

**Mark Your Calendars . . .**

**Holy Week**

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

**Maunder Thursday** Apr. 6  
7 p.m. Worship/FB stream

**Good Friday – Seven Last Words**  
Apr. 7 – Noon to 3 p.m.  
(New segment every 25 min.)

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

**Easter Carnival**

Saturday, Apr. 8 at 10 a.m.

**Understanding Racism  
Workshop**

Mondays, Apr. 17 – May 22  
6 – 9 p.m. on Zoom  
(Free for ULC members)

**Pub Theology**

Tuesday, Apr. 25 at 7 p.m.  
Zoom (call 332-2559 for link)

**Food Movers**

Thursday, Apr. 27 - 3:30 p.m.  
Drive thru distribution.

**Spring Break 2023**

Sunday morning worship, March 12, our campus ministry students led the ELW Spanish setting of liturgy and shared about their alternative spring break service-learning trip to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The Word portion of worship began with Student Associate **Sofie Piotrowski** (Sophomore, Zoology major) reading from the theme passage for our Bible studies this semester and for the trip, which is Isaiah 58:6-12:

Is not this the fast that I choose:  
to loose the bonds of injustice,  
to undo the thongs of the yoke,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
and to break every yoke?  
Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,  
and bring the homeless poor into your house;



The Landing

when you see the naked, to cover them,  
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,  
and your healing shall spring up quickly;  
your vindicator shall go before you,  
the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.

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**Senior Choir Scholarship  
Fund Benefit Concert**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023**

4:00 p.m. ET

ULC Sanctuary

Reception following  
in the narthex

Free will offering



Featuring . . .

**Scholarship Quartet**

**ULC Senior Choir**

**New Hope Singers**

## Sunday's Coming!

As we begin the month of April, we celebrate Holy Week and Easter beginning with Palm or Passion Sunday, followed by Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday. Then finally, we complete the journey from death to life as we celebrate the resurrection on Easter.

Holy Week and Easter is the focal point of the church year and it's always been significant to me. But in recent years and especially this year, it is even more significant. For me, the promise of Easter isn't so much the promise that because Jesus was raised to life after he was crucified, that we too will be raised to life after we die. Yes, that's part of the promise of Easter, but it's only part. What has become even more important for me is the promise that God brings life out of death all the time! That death and resurrection is the very pattern of our lives and world! That God is at work in our lives and world turning the dry dead places into lush, green places of life – a watered garden! Life in abundance!

The past few years have been extremely difficult in so many ways. First, the pandemic which has changed life radically for all of us



and has caused the death of more than a million people in our country alone. I'd also venture to say that we all probably know at least one person who died from COVID. Death is all around us.

We're also living through another pandemic, a pandemic of gun violence and mass shootings, a pandemic that came home to us in the shooting on the MSU campus this past February. Death is all around us.

Over the past year I've been sickened by the images of the war in Ukraine. Images of bombed out buildings and towns. Images of refugees fleeing for safety. Images of people in shock and tears because of the trauma they're experiencing. Death is all around us.

As I've continued to read and learn about racism the past few years, I've learned so much about systemic racism and the tragic history of racism that are part and parcel of our nation's history and present. Death is all around us.

But this is Easter, and Easter proclaims that God is the one who brings life out of death. Easter proclaims that it will not always be Good Friday, that

Good Friday will give way to Easter, and death will give way to life. Death may be all around us, it may be Friday, but Sunday's coming.

When I think about the pandemic, I remind myself, Sunday's Coming. When I hear of another mass shooting, I say Sunday's coming. When I see the images of destruction in Ukraine or in Turkey from the earthquake, I remember, Sunday's coming. When I'm sickened by another example of racism in our country, I shout, Sunday's coming. And when I'm weighed down by the struggles of life, I take comfort knowing that Sunday's coming.

That's what we celebrate the first week of April this year – the movement from death to life – that Sunday's coming. Easter isn't simply about when we die. Easter is about the power of God to turn death into life even now. It may be Friday, but Sunday's coming!

*Pastor Gary*

<b>2023 HOLY WEEK</b>	
<p><i>Palm/Passion Sunday Worship Expressions</i></p> <p><b>April 2 - 10:00 a.m.</b> In-person/Facebook Live</p>	<p><b>Maundy Thursday - April 6</b> 7:00 p.m. Worship/Stripping of Altar In-person/Facebook</p>
	<p><b>Good Friday – April 7</b> Seven Last Words, Noon – 3 p.m.</p>
	<p><b>Easter Carnival – Saturday, April 8</b> 10 a.m. ~ Rain or Shine!</p>
	<p><b>Easter Sunday – April 9</b> Worship at 10 a.m. ~ In-person/Facebook</p>

# The Ancient World to Our Current Planet

Led by Pastor Gary and featuring Dr. David Rhoads, we conclude our video series, The Dramatic Presentation of Paul's Letter to the Galatians this month.



*“Paul's letter to the Galatians was drafted for the purposes of being performed,” says David Rhoads. “All the books in the New Testament are like that. When they were written, 95 percent of the people couldn't read. The books were meant to be experienced as drama. ....As biblical scholars, we spend all our time studying texts. But that's like a musicologist who never goes to a concert or a Shakespearean scholar who never sees a play. We've lost the dramatic experience of these pieces.”*

**Apr. 2** Pastor Gary: Video Course: The Dramatic Presentation of Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Episode 2: A performance by Dr. Rhoads of Paul's letter to the Galatians, and more

**Apr. 9** NO FORUM — Easter Weekend

**Apr. 16** Pastor Gary: Video Course: The Dramatic Presentation of Paul's Letter to the Galatians

Episode 3: Dr. Rhoads discusses the implications of Paul's understanding of justification for our world today.

**Apr. 23** Earthkeeping Presentation: Dr. Jeff Andresen, ULC member and MSU Professor of Meteorology/ Climatology and State Climatologist will speak about the historical and projected future climate trends in Michigan. A short video on climate change will start the hour.

**Apr. 30** NO FORUM — ULC Book Sale and more.

Sunday Forum is held live in the Fireside Room, or you can join us via Zoom. Contact the ULC Office for the link.

Linda Trevarthen



## ULC Memorial Library

### Library Used Book Sale is April 30-May 7

The library book sale is back. Mark your calendars for Apr. 30 – May 7 when the sale will be set up in the narthex. We have collected many books since our last sale in 2018 and have several popular fiction titles as well as a variety of non-fiction books.

Children's books are always popular, but we have only a few books for our youngest readers. So, we decided to try something new so our children can be involved.

Anyone who donates a children's book in good condition can select any book in the sale for free. Children can “trade” a book they have outgrown for something new and exciting. Please put your name on any children's books you leave in the library (or office) so we can keep a record of who receives free books.



The last Library book sale was held in 2018.

It is not too late to donate any materials in good condition and written within the last 10 years. We hope to see many children's books too. All materials can be left in the library.

Items Not Needed: Cassette tapes, College textbooks, Computer books,

Encyclopedias, Medical books, multi-volume sets, or VHS tapes. If you are looking to discard books that do not fit our guidelines, MSU Recycling has a large drop-off bin for recycling unwanted items.

You may find some unusual items around the sale – like maybe some “bookworms” or chocolate “books.” And I'm sure there will be many different bookmarks. The ULC Library Team loves reading and hopes to make the sale a festive and profitable event. **All proceeds from the sale are used to purchase new items for the library.**

We appreciate your support of our sale by donating books and/or buying items. Thank you for supporting ULC's Library!

ULC Library Team





## Reparations and Reconciliation

**Spring Break** continued from page 1.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;  
you shall cry for help, and he will say, "Here I am."

If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger,  
the speaking of evil,  
if you offer your food to the hungry

and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,

then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you continually,  
and satisfy your needs in parched places,  
and make your bones strong;

and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water,  
whose waters never fail.

Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.

After the reading, we shared this video reflection (<https://youtu.be/GbofcEMCRx4>) of experiences with the people in Albuquerque, including The Landing at St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church, Lutheran Family Services of the Rocky Mountains, Tres Hermanas Farm, the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center, White Sands National Park, and more.

Following the video, students shared about their service-learning experience. Senior Student Associate **Maggie Haite** (they/them pronouns, Fisheries & Wildlife major) introduced the theme of the trip saying, "Reparations and reconciliation – this idea of repairing our relationships with the land, and the people, and the places that we're in. People maybe we've hurt and people who have hurt us, repairing that breach. We chose to go to Albuquerque because it's a great example of those interactions and a place that a lot of us hadn't been before."

There is a great mix of languages and cultures represented in New Mexico, which is the only state in the US that legally states all documentation and processes have to be available to people in both English and Spanish.



Lutheran Family Services

**Alexa Baughman** (she/her pronouns, senior Kinesiology major) talked about our service-learning with Lutheran Family Services, "We served at Tres Hermanas Farm with the Director, Becca Marshall, then went to the LFS headquarters and organized items for individuals and families who would soon be housed and resettled." Alexa shared about the work of LFS who "provides a starter

pack for anyone who is starting out in this country: housing, furniture, clothes, hygiene items, English Second Language classes, computer access, help finding their first job, healthcare advocacy, and so much more."

**Lena Oslund** (she/her pronouns, Sophomore Genetics major) shared that "it was cool to be at LFS and work with and learn from Safa (LFS Care Coordinator), who had been through the system himself and now works to help others."

**Addy Steuver** (she/they pronouns, Senior Environmental Studies & Sustainability – who will begin seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, fall 2023) shared about our time at St. Michael and All Angels Episcopal church where we worshipped on Sunday. "The coolest part about SMAA is that we got to learn about The Landing, which is a sanctuary place for migrants to stay while they are dealing with ICE. The thing that was most impressive to me about The Landing was the sheer people power that goes into putting something like this together. There are volunteers who stay throughout the day and night to accompany the migrant individuals and families and make resettlement this possible."

**Grace Kennedy** (she/her pronouns, graduate student in Social Work) shared how meaningful it was "to personally meet people and listen to their stories. I also wanted to share that throughout our stay we received some really lovely letters from members of our congregation...encouraging us to learn and grow."

**Simon Peterson** (he/him pronouns, Senior Psychology major) shared about our experience at the "Indian Pueblo Cultural Center where we learned about the 19 different Pueblos in New Mexico.

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While we were there, we met Evelyn...something she brought to our attention is our relationship with our planet that so many people don't acknowledge as much as we could. There was a lot of conversation about water being life and our relationship with our planet, expressing a fear of where our planet is going if we don't start to treat it as a meaningful relationship."

**Natou Faliarzao** (he/him pronouns, graduate student in food science) talked about favorite memories, one of which was "our amazing conversation with Sicaya. I learned a lot from him about the history of Native Americans as well as the importance of art in conveying shared history, but also bringing joy to the desert. Art can bring color and joy to desert places. I also realized the history of Native Americans has similarities with the history of my tribe in Africa. We can see that even though there is distance, we all share the same story."

**Ben Vertin** (he/him pronouns, freshman business major) shared his heartfelt appreciation to our ULC congregation for supporting such an impactful trip, "paying for airfare

and experiences, and helping to broaden our horizons on a trip with memories and relationships that will always be with us."

These are a few highlights of the students' sharing on Sunday, March 12. Please check out the worship video on Facebook and YouTube for the full presentation.

*Pastor Haley Vay*



White Sands National Park



Tres Hermanas Farm



Lutheran Family Services



## Our Newest Scholarship Student

Hi! My name is Nick Perkins. I'm so happy to join ULC, and their choir. I graduated from Nashville School of the Arts in 2022 and am now a vocal performance major at MSU in my freshman year.



The ULC Choir Scholarship Quartet. Left to right: Eleanor Barbour, soprano; Nick Perkins, bass; Ryan Jordan, tenor; Chey Lacasse, alto.

I originally lived in Georgia, where I used to work on sets in films around Atlanta. I began singing when I moved to Tennessee and attended an arts school.

I'm very excited to sing with you

My vocal instructor is Professor Rick Fracker. I hope to either pursue opera in my future or move back down to Tennessee and become a country artist.

guys, and to get to know the community!

## Worship Expressions A Service of Healing, Inspiration and Grace



The company of Karyn's Dance Place. Choreographer, Karyn Perry.

## April Outreach of the Month The Pearl Project MSU

The Pearl Project MSU (TPP) is a Michigan State University (MSU) sanctioned student service organization dedicated to supporting young mothers and financially unstable families in Chicago. The Pearl Project serves at a Christian-based daycare in the southside of Chicago called Roseland Community Good News Daycare. The daycare not only provides a safe space for children in the community to receive childcare at zero cost, it also encourages the guardians to attend weekly bible studies and continue pursuing higher education.

The daycare's unique structure was built upon the founder, Ms. Pearl Willis, whose dream was to bridge the gap between the Roseland community and public service workers, such as police officers and firefighters. Ms. Pearl recently built a coffee house where first responders can freely interact with community members to create a

better relationship between them and the community. This was only possible through the donations made by others. In addition to being the founder of the daycare, Ms. Pearl provides free childcare, food, and a safe environment for the whole community.

The primary goal of TPP is to support Ms. Pearl's dream by volunteering at the daycare where our team members teach basic math and English to the children, arts and crafts, provide daily care and loving relationships, as well as leading children on field trips to experience outside opportunities which may not be possible otherwise. Since TPP was founded at Okemos High School, it has been expanding across Michigan universities due to the growth in interest and dedication of MSU students including Okemos High School alumni.



The organization is constantly fundraising to help sustain this growth. Contributions will directly go to our curriculum planning, snack and crafts supplies, and daycare field trips. In addition, funding will help to alleviate the cost of the overall trip to the daycare for the TPP team members. All of the remaining money donated to the organization will be donated directly back to the daycare, the community and Ms. Pearl.

Thank you for any donations contributed to helping Ms. Pearl's mission of providing Christ-centered childcare in a nurturing environment for low-income mothers completing high school and college, as well as giving encouragement and hope back to the community which can only be found in Jesus Christ.

*Madison Ramsey*

## Earthkeeping News

# Earth Day 2023

EARTH DAY 2023 will be celebrated by billions of people around the globe in promoting awareness and action for the health of our environment. It serves as a reminder of how fragile our ecosystem is and how our actions can have positive or negative consequences on the world we live in.

Integrating care for creation into the life of our congregation will be part of ULC's Earth Day celebration and will be observed in the following ways:

ULC is planning to have a group of volunteers participate in the Earth Day Extravaganza on **Saturday, Apr. 22** at Fenner Nature Center on Mt. Hope Ave. in Lansing. Our shift is from 9-11 a.m., during which time we will help prepare the park for the peak 2023 season. Activities include trail preparation, trash pickup, invasive species reduction and other ongoing projects. Get out your work gloves and close toed shoes and sign up online or on the poster in the narthex!

On Sunday, Apr. 23, in addition to a creation care worship service, there will be a Forum related to climate change. Our own Dr. Jeff Andresen, Professor of Meteorology/Climatology and Michigan's state climatologist will address how these changes are affecting Michigan in particular.

We've also included a flyer for the Lansing RecycleRama event (see flyer for details) for hard to recycle items.

*Judy Kindel*

## Racial Justice Team

# 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**

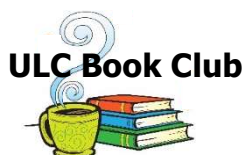
This 6-session event is free for church members. When registering, please choose the option to "pay later" under credit card.

Contact Vicki Anderson with questions.

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



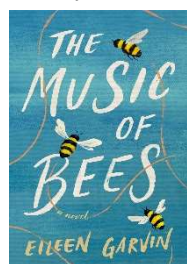
Offered by  
the  
**ULC Racial Justice Team**  
in partnership  
with  
**Lansing Communities Organizing for Racial Equity**



## ULC Book Club

# Join us to Discuss *The Music of Bees*

The ULC Book Club will meet Apr. 20 to discuss *The Music of Bees* by Eileen Garvin. In this book three strangers, each with a major life issue, come together through their work at a honeybee farm. Unexpectedly, the trio develop a strong friendship which helps them join together when they need to protect the bees from a pesticide company.



ULC Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month 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.

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 May we will discuss *Invisible Child: Poverty, Survival & Hope in an American City* by Andrea Elliott. Over the summer, we will read *The Shoemaker's Wife* by Adriana Trigiani and discuss the book at our September meeting.

*Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik*



## Can You Touch a Prayer?

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? Do you have a family member or friend who is a veteran or is currently serving in the Armed Forces we could honor with a Quilt of Valor? Please contact Bobbie, Ann, or one of the pastors.

Please join us in honoring our graduating MSU Student Associates and musician during the 10 a.m. worship

service Sunday, Apr. 16. It has been a joy to have them among our midst as they continued their education here in East Lansing. We will wrap Rachel Drobnak, Maggie Haite, Jared Koenigsberg, Cheyenne Lacasse, Simon Peterson, and Andrea Vera in special quilts. We look forward to seeing them when they return to the campus in years to come. Congratulations!

Our regular sewing day is Tuesday morning, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you! Questions? Please give either Bobbie Davis (bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com) or Ann Booren (boorena@msu.edu) a call or email.

*Bobbie Davis*

## Teaching Resilience and Spreading Hope

Every January our Kids Hope national headquarters celebrates National Mentoring Month with a special webinar for its participants. This year we were invited to listen to a presentation by Dr. Kathy Koch on how to instill resiliency in our kids. Dr. Koch taught us that resiliency allows one to recover readily from life's disappointments and difficulties. She described this as a learned ability, a choice, and that as mentors the most important impact we can have on our child is to teach them these types of life skills that can then become part of their character, helping them out of life's valleys.

In answering her own question, "What makes resiliency more likely," Dr. Koch went over the following guidelines. Teach them. Define the word for them and give them examples of what resiliency looks like. Demonstrate your unconditional love while being intentional about leaving your own expectations at the door. Build Trust. Keep your promises and own up to your own mistakes.



Allow them to struggle some. This includes not rescuing them too soon so that they can feel the full power of their own accomplishments. Help them solve a problem instead of solving it for them. Teach them the power of asking for specific help when needed and that there are helpers throughout our community whose job it is to help.

Compliment them specifically so they know what behavior to repeat. Strive to correct without criticizing. Instruct them on different ways to handle conflicts so they can do things differently in the future. Dr. Koch also advised us to listen for their "I am" statements, reinforcing those that were positive while using the power of the word "yet" (as in I can't read well yet) to show them you believe in their ability to succeed. In her view identity controls behavior. Helping a child reframe themselves as resilient and giving them hope for the future can have a lifelong impact.

I am writing this article the week of Feb. 12. The morning of Feb. 13 I received an unexpected text from my first-grade mentee's teacher telling me my child was moving and this

would be her final week at Forest View. The next morning, I woke up to the horrible news of the tragedy at MSU.

In deciding how to spend my final mentoring hour, I thought of Dr. Koch's teachings and chose to create book pages that reinforced what my first grader was good at, what she loved, what we had shared, what she had taught me, and the ways that she was smart. On the final page I drew a picture of a little girl for her to complete, "J\_ is resilient! She will ask for help when needed. She will become a good reader. She will make new friends. She is a problem solver. Mrs. Beth believes in you." During that final hour she also asked about the tragedy at MSU, and we were able to share that it made us sad but that we knew there were many helpers in the community taking care of the students at MSU.

Thank you, ULC community, for supporting Kids Hope so that we can continue to be trained through webinars by experts like Dr. Koch to have an impact on the life of an at risk child.

*Beth Rahe*



ULC Council met via Zoom on Mar. 21. The following are some highlights:

- Pastor Gary is Leading a three-week Forum series on Paul's letter to the Galatians in March/April.
- Giving is on track for the year and we are currently running a net positive budget.



- Council approved a sound system bid from the Color of Sound. Council would like to plan major expenses into the budget moving forward.

- The solar array panel proposal was approved.
- Linda Trevarthen will represent ULC as the female voting member at the Synod Assembly in Mount Pleasant.

*Louise Harder Montag  
ULC Treasurer*

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## 2023 Council Goals

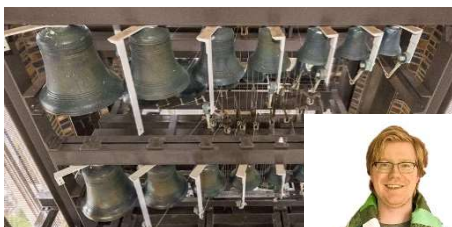
Following are the goals Council identified at their annual retreat in February.

1. Connecting the congregation with different ways our members are worshipping (campus ministry, Sunday Funday, Sunday morning worship, different fellowship groups). This can be accomplished by planning a Sunday Funday event in the spring (late May/very early June), to include the broader congregation. Abbreviated Sunday morning service, encouraging worship together in the evening.
2. Support and grow the community concert series. This can be accomplished by one or more of the following methods:
  - Door hangers in the Flowerpot neighborhood.
  - Letting our neighbor congregations know.
  - Sponsored social media ads.
  - Perhaps inviting food trucks? Shaved ice?
  - Connecting the donation (to the food bank) to our food movers ministry, with information available about that specific ministry and worship in general.
3. Connect online and in-person communities. This can be accomplished by one or more of the following methods:
  - Purchasing OWL technology.
  - Virtual greeters going again.
  - Online greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries.
  - Consider how to expand Meal Ministry to online folks.
4. Develop a small group fellowship ministry.
  - Ideas could be: Connecting with MSU, Michigan, Lansing to create a reading group; Small group meal fellowship.
  - Get input from church community on what their needs are and preferences.
  - Ideas for fellowship both inward-looking and opportunities beyond our walls.

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## MSU Supported at Duke University

From a Facebook post by Sandra Cline on Feb. 16, "Following the mass shooting at MSU on Monday night, Duke Chapel carillonneur (and Duke Lutheran) Mitchell Eithun played both the MSU alma mater and the MSU fight song as part of Tuesday's daily carillon recital from the Chapel tower. An MSU (and ULC) alumnus and current Duke Divinity School student, Eithun created his own arrangement for the carillon of the MSU fight song while drawing on an existing arrangement of the alma mater.



The Duke Carillon (above) and Mitchell Eithun (right).

The musical gesture of solidarity and comfort was noticed on campus and online via the livestream of the recital on Facebook. One clip of the

recital shared on Twitter by an MSU alumnus has more than 250,000 views and hundreds of comments from people expressing thanks and deep emotions."

Mitchell was as active participant in ULC campus ministry, video, and music activities while a graduate math student at MSU. Visit [www.facebook.com/DukeChapel/videos/713740020218308](https://www.facebook.com/DukeChapel/videos/713740020218308) to hear the performance.

*Amy Wagenknecht*

## Birthdays

- 3 Bill Frysinger  
Gary Geisen  
Betsy Prince
- 4 Loran Bieber  
Erik Dawson-  
Baglien
- 6 Emily Viele
- 8 Brenda Stoneburner  
Bryan Rahe
- 9 Pam Bartlett



- 9 Annette Petersen
- 10 Kyle Saindon
- 12 Beth Hoger
- 13 Lianna Greiter  
Marcy Wilmes
- 14 David Wiggert  
Karl Fritz

- 15 Maya Bubolz
- 18 Maddie Tracy
- 21 Betsy Booren  
Cathy Satterlee
- 22 Lillian Gallagher  
David Nussdorfer
- 23 Kellie Lasley
- 24 Joseph Anderson
- 25 Chad Waldron
- 27 Chris Frysinger  
Elizabeth Reynolds

- 28 Paul Milligan  
Bob Schikorra
- 30 Al Booren

## Anniversaries

- 13 Lori & Jon Althouse
- 16 Pam & Paul Bartlett
- 29 Dale & Darlene  
Romsos
- 30 Jim & Jean Kocher

## Luther Would Love This Place!

The April 1997 issue of *Lux Alumnis*, a *Lux* especially for alumni, has many interesting articles. One was a commentary by Pastor George Madsen about Luther and campus ministry. Pastor Madsen wrote this as ULC was preparing to dedicate the new office and education wing. The article follows:

“I am sure you have heard the saying, “Martin Luther was a campus pastor!” It’s an easy case to make. Luther hung around university communities and entered into campus life. He loved it! He was good at it!

Luther came to his campus tasks with a sense of rootedness in Jesus Christ, a sense of calling in the present, and a hopeful vision for all that lay ahead. He had a robust sense of humor – not the least of all about himself. He had a keen sense of the human predicament. He had an even keener sense of the possibilities for life that God stood ready to give. And he was always ready to welcome people into that rich Christian life. All of that made him a fine campus pastor – and pastor to anyone and everyone. His vibrant spirit has been part of the life of ULC from its beginning. It is alive and well here! It always will be! **Luther would love this place!**

He would be especially happy now because ULC is preparing for a party – and Luther loved to party! April



20<sup>th</sup> marks the day to dedicate and celebrate major renovations and the building of marvelous new facilities that affect the parish as a whole and assuredly campus ministry! Luther was always building such life in Christ.

He once put it this way: God not only created the world and all creatures by the Word...but also constantly, to the end of the world, governs and sustains them...God, however, is not a Master who acts as a carpenter or builder does, who, ...when they have finished their work or discharged their business, leave and pay no further attention to their work and product... Not so here, but God the Father had begun and finished the creation of all things through His Word. He stays with the work he has created...Therefore as heaven, earth, sun, moon, stars...and everything living were created by the Word in the beginning, so they are also governed and sustained by it in a marvelous manner.

As God has built this building and as God has built this ministry that serves the campus community, God has not left it, but “stays with the work he has created” - through a faithful community, first-class facilities, able servants, and colleagues in the faith such as you. **Luther would love this place!**”

*Connie Lenkowski*



The deadline for the May Lux is **Monday, Apr. 17.**

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# April

2	10:00a	Palm Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB Worship Expressions	17	4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside
	11:30a	Sunday Forum-Fireside	18	7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*
	(Dramatic Presentation: Paul's Letter to the Galatians-part 2)			9-4p	ULC Office Open
	5:00p	HS Youth Group-Youth Room		10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
3	4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside		12:30p	Lychnion Circle-Fireside
	6:00p	Bell Choir Rehearsal		1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom
4	7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*		2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*
	9-4p	ULC Office Open		6:30p	Council-Zoom*
	10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	19	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL
	2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*		9-4p	ULC Office Open
5	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL		9:30a	Amnos Circle (Women of the Bible)-Fireside
	9a-4p	ULC Office Open		Noon	Lectio-Zoom*
	1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom		1:00p	Rhodon Circle-Fireside
6	9a-4p	ULC Office Open		4:15p	Worship Wednesday-Zoom*
	7:00p	Maundy Thursday Worship-Sanctuary/FB	20	9-4p	ULC Office Open
7	Good Friday			10:00a	Book Club-Fireside
	Noon	Seven Last Words (New segment every 25 min. thru 3p)		11:30a	Friendship House Annual Meeting-Fellowship
8	10:00a	Easter Carnival		7:30p	Senior Choir-Sanctuary
9	10:00a	Easter Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB (Easter breakfast before/after worship)	21	5:00p	Friday@Five
	11:30a	No Forum		9:00a	Earth Day Extravaganza-Fenner Nature Center (sign up in the narthex)
10	ULC OFFICE CLOSED		23	10:00a	Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook
	4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside		11:30a	Sunday Forum-Fireside/Zoom* (Dr. Jeff Andresen, Changing Michigan Climate)
11	7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*		4:00p	Senior Choir Scholarship Concert-Sanctuary
	9-4p	ULC Office Open	24	4:00p	Tight Knit-Fireside
	10:00a	Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall	25	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	ULC Racial Justice Caucus-Zoom		1:30p	Staff Meeting-Zoom
12	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL		2:45p	Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*
	9a-4p	ULC Office Open		7:00p	Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship
	9:30a	Lux/Communication-Zoom		7:00p	Pub Theology-Zoom*
	Noon	Lectio*	26	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL
13	9a-4p	ULC Office Open		9-4p	ULC Office Open
	9:30a	Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP		Noon	Lectio*
	7:30p	Senior Choir-Sanctuary		4:15p	Worship Wednesday-Zoom*
14	5:00p	Friday@Five	27	9a-4p	ULC Office Open
15	9:00a	Meal Ministry Cooking Event-Main Kitchen		3:30p	Food Movers Distribution-ULC Parking Lot
16	10:00a	Worship-Sanctuary/FB		7:30p	Senior Choir-Sanctuary
	11:30a	Forum-Fireside/Zoom*	28	5:00p	Fridays@Five
	(Dramatic Presentation: Paul's Letter to the Galatians-part 3)		30	10:00a	Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
				11:30a	No Sunday Forum-(ULC Book Sale)

\* Zoom link contacts: Choir - Janine Smith; Tuesday Study - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85867285680?pwd=Nng0ZjlSYzhWNXZYLONJaUpER0x4dz09> ; 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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Contact Emily Uebel for questions.

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