

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

**Mark Your Calendars . . .**

**Quilts of Valor Sunday**

Nov. 13 – 10 a.m.

**Food Movers**

Thursday, Nov. 17  
Drive-thru distribution  
beginning at 3:30 p.m.

**Stewardship Sunday**  
(& Time Capsule Replaced)

Nov. 20

**Pub Theology**

Tuesday, Nov. 29  
7:00 p.m. on Zoom

**Advent Day**

Sunday, Dec. 4  
Crafts & Dinner

**Annual  
Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, Dec. 11  
Following worship

**Speaker Series Focus  
Reconciliation & Reparations**

Our theme for the year in campus ministry is “Reconciliation and Reparations.” Our first speakers were from the Lansing Justice League. Facilitator Willye Bryan gave an historic presentation on Reparations and led a discussion with students that was helpful and eye-opening. Part of the ministry of racial justice and reconciliation is expanding awareness through relationship building.



Participants in the first One Community speaker series focused on Reconciliation and Reparations.

As a historically white Lutheran church, we can better understand the lived experience of our black neighbors when we engage in meaningful relationships and work together as we learn and grow. One Community campus ministry has pledged to support Lansing Justice League prayerfully and financially as part of our effort to give reparations.

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<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>November 6</b> <b>5 - 7 p.m.</b></p>		<p><b>Children's Choir</b></p> 
<p><b>Dinner with Holy Communion Instruction Part 2</b></p>	<p>Families with children &amp; youth of all ages and abilities are welcome to join the fun!</p>	

## Generous Giving Helps to Tell the Story

As we enter into the month of November, Thanksgiving is right around the corner. Of course, Thanksgiving brings thoughts of family gatherings, turkey dinners, and football. It is a wonderful holiday. I always really enjoy it. But there is so much more to Thanksgiving than that.

Typically, when we think about Thanksgiving we think about thanks, and giving thanks. That is pretty obvious. But as I started writing this and thinking about Thanksgiving, it struck me that integral to Thanksgiving is giving! And I'm not just talking about giving thanks. November is also the month when we as a congregation are talking about stewardship and our giving to support the ministry of ULC. So, I'm thinking that central to Thanksgiving is giving thanks to God by giving of our hard-earned financial resources to support the ministry of the congregation and further the mission of Jesus.

The theme this year for our stewardship focus is *I Love to Tell the Story*, which is based on the old hymn by that name. The refrain of the hymn says it best: *I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.* Telling the story of Jesus and his love is what the giving of Thanksgiving is all about – giving thanks to God by the giving of our financial resources to tell the story of Jesus and his love.

It's easy to say a prayer of thanks at Thanksgiving dinner, or to sit around



the Thanksgiving table and share what we're thankful for. It may even be a good thing to do so. But much more significant and difficult is to say thanks by giving of our financial resources. And it is only because of your giving, your thanksgiving, that we are able to tell the story of Jesus and his love.

Your giving enables us to have a lovely building which serves as a center for our mission. A tool for ministry. A place to worship. A place to learn and grow in our faith. A place for the community to have meetings and gatherings. A place that serves as a staging area for ministries like Food Movers, Prayers and Squares, Racial Justice, Kids against Hunger and Tight Knit. Giving for utilities and building maintenance is not glamorous, but without them our ability to tell the story of Jesus and his love is significantly hampered.

Your giving enables us to reach out to the MSU community through our campus ministry – to help students deal with difficult questions of racism, sexuality, faith, and their place in the world. Our campus ministry provides a place where students feel welcomed just as God created them, a safe place to be who they are. Our campus ministry tells

the story of Jesus and his love to students, faculty, and staff.

Your giving enables our Kids Hope Ministry at Forest View Elementary. This is a ministry first and foremost to the children that our mentor's mentor – at-risk children that are so in need of a caring adult who shares Jesus' love by spending an hour a week with them and making them feel special. But it is also a way of telling of Jesus' love with the faculty and staff of Forest View by supporting them in their ministry with their students.

This year the Stewardship Team and I are asking you to prayerfully consider taking a step up in your giving to support our ministry of University Lutheran Church. In a mailing you received near the end of October you will find, in addition to a letter and a 2023 Statement of Intent card, a step chart that breaks down the congregation's giving into "steps" of weekly giving per household. Please find where you are on the chart. Would you consider taking a step up to a new level for 2023 in order to help tell the story of Jesus and his love?

*I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love,* and it's your generous thanks-**giving**, that enables us to tell that story. Thank you for your generous giving.

*Happy Thanks-giving,  
Pastor Gary*

Mark your calendars!

**Annual Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, Dec. 11 at 11 a.m.**



Remember to set back your clocks one hour on Sunday, Nov. 6 . . .

Or you'll be really **early** to church!

## Meet Student Associate, Jared Koenigsberg



I am a senior studying fisheries and wildlife with a concentration in fish biology and management. This past summer I worked with NJ Fish and Wildlife service to help conduct surveys to determine trout populations within the state. This will be my first year as a student associate. I am very

excited to see where this journey takes me and our One Community. In my free time I enjoy fishing, watching sports and listening to music.



Photo from Tender Heart Gardens

in Lansing in 2017. They currently grow on a third-acre lot in the Urbandale floodplain, leased from the Ingham County Land Bank.

Their collective team of growers and community members determines annual and long-term projects for the gardens, including beehives and a pollinator garden, fiber and dye plants, annual vegetables, and perennial food crops.

## Reconciliation & Reparations

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Learning about reparations in September.

Thank you to those who have provided meals for campus ministry Fridays@ Five. This month we have been blessed by delicious meals from the ULC Racial Justice Team, Lori Johnson, and Joy Oslund.



Photo from baking communion bread.

We also enjoyed a friendly competition of communion bread baking. Two teams of students baked two different family recipes for communion

bread. Which was better? They were both extraordinary in their own way. In God's house, we can all be winners.

*Pastor Haley Vay*



Another delicious Friday meal!

Additional Friday@Five events this month have included serving at Tender Hearts Gardens, an organization that began as a queer and trans growing collective, founded

**Join us every  
Friday at 5 p.m.  
through Dec. 9!  
(Thanksgiving Break Nov. 25)**



## MSU Basketball Parking

One Community begins its annual parking for MSU men's basketball games with the Villanova game on Friday, Nov. 18. The ULC lot opens 1½ hours prior to tip-off and the fee is \$10.

Proceeds fund campus ministry activities, including our Spring Break trip. But we need 1-2 additional helpers per game. If you help and would like to support another ULC group, we will split the funds! Please encourage friends and family to park at ULC!

## Family Faith Formation

### Kids' Options Both Virtual and In-person!



Choir Rehearsal during Sunday Funday!



Dinner and fellowship on Oct. 2.

## Confirmation



Confirmation fun!

Confirmation Learning Events happen on Wednesday evenings. Each month our youth engage in Servant and Fellowship Events that encourage their faith formation and community building.

In October, our youth are looking forward to helping lead Communion Instruction during our next Sunday Fun Day (Nov. 6) and Trunk or Treat on Oct. 30.

## High School Youth

Youth Group Kickoff event on Sunday, Nov. 6 from 5 – 7 p.m. will coincide with Sunday Funday and include dinner, games, Bible study, and worship.



## Student Spotlight – Simon Peterson

Congratulations, Simon Peterson (he/him/his), NEW High School Youth Ministry Leader at ULC! This November Simon will begin serving alongside me in creating a safe and courageous atmosphere for youth to grow during their high school years at church. On Sundays 5 -7 p.m. we'll gather for dinner, games, Bible study, and worship.

In close collaboration with me, Simon's responsibilities in youth ministry will include leading Sunday night youth group gatherings, as well as planning service and fellowship events with our youth. Thank you for praying for Simon in his new role in youth ministry, and for all our youth and families as they seek to grow in community and their faith together. Check out what Simon has to say below and join us on Sunday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m. for our fall high school youth group kickoff event!

*Pastor Haley Vay*

Hi, I'm Simon Peterson (He/Him/His)! I am a fourth-year student at MSU majoring in Psychology with a dual minor in Bioethics and Cognitive Science. I hope to pursue a PhD in Sports psychology with the intent of working in the motorsport industry.

Most of my childhood has taken place in Chicago, Illinois where I attended North Park Covenant Church on the northside of the city. A massive portion of my social life throughout high school came out of both middle school and senior high youth group experiences. Lifelong friendships and my relationship with my girlfriend have stemmed from my childhood in the church. In this new role, I hope to provide a space where all feel welcome to come as they are. I hope to help these highschoolers grow in their faith and relationships with one another as they help me to do the same.



In my free time I am almost always doing car related things. From driving to watching Formula 1 on the weekends, I love it all. I have also grown up as a competitive swimmer and a musician (as both a singer and trombone player). Please come say hi to me if you see me in church! I am so excited to get to know you all as we begin this journey together.

**Mark your calendars!**

2022

**Advent & Christmas  
Schedule**



**Advent one - Sunday, Nov. 27**  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**Advent two - Sunday, Dec. 4, 10 a.m.**  
Special Music Sunday  
Musical offerings by the Senior Choir and Handbell Ensemble

**Advent three - Sunday, Dec. 11, 10 a.m.**  
Children's Christmas Program

**Advent four - Sunday, Dec. 18, 10 a.m.**  
Worship Expressions, Jazz

**Christmas Eve - Saturday, Dec. 24**  
5 p.m. Worship Service - Lessons and Carols  
6:45 p.m. Special Music  
7:00 p.m. Candlelight Worship Service - Lessons and Carols

**Christmas Day - Sunday, Dec. 25**  
10 a.m. Worship Service

**Trunk or Treat 2022**



# November Forums Conclude the “Difficult Words” Series

If you missed the first three installments of this riveting, illuminating, and often humorous six-part DVD series entitled “The Difficult Words of Jesus,” join us for the rest and you will be so glad you did! The discussion is led by Pastor Gary, using a video and narrated by internationally renowned scholar and university professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies,



Amy-Jill Levine. Levine says, “...since Israel means ‘to wrestle with God’, we do well to wrestle with passages that have and can continue to cause harm...The Bible is less a book of answers than a book that helps us ask the right questions.”

**Nov 6:** No Forum

**Nov 13:** “Nowhere Among the Gentiles” Matthew 10:5b-6 and “Outer Darkness” Matthew 25-30

**Nov 20:** “Your Father the Devil” John 8:44a

**Nov 27:** Thanksgiving Weekend — No Forum

This series and the book of the same title are both so good, I just wish she’d written three or four sequels!

*Linda Trevarthen*



## ULC Memorial Library

### Check Out Our New Books!

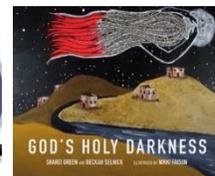
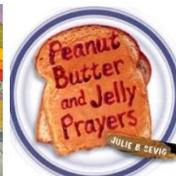
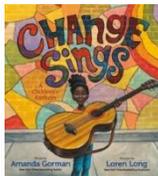
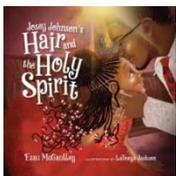
We have a few new books in the ULC Library. Some might look familiar because Pastor Haley Vay shared them with our children; or they were discussed in the ULC Book Club; or they were used for a forum sponsored by the Racial Justice Team; or they were used

for a Circle Bible Study; or they are a favorite of the Library Team.

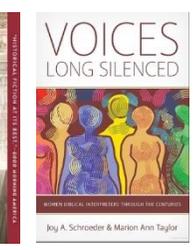
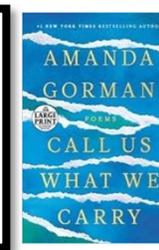
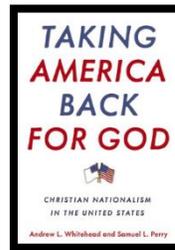
Visit the library; it is open when the church is open.

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

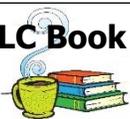
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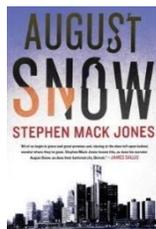


## ULC Book Club



### Join us to Discuss *August Snow*

ULC Book Club will meet Thursday, Nov. 17 at 10 a.m. to discuss *August Snow* by Stephen Mack Jones. August, the son of an African American father and a Mexican mother is forced out of the Detroit Police Department by crooked officers and politicians. He wins a wrongful dismissal suit against the city but is forced to deal with Detroit’s criminal side again when wealthy Eleanore Paget asks him to investigate odd events at her



business and then dies suspiciously a day later.

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](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.

Due to busy schedules, we do not meet during the month of December. In January we will discuss *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.

*Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik*

## Five "R's" in Zero Waste Management

The 5 R's in zero waste management provide a new scheme for dealing with waste in our lives by helping us focus on our habits and consumption patterns. They are -- **Refuse:** what you don't need or use (free giveaways'); **Reduce:** what you do need (single use, non-recyclable items); **Reuse:** extend the useful life of a product; **Repurpose:** reuse item for a different purpose (also called upcycling); **Recycle:** what you cannot refuse, reduce or reuse



This column will highlight some of the ways our members incorporate this scheme in their practice of caring for God's creation.

From Linda Trevarthen: "I have taken a wide variety of things to the MSU Theatre Department to be used for costumes and sets: current and outdated clothes in any condition can either be used "as is" or re-designed into something new; vintage shoes and costume jewelry are often

welcome; old appliances both working and broken can be used for props (vacuum cleaners, irons, coffee pots, microwaves, TVs). Telephones, lamps, typewriters, record players, old, framed pictures and posters, wall clocks, cupboards, shelves, and other hanging items are often needed for set design; even old, expired canned/ packaged foods make great props for kitchen scenes."

*Judy Kindel*

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### November Outreach of the Month ULC Endowment Funds

ULC is blessed to have two Endowment Funds – the ULC General Endowment Fund and the ULC Campus Ministry Endowment Fund – both of which contribute financial support from the gain/growth that the fund realizes each year and over time. These funds are to be used for activities/projects that support ULC's mission and vision. Your gift this year to either the General or Campus Ministry Endowment Funds will allow the funds to continue supporting activities and projects in the years to come.

Your gift will enable continued financial support for grants within the three following categories:

**Mission In Christ's World** Priority is given to support of missions of the ELCA including development of new congregations in North America; equipping leaders for the mission of the Church; support professional educational growth; global mission; ecumenism/ interfaith; evangelism; and social ministries.

**Christ's Mission Among Us** Funds are provided to efforts that enrich ULC programming as identified by ULC Church Council and teams; special programs designed for those persons in our parish who are in spiritual or economic need; contributions to improvement of ELCA facilities and building programs; and debt reduction.

**Christ's Mission on Campuses** Funds are used to build the capacity of young adults to serve Christ as leaders and program enrichment for campuses as identified by ULC's Campus Ministry team.

This past year the Endowment Committee awarded grants for the following projects:

- "The Gift of Camp" requested by the Living Water Ministries for \$5,000
- "Rooftop Solar Array" for Redeemer Lutheran Church requested by the ULC Earthkeeping Team for \$5,000
- "Wheelchair Ramp for Iris" for \$5,300
- "ULC Outdoor Activity Space" by the Campus Ministry Team for \$10,000.
- "ULC Memorial Garden Renovation" for \$5,000

Over the past few years the Endowment Committee has supported: multiple campus ministry alternative spring break and mission trips; purchase of computers for elementary students in Colombia; creation of a library in Namibia; multiple food packing events; several solar array projects (ULC, South Side Community Coalition, Islamic Center); Understanding Racism workshop; "Health for Life" project in Honduras; multiple prison reform projects; ULC outdoor summer concert series; racial justice coaching; ULC worship expressions; and many other significant projects over the years.

Please make a gift that keeps giving! Your contribution to the ULC Endowment Funds will ensure that this type of support is able to continue into the future! We also encourage you to remember the ULC Endowment Funds when you are doing any estate planning. Please contact members of the Endowment Committee if you have any questions at [ULCEndowment@ulcel.org](mailto:ULCEndowment@ulcel.org).

*Larry Wagenknecht, Endowment Committee Chair*



## Busy Quilting Month!

The Fellowship Hall was a bevy of activity Saturday, Oct. 1 with 30 enthusiastic participants in our first Christmas Quilt-A-Thon. Kits prepared from a wonderful donation were ready and waiting to be sewed into quilt tops. Everyone enjoyed a pizza and salad lunch at noon before finishing their unique quilt. Visitors from New Era, Jenison and Marne, MI joined the MSU Retirees Quilt Group, ULC members, and friends for a fun day.

We wish to thank everyone who helped us fill 100 backpacks for Lutheran World Relief by sending a donation to help defray the cost of the school supplies. We'd also like to acknowledge the gift to Prayers & Squares by the family of Jesse and Augusta Archer. Your kindness and generosity will allow us to purchase supplies for this ongoing ministry.

The first two Sundays in December will be our craft show sales at ULC. Items are made from scraps created during

the process of making prayer quilts. Please plan on doing some of your holiday gift shopping after services on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Our regular sewing day is Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. If you are unable to join us, we have kits ready to be taken home for completion, and often, fabric that needs to be washed and ironed. Many quilts are in progress thanks to those who worked from home.

We have quilts ready to be given to folks who need our prayers and comfort. Please contact either Ann Booren ([boorena@msu.edu](mailto:boorena@msu.edu)) or Bobbie Davis ([bobbieandavis80@gmail.com](mailto:bobbieandavis80@gmail.com)) if you know of someone who should be included and come choose a special quilt for them. Ann & I are ready to answer any questions about this wonderful ministry.

*Bobbie Davis*



New member Judy Thompson.



Debbie Heinrich, Teresa, and Emily Uebel.



Trinity Lutheran ladies (New Era) receiving 28 quilts for their baby pantry.

## Tight Knit

### Warm Hats to Food Recipients



During the October food distribution, nearly 240 families were served and the ULC knitting/crocheting ministry, Tight Knit, gave out over 500 hats. Pictured in the center are Judy Hardies, Louise Paquette, and Vicki Anderson. The hats were made by members of Tight Knit and also donated by ULC members. Tight Knit meets most Mondays at 3:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room and welcomes new members, especially those who are new to the crafts; learn more at [ulcel.org/action/tightknit](http://ulcel.org/action/tightknit).

# Thoughts from a Kids Hope USA Prayer Partner

When the Kids Hope ministry was introduced at ULC, I knew I wanted to be a part of it in some way. When I was approached about being a prayer partner, I was happy to say “Yes.”



to see how the child is doing so I can pray for special needs and give thanks for things that are going well.

I realize what a special role I play in covering this relationship between child and mentor with prayer. When you begin to widen the prayer to include the child’s family, teacher, school administrators, and support staff you realize you are part of something much larger.

It’s been a blessing to walk alongside the mentor as she faithfully shows up every week to support a child who needs this regular and positive commitment and care. I communicate regularly with my mentor both with email and in person

I also appreciate the Kids Hope Zoom prayer sessions where mentors and prayer partners from around the country are all praying for this ministry. Being able to witness the gracious and loving commitment of all these caring people is a humbling experience and I am grateful to be a part of it.

*Carol Mackin  
Kids Hope USA Prayer Partner*

## Food Packing Resumes After Two Years!



Over 80 volunteers from the Islamic Center and ULC came together on Sunday, Oct. 23 to pack 11,600 dehydrated meals. One-third of those meals are being donated to the local MSU Student Food Bank. Food Packing had been an annual event for our two communities since 2015. Like many community activities, it was postponed due to the pandemic. It was wonderful to be able to do this hands-on (God’s work. Our hands.) ministry again. If you are interested in helping to coordinate this impactful ministry, contact one of the pastors or Vicki Anderson.



## November is Native American Heritage Month

Last year, the Racial Justice Team placed an orange banner in the sanctuary to remind us how the Church and schools they administered tried to take away the Indigenous identity of the children in their care. This month, the orange banner will hang in the sanctuary and then be moved to the narthex to recall these efforts and the devastating effect it had on so many indigenous children.

There is another growing sentiment among indigenous activists that we now wish to call to your attention. It is called *Land Back*, an effort being advocated for by indigenous organizations including the nonprofit NDN Collective. This organization strives to put “Indigenous lands in Indigenous hands.” These groups are advocating for a return of land ceded to indigenous tribes by hundreds of treaties with the U.S Government

that were promptly broken to gain access to the natural resources subsequently found there. Focal points of this effort are the Black Hills of South Dakota and Mount Rushmore.

You may have become aware of this idea if you watched coverage of Donald Trump when he went there in July of 2020. Indigenous people were incensed by his presence (‘trespassing’) on what they still believe are tribal lands given to them in perpetuity by the Treaty of Fort Laramie in 1868. The U.S. Supreme Court agreed with this claim in 1980 when they ruled against the U.S. Government and awarded tribal plaintiffs \$100 million in compensation. The tribes have refused to accept the settlement (now worth almost \$2 billion), saying the land was never for sale.

Proponents of *Land Back* want these and other lands back because their culture, their communities, their very livelihood are tied to the lands they once inhabited. They believe that they can/will take better care of these lands and also take better care of their people.

You can read more about *Land Back* in this CNN Opinion piece by W. Kamau Bell here ([W. Kamau Bell: The United States has broken this fundamental promise over 300 times | CNN](#)). This editorial is a summary of Season 7/Episode 6 of his CNN show *United Shades of America* which was broadcast this past August. We recommend watching this episode if you can find it on your streaming service.

*The Racial Justice Team*

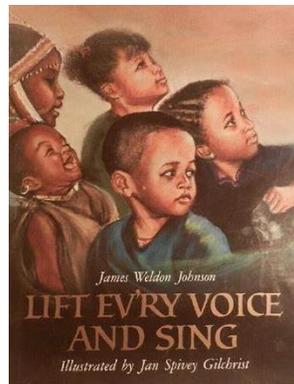
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## Singing with Racial Justice *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

For more than a century, *Lift Every Voice and Sing* has held a powerful place in American history. The hymn is known as the Black National Anthem, but it’s more than that. It’s a history lesson, a rallying cry, a pledge of unity, and as people gather to fight for equality and justice, it is an ever-present refrain.

*Lift Every Voice and Sing* is a hymn written from the context of African Americans in the late 19th century, the hymn is a prayer of thanksgiving as well as a prayer for faithfulness and freedom, with imagery which evokes the biblical Exodus from slavery to the freedom of the “promised land.”

The Poetry Foundation website has this first-hand account by co-composer, James Weldon Johnson: *A group of young men in Jacksonville, Florida, arranged to celebrate Lincoln’s birthday in 1900. My brother, J. Rosamond Johnson, and I decided to*



*write a song to be sung at the exercises. I wrote the words, and he wrote the music. Our New York publisher, Edward B. Marks, made mimeographed copies for us, and the song was taught to and sung by a chorus of five hundred colored school children.*

*Shortly afterwards my brother and I moved away from Jacksonville to New York, and the song passed out of our minds. But the school children of Jacksonville kept singing it; they went off to other schools and sang it; they became teachers and taught it to other children. Within twenty years it was being sung over the South and in some other parts of the country. Today the song, popularly known as the Negro National Hymn, is quite generally used.*

*ULC Racial Justice Education Sub-team*

ULC Council met via Zoom on Oct. 19. Here are some highlights from the discussion:



### Council Notes

- Accepted the proposed 2023 budget for approval at the congregational meeting.
- Approved a new rate for scattering cremains in the Memorial Garden to \$1,000 to account for current maintenance costs.

- Supported Worship Planning Team's recommendation to hold two Christmas Eve services at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Acknowledge and look forward to seeing Simon Petersen serve in the area of high school youth ministry (with funds for his stipend to come from the Youth Designated Fund).

*Emily Uebel, Council Secretary*

### September Attendance

Sept. 4: 689  
Sept. 11: 684  
Alpha Sunday, Worship Expressions Bluegrass Outdoor Worship, Sept. 18: 226  
Sept. 25: 633

## Lead Management Team Notes

**Welcome Team - Emily Uebel:** The Welcome Team has largely been on hiatus during the time that ULC has been worshipping remotely. On Sept. 25, we restarted offering coffee hour! If you would like to help with coffee hour, please sign up at <https://www.wejoinin.com/sheets/xrifu>

**Grounds - Norm Jolin, Sr.:** The Memorial Garden is mostly complete. We need about \$2,500 dollars to pay off the remainder of the planting costs, the purchase of ten steppingstones, and two trees and three shrubs for the northeast edge of the garden. I am reviewing the needs and cost to repair and upgrade the parking lot surface for 2023. The ark has been repaired. It will be stained in 2023. Many thanks to Rick Milligan and his team of workers. The autumn cleanup of the grounds will occur in October; I am still trying to recruit workers for this team.

**ULC Book Group - Mary Kotnik and Beth Rahe:** The ULC book group began their fall season on Sept. 15 when we met to discuss the historical fiction novel "The Personal Librarian." We had six ladies present in person and one join us via Zoom. We have also been recording

our discussion for those that have a scheduling conflict, another four members asked for a recording of our meeting.

The novel is a shared effort between Marie Benedict, who is known for her novels about females "lost to history," and Victoria Christopher Murray, an African American writer. These co-authors made it clear that one of their goals in writing the book was to engage the reader, and book clubs, in discussions about race and racial justice in America. The ULC book club definitely met that mark as we spent a good part of the hour talking about how Belle was forced to pass as white, hiding her true identity in order to maintain her powerful and influential position as head of the Morgan Library. Many members shared their own stories about the racial stereotypes they were indoctrinated into as children and how hard it is to reckon with that past now that we know how wrong and harmful these ideas were.

*Amy Wagenknecht*

**Podcast Title:** Buried Secrets: America's Indian Boarding Schools Part 1 – Oct. 15, 2022, approximately 50 minutes

**Podcast Link:** Reveal News - <https://revealnews.org/podcast/indian-boarding-schools-part-one/>

**Summary:** This podcast is a two-part collaboration with ICT (formerly Indian Country Today), in which the painful legacy of boarding schools

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Racial Justice



### Indian Boarding Schools

for Native children is exposed. These schools were part of a federal program, often run by the Catholic Church, designed to destroy Native culture, identity, and spirituality, with the stated goal to "kill the Indian and save the man." Native reporters explore the role the Doctrine of Discovery and the

Catholic Church played in creating U.S. policy toward Native people and take us to the Red Cloud Indian School on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Surviving boarding school students are interviewed, and reveal the impacts these policies and schools had on Indian people not only in the past, but directly impact ancestors of the survivors today (summarized from show notes/transcripts)

*ULC RJ Education Sub-team*

# We Welcome Our Newest Members!

## **Sandra (Sandy) Bara** (*pronounced: BEAR-uh*)



I have been married to my husband Larry for 49 years and have two children and 5 grandchildren. I was a member of St. Stephen's church and decided to follow Pastor Gary Bunge when I needed to find a new church. My hobbies are card-making and scrapbooking.

## **Jerry & Jan Becker**



Jan was a longtime member at St. Stephen Lutheran, being confirmed there in 1963. Jerry joined her at St. Stephen after their marriage in 1985. We are a blended family with four children and five grandchildren. We enjoy traveling and lived part-time in New Mexico for 14 years before returning permanently to DeWitt in 2019. We have been active volunteering at the Northwest Lansing Lutheran Food Bank.

## **Jay & Brandon Dubois-Jones**

(*pronounced: Du BWAH-Jones*)



We have been married since May 4, 2019. We're both big Star Wars fans and we both enjoy cooking. Brandon is a big fan of American history, and Jay enjoys writing and anything related to nature.

## **Ryan & Carrie, Mara, and Nathan Gennette**

Bio and photo not available at the time of printing

## **Joe & Jenny, Brianna, and Lily Green**



We began worshipping virtually with ULC after our move from Bozeman, MT to Haslett in the summer of 2020. Joe is an artist, Jenny is an associate professor of Statistics Education at MSU, and Brianna (16 years old) and Lily (10 years old) attend Haslett Public Schools. We enjoy being outdoors, eating tasty food, and exploring new places. We appreciate all things

creative, including art, music, theater, and dancing, and we are thrilled to join the ULC family!

## **Debbie Heidrich** (*pronounced: HI-drick*)



I was a life-long resident of Ohio until my granddaughter, Aurora, pulled me north last year. I worked as a registered nurse, primarily in the field of hospice and palliative care and am now retired. I am widowed and have two adult children: Bill lives in Brooklyn, NY; Emily and her husband (Matthew) and daughter (Aurora) are members at ULC.

## **Cindy Jenks**



A lifelong resident of Lansing, I've been married for 48 years to my husband, Michael. We have two daughters and four grandchildren. I enjoy gardening and baking.

## **Jay & Lori Johnson**



We moved to East Lansing in June 2020 from Boulder, Colorado, due to Jay's job at MSU. Our 20-year-old son, Cole, is currently studying petroleum engineering and playing football at Colorado School of Mines. We like to spend time in the kitchen cooking, grilling and baking (Lori), working in the yard, working out, enjoying wine and

traveling to see family and friends. Lori currently serves as a mentor for Kids Hope USA.

## **Stan & Sandi Kotajarvi** (*Ko-ta-JAR-vee*)



We will be celebrating our 57th anniversary on the day of the New Member Welcome Reception! We are both retired and have two children, three grandchildren, love to travel, and love to read. We are among the transfers from St. Stephen where we had been members

for over 30 years. Sandi also belongs to several knitting groups and a book group.

## Lynn Kriser



I work at MSU, am mom to two young adult daughters, and am another transfer from St. Stephen. I have a lot of interests, but since knitting is a passion, I've already connected with Tight Knit. I'm also a budding quilter and met many new friends at the recent Prayers and Squares Quilt-a-thon. I'm looking forward to joining you all in ministry here at ULC.

## Michael & Melissa Masnyj (Pronounced: MAZZ-nee)



We are residents of East Lansing and are very excited to join the ULC community! Newly married in 2021, we met working together at Sparrow Hospital. Melissa: I grew up in Haslett, am a graduate of University of Michigan, and found my calling as a Registered Nurse. Michael: Originally from Ohio, I found a home in Mid-Michigan after completing my medical training and fellowship in Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. In our spare time, we enjoy working on home projects, spending time outdoors with our dog Lola, and traveling to Northern Michigan. We are also looking forward to starting a family, expecting our first baby in early November!

## Paulette Piirainen (Pronounced: PEE-rye-nen)



I am a transfer member from St. Stephen Lutheran, where my late husband and I were members for over 50 years. I retired from the Lansing School System as a speech pathologist. I enjoy reading, playing Mahjongg, traveling and camping. I am in my 19th year of volunteering at Sparrow's Hospice House Here at ULC, I have already joined a Bible study and a book club and am looking forward to meeting many of you.

## Kathy, and Michelle Protsman



Michelle (my daughter) and I (Kathy) moved to Okemos on Oct. 25, 2021, from Manitowoc, Wisconsin (near Green Bay). We have another daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren who live in East Lansing. Michelle likes

swimming, seasonal decorating, volunteering and watching gymnastics. I like walking outdoors, reading, music and I hope to get more involved in the community.

## Brian & Leigh Small



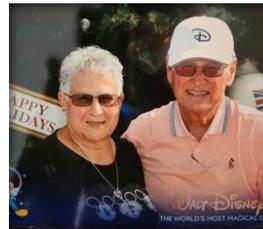
We moved to East Lansing in July of 2020 and are happy to make ULC our new faith home. Leigh is an MSU College of Nursing administrator and professor. Brian is a retired accountant. We enjoy time outdoors golfing, gardening, and walking our Cavalier King Charles Spaniel. We are always looking for good places to eat.

## Judy Thompson



I began visiting ULC during the summer after St. Stephen closed (where I had been a member for over 60 years) and felt at home here almost immediately. A retired teacher, I taught for 30 years in Lansing and seven at the MSU College of Education. I volunteer at Sparrow doing escort and pet therapy with my dog, Brit. I have 3 adult children and two grandsons. Favorite pastimes include reading, knitting, and quilting and I've already enjoyed participating in ULC's Pub Theology, Forum, and the Quilt-a-Thon.

## John & Bonnie V'Soske (pronounced: Va-SOS-kee)



Longtime residents of Holt, married for 32 years, and among the former members of St. Stephens, we are both retired from the hospitality industry where John worked for 39 years and Bonnie for over 30 years. We are both big Spartan fans and Disney freaks, and Bonnie likes to paint as a hobby.

Welcome!  
We're glad  
you're here!

## Celebrations



- 1 Gail Hagbom
- 2 Robert Gallagher  
John V'Soske
- 5 Beth Holden  
Ian Williams
- 6 Mike Lenkowski
- 7 Andrew Earle
- 8 Connor Hagman
- 10 Miriam Bunge
- 11 Joy Oslund  
Elizabeth Viele
- 12 Edward Brown  
Morgan Fisher

- 12 Debra Gift  
Samuel Schikorra
- 15 Tali Hysten  
Kimberly Kravetz
- 16 Brooke Bubolz  
Jim Lorenz
- 17 Camille Prince
- 19 Marianne Bubolz  
Barbara Cox
- Dale Romsos
- 20 Judith Hardies  
Carrie Saindon
- 21 Vicki Anderson  
Melissa Andresen  
Sandra Brooks

- 23 Ethan Dawson-  
Baglien  
Allison Mutka
- 24 Michael Christian  
Jerry Becker
- 25 Bill Trevarthen
- 26 Sue Kamens  
Dawn Newton
- 27 Diane Appel
- 28 Brock Gallagher  
Lou Ann Miller  
Miriam Minshall  
Bonnie V'Soske
- 29 Kay Fritz  
Elspeth Muzzin



No Nov. anniversaries

## ULC Archives

### Why were Campus Ministry & ULC Founded?

Why were Campus Ministry and University Lutheran Church founded many years ago? The following explanation appears at the end of the ULC Timeline document:

In 1936 Pastor George Bubolz wrote the following to Pastor H. W. Siefkes, the then National Secretary for the Student Service Commission of the American Lutheran Church. It illustrates the thinking behind the beginning of University Lutheran Church. The article goes on to say that state colleges cannot be expected to teach Christianity and so the church must "supervise Christian Student work". The article was first published in the *Lutheran Standard*.



Rev. George Bubolz

*higher education. In fact, the Lutheran Church was born as a university. If education gives power, then it is necessary that education be decidedly Christian in order to control this power. I heard William Jennings Bryan talk to an audience in Columbus, Ohio, some years ago: "An educated man without Christian principles becomes as dangerous as a powerful locomotive operating at high speed without an engineer. The man who is educated and governed by Christianity is not dangerous but is a help to his fellow men."*

Connie Lenkowski

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The deadline for the December Lux is **Monday, Nov. 14.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at [amylarryw@comcast.net](mailto:amylarryw@comcast.net) and 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!



# NOVEMBER 2022

1	7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*	2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*
	9a-4p ULC Office Open	6:30p Racial Justice Team-Zoom
	10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	16 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
	1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom	9a-4p ULC Office Open
	2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*	9:30a Amnos Circle-Fireside (Women of Bible)
	6:30p Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary	Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study -Zoom
2	8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL	1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside
	9a-4p ULC Office Open	4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*
	9:30a Communications Team (Lux)-Zoom	6:30p Confirmation-Fireside
	Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom	6:30p ULC Council-Zoom*
	4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*	17 9a-4p ULC Office Open
	4:30p Lead Management-Zoom*	10:00a ULC Book Club-Fireside/Zoom
3	9a-4p ULC Office Open	3:30p Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru
	7:30p Senior Choir-Sanctuary	7:30p Senior Choir-Zoom/Sanctuary
4	5:00p Fridays at Five	18 5:00p Fridays at Five
6	Daylight Saving Time Ends	6:30p Basketball Parking (MSU v. Villanova)
	10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook	19 TBA Football Parking (MSU v. Indiana)
	11:20a No Forum	TBA New Hope Singers Rehearsal
	11:15a New Hope Singers Rehearsal-Sanctuary	20 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
	4:00p Sunday Funday-Fellowship/Narthech	11:20a Sunday Forum-Fireside/Zoom*
7	3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside	(Difficult Words: "Your Father the Devil"
8	7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*	21 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
	9-4p ULC Office Open	22 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
9	8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL	2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*
	9a-4p ULC Office Open	7:00p Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship
	Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*	23 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
	4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*	9-4p ULC Office Open
	6:30p Confirmation-Fireside	Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*
10	9a-4p ULC Office Open	24 Thanksgiving Day-ULC Office Closed
	9:30a Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP	27 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
	7:30p Senior Choir-Zoom/Sanctuary	28 3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
11	5:00p Fridays at Five	29 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*
12	TBA Football Parking (MSU v. Rutgers)	9-4p ULC Office Open
13	10:00a Worship (Quilts of Valor)-Sanctuary/FB	10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
	11:20a Sunday Forum-Fireside/Zoom*	1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom
	(Difficult Words: "Nowhere Among the Gentiles" & "Outer Darkness")	2:45p Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*
14	3:30p Tight Knit-Fireside	7:00p Pub Theology-Zoom*
15	7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*	30 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
	9-4p ULC Office Open	9a-4p ULC Office Open
	10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	9:30a Communications Team-Zoom
	12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside	Noon Lectio Divina Bible Study-Zoom*
	1:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom	4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*
		6:30p Confirmation-Fireside

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



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