

# Lux

January 2017

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

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

### ULC Office Closed

Jan. 2 ~ New Year's Day  
Jan. 16 ~ MLK Holiday

### Tight Knit

Mondays, Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
4:30 p.m. - Fireside Room

### Sr. Choir Scholarship Concert

Sunday, Jan. 22 - 4 p.m.

### Food Movers

Thursday, Jan. 26  
Fellowship Hall  
Set-up 3:30 p.m.  
Distribution 4:30 p.m.



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## Reflections on Honesty and Hope: A Post-Election Conversation

In preparing for a planning session to consider what God may be inviting us to do next, Imam Chaudhry wrote the following:

*Dear friends! I would like to thank you for a fabulous event on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. I think we ended up achieving a lot and the turnout was more than decent. I think it is important to take this further and continue providing such discussions and avenues to our communities [members of ULC and the Islamic Center] where they can interact with each other and we can strengthen our communities.*

I too was heartened by the turnout, many more than we anticipated, many from ULC, for a time of sharing fears and hopes following the election. I was both struck and encouraged by the expressions of hope voiced by our Muslim neighbors, stronger it seemed than their fears. As we Christians have verses and stories from the Bible to help us in times of affliction, so they have words from the Quran which sustain them when their lives are threatened.



Imam Chaudhry addresses a large group during a post-election conversation on Dec. 1.

The evening of Dec. 1 was a moment of light and hope for both congregations. We are blessed to be able to walk like this together, blessed to be able in safety to examine our perceptions and misperceptions of each other, blessed to be seeking the will of God together as we journey toward the Day of Judgment when God will make all things new.

*Pastor John Schleicher*



## ULC Leadership Retreat Saturday, Jan. 14

**9 a.m. to Noon** - Council, Lead Management & Team Leaders

**Noon** - Lunch with Jan. Council meeting following

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

## Happy New Year Friends!

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” Jeremiah 29:11

“But Jesus looked at them and said to them, ‘With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.’” Matthew 19:26

This New Year brings into focus many challenges and blessings for the world, for ULC and each and every one of us. I'm not a big fan of New Year's resolutions but I do get a sense of renewal and a craving for more light at this time of year. Maybe I just want Christmas to last longer or maybe I want a bigger sense of God's presence as I think about what 2017 will hold in store for me and all of us. God tends to work on me during Epiphany so I crave more time in prayer and then I get serious in Lent about what God has to say to me during that time of paring down and paying attention.



Who knows what this year will bring?

We can never tell but we do know who holds the world together even when it seems to be spinning out of control. God holds us all, loves us all and wants more for us than we can possibly imagine!

God has so richly blessed me with family and friends who love and care for me; work that challenges and inspires me and experiences that keep me awake to the suffering and blessing of the world around me. I think more than anything else I desire this year I want to keep awake to what God is doing all around me. I

want to sense when the Spirit is in action in the hearts and minds of the people of ULC. I want to see the face of Christ more clearly in those I meet every day.

As I see clearly all that the world is and all that I am I will at some point be anxious and it is then I will try to remember who God is and how God loves and that nothing is impossible for the God we serve! May you be richly blessed and awake to the world around you in this New Year, AMEN!

*Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski*

### ULC Archives



## Can You Solve This Puzzle?

There are many different items in the archive and not all have to do with the history of ULC. While going through some papers recently, I found this puzzle. There are 30 books of the Bible “hidden” in the following paragraph? Can you find all 30 books? You will find the puzzle posted in the narthex where you can record your answers or check and see what others have found. Get yourself a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and enjoy!

“There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much; he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially

since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or a scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, “The books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight.” Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad exodus; there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found. God Bless.”

*Connie Lenkowski, Archives Team*

## One Community Campus Ministry News

### Get to Know Us!

Friends, our students come back to school next week and we are delighted to have them among us in the New Year. You are encouraged to get to know them! Have a cup of coffee and ask about where they're from and what they're studying. Students have loved interacting with ULC parishioners and friendships form as we spend time together. Please reach out with invitation to ministries and



Students heading off to Fenner Nature Center on MLK Day 2015. They will be working at the nature center again this year on Jan. 16. Everyone is invited to join in!

groups you're involved in and watch God bless us all!

One Community students will participate in the annual observing of Martin Luther King Jr. day (Jan. 16) by working in our community and enjoying fellowship together. We'll be going to the Fenner Nature Center that day and you are welcome to join us! Please contact me for further details.

*Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski*

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## January Outreach of the Month

### Trinity Lutheran Seminary

Trinity Lutheran Seminary forms leaders for Christ's church at work in the world. As an alum, I am grateful for my time at Trinity. I first walked on Trinity's campus during my senior year of high school as part of my home congregation's internship committee.

After a chance encounter with Pastor Ruth Fortis, the Pastor to the Community, I was invited to participate in the three-week summer program, Summer Seminary Sampler. That experience served as the foundation when I was discerning enrollment. Because of the relationships, positive experiences, and the recruitment, when the time came for me to apply, Trinity was the only place for me. I completed my Master of Divinity over the course of six years and graduated with very little debt due to the



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support of so many donors. I received a solid education and grew as a leader and a disciple.

Trinity is one of eight seminaries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As a ministry of the church, Trinity relies on the benevolences of the ELCA, the synods of Region 6 (Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky), ELCA congregations, and student tuition for the operating expenses. Your gift is vital to this ministry, to continue the formation of leaders, and to support the Church in this changing and exciting time. Checks should be made out to ULC, with *Trinity Seminary* on the memo line. Envelopes for outreach of the month are available in the pew racks.

Thank you for playing a role in helping to proclaim the Gospel in this way.

*Pastor Sara Cogsil*

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## Thank You All so Much!

The ULC 75th Anniversary Pictorial Directory was sent off to Lifetouch in November. By the time this Lux is published, we will likely have already received and approved the final proofs and will be looking forward to printing/delivery of the booklets by the end of January or early February.

I thank you all so much for your participation, your patience and encouragement, and--many of you--for volunteering your time and assistance. Because this anniversary year project has allowed me the opportunity to get to know ULC members so much better and to learn so much more about the life of this

church, I have reaped far more than I've sown this entire past year. It was an absolute blessing to lead such an interesting and energizing project in this wonderful church!

*Linda Trevarthen*

## Sunday School News

### Time for a Change & Thank You!

After much consideration and prayer, I have decided to resign from the position as Sunday School Team Leader beginning fall 2017. I've been part of the youth education team for almost 10 years, and it has been very rewarding. I encourage you to become involved with our youth... they are amazing young people!! My job at MSU keeps me extremely busy, especially in the fall, and my professional work load does not allow me to put into Sunday School what I'd really like.

The second best part of the job is working with the awesome teachers and helpers and I will miss the camaraderie very much. Thank you to Marge Mahoney for her tremendous amount of help, ideas, and true Christian spirit. You are a dear friend Marge! Thank you also to Norm and Kirstin Jolin, Elizabeth Althouse, Erin Frish, Lanae Williams, Sue Fisher, Laura Brown, Beth Hoger, Ann Booren, Vera Shaw, and Bobbie Davis for the years of support and encouragement and fun!! Thank you!

*Cindy Baswell*

### Sunday School Team Leader Needed

Cindy Baswell, our current Sunday School Team Leader will be resigning from the position at the end of this program year. I am extremely grateful to Cindy and her service to this position and to Sunday School during my tenure here and beyond. Cindy has done a wonderful job serving in this role and I know I join many in giving thanks for her leadership.

With her resignation comes the possibility for another leader to emerge. We are looking for at least one person to coordinate our Sunday School program in Fall 2017. Perhaps that person is you! Cindy and I will help to train and coordinate the transition over the summer months. If you are interested in learning more about the position, please see Cindy or me. We have amazing children here at ULC and we want to ensure that faith formation continues here in this place.

*Pastor Sara Cogsil*

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### Affirmation of Baptism

We meet during the education hour (9:40-10:30) in the downstairs youth room. We will not meet on Jan. 1.

### Community Café Hours

Tuesday, Jan.3 & Tuesday, Feb.7 at Schuler's at the Meridian Mall. All members and friends of ULC are welcome to stop by for coffee and conversation. Please join me!



### Challenge Mountain

Challenge Mountain is happening again this year! The dates are February 3-5, 2017. Challenge Mountain's winter program is a day of helping people with some level of disability or impairment enjoy a day on the slopes at Challenge Mountain Ski Resort at 2205 N. Springbrook

Road, Boyne Falls. We will travel up Friday evening, spend Saturday volunteering at the slopes and worship together Sunday morning. Rooms have been reserved at a local hotel. Volunteers may help by registering, fitting skis and boots, ski instruction, adaptive skiing or ski partner.

*Pastor Sara Cogsil*



## A Variety of Topics in the New Year

**Jan. 1 - New Year's Day:** No forum

**Jan. 8 - Lectio Divina:** Come experience the wonderful, simple, and often profoundly moving spiritual practice of lectio divina led by Pastor John Schleicher.

**Jan. 15 - Citizens for Prison Reform:** Lois Pullano, back by popular demand, will talk about the desperately needed services this group provides for families of prisoners and what communities, churches, and individuals can do to help.

**Jan. 22 - Families Against Narcotics:** Phil Pavona, a powerful speaker back by popular demand, will talk about the current status of narcotic addiction in our community, what we need to learn about this epidemic, and the many ways we can all help.

**Jan 29 - The Liturgical Deacon Experience:** An informal panel of ULC deacons will share with us what the deacon experience is like.

*Bill & Linda Trevarthen and Michael Anderson*



## Join us to Discuss *Ordinary Grace*

The ULC Book Club has chosen *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger for the January selection. The group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 26 at 10 a.m. in the ULC Library in the basement. All are welcome!

From the publisher: New Bremen, Minnesota, 1961. The Twins were playing their debut season, ice-cold root beers were selling out at the

soda counter of Halderson’s Drugstore, and *Hot Stuff* comic books were a mainstay on every barbershop magazine rack. It was a time of innocence and hope for a country with a new, young president. But for thirteen-year-old Frank Drum it was a grim summer.

Told from Frank’s perspective forty years after that fateful summer,

*Ordinary Grace* is a brilliantly moving account of a boy standing at the door of his young manhood, trying to understand a world that seems to be falling apart around him. It is an unforgettable novel about discovering the terrible price of wisdom and the enduring grace of God.

Judy Kindel








### ULC Memorial Library


## New Year—New Materials in the ULC Library!

Following are new books in the library collection. Some of these items were donated for the used book sale, but we felt they would be useful in the library collection.

#### Adult Non-Fiction

-  *Rich Church, Poor Church: Keys to Effective Financial Ministry* by Christopher J. Clif
-  *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* by Kathleen Norris
-  *Why Worship Matters* by Robert Rimbo
-  *Great Permission: An Asset-Based Field Guide for Congregations* by Bob Sitze
-  *Place of Encounter: Renewing Worship Spaces* by D. Foy Christopherson

#### Intermediate

-  *Prayers that Changed History: From Christopher Columbus to Helen Keller, How God Used 25 People to Change the World* by Tricia Goyer

Although this book, *Prayers that Changed History*, is written for 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> graders, it is well worth anyone’s time to read. One chapter on Martin Luther offered the following prayer when Luther was asked to renounce what he had written. The book says, “Luther prayed for wisdom...aloud. Since your Majesty and your Lordships ask for a simple reply, I will give you one...Unless I am proved to be wrong by the testimony of Scriptures and by plain reasoning...I am bound in conscience and hold fast to the Word of God. I cannot and I will not retract anything, for it is neither safe nor right to act against one’s conscience. God help me! Amen.” Included also in each chapter is a biblical story that ties to the person’s life and actions, as well as ways you can use the power of prayer in your life.

Visit the library often. There is always something new!

Connie Lenkowski  
Library Team Leader

## Join us for a Video Bible Study

Amnos Circle has renewed their study based on the video series entitled “That the World May Know” led by Ray VanderLaan, a Biblical historian. Ray is gifted at weaving an understanding of the message of the Bible through the lens of the culture and geography of the time. The series is in the ULC library.



Michael Anderson, a retired pastor, has joined us this year, providing yet another perspective on the lessons. All (women, men, young, old, etc.) are welcome to join us at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room on the third Wednesday of most months.

Marilyn Johnson

## Join us in the New Year!

Thank you to everyone who purchased items from our annual craft sale in December. The money raised allows Prayers & Squares to purchase supplies to make prayer quilts and Quilts of Valor. In addition we were able to make a \$125 donation to an ELCA program helping women escape poverty by granting them a micro loan to begin their own small business. As women repay their loans, the money is reinvested so that the cycle of giving continues.



Howard Pierce with his Quilt of Valor. He was honored by ULC in Nov. 2016.

Have you found your name on the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt hanging on the wall in the Atrium downstairs? It greets everyone as they come down the stairs. If your name is missing, please contact

Ann or me. We have special pens for you to use when adding your name to the quilt.

Please write these important dates on your new 2017 calendar: the second Tuesday of every month and the fourth Saturday of January, February, March, April, September, and October. We will meet in the Atrium to make prayer quilts from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on those dates. Put a big star on the first Saturday in February when we will join folks around the country to make Quilts of Valor. We have all sorts of jobs and not all require sewing skills!! However... we do like teaching sewing to folks who want to be part of this wonderful ministry.

*Bobbie Davis*

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## Collection of Household Goods

Darra and Steve Haase have organized a collection of household goods for refugee youth who are aging out of foster care and into independent living in our community. To donate any of the items on the included list, please bring them to ULC on Saturday Jan. 21 between 10 a.m. and noon.



Your family might want to put an entire "box" together or you can just drop off individual items. Gently

used items are very welcome! Many thanks for your generosity and you'll hear more about this great ministry this month! Please call the office for more information.

*Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski*

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## Food Movers 2017 Schedule



The distribution dates for 2017 are the following: Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 23, Apr. 27, June 22, July 27, Aug. 24, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 16, and Dec. 21. The distribution of food is from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Individuals receiving food must bring their own boxes or bags for collecting the food.

Recipients are allowed to enter the building at 3:30 p.m. to receive a number. We begin registration shortly after 3:30 when we call people forward to the registration table according to their number. Food distribution by

number begins at 4:30. If a second distribution is desired, a new number should be taken. Second distributions begin at 5:45 if there is food remaining.

Our distribution serves residents of East Lansing, Okemos, and Haslett as well as MSU employees and students. There is no income requirement for this distribution. Individuals must show a picture ID and an additional piece of mail with a matching address within East Lansing, Okemos, or Haslett. MSU employees and students may live outside our serving area but must also show a MSU ID.

*Bryan Rahe*

## The Greater Church

# ELCA Church Council Approves Strategic Directions Plan

The ELCA Church Council, which serves as the Board of Directors, adopted *Called Forward Together in Christ – ELCA Strategic Directions 2025*. The document provides a framework for shared leadership across the ELCA to realize common goals and better meet challenges the church may face in the future. The Called Forward plan is the result of a process that invited the 3.7 million

members of the church into conversations to provide ideas and feedback about the future of the church.

Related to the issues of leadership and faith formation, Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton announced a \$3 million gift to the ELCA Fund for Leaders, which will provide full tuition seminary scholarships for 60

additional students over the next three years. The scholarships will be awarded through the ELCA Fund for Leaders, an initiative to build an endowed scholarship resource to provide tuition assistance for qualified candidates studying at ELCA seminaries.

*Tom Kissling*  
(Excerpted from elca.org)



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## Annual Meeting Recap and Thank You to Retiring Council Members

The ULC Annual Meeting was held on the snowy Sunday of Dec. 11. While the expectation of eight inches of snow kept a few members away, more than 65 members met in the Fellowship Hall following a light lunch and snacks for the Annual Meeting.

Keith Harder, Chair of the Members in Ministry Committee presented the ballot. The following individuals were elected:

President Elect - Lisa Swem  
Treasurer - Wilbur Mahoney  
Council Member-at-large - Linda Triemer, Laura Brown  
Student Member-at-large - Vacant  
Members in Ministry - Phyllis Andersland, Vacant  
Finance Committee - Emmett Braselton, Jennifer Tracy  
Endowment Committee - Melissa Andresen, Dave Wiggert; Student member - Vacant

Please contact me if you are willing to fill one of the vacant positions.

ULC Treasurer Mike Lenkowski presented the proposed 2017 Budget. He noted that the budget was basically a continuation of the 2016 Budget. Mike emphasized the importance of members pledging for 2017 and reported that 2016 is expected to be break even if members fulfill their pledge commitments for the year. If the pledges are not completed, we will end the year in a deficit.

The 2017 budget included a “challenge amount” of \$27,000. The ULC Council proposed budget included

funding for a new lead pastor from July through December. Council was comfortable in proposing the challenge budget for approval because so many issues remain unknown for 2017. Council will be monitoring both the income and expenses as the year progresses and will make changes as necessary.

We also took time to discuss the \$89,000 unrestricted gift that Marilyn Pierce left to ULC. Marilyn was active in ULC's music program and is remembered for her love of students. Council is planning to honor Marilyn for her love of ULC and is currently discussing a number of possibilities for how the funds should be spent. Council intends to make decisions related to the gift in early 2017.

Lastly, I want to thank the members that will be retiring from Council. These individuals gave of their personal time each month (and more) to help make decisions in the best interest of ULC. The individuals leaving Council include: Mike Lenkowski as Treasurer; Terri Christian as Secretary; Keith Harder as Past-President; Elizabeth Althouse as student member; and Coreen William as member-at-large.

*Larry Wagenknecht*  
*Past-President*



Because the December Council meeting will be held after the Jan. Lux goes to print, council minutes will be included in the Feb. issue.

## From the President

# A Time of Change

The beginning of a new year is traditionally a time to reflect on the year just past and hope for the year to come. At ULC, last year was a time of change including the retirements of Pastor Fred and Linda Ramsey. We also welcomed Pastor John as Interim Lead Pastor and Amanda Jones as church secretary. Please join me in thanking Past President Larry Wagenknecht as he so ably led us through the many changes that occurred in 2016. We anticipate that the changes will continue in 2017 with the calling of a Lead Pastor. Change can be exciting, if we embrace it, or daunting, if we resist it. Usually, it is a little bit of both.

On Jan. 14, ULC leadership (Council, Lead Management, and Team Leaders) is invited to participate in a retreat. We will talk about the changes that we anticipate in the upcoming year. But more

importantly, we will learn about opening our minds, hearts, and wills to allow God to come to us as we take intentional actions.

During the retreat, we will also put some finishing touches on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The MSP is the document that not only is the basis for calling a lead pastor; it is the primary advertisement for the position. The MSP is how potential applicants will learn about our congregation – who we are, our reason for being, where we are going. So, the retreat will be a time of not just describing ourselves, but of identifying what excites us as a congregation and of naming the mission priorities that hold the most

promise for continued development of our ministry. Then in the afternoon, the Council will spend some time visioning what the upcoming year looks like.



Change typically excites me, and I am excited about 2017 at ULC. I believe that God has good things in store for us. I trust that he will use ULC for his purpose and that he will guide us if

we are open to him. I ask for your continued prayers for our congregation and particularly for the leadership at ULC as we move intentionally through 2017.

*Vicki Anderson  
ULC President*

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## ULC Security Team

# Security at the Mosque

The ULC Security Team met recently with two members from the mosque. They shared how security at the mosque has evolved over the years. For instance, the front doors of the building faced Harrison Road and were never locked. Today the main entrance is located on the side of the building and the doors are locked overnight.

The mosque is a busy place with a school and people coming for prayer five times a day. A security guard keeps watch on the building and the parking lot. A security company was hired to install cameras, motion detectors and other equipment. The white fence around



the playground area was built so children could play without being visible from Harrison Road.

While the security needs of ULC differ from the mosque in several ways, we can learn from the process that the mosque went through to arrive at their current security status. The ULC Security Team has begun to look at the threats that we need to address and taken a research approach involving experts, websites and other resources. One security company has visited ULC and another company will be coming in the near future to give us suggestions and an estimate for the cost to install and maintain any equipment that is needed.

*Barbara Kissling*



## ULC 75th Anniversary

# Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

We concluded our celebration of 75 years of ministry at ULC at the Advent Dinner on Sunday, Dec. 4th, almost. Looking back at all of the wonderful events of the past year it is hard to believe we fit them all into one year...and also had time to celebrate and thank Pastor Fred Fritz and Administrative Assistant Linda Ramsey at their retirement! It was a lot of work, but mostly it was wonderful fun looking back at our history, reconnecting with alumni and making new friends. And we could not have done it without the hard work of a very long list of people!

We have listed below everyone who helped in one or more ways during the celebration. As happens with long lists, something or someone is inadvertently omitted. If you helped in any way during the past year and your name is not on the list, please add it to the giant list in the ULC narthex!

While the plan was for all of the anniversary events to be completed by Dec. 4th, circumstances beyond our

control have forced a couple of items to be continued into 2017 - the resealing of the time capsule and distribution of the anniversary pictorial directories. Because we wanted to include photos from the October anniversary banquet in the directory, they will not be available until January or February.

The Archive Team believes there is still a time capsule in a cornerstone at the former ULC building on Ann Street. Because we have a bit of money remaining from the anniversary celebration, we are in conversation with the current owners about the possibility of removing that time capsule so that some of its contents can be included in the current capsule when it is resealed. We will keep you updated on the progress of this project.

Thank you again for your help with and participation in our year of Faith for the Future!

*ULC 75th Anniversary Committee*

Elizabeth Althouse, Leah Auchter,  
Nick Reynolds & One Community  
students  
Lori Althouse  
Alumni Scholarship Singers: Ian  
Oberger, Matt Eldred, Kelly  
Mahoney Schafka, Jacque Baldori,  
Dale Powell, Samantha Oberger,  
Aaron Petrovich, Michael Garnett,  
Mary Garner, Lena Miles, Andrew  
Breuinger  
Michael Anderson  
Vicki Anderson  
Melissa Andresen  
Diane Appel  
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Brandon Baswell  
Cindy Baswell  
Al Booren  
Ann Booren  
Laura Brown  
Sharonlee Burmeister  
Pastor Sara Cogsil  
Bobbie Davis  
Sandy Davis  
Betty Downs

Rev. Ellen Schoepf & Faith  
Lutheran congregation  
Pastor Fred Fritz  
Debbie Gift  
Ken Greble  
Darra Haase  
Greater Lansing  
Islamic Center  
Mark Johnson  
Norm Jolin  
Amanda Jones  
Tom Kissling  
Rev. Aija Graham & Latvian  
congregation  
Connie Lenkowski  
Jill Lenkowski (Two Rings  
Photography)  
Mary Levetnow & John Foley  
Jim Lorenz, Jr  
Jan Mace  
Olie Mace  
Marge Mahoney  
Wil Mahoney  
Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski  
Lena Miles  
LaVon Miller



Miriam Minshall  
Louise Paquette  
Beth Rahe  
Bryan Rahe  
Linda Ramsey  
Luke Reese  
Lindsay Sadler  
Bishop Craig Satterlee  
Pastor John Schleicher  
Janine Novenske Smith  
John Dale Smith  
Alex Stanley & Chad  
Annette Stanley  
Bill Trevarthen  
Linda Trevarthen  
ULC Sr. Choir  
Amy Wagenknecht  
Larry Wagenknecht  
Joy Whitten  
Kristie Wiggert  
LaNae Williams  
ULC Youth: Libby Baswell,  
Aaron Williams, Connor  
Hagman, Hannah Hagman,  
Brielle Williams, Ian Williams



- 1 Craig Lazar  
Leonard Ribnicki  
Alfred Schikorra
- 2 Keith Harder
- 3 Darra Haase
- 6 Justin Kuchnicki
- 7 Jeanine Nault
- 8 Aaron Brooks  
Jan Mace
- 9 Annika Heller  
Elizabeth Sype
- 10 Marilyn Nussdorfer

- 12 Karin Grevstad
- 14 Colleen Marciniak-  
Jennings
- 15 Charles Hathaway
- 16 Emily Baswell  
Linda Erspamer
- 17 Larry Wagenknecht
- 18 Erin Hagfors
- 19 Mary Letvenow
- 20 Barbara Fensel
- 21 Kaija Kocher  
Thomas Rutter
- 22 Erik Bubolz  
Judith Kindel
- 23 Bryan McPhall, Jr.

- Jeff Williams
- 24 Lynne Clyma
- 25 Caleb Fisher  
Amanda Wojan
- 27 Linda Trevarthen
- 28 Virginia Ellefson  
Darrin Karcher  
Marie Lazar  
Margaret Lindman  
Amy Wagenknecht
- 29 Erin Frisch  
James Shaw
- 30 Annette Ophaug  
Wanda Ophaug



- 1 Steve & Sherry Mileski
- 20 Thomas & Jane Rutter
- 24 Gene & Alice Kenyon
- 28 Michael & Connie  
Lenkowski
- 30 David & Marilyn  
Nussdorfer

## Dinner for Eight



Our next Dinner for Eight (D48) events are scheduled for Sunday evening, Jan. 8 and Apr. 23, at 5:30 p.m. Please mark these days on your calendar and plan on joining this small group for dinner in a member's home. We also need to have families to sign up to

host - it is very easy, because everyone brings a dish to pass.

The groups will get mixed up each time that we meet, so hopefully you can get to know a lot of members and friends better. See me if you have questions or want to sign up to host. Hope you can join us if you are a teen or older!

*Ann Booren*

## The Giving Tree Wrap Up



For many years, the Giving Tree was set up in November with "ornaments" listing names of clients of Lutheran Social Services (now Samaritas) and Tri-County Office on Aging. This year, members of ULC and friends provided gifts for 90 young people age 10 months – 20 years and 25 senior citizens.

Ornaments disappeared from the tree and packages began to appear under the tree, including clothes, toys, make-up, soccer balls, gift cards and many other items. Thank you, thank you, once again, to all of you angels who shared your gifts of time and treasure and thoughtfulness to make this project a success.

*Sherry Corwin  
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## From the Editors...

The deadline for the Feb. *Lux* is **Friday, Jan. 13.**

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

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# JANUARY 2017

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|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|---|
| 1 9:30a                               | Worship (C)-Sanctuary                    | 7:00p     | ULC Council-Conference                      |
| 2                                     | <b>NEW YEARS HOLIDAY - OFFICE CLOSED</b> | 18 8:00a  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                            |
| 4:30p                                 | Tight Knit Group-Fireside                | 9:30a     | Amnos Circle-Conference                     |
| 3 10:30a                              | Lux Team-Conference                      | 1:00p     | Rhodon Circle-Fireside                      |
| 2:00p                                 | Staff Meeting-Conference                 | 5:30p     | Mid MI Land Conservancy-Conference          |
| 4:00p                                 | Pr. Sara's Café-Meridian Mall            | 19 Noon   | ISM Board-Conference                        |
| 5:00p                                 | Security Team-Conference                 | 6:30p     | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary                |
| 4 8:00a                               | Mushers-IHOP, EL                         | 7:30p     | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room           |
| 4:30p                                 | Lead Management-Conference               | 20 7:00p  | Aces & Spaces Bridge Club-Fireside          |
| 5 7:30a                               | Liturgical Deacons-Conference            | 22 8:30a  | Worship (C)-Sanctuary                       |
| 6:30p                                 | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary             | 9:40a     | Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing     |
| 7:30p                                 | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room        | 10:45a    | Worship (C)-Sanctuary                       |
| 7 10:00a                              | Refugee Youth Box Collection-Narthex     | 4:00p     | Scholarship Concert-Sanctuary               |
| 8 8:30a                               | Worship (C) Epiphany Sunday-Sanctuary    | 23 10:00a | Synod Committee-Conference                  |
| 9:40a                                 | Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing  | 4:30p     | Tight Knit Group-Fireside                   |
| 10:45a                                | Worship(C)-Sanctuary                     | 7:00p     | Lansing Meditation-Library                  |
| 1:30p                                 | Sons of Norway-Lansing Chapter-Fireside  | 24 2:00p  | Staff Meeting-Conference                    |
| 3:00p                                 | Latvian Worship-Sanctuary                | 5:30p     | Families Against Narcotics (FAN) Bd-Library |
| 9 4:30p                               | Tight Knit Group-Fireside                | 7:00p     | FAN Community-Fellowship                    |
| 7:00p                                 | Lansing Meditation-Library               | 25 8:00a  | Mushers-IHOP, EL                            |
| 10 9:00a                              | Prayers & Squares-Atrium                 | 26 10:00a | ULC Book Club-Library                       |
| 2:00p                                 | Staff Meeting-Conference                 | 3:30p     | Food Movers Set up-Fellowship Hall          |
| 5:30p                                 | Evangelism Team-Conference               | 4:30p     | Food Distribution-Fellowship Hall           |
| 11 8:00a                              | Mushers-IHOP, EL                         | 6:30p     | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary                |
| 5:30p                                 | Finance Committee-Conference             | 7:30p     | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room           |
| 5:30p                                 | MSU Basketball Parking                   | 28 9:00p  | Prayers & Squares-Atrium                    |
| 7:00p                                 | MSU Basketball vs Minn.                  | 29 8:30a  | Worship (C)-Sanctuary                       |
| 12 6:30p                              | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary             | 9:40a     | Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing     |
| 7:30p                                 | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room        | 10:45a    | Worship (C)-Sanctuary                       |
| 14 9:00a                              | Leaders' Retreat-Fellowship Hall         | 11:30a    | MSU Basketball Parking                      |
| 15 8:30a                              | Worship (C)-Sanctuary                    | 1:00p     | MSU Basketball vs Michigan                  |
| 9:40a                                 | Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing  | 30 4:30p  | Tight Knit Group-Fireside                   |
| 10:45a                                | Worship (C)-Sanctuary                    | 30 7:00p  | Lansing Meditation-Library                  |
| 16 <b>MLK Day - ULC OFFICE CLOSED</b> |  | 31 2:00p  | Staff Meeting-Conference                    |
| 4:30p                                 | Tight Knit Group-Fireside                |           |   |
| 17 12:30p                             | Lychnion Circle-Fireside                 |           |   |
| 2:00p                                 | Staff Meeting-Conference                 |           |   |

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

Sunday School                      Sunday Forum (Fireside)  
 Affirm. of Baptism (Youth)

Groups meet in basement unless otherwise noted.

**Enhance Fitness** classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in Atrium

### Friendship House Classes at ULC:

Wednesdays      10:30a - Watercolor Painting-Fellowship  
 Fridays              10:30a - US History & Culture-Fellowship

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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