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August/September 2017

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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Food Movers

Thursday, Aug. 24 & Sept. 28
Fellowship Hall
Set-up 3:30 p.m.
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

God's Work, Our Hands

Sunday, Sept. 10

Alpha Sunday - Sept. 17

Resume two worship services
at 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.
Education Hour at 9:40 a.m.

Saturday Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Sept. 30
9:30 a.m.

Capitol Conference Reformation 500 Celebration of the Arts

Oct. 29
Bethlehem Lutheran

Welcome, Pastor Haley Vay!

I was born the week that Halley's Comet soared through the sky and was raised in Williamsburg, Virginia (hence the slight southern drawl and double first name).

Baptized and confirmed at St. Stephen Lutheran Church, the home of the College of William & Mary's Lutheran campus ministry, I was steeped in the value of campus ministry from the beginning. I attended Roanoke College (ELCA), where I served as regional coordinator for the Lutheran Student Movement (LSM) and President of Roanoke's campus ministry. I received a B.A. in Theology and Spanish from Roanoke College, with concentrations in psychology and family ministry. Immediately after undergrad I attended the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg, now known as United Lutheran Seminary, and received my Master of Divinity in 2012.



While in seminary, I met my husband, Bryn, in a cycling class at the local YWCA. Bryn is a native of St. Johns and a graduate of MSU and was working as an engineer in Pennsylvania when we met. To this day you'll still find us

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Welcome Britny!



I am very excited to be a part of the ULC staff. I started here at the end of June and so far I think I am adjusting pretty well. I am from all around Michigan. I have moved 17 times in my 26 years of life and attended 12 different schools. I eventually graduated from St. Johns High School in 2009.

After I graduated from St. Johns, I moved to Montrose with my aunt and attended the University of Michigan-Flint, GO BLUE! I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Communications in 2013.

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An integrated family journeying faithfully together, inspired by God's grace, guided by Christ, and empowered and sustained by the Holy Spirit

Trusting in God

What will I preach? And what will I share with the little ones who come forward for the children's sermon? Those questions are always a part of the rhythm of those weeks when I am scheduled to be the preaching pastor the coming Sunday. And virtually always, there are "desert" hours or even days when I must simply wait for those questions to be answered. The experience of not knowing as quickly as I'd wish, what I should say (and not say), of having to wrestle with these questions and to be patient, is for me always about trust. I am reminded each time about how little I control, how little I am in charge, and how much God is.

It seems to me this same rhythm is our experience – and calling – as a congregation. We are called to be faithful, to gather weekly or as often as we are able to hear the Word, to tangibly and whole-heartedly support one another and our common ministry, to love one another and the world entrusted to our care. But what

on any given day or week does that faithfulness, that hearing, that support, that love look like? What shape does that take? I would contend that we seldom know the answer immediately.



And that's where trust comes in. At my best I ask each morning, "What will love look like today?" At the beginning of the day I honestly don't know, but then in the course of the day, God does answer that question both when I'm alone and when I'm with others.

Likewise, when we don't yet know what long-term pastoral ministry at

ULC will look or when the call processes will be completed (now in the plural with the departures of both Sara and Sarah), we can ask, "But what does love look like at ULC during this time?" Then we trust God to show us, day by day, week by week, while we wait for answers to those longer term questions.

Trust means recognizing how little we are in control and how much God is. I witnessed this beautiful truth when I was in Germany this summer with my family, knowing you would be hearing about the departures and not knowing Pastor Haley Vay Beaman would soon be contracted to be with us as campus pastor for this next year. Clearly God was with all of us.

There is never a time not to trust God, whose ways (and timings) are seldom ours, but that seems especially appropriate to remember now.

Pastor John

God's Work. Our Hands. 2017

There's a Project for Everyone!

On Sunday, Sept. 10, ULC members and friends will be joining ELCA Lutherans across the nation in a day of service during the fifth annual God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday. There will be one worship service at 9:30 a.m. followed by opportunities to serve including the Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging project (see more information on page 10.), assembling Lutheran World Relief school kits (see list of needed supplies on page 10.), making tags for the Giving Tree, and a sing-along at a local senior facility, hosted by the Senior Choir.

Our friends at the Islamic Center will be joining us again this year for the food packaging project and there will be food available when the packaging is completed. Not

only are volunteers needed for the projects, we also need helpers to set up, serve food and clean up.



Slots for projects are limited, so sign up when the sheets are available in the narthex beginning Aug. 27. We encourage everyone to wear your yellow GWOH shirts to church on Sept. 10. If you need a shirt, they will be available for purchase for \$10 each on Sundays or in the ULC office during the week.

Please plan to join us on GWOH Sunday! It is a wonderful way to serve the community, while sharing fellowship with our friends and neighbors.

Vicki Anderson, Emily Heidrich & Amy Wagenknecht

Meet Our 2017-18 Student Associates



Hello! My name is **Jack Walch**, and this year I will be a sophomore studying chemistry. I am originally from Wisconsin, and decided to go to MSU because of family connections and a great chemistry program. I am part of One Community because faith has always been a huge part of my life, and being a part of a group like this is a great way for me to continue to grow and serve.



Hi! My name is **Jenny Ward** and I am from Grand Rapids, MI. I am studying Astrophysics at MSU. I grew up in an ELCA church, and I love how welcoming and joyful the people are. I look forward to welcoming new students into the community next year!



My name is **Anna Backman**, and I am from Dollar Bay, MI. I am currently a senior at Michigan State University, majoring in arts and humanities, with minors in sexuality studies, gender studies, and peace & justice studies. I am also very interested in community engagement.

In the past, I have really enjoyed my involvement with ULC programs such as the spring break mission trips, the MLK day of service, and other community events. As an incoming student associate, I am very excited for the opportunity to continue these events, and create new partnerships in our community.

Pastor Haley Vay continued from page 1.

cycling together, or training for triathlons, attending group fitness classes, playing tennis, paddle boarding, fishing, kayaking, or walking our nine-year old, nine pound rescue dog, a Maltese named Lilly.

I am a certified R.I.P.P.E.D. Instructor (Resistance. Intervals. Power. Plyometrics. Endurance. Diet.) and I enjoy empowering

people of every age and ability to be their best, most authentic selves, strengthened through healthy faith and fitness practices.

Bryn and I relocated to metro-Detroit from central Pennsylvania in January for his career and continue to trust and believe in the path that God has set before us. I began doctoral work at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary (Detroit) in January on

track to complete my Doctor of Ministry in the fall of 2019.

“We are humbled by the opportunity to walk with our sisters and brothers of faith at ULC and MSU this academic year. With grateful hearts, we look forward to the plans God has for us as *One Community* of faith.”

Pastor Haley Vay

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After college I worked at a Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc for about a year and a half. It has been a very smooth transition here because of my experience there. I have been informed that the fall around here is pretty busy. I am excited for the challenges that will bring.

I now live in Dewitt with my fiancé Jordan and our dog Dodger who is our pride and joy. Jordan and I met in high school and are getting married on Sept. 30. We both share a love for country music, animals and Disney. We

break out in Disney song at least 3 times a day (it's not weird I promise, it's magical).

Please stop in to introduce yourself, if you have not done so. I have met so many people already and I am eager to meet and get to know all of you. I am so thankful and blessed to have such amazing help from you all. It is really a pleasure to work, when you are excited to come into work every day.

Britny Livingston
ULC Administrative Assistant

Young Families

Sunday School & Affirmation of Baptism (AOB) 2017 A Vision and a Plan

An ad-hoc group gathered recently to brainstorm and help plan for Sunday School (Pre-school through 5th grade) and Affirmation of Baptism (6th-8th grades) for this coming academic year. As of this printing these are our plans:

1. An Affirmation of Baptism (AOB) **Kick-Off Potluck** will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16, at 6 p.m. for the 6th through 8th graders and their parents or guardians. The AOB youth and their teachers will meet on many but not all Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. during the academic year (until May 13), with the additions of a variety of service projects and “just for fun” activities. At the potluck we want to explore with the parents the feasibility of a mid-week alternative when Sunday attendance is not possible. AOB students will be contacted prior to the potluck about helping with football parking on Sept. 2 and 9 and participating in the God’s Work, Our Hands Food Packing Event on Sept. 10.
2. For young adults and parents of both Sunday School children and AOB youth we plan to offer a discussion

group, an informal gathering beginning at 9:40 Education Hour for “checking in” with one another, sharing concerns and joys, and centering around reflections on one of the scripture texts read in worship that day.

3. Sunday School begins on Alpha Sunday, Sept. 17, also at 9:40 a.m. Here is the proposed rhythm for our 50 minutes together: **Listen** - age appropriate Biblical and church history storytelling; **Sing** - music for pre-school to 2nd graders and 3rd through 5th graders led by a fifth music scholarship student, supervised and mentored by Janine; **Serve** - a project or craft each week to be given away; **Play** – a brief time for games; **Pray** – we’ll end at 10:30 praying together.

As you read this, we are actively recruiting a host of folks to help us make this a joyful and challenging experience for all.

Pastor John

2017 Vacation Bible School

2017 Vacation Bible School was a great experience for both the students and the people who assisted the process. We had over 30 people who taught, helped with registration, served food, and led music, crafts, and recreational activities for the 15 youth who attended. Special thanks to Pastor Sara Cogsil who was our lead story teller.

Thank you to Aaron Petrovich and Lindsay Snyder, who led the music this year. They taught two songs from “scratch” in the four days of VBS. Darra Haase and the people of the kitchen provided food and snacks.

Thank you also to Barb Kissling who organized our other teachers and taught our curriculum, stories from Jesus’ life. Many thanks to Mary

Werkman and her helpers for the wonderful craft projects and to Deanna Milligan who brought the gift of the parachute to our recreation times.

VBS this year was a very compact time period. We began at 5:30 and it was over at 8 p.m. We are meeting soon to determine what we will do next year.

Michael Anderson



Pastor Sara C. shares a story of Jesus.



Fellowship on the swings



Mary Werkman leads a craft project.

Youth News

Service Trip to Pictured Rocks

On July 9, 20 ULC members, ranging in age from ten years to almost 80 years old, headed to Munising to volunteer in the beautiful Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore. The park had recently acquired a piece of property with a pole barn that needed to be cleaned up to make into an education center.

On Monday morning, everyone got to work clearing wire fencing and fence posts, building benches, digging up the Burdock weed that had taken over the landscape, painting, sorting, organizing, cutting, and cleaning. The weather wasn't



Multigenerational group serve at Pictured Rocks National Lake Shore.

great, but good enough to do the work. The group also enjoyed talking with the park rangers and learning about the national park system and Pictured Rock specifically.

In free time, some of the group went on the Pictured Rocks tour boat, kayaking on Lake Superior, went to

Tahquamenon Falls, a bear rescue, and hiking the shoreline. But the highlight of the week was Lena Osland getting baptized in Lake Superior. The evening was picture perfect and the worship service was very inspiring with beautiful music, prayers, and company. The fellowship was amazing!!!

It was a wonderful week of fellowship and hard work as friendships planted and grew in God's grace.

Cindy Baswell



Sorting materials at the new nature center.



Clearing fencing at the Pictured Rocks Nature Center.



Baptism in Lake Superior

Congratulations!



HS grads Kendell and Nick with their quilts from Prayers & Squares.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!



Friday, July 28th, ULC members and friends from Friendship House MSU took in a Lugnuts baseball game and fireworks. A good time was had by all!

Adult Education

Forum Kicks Off with Haley Vay Beaman!

Again this year, forum presentations will span our three ministry area - Outreach, Spiritual Formation, and Resources, providing us all with fascinating glimpses into topics, endeavors, and experiences which leave us richer, bless our lives, and inspire us to reach out further. Once you start attending forum, you'll want to keep coming back! And many topics are great occasions to invite a guest. All are welcome! We meet in the Fireside Room from 9:40 - 10:30 a.m.



Sept. 24: Features **Sister Nancy Brousseau**, beloved and inspiring facilitator of Living Fire Ministries for the North/West Lower Michigan Synod.

Upcoming fall forums: Mark and Marilyn Johnson talking about their spring sojourn to Israel: Pastor John Schleicher on the Reformation and his recent trip to Germany: ULC Council with constitution and budget updates; and Harpist Dorothea Fields

We welcome your ideas for forum speakers/topics!

Linda and Bill Trevarthen, Mike Anderson

Sept. 17: Meet our new campus pastor, **Haley Vay Beaman**. In an informal setting, Pastor Haley Vay will tell us a little about herself, her faith journey, what led her here, her interests and experience, and share some of her ideas for Campus Ministry. All are welcome!

Amnos Bible Study Circle

Amnos welcomes all, men included, to our meetings the third Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 a.m. We are viewing videos of important places mentioned in the Old Testament along with an explanation of how they fit in the Bible narrative. Join us Sept. 20! Contact Marilyn Johnson for more information.

Rhodon Circle

Rhodon Circle meets the third Wednesday of the month from September through June in the Fireside Room at 1 p.m. We use the bible study that is contained in "Gather" magazine, the publication of the Women of the ELCA. Subscriptions are available at gather@cambeywest.com or Gather Subscription Order Center, PO Box 336, Congers, NY 10920-336. The ULC Library keeps a copy of the magazine. You can also follow the magazine on Facebook, twitter, and Pinterest. This year the study focuses on The Apostles' Creed. Questions may be directed to Bobbie Davis (bobbie@acd.net or 517-351-6541).



Lychnion Circle

Lychnion, the Greek word for light, is symbolized by the candlestick and represents Christ as the light of the World. (John 8:12) Lychnion Circle meets the third Tuesday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. We use the bible study from the Gather Magazine each month. We have 16 members, but there's always room for more! Contact Carolyn Lohr for more information.

Men's Bible Study

A Men's Lectionary Bible Study which began this spring will resume Tuesday, Sept. 5 at 10 a.m. at the home of Dale and Marilyn Wagenknecht. It will continue to meet every first and third Tuesday. The study will focus on the lessons

for the coming Sunday worship and there's usually hot coffee and fresh cookies!

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina continues on Wednesdays at noon in the Fireside Room. Listening to the word of God in Scripture (*Lectio Divina*) is a traditional way of cultivating friendship with Christ. It is a way of listening to the texts of Scripture as if we were in conversation with Christ and He were suggesting the topics of conversation. Bring your lunch and join us! Contact Pastor John for more information.

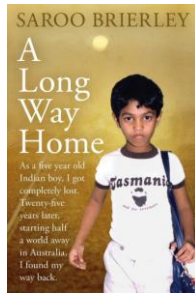
Young Families Small Group

A new informal discussion group for young adults and parents of both Sunday School children and Affirmation of Baptism youth will begin Sunday, Sept. 24 at 9:40 a.m. We will use the time to "check in" with one another, share concerns and joys, and reflect on one of the scripture texts read in worship that day. Contact Pastor John for more information.

Join us in Reading "A Long Way Home"

The ULC Book Club has chosen the MSU One Book, One Community 2017 selection, **A Long Way Home** by Saroo Brierley with Larry Buttrose for the September meeting.

This number one international best seller is based on the true story of the author's incredible journey from India to Australia and back. It has also been retold in the movie "Lion."



According to the publisher, "Saroo had become lost on a train in India at the age of five. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Calcutta, before being adopted by a couple in Australia. As a young man, the advent of Google Earth led him to pour over satellite images of India for landmarks he recognized and the hometown of his memories. After years of searching,

he miraculously found what he was looking for, the village of his family. At the age of 36, he sets off on the long journey to reunite with his birth family in India."

This is a story of determination, unflinching love of family and a universal need to know our origins. The next meeting of the Book Club is **Sept. 28** at 10 a.m. We meet in the ULC Library in the basement.

Judy Kindel



ULC Memorial Library

Annual Book Sale Needs Your Donations

Mark your calendars for the ULC Memorial Library Annual Book Sale:

Oct. 15-22! In past years we have collected donations of all types and forms. This year we ask that you limit your donations to the list below. This is due to the amount of work it takes to prepare items for the sale, as well as the sale potential of donated items.

Wanted Items: Fiction titles (both hardcover and paperback); Non-fiction titles (written within the last 10 years); Children's titles (both fiction and non-fiction).

Items Not Needed: Cassette tapes, College textbooks, Computer books, Encyclopedias, Medical books, Multi-volume sets, VHS tapes.

All donated items need to be in good, salable condition. Please drop off donations downstairs in the library, clearly marked as donations for the sale. If you are looking to discard books that don't fit our guidelines, MSU Recycling has a large drop-off bin for recycling unwanted items.

*Laura Brown
ULC Library Team*

Join us for Dinner!

Everyone is asking if we would be doing our popular "Dinner for 8" again this year. The answer is YES!

What is Dinner for Eight? It is an evening of food and fellowship with eight adult members/friends of ULC. These meals will take place four times a year in the home of a member. Everyone contributes a dish to pass to the meal. It is a wonderful way to get to know other members and friends of the ULC community. Everyone



(single or couple) is welcomed and encouraged to join.

Please put the dates on your calendar - Aug 27 (sign up sheet is out now!), Nov. 19, Feb. 11, and an April/May

date TBD. They are all Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m.

And of course, you know these meals don't happen unless we have hosts, so don't be shy about volunteering! Here's to another year of small group fellowship for ULC members and ULC friends. Please encourage others to join us.

Contact me if you have questions (boorena@msu.edu)

Ann Booren



New Ringers Needed This Fall

One, two, three, breathe, ring. The green note is your left hand, pink note your right hand. Hold the chime/bell in your hand like an ice cream cone with the top tipped toward your shoulder. To ring, move your hand in a circular motion like riding a bicycle backwards and flick your wrist to throw the ice cream out at the bottom of the circle. These were some of the instructions to the music campers during music camp. They learned a lot during camp week. One of the difficult things about ringing bells is picking your notes out on the staff. For beginning ringers the notes are color coded as an aid. If you would like to ring bells please consider joining the handbell choir.

Handbell practices are on Thursdays from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary and will start on Thursday, Sept. 7. The bell choir will play at the 10:45 a.m. service on the following Sundays in the fall: Sept. 17, Oct. 8, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10. In addition to the Thursday night rehearsals, there will be a rehearsal the Sundays we play starting an hour before the service. We have four octaves of handbells and three octaves of handchimes.

With ringers graduating or moving away, more ringers are needed. There are currently eight members in the bell

choir. Julie, Sherry, Carolyn and I are all retired educators. Ethan Dawson-Baglien has been ringing with the choir roughly half of his life. He just completed his PhD in genetics at MSU and is pursuing a medical degree in the College of Osteopathic Medicine at MSU.

Lynn Kotnik will be starting her fifth year with the bell choir. She received her Bachelor's Degree in secondary education (science) from MSU and will student teach at Everett High School this coming year. Megan Kotnik started ringing with us her junior year of high school. She is currently a sophomore at MSU majoring in secondary education (mathematics).

Elizabeth (Kotnik) Smith graduated from MSU with a degree in elementary education (music). She currently teaches K-8 in Toledo. This will be her seventh year with the bell choir. Vicky Qiao is a fifth year senior at MSU majoring in business and economics. This will be her fifth year ringing with us.

If you are interested in joining the bell choir, please contact me at paquetl47@gmail.com or (517)-449-4323. I would be glad to teach you ringing techniques.

Louise Paquette

Janine to Serve as Director of Music

Beginning officially on Sept. 1, Janine Novenske Smith, who has served as our Director of Choirs for nearly 22 years, will serve in a newly-defined position as Director of Music. She will continue also to direct the Senior Choir and coordinate and co-direct the summer Music Camp.



Janine will work closely with Pastors John and Haley Vay, with organists Kristie Wiggert and Julie Baglien, with handbell choir director Louise Paquette, and with the Worship Planning Team to enhance the ways we worship God in music. Heeding the thoughts expressed at a congregational conversation held in May about the future of worship and music at ULC, Janine will help us further expand the diverse genres/

styles of music and liturgies we will employ to stir the hearts and minds of all (we pray!) who are drawn to be part of this faithful and loving worshipping community.

Janine will also mentor and supervise a university student who will work specifically with the children of our congregation and their friends in glorifying God in song.

Pastor John Schleicher

Choir Rehearsals Resume . . .

ULC Senior Choir

First Rehearsal: Thursday, Sept. 7
7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Choir Room
This choir is for singers high school age and older.
Please join us! Everyone is welcome!

ULC Children's Choirs

Cherub Choir and Youth Choir schedules are still under construction. Please watch for more information in the bulletin and weekly email.

We are Using Less Energy!

Reduction of energy use continues at ULC with the changes in lighting throughout the building 180 LED tubes are being installed in the lower level atrium and the Fellowship Hall. These tubes use only 23-28 percent as much energy as the florescent tubes they replaced. A grant from Consumers Energy paid for 75 per-cent of the cost to purchase these LED tubes. The payback in savings is less than one year.

Our electrical usage indicates that we used 17 percent less kwh in April, 28 percent less in May and 37 percent less in June than the same period of time last year. Part of the reduction is attributed to adjustments to the cooling system. Bulbs were replaced in the office wing, Fireside Room and Narthex last winter using member donations.



The resulting savings in kwh usage and monetary resources will continue to increase as the project nears completion. Many thanks go to Dale Romsos for seeing this project through from conception to completion.

For the past several months we have transitioned to the use of more earth friendly hot and cold beverage cups for our social time. Please use the special blue recycling container for depositing used cups.

The Community Solar Garden pilot project with Michigan Interfaith Power and Light is continuing to gather information and examine the opportunity for participation.

Judy Kindel

Open House Invitation

Haslett Community Church is pleased to invite you to participate in our Solar Open House and Forum, Sunday, Sept. 24 from 2-4 p.m.

We just completed installation of a 20 kwh solar project at our church, and in response to considerable community interest in how we went about this, we invite you to learn about our project and exchange ideas with others to stimulate discussion of solar options.

Topics at the event will include climate change, implementation of solar energy for the homeowner and for houses of worship, and information from community groups and contractors on solar installations.

There is no charge for attending; refreshments will be served. Haslett Community Church is located on 1427 Haslett Road, south of Lake Lansing, and east of Marsh Road.

David Arnosti

2017 Summer Music Camp

Music filled the church during the week of June 26th - the ULC Summer Youth Music Camp was in full swing. This was the fifth year for the camp and our largest enrollment – 22 campers! It was also the first time we offered two sections of camp, one for campers entering third thru fifth grade, and our new advanced section, for campers sixth grade and older.

Each day the music campers attended sessions in choir, recorder, choir chimes or hand bells, sign language and recreation time. Special musical presentations were offered by Don Sovey, guitar, and Kristie Wiggert, organ. On Friday, June 30, the campers and staff traveled to

Brookdale Senior Living in Haslett, where they performed for the residents. The camper's musical offering was dedicated to the memory of our dear friend, Joanne Bennett. Upon returning to ULC there was a special afternoon of food, crafts, balloons and magic! On Sunday, July 9, the music campers offered their special music during morning worship.

Many thanks to all who assisted with and supported the 2017 Summer Youth Music Camp. News about the 2018 camp will be available at the first of the year.

Janine Smith & Kristie Wiggert, Co-Camp Directors



2016 CROP Walk Raised \$62,000!

The Greater Lansing CROP Hunger Walk marked its 40th year in 2016 and



had another good year, raising \$62,000! Of this amount, ULC's 17 walkers contributed \$1,927. Funds raised help provide food and other assistance to people around the world through the work of Church World Service, and locally through seven greater Lansing area agencies. What a blessing we are!

ULC's 2016 walking/fundraising team included: Laura and Ian Brown; Pastor Sara Cogsil; Tom and Barb Kissing; Lynn, Elizabeth and Megan Kotnik; Jim Lorenz; Pastor John and Phyllis Schleicher; Tim Schmidt;

Joy, Aaron & Jeff Whitten; and Cindy Carver.

Next year's CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 8. Mark your calendars now!

Wanted: CROP Walk Coordinator!

Dear ULC Members,

It's time for a change in CROP Walk leadership! Later this summer, Keith and I will be relocating to the Detroit metro area to be closer to our workplaces. As a result, I'm actively looking for an individual (or two) willing to coordinate the annual CROP Hunger Walk for ULC.

The Greater Lansing walk takes place every October on a Sunday afternoon, with walker recruitment and fundraising beginning one month earlier in September. As a new coordinator will quickly realize, this is an easy and fun way to connect with ULC members AND support a good cause – local and global hunger relief.

All recruitment materials and support are provided by the local Church World Service office. All a coordinator needs to contribute is time and enthusiasm. Might you be willing?

Cindy Carver
carver2@oakland.edu, 517.927.4905

Lutheran World Relief School Kits

We are assembling school kits on Gods Work. Our Hands. Sunday, Sept. 10 and we need donated supplies to fill the bags. Each kit contains the following:

- ✍ FOUR 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper, approximately 8" x 10 1/2"; no loose leaf paper
- ✍ ONE 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- ✍ ONE pencil sharpener
- ✍ ONE pair of blunt scissors
- ✍ FIVE unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure with a rubber band
- ✍ FIVE black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure with a rubber band
- ✍ ONE box of 16 or 24 crayons ONE 2 1/2" eraser



Feel free to donate a complete kit or items we can combine with other donations. (However, complete kits are most appreciated.) You can also donate money towards the purchase of supplies - SCHOOL KITS" in the memo line. Supplies can be left in the Narthex in the container by the back window labeled "School Kits." Kits will be delivered to LWR in October.

Please contact Cindy Baswell at (517) 974-1374 or cindylou1940@yahoo.com.

Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging

Location: ULC Fellowship Hall

Task: Volunteers will bag over 12,000 meals in 1 1/2 hours. The meals consist of rice; vitamin fortified crushed soy; a dehydrated blend of six vegetables; and vitamin/mineral powder. Each bag of food contains six servings. The bags keep for long periods of time and require only boiling water for preparation.

One-third of the bags will go to the MSU Student Food Bank. Kids Against Hunger sends another third of the bags to a warehouse in Detroit for use in response to domestic emergencies such as floods and tornadoes.

The remaining one third of the bags are distributed internationally to feed starving children.



Number of volunteers needed: 100 volunteers - 50 from the Islamic Center and 50 from ULC. Suggested age: Kindergarten age and up.

When: God's Work. Our Hands Sunday, Sept. 10. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Food-packing project begins at about 10:45 a.m. Refreshments following the event at about noon

Sign-up: At ULC – next to the "God's Work. Our Hands." t-shirt in the Narthex. Or email Vicki Anderson at vicki.anderson831@gmail.com

August Outreach of the Month

Salud Para la Vida

Salud Para la Vida or *Health for Life* promotes the health and growth of the body of Christ by working with the Honduran Lutheran Church Leaders as they provide a holistic health ministry.

Many years ago the Honduran Lutheran Church (HLC) leaders had a vision for a sustainable health project for their communities. Working with members of the N/W Lower Michigan Synod that vision became a reality in 2005 with the beginning of *Health for Life*. During mission trips members of the N/WLM Synod join HLC leaders in training local Honduran volunteers to address basic but holistic health issues in their own villages. These volunteers are a constant presence in their communities and minister and assist their neighbors whenever needed. This ensures that the target communities are served year-round with relevant care.



Smiling faces showing off beautiful teeth.

Two areas of *Health for Life* include the Clean Water Project and Kindergarten Nutrition Program. An example of the value of these programs is that the need for medicine for diarrhea has decreased greatly since community members have gotten water filters for their homes. Most recently, training for the Health Volunteers has centered on enhancing women's health and providing dental care and supplies for children and oral health instruction for children and the health volunteers.

In ten years this project has grown from an idea within the HLC and the N/WLM Synod to a ministry supported by the synod and the Global Mission Unit of ELCA. Together we have been able to not only maintain the programs but expand them. *Health for Life* has become a model program for accompaniment ministry and supports a long-term partnership between congregations in Honduras and Michigan.

Connie Lenkowski

September Outreach of the Month

Friendship House MSU

Have you ever lived in a foreign land with a less than optimal understanding of the local language and culture?

Friendship House MSU (FHMSU), located just one block south of ULC at 929 Sever Street, is a Gospel-centered ministry of friendship and hospitality that serves international students at MSU and their families in this situation. FHMSU is organized and supported by Lutheran churches in the Lansing area. A core mission of FHMSU is education, with more than 25 course opportunities for international families in conversational English, Christianity and basic bible study, special thematic courses such as sewing and knitting, and a variety of special events that introduce participants to American culture.



Christmas activity at Friendship House MSU

ULC is an actively participating congregation in FHMSU. While involvement and participation in the ministry have increased in recent years, financial support has been lagging and the organization needs our help. FHMSU is already a financially 'lean' organization, and almost all of its funds are used directly to support its programs and activities. Any financial contributions you make will help continue this ministry.

You can also volunteer at FHMSU:

- Teach English conversation courses
- Teach courses on the Bible to international Christians and to non-Christians
- Assist with Mom and Child Play Time sessions
- Assist with various fellowship activities such as baseball games, Thanksgiving dinners, or one-day trips to Lake Michigan or Chicago
- Be our prayer partner... we need people who are willing to pray for this ministry.

For more information, please contact me or see FHMSU's web site at: <http://friendshiphousemsu.global/>

*Jeff Andresen, ULC member
Member FHMSU Board of Directors*

Another Busy Summer!

“Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.
Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.
Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12: 10-12

A big thank you goes to Aaron Williams and Ann Booren who represented Prayers & Squares in the Meridian Historical Village Saturday, July 1, during the 175th Anniversary celebration of Meridian Township. They sold fabric baskets and table runners. Fifty percent of the sales were donated to the village and the remainder went to purchase supplies for the prayer quilt ministry here at ULC.

July 19 found a group of youth from the Samaritas summer program working with volunteers to make tied fleece blankets after a pizza party lunch. This is the second year we have helped teach a group of enthusiastic young men how to make these blankets. They were each able to take a blanket with their name on



Youth from Samaritas summer program show off fleece blankets they made.

the Prayers & Squares label stitched to the back side.

Many hands prepared the quilts given to Pastors Sara Cogsil and Sarah Midzalkowski on July 23rd, their last Sunday with us (See photo on page 17). We will miss them but know their new congregations are excited to have them bring their special gifts to Ohio and Jackson, Mich.

Be sure to mark these dates on your calendar: Tuesday Sept. 12, Saturday

Sept. 23, and Saturday Nov. 11. The September date will be regular prayer quilt sewing days from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium. No special skills are required because we have all kinds of tasks that need to be accomplished. A

special fun “make & take” project day is scheduled for Nov. 11th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. More information will be forthcoming.

Remember that our mission is to cover those in need with a quilt tied with prayers. If you have a loved one, friend or fellow worker who you feel would benefit by us wrapping them in prayer with a quilt, please contact the office, Ann Booren (boorena@msu.edu) or Bobbie Davis (bobbie@acd.net).

Bobbie Davis

Saturday Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen is located at Christ Lutheran Church in Lansing on Pennsylvania Ave. ULC has committed to the fifth Saturday of the month. 2017 offers ULC four Saturdays to serve Lansing’s hungry - April 29, July 29, Sept 30 and Dec 30. This has expanded into an outreach ministry that is both international and multi-generational. All ages work alongside volunteers from Friendship House. For those who have not yet participated in a Saturday Soup Kitchen, it’s truly “God’s Work, Our hands.”

Please prayerfully consider volunteering this year! Preparation begins at 9:30 a.m. and



Sign up in Sept. for the next Soup Kitchen event.

most generally will be done with clean up by 1:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to serve our community. It’s a small time commitment with a giant reward! If you may be interested, please look for sign-up sheets in the Narthex at the beginning of September and December.

Please contact Soup Kitchen Co-Chairs; Jennifer Tracy (419-377-4685) or jlynne.tracy@gmail.com, Steve (Zkz@comcast.net) or Darra Haase (jranch@comcast.net) with questions.

Jennifer Tracy

From the President

We Are on God's Time

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. Psalm 33:20

I have been thinking a lot about tension lately... Tension is a good thing, right? At least the right amount of tension is good. The right tension on thread or yarn is necessary for even stitches. The right tension on a drive belt is necessary to keep a piece of equipment functioning smoothly and properly. Too much tension and things become tight and dysfunctional, maybe even to the point of snapping. Not enough tension and things get loose and sloppy, maybe even to the point of falling apart.

We have tension in our congregation right now. There is always tension and the right amount of tension is a good thing, even a necessary thing. It keeps everything balanced.

What about the tension we feel since Pastor Sara C. and Pastor Sarah M. have left for new calls? We rejoice with them in that. And at the same time that we grieve their leaving, we welcome Pastor Haley Vay Beaman who has entered into a contract with us as an associate pastor. We look forward to Pastor Haley Vay's ministry with us with joyful anticipation.

And what about the tension between continuing with a traditional worship style that is loved by many and using other types of worship styles? Other styles that many in our congregation believe are more relevant to those people that we are trying to include – the “bigger table” that we so desire? The pipe organ is in dire need of repair. Ignoring this is not a solution since the piano cannot adequately accompany a large number of worshippers. Council has authorized a designated fund to receive gifts for repairing the organ and also established a music director position, part of whose position is to foster diverse expressions and genres of worship. Finding the balance, the right tension, between traditional worship and additional styles will be an ongoing process – a process that we will continue together.



We also have tension around calling a new lead pastor. We want to find the lead pastor that God is calling to ULC, but how long do we have to wait? The Call

Committee has entered into a second round of interviews with at least two new candidates. It may be tempting to help the process along, but it is not appropriate to approach another pastor to suggest that they file with the Synod office to make themselves available for this call. If you know of a potential candidate, give the name to Jeff Andresen, Call Committee chair, and Jeff will forward the name to the bishop. The bishop will work with the potential candidate to

determine if it is appropriate and desirable to refer their name to the Call Committee.

We need to find the balance. We are on God's time. The person who God is calling to this place to be lead pastor was not in the first group of candidates. Perhaps the right person was not ready or available a few months ago. Perhaps they had work to finish in their current call and now is the time to enter into a new call. We don't know. But, we can trust that God is preparing someone to serve as ULC lead pastor and we can actively wait for that person.

Actively waiting is a way to achieve balance. Consider these words from the daily faith reflections of the *Women of the ELCA "Daily Grace,"* Our waiting time is not as much about delaying action as it is about waiting in God's presence, in God's word and in God's will. We should wait hopefully, in the promise of the future. We should wait, actively, by serving, teaching and working as disciples of Christ. And we should wait confidently, trusting in God's promises.

So we continue to move forward as we wait with confidence, maintaining the balance that provides a healthy tension.

Vicki Anderson, ULC President



Join me on the Stewardship Team

I am the new Stewardship Team leader and I am forming a team to help the congregation to live out what God is calling us to do. Pastor David Sprang from the synod office is assisting us with the fall campaign. If you are interested in learning more about stewardship, I invite you to join our team!

Michael Anderson

The following items were discussed at the June 20 meeting of the ULC Council:

- Received Don Armstrong into membership via affirmation of baptism
- Received Dave and Joy Oslund into membership by letter of transfer from Prince of Peace Lutheran, Marquette
- Received Hannah Oslund into membership by letter of transfer from Bethel Lutheran, Ishpeming
- Transferred Joanne Bennett to the Church Triumphant
- Received a report on the Solar Garden. ULC met with Higher Power Solar Initiative and representatives from University Methodist Church and the Islamic Center. All parties are interested in the project. Questions, including legal implications, are being identified and explored. More information is expected at the July Council meeting.
- A Calendar Planning meeting will be held on July 12 between the scheduled staff meeting and Lead Management Team meeting. Council members and Team Leaders are also invited to participate in coordinating events.
- Received Pastor Sara Cogsil's letter of resignation with her last Sunday at ULC as July 23. Council thanked her for her almost four years of serving at ULC and the lasting impact that she has had, particularly on the youth of the congregation. A sending service will be held on July 23 with a reception following.
- The Call Committee reported that after much discernment, none of the three candidates that were interviewed are a match with



Council Notes

ULC. The Bishop informs us that he expects to send more candidate profiles to us in the near future.

- Pastor Sara C. reported that four people from the Honduras Synod will be in the Lansing area Aug. 15-17. An event is being planned at ULC on Wednesday, Aug. 16 at 6 p.m.
- Authorized an extension of Pastor John's contract through Oct. 18, 2017. He will be half time beginning Aug. 1. Additional duties will be added to the contract to cover some of Pastor Sara C's responsibilities.
- Reviewed results of the Worship & Music Roundtables held in May and took the following action
 - Directed Personnel Team to develop a Position Description for a Director of Music
 - Pastor John has received over \$117,000 in verbal pledges for renovating the organ. Will Mahoney will work with Pastor John and Janine Novenske Smith to develop for consideration at the July meeting possible options for moving forward with the organ renovation, including funding mechanisms and levels.
- Appointed Michael Anderson as Stewardship Team Leader.

The following items were discussed at the July 18 meeting of the ULC Council:

- Received a report on the Solar Garden. Lisa Swem and Jim

Kiefer reviewed the materials regarding the three way agreement (ULC, University Methodist and the Islamic Center). A significant amount of work is needed to develop an acceptable agreement.

- Erin Frisch gave an update from the Call Committee. Two new names have been received from the Synod office. Interviews will be scheduled within the next few weeks. (See article "From the President")
- The group from the Honduras Synod will be at ULC on Wednesday, Aug, 16. Council has cancelled the August meeting in order to meet with the Honduran group.
- Council approved a contract with Pastor Haley Vay Beaman to serve as ULC Associate Pastor. The contract is for three quarter time from Aug. 2017 through May 2018. Pastor Haley Vay will preach and preside, co-lead the Campus Ministry Team, and regularly meet with Student Associates. (See article...)
- Approved a "Director of Music" position effective Sept. 1. (See article...)
- Approved the creation of a designated fund for Organ Renovation. (See article...)
- Approved the following appointments:
 - Jack Walch – Student member on Council
 - Clarke Anderson – Evangelism Team Leader
 - Sue Kamens – Lead Management Team, Spiritual Formation Co-Coordinator.

*Vicki Anderson
ULC President*

Sponsoring Vietnamese Refugees

In July 1975 the Nguyen (n'WIN) family of 11 from Vietnam was welcomed to ULC. They "came here with little more than the clothes on their backs and little English at their command. But they were loaded with important intangibles including a strong sense of family, a great respect for education and willingness to work hard." (From: *The Nguyens in America*)



News photo showing Nguyen family arriving.

Harpstead, chairman of ULC's Resettlement Committee, said, "These people have few belongings and must face barriers of language and social custom. It will be most difficult for them to adjust. Nevertheless, it is our intent to sponsor, rather than to support, to care rather than to smother. Hopefully we can help them make the transition and become independent Americans in a very short time."

The family was the first to be settled in this area by the Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service. An article from the archives states, "Looking forward to the arrival of the Vietnamese family, members of University Lutheran Church and their friends contributed furniture, linen and clothing to help the family become settled." Dale

By June of 1976 the Nguyen family was independent of financial care by ULC. And, by 1997 the six brothers and three sisters had received 18 college degrees and four doctoral degrees since fleeing Vietnam.

Connie Lenkowski

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549 EAST MOUNT HOPE AVENUE
LANSING
The event is free; donations will be accepted for supper and an offering will be taken up for Samaritas

Honduran Lutheran Church Visitors

Four visitors from the **Honduran Lutheran Church** will visit the Lansing area in August. We will share information about our churches and faith experiences in the N/W Lower Michigan Synod. They will share with us what it means to be Lutheran in Honduras and talk about their many successes and challenges. **Please join us for any of the activities listed below.**

Tuesday, Aug. 15

6 p.m. Faith Lutheran Presentation
4515 Dobie Rd., Okemos – Potluck
“Get Acquainted with Our Mission Partners”

Wednesday, Aug. 16

11 a.m. St. Stephens Lutheran Eucharist
2900 N. Waverly Rd., Lansing - Lunch and fellowship
6 p.m. University Lutheran - Conversation & Potluck
“Lay Leadership and Outreach”

Thursday, Aug. 17 – Lansing/Grand Rapids

10 a.m. Redeemer Lutheran Child Care
2727 W. Holmes Rd., Lansing
Worship, lunch and fellowship with the children

For more information contact Mike or Connie Lenkowski
clenkowski@frontier.com or 517-655-5939

Our guests will also visit Saginaw and Grand Rapids during their time in Michigan. Please check the Synod Website for complete information.



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Meet Our New Members . . .

You may recognize **Don Armstrong** as the man in the front, center aisle at church who helps with Communion. You may know him for utilizing his expertise on the security team. He came to ULC, the closest Lutheran church to where he then lived, and once he decided to stay in this area, joined us on Pentecost Sunday.



Don affirms his baptism.

license at age 18 and has commercial and instrument ratings. As a private pilot, he has logged 20,000 hours. He and his family once lived in an air park where he could taxi down the street to home.

As a young adult he raced Formula One outboard tunnel boats, one of the fastest boats in the world. Only 12 to 18 inches of the back of the boat are in the water. He won three world championships and five national championships.

Don learned computer technology in vocational college. He was the chief information security officer for the whole U.S. Army and for the

California military. Later he served as the chief information security officer for T-Mobile, and then for Microsoft. He traveled to 60 countries as part of this job. In Illinois in 2012 he was security architect for Walgreens, and came to Michigan as chief security architect for the state.

Now, with friends, he is "flipping houses" - upgrading good houses in good locations, selling them, and starting others. He remembers the quality requirements of his grandfather, a custom woodworker, who wanted things done right the first time.

Don's testimony is strong. "God is my pilot. I'm the copilot." What if we all could say and mean that!

Phyllis Andersland

Dave and Joy Oslund, growing up in the UP, first met at a party for youth groups from their respective Lutheran churches. Dave came to MSU to earn a degree in criminal justice and Joy went to Oakland University for her degree in elementary education. They met again back in the UP after college, when Dave was a deputy sheriff and Joy was an elementary school teacher. They moved to Lansing in 2004 so Joy could earn her Ph.D. in teacher education.



The Oslund family on the Sunday they became ULC members.

Dave is a sergeant with the MSU police where he is involved with emergency management planning. He is a bicycle enthusiast. Joy is a professor at Madonna College in Livonia, teaching teachers. Her prime interests are in math education and teacher education. Among other publications, she has co-authored a book for teachers on using group work in elementary math education. At a previous church she had a "math camp" for 4th - 6th

graders, like our music camp! She loves to do math work with kids and teachers.

Their daughter **Lena**, an incoming freshman at Holt, plays the flute in the marching band. She is on the swim team, and is a youth ambassador for the National Psoriasis Association. Lena was baptized Lake Superior in July during the service trip to Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Their daughter **Hannah**, who will be a

senior at Holt High School, also plays the flute in band and has been on the Teen Advisory Council of an area community center, planning events for youth.

Why did they join University Lutheran? They felt comfortable here, and welcomed. They joined us June 18. We are blessed to have them, and their multiple talents, in our midst!

Phyllis Andersland

A Fond Farewell From Pastor Sara

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

It has been my privilege to serve the mission and ministry of University Lutheran Church as Associate Pastor during these past four years, As God called me for a time to serve among you, God now calls me forth to serve in a new way, in a new place among a new people though still one in the body of Christ.

In prayerful conversation during my exit interview, I have discussed the policies and expectations of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, and I enter into following covenant. I agree:

To pray for the ongoing mission of the congregation and for their new pastor;

To communicate to the congregation, in writing and in conversation, the terms of this covenant which terminates this pastoral relationship;

To not be involved in any leadership or advisory role (public or private) in this congregation and to refrain from behaviors that seek in any way to control the transition process, including any attempt to influence the choice of a successor;

To refrain from language or behavior that could undermine the development of the relationship between the congregation and a new pastor, including the interim pastor;

To not support or give advice to anyone involved in a congregational disagreement;



Pastors Sara Cogsil and Sarah Midzalkowski are wrapped in quilts and given good-bye blessings with a liturgy from Pastor John.

To refuse requests for pastoral services made by members of the congregation, including baptisms, weddings, funerals, anniversaries, visiting the sick and homebound, except when invited by the current pastor;

To consult with the current pastor regarding my attendance at worship and special events;

To encourage my family members to support me in maintaining this covenant and to support the ministry of the congregation's new pastor.

It is understood that this covenant does not affect or require termination of friendships with individuals who are members of this congregation.

It can be hard to say goodbye, but I believe we have done it well and for that I am grateful. I am grateful for our time together over these last four years and I am grateful for our final Sunday together. It captured the highlights and the relationships of this time.

I especially thank Pastor John for the proclaimed Word; Pastor Sarah M. for sharing worship one final time; Prayers and Squares for the beautiful quilt, Sheila Nicholas, Nancy Lindman, and all the kitchen assistants for the lovely meal; Vicki Anderson, Amanda Brown and Joy Whitten for the beautiful remarks; and each of you for showing up, for reaching out, for the cards, for the gifts, for the tears, for the hugs, and for the blessings and words shared. I have been blessed by you throughout my time and parts of you go with me. My heart is full.

*God bless you.
Pastor Sara C.*

ULC Alum Receives UVA Award

Leslie Booren, daughter of ULC members Al and Ann Booren, was one of this year's winners of the University of Virginia's Leonard W. Sandridge Outstanding Contribution Awards. Leslie, managing director of the education policy research group EdPolicy Works in the Curry School of



Education, has been called a master of efficiency and organization.

Veronica Katz, who nominated Leslie for the award, said she does not know how Leslie stays on top of so many things. Leslie manages grants, coordinates travel and more for at least ten faculty

members. She also helps approximately 30 graduate students and a handful of post-doctoral staff members with everything from funding to room reservations. She's also the point person for visiting speakers and job candidates.

Excerpted from UVA Today

August Birthdays

15 Coreen Williams
 16 Loretta Geisen
 Sarah Hinton
 Grace Sype
 17 Thomas Wanagat
 18 Robert Anderson
 Carl Ericksen
 19 Ellen Holste
 Thomas Kissling
 Linda Springer
 21 Sharonlee Burmeister
 Michael Kruger
 22 Ashley Grant
 Elizabeth Ortwine
 23 Sherry Corwin
 26 Christine Vandervoort
 27 Barbara Anderson
 Paul Mutka
 Jessica Nault
 28 Laura Kruger
 Sue Martin
 Charles Page
 Rebecca Page
 Colleen Thoman
 30 Jesse Grant
 31 Jonathan Kostrzewski
 Jennifer Lawatsch

Celebrating



This Month

August Weddings

15 Rick & Deanna Milligan
 16 Laura Appel & Gary Garbarino
 17 Richard & Patricia Morscheck
 Jeff Williams & Joy Whitten
 18 Norm & Kirstan Jolin Jr
 Lynn & Robert Spalding
 21 Gary Dawson & Julie Baglien
 Diane & John Goddeeris
 Richard & Jennifer Tracy
 22 Gordon & Marilyn Schafer
 24 Gary & Loretta Geisen

27 Dave & Kristie Wiggert
 30 Jerry & Nancy Lindman
 31 Craig & Cathy Lazar

September Birthdays

4 Meredith Kiefer
 6 Paul Kindel
 7 Brandon Baswell
 8 Jonathan Wagenknecht
 10 Dale Harpstead
 11 Jane Rutter*
 Matthew Schabel*
 12 Karen Holden
 13 Thomas Grant
 14 Louise Harder
 Max Helser
 Ben Marciniak-Jennings*
 15 Cathy Clugston
 16 Erin Erspamer*
 17 Stacey Schabel
 18 Lindsay Sadler
 19 Charlotte Anderson
 Cynthia Baswell
 John Davis
 Lisa Swem
 20 Marilyn Johnson
 Amanda Kuchnicki
 21 Russel Erickson
 22 Gabrielle Gallagher

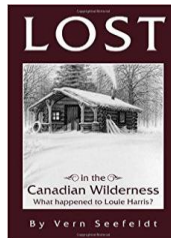
23 Zachary Jarrad*
 25 Katherine Bracken
 Bryan Wagenknecht
 26 David I. Anderson
 Jeffrey Guilfoyle
 Mark Johnson
 Adelyn Karcher
 27 Henry McPhall
 28 Augusta Archer
 29 Vera Shaw
 30 Phyllis Kost

September Weddings

7 Shirley & Jack Gentges
 David & Debra Gift
 12 Dale & Mary Harpstead
 Jay & Myra Kim
 16 Andrew Hagman & Erin Frisch
 Bryan & Brie McPhall
 Craig & Wanda Ophaug
 17 Mark & Marilyn Johnson
 23 Theodore Grevstad & Anne Grevstad-Nordbrock
 24 Jesse & Augusta Archer
 Travis and Tali Hylen
 29 Jeffrey & Collen Thoman

A Freewheelers Special Event

You are invited to join the Freewheeler's on Saturday, Aug. 19, at 9 a.m. in the Fireside Room for breakfast and fellowship. Member, Vern Seefeldt will be joining us to talk about his newest book "Survival in the Canadian Wilderness: The Legend of Louis Harris." This is a fictionalized version of an earlier book on the same subject.



You can signup at church, or contact me at (517) 886-0632 or janicemace@att.net. Cost for breakfast is \$6, payable at the door.

Jan Mace

From the Editors...



The deadline for the October *Lux* is **Friday, Sept. 15.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net 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 articles coming! Thanks!

The Lux Team: Phyllis Andersland, Michael Anderson, Loran Bieber, Mark Johnson, Connie Lenkowski, Britney Livingston and Amy Wagenknecht

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AUGUST 2017

- 16 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:30a Amnos Circle-Conference
- 10:00a Samaritas
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 17 10:00a Samaritas-Classrooms
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 18 7:00p Aces & Spaces Bridge Club-Fireside
- 19 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-Fireside
- 20 9:30a Worship
- 1:00p Joanne Bennett Memorial Service
- 21 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 22 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 3:30p Worship Planning Meeting-Conference
- 5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board-Library
- 7:00p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship Hall
- 23 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 24 4:30p Food Movers Distribution-Fellowship Hall
- 27 9:30a Worship
- 5:30p Dinner for 8
- 28 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 29 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 30 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside



SEPTEMBER 2017

- 2 10:00a Football Parking-MSU vs Bowling Green@Noon
- 3 9:30a Worship
- 5 10:30a Lux Team-Conference Room
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 6 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 4:30p Lead Management Team
- 7 7:30a Liturgical Deacons-Conference
- 6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary
- 7:00p Senior Choir-Choir Room
- 9 1:30p Football Parking
- 3:30p MSU vs Western Michigan
- 10 9:30a Worship

- 10:30a God's Work, Our Hands-Fellowship
- 1:30p Sons of Norway-Fireside
- 3:00p Latvian Worship-Sanctuary/Fellowship
- 11 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 12 9:00a Prayers & Squares-Atrium
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 13 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 5:30p Finance Committee
- 13 7:00p ESL and Bible Teachers Meeting-Fireside
- 14 6:30p Bell Choir-Sanctuary
- 7:30p Senior Choir-Choir Room
- 15 7:00p Aces and Spaces-Fireside
- 16 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL
- 7:00p AOB Kickoff-Whitten/Williams Home
- 17 8:30a Worship
- 9:40a Education Hour
- 10:45a Worship
- 18 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 19 12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 7:00p ULC Council-Conference
- 20 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:30a Amnos Circle-Conference
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside
- 21 6:30p Bell Choir-Sanctuary
- 7:30p Senior Choir-Choir Room
- 23 9:00a Prayers and Squares-Atrium
- 6:00p Football Parking-MSU vs Notre Dame@8p
- 24 8:30a Worship
- 9:40a Education Hour
- 10:45a Worship
- 25 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 26 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board-Library
- 7:00p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship Hall
- 27 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 28 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library
- 4:30p Food Movers Distribution-Fellowship Hall
- 6:30p Bell Choir-Sanctuary
- 7:30p Senior Choir-Choir Room
- 30 TBD Football Parking-MSU vs Iowa

Education Hour (9:40 -10:30 a.m.) Opportunities:

Sunday School (Basement) Young Families Group (TBD)
 Sunday Forum (Fireside) Affirm. of Baptism (Youth)

Friendship House Classes at ULC:

Fridays 10:30a – American Nations - Fireside

Resuming Sept. 6 - Enhance Fitness classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in the downstairs Atrium.

Reminder - Please contact the ULC office **BEFORE** scheduling your events. This will help you get the space you need and your group's event on the ULC calendar. Thanks!



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- Haley Vay Beaman**
Interim Campus Pastor
- Britney Livingston**
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- Kristine Stuart**
Financial Administrator
- Mary Letvenow**
Event Coordinator
- Kristie Wiggert**
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- Janine Novenske Smith**
Director of Music
- Louise Paquette**
Director of Handbells

Do You Have Difficulty Hearing During Worship?

ULC now has assistive hearing devices that can be "checked out" during worship. There are two different devices - one that can be used with a hearing aid that has a T switch or one with ear buds that can be used without a hearing aid. Both pick up the signal directly from the microphones and transmit it to your hearing aid or ear.



They are located in the back of the sanctuary, next to the organ. Check with Luke Reese, Jim Lorenz or Will Mahoney to get a device and simple instructions for their use for any event held in the Sanctuary.

Electronic Resources Team

Special Lux Supplement

Toward Continuing a Legacy of Fine Music and Wise Stewardship

At its July meeting the Council voted a) to establish a designated fund to which gifts can be given for the renovation of the organ, and b) to utilize the existing mortgage debt fund to accelerate the payoff of this debt. These decisions followed three months of focused discussions including a congregational conversation in May about the hoped-for future of worship and music at ULC.

Our organ, as described below, while still a wonderful asset especially in a university context, needs a major overhaul. For a variety of reasons, this renovation makes sense, chief of which are the long-term benefit of this investment, the ability to attract competent future organists, and the distinctive quality of sound provided by a pipe organ. The pipe organ is part of a rich music heritage that includes many other types of instruments and musical styles.

About our mortgage: The current remaining mortgage balance is \$422,754. Payments made to the principal would significantly reduce the life of the loan which currently expires Sept. 22, 2025.

Physical Concerns with the Current Organ

1. The ULC organ is a tracker action instrument. This means that the organist's fingers and feet exert the pressure on the key or pedal that moves the mechanical linkage that opens the valves allowing air to flow into the pipes of the corresponding notes. The action of the organ was not updated when the organ was moved to ULC. The keys and pedals are difficult to play and require inconsistent amounts of force. Some of the wood and leather parts are 150 years old and are worn out. ULC is spending money frequently to replace broken parts one at a time when they break. The parts are obsolete and have to be constructed specifically for this organ. There is an immediate need to make some of the changes to the organ because of the extreme deterioration of the current parts. A renovated pipe organ, as is being proposed would utilize electronic circuits to assist this action.
2. The pitch of the organ cannot match the universally accepted pitch (A=440) of most instruments, making it difficult for other instrumentalists to play in tune.
3. The swell box, which controls volume, can only be either fully open or closed, which makes graduated expressive changes impossible.
4. The ULC pipe organ was sized for the residence that housed it originally and is not adequate for the size of the ULC sanctuary. The limited number of ranks of pipes severely limits the way organists can lead the hymns and liturgy or accompany the choir. It also restricts the repertoire of music that can be used to enrich the worship service.
5. There are no pistons that change the registrations automatically. This makes the accompanying the choir or other musicians very difficult. Changing registration during hymn verses or during the prelude or postlude music is also extremely difficult. The organist's hand must leave the keyboard and pull the stops knobs while in the midst of a piece of music.
6. Because of the level of deterioration of the organ parts, now seems an optimal time to move with changes to the current instrument.

Value and Longevity

The cost of a new pipe organ of sufficient size for the building would be anywhere between \$500,000 and \$800,000 or more. The proposal for the renovation is \$184,790. With care, the pipe organ will last indefinitely.

1. The ULC organ would be enlarged with the addition of new pipes obtained from sources that support reuse of pipes from organs no longer in service.
2. ULC has the advantage of having a builder who has maintained our organ and that we know will bring expertise, knowledge of our environment and value.
3. The sound quality produced by a pipe organ is richer and more complex than the sound produced by an electronic organ.
4. The visual beauty of the wood case was originally restored by ULC members and would be maintained.

Providing Best Worship Experience

1. An optimally functioning pipe organ will continue to be part of our rich musical heritage. Based on feedback, we understand that a diverse worship experience that includes a variety of forms of musical expression and instrumentation is desired in the context of both contemporary and ancient liturgies. Lutherans have a 500-year tradition of using music as a means of witnessing to our faith. We have created and continue to add to a prodigious repertoire of organ music for use in lifting our praises in worship. We would work to expand our repertoire using a number of other instruments as well.
2. A renovated organ will help us attract future trained and gifted organists. The current state of the organ would deter many from considering a position at ULC.

Summary of Financials and How to Designate Your Gifts

The current cost of the organ renovation is \$184,790 (revised from an original estimate of \$220,000*) from Fowler Organ Company which has enjoyed a long-standing business relationship with ULC. The firm is reputable and experienced in dealing with our instrument. The expected start date for work on the organ would be January 2018.

Council has earmarked up to \$36,000 of the Marilyn Pierce bequest for this project, thereby honoring Marilyn's great love for music at ULC. "Intent to Give" forms for this renovation resulting from conversations a number of members had with Pastor John earlier this year resulted in slightly more than \$117,000 in commitments. With the hoped-for receipt of these gifts between August 2017 and early 2018, this would give us a combined total of \$153,000, leaving a shortfall of \$31,790. Gifts would be designated for the Organ Renovation.

To those who want to help us accelerate the retirement of our mortgage debt, we invite special gifts to the Mortgage Debt Retirement designated fund. ULC will collect gifts for the organ renovation until Jan. 31, 2018 and for the mortgage debt retirement as long as needed.

The process toward making this decision to move forward with the organ renovation and mortgage debt reduction included numerous discussions, exploring and listening as carefully as we could to the pro's and con's of both proposals. Now that the decision has been made, we invite your "Legacy" gifts for either or

both of these designated funds. Forms you can use to accompany your gift will be available in the narthex, ULC office or on-line at <http://www.ulcel.org/> beginning Sunday, Aug. 20.

Thank you for your continuing support for the ministries of ULC and for your consideration of a special gift!

The ULC Council

*The original estimate included restoration of the tracker mechanism. Upon further discussion and consideration, it was determined that the tracker aspect was not essential and so a more responsible stewardship approach of renovation using electronic circuitry was selected.