



Lux

December 2017

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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Advent Worship

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 13 & 20
Noon & 7 p.m.

Pastor Gary's Installation

Sunday, Dec. 10 - 3 p.m.

P & S Sewing Day

Tuesday, Dec. 12
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Freewheelers

Christmas Luncheon

Friday, Dec. 15 - 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Food Movers

Thursday, Dec. 21
Fellowship Hall
Set-up 3:30 p.m.
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

Serve at Soup Kitchen

Saturday, Dec. 30 - 9:30 a.m.
St. Luke Lutheran, Christ Campus

Pastor Gary Bunge, Musician and Minister, Begins Call at ULC

"This is what I want to be when I grow up." That's the caption written lightly on the top of a watercolor Gary Bunge did in class when he was seven years old. The picture shows a grown-up Gary floating Chagall-like in a blue-gray sky, wearing white vestments with a cross around his neck. His surprising orange face is earnest, and he's a minister. Since Gary was raised in a Missouri Synod family and church, he is, in this painting, almost certainly a *Lutheran* minister.



Pastor Gary with his wife Miriam and son Luke.

But at eight, Gary also wanted to be a musician, specifically a violinist—and he wanted this passionately.

"When I told my parents that I wanted to start studying violin, they didn't believe I'd really be committed," Gary told me. He was busy with so many other things at the time, and his family

already had a piano. So, he studied piano until his parents saw clearly how committed (and talented) he was. They bought him a violin, and he started lessons, studying at first with a member of the Cleveland Orchestra.

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Special Music for Advent

Sunday, Dec. 10 - 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Special music offerings by the Senior Choir,
Hand Bell Choir, and instrumentalists
Annaliese and Juliana Marks

Reminder: Only one morning worship
service at 10:45 this date.



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

God is with Us

“Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means, “God is with us.” Matthew 1:23

This is probably the most powerful, profound, and meaningful promise of the whole Advent and Christmas season. All the focus and attention though usually goes to the story of Jesus' birth in Luke 2 – the familiar story that begins, “In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus. . . .” That's the story we read on Christmas Eve. It's the story all the Sunday school children's programs retell, and the story we usually think of when we think of “the Christmas story.” But in a very understated and less than dramatic way, Matthew gets right to the heart of what the Advent and Christmas season is all about. . . . the promise that “God is with us.”

And oh how we need to hear that promise! In a world where mass shootings are almost a weekly occurrence, we need to hear that “God is with us,” and that we're not alone. In a world where war and terrorism and natural disasters are

part of our daily news experience, we need to hear that “God is with us.” As we struggle with significant health issues, we need to hear that “God is with us.” As we go through the strain of relationships falling apart and all the normal stresses of daily life, we need to hear that “God is with us,” because so often in the midst of life, we feel alone and God seems so distant.

And as I begin my new ministry among you at ULC, this is the promise that sustains me and gives me strength.

As we begin the Advent season, there are lots of opportunities to hear this promise. . . . Sunday morning worship, Wednesday noon Lectio Divina where we'll listen and reflect on the songs of Luke, Wednesday evenings as we worship with the beautiful service of Holden Evening

Prayer and again listen and reflect on the songs of Luke, and of course, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day worship. I hope that you'll take advantage of these opportunities to hear and experience the reality and promise that God is with us.

As we begin the Advent season and as we begin our journey together as pastor and people, I pray that we will keep the promise that God is with us at the center and core of our lives, because there is no better promise to sustain and strengthen us for the journey. May Advent and Christmas bring you a deepening experience of the very presence of God in your lives and in our world.

Blessings as you experience the God who has promised to be with us,

Pastor Gary



Advent and Christmas Opportunities for Worship and Spiritual Growth

Worship on Wednesdays

Lectio Divina at Noon
(Reflective reading and prayer)

Holden Evening Prayer at 7:00 p.m.
(Musical evening prayer)

Theme of the Season: Songs of Luke

Dec. 6: Mary's Song

Dec. 13: Zachariah's Song

Dec. 20: Simeon's Song
(With Service of Remembrance)

Sunday, Dec. 24

9:30 a.m. Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m. – Family Worship
9:00 p.m. - Candlelight Service
(Musical prelude begins at 8:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day

Monday, Dec. 25 - 9:30 a.m.

One Community Campus Ministry News

Fall Semester Winds Down

Care Packages are being delivered with love from ULC and One Community Campus Ministry at MSU across the country. Thank you for your care package contributions! Our reach is much deeper and far wider because of you. We'll look forward to this ministry continuing in the spring semester.

FRIDAYS @ FIVE continues with gatherings every Friday through Dec. 8. We begin each Friday together in the Student Lounge at ULC at 5 p.m. and enjoy warm and welcoming fellowship, as well as meaningful conversation concerning faith and life. Check out our upcoming events!

- **Dec. 3:** Allison House, serving dinner and learning more about this organization serving young adults with physical limitations in the greater Lansing area.
- **Dec. 8:** Ice Skating! End of semester faithful fellowship and fun, location TBD.

FRIDAYS @ FIVE will be on hiatus for winter break Dec. 15-Jan. 12, reconvening on Friday, Jan. 19 at 5 p.m. For those who will travel near and far over the winter break and holidays, our prayers and well wishes go with you for a wonderful, restful break and safe return for the Spring Semester!

Interested in Cooking with One Community? On the first Friday of each month congregation members are welcome and encouraged to cook and dine with students in One Community! First Friday dates are available for the spring semester and we'd love to have you! Interested members, please contact Pastor Haley Vay by phone or email.

20's and 30's Dinner Group meets regularly on the second and fourth Sundays each month. Are you 20 or 30 something? Would you like to gather for dinner with other 20 or 30-somethings in our area? For more information contact Pastor Haley Vay Beaman at campus/pastor@ulcel.org or All Saints Episcopal team member, Eric Hegg at eric.l.hegg@gmail.com. We look forward to breaking bread with you!

Save the Date: Spring Break service-learning trip Mar. 5-9, 2018 to Charleston, South Carolina. We will be working with Habitat for Humanity.

If you're interested in staying connected and up-to-date on One Community events and other happenings, please email campus_pastor@ulcel.org and ask for your name and email address to be added to our communications list.

*Peace +
Pastor Haley Vay Beaman*

December Outreach of the Month Seminarian Support

ULC is in a unique position to identify, nurture, and support future leaders for the good of the whole Church and the proclamation of the Gospel. To date, nearly 50 pastors have passed through ULC as members, staff or students over the years. The Seminarian Support Fund was established to assist ULC members preparing to serve as pastors in the ELCA.

Most recently the fund supported interns Asher O'Callaghan and



Amanda Highben and seminarian Ken Greble from Trinity Lutheran Seminary. We need to replenish the fund so monies will be available for support to future seminarians. Student support plays a critical role in training pastors and reducing student debt.

Because the cost of seminary tuition has risen over the years, typically, students graduate from seminary with a high debt load, and salaries that do not support that kind of debt. One of the consequences of this is that fewer and fewer men and

women are answering the call to serve the Church as pastors and we are facing a significant shortage of clergy in the ELCA. As the Church, we have the responsibility to support and train our future pastors, because if we don't, who will?

Special envelopes are available in the pews. Please make checks payable to ULC and indicate "Seminarian Support Fund" on the memo line.

Amy Wagenknecht



ULC Memorial Library

Advent Materials on the Mobile Library Cart

The mobile library cart will be in the narthex in early December. It has many Advent and Christmas items from the ULC Library. You may check these materials out right from the cart. You will also find some of the new materials in our collection on the mobile library cart. Some of the titles are listed below.

Adult Non-Fiction

- 📖 *Faith Alone: The Doctrine of Justification* by Thomas Schreiner
- 📖 *Give Your Child the World: Raising Globally Minded Kids One Book at a Time* by Jamie Martin
- 📖 *Paths to Peace: People Who Changed the World* by Jane Zalben

- 📖 *Hate Hurts: How Children Learn and Unlearn Prejudice* by Caryl Stern-LaRosa
- 📖 *Peace Pilgrim: Her Life and Work in Her Own Words* by Peace Pilgrim

Children and Intermediate

- 📖 *Why Am I Here?* By Constance Orbeck-Nilssen
- 📖 *12 Children Who Changed the World* by Kenya McCullum
- 📖 *Love Letters from God: Bible Stories* by Glenys Nellist
- 📖 *Children's Book of Virtues* edited by Wm. Bennett

Library Team

Pastor Gary continued from page 1.

The impulse to join the Lutheran ministry was dormant for the years Gary studied with a violinist's career in mind. He played in the school orchestra in both elementary and high school. He played in the Cleveland All City Orchestra and participated in the Summer Music Experience at Blossom, the summer home of the renowned Cleveland Orchestra. After high school, he attended Ohio University in Athens, Ohio, earning his bachelor's degree in violin.

And then the call to ministry resurfaced, and it was decision time. For his masters, Gary applied to and was accepted by both the Cleveland Institute of Music and Trinity Seminary. Although he continued with his music, at least for a time, he chose the seminary and the path to ministry.

It was at Trinity that Gary met the woman who would become his wife. Miriam Knudson, also a student at the seminary, had grown up in a Norwegian and Swedish American



Seven-year-old Gary Bunge's response to "What do I want to be when I grow up?"

family in Montana and North Dakota. Gary and Miriam were friends through much of their time at Trinity, and then, eventually, began to date in their senior year. They graduated in 1984 and each of them accepted a call in Michigan, Miriam in Muskegon and Gary in Spruce/Barton City. They were four hours apart but continued to date, eventually marrying in 1987.

Their son Luke was born in April 1992. He attended Michigan State University, playing in the Spartan Marching Band all four years. "Those were wonderful years," Gary says. "So much fun." Luke worshipped at University Lutheran while an undergraduate. He is currently finishing a master's degree

in business analytics at the Eli Broad School of Business at MSU. When he graduates, he will begin a job at Polaris in Minneapolis.

Gary comes to ULC from St. Stephen in Lansing where he was head pastor for 22 years.

I asked him what he's going to miss. "Oh, the people, of course," he answered. He recently presided at the marriage of a woman who he first knew when she was two years old. "You get very close to people in twenty years."

"And what do you most look forward to at ULC?" I asked.

"Getting to know the people here, of course," he said. "I'm also excited by the concept of team ministry." And he looks forward to the music at ULC as well. I asked if Bach was his favorite composer (it would be a logical choice for a Lutheran).

"I love Bach and have played his music often," he replied. "But to be honest, my favorites are Beethoven and Brahms."

Bill Trevarthen

Come Grow With Us!

This year there are 10 ULC youth in the Affirmation of Baptism (AOB) group. I have been fortunate enough to work with them and their families since August. We have grown together in faith, service, and fellowship through a kickoff potluck, meeting weekly during the Sunday educational hour, and an event at District5 Trampoline Park.

A few things the youth have learned:

The Ten Commandments; a brief history of Luther and the Reformation; why the Bible is important to our faith; how helping others can be fun. A few things I have learned: Never underestimate the power of bribery through sugar; make sure the nails are shorter than the wood or you will be prying wood free from the table it has been adhered to; parents are not thanked enough for their work

I look forward to learning more with this group as the year progresses. I am excited about the upcoming events and activities I am planning. One of these includes taking these sugared-up youth to Meijer to Christmas shop for those in need! If you would like more information or want to help, please contact me at louise.harder@sbcglobal.net.

Louise Harder



← Pastor John with AOB youth.

Bonding at District 5 Trampoline Park →



Three Interesting Forums in December!

Dec. 3: Classical Harpist, Dorothea Fields, will talk about the fascinating path that led her to the harp and treat us to some examples of sacred Christmas music. Learn more about Dorothea Fields on her website:

<http://www.dorotheafields.com>

Dec. 10: Sister Nancy Brousseau will treat us to the last of a four-part series on the Declaration on the Way which celebrates fifty years of international and regional Lutheran-Catholic dialogues and harvests the results of those efforts into Statements of Agreement on church, ministry, and Eucharist. The document invites us to affirm the unity achieved through these agreements and

begin to establish church practices that reflect this growth. Today's topic will be "Eucharist." Read the full document at: www.elca.org/Declaration-on-the-Way.

Dec. 17: Barb Kissling, ULC Security Team Leader, will show a short video, and provide an update on current and upcoming ULC Security Enhancements, including video surveillance, additional cameras, nighttime security, Smart 911 and more.

Grab a cup of coffee and join us in the Fireside Room!

Mike Anderson, Bill Trevarthen, Linda Trevarthen

Mark Your Calendars!

The November "Dinner for Eight" was held on Nov. 19 at the Sweat, Booren and Andresen homes. Twenty-four people enjoyed an evening of food and fellowship with other



members or 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. Our next dinner is scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018.

Ann Booren

Don't Miss It!

The ULC Children's Choirs will sing during morning worship on the 1st Sunday of Advent, Dec. 3 led by student director - Ann Bolton.

Mark Your Calendars!

Senior Choir Scholarship Fund Benefit Concert
Sunday, Jan. 21 - 4 p.m.

Arts Chorale Holiday Concert

Founded in 1980, the Arts Chorale of Greater Lansing is a volunteer community ensemble of experienced singers from the greater Lansing area. Dr. Dale Bartlett, MSU Professor Emeritus of Music and former ULC choir director, has

directed the group since 1983. The Arts Chorale is celebrating its 37th season in 2017-2018 with two concerts for your enjoyment.

The Holiday Concert will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 12 at



7:30 p.m. at River Terrace Church, 1509 River Terrace Drive, East Lansing. The Spring Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at ULC.

Amy Wagenknecht

Two Years of Inspiring Generosity

“The place to which God calls you is the place where your deep gladness and the world’s deep hunger meet.” *Frederich Buechner*

Two years ago, we stepped out in faith to start a group that would help and encourage people to be generous with their time and skills. We called the group “Tight Knit” and on Oct. 23, we celebrated not only our two-year anniversary, but also our accomplishments:

- **Consistently drawing 12-20 people** each Monday evening for knitting/crocheting, fellowship, support, nourishment, and prayer.
- **Teaching over 30 people** new knitting and crocheting skills. New crafters might be students at MSU or their family, ULC members, or friends of ULC. Tight Knit is also on the class list for Friendship House. Internationals from Italy, Austria, Iran, Indonesia, Turkey, South Korea, Vietnam, Ethiopia and China have joined us. They practice their English skills as we teach them knit/crochet skills. We make new friends, and learn about their lives and culture.
- **Donating over 2,500 items**, including hats, scarves, mittens, headbands, blankets, and Knitted Knockers (for breast cancer survivors). Donations have gone to

Homeless Angels, Food Movers clients, McClaren Radiology, World Vision, McClaren Hospice-Lansing, and local elementary schools. Tight Knit volunteers gave **over 6,000 hours of time** in making these donations!

Tight Knit meets in the Fireside Room at ULC on Mondays between 4:30 and 7 p.m. Some people stay for the entire time, others join us for an hour or so, and some just stop by to pick up yarn so they can knit/crochet at home. We have a light meal provided by one of the members. Please join us. All are welcome!

We could use your help to continue this vital ministry. If you write a check, make it out to ULC with “Tight Knit” on the memo line. If you give cash, place it in an envelope with “Tight Knit” written on the outside. Either can be deposited in the offering plate during worship or dropped off/mailed to the ULC office.

Vicki Anderson & Terrie Reinhoehl



Vicki and Terrie with yarn “cake.”



Tight Knit celebrates two years together!



260 Hats were handed out at Food Movers.

14 Years, 1600 Quilts!

It seems hard to believe that Dec. 7 marks the 14th year since we gave our first prayer quilt to ULC member Madeline Springer! Dian Wright, Pastor Fred Fritz and I wrapped her as we read the liturgy that now comes with every prayer quilt. This amazing ministry has touched almost 1,600 recipients with the thoughts and prayers of the folks here at ULC.



Placemats and Santa ornaments made during the Fun Day on Nov. 11.

Our Fun Sewing Saturday, Nov. 11 produced 12 Christmas placemats for Meals on Wheels. Participants began the morning learning to make Santa ornaments, enjoyed a pizza lunch, and then worked on the placemats. Lois Neves will deliver her clients' Christmas meal with a bright and colorful table mat.

This ministry would not be possible without the dedication of a wonderful group of volunteers who take fabric home and return it washed and pressed so that it can be cut and sewn into a variety of patterns and colors. Once completed, tying threads are carefully put in place making the quilt ready for a member of ULC to come choose it for someone they know needs prayers.

Just in case you wondered what happens with the scraps of material left when sewing, they go into making pillows/beds for animals. We recently donated three large beds to the 5th Annual Karen Hartwig Foundation Auction. This organization was founded to honor the memory of a ULC member who was dedicated to helping animals. Each year an auction is held to provide financial assistance to help keep animals out of shelters.

Be sure to plan on doing your Christmas gift shopping on Dec. 10 & 17, the second and third Sundays in

Advent. P & S will have a wonderful display of homemade items in the Narthex – some old favorites like our famous “Winter Bean Soup Mix” and some new such as fabric wreaths and cute snowmen ornaments. All proceeds from the sales are returned to the prayer quilt ministry for the purchase of supplies and shipping costs when we send Quilts of Valor to requested destinations. THANK YOU for your support of this vital ministry.

Only one sewing day is scheduled for December, the second Tuesday, Dec. 12. Please come join us in the Atrium for a busy morning followed by our traditional holiday potluck lunch at noon. It is a wonderful time to be part of the Christmas season of giving!

Bobbie Davis

Save the Date!

Soup Kitchen Service Opportunity for All Ages & Abilities

Please join your friends from ULC to serve those less fortunate, at the St. Luke Lutheran Soup Kitchen, Christ Campus on **Saturday Dec. 30**.

Preparation begins at 9:30 a.m. The meal is served from 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. and clean-up wraps up about 1:30 p.m. You can join us for some or all of this time. Hats are required for all those serving in the kitchen.

Look for a sign-up sheet in the Narthex throughout the month of December contact Jennifer Tracy at 419-377-4685 or jlynne.tracy@gmail.com, or Steve Haase at Zkz@comcast.net, or Darra Haase at

jbranch@comcast.net with any questions.

Jennifer Tracy

Coat Drive for the Soup Kitchen Coat Bank

St. Luke Lutheran Church is the site for the Saturday Community Kitchen/Soup Kitchen that serves over 100 every Saturday. They also disperse personal closet items, clothing and surplus food in a



community room. Currently they are collecting all sizes of gently used or new winter coats, hats, mittens and scarves. They are also collecting plastic shopping bags.

There will be 33-gallon drums in the Narthex for donation of these items during the month of December. Please consider donating the above items to the needy.

Any questions contact me on my cell (text or call) 989-506-8723 or home phone 517-381-9652.

Darra Haase

From the President

Thank You for Your Support

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

Here we are at the start of a new church year and the end of a calendar year - an Alpha and an Omega. And so, this is my last Lux article as president of our congregation. This is a time for both looking back and looking forward. Not just physically looking to the future, but with glad anticipation, really looking forward to what we will continue to do together as God's people. Our faithful walk over the last many months has set a strong foundation for our continued ministry.

This past year I have felt God's presence among us. Sometimes it wasn't readily apparent. But, it didn't take much looking to find it. And when it seemed like I had to search for it, it was because I was the one who had lost touch – because we know and trust that there is nothing that can separate us from the love of God through Jesus Christ. God is with us. Immanuel.

Thank you for the support and encouragement that you have given to me during my term as president. In this role, I have grown to love and

appreciate this congregation more than ever. I love the faithfulness, inclusiveness, generosity, acceptance and joy that our congregation lives every day.

Looking forward to 2018, I trust that you will continue to show your support for Lisa Swem as she assumes her duties as president on Jan. 1.

Your servant in Christ,

Vicki Anderson
ULC President

Stewardship Team

Outreach of the Month Suggestions Requested

First of all a word of thanks to all the members of ULC who have pledged a financial amount or are going to make a financial pledge to the work of our congregation in 2018. THANK YOU!

Outreach of the Month: The Stewardship Team determines who will be an Outreach of the Month and when each Outreach is scheduled. We are currently in the process of deciding the Outreach of the Month schedule for 2018. Applications are available on-line, or in the ULC office and must be received by Jan. 10, 2018. If you have questions, please talk with me.

I look at the word Stewardship as the lifelong commitment I have made to our Lord Jesus Christ. We do not own anything. We manage what God gives us every day. And we live to share our daily bread and everything else with our neighbor. This is best summed up in the Gospel reading from Matthew 25, where Jesus says, "In as much as you have done it for the least of these, even so, you have done it unto me."

Michael Anderson
Stewardship Team

Congratulations to our recently selected officers & committee members . . .

Officers

President-Elect: Brandon Baswell
Treasurer: Will Mahoney
Secretary: Sheila Nicholas

Council

Erin Frisch
Norm Jolin, Sr.
Emily Heidrich
Carol Mackin
Jennifer Tracey
Student: Jack Walch



Finance Committee

Marilyn Johnson
James Kiefer
Bill Nicholas

Members in Ministry

Beth Hoger
Loran Bieber

Endowment Committee

Al Booren
Larry Wagenknecht
Student: Jenny Ward

Thank you to all who have served this year!



Editor's Note: The ULC Council did not hold a business meeting in November, therefore there are no Council Notes to share this month. Council will next meet on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

Vision for ULC's Newsletter was Unique

Our church newsletter, *Lux*, has a rich history. A former member, Charlie Downs, wrote in May 1977 about the beginning of *Lux*.

"*Lux* was started about ten years ago by Glenn Job and me and with the blessings of God (at least it succeeded with his help), the church council and Pastor Wietzke.

At that time ULC had a communications problem with a number of issues that were potentially divisive. Perhaps the most important was the initial exploration of ways of expanding the church facility which was then at Division and Ann Streets. Should we build anew or expand? Could we afford to do anything? Could we operate at both the old site and the new site? Etc. Rumors abounded.

At that time there was no regular newsletter. The only written communications were the church bulletin and occasional letters from the pastors or members of the church council.

Glenn Job, a journalist and, at that time, a coworker in MSU's Department of Information Services, and I envisioned a newsletter which would be different (so far as I know) from any other church newsletters in that it would not be produced and controlled by the church staff. Instead, we conceived the idea of covering church activities, and the Council in particular, in much of the same neutral manner that a good daily newspaper covers the City Council, the

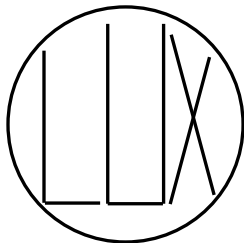
School Board, etc. We would simply try to present business and personal news as objectively as possible, and do without the many little homilies that characterize most church newsletters. It would be a newsletter that would be newsy rather than one that was an extension of the pastor's preaching. Through objectivity, we hoped to achieve high credibility...

Along about 1970 or '71, the job of doing *Lux* by myself began to wear on me but there was no way to arrange for a successor because no provision had been made in the bylaws or the constitution for a newsletter. I proposed, and eventually won acceptance of a constitutional amendment providing for a communications chairmen and vice-chairman of other committees (worship, stewardship, fellowship, etc.) under the old constitution. The Communication Committee was made responsible for the newsletter and other internal and external kinds of communications...

In general, *Lux* has stayed true to the original concept. It is produced almost entirely by volunteer help. The staff contributes heavily to it, but it is not staff controlled. However, in recent years much of the material has been generated by Council, Board and Committee members who were responsible for the activity being covered..."

Other names associated with the early *Lux* – Jim Ketchum, Phyllis Andersland and Elmer Miller.

Connie Lenkowski



Thank You from Pastor John & Phylis

Dear Members and Friends of ULC,

I've been reading the book, *Agging Well*. Having just turned 74, this book has been a helpful way for me to reflect on the grace that allowed me to be with you for 16 months. The gift of these months was simply being with you, an elder observing with you how God works, always creating new expressions of faith, hope, and love in us and through us. I observed with you that this faith, this hope, this love just gets more and more profound as we get older... for me at 74, for a congregation now at 76. The truth of St. Paul's words, "Our inner nature is being renewed day by day" (II Corinthians 4:14b), is much more firmly planted in my heart than when I started walking with you in July last year. So I thank God and I thank you for these blessed months.

Two days after my last day with you, my wife, Phylis, had back surgery. You had wrapped both of us with quilts and with many prayers. She is convinced that all the prayers contributed to a successful outcome after surgery. She is doing well, gaining in stamina, and is pretty much pain free. She, too, thanks you for all that you do so well.

We both pray that faith, hope, and love will only continue to grow in you as you walk now with Pastors Gary and Haley Vay.

John and Phylis Schleicher



The deadline for the Jan. is **Friday, Dec. 15.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net and Britny Pollard at ulcsec@ulcel.org or place them in the Lux mailbox. Articles may be edited for size or readability, but you will be contacted if significant changes are made. Keep those wonderful articles coming! Thanks!

Lux Team: Phyllis Andersland, Michael Anderson, Loran Bieber, Mark Johnson, Connie Lenkowski, Britny Pollard, & Amy Wagenknecht

Meet Our Newest Member . . .



You may have heard a strong male voice booming out the hymns from somewhere near the front of the church last summer and this fall. That was probably **Timothy (Tim) Schmidt**, who joined ULC Oct. 15 through

affirmation of baptism. Jim Lorenz was his sponsor.

A native of Howell, after his high school graduation he spent three years in the army, being stationed in Germany. He also served a year in the air guard.

A Lansing Community College graduate in business, he has spent his working life in the Lansing area and

lives there. He enjoys gardening, and landscaped his yard himself.

His family had been urging him to join a church. An avid biker, he took a different route and biked past ULC. He has worshipped with us since then. On Nov. 5th he received a “Quilt of Valor” along with other veterans in our congregation.

Phyllis Anderland

Welcome Team

Sunday Coffee Hour Sign Up Goes Digital!

We now have a 24/7 online Coffee Hour Calendar so it's easier than ever to sign up for Coffee Hour Hosting!

www.wejoinin.com/sheets/xrifu

- If you've never been a coffee hour host, it's more fun and rewarding than you might think!
- If you are new to ULC, it's a great way to meet and greet.
- If it's been a while since you've hosted, we'd love to welcome you back.
- You can purchase your snacks or bring something homemade.
- Simple or fancy, single tray of sweets or a mini-buffet—it's entirely up to you.
- Won't you consider committing to just two Sundays a year?
- Better yet, double your fun, halve the work, and sign up with a friend!

Coffee Hour hosts are asked to arrive no later than 9 a.m. to make coffee and provide snacks after both services on your chosen day. (Anyone is welcome to make a fresh pot of coffee prior to first service. Directions are next to the coffee-maker.) Afterward, you will also be responsible for cleaning up, turning off all the burners, and washing any dishes used. All you bring is the snacks. Coffee, tea, cocoa, condiments, and all serving supplies are on hand.

If you are new to hosting, just ask one of the Welcome Team co-chairs (See below) for more information and/or a brief “kitchen tour/tutorial.” Thank you in advance for taking a turn at hosting Coffee Hour!

Barb Riegle, Emily Heidrich, and Linda Trevarthen

P.S. If you are not comfortable with signing up “online,” contact me and I'll be happy to add your name! Linda Trevarthen: 517-281-8022 or trevarth@msu.edu

Celebrations . . .



- 2 Mary Goddeeris
- Ross Hagfors
- Margie Mahoney
- Jennifer Schneider
- 3 Deanna Milligan
- 4 Kimberly Melton
- Diane Wanagat
- 5 Gerry Erickson

- Gerry Lindman
- 9 Jacob Ophaug
- Susan Zimmerman
- 10 Ross Clyma
- 11 Elizabeth Baswell
- Russell Fitzgerald
- Lois Mummaw
- 12 Bruce Reinoehl
- Heather Stanley
- 13 Paul Guilfoyle
- Ross Lazar
- 15 Cathryn Smith
- Michael Sweat

- 16 Larry Cross
- John Sarver
- 17 Gregory Hagbom
- 19 Andrew Hagman
- 20 Jamie Patterson
- 21 Katie Grant
- Cheryl Kruger
- Brie McPhall
- Jo Salmonson
- 22 Kathy Sweat
- 24 Paige Erspamer
- 26 William Kost
- Gloria Olson

- 27 Helen Good
- 28 Johanna Karcher
- Jesse Sanderson
- 30 Matthew Althouse
- Natalie Mitchell
- 31 Erin Morscheck



- 6 Art & Carolyn Lohr
- 14 Al & Ann Booren

- 20 Dan & Lindsay Sadler
- 26 Robert & Mahrlene Rainey
- 29 Todd & Barb Helser
- Roger Hoopingarner & Marian Stoll
- 30 Kost, Harry & Phyllis

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| 1 | 12:00p | Elves-Sanctuary | 6:00p | Choir Caroling | |
| | 5:00p | FRIDAYS@FIVE-Student Lounge | 7:30p | Choir Christmas Party | |
| 3 | 8:30a | Worship | 15 | 11:30p | Freewheelers Lunch-Fellowship |
| | 9:40a | Education Hour | | 7:00p | Aces and Spaces Bridge-Fireside |
| | 10:45a | Worship | 17 | 8:30a | Worship |
| | 3:00p | Basketball Parking-MSU vs. Nebraska | | 9:40a | Education Hour |
| | 4:00p | Capital City Ringers Concert-Sanctuary | | 10:45a | Worship |
| 4 | 1:00p | MSU Retirees Quilt/Sew-Fireside | | 12:00p | Campus Ministry Team-Fireside |
| | 4:30p | Tight Knit-Fireside | | 3:00p | Latvian Worship-Sanctuary, Fellowship |
| | 5:00p | Security Team Meeting-Conference | 18 | 10:45a | Enhanced Fitness-Atrium |
| 5 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside | | 4:00p | Tight Knit-Fireside |
| | 10:00a | Men's Bible Study-D. Wagenknecht | | 4:30p | Basketball Parking MSU vs. Houston Bapt. |
| | 10:30a | Communication Task Force-Conference | 19 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside |
| | 5:30p | Evangelism Team-Conference | | 10:00a | Men's Bible Study-D. Wagenknecht |
| 6 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL | | 10:30a | Communication Task Force-Conference |
| | 12:00p | Lectio Divina-Fireside | | 12:30p | Lychnion Circle-Fireside |
| | 2:00p | Staff Meeting-Conference | | 7:00p | ULC Council-Conference |
| | 4:30p | Lead Management Team-Conference | 20 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL |
| | 7:00p | Advent Worship-Holden Evening Prayer | | 12:00p | Lectio Divina-Fireside |
| 7 | 7:30a | Liturgical Deacons-Conference | | 1:00p | Rhodon Circle-Fireside |
| | 6:30p | Handbells-Sanctuary | | 2:00p | Staff Meeting-Conference |
| | 7:00p | Senior Choir | | 7:00p | Advent Service of Remembrance |
| 8 | 5:00p | FRIDAYS@FIVE-Student Lounge | 21 | 4:30p | Food Movers |
| 9 | 4:30p | Basketball Parking MSU vs. S. Utah | | 5:30p | Basketball Parking MSU v. Long Beach St. |
| 10 | 9:00a | Choir Practice-Choir Room | 22 | 5:00p | Youth Christmas Meal Shopping |
| | 9:40a | Education Hour | 24 | 9:30a | Worship |
| | 10:45a | Worship-Special Advent Music | | 5:30p | Christmas Eve Lessons & Carols Worship |
| | 3:00p | Installation of Pastor Gary Bunge | | 8:30p | Christmas Eve Musical Prelude |
| | 6:00p | Lansing Tigers Parents Meeting | | 9:00p | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |
| 11 | 4:30p | Tight Knit-Fireside | 25 | ULC OFFICE CLOSED - CHRISTMAS | |
| 12 | 7:30a | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside | | 9:30a | Christmas Day Worship |
| | 9:00a | Prayers & Squares-Atrium | 26 | 5:00p | Families Against Narcotics Board-Library |
| 12 | 11:00a | P & S Christmas Lunch-Fireside | | 7:00p | Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship Hall |
| 13 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL | 27 | 8:00a | Mushers-IHOP, EL |
| | 12:00p | Lectio Divina-Conference | | 12:00p | Lectio Divina-Fireside |
| | 2:00p | Staff Meeting-Conference | 29 | 4:30p | Basketball Parking MSU vs. Cleveland St. |
| | 5:30p | Finance Committee | 31 | 9:30a | New Year's Eve Worship |
| | 7:00p | Advent Worship-Holden Evening Prayer | | 10:30a | Basketball Parking MSU vs Savannah State |
| 14 | 5:00p | Campus Ministry Visioning-Conference | | | |

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

Sunday School (Basement)
Affirm. of Baptism (Youth)

Sunday Forum (Fireside)

Friendship House Classes at ULC:

Wednesday 9:30a - English Grammar-Fellowship
11:00a - Watercolor Class - Fellowship

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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Mary Letvenow
Event Coordinator
Kristie Wiggert
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Janine Novenske Smith
Director of Music
Louise Paquette
Director of Handbells

Freewheelers Holiday Party

Friday, Dec. 15 ~ 11:30 a.m.
ULC Fellowship Hall

Menu: Brats and Sauerkraut. Potato Dumplings,
Waldorf Salad, Stollen, Apple Cake and Beverage.

Entertainment & Special Guest

Price: \$10 per person, payable at the door

Bring hats and mittens (all sizes) for Samaritas

Sign-up at church or contact Jan Mace at 886-0632 or
olieandjanicemace@gmail.com by Dec.11th

