



Lux



February 2020

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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

P & S Quilt of Valor Sewing Day

Saturday, Feb. 1
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SOUPer Bowl of Caring Kick-off

Sunday, Feb. 2
Bring cans of soup to church.

Pub Theology

Tuesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.
Harrison Road House, E. L.

Sunday Night Live

Feb. 23 – Bethlehem Lutheran
4 p.m. Middle School
5:30 High School

Food Movers

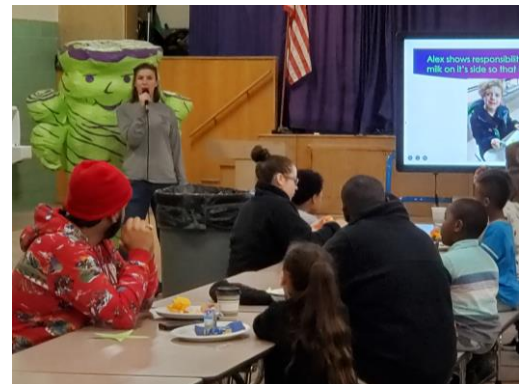
Thursday, February 27
Fellowship Hall
Set-up 3:30 p.m.
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

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Making a Difference

Kids Hope USA was asked last month to host the Jan. 10th Celebration Breakfast at Forest View Elementary School in Lansing where ULC has 11 mentors working with students. A monthly Celebration Breakfast is held to recognize kindergarten through third grade students by their birthday, perfect attendance, and good behavior. It is also a way to have parents come inside their children's school and see a very positive activity. Kids Hope USA volunteers provided over 90 colorful donuts with sprinkles, fruit, juice and coffee for parents.



Celebration Breakfast at Forest View Elementary.

Another Kids Hope USA activity was a workshop for mentors and prayer partners on Jan. 19 after the late service with lunch provided by a Thrivent Action Grant. This workshop was an opportunity to evaluate this ministry at Forest View – the joys and the challenges. Since its beginning last spring, this ministry has received much positive feedback from students, staff and parents at Forest View. We hope to continue making a difference!

Barbara Kissling, ULC Director for Kids Hope USA

2020 Lenten Worship For Such a Time as This

Sharing Faith Stories

Feb. 26 – Ash Wednesday Worship at 7 p.m.
Drama: The Book of Esther ~ Imposition of Ashes

Mar. 4 – Apr. 1 Midweek Lenten Worship

Noon - Worship

1 p.m. - Soup & Bread Luncheon

7 p.m. - Worship

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

Our Baptismal Calling

On a Sunday in January after worship, I gathered with a group of 25 people to talk about our Kids Hope USA ministry. Barb Kissling, our Kids Hope Director, led our gathering which included 12 mentors and their 12 prayer partners led by Miriam Bunge, and a substitute mentor. It was a helpful and fruitful time as we talked about ways that we can mentor and care for the children we mentor, and about the importance of the prayer partner ministry.

But as good and helpful as our time together was, I was even more encouraged and excited by the dedication, commitment, excitement and passion of Barb and the mentors and prayer partners for this ministry. They aren't involved in this ministry out of a sense of obligation or duty. They're involved because this is a ministry that impacts children's lives, shares God's love in very tangible ways, and they want to be part of it. I wish you could have seen



their excitement and commitment. It was wonderful.

I came away feeling grateful that they are willing to give so generously of themselves and their time for the sake of this ministry.

Yet, I'm not just grateful for their commitment and passion for Kids Hope. In the past couple of years, I've been impressed and grateful for the commitment and sharing of time and gifts by so many of the folks in this congregation for all kinds of ministries. Whether it's serving on Council, taking care of the facility and property, altar care, serving on a team, putting together the *Lux*, leading/organizing Adult Forum, serving in our faith formation ministry, singing in the choir, being involved in worship leadership, or serving in a ministry that reaches out past the congregation, so many people give in so many ways!

I am grateful and thankful for your various ministries and how you give so generously of your time, because

your ministry is what makes ULC the congregation that it is. Without you sharing your time, your gifts and your abilities, our ministry as a congregation would be incredibly limited and diminished.

As I've come to understand Baptism and my call to ministry, I've come to the understanding that it's not just pastors who are called to ministry. We all are called to ministry in our Baptism. Every single one of us! I happen to be living out that call as a pastor. Others live it out as parents, or spouses, or teachers, or attorneys, or businesspeople or social workers. You get the idea. We also live out our baptismal calling by using our God-given gifts to carry out the ministries of the congregation.

So, thank you for living out your baptismal calling. Thank you for your ministry in the world. And thank you for all you do and give to carry on the ministry of ULC. We have no ministry without you!

*In Gratefulness,
Pastor Gary*

The Spirit of Volunteerism at Friendship House MSU

Throughout the year, Friendship House relies on not only more than 60 American volunteers to teach English and Bible study, but dozens of Internationals who willingly pitch in to help our program thrive. We are most grateful that some of our classes and those offered by the church (American History, Tight Knit, Watercolor Painting, Lectio Divina, English Phrasal Verbs & Idioms) are held



Internationals from Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, India, Italy, Ivory Coast, Lebanon, Mexico, Nepal, Spain and Turkey who helped during our late fall cleanup.

at University Lutheran Church just around the corner from Friendship House.

In late November, two dozen Internationals from Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, India, Italy, Ivory Coast,

Lebanon, Mexico, Nepal, Spain and Turkey did a final raking and garden cleanup before the first snow.

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Friday@Five



Thank you to Diane Appel and Bobbie & Sandy Davis for hosting a delicious meal each semester!

Bible Study & Young Adult Book Club

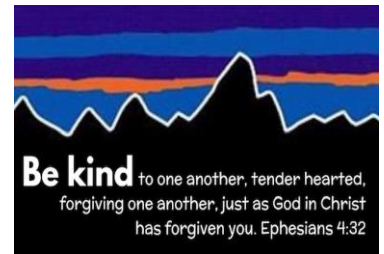


These ministries will resume on Sunday, Feb. 2. The book of the month for February is *One Coin Found* by Emmy Kegler and can be picked up in our Student Associate Office, located in the main office.

Details about Book Club and Bible Study are sent out in our weekly campus ministry email. If you are interested in getting involved, please speak with Pastor Haley Vay or Student Associate, Megan Kotnik (kotnikme@msu.edu).

Alternative Spring Break

Feb. 29 through Mar. 7, students and Pastors Haley Vay and Gary will travel to Maryville, Tennessee to serve with Habitat for Humanity. Maryville is located at the foot of the Smoky Mountains. The theme of this alternative spring break trip is focused on Ephesians 4:22 "Be different. Be kind." Please keep us in your prayers!



Pastor Haley Vay

Friendship House

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We also held an annual Christmas Party Dec. 25 which was being planned by Internationals from Brazil, China, Colombia, India, Italy, Jordan, Mexico and Venezuela. Our students also contributed a tremendous amount of food at the party which was distributed to MSU International families in need.

Newly arriving Internationals often ask, after their first few weeks with us, "Why do you have so many

people volunteering to help us?" Our answer is often along the lines of, "Let me tell you about what Jesus did for me . . ."

The spirit of vibrant volunteerism, made possible by Jesus' love which we are privileged to reflect, is infectious to our students. Whether helping keep up the property, helping others or pitching in to add value to our program, our Internationals are increasingly on



the front line of service, in addition to receiving instruction and support.

At this time of year, we're especially reminded of the Word's assurance in John 13:35: "They will know us by our love." This includes God's love directly to our students, through our many volunteers and partner congregations like University Lutheran Church, and from the Internationals themselves.

Rich Bearup

"SOUPer Bowl of Caring"

Sunday, Feb. 2
kicks off the second
annual SOUPer
Bowl of Caring
soup collection by
the Sunday School
youth. On Feb. 2,



congregation members are encouraged to bring cans of soup which will be collected between services by Middle and High School youth. Children K-5 will be collecting cans of soup to bring to Sunday School throughout the month of February.

The soup will be donated to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Hunger is the special Sunday School focus in February. Jesus encourages us all to "share God's abundance!"

Pastor Haley Vay

Mark your Calendars!



Calling all Chili cooks! Dust off those family favorites or search for a new recipe and plan to enter the annual ULC Chili Cook-off on Sunday, on **Sunday, Mar. 29.**

Watch for more details next month!

Mark Your Calendars:

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 11

Holy Communion Instruction: Saturday, May 9

Confirmation/1st Communion: Sunday, May 17

VBS Day Camp NEW with Living Water
Ministries: June 22-26



Mark Your
Calendars!

**Monday, June 15
through
Friday, June 19
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Youth Ministry



On Sunday, Feb. 23 ULC youth will join other Lansing-area youth for Sunday Night Live. The event will be held at Bethlehem Lutheran in Lansing.

Youth from Bethlehem, Faith, Grace, St. Stephen, and ULC will enjoy an evening of games, learning, a band and dinner. The schedule is: Middle School students will meet from 4-5:30 p.m., combined music and dinner from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., and High School students will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Pastor Haley Vay



ULC Confirmation students participate in a learning event.

Adult Faith Formation

Winter Forum Schedule

Fine Art! Safety and Security! And two important and thought-provoking educational series scheduled for February and March!

Feb. 2 Pastor Gary Bunge - Beyond Belief, Session 1: Centered in the Spirit (*See description below*)

Feb. 9 Pastor Gary Bunge - Beyond Belief, Session 2: Meeting Jesus Again

Feb. 16 Pastor Gary Bunge - Beyond Belief, Session 3: Followers of the Way

Feb. 23 Pastor Gary Bunge - Beyond Belief, Session 4: Reading the Bible

Mar. 1 Dave Oslund - ULC Security Team updates. Security today is more complicated and critical than ever before. Learn more about the measures ULC has in place, plans being discussed, and how we, as congregation members, can help support their efforts.

Mar. 8 Pastor Gary Bunge - Beyond Belief, Session 5: An Emerging Way

Mar. 15 Pastor Gary Bunge - Beyond Belief, Session 6: Beyond Belief

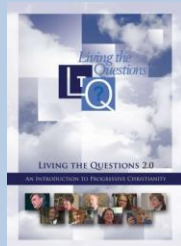
Mar. 22 Jan Mace and Connie Lenkowski - The Art of ULC: A slideshow tour of ULC's fascinating art collection and the history behind the acquisitions.

Mar. 29 ULC Members - "Unpacking White Privilege" Session 1 (of 3) (*See description below*)

Linda Trevarthen

"Beyond Belief" Six-Part Series

During February and March, Pastor Gary Bunge will be leading a six-part educational series entitled, "Beyond Belief," produced by Living the Questions.



[From the website]: Living the Questions (LtQ) is not the product of a denominational workgroup or other institutional effort aimed at simply dressing up the theological status quo. Instead, it is the response to the search for a practical tool to bring together, equip, and re-educate thinking Christians. What

started out as just a single DVD series is now a growing catalog of curriculum with over a dozen titles in use by over 8,000 churches and other groups across the US, Canada, the UK, Australia and New Zealand. Living the Questions Churches utilize LtQ resources for spiritual formation in a variety of ways: adult studies, retreats, new member orientations, etc.

This particular series, "Beyond Belief," features Marcus Borg, who "was an American New Testament scholar, theologian and author. He was among the most widely known and influential voices in progressive Christianity and internationally known in both academic and church circles. The New York Times described him as "a leading future in his generation of Jesus scholars." Marcus brought clarity and insight to an understanding of Jesus and Christianity that was accessible and transformative."

"Unpacking White Privilege"

From Miriam Bunge and Thom McCurdy: An invitation to attend "Unpacking White Privilege" in March and April



The topic of Adult Forums on Mar. 29, Apr. 5 and 19 will be "Unpacking White Privilege," an article in the January 2020 ELCA *Living Lutheran* magazine, by Yolanda Denson-Byers and Shari Seifert. We will use a study guide on the article provided by the *Living Lutheran*. The facilitators will be ULC members who attended the Racial Justice workshop.

Did you know (from the study guide) that with 96 percent white membership, the ELCA "remains the least integrated of the nation's major Christian denominations?" **Did you know** that (from the study guide) "In June 2019 the ELCA Church Council issued a *Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent* (elca.org/racialjustice) that apologized for Lutherans' complicity or silence in our nation's history of slavery?"

Did you know that this past November, motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a group of 20 ULC members devoted over 30 hours to learn about the pervasiveness of white privilege and racism? This group continues to meet and is working on ways to involve the whole congregation.

Together, we can make a difference in overcoming these systemic effects. If you are interested in joining us and would like to learn more about "Unpacking White Privilege," please pledge to attend this three-part series Mar. 29, Apr. 5 and Apr. 19.

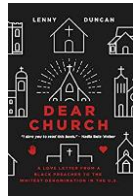
Note: All are always welcome to attend forum, but we are requesting an RSVP for this series so that we may print enough study guides. Please RSVP by emailing or calling Linda Trevarthen (trevarth@msu.edu or 517-281-8022) no later than Monday, Mar. 23. We hope to see you there!



Books on Racial Justice Available

The ULC Library added four books to a new Racial Justice collection to support the congregational focus. These books come highly recommended. They will be on display in the narthex during February and can be checked out from there.

Dear Church by Lenny Duncan:



“Lenny Duncan is the unlikeliest of pastors. Formerly incarcerated, he is now a black preacher in the whitest denomination in the

United States: the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Shifting demographics and shrinking congregations make all the headlines, but Duncan sees something else at work--drawing a direct line between the church's lack of diversity and the church's lack of vitality. Part manifesto, part confession, and all love letter, *Dear Church* offers a bold new vision for the future of the church.” (From the book cover)

White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to



Talk About Racism by Robin DiAngelo: “*White Fragility* brings language to the emotional structures that

make true discussions about racial attitudes difficult. With clarity and compassion, DiAngelo allows us to understand racism as a practice not restricted to ‘bad people.’ In doing so she moves our national discussions forward with new ‘rules of engagement.’ This is a necessary book for all people invested in societal change through productive social and intimate relationships.” (From the book cover)

One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins



by Emmy Kegler:

“Emmy Kegler has a complicated relationship with the Bible. As a queer woman who grew up in both conservative Evangelical and progressive Protestant churches, she knows too well how Scripture can be used to wound and exclude. And yet, the stories of Scripture continue to captivate and inspire her--both as a person of faith and as a pastor to a congregation. So she set out to fall in love with the Bible, wrestling with the stories inside, where she met a God who continues to seek us out--appearing again and again as a voice, a presence, and a promise. Kegler shows us that even when we feel like lost and dusty coins--rusted from others' indifference, misspent and misused--

God picks up a broom and sweeps every corner of creation to find us.” (From the book cover)

How to be an Antiracist by Ibram X.



Kendi: “Most people will tell you that racism is all about hatred and ignorance. In *How to Be an Antiracist*, Ibram X.

Kendi explains that racism is ultimately structural. Racism directs attention away from harmful, inequitable policies and turns that attention on the people harmed by those policies. Kendi employs history, science, and ethics to describe different forms of racism; at the same time, he follows the events and experiences of his own life, adapting a memoir approach that personalizes his arguments. This is a very effective combination, fusing the external forces of racism with Kendi's own reception and responses to that racism—the result will be mind-expanding for many readers. Kendi's title encompasses his main thesis: simply not being racist isn't enough. We must actively choose to be ‘antiracist,’ working to undo racism and its component policies in order to build an equitable society.” (From amazon.com)

The Library Team

ULC Book Club

The Secret Wisdom of the Earth

The Secret Wisdom of the Earth by Christopher Scotton is the ULC Book Club selection for February.

According to the publisher, “This book melds beguiling characters with an urgent ecological message. Kevin, the 14-year-old narrator has moved with his mother to the dying coal town of Medgar, Kentucky. Medgar is beset by a massive mountaintop removal operation that is blowing up the hills and back



filling the hollows. Kevin's grandfather and others in town attempt to rally the citizens to stop the plunder of their mountain heritage. The political, economic and moral dilemma of the coal mines that giveth and taketh away is expertly woven into the story.”

All are welcome to join us on Feb. 27 at 10 a.m.

Judy Kindel

Worship Expressions: Jazz — A Review

Glorious... Polished... Deeply Moving

These are the words that come to mind as I recall December's *Worship Expressions: Jazz* service.

We entered the sanctuary to the soothing jazz strains of familiar Christmas music performed by jazz trio John Dale Smith, Bronnie Brown, and Justin Valla, and then were treated to a marvelous close harmony rendition of *Away In a Manger* sung by Director of Music, Janine Novenske Smith, along with Pastors Gary Bunge and Haley Vay Beaman.

A highlight for me was the expertly performed and heart-breakingly moving set of four monologues (adapted by Christine Trevino) of Angel, Elizabeth, Joseph, and Mary performed (respectively) by Narindra Randriamiarintsoa, Janine, Pastor Gary, and Pastor Haley Vay.



Adam Krause, Mitchell Eithun & Zach Sneed

And throughout the middle of the service, our amazing scholarship choir students filled the room with voices like angels! From a gorgeous duet of "Mary, Did You Know" sung by Divira Pahwa and Chey Nevins to utterly beautiful jazzy versions of "What Child Is This?" and "Angels We Have Heard on High" sung by the full quintet including Adam Krause, Zach Sneed, and Mitchell Eithun, we

sat enthralled.

On a cold winter's night in the bleak mid-winter, we were warmed, lifted up, deeply moved, and filled with gratitude for and appreciation of the immense talent in this congregation! The *Worship Expressions* series is such a gift—in so many ways and on so many levels. Mark them on your calendar the minute they're announced and then invite friends and family to attend with you. You will always be in for a treat and blessings!

Linda Trevarthen

February Outreach of the Month Interfaith Food Packing

Likely, either you or someone you know at ULC has volunteered for one of the "God's Work, Our Hands" food packing events. Since 2015, we have annually packaged over 10,000 dehydrated meals! We have teamed with One Community campus ministry and the Islamic Center since the beginning and also with University United Methodist starting in 2019. Plans are underway to hold another food packing event in the fall of 2020.

Where do you fit in? We need lots of volunteers to pack the food – and that's the fun part. We also need to buy the dehydrated food to package. The food costs only 28 cents per meal. Each packing event consists of at least 10,000 meals, so the minimum total cost is \$2,800. The more funds we raise, the more



Volunteers at the 2019 Food Packing event.

volunteers we can accommodate and the more food we can pack! Wouldn't it be great if we raised enough funds to support two shifts for food packing?

February's Outreach of the Month is the 2020 Interfaith Food Packing event. We need your help to reach our goal of \$1,500. You can feed hungry people in East Lansing (one-third of the meals went to the MSU

Student Food Bank in 2016) and around the world by donating. Make checks out to "ULC" with *Food Packing* on the memo line or use envelopes in the backs of the pews to donate cash. Write "Food Packing" on the outside of the envelope and place it in the offering plate. You can also [donate](#) via PayPal or a credit card on the ULC home page at www.ulcel.org. Use the DONATE button at the bottom of the page and indicate "Food Packing" in the "Write a Note" section.

Oh, and one more opportunity! If you are interested in helping plan the event, please talk with me. This is a great opportunity to spend time getting to know members of our neighboring faith communities.

Vicki Anderson

What is Earthkeeping?

Earthkeeping is a term being used by many to describe the nature of our responsibility to care for creation. It springs from our wonder, awe and gratitude for God’s wisdom, creativity and blessings that fill the natural world. It also grows out of our dismay and concern for the degradations and “groaning” of God’s good creation.



Faithful earthkeeping involves extending the justice, peace, reconciliation, hope and love of Christ to all creation. In caring for the Earth, we also deepen our relationship with God and with one another, making our faith more alive and relevant, in and to a broken world. (letallcreationpraise.org)

As we begin a new decade, consider making a resolution to be intentional in our personal relationship with creation. Some general suggestions follow in regard to consumption and waste.

Refuse—items that are single-use plastic such as bags and packaging
Reduce
Reuse
Recycle

Conserve energy
Conserve water
Consume resources wisely
Advocate politically

This column will present more detailed information in each category during the year.

Judy Kindel

ULC Electric Use and Commitment to Caring for Creation

Over the past three years **over 800** light bulbs have been removed in our building and replaced with LED bulbs. Most recently the parking lot lights have been converted to LED bulbs. Consumers Energy rebates paid for close to 75 percent of the interior lights. Pay back should be less than three years.

The ULC electric bill has been **decreased by 30 percent** in the past three years!! That means more funds for operations and programs in addition to a reduction in our carbon footprint. Many thanks to Dale Romsos and the Facilities Team.

Judy Kindel

Good News About the Book Nook Ministry

As of Dec. 31st the ULC Book Nook has been open for business for 95 days and in that time 103 items have been chosen by folks who have opened the door and explored its contents. We have seen 15 Bibles selected - including four children's editions, two in Spanish, and two in Mandarin. Selections for children have been very popular with 17 picture books, 13 *Little Lutherans*, six Augsburg Press publications, as well as puzzles, music and a *Toddlers Book of Prayer* being taken for a total of 40 items.

Many of the children's books selected will be familiar to those of us who raised little ones. These titles were chosen to remind children how much they are loved such as *I Love You Goodnight, I Love You Through and Through* (Spanish edition), *I*

Love You Even When, I'd Choose You, and *I Love You Forever*. Adult and young adult books accounted for another 16 books taken, including devotionals, inspirational writings, poetry and the *Chronicles of Narnia* series by C.S. Lewis.

Some of the adult titles included *Thoughts in Solitude* by Thomas Merton, *Addiction and Grace* by Gerald May, and *Bread for the Journey* by Henri Nouwen. In addition, 32 ULC specific items such as our welcome brochure, magnets, cards, note paper and flyers about upcoming worship events have found their way into the hands of a passerby through the book nook. This grand total accounts for at least one item taken per day when averaged over the 95 days!



It has been a joy for me to select the books for the nook and then see them gone the next time I look inside!

Each time I notice an item has been selected I know we have reached a member of our community and gifted them with a Bible, book, or other item they can keep. Thank you for supporting this new ministry at ULC. You can continue to help by letting visitors know that they can choose a Bible or book from the nook and by praying for this outreach ministry. If you have donations for the nook please place them in the basket in the Narthex or you can give them directly to me on Sunday morning

Beth Rahe



Prayers & Squares Chapter 163

We are One of 1291 International Chapters!

In a new year it seems appropriate to remember what this prayer quilt business is all about. "Prayers & Squares is an interfaith outreach organization that combines the gift of prayer with the gift of a quilt. The purpose of Prayers & Squares is to promote prayer through the use of quilts. Our motto is: It's not about the quilts; it's all about the prayers." www.prayerquilt.org Since the first chapter was begun in 1992 this message has spread around the world.

There are now 1291 chapters in South Korea, Japan, Australia, Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Brazil, South Africa, Canada, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, the Bahamas and the United States. Last December we celebrated 16 years of being a member of this powerful prayerful ministry.

Do you have a friend, loved one, co-worker or neighbor who needs our prayers because of a serious illness or family crisis? To arrange for a quilt, contact the office, pastors, Ann Booren (boorena@msu.edu) or Bobbie Davis (bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com).

Our two-week Christmas sales raised \$900, of which \$250 was sent to the MSU Safe Place for victims of abuse. Here is their thank you note to Prayers & Squares.

Prayers n Squares Ministry Members, Jan. 2020

Thank you so much for your generous contribution to MSU Safe Place. Donations such as yours allow us to continue our mission of serving individuals and families who are experiencing relationship violence and stalking.

MSU Safe Place has been offering free emergency shelter, counseling, support group, safety planning, and advocacy services since 1994. We provide community education and professional trainings, as well as volunteer and internship opportunities.

If we can ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at 517-355-1100 or noabuse@msu.edu. Thank you again for your generous donation!

Sincerely,

Holly Rosen
Holly Rosen, Director

Connect with us!

Website: safeplace.msu.edu

Facebook: MSU Safe Place

Twitter: @MSUSafePlace

Our next regularly scheduled sewing day is Tuesday, Feb. 11. We will meet downstairs in the Atrium from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Remember that you do NOT need to bring equipment or fabric. We have everything needed to make the quilts except you! Telling us that you don't sew is no excuse because there are many things that need to be done that don't require sewing skills. However, we do like to teach folks how to make a prayer quilt so please don't be hesitant to join us. If this time doesn't work for you, Miriam Minshall has made lots of kits that can be taken for homework.

Have you visited our beautiful sewing room in the Sunday School area downstairs? Our doors are open on Sunday mornings between services and after services. Dian Wright, Sandy Davis and I along with our grandchildren, Bailey and Ray, spent long hours building, sanding, staining and finishing the wonderful units that display our fabric. It was a labor of love. Come see where those quilts are born!

Bobbie Davis

2020 Soup Kitchen Dates

ULC will be assisting the St Luke Soup Kitchen the following five Saturdays in 2020.

Feb. 29 Aug. 29
Apr. 14 (extra date) Oct. 31
May 30



We meet at the soup kitchen at 9:30 a.m. and finish about 1:30 p.m. Baseball caps need to be worn. Direct questions to Darra Haase (989-506-8723) or Steve Haase at zkz895@comcast.net.

2019 Coat Drive Recap

St. Luke Lutheran Church - Christ Campus successfully distributed 1,560 coats this fall/winter. This marks the 11th year they have assisted families of the Greater Lansing Area by providing new or gently used winter gear. Thank you to all who helped make this happen!!



Darra and Steve Haase

From the President

Expanding the Table Engagement, Community, Justice

We are so richly blessed! A thoughtful and inspirational group of leaders got together on a grey Saturday to reflect on our purpose, place, and calling. Inspired by the Gospel of Luke, and Jesus' example of being for the outsider, our discussion led us to the theme of building a bigger table through three areas of intentionality:

Engagement - connecting by being relational, welcoming, and inclusive.

Community - service to and fellowship with those around us through working together.

(Jesus said,) "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4:18-19

Justice - spiritually activate and practically prepare ourselves to do faith-rooted work in service of the oppressed.

In the coming weeks, I'll share more with you about how we hope to live into these values and the specific goals within each, as well as how you can be a part of our work to build a bigger table. I thank God for ULC, and for you, and am excited about the year ahead.

*Together in Christ,
Erin Frisch*



What is the History of Lutherans Related to Slavery?

Editors note: February is Black History month and this excerpt from Explanation of the Declaration of the ELCA to People of African Descent is provided to help our understanding of Lutheran history and slavery.

Although the practice of slavery was legal, it was morally and ethically wrong. The ELCA has defined racism as sin, but that acknowledgement requires examination of complicity in slavery. Writer R.M. Chapman examines three responses among Lutherans prior to the Civil War—slave-owning, antislavery, and quietism. While Lutherans entered the debate on slavery relatively late compared



to other denominations, in 1862, the General Synod split between North and South over the issue of slavery. Lutherans in southern states had been slaveholders since at least the 1730s. In the years leading up to and through the Civil War, southern Lutherans defended slavery and white racial superiority, supporting their positions with Scripture.

Some Lutherans in the South questioned the morality of slavery, along with Lutherans in the North. The Franckean Synod of New York was the most vocal in taking an abolitionist stance and rebuking slavery as sin. "On the whole, Lutherans did not become strong anti-slavery advocates, nor did they champion the cause of free blacks in

the North or the South." (R.M. Chapman, "Just Enough? Lutherans, Slavery, and the Struggle for Racial Justice,") Lutherans were complicit in slavery as they largely stood by in passively accepting the practice as the law of the land. With much of the Lutheran church's history and emphasis on being an immigrant church, Lutherans as a whole remained on the sidelines through the Jim Crow years and much of the civil rights era and subsequent years, with pockets of advocacy and political action.

To learn more about White Privilege and what we as individuals and as a congregation can do to increase racial justice, please plan to attend Sunday Forum beginning Mar. 29

Racial Justice Group

ULC Council met Wednesday, Jan. 22. The following are highlights from this meeting.

- Set meeting dates for 2020 for the third Wednesday of every month, beginning at 6:30 p.m.
- Finance Committee presented options for paying off mortgage
- Continued discussions with area ELCA congregations to work together on youth ministries.



- Organ renovation is being completed with the addition of a new swimmer and changing the air duct system.
- Approved Personnel Committee recommendations for updated

financial administrator job description.

Sheila Nicholas, Council Secretary

December Attendance

Dec. 1: 141
Dec. 8: 225
Dec. 15: 190
Dec. 22: 144
Dec. 24: 348
Dec. 25: 27
Dec. 29: 84

Lead Management Team Notes

Following are monthly reports from ULC teams that are not otherwise represented in articles in this month's Lux.

Bicycle Ministry (Gary Garbarino): My plan for 2020 is to clear out the bikes that are gathering dust in the church basement. The Share-A-Bike program I've been working with does an excellent job of providing bikes for people in the community that need them. I have access to their inventory and am continuing to be one of their "mechanics." I will take the bikes (one at a time) in the basement to my house, repair them if they can be repaired, and add them to the Share-A-Bike inventory. If anybody asks ULC for a bicycle, all Share-A-Bike needs is a letter from ULC saying that the person needs a bike for themselves or their child. In the winter they have giveaways on the second Saturday, but in spring it is every Saturday. The location is very close to my house, and I can go there any time and meet somebody who needs a bike and adjust it to fit.

Evangelism (Clarke Anderson): We organized cookie decorating activities at the December Advent dinner. We are looking forward to coordinating with the Welcome Team for a Forum session on Welcoming. We ordered a new bronze cast sign for the Book Nook. We are working with Tight Knit and others to purchase new ULC green bags.

Social Action (Bryan Rahe): The food distribution in December served 78 households. Excess food was taken to St. Paul Lutheran Church.

Tight Knit (Vicki Anderson, Terrie Reinhoehl, Anne Smith): The Tight Knit group continues knitting and crocheting items for charity. In December \$115 was raised during the craft sale. We always welcome cash donations as certain items we craft, like the knockers, use special yarn. We welcome newcomers always.

Communications Team (Amy Wagenknecht): The Communication Team met Jan. 7. We determined that the ULC brochure will be finalized at the next meeting in early Feb. The Lifetouch directory is not finalized so we don't have a link to the on-line directory to be able to determine if this can replace the Connect software directory. This will also be reviewed in February. We determined there are currently five outdoor banners (GWOH, Christmas, Music Camp, VBS, and Welcome Students). We are considering adding a generic Easter/Holy Week banner and a new Christmas banner. We are also trying to identify a storage area for all banners in one location. The outdoor sign task force will begin scheduling with vendors this month.

Facility (Dale Romsos): Two sinks in the Sunday School wing have been reinstalled. Water leaks in two toilets are being repaired. New light tubes have been installed in the outdoor sign. A short was found in the line running to one of the parking lot lights. Repairs will be made as weather permits.

Memorial Garden (Pat Lee): Bob Anderson's plaque is in but not yet attached. The plaque for Shirley Cross has been ordered. The new piece of granite that will hold the next plaques is in but not picked up yet. Mary Letvenow has agreed to be caretaker of the garden next year. Norm Jolin, Sr. is planning for new plants to replace the ones removed.

Office Helpers (Britny Pollard): Office helpers for Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, in the morning and afternoon, are still needed. We also need of an Usher coordinator - someone who can reach out to people each week and ask if they would like to Usher on Sunday, who is also willing to teach new people how to usher.

Amy Wagenknecht

The ELCA Website is a Rich Source of Resources

Have you visited the [website](#) of our national church body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, lately? If not, I encourage you to take a few minutes to explore the resources that are available to assist on our faith journeys.

For example, in the top scrolling banner on the opening page, one of the options provides a link to a wide range of ELCA newsletters. By taking two minutes to provide your personal information, you can receive news and information about Global Mission work, Stewardship,

Lutheran Disaster Response, ELCA World Hunger, the ELCA Foundation, and receive Seeds Monthly e-newsletter or Worship e-News.

There is also a link to various Lutheran-focused blogs on a variety of topics under “ELCA Blogs.” The richest section of the website is located under the “Resources” section. Here you can find worship resources, Bible studies, call process guides, and tools for congregational officers and committees. It also has many resources for special ministries

such as disability, racial justice, youth, campus, women, and ethnic specific and multicultural ministries. In total, there are nearly 60 different resource areas.

These are resources that are supported by our benevolence gifts to the ELCA. Take a few moments to check them out and use them to enrich your faith and church participation.

Amy Wagenknecht



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February is Personal Needs Collection Month!

The following items are the ones most urgently needed.

Full-size versions of:

- ✓ Dish Soap, Laundry Soap, Bleach
- ✓ Shampoo, Bar Soap, Deodorant
- ✓ Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Facial Tissues
- ✓ Sanitary Pads, Tampons
- ✓ Toothpaste, Toothbrushes (both Adult and Child sizes)
- ✓ Shaving Cream, Razors
- ✓ Lotion



Place your items in the blue plastic tub normally located between the Cry Room and Elevator. However, the blue tub may be set out in the front of the lobby during February.

Personal Needs products are not covered by “Food Stamps.” Try to imagine getting along without these everyday necessities. Christian Services allows families right here in our own backyard to apply for emergency

I know we all support an exceptional number of charities, services, and programs, but this is one that requires little more than a few dollars (*or nothing, if you find a Buy One, Get One Free sale!*) Please note that many of these items are available at dollar stores. Bringing in just one item is a blessing. More is always welcome, but one is ONEderful!

supply sets of these products when their budgets are stretched to the limit. And, as a member church of Christian Services, ULC has made a commitment to collect Personal Needs products twice a year.

Thank you so much!

Linda and Bill Trevarthen

Congratulations John Dale Smith!

John Dale Smith, area pianist, conductor, music director, was honored by the Arts Council of Greater Lansing with the “Individual Artist Award” for 2019.

The award was given to John Dale at the annual Holiday Glitter on Dec. 3, 2019 at the University Club of MSU. The Arts Council handed out a total of seven awards that evening for various categories representing business, government, arts, and community.

This is the second time that John Dale has been given this award for his outstanding contributions to the performing arts in Greater Lansing.

This was also a complete surprise to him since he was playing the piano for the event and was aware of all the winners beforehand except that for this award, he had been given a fake name. His family, Janine, Jennifer, and Jonathan had been notified and they were present when the award was announced.

ULC Archives

We Hear from a Former Member

The Archives Team received an email from Darel Roa (darel@darelroaphotography.com), a former member, who shared some of his memories of ULC. I’m sure he would enjoy a response from anyone who remembers him or his family. The email follows.

“As a long-ago alumnus of ULC, it would be a pleasure to engage someone in the congregation in some 1960’s era recollections. Should you have any staff or members from that era who would be willing to share, feel free to provide my contact information.

The Rev. Dar Roa family were members at ULC, 1963-1965, the early Dr. Rev. Walter R. Wietzke era. Should your archives be searchable, you will likely find us listed in church directories, newsletters and you will find my name in the 1965 ULC confirmation class roster and Luther League. Should there happen to be any archived photos of that class, it would be a thrill to have someone scan and e-mail it. Many churches maintain a long history of confirmation class photos, perhaps ULC has also. (We



The 1965 confirmation class: **Front row:** -- , Bruce Koenig, Wally Wietzke, Don Springer, -- , -- , Sig Lillevik, -- **Middle row:** -- , -- , Juanita Stafford, -- , -- , -- , -- , -- **Back row:** Pr. George Gaiser, -- , -- , -- , -- , -- , Pr. Walt Wietzke

Members confirmed June 6, 1965: Tim Albrecht, Tracy Caldewey, Susan Crawford, Sue Crosby, Barbara Gunnerfeldt, Janet Hinz, Bruce Koenig, Chris Kuhlman, Sig Lillevik, Virginia Michel, Peggy Prince, Darel Roa, Judy Salmonsens, Debbie Snyder, Don Springer, Juanita Stafford, Allyson Thompson, Patti Toivonen, Wally Wietzke, Gail Willis, Eric Bankit

have the display in the atrium, and his confirmation photo was sent to him.)

During that era there was also a very active Boy Scout troop at ULC. Troop 22? Apparently Scouting is no longer active at ULC.

Should there be any seasoned citizens in the congregation who were a part of that 1963-1965 Scouting program, that too would be of interest to me. While I was just a fledgling teenager at the

time (barely 14 when we left East Lansing) I have a lot of recollections of MSU, the public junior high school just north of the church, and a lot of Scout camping (especially Christmas tree sales as a fundraiser for the Troop.) There was also a Bible Camp attended by some near the sand dunes west of Lansing, the eastern shores of the lake.

The reminiscing can go on, but this should be sufficient to potentially contact someone with access to ULC archives and/or someone still around from that era.

Sorry I don’t remember specific names of confirmands nor Scouts nor adult

Scouters. Should some rosters or pictures become available it’s possible that I’ll recognize a few. Much appreciation for whatever leads, referrals or archived information you may be able to locate.

Blessings to all as you continue ministries at ULC.

Darel Roa
(Currently residing in Edgewood, WA, about one-half hour south of Seattle.)

FEBRUARY

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

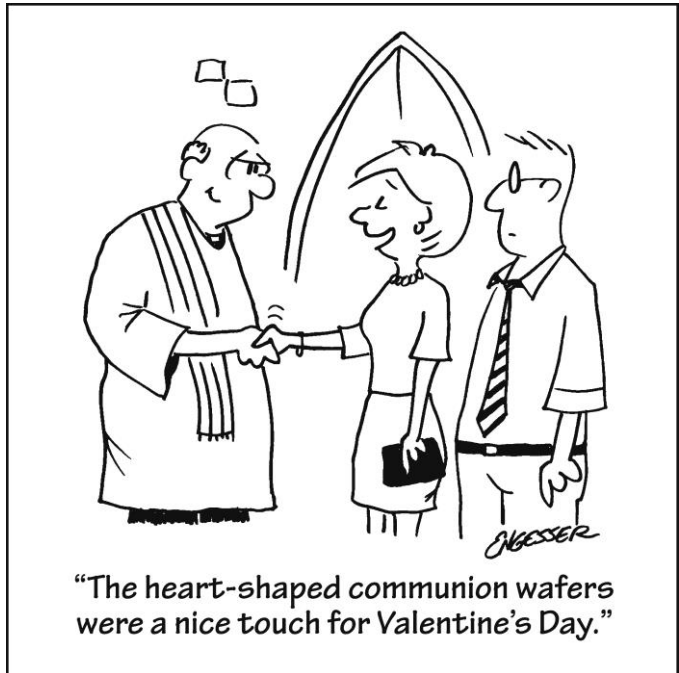
- 2 Anthony Waldron
- 3 Kimberly Ruiz
- 4 Steve Zimmerman
David Gift
Aaron Brooks
- 5 Eric Bubolz
Emily Oswald

- 6 Myles Davis
Chelsey Satterlee
- 7 Paula Davis
- 11 Erica Dethloff
- 12 Donald Armstrong
- 13 Elizabeth Karcher
- 14 Vern Seefeldt
Mary Harpstead
Lanae Williams

- 16 Jack Goebel
- 19 Gail Riegle
Norman Jolin, Sr.
- 21 Jim Greiter
- 22 Clara Fisher
- 24 Nicole Greiter
- 25 Kylie McPhall
- 27 Madeline Helser
Vivian Leung

Anniversaries

- 13 Marvin & Marcia
Schultz
- 14 Gary & Miriam
Bunge



The deadline for the Mar. Lux is **Friday, Feb. 14.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net and Britny Pollard at ulcsec@ulcel.org 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!

FEBRUARY

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| <p>1 9:00a Quilts of Valor Sewing Day-Fellowship
 2 SOUPerbowl of Caring
 8:30a Worship-Sanctuary
 9:40a Forum
 10:45a Worship-Sanctuary
 3 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
 5:00p Security Team-Conference
 4 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
 9:30a Lux Planning-Conference
 10:15a Communications Team
 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
 5:30p Evangelism Team-Fireside
 6:30p MSU Basketball Parking (Penn St.@8p)
 5 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
 Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
 7:00p Confirmation-Student Lounge
 6 7:30a Assisting Ministers-Conference
 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
 7:30p Sr. Choir Rehearsal-Choir
 7:30p MSU Basketball Parking (Minn.@9p)
 7 5:00p Friday@Five Campus Ministry
 9 8:30a Worship-Sanctuary
 9:40a Forum/Faith Formation
 10:45a Worship-Sanctuary
 Noon Racial Justice-Fellowship
 1:30 Sons of Norway-Fireside
 3:00p Latvian Worship
 10 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
 11 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
 9:00a Prayers & Squares-Atrium
 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
 7:00p Pub Theology-Harrison Roadhouse
 12 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
 Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
 13 2:00p Worship Planning-Conference
 5:30p Finance Committee-Conference
 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
 7:30p Sr. Choir Rehearsal-Choir
 14 5:00p Friday@Five Campus Ministry</p> | <p>15 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast IHOP, EL
 4:30p MSU Basketball Parking (MD@6p)
 16 8:30a Worship-Sanctuary
 9:40a Forum/Faith Formation
 10:45a Worship-Sanctuary
 17 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
 18 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
 12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside
 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
 19 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
 9:30a Amnos Circle-Fireside
 Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
 1:00p Rhodon Circle-Conference
 6:30p ULC Council-Conference
 7:00p Confirmation-Student Lounge
 20 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
 7:30p Sr. Choir Rehearsal-Choir
 21 5:00p Friday@Five Campus Ministry
 23 8:30a Worship-Sanctuary
 9:40a Forum/Faith Formation
 10:45a Worship-Sanctuary
 24 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside
 25 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside
 9:30a Lux Planning-Conference
 10:15a Communications Team
 12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference
 5:00p Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Bd-Library
 5:30p MSU Basketball Parking (Iowa@7p)
 7:00p FAN-Fellowship
 26 ASH WEDNESDAY
 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
 Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside
 7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship-Sanctuary
 27 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library
 Noon Int'l Student Ministry Bd-Conference
 4:30p Food Movers Distribution-Fellowship
 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary
 7:30p Sr. Choir Rehearsal-Choir
 28 5:00p Friday@Five Campus Ministry</p> |
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Enhance Fitness classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in Atrium

Friendship House Classes at ULC:

Wednesday 11:30a - Watercolor Painting Class-Youth Rm

Education Hour – 9:40 to 10:30a:

Sunday Forum – Fireside Room
 Sunday School (Age 2 - HS) – Basement Education Wing

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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Lifetouch Directories Ready for Pick Up Beginning Feb. 9!



Starting Feb. 9, each household's copy of the new Lifetouch Membership Directory will be available for pickup out in the Narthex following both Sunday services. Find the envelope with your name on it. (If you cannot find your name, check with Linda Trevarthen or Connie Lenkowski, one of whom will be standing nearby.)

FYI—the complete directory (photos and continually updated contact information) will also be available in a password-protected online version for all ULC members. Information about this will be forthcoming.

Linda Trevarthen