

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Summer Bible Adventure & Music Camp

June 12 - 16
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Food Movers

Thursday, June 23 & July 28
ULC Parking Lot – Drive thru
Distribution begins 3:30 p.m.

Outdoor Summer Concert Series

Sundays
July 10 & 31 and Aug. 14
6 p.m. on the North Lawn

Next Lux (Aug/Sept) will be mailed Aug. 15



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Affirming Their Baptism

On Sunday, May 22, Morgan Fisher and Brianna Green affirmed their baptisms during Sunday worship. Morgan shared the meaningful moments of her faith journey while growing up at ULC. Brianna sang, while accompanying herself on the piano, *Beautiful Things* and explained why this song is so meaningful to her. We welcome



Pastor Gary, Morgan Fisher, Brianna Green, and Pastor Haley Vay on Confirmation Sunday, May 22.

Morgan and Brianna as affirmed members of University Lutheran Church!

Amy Wagenknecht

Celebrating Kristie Wiggert

57 Years as ULC Organist

SUNDAY, JUNE 5

10 a.m. Worship with Jazz lunch following

Read more about Kristie's history at ULC on page 3.



Enjoy God's Gift of Sabbath and Rest

As we move into June, we are all grateful for the weather finally getting warm, the trees finally leafing out, sun, and the arrival of spring. Spring this year seemed to take forever to arrive.

I'm also grateful that with the arrival of summer, we usually get some much-needed rest and time for sabbath. I know that the ULC staff are all in need of some sabbath and rest as this has been a difficult year dealing with changes and challenges related to the pandemic. And summer offers us that opportunity.

This summer the Narrative Lectionary contains three different sermon series: Four weeks on the Ten Commandments, five weeks on 1 Peter, and four weeks on the book of Ruth (my favorite series). The Ten Commandments are found in two places in the Bible, Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. In both instances,



the third commandment is *Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy*, but the context is different. In Exodus we're told to keep the sabbath because God created the world and everything in it in six days and rested on the seventh day.

But in Deuteronomy 5 we're told to keep the sabbath for a different reason, *Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt and the Lord your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore, the Lord your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day*. In other words, when we work and work and don't take sabbath, we might as well be slaves in Egypt again! Sabbath is God's gift.

Over the years, I've come to understand "work" as God's gift to us too. It gives life meaning and purpose. However, work can become

a slave master that enslaves and eventually destroys us.

I encourage you all to take time this summer to enjoy God's gift of sabbath and rest. Take some much-needed vacation. Enjoy activity outside. Go to the beach. Do things that rejuvenate you and fill you up. Get away. Unplug. Forget about emails and texts when you're away.

When I teach the Ten Commandments to confirmation students, I always remind them that the Commandments aren't given to us to spoil our fun and weigh us down. They're given to protect us. And that is so true with this commandment.

This summer among other things, Miriam and I will enjoy a trip to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland with our travel trailer. We'll cook out on our deck. We'll go to Lake Lansing. I'll do some cycling. It's all sabbath. I pray that you take some sabbath time too. It's God's gift to us!

Pastor Gary



Outdoor Summer Concert Series

Sunday, July 10 at 6 p.m. Lansing Concert Band

The Lansing Concert Band is a community band celebrating 75 years in the Mid-Michigan area. This 60-member band is well-known for its extensive repertoire and consistent high-quality.

Sunday, July 31 at 6 p.m. Orquesta Ritmo

Orquesta Ritmo, led by Michael Eyia, was created to introduce and entertain the American public in the electrifying genre of Latin music. This 10-piece salsa band has been performing since the late 70s.

Sunday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. J & J Sounds

J&J Sounds, a 9-piece band, performs the music of the Blues Brothers, Chicago, Motown and the pop classics of the 50's and 60's. Led by Jerry Krause and John Dale Smith, the band has been performing since the mid 80's.

Enjoy an evening of music and fellowship ~ Bring a lawn chair or blanket ~ A freewill offering will be collected for the Greater Lansing Food Bank ~ Ice cream provided by Quality Dairy

The Outdoor Summer Concert Series is funded by a grant from the ULC Endowment Fund.

But Get Me a Musician!



Kristie, choir practice 2005.

An article in the November 1996 Lux told the story of our organist, Kristie Wiggert, and her time at ULC. The article was written to commemorate Kristie’s 25th year, but it could have been written today in remembrance of Kristie’s 51 years as organist. So, following is a repeat performance of “But Get Me a Musician!”

In the books of I and II Kings, we meet the colorful stories of the prophet Elijah and his successor, Elisha. To say the least, they were wonder workers! Soon after the mantle of Elijah had passed to Elisha, the kings of Israel and Judah were faced with formidable tasks and opportunities ahead of them. Before they could even begin to act, they needed to find a prophet for counsel. It was Elisha. Before Elisha the prophet could even begin to act, however, he called for a musician. His first words to the kings were, “But get me a musician!” Not until the musician was there and was playing could it be said of Elisha, “...the power of the Lord came upon him.” Music was indispensable for prophetic witness and the worshipping community.



Kristie demonstrates the recorder at summer music camp. 2018

Now a quarter of a century and some months ago, in March of 1971, the people of this parish, with formidable tasks and opportunities for mission and ministry ahead of them, said, “But get us a musician!” And the musician whom God gave, the musician who came, the musician who played, the musician who stayed, and the musician who will be here for years to come, is Kristie Wiggert. When Kristie began to play, the power of the Lord came

upon and stayed with the people of University Lutheran Church! Her musical ministry has been indispensable for the prophetic witness of this worshipping community! In the tradition of Elisha, Kristie is a wonder worker!

How do we remember all that Kristie has done for our common witness to Christ throughout all these years? We can’t! We can only be thankful! Thankful to her for being the musician who has graciously remained serving the congregation as a whole, ministering with pastor upon pastor, ...bishops, worship committee after worship committee, numerous choir directors, visiting musicians; coordinating cantatas, soloists, children’s choirs, senior choirs, ecumenical choirs, church conventions, summer workshops, Sunday School programs, Christmas programs, Lenten services, Easter Festivals...



Kristie shares her love of the organ with youth. 2018

The musician God sent to us has literally been with us and with friends in the faith in thousands of worship services, countless gatherings for planning for mission and ministry, holding us in prayer, in presence, always a



Kristie shows off her percussion skills. 2015

partner in the Gospel! How do we remember it all? We don’t! We can’t! We can only say, **“Thank you Kristie for being the musician who God sent! Because of you, the power of the Lord has come upon University Lutheran Church!”** May the power of the Lord be with you, in turn, our beloved musician!

The article, “But Get Me a Musician!” was written by “All of the saints at ULC.” Janine and Louise’s names were added in ink below. The article invited everyone to celebrate Kristie’s 25 years at ULC at an All Saints Day celebration.

Connie Lenkowski

Family Faith Formation



We look forward to sharing photos and a post-camp reflection in the next issue (Aug/Sept) of Lux.

Thank you for your support of summer camp ministries at ULC.

You Can Attend Camp for FREE!

We've got exciting news for the summer of 2022! There will be **no registration fees** for any of our campers at Stony Lake in 2022! In addition, every camper will receive a **complimentary t-shirt and snacks from our camp store** at no charge! Camp has always been a gift in the lives of those who attend, and now it is a gift given freely for all! We're looking forward to seeing you in 2022! It's going to be our best summer yet!



For more information, please talk with your pastors and visit www.ELCALivingWater.com/ourvision



NO REGISTRATION FEES IN 2022
COMPLIMENTARY T-SHIRT & SNACKS FROM THE CAMP STORE

A Kids Hope USA Prayer

Dear God,

As the school year approaches its end, we thank you for watching over the Kids Hope USA ministry in schools. When the year began last Fall, there was great uncertainty on how to proceed during a pandemic. The school staff, the district administration and the school board were all challenged on how to adapt.

Thank you, God, for enabling each district to select the best way for it to proceed. Some chose in-person learning and others maintained online classes. Some parents chose to homeschool. Schools were challenged to implement instruction based on the administration's directive.

Thank you, God, for helping Kids Hope USA to be flexible in working with schools during this year. Activities and guidance were provided in the multiple ways that Kids Hope USA was being implemented. At Forest View Elementary in Lansing, Michigan mentors could not enter the building for several months but were grateful in December when given special permission to enter with proof of vaccination to begin in-person mentoring.

Thank you, God, for helping schools adapt to and overcome the many problems that the pandemic caused. Continue to help schools

retain the good ideas and practices gained during this challenging year and move on from such difficulties like having to wear a mask or sitting a certain distance apart. May the Kids Hope USA ministry in each school lead the way in creating healthy closure to this year.

Continue to bless the school staff, the district administration and the school board with wisdom as they prepare for a new school year in the Fall.

Shared on a national Kids Hope USA Prayer Call, May 19, 2022

Barbara Kissling
ULC Kids Hope USA Director





ULC Memorial Library

New Space for Bandlow Collection

The ULC Library is open and ready for you to visit. One update we would like to share is that the Sharon Bandlow Multicultural and Racial Justice Collection has been moved to its permanent location. As you walk in the library it is straight ahead and occupies an entire bookcase. A sign on top of the bookcase identifies the collection. There



are books for adults and children. We hope you will browse this collection and other books in the library and check-out something that is interesting to you.

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

June Outreach of the Month Greater Lansing Food Bank

Again, this year we focus our attention on the Greater Lansing Food Bank. The Greater Lansing food bank is the organization that provides the food distributed by the Food Movers program each month at ULC.

There is still food insecurity in our area. In 2022, it is estimated that 41 per cent of the residents of Ingham County live in poverty. 45 percent of the people who receive food from the

Greater Lansing food bank, are under the age of 18; with 12 percent under the age of five. Each person living in poverty in Ingham County misses more than eight meals a week.

Our congregation has been very generous in giving financially to the cause of the Greater Lansing Food Bank in the past. I sincerely thank you for being generous this month of June. If you wish to contribute to the Greater Lansing Food Bank, you can

designate by either sending a check to ULC with the Greater Lansing Flood Bank on the Memo line, use the “donate” button at www.ulcel.org or direct deposit via MSUFCU.

To learn more about ULC’s Food Movers ministry, read Beth Raye’s extensive article in the May 2022 *Lux*.

Michael Anderson

July Outreach of the Month CORE – Communities Organizing for Racial Equity

July's Outreach of the Month is CORE - Communities Organizing for Racial Equity. About two years ago, ULC began a relationship with CORE as several members attended CORE's Understanding Racism training workshop. Since then, ULC has hosted its own CORE Understanding Racism workshop and has had a significant number of ULC members go through the training. In addition, the ULC Racial Justice Team works with two coaches from Grand Rapids CORE to advise us on our racial justice journey.

Presently Lansing CORE is made up of four congregations from the Lansing area, Sycamore Creek Church, Church of Elohim, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church,



and ULC, and is in the process of raising money so that a staff person can be hired to coordinate and expand CORE's work in Lansing and the number of congregations that are involved. Your gift to the July's Outreach of the Month will go to support the ongoing racial justice work of CORE.

Contribute using the “donate” button on our website (www.ulcel.org), by sending a check to the church office or placing one in the offering plate, or by direct deposit in our MSUFCU account. Please designate “CORE” in the memo section.

Pastor Gary

Idlewild and Woodland Park - a Very Brief Overview

With the onset of summer, many Michigan residents travel north for rest and relaxation. It is important to note that some areas of Northern Michigan played a significant role in providing rest for those who were not welcomed in most areas “up north.” Victoria Gibbs, one of the coaches for the ULC Racial Justice Team, shares some information below about Idlewild and Woodland Park, where she grew up. Google “Black Eden” to find videos to learn more about attempts to restore and maintain these areas.

A unique set of social and Historical circumstances set the stage for the Idlewild drama. Among them were the drastic overcutting of prime timberland and the shifting of sizeable numbers of Black people from the South to the North. The convergence of these two necessary conditions helped establish the foundation on which a special group of men and women built a black resort community in the woods of Northwest Michigan at a time when segregation and racism were rampant in every state of the Union.

A resort project came into being for blacks exclusively. At a time when

Blacks could not travel freely Idlewild became a place where people the likes of Della Reese, Mahalia Jackson, the Temptations and many other well-known artists could come, entertain and relax.

Drawing top talent to its nightclubs, Idlewild got most of the publicity. But, just 15 miles away, another historically black resort flourished in Michigan’s north woods in the first half of the 20th century by catering to a clientele looking for a quieter more restful experience. Woodland Park provided a welcome respite for city-blacks in Chicago, Cleveland, and Detroit. Woodland Park, located in the northwest corner of Newaygo County, was established in 1921 from the remnants of an old lumbering village called Brookings.



W.E.B Du Bois and Woodland Park founder Marion Author on dock, Woodland Lake. Courtesy W.E.B Du Bois Archives, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Found on www.blackpast.org

When the Civil Rights Act passed in 1964, new opportunities opened for Blacks in America. In the process of exercising their rights, many abandoned the places to which they had been restricted – like Woodland Park and Idlewild – and began spending their summers at integrated establishments.

This led Woodland Park into a steady decline that lasted for nearly a decade. Then through inheritances, real estate transactions, and auctions, a significant transfer of property occurred. As a result of this trend, the population of property owners and year-around residents of Woodland Park began to encompass other races.

*Victoria Gibbs
Major contributors: Steven Fredrick Jones Sr, Lewis Walker, and Ben C. Wilson*

Podcast Title: *Was Will Smith Protecting Black Women?*
March 31, 2022

Podcast Link: *Into America With Trymaine Lee*, 31 minutes

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/intoamerica/id1499906821?i=1000555807309>

Summary: During the 2022 Oscars’ ceremony, Will Smith shocked the world by striking Chris Rock on stage, after the comedian made a joke about Smith’s

Listening to
Racial Justice



Current Events

wife, Jada Pinkett Smith. Social and mainstream media immediately blew up with reactions and comments about the episode. However, did those reacting to the incident look deeper into the life experiences of Will Smith and the Black experience in general, especially experiences of Black women? Activist Jamira Burley weighs in with Trymaine and gives a deeper view of the incident many White people may not have considered.

Racial Justice Education Group

Singing with Racial Justice *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, an African-American spiritual song, uses the theme of death to remind the listener of the glory that awaits in Heaven. The text refers to the Old Testament account of the Prophet Elijah's ascent into Heaven by chariot. However, some scholars suggest an alternate explanation.

Abolitionist and ex-slave Frederick Douglass was adamant in his view that the Negro spirituals were not limited to Biblical interpretations but, instead, were encoded with a secret language of escape.

The second stanza of *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* reads, "I looked over Jordan, an' what did I see, Comin' for to carry me home, A band of angels comin' after me, Comin' for to carry me home." In this view "swing low" is a call for abolitionists to visit the southern United States where slaves were being held, Jordan might be the



The earliest known recording of *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* was in 1909 by students from Fisk University.

Mississippi River or the Ohio River, "home" would imply escape from slavery, and the "band of angels" would be representatives from Harriet Tubman's Underground Railroad who would lead groups of slaves north to freedom. This message would be disseminated among slaves as a warning to anticipate escape. Douglass' view of the language of Negro spirituals such as *Swing Low Sweet Chariot* dispels the myth

of the contented slave whose religious fervor erased the pain of enslavement.

Interesting Note: *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* has been sung by rugby players and fans for decades. The song became the England Rugby World Cup theme for the 1991 Rugby World Cup and reached number 16 on the UK singles chart.

Racial Justice Education Group

Reflections on the 2021 Juneteenth Freedom Festival

Wearing my sparkly, gold, dangly and personally named "Juneteenth Earrings," I reflect on the wonderful 2021 Juneteenth Freedom Festival, at the Alfreda Schmidt Southside Community Center/Lansing on Saturday, June 19. This was my FIRST Juneteenth celebration, which I believe is a reflection of my lack of knowledge about the painful and tragic US history of slavery for my African American sisters and brothers. Over the past 20 years I have become more aware of my white privilege, and I feel great pain as I learn more about slavery and its continual effects on all of us. Juneteenth (June 19 abbreviation) is a federal holiday in the United States, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in 1865.

Last June 19, as I neared the Festival, I was met by a plethora of sights and inviting smells — large expanses of



Previous Freedom Festival from the gallery on [LansingJuneteenthCelebration.org](https://lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org)

green grass, including a large open area for sitting and a stage at the far end, people standing and sitting, food trucks, a Health Fair, community informational booths, vendors sitting at tables (including one from whom I purchased my dangly gold earrings!) and businesses, including Consumers Energy, giving away, miniature trash cans (which I use for loose coins). I heard music playing and occasionally someone speaking from the stage. The skin color of most of the people

on this glorious day was beautifully black and brown. I saw that this was a party! I felt so happy that I was here!

Carrying my dangly gold earrings and my miniature trash can, I made my way around the food and drink tables, visiting with folks as I walked. I then walked toward the stage and found a comfortable place to stand. For more than an hour, I stood listening to speakers and musicians. I watched children run and dance. Yes, this was a party! Yes, I felt so happy that I was here!

After I was standing for over an hour, an older gentleman who was black, walked toward me, limping. He said that he saw I had been standing for a long time and said I needed a chair. I said I was OK, but he insisted and got a chair from the table in front of the main stage and brought it to me!

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I thanked him for the chair my “back” was asking for, but most of all, now a year later, I thank him for reaching out to me. This Juneteenth Freedom Festival was an awesome time for people of different skin colors to celebrate Freedom and each other! I talked with a number of people that day, none of whom I knew. As I left the festival my heart and my head full. I experienced the sights, tastes, sounds, feelings, learnings and experiences of a wonderful Juneteenth Freedom

Festival! I could not wait to wear my beautiful Juneteenth earrings!

I attended the 2021 Juneteenth Freedom Festival because I wanted to honor and celebrate the ending of slavery, for my sisters and brothers, who are each children of God and who are of African descent. My faith, my care about people, my parents, my passion, my education, my continual question of why people hate, rather than celebrate, the colors of our skin and my curiosity to learn, all led me to the Southside Community Center that day. My

heart aches that our country's history includes slavery of human beings. That, however, is the tragic reality. Now today, in all of its complexities, I and we work to live out in our words and actions what we read from the prophet Micah 6:8 – “God has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Like the African proverb states: “When you pray, move your feet.”

Miriam M. K. Bunge

Upcoming Lansing Area Juneteenth Celebrations:

- ▶ **Lansing Juneteenth Celebration is June 11, 16, 18 and 19 at St. Joseph Park (2125 W. Hillsdale St./Lansing).** The Freedom Festival is June 18. See more at: www.lansingjuneteenthcelebration.org. (Thank you Lansing NAACP for this info)



- ▶ **517 Juneteenth Weekend is June 16-19, in REO Town.** This is a unique opportunity for the Mid-Michigan region to celebrate black culture, expression, and freedom while reflecting on 157 years of African-American emancipation. This year's Juneteenth Weekend will feature events and activities from Thursday, June 16th - Sunday, June 19th, with the free Juneteenth Festival taking place in REO Town (on South Washington Ave) on Saturday, June 18th. Join us for live musical performances, a special guest headline performance, food, black-owned vendors lined down South Washington Ave, informational booths, a kid's zone, battle of the BBQ, and much more. The festival will be held on South Washington Ave (between South St. and E. Elm). Please visit the website, www.517juneteenth.com, for more information. (Thank you to Claretta Duckett-Freeman for this info.)

- ▶ **Second annual Michigan State University Juneteenth Celebration** is on Friday, June 17, from 5-9 p.m. at the Breslin Center. Please RSVP at <https://inclusion.msu.edu/awards/Juneteenth/index.html>. (Thank you to Vicki Anderson for this info.)

Quote from MSU Juneteenth Celebration website:
“Wiki Juneteenth - On June 19, 1865, two-and-a-half years after President Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation and a couple of months after the end of the Civil War, newly posted Major General Gordon Granger issued orders to free the over 250,000 African

American slaves in Texas who had not yet been informed of the new law. Juneteenth is considered the oldest known celebration commemorating the ending of the enslavement of African Americans and Black people in the United States.”

- ▶ The second annual **Meridian Freedom Fest** will kick off on **June 13** with a video release of Township Supervisor Patricia Herring Jackson reading the children’s book “Juneteenth – Celebrating Freedom,” written by Ingham County resident, Julian Van Dyke. The video will be shared on the Meridian Township website and social media.

On **Saturday, June 18** at 10 a.m., there will be a free movie screening of the film “Akeelah and the Bee” at Studio C! (1999 Central Park Drive) This film tells a story of Black excellence and perseverance. Discounted popcorn and beverages will be available. Later that day, a Community Forum Discussion, hosted by Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Black Student Union groups from Haslett and Okemos Public Schools will be held at 2 p.m. in the Meridian Municipal Building. This forum will be recorded and streamed live on HOMTV.

The Freedom Fest concludes with a Spiritual Historical Review on **Sunday, June 19** at 1 p.m. at the Meridian Historical Village Chapel. Pastor Marvin Williams of Trinity Church, and a Haslett resident, will talk about how spirituality led to the construction of modern Black excellence. Attendees are invited to wear their “Sunday Best” clothes. (Thank you to Amy Wagenknecht for this info)

Let us join in the celebration!

RJT Advocacy & Community Outreach Sub-Team

ULC Council met via Zoom on May 18. Here are some highlights from the discussion:

- Council discussed the repairs needed for the stairwell/retaining wall and has authorized \$10,000 to be charged as an unbudgeted expense
- Council designated the Greater Lansing Food Bank as the recipient of the summer concert series donations
- Council is asking Members in Ministry to explore opportunities for gathering "time and talents" information from congregation



- Continuing with COVID protocols (including masking) as they stand, will revisit conversation monthly
- Personnel committee will be working on hiring a new AV Tech for running technology during worship

Emily Uebel
ULC Council Secretary

Attendance

April 3: 678
Mid-Week Lenten Worship,
April 6: 274
April 10: 836
Maundy Thursday, April 14: 596
April 17: 680
April 24: 606

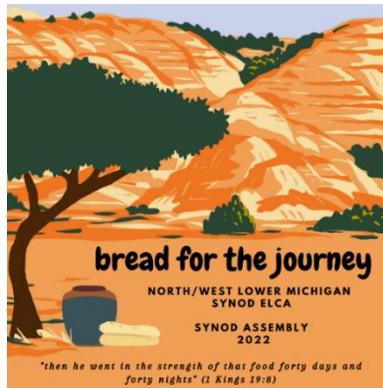
The Greater Church

The Synod Assembly 2022

The Synod Assembly for the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA was held on Zoom on May 14, 2022. ULC was represented by Pastor Gary, Pastor Haley Vay, Bill Trevarthen, Rick Milligan, and me (Joy Oslund). The production team, Bishop, and other synod staff participated from the sanctuary at ULC.

As someone who hasn't been to a synod assembly in decades (and in a different synod), it was exciting to participate and learn about the wonderful ways God is working in ministries across the synod. For example, there is a Ministries with Persons with Disabilities Task Force for the synod, and they are holding a day-long learning event this coming fall! They also provide resources for congregations at

<https://www.mittensynod.org/disability-ministries-resources/> which I am looking forward to reading!



In addition to electing people for committees, there were two important items that were passed: 1) A resolution to support Living Water Ministries in becoming a Reconciling in Christ organization, and 2) A memorial calling for a just transition to a 50 percent reduction in US greenhouse gas emissions by 2030.

I was especially moved by Bishop Satterlee's call for congregations to reach out to community companions for the purpose of sharing Jesus' love with our communities. This was a really timely message and is one that I will encourage the council and congregation to thoughtfully consider as we seek to understand what new ministries God may be calling ULC to in this "new normal."

Joy Oslund
ULC Council President





June Birthdays

- 4 Myra Kim
Joseph Wilmes
- 5 Britny Pollard
- 6 Santiago Saucedo
- 8 Thom McCurdy
Bethany Saindon
- 9 Laura Brown
Elizabeth Kotnik
- 15 Amy Anderson
Linda Zimmerman
- 16 Marvin Schultz
- 17 Arthur Lohr
- 18 Dan Sadler
Myla Joy McPhall
- 19 Barbara Helser
Beth Rahe
Joy Whitten
- 20 Julie Baglien
Emily Uebel
Brenda Sternquist
- 21 Jay Kim
- 22 Terri Christian
Ava Jolin
- 23 Karen Braselton
Dale Hinkley
Kelli Vanous
- 26 Mitchell Eithun
- 27 Tim Schmidt
- 29 Jeffrey Bracken
Connor Dalton
- 30 John Kruger

June Anniversaries

- 3 Mike & Kathy Sweat
- 13 Tom & Barb Kissling
- 16 Will & Marge Mahoney
Debbie & Steve Viele
- 18 Beth & Bryan Rahe
- 19 James & Barbara Cox
Norm & Carol Jolin, Sr.
Steve & Linda Zimmerman
- 20 Roy & Jennifer Weber
- 21 Fred & Kay Fritz
- 23 Le Roy & Gloria Olson
- 25 Jesse & Lynne Clyma

July Birthdays

- 1 Norman Jolin Jr.
- 2 Adam Fisher
Rev. Fred Fritz
Taylor Milnes
- 4 Arlene Zerkle
- 7 Phyllis Andersland
Debbie Viele
- 10 Kayla Clyma
Carol Jolin
Luke Reese
- 11 Jason Osoff
- 12 Emma Karcher
Howard Pierce
Noah Schott

- 13 William Schikorra
- 15 Carol Mackin
- 16 Kelly Schafka
- 17 Emmett Braselton
Sherrilyn Mileski
- 19 Melody Kiefer
Edward Vanous
- 22 Annette Stanley
- 23 Carole Ford
- 24 Matt Mutka
Gary Carl
- 25 Wilbur Mahoney
- 26 Johannah House
James Kiefer
Hannah Milnes
Sharon Vanous
- 27 Ann Booren
- 28 Doug Erickson
Vy Dao
Marilyn Schafer
- 29 Joseph Kravetz
- 30 Rachel Williams

July Anniversaries

- 2 Russ & Gerry Erickson
- 3 Phil & Sandy Brooks
- 10 Bob & Sarah Gallagher
- 12 Eric Bubolz & Karen Sanders
- 18 Kelly & Steven Schafka
- 20 Larry & Amy Wagenknecht
Marcy & Joseph Wilmes
- 22 Sherry & Tom Corwin
- 24 Beth Hoger & Lisa Swem

- 28 Paul & Judy Kindel
David & Coreen Williams

August Birthdays

- 3 Eston Dawson-Baglien
Roy Weber
Joanne Boettcher
Will Carlson
- 5 Dan Christian
Corbin Davis
- 8 Kendall Bubolz
Ruth Gaudard
- 10 Cathy Lazar
Nick Guilfoyle
- 12 Aaron Williams
- 13 Frederick Fensel
- 14 George Bubolz
Samuel Fitzgerald
- 15 Coreen Williams

August Anniversaries

- 1 Emmett & Karen Braselton
Lois Mumma & Greg Hill
- 2 Adam & Susan Fisher
- 6 Donna & Gary Carl
- 8 Justin & Alicia Barterian
Jeff & Wendy Guilfoyle
- 9 Dawn Newton & Tim Dalton
Tom & Diane Wanagat
- 10 Chris & Sue Tague
Emily & Matt Uebel
Barry & Lanae Williams
- 15 Rick & Deanna Milligan

Congratulations Annaliese!



Annaliese Marks was wrapped in a green and white quilt by Bobbie Davis of the Prayers and Squares quilt ministry during worship at ULC on May 22. The quilt was given in celebration of her graduation with a bachelor's degree from MSU and to thank her for her service as a student associate.

Betsy Booren Recognized by Washingtonian



Betsy Booren was recently listed as one of Washington DC's 500 most influential people. The list was published on May 3, 2022, in the Washingtonian. The list includes experts and advocates, outside the government, who are playing big roles in Washington's policy debates. Betsy is a managing director of regulatory policy and business intelligence at Tyson Foods. Before her recent move from the Consumer Brands Association, she was an intermediary between member companies (like ButcherBox and PepsiCo) and OSHA, the FDA, and the White House in designating her industry's workers as "essential" in the pandemic.

Newsletter SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the August/September Lux is **Monday, Aug. 1.**

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 photos and articles coming! Thanks!



1 Pride Month

- 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*
- 4:30p Lead Management Team-Zoom
- 2 7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary
- 11:00a Senior Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
- 5 10:00a Sunday Worship (Pentecost)-Sanctuary/FB
- 11:30a Celebrating Kristie Jazz Lunch – N. Lawn
- 6 3:30 Tight Knit-Fireside
- 7 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 6:30p RJ Caucusing (RSVP)- ULC Parking Lot
- 8 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom
- 9 9:30a Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP
- 11 10:30a Sharon Bandlow Visitation/Memorial
- 12 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
- 5:30p Summer Bible Adventure & Music Camp
- 13 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 5:30p Summer Bible Adventure & Music Camp
- 14 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 5:30p Summer Bible Adventure & Music Camp
- 6:30p Racial Justice Meeting-Zoom
- 15 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom
- 5:30p Summer Bible Adventure & Music Camp
- 6:30p ULC Council-Zoom*
- 16 5:30p Summer Bible Adventure & Music Camp
- 19 Juneteenth/Father’s Day
- 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 20 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 21 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 7:00p Pub Theology-Zoom*
- 22 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom
- 23 3:30p Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru
- 26 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
- 27 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 28 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 7:00p Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship
- 7:00p Pub Theology-Zoom*
- 29 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*



- 3 10:00a Sunday Worship-ULC/Facebook
- 4 July 4th Holiday – ULC Office Closed
- 5 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom

- 6 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:30a Communications Team-Zoom
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*
- 4:30p Lead Management Team-Zoom
- 9 11:00a Jim Dye Memorial
- 10 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
- 6:00p Outdoor Concert - Lansing Concert Band
- 11 3:30 Tight Knit-Fireside
- 12 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 6:30p Racial Justice Meeting-Zoom
- 13 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom
- 14 9:30a Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP
- 17 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
- 18 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 19 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 20 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom
- 24 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 25 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 26 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 7:00p Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship
- 27 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom
- 28 3:30p Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru
- 31 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
- 6:00p Outdoor Concert - Orquestra Ritmo



- 1 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 2 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 3 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:30a Communications Team-Zoom
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*
- 4:30p Lead Management Team-Zoom
- 7 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
- 8 3:30 Tight Knit-Fireside
- 9 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
- 6:30p Racial Justice Meeting-Zoom
- 10 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom
- 11 9:30a Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP
- 14 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
- 6:00p Outdoor Concert – J & J Sounds
- 15 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside

ULC Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed Monday & Friday

Reminder: Please let the office know when ULC meetings and events are scheduled, even if they’re happening virtually. We would like to keep the calendar current. Thanks!

*Zoom link contacts: Pub Theology – Pastor Gary; Lectio Divina - Britny; Council Meeting – Joy Oslund



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Spring has Finally Arrived!



Wisteria in full bloom on the trellis in the Memorial Garden.