

**Mark Your Calendars . . .**

**Lenten Midweek Worship**

Wednesdays  
 Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at Noon  
 Followed by Soup & Bread Lunch  
 Streaming only on  
 Facebook at 7p

**Food Movers**

Thursday, Mar. 23 - 3:30 p.m.  
 Drive thru distribution.

**Pub Theology**

Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m.  
 Zoom (call 332-2559 for link)



Don't forget to move your  
 clocks ahead Sunday,  
 Mar. 12 or you'll be  
 late to worship!

**Veteran Honored by Quilters**



Honoring Korean War Veteran, Leo Christel.

National Quilts of Valor (QOV) Sewing Day, Feb. 4, found the Fellowship Hall buzzing with volunteers making Quilts of Valor to be distributed to veterans and current members of our Armed Forces in 2023. We began with an award ceremony honoring Korean War Veteran, Leo Christel, with his QOV. The members of the ULC Council, 22 folks who came to work, and Leo's wife, Mary Lou, witnessed the ceremony. It was an inspirational start to begin a red, white, and blue day. Article continues on page 8 with many more photos.

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## A Time of Healing

My heart is incredibly heavy as I write this just a few days after the tragic shooting on MSU's campus. I'm sure it's safe to say that all our hearts are heavy. This past week has been a struggle.

Intellectually we know that these kind of mass shootings can happen anywhere, but when it comes home to us, we're never prepared, and we never expect it. How many have had classes in Berkey Hall? How many of us have been in the Student Union? And now these buildings will always be associated with death and violence.

Even as I'm angry with the shooter for his violent acts that have caused immense trauma and pain for so many, I'm also angry at our government leaders who have failed to enact common sense gun laws. I may get in trouble for saying this because it has become so political, but we have a love affair with guns in this country, and this love affair is deadly. And until we give up this deadly lover, we can only expect to repeat these tragic events over and over again.

At the same time, I'm angry because the shooter never had the mental health care, and the family and community support that he needed to deal with his mental illness. I don't know if he didn't avail himself of the help he needed, or if the system failed him, or if he didn't have loving and supportive people to make sure he got the help he needed. Any way, we all have paid a price for his illness.

Which brings me to the season of Lent. Back in January when we came up with the Lenten theme of *Lent: A Time of Healing*, we had no idea how apropos the theme would be. Sure, we thought it was apropos for us in general because we need healing in so many different ways. But now, in light of this mass shooting it is even more apropos. We need physical healing just as the five students who were wounded need physical healing. We need emotional healing, both for our grief and pain as a result of this shooting, as well as the emotional healing needed for those who would perpetrate such violence. We need relational healing because we all have relationships that are broken and struggling, and I wonder if the shooter had had friends, if we wouldn't have had this tragedy. We need healing for our society that is so polarized and divided over so many issues including gun control laws.

I hope that this Lenten season will not only be a time to learn about healing, but that it will be a time to experience healing in all its various forms.

As we journey through this Lenten season and the grief and trauma that we're experiencing as the MSU community, I am confident that our faithful God will journey with us. I'm also confident that our faithful God will be at work to turn our mourning into dancing and our sorrow into joy. Finally, I'm confident that the pain and grief of Good Friday will turn into the joy of Easter.

*Praying for healing,  
Pastor Gary*



### Midweek Lenten Worship

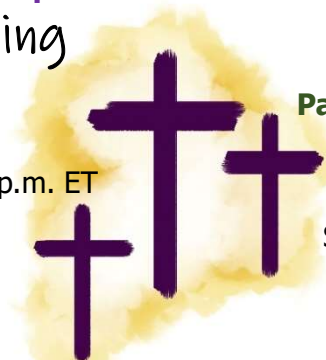
## A Time of Healing

Wednesdays

In-person at Noon

Streamed on Facebook at 7 p.m. ET

- Mar. 1 Physical Healing
- Mar. 8 Environmental Healing
- Mar. 15 Relational Healing
- Mar. 22 Emotional Healing
- Mar. 29 Societal Healing



## Holy Week

**Passion/Palm Sunday** – Apr. 2 at 10 a.m.  
Worship Expressions

**Maundy Thursday** – Apr. 6 at Noon  
Soup & Bread lunch followed by worship

**Good Friday** – Apr. 7  
*Seven Last Words*, Noon – 3 p.m.

**Easter Carnival** – Saturday, Apr. 8 at 10 a.m.

**Easter Sunday** – Apr. 9 Worship at 10 a.m.

**Soup & Bread Lunch following Noon worship.**  
Sign up in narthex or [on-line](#) to bring bread/soup.



### Valentine's Dinner



Valentine's Day semi-formal dinner with many thanks to Pastor Gary and Miriam Bunge for hosting this very special meal during Friday@Five on February 10.

### Sunday Forum Presentation



Student Associates share during Sunday Forum about the upcoming alternative spring break trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### Dinner and Support



Sue Kamens hosts a small group of students who stayed in East Lansing following the shootings on campus on Feb. 13. Throughout the week we gathered to provide support over meals. This time our international graduate students from Madagascar, Narindra and Natou, cooked a traditional Malagasy meal.



Prayers and support ascended from ELCA campus ministries across the country. This photo from Pastor Ray Ranker, lifelong friend and colleague of Pastor Haley Vay Beaman, and the students after worship in College Park, University of Maryland.





## Family Faith Formation

# Sunday Funday!



On Feb. 5, Sunday Funday, families with children and youth plus our ministry volunteers gather for dinner, children's choir, and crafts along the theme of Jesus and his love.



## Nailed It!



## Youth Group



Youth group continues to gather on Sundays, 5:00-7:00pm. During Sunday Funday we had a Bible study on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount from Matthew 7. Youth created "Instagram" posts on paper to describe parts of the story.

Nailed It! Our youth group and campus ministry joined efforts in a fun take on the Netflix series, "Nailed It!" a team baking competition.



# Samaritas and Galatians

**Mar. 5:** No Forum

**Mar. 12:** Samaritas, Dave Gilman. Whatever your level of familiarity with this remarkable organization, you will be enriched and enlightened by what you learn. Samaritas is an utterly amazing organization. When they talk about “transforming entire communities one life at a time,” it is not just a catchy ad phrase. Samaritas is the state’s largest foster care and adoption organization and one of the



largest providers of refugee services. And it is so much more. Every time Bill and I have talked with someone from Samaritas, what we learn humbles and dazzles us. Samaritas, indeed, embodies the love of Christ and puts Hope into Action.

**Mar. 19:** No Forum

**Mar. 26** The Dramatic Presentation of Paul’s Letter to the Galatians, Pastor Gary. Over three weeks, Pastor Gary will present a short

video series which introduces us to the oral performance and history of the book of Galatians. Using what we know about the life and culture of first century Christians, Dr. David Rhoads shares information about the history and culture of the people of the ancient world, the letter from Paul to the Galatians, and why it is important to hear the story as the original recipients of the letter might have heard it.

*Linda Trevarthen*



## ULC Memorial Library

### Connecting Prayer, Healing and Artistry

Recently, Dawn Newton donated three books to the ULC Library. She wanted to recognize the book, *Tar Beach* by Faith Ringgold, the Prayers and Squares ministry, and ULC’s racial justice efforts. Her story follows.

“We’ve always had a ton of books in our house. In recent years, I’ve been looking for BIPOC picture and middle grade books for the young girl I mentor, formerly through the Kids Hope program. One day I saw a story on PBS NewsHour about Faith Ringgold’s exhibit in NYC, which happens to be where my son lives. The story talked about *Tar Beach* and Ringgold’s quilts. I remembered reading the book to Rachel when she was younger but had forgotten the quilt aspect of the story. I was determined to see the exhibit when we went to NYC for Easter in 2022.

When I saw the show with my husband and son, I was mesmerized. Ringgold did paintings as well, but the story quilts, many of them dealing with issues of racial justice, were visually exquisite and powerful



Faith Ringgold’s quilt displayed in the NYC museum. This is also the picture on the book cover.

in their messages. I thought about Ringgold’s role in social justice and ULC’s focus on similar issues, Bobbie Davis and her many years making the same kind of quilts for prayer, and my own young friend who sees the world as an artist.

I am an associative person by nature and standing in the museum in the center of that art with all of those things weaving through my brain gave me the idea of donating those

books to the library to honor the quilt ministry.”

Much thought was given to the text on the bookplate. It says:

#### **In Honor of**

Bobbie Davis, Dian Wright  
and Ann Booren  
Women of the Prayer  
Quilt Ministry -- 2003  
Connecting prayer, healing  
and artistry.

The description of the book says, “Acclaimed artist Faith Ringgold seamlessly weaves fiction, autobiography, and African American history into a magical story that resonates with the universal wish for freedom.” Look for the books in the Bandlow Multicultural and Racial Justice Collection. Donations of books are always welcome, and the Library Team will be happy to assist you with the process.

Visit the library often. There is always something new to see.

*The Library Team*

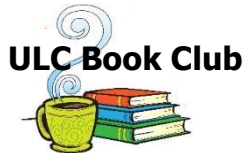


Senior Choir Scholarship Fund  
Benefit Concert

Sunday, April 23rd – 4 p.m.  
in the ULC Sanctuary

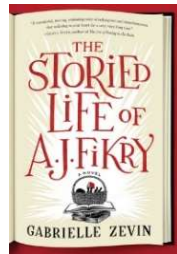
A reception will be held in the Narthex  
following the concert.

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## February Book Moved to March

The ULC Book Club did not meet in February. We have moved our discussion of *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* by Gabrielle Zevin to our March meeting on Thursday, March 16. Bookstore owner A.J. Fikry feels nothing in his life is as it should be. A.J. copes with this by slowly distancing himself from everyone around him. When a mysterious package arrives at his bookstore A.J. Fikry is given a chance to make his life over.



ULC Book Club meets the third Thursday of most months at 10 a.m. 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](mailto:bwojan1@gmail.com) or Mary Kotnik at [mkotnik@comcast.net](mailto: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 April we will discuss *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin.

*Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik*

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## March Outreach of the Month Living Water Ministries

The March Outreach of the Month will go to support the ministry of Living Water Ministries (LWM), which is the outdoor ministry of our Synod and the Southeast Michigan Synod located at Stony Lake Camp in New Era, Michigan. Last summer, through generous donations, LWM provided camp free for all campers. This summer LWM has instituted "Welcome to All Pricing: Come as you are. Pay what you will. Full Price. Half Price. No Price." This pricing enables so many youth to attend camp who would otherwise not be able to attend. Your giving to the Outreach of the Month will help make camp accessible to all children regardless of their financial situation.



Camp is a transformative and faith-forming experience. Many of our pastors in the ELCA have come through our church camps. Both Pastor Haley Vay and I have been formed by our time in church camps. Pastor Haley Vay was both a camper and counselor, and I was a counselor. In addition to summer camp, LWM has a marvelous ministry called Bridge Builders which has national reach and helps campers explore systemic racism with anti-racism curriculum. This program has won several national awards. In addition, LWM holds a Charge event each year for youth grades 6-12. For more information about LWM: [www.elcalivingwater.com](http://www.elcalivingwater.com).

*Pastor Gary*

# Help Make ULC More Welcoming and Inclusive!

Last fall I had the opportunity to attend a Disability Awareness Day, sponsored by the Northwest Michigan Synod. I was impressed with the array of resources available to congregations to support the welcome and inclusion of persons who live with various disabilities.

Sharing this information with others at ULC brought the suggestion that an ad hoc team be formed to use

available resources and implement strategies to ensure that ULC is a welcoming and inclusive place for persons with disabilities where they are supported in their faith journeys. The team would aim to provide a platform for people who live with disabilities and/or their caregivers or other interested parties to bring forward needed accommodations or other related concerns.

Beth Rahe stepped forward to assist in this project. We are looking for others to serve on this team. If you would like to be involved or just wish for more information, please reach out to me at [deannamilligan3@gmail.com](mailto:deannamilligan3@gmail.com), 517 706-7789, or Beth Rahe at [bwojan1@gmail.com](mailto:bwojan1@gmail.com).

*Deanna Milligan*

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## Phishing Scams – Check Before You Click!

Phishing is the practice of tricking others into revealing personal or confidential information. It is a cybercrime and a form of social engineering in which attackers pose as a trusted institution or person. They want you to give them your sensitive information and they use manipulation, fear, and trust to make it happen. Phishing can happen via email, phone calls, or text messages.

ULC has seen an uptick in phishing emails since the new year. Attackers can and will exploit the trusting relationships that exist within a church community. We are not the only church or denomination who sees these phishing attempts repeatedly happen.

Here are a few reminders:

- Pastor Gary and ULC Staff will NEVER send an email asking for gift cards or financial help. If you receive something like this, PLEASE call the church office and do not respond to the email.
- SLOW DOWN when you are checking email. We tend to move quickly and assume that everything that shows up in our inbox is legitimate, but phishing emails often look safe and unassuming. Double checking the sender's email address and examining hyperlinks for legitimacy can be crucial to not falling for the scam.
- NEVER click a link or reply with sensitive information such as account numbers, passwords, or usernames. Also, DO NOT give this information to anyone over the phone.
- If you receive a surprising email, do not reply. Reach out to the sender through another channel (a phone call or text) to confirm.

This is not an exhaustive list of information. Read more at the links below:

[www.microsoft.com/en-us/security/business/security-101/what-is-phishing](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/security/business/security-101/what-is-phishing)  
[www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud](https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud)  
[www.uuworld.org/articles/church-gift-card-scam](https://www.uuworld.org/articles/church-gift-card-scam)  
[www.mittensynod.org/internet-security/](https://www.mittensynod.org/internet-security/)

*Mandy O'Neil*

### Quick Tips for Avoiding Phishing from Microsoft

#### **Don't trust display names:**

Check the sender's email address before opening a message—the display name might be a fake.

#### **Check for typos:**

Spelling mistakes and poor grammar are typical in phishing emails. If something looks off, flag it.

#### **Look before clicking:**

Hover over hyperlinks in genuine-sounding content to inspect the link address.

#### **Read the salutation:**

If the email is addressed to "Valued Customer" instead of to you, or if the salutation sounds very formal, be wary. It's likely fraudulent.

#### **Beware of threats and the need for urgency:**

Fear-based phrases like "Your account has been suspended" or "I need your help!" are prevalent in phishing emails.





# Many Hands Make Quilts of Valor

Continued from page 1.

Work on more than a dozen quilts was halted at noon for a pizza and salad lunch. By three o'clock, much had been accomplished. Thank you to all the volunteers who came to cut, sew, measure batting and backing fabric, press seams and especially to Paulette Piirainen who organized the beautiful lunch.

Susan Christensen collected a large donation of quilts and knitted items from Tight Knit and Prayers and Squares for the Baby Pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Era, Mich. Her daughter Liz was a faithful member of Tight Knit while attending MSU. She is currently working at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. and hopes to return to East Lansing in the future to work on her advanced degree.



Blankets and knitted items for the baby pantry at Trinity.

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it is part of a prayer quilt. Each quilt we make is finished by tying. As a quilt is tied, a prayer is said for the person who is to receive it. The quilt is given as a statement of our faith in God. We believe that prayer is a powerful tool which God has provided for us. Do you know of a specific person who needs a prayer quilt? Please contact Bobbie, Ann, or one of the pastors.

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 me ([bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com](mailto:bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com)) or Ann Booren ([boorena@msu.edu](mailto:boorena@msu.edu)) a call or email.

*Bobbie Davis*

## QOV Sewing Day



**We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.  
No sewing skills needed!**



## Great Stories from Our Kids Hope Mentors

As the director of Kids Hope USA at ULC, I receive many emails from mentors about their sessions with students. Here are three great stories I recently found in my inbox. Thank you to Cindy Ramsey, Beth Rahe and Kay Meints for letting me share edited versions of their stories.

My student, “and I had a great mentoring session today! His teacher wants me to work with him on reading, as he is reading below grade level. He is reluctant to read with a partner in class. We talked about that, and he voiced it is hard for him because he is embarrassed about his stuttering. He was eager to read for me today, which is a big change. After we did his assigned reading, he wanted to try to read the book I brought! This is major progress! It’s one of those sessions where you realize why we’re doing mentoring, and maybe we’re making a small difference.”

My student, “is quite determined to give me a gift. So determined that she tried to give me her lunch money one day, and then today I saw her pick something off a classroom shelf



which she presented to me as a gift once we reached the library to begin our session. I left the item sitting on the table throughout our mentoring hour until the alarm on my phone went off, signaling we had only five minutes left, and it was time to clean up. I then asked her; 1. What the item was, and 2. Who it belonged to before she picked it up in the classroom. She answered truthfully on both counts. It was a simple rubber pad with areas you could push to relieve stress. I think she chose it for me because it was pink. She then told me it belonged to her teacher while still urging me to keep it. I praised her for being honest with me about who the stress pad belonged to and told her we needed to return it to her classroom as it was not okay to give away something that was not hers. I also realized that I need to teach her that spending time with her is a gift to me in itself and she doesn’t need to think about giving me anything other than her attention for the hour we spend together.”

My student, “unpacked my Kids Hope bag as usual this week, but got sidetracked by the purple Popple stuffed toy inside. He loved that toy. Popples can be turned inside out, and the animal disappears into a pouch on its back.” He “had to work hard to get the Popple into the pouch and back out again, but he kept doing it over and over again. He was not interested in... the flash card games I brought. He just wanted to turn that Popple into and take him out of his pouch. Then he rolled Popple around the table, then on the floor then out into the hallways. The whole hour was all about Popple and I felt like a bit of a failure. I did not know how to distract him from playing with the Popple. He was having such a good time and he was being so creative that I hated to interfere with his fun. Unfortunately, he knows that I have a second Popple who is yellow, and he wants me to bring both of them to our session next week. Oh Dear! I will have to bring some really interesting games and activities with me next time.”

*Barbara Kissling, Director  
ULC Kids Hope USA*

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## Sharing God’s Love with the World through Knit and Crochet

“May God’s grace be upon these shawls, warming, comforting, enfolding, and embracing. May these mantles be a safe haven... a sacred place of security and wellbeing, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May the ones who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in love.”

This prayer was used to bless 60+ shawls and lapghans during worship on Feb. 5. The shawls and lapghans, made by the Tight Knit group at ULC, were then delivered to McClaren Hospice for distribution by their chaplains. Tight Knit is a group

of knitters and crocheters who gather on Mondays at ULC between 4 and 6:30 p.m. Besides crafting items for donation (in addition to the prayer shawls, we make hats,



Tight Knit items displayed during worship on Feb. 5.

baby items, Knitted Knockers, and more) we gather for fellowship, support, and food. People of all skill levels are welcome, including those who have never held needles or hooks before. We will teach you! Come as you are and when you are able. Stay for as long or as short as works for you.

We would love to have you join this ministry!

*Vicki Anderson*

# UNDERSTANDING RACISM WORKSHOP

Clear your calendars and plan to attend this powerful workshop!

**6 Sessions**  
**Every Monday**  
**April 17-May 22**  
**6:00 pm-9:00 pm on ZOOM**

This 6-session event is free for church members. When registering, please choose the option to "pay later" under credit card.

Contact Vicki Anderson with questions.

To register, scan the QR code or go to:  
[www.tinyurl.com/CORESpring23](http://www.tinyurl.com/CORESpring23)




Offered by the  
**ULC Racial Justice Team**  
 in partnership with  
**Lansing Communities Organizing for Racial Equity**



## Joining the Community in Showing Our Spartan Love



Rev. Craig A. Satterlee, Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, provided the sermon during the Feb. 19 worship service.



### Spartan Sunday

With the Islamic Center, we made signs to help welcome the students back to campus after the horrific shooting the previous Monday.



ULC Council met via Zoom on Feb. 21. Here are some highlights from the discussion:

- Council members volunteered to serve as point people for 2023 goals (shared in the April Lux).
- Listened to a proposal about an additional solar array, no decisions made



- Appointed Rachael Drobnak as student representative to Endowment Committee

- On Easter, council will bring continental breakfast items to be enjoyed before and after service.
- Treasurer's Report: Confirmed that the annual amount from the synod for campus ministry is the amount expected.

*Emily Uebel*  
*ULC Council Secretary*

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## Year End Financial Update

As of December 31, 2022, we are 100 percent of the way through the year and have received 98 percent of what we had budgeted for pledged and non-pledged giving (just under \$13,000 less than the budget). We spent 94 percent of budgeted expenses. We transferred \$2,984 from designated funds (less than the \$20,000 budgeted) to net zero for the year.

While most of the expenses are running in line with the budget, we did experience some unplanned and unbudgeted building repairs this year – boiler repairs and a retaining wall for the stairs going to the memorial garden and playground. Finance Committee and Council have been discussing additional major building repairs and church expenses needed in the coming years and hope to have a coordinated strategy to address these needs. Additionally, the approved 2023 budget built in a building maintenance depreciation fund to support some

of these unplanned expenses. Overall, the monthly fluctuations in income and expenses are in line with prior year's trends.

Other items to note, we paid off the mortgage in July of this year and now own the building. Council approved the addition of a Technical Director position, which was filled in September. Collectively, we also gave nearly \$38,000 to various organizations through the Outreach of the Month, in addition to nearly \$53,000 in other benevolence activities.

The Finance Committee looks forward to another great year of stewardship and community outreach. For additional details about the 2022 financials, please contact me at [treasurer@ulcel.org](mailto:treasurer@ulcel.org).

*Louise Montag, ULC Treasurer*

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## The Greater Church

### First Palestinian Woman Ordained in Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land

From a Feb. 2023 letter by Kathryn M. Lohre, Executive, Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Relations & Theological Discernment:

There are moments in our ministries when hope becomes visible. This is how I would describe what it was like to be present for the ordination of Rev. Sally Azar at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem on Jan. 22. Rev. Azar is the first Palestinian woman to be ordained into pastoral ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL). Hundreds of representatives of the Lutheran World Federation gathered for this historic occasion to support and affirm the long-term work and witness of the ELCJHL

and its leadership for gender justice — past, present and future.

The day before the ordination, the ELCA delegation visited the Evangelical Lutheran School of Hope in Ramallah where Christian and Muslim Palestinian students are formed. Through presentations and dance, we experienced how students are building bridges to a better future they cannot see, one filled with dignity and art, science and curiosity, rights and responsibilities, where all flourish together.

We also met with church leaders who shared about their local ecumenical cooperation in the face of the rapid decline of the Christian community in

the region. Fr. Elias Awad, the Spiritual Head of the Orthodox Churches of Ramallah Governorate, told us about the 1993 decision among Protestants, Catholics and Orthodox to commonly celebrate Christmas and Easter each year. We were struck by the simple audacity of this Christian witness where visible unity is not an abstract theological concept but a necessity.

I am grateful for each of these experiences, received as a generous gift from the “living stones” of the Holy Land. They remind me that seeing hope is essential for the work that we do. I pray that you also have stories to recount, and that you feel renewed for the year ahead.

## Birthdays

- 1 Gary Dawson
- 4 Marian Stoll
- 5 Kirstan Jolin
- 7 Wendy Guilfoyle  
Paulette Piirainen
- 8 Philip Brooks
- 9 Diane Goddeeris  
James Kocher
- 10 Kristi Sneed
- 11 Pr. Haley Vay Beaman
- 12 Max Miller



- 15 Michael Anderson  
Barbara Kissling
- 16 Cindy Jenks  
Lynn McCurdy
- 17 Stan Kotajarvi

- Patrick Milligan
- 19 TJ Christian  
Dave Oslund
- 21 John Foley  
Bill Nicholas  
Brielle Williams
- 22 Lena Oslund
- 23 Paul Brooks
- 28 Sarah Gallagher
- 29 Jeffrey Andresen  
Harold Prince
- 31 Lori Althouse

## Anniversaries

- 4 Steven & Darra Haase
- 9 James Sype & Vivian  
Leung
- 17 Bill & Linda Trevarthen
- 18 Max & Lou Ann Miller  
Paul & Mary Kotnik
- 19 Gail & Barbara Riegle
- 20 Louise & Lee Paquette

## ULC Archives

### The Building of ULC

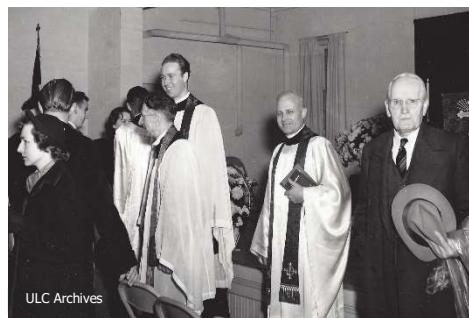
The new addition to ULC was dedicated in April of 1997. In the April 1997 issue of *Lux Alumnis* there appeared a commentary about building and renovating throughout ULC's history. It was written by Charlie and Betty Downs who were at the time the writers, editors, and producers of the *Lux Alumnis* along with Dave Wiggert, a special edition of *Lux* that was mailed to ULC alumni. The commentary follows.

#### A New Church for \$50,000?

*The more things change, the more they remain the same...*  
Alphonse Karr, 1808-90.

Anyone who knows anything about ULC's history knows that construction in stages and the funding thereof have always been major topics. An excerpt from an early 1940s fund-raising document illustrates the point and the role of constant inflation ever since. At that time, we had just organized and were worshipping in a movie theater on the first block of Abbot Road but had purchased the land at Division and Ann Streets where we later built.

"In a city like East Lansing, near the campus with its magnificent buildings, we cannot build cheaply," according to the '40s document. "A chapel of sufficient



Service held in the basement of the Ann Street Church.

size, churchly, dignified, together with an educational unit and furnishings, will cost about \$50,000. We cannot incur indebtedness or leave the structure incomplete. We want to do this right. We owe that to the cause, and to our Lutheran Church."

Nevertheless, the reality was tougher than the dreaming and the first stage of construction ended with a shell of a building and the congregation worshipped in the basement for a few years. When the building was "completed" in 1948 (at a cost of \$114,000), it still lacked adequate education space, a problem remedied in 1959 when a Sunday School wing was added.

Soon thereafter, we bought a lot on Harrison Road to be close to married student housing and the new residence halls. Again, there was not enough money for all that we wanted, and we chose to build a major sanctuary and add the educational, student and community service facilities later, a job that is just now being completed.

To paraphrase Robert Browning: *Ah, but a church's reach should exceed its grasp, or what's a heaven for?*

Connie Lenkowski



The deadline for the April *Lux* is **Wednesday, March 15.**

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# March

1	8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL	1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside
	9a-4p ULC Office Open	4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*
	9:30a Communications Team-Zoom	7:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship-Facebook only
	Noon Mid-week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary (Physical Healing)	16 9a-4p ULC Office Open
	12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside	10:00a Book Club-Fireside
	4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*	7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary
	4:30p Lead Management-MS Teams	17 5:00p Friday@Five
	7:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship-Facebook only	19 10:00a Worship-Sanctuary/FB
2	9a-4p ULC Office Open	11:00a Kids Hope Sharing Session-Fireside
	7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary	11:30a NO FORUM
3	Spring Break Trip thru Mar. 11	5:00p HS Youth Group-Youth Room
4	Noon/2p Basketball Parking (MSU v OSU)	20 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
5	10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB	21 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*
	11:30a NO FORUM	9-4p ULC Office Open
	5:00p Sunday Funday-Narthex/Sanctuary	10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
6	4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside	12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside
7	7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*	1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
	9-4p ULC Office Open	2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*
	10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	6:30p Council-Zoom*
	1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom	22 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
	2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	9-4p ULC Office Open
8	8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL	Noon Mid-week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary (Emotional Healing)
	9a-4p ULC Office Open	12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside
	Noon Mid-week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary (Environmental Healing)	7:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship-Facebook only
	12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside	23 9-4p ULC Office Open
	7:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship-Facebook only	3:30p Food Movers Distribution-ULC Parking Lot
9	9a-4p ULC Office Open	7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary
	9:30a Brunch Bunch-IHOP EL	24 5:00p Friday@Five
	7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary	26 10:00a Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
12	Daylight Saving Time Resumes	11:30a Sunday Forum-Fireside/Zoom* (Dramatic Presentation of Paul's Letters to the Galatians)
	10:00a Worship-Sanctuary/FB	27 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
	11:30a Sunday Forum-Fireside/Zoom* (Samaritas)	28 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*
13	4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside	9-4p ULC Office Open
14	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	7:00p Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship
	2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	7:00p Pub Theology-Zoom*
	6:30p Racial Justice Team-Zoom	29 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
15	8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL	9-4p ULC Office Open
	9a-4p ULC Office Open	Noon Mid-week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary (Societal Healing)
	9:30a Amnos Circle-Fireside	12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside
	Noon Mid-week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary (Relational Healing)	7:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship-Facebook only
	12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside	30 9a-4p ULC Office Open
		7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary

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



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## Meal Ministry Cooking Event

**April 15, 2023**

**9:00-1:00**

**Kitchen @ ULC**

For more information and to sign up, visit:  
[www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jyzrv](http://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/jyzrv)

Contact Emily Uebel for questions.

\*\*Please sign up by Sunday, April 9\*\*

