraham. To be even more accurate, it’s Matthew’s way of saying that Jesus is the fulfillment of the promise to Abraham to bless the world through him, and a fulfillment of the promise to David that there would always be a Davidic king reigning on the throne – hence Christ



the King. The story of Jesus is deeply rooted in the Old Testament, makes no sense without it, and is really a continuation of the Old Testament.

In the years I’ve been at ULC, there have been many complaints about the sound system. I hear from so many people that they can’t hear, or it’s hard to hear certain voices, or that there are

places in the sanctuary where the sound doesn’t come through well. The sound system is also 25 years old, technologically out of date, and we’re having some problems with it. So, the Council is working on a plan to replace the sound system. Part of the plan is requesting donations. You’ll be receiving more information soon, but please consider contributing financially to this very needed improvement.

As we begin a new year, I always wonder what a new year will bring and what surprises, joys, and sorrows

it will hold. This year is no different. As 2020 began we never imagined a pandemic taking place. As 2021 began we thought surely the pandemic would end before the year was over. As 2022 began we knew for certain that it would be over. But now as we begin 2023 the pandemic is still hanging on. We just don’t know what a year will bring. Life is uncertain. But in the midst of the uncertainty as we begin a new year not knowing what surprises, joys, and sorrows the year will bring, I’m grateful for the God who has promised to be with us always.

I’m also grateful for the God who brings life out of death. And I’m grateful that God will show up and surprise us when we least expect it. As we begin a new year, live confidently knowing that our faithful God will never abandon us and will bring life out of death.

Wishing you a year filled with God’s surprises,

Pastor Gary

Meet Mandy O’Neil

Hello ULC!

Thank you so much for the warm welcome! It has been a really lovely (and busy!) couple of weeks getting to know so many of you and the needs of the church better.

I was born and raised in Michigan and attended Michigan State University. While there I joyfully majored in both Theatre and English and completed my student teaching at Waverly High School through the College of Education. I also spent five years playing trombone in the Spartan Marching Band creating wonderful memories!



Flora, Chad, Mandy and Orin

After graduating, I accepted a middle school theatre teaching position with the Champaign School District in Champaign, Illinois. I thought this was the perfect position to start teaching in and would be a wonderful opportunity for a few years. Turns out, I stayed for fourteen! While in Illinois, I married my spouse, Chad (who’d I’d met at MSU), and we had our two kiddos, Orin and Flora.

In the summer of 2019, our family said goodbye to Illinois and moved to Lansing

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One Community Christmas



Parking for basketball games helps to fundraise for alternative spring break.



One Community Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange at the Beaman's home.



Students enjoy the holiday lights at Potter Park Zoo.

In December, campus ministry students enjoyed a trip to see the holiday lights at Potter Park Zoo and their annual Christmas party hosted by the Beaman family including a white elephant gift exchange. When students return from their winter break, we will be in full-swing preparation mode for alternative spring break to Albuquerque, New Mexico! More information is coming soon.

One way that students raise funds to travel and serve is by parking for basketball games. Thank you for your prayerful and financial support of One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry!

Pastor Haley Vay

Mandy continued from page 2.

for Chad's work in the world. I had opted to not be in the classroom and to take a year off from teaching, but then Covid happened. The kiddos were home for the end of their first school year and the entire following school year. I consider that school year to be my most important year of teaching—instead of being with my middle schoolers, I went back to elementary school with O and Flo.

A few months ago, we relocated from the west side of Lansing to East Lansing, just in time for the new school year. Orin is a 6th grader at MacDonald and Flora is in 3rd grade at Green Elementary, Chad continues as a Staff Chaplain at Sparrow, and I am really happy to be connected with ULC. We also have a guinea pig named Doodle who brings us huge amounts of joy!

In addition to learning the ins and outs of ULC and being mom, I also really love to spend time with my family. Baking cookies, playing trombone, plays and musical theatre, reading, hiking, camping, and farmers' markets are also some of my favorite things.

I look forward to meeting more of you in the months ahead. Please stop by and say hello when you can!

Mandy O'Neil

Children's Christmas Program



High School Youth Ministry

We have finished painting the high school youth room and would like to invite the congregation to check out our new digs on Sunday mornings in January. Head down the stairs to the Atrium and immediately turn left to enter the High School Youth room.

Thanks to your prayerful and financial support, we are able to have a safe and courageous space to be together and do ministry. Thank you!



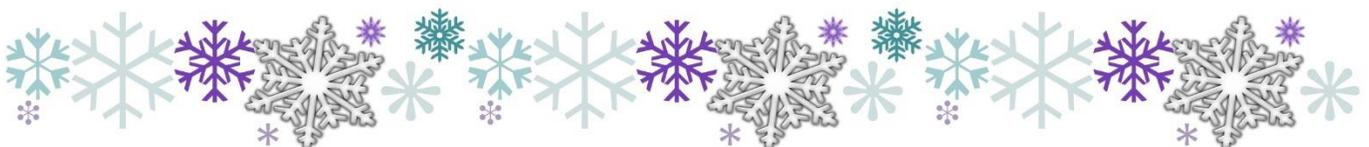
The high school youth and their newly painted room.

Upcoming events:

- Snow tubing
- Bible study
- Serving in the Soup Kitchen

If you are a family with high school youth and would like to be on our communication list, please email me at haley.vay@gmail.com.

Pastor Haley Vay





Check Your Bookshelves

The Library Team moved some books so that they could be found more easily. To the right of the magazine shelves, you will find Young Adult Books and Parent/Teacher Resources. All areas now have bright signs which direct you to the subject of materials in the area.

A while ago we listed the children's books missing in the inventory we did in the fall. Thank you for returning some of those books. The following are adult materials that are missing. Please check your shelves to see if you have any of these books.

Adult Fiction:

- *Life Among the Lutherans* by Garrison Keillor



Young Adult Books and Parent/Teacher Resources moved next to the magazines.

- *All Together in One Place* by Jane Kirkpatrick
- *Survival in the Canadian Wilderness* by Vern Seefeldt

Adult Non-Fiction:

- *On a Wing and a Prayer* by Michael Cooper-White
- *Bible in World History* by Stephen Leston

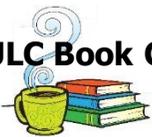
- *Embracing the Prophets in Contemporary Culture* by Walter Brueggemann
- *Leadership Devotions* edited by David Goetz
- *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter*
- *Ashes to Easter: Lenten Meditations* by Robert Morneau
- *Songs for a New Creation*
- *I'm Still Here* by Austin Channing Brown

DVD: *Story of the Twelve Apostles*

We hope you will visit the library when you are in the church. It is open when the church is open.

The Library Team - Judy Kindel, Connie Lenkowski, Jennifer Johnson and Linda Trevarthen

ULC Book Club

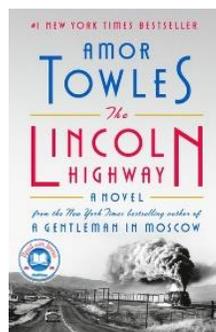


Join us to Discuss *The Lincoln Highway*

ULC Book Club will meet Thursday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. to discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. Eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson returns home after serving a year at a work farm for manslaughter. His father has recently passed away and his mother left many years ago leaving Emmett responsible for his eight-year-old brother, Billy.

The family farm is in foreclosure, so Emmett and Billy make plans to leave Nebraska behind and head west to start a new life. Unfortunately, two of Emmett's friends from the work farm appear just as the brothers prepare to leave and completely disrupt their plans.

ULC Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month at 10a. We offer three ways to participate. You can join us



in person at ULC in the Fireside room, join us via ZOOM or we can send you a recording of the discussion.

Our book selections can be found on the book club table at Schuler's Book Store. Purchase a copy from this table and receive a 20 percent discount on the book.

We would love for you to 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 up to date on the books we choose and any changes in meeting time or location.

Looking ahead, in February we will discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin.

Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik

Worship Expressions, Jazz 2022



"Sweet Little Jesus Boy"

Jazz Quartet: Jonathan Smith, drums; Chuck Page, acoustic bass; John Dale Smith, piano; Jonathon Gewirtz, saxophone; Janine Novenske Smith, vocals



"Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Jazz Quartet: Jonathan Smith, drums; Chuck Page, acoustic bass; John Dale Smith, piano; Jonathon Gewirtz, saxophone. Vocals: Janine Novenske Smith, Pastor Haley Vay Beaman, Scholarship Student Ryan Jordan, Pastor Gary Bunge

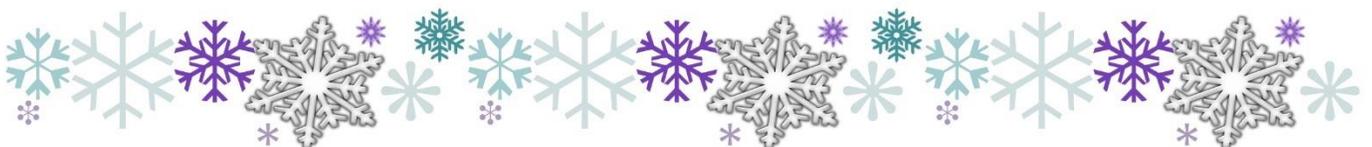


"What Child Is This"

Haley Vay Beaman, Kelly Mahoney Schafka, Ashley Reese

Tech support provided by:
Tom Dobson, Lisa Whiting Dobson,
Luke Reese

The service was held Sunday, Dec. 18.



2022 Advent Dinner



On the second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 4 ULC families and friends gathered in the Fellowship Hall for an evening of food and fellowship. Thank you to the kitchen crew for the delicious lasagna dinner!

Following the meal, the children were fitted with their costumes for the upcoming program and then joined their families for some Christmas crafts. Thank you to Norm Jolin Sr. for providing the greens for the beautiful advent wreaths and to the craft organizers!



Racial Justice & How we Got the New Testament

January opens with part two of the Racial Justice Team's excellent focus on the White Christian Nationalism movement and how it affects both racial justice and today's political climate. Part One was eye-opening, so you don't want to miss Part Two!



And on the following three Sundays we'll begin to explore a riveting five-part DVD series entitled, **How We Got the New Testament**. Led by Pastor Gary and narrated by New Testament Scholar, Pastor Greg Kaufman, this course will help explain such questions as:

Were the 27 books in our New Testament always considered special? If not, why are they in our Bible?

Were these the only books valued by the early church? If not, what happened to the rest?

Jan 8: White Christian Nationalism (WCN), Part two by the Racial Justice Team.

Jan 15: How We Got the New Testament, Part 1. "From Oral to Written: Preparing for the Long Haul"

Jan 22: How We Got the New Testament, Part 2 "Second Century Developments: Defenders and Detractors of The Rule of Faith"

Jan 29: How We Got the New Testament, Part 3 "Third Century Developments: Places and People of Authority"

Linda Trevarthen

Local Benevolence Fund Recommendations 2022

The Social Action Team made the following recommendations to the ULC Council for disbursement of Local Benevolence funds. Council approved:

- \$1,000 to Citizens for Prison Reform
- \$1,000 to Redeemer Lutheran Solar Project
- \$1,675 to Homeless Angels to help the homeless
- \$325 to NAACP Lansing chapter for a ULC ad at their Fall Event

Bryan Rahe

ULC Social Action Team Leader

Support ULC When you Shop on Amazon

ULC recently registered as a non-profit with the AmazonSmile program, which means Amazon will donate 0.5 percent of the price of eligible smile.amazon.com purchases to ULC, if you select us as your charity on Amazon! AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support ULC every time you shop, at no cost to you.

Does AmazonSmile cost more? Are the same items available? The prices on AmazonSmile are the same as on the main site. Adding a donation does not raise the price. Amazon's Foundation pays .05 percent of the purchase price for the donation. AmazonSmile has the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as Amazon, including Amazon Prime member benefits.

What is eligible for the donation? Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use AmazonSmile if I also have Amazon Prime? Yes, you can use both! You can also set ULC

as your charity in your Amazon Prime account for easy/automatic donating in the future.

Is AmazonSmile only available to Prime Members? No, anyone is able to use AmazonSmile.

How do I set this up? Before you shop, use this link to connect your purchase to ULC: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-ref=pe_1723670_203812010



If you already have an Amazon Prime account: within Amazon, go to "Your Account >> AmazonSmile." Click "Change Charity" and search for "University Lutheran Church."

From the Amazon App: Open the app and find 'Settings' in the main menu (☰). Tap on 'AmazonSmile' and follow the on-screen instructions to turn on AmazonSmile on your phone.

Contact me at (louiseharder81@gmail.com) with additional questions. Thank you for supporting ULC through your Amazon shopping!

Louise Montag, ULC Treasurer



Prayers & Squares Chapter 163

Over \$2,000 Raised During Christmas Craft Sale!

When you cut fabric to sew quilts, you make scraps. Ann Booren takes those scraps to creatively turn them into wonderful items. Thank you, Ann, and everyone who purchased these unique items at our December fund raising craft sales. With your help we were able to put over \$2,000 into our account which will allow us to buy more fabric, batting, thread and other supplies to make prayer quilts, Quilts of Valor, high school graduation and ULC Student Associates quilts and gifts for special occasions.

The Christmas Quilt Raffle contributed \$75 for Lutheran Disaster Relief. Winner Cindy Jenks chose the gift basket and Sherry Corwin took home the beautiful Christmas Tree quilt.

Come be part of a nation-wide day to make Quilts of Valor. Saturday, Feb. 4th is National QOV Sewing Day. Here at ULC you have an opportunity to help make quilts for veterans and those currently serving in the military. We have many jobs – not all involve sewing.

Working in teams, sewers will be putting together quilt tops from prepared kits. They need people to

press seams while others are needed to measure batting and backing material. We will begin at 9 a.m., enjoy a pizza and salad lunch at noon, and finish about 3 p.m. All materials and tools are here waiting for you!

We have six sewing machines, but if you would like to bring your own, that would be most helpful. Let's fill the Fellowship Hall as we salute our

veterans and current military service members with a Quilt of Valor in 2023.

Our regular sewing day is Tuesday morning 10 a.m. to – 12:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Questions? Please give either Bobbie Davis or Ann Booren a call or email.

Bobbie Davis

Thank You from Redeemer Lutheran, Lansing

Shared by Bobbie and Ann, a thank you from a bulletin insert at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lansing:

Have you heard of the... "ULC Prayers & Squares Quilters?" This is an amazing group of women who have been gathering for years at University Lutheran Church in East Lansing on Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. who take many steps together to make the most amazing "Prayer Quilts" for others in need.

With their gift of a quilt which has been prayed over with every knot they have tied, they bless someone with a need. The person who is blessed with a Prayer Quilt may have just graduated, or had surgery, or be a Vet in need, be someone in an extended care facility or undergoing dialysis 3x a week. **The needs are endless, but the prayers continue to FLOW!!**

Due to our wonderful relationship with ULC we are blessed with Quilts from these women that we are able to share with others around our community. If you ever know of someone who needs a special quilt, please let Pastor Jan (Hite) know.

A BIG THANKS TO ANN BOOREN & THE BLESSED WOMEN OF ULC!!

January Outreach of the Month Cristo Rey Community Center

January's Outreach of the Month is the Cristo Rey Community Center located on North High street in north Lansing. Cristo Rey Community Center is a 501(C)(3) basic-needs provider serving the vulnerable populations within our community with an emphasis on access to medical care, mental health services, food, and financial counseling. CRCC was opened in 1968 to help meet the needs of the poor, the vulnerable, immigrants, migrants, and all people in need regardless of language or culture. Cristo Rey's mission is, "To care for the spiritual



and social needs of individuals and families by offering services that encourage self-sufficiency and recognize the dignity of the human person." Their vision is, "To break the cycle of poverty and advocate for self-sufficiency by offering critical services to our community." This is a place where we as a congregation can have an impact in working to bring about justice and the realities of the Kingdom of God. For more information, visit: <https://www.cristoreycommunity.org/>

Pastor Gary

National Mentoring Month



January is National Mentoring Month. It is a time to

- Celebrate mentoring and the positive effect it has on young lives
- Raise awareness of the need for more mentors
- Show gratitude as we acknowledge the volunteers who spend one hour each week with one student at Forest View Elementary School.

This is also a time to recognize the prayer partners that support each

mentor/student relationship. We do not always know the details of why students are referred to the Kids Hope USA ministry, but we need prayer for God to guide our mentors in reaching those young hearts.

A big thank you goes out to the following volunteers:

Mentors

Sheila Nicholas, Debbie Heidrich, Mary Werkman, Thom McCurdy, Cathy Lazar, Beth Rahe, Jerry Lindman, Lori Johnson, Gary Bunge, Kay Meints, Cindy Ramsey, Barb Kissling

Prayer Partners

Nancy Lindman, Melissa Vogrin, Carol Mackin, Mike Anderson, Clarke Anderson, Bill Trevarthen, Connie Lenkowski, Miriam Bunge, Deanna Milligan, Wei Dong, Craig Lazar, Cindy Jenks

If you would like to join the Kids Hope USA ministry as a mentor or prayer partner and make a difference for a child, contact

barbkissling@gmail.com.

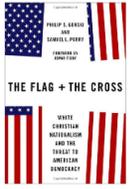
Barbara Kissling
ULC Kids Hope USA Director

Racial Justice Team

Join us for the First Forum of the New Year!

The second forum presentation by the Racial Justice Team on Christian Nationalism has been rescheduled to Jan 8. This forum will focus on the tenets of white Christian nationalism as described in the book *The Flag and the Cross: White Christian Nationalism and the Threat to American Democracy* by Philip S. Gorski and Samuel L. Perry.

Sunday Forum
White Christian Nationalism - Part 2
 Jan. 8 at 11:30 a.m.



Continue the conversation as we look at the tenets of white Christian nationalism as described in the book "The Flag and the Cross."

Presented by members of the ULC Racial Justice Team Education Sub-Team

Join us in the Fireside Room or on Zoom

As a reminder, Part 1 of this presentation utilized the research of Perry and Andrew L. Whitehead in their 2020 book, *Taking America Back for God: Christian Nationalism in the United States*.

Please grab a cup of coffee and join the conversation in the Fireside Room following worship or on-line on Zoom.

The Educational Sub-team of the ULC
Racial Justice Team

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (MLK Day) is a federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It is observed on the third Monday of January each year. Born in 1929, King's actual birthday is Jan. 15. The idea of Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a holiday was promoted by labor unions in contract negotiations. After King's death, U.S. Representative John Conyers (a Democrat from Michigan) and U.S.



Senator Edward Brooke (a Republican from Mass.) introduced a bill in Congress to make King's birthday a national holiday. On Nov. 2, 1983, Reagan signed a bill into law, proposed by Representative Katie Hall of Indiana, to create a federal holiday honoring King.

The holiday was observed for the first time on Jan. 20, 1986. It was not officially observed in all 50 states until 2000. This year it is observed

on Monday, Jan. 16. While the holiday is celebrated in many ways, service to the community is often a major component. ~ Excerpts from Wikipedia

Note: The ULC members of NAACP-Lansing are planning to attend the MLK luncheon on Monday, Jan. 16 at 11 a.m. at the Lansing Center. If you are interested in joining them, you may purchase tickets at: [Day of celebration \(mlkmidmichigan.com\)](http://mlkmidmichigan.com) or contact Thom McCurdy with questions at mccurdyt@comcast.net.

From the President

Greetings from Your New President

As I start the new year as Council president, I would like to take this time to introduce myself. I have been married to my wife Deanna for 35 years. We have raised two sons, Patrick and Paul. After 42 years of working in retail mostly for J C Penney and Home Depot, I retired in 2020.

I have been a member of ULC since 1988. I have served on the Stewardship and Campus Ministry teams and was a Council representative in the mid-1990s and again in the mid-2000s. I was elected to the council as a

representative at large in December of 2020. In December of 2021, I was asked if I would be willing to serve as President-Elect. After prayerful consideration and consulting with my wife, I accepted.

I look forward to working with the congregation and the council this coming year.

Rick Milligan

ULC Council met via Zoom on Dec. 20, 2022:

Here are some highlights from the discussion:

- Treasurer's Report: Giving is still lower than pledged, and so the congregation is looking at ending the year with a deficit budget. Congregation members are



Council Notes

- encouraged to fulfill their pledges.
- Reviewed a proposal for a new sound system, no decisions were

made, and the item was tabled for future discussion

- Council set a date for the annual council retreat where we make plans for the year and get to know one another better.

Emily Uebel

ULC Council Secretary

2022 Outreach of the Month Totals (through October)

January: Black Lives Matter/One Love Global \$1,992
February: Synod Disaster Relief Fund \$662.00
March: Living Water Camp Scholarships \$5,157.00
April: Redeemer LC Social Project \$14,542.00
May: Synod Seminary Debt Relief \$492.00
June: Greater Lansing Food Bank \$2,074.75
July: Lansing Core \$190.00
August: Food Packing \$3,277.00
September: Kid's Hope \$1,967.00
October: ELCA Global Mission \$17.00

Also received from the congregation: Ukraine Relief \$1,150.00

Thank you for your Generosity!

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



Officers

Pres. Elect: Jeff Guilfoyle
Treasurer: Emily Uebel

Endowment Committee

Erin Frisch
Lori Johnson

Council

Sue Kamens
Emily Kirkpatrick
Mike Sweat
Larry Cross
Student: Narinda
Randriamiarintsoa

Members in Ministry

Kathy Sweat
Clarke Anderson

Thank you to all who served last year!

Finance Committee

Matthew Uebel
Louise Paquette

An Exciting December for Rev. Lamont Wells

On Dec. 19, 2022, the ELCA issued a press release announcing, “**Lamont Wells Named Executive Director of Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities.** The Rev. Lamont Wells has served as program director for ELCA Campus Ministry since 2019. In this role he has provided leadership to the Lutheran Campus Ministry Network (LuMin), comprising over 240 colleges and universities.”



Rev. Lamont Wells at the U.N. Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland



@unitednations. I look forward to building and working with international leaders and mechanisms to advance the goals of the International Decade for People of African Descent (IDPAD). Presenting recommendations at the first ever meeting of the Permanent Forum for PAD in

Geneva and building upon the promise of the Durban Declaration. Days are long but I’m literally here for ALL of it. [#blackjoy](#) [#africandescent](#) [#UNFELLOW#unfellowshipforpeopleofafrican_descent.](#)”

Rev. Wells has also visited ULC both virtually during Lent as a Lenten worship preacher and as a speaker for Fridays@Five. He is also national president of the African Descent Lutheran Association (ADLA).

To read the complete ELCA news story visit [Lamont Wells named executive director of Network of ELCA Colleges and Universities - ELCA](#) and see his Facebook post at [\(20+\) Lamont Wells | Manhattan NY | Facebook.](#)

In early December, Rev. Wells was at the United Nations Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland and made this post on Facebook: “It is my greatest joy to serve as a UN Fellow for People of African Descent to the

Pastor Haley Vay and Amy Wagenknecht

ULC Archives

Technology Changes

The January issue of the 1987 Lux had a very interesting article - one that communicates the progress we have made in the last 36 years. The title is *Purchase of VCR and Color TV.*

“The Board of Christian Learning and Action has just purchased a VCR (videotape recorder) and color TV to be put into service Jan. 1, 1987. This purchase was made under the budget line *Tape Ministry.*



The purpose of the Tape Ministry is to develop and provide communication by means of videotapes and audiotapes. It has its basis in

ULC’s Constitution and Bylaws, as well as in the specific Goals and Objectives of the Board of Christian Learning and Action. This basis directs us to communicate, to teach, to learn, and to make efforts toward outreach within the community, to spread God’s word.

There is a budget line in the 1987 budget to continue purchases for the Tape Ministry. We hope, in the future to be able to do both audio and video tapes of such things as sermons, choir concerts, Bible School, etc. (Note: Sermons were taped on cassette tapes and then CDs for

many years. The tapes are currently in the ULC archives.)

The Boards of Christian Learning and Action, Ministry, and Campus Work combined efforts to write a policy concerning the use of the VCR and TV. This was approved by the Church Council in December.”

One of the “uses” stood out knowing how big and bulky the TVs were at the time: *It doesn’t leave the cart it is on (unless to be carried upstairs for FORUM, etc.)*

Remember, there was no elevator at the time. An additional note – the editor of this Lux was Jan Hite.

Connie Lenkowski

Thank You from Britny

Dear ULC,

As I sit here wrapped in this beautiful farewell quilt, reminiscing the last five and a half years, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for serving this church. I am so blessed to have worked somewhere with so much love, support, and appreciation. When I first started at ULC I did not imagine that I would be here this long or the influence you would have on me. I have built lifelong friendships and connections that I am so thankful for. You have helped me learn to be confident in the gifts I have and to look within others and celebrate their gifts and differences.



During worship on Dec. 18, Britny was blessed, given a quilt by Prayers & Squares, and honored with a reception.

In my new position as Dual Director (Center Director and Director of Education) at Sylvan Learning Center in Grand Blanc, I have taken a lot that I have learned while at ULC and am applying it to how I

accept and celebrate children and their strengths and differences. I wholeheartedly believe that God placed this opportunity in my path because YOUR work with me was done. You all have prepared me for this, and I can never thank you enough for that. Thank you to everyone for the gifts and well wishes in the past couple of months. As much as I really am loving my new position and the people, I will never forget any of you and already miss you so much!

With love and so much gratitude,

Britny Pollard



Memorial Service



Gary Lee

Saturday, Jan. 7
10:00 a.m.

University Lutheran Church

Lunch following
Service will be streamed on Facebook

Thank You!

Thank you to the ULC family for the prayers and support during Tom's illness. It was very appreciated!

Tom and Barb Kissling

Birthdays

- 1 Craig Lazar
Alfred Schikorra
- 2 Keith Harder
- 3 Darra Haase
- 6 Craig Kohn
- 8 Aaron Brooks
- 9 Elizabeth Sype
- 10 Marilyn Nussdorfer
- 11 Mary Kotnik
- 13 Megan Kotnik



- 15 Charles Hathaway
- 16 Emily Baswell,
- 17 Larry Wagenknecht

- 19 Mary Letvenow
- 20 Barbara Fensel
- 22 Erik Bubolz
Judy Kindel
- 23 Bryan McPhall, Jr.
Jeff Williams
- 24 Lynne Clyma
- 25 Caleb Fisher
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- 27 Linda Trevarthen
- 28 Darrin Karcher

- 28 Amy Wagenknecht
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- 30 Wanda Ophaug

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- 28 Michael & Connie
Lenkowski
- 30 David & Marilyn
Nussdorfer

Thank You From the Islamic Center

Shared parking spaces, shared gardens, shared service projects, and now a shared swing set — all in the spirit of shared humanity. University Lutheran Church invites children from the Islamic Center and School to enjoy the newly installed swing set.

Thasin Sardar, Board Trustee from the Islamic Center East Lansing, extended our community's appreciation to ULC President-Elect Rick



Thasin Sardar, Rick Milligan, Joy Osland and Pastor Haley Vay survey the new swing set in the ULC playground.

Milligan, the ULC Council President Joy Osland, and Pastor Haley Vay Beaman—

Thank you from all of us at the Islamic Center, our children in particular.

*Thasin Sardar
Board Trustee
Islamic Center East Lansing*

(Note: the new swing set was a shared purchase by both ULC and the Islamic Center.)



Newsletter
SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the February Lux is **Monday, Jan. 16.**

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



January

1	New Year's Day	10:00a	Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB	9-4p	ULC Office Open	
3		9-4p	ULC Office Open	10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	
		10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	Noon	Lychnion Circle-Fireside	
		1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom	1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom	
		2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	
		5:30p	Basketball Parking (MSU v. Neb.)	6:30p	Council Meeting-Zoom*	
		7:00p	Pub Theology-Zoom*	18	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL
4		8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL	9-4p	ULC Office Open	
		9a-4p	ULC Office Open	9:30a	Amnos Circle-Fireside	
		9:00a	Communications Team/Calendar-Zoom	Noon	Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*	
		Noon	Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*	1:00p	Rhodon Circle-Fireside	
		4:30p	Lead Management-Google Teams	6:30p	ULC Council-Zoom	
5		9a-4p	ULC Office Open	19	9-4p	ULC Office Open
6	Epiphany			10:00a	Book Club-Fireside	
7		10:00a	Memorial Service for Gary Lee	5:00p	Basketball Parking (MSU v. Rutgers)	
		1:00p	Basketball Parking (MSU v. Mich.)	7:30p	Senior Choir-Sanctuary	
8		10:00a	Worship-Sanctuary/FB	20	5:00p	Fridays@Five
		11:30a	Sunday Forum-Fireside/Zoom (RJT White Christian Nationalism)	22	10:00a	Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
9		4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside	11:30a	Sunday Forum (How We Got the New Testament #2)	
10		7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*	23	4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside
		9-4p	ULC Office Open	24	7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*
		10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	9-4p	ULC Office Open	
		1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom	10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	
		2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom	
		6:30p	RJ Team-Zoom	2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	
11		8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL	7:00p	Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship	
		9a-4p	ULC Office Open	25	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL
		Noon	Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom	9a-4p	ULC Office Open	
		4:15p	Worship Wednesday-Zoom*	Noon	Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*	
		6:30p	Confirmation-Fireside	26	9a-4p	ULC Office Open
		6:30p	ULC Council-Zoom*	3:30p	Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru	
12		9a-4p	ULC Office Open	5:30p	Basketball Parking (MSU v. Iowa)	
		9:30a	Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP	27	5:00p	Fridays@Five
		7:30p	Senior Choir-Sanctuary	29	10:00a	Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
13		5:00p	Fridays@Five	11:30a	Sunday Forum (How We Got the New Testament #3)	
15		10:00a	Worship-Sanctuary/FB	30	4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside
		11:30a	Sunday Forum (How We Got the New Testament #1)	31	7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*
16	Martin Luther King J. Day	2:30p	Basketball Parking (MSU v. Purdue)	9-4p	ULC Office Open	
		4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside	10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	
17		7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*	1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom	
				2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	
				7:00p	Pub Theology-Zoom*	

* Zoom link contacts: Choir - Janine Smith; Tuesday Study - Jim Kiefer; Pub Theology – Pastor Gary; Lectio Divina - Mandy; Worship Wednesday for Kids – Pastor Haley Vay; Council Meeting – Mandy; Sunday Forum – Weekly announcements email; Faith, Writing & Reflection - Carole Ford cfordllp@yahoo.com



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