



Lux

June/July 2017

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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Prayers & Squares Work Days

June 13 & July 11
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School June 19 - 22

Summer Music Camp June 26 - 30 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Food Movers Thursday, June 22 & July 27 Fellowship Hall Set-up 3:30 p.m. Distribution 4:30 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Soup Kitchen July 30

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From the Pastor's Pen . . .

Journeying Faithfully Together

These three words from ULC's Vision Statement have seemed particularly apropos for me in recent weeks. It has been 11 months since I began my journey with you following the retirement of Pastor Fred and now with the likely imminent arrival of a new lead pastor. Three other words come to mind as I reflect on this journey with you: love, light-heartedness, and lament.

I can think of no day that I was with you where I did not witness your love...for me and for one another. In my mind I can see your face in the kitchen upstairs, in the Fireside Room, in the conference room, in the offices (mine included), in the atrium and fellowship hall, in the narthex, in the nave. I can see your face at the IHOP, in a hospital room, in a group home or in a limited way for a few of you, in your own homes. Whether you are conscious of it or not, it is clear to me that the love of God has taken up residence in your hearts.

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Pastor John at the Synod Assembly holding Stellan, son of Sarah-Friesen Carper and Andrew Tengwall.

Surprise! Stories of Discovering Jesus

**Monday, June 19 - Thursday, June 22
5:30 - 8 p.m.**



Join us for worship, music, a Bible story about Jesus, a meal, crafts and fun!

Please bring non-perishable food items each night to be shared with the St. Paul Lutheran East Lansing food pantry.

Registration forms are available on the table in the Narthex. Cost is \$20 per student registration fee, with a \$40 limit per family. Financial help is also available. Register early or on the first day of VBS. Volunteers are needed. Contact the church office 332-2559 for more information.

Michael Anderson, Evangelism Team

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

Congratulations College Grads!

Here are some of the ULC college graduates this spring:

Elizabeth Althouse, student associate, graduated from MSU with a Bachelor's degree. After graduation Elizabeth will travel throughout Michigan's Upper Peninsula and work locally in her field of study, physical therapy, until she is admitted to grad school next year.

Christopher Anderson, son of Mary Werkman and Clark Anderson received a Bachelor's degree in International Studies from the University of Michigan. He is currently finishing an internship in Sao Paulo, Brazil and will determine his future plans when this is completed.

Leah Aughter, student associate, graduated from MSU with a degree in anthropology. During her studies, she traveled to several sites overseas to study human ancient populations. After graduation Leah will take the summer to be with her family before moving to Manhattan to attend NYU this fall.

Maggie Foley, daughter of Mary Letvenow, graduated from Columbia University in February with a Masters in Film Studies and returned to New York in May to walk at commencement. Before earning her masters, she received a Bachelor's in the Arts and Humanities at MSU with an additional degree in Russian in 2015. Maggie says, "Right now I'm exploring what the film world has to offer employment-wise and am hoping to find position at a film



Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski and members of the Prayers & Squares quilt ministry wrap graduating student associates, choir scholarship singers, and bell choir members with quilts on Sunday, May 7.

festival or image archive. However, I also haven't ruled out going back to school for another master's in library science."

Sisters **Elizabeth and Lynn Kotnik** have played in the bell choir for the past four years and graduated from MSU.

Aaron Petrovich has been the bass section scholarship student in the senior choir for the past five years while getting his degree in music education. This semester he was student teaching with the Brighton High School choir program and assisted with their musical. Next year Aaron hopes to be working as a music teacher either in an elementary or secondary school.

Nick Reynolds, student associate, graduated from MSU with a B. A. in Political Theory and Constitutional Democracy. He will be attending law school at Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island in the fall. Nick says, "It is crazy to think that four years has gone by since I first started at MSU. Law school will be a new challenge, but I expect that with all I have been through over these past four years, I am more than prepared.

Thank you to everyone at ULC for their incredible hospitality and support throughout the years. Things have changed for me as well as for the church over the past three years, but the thing that has never changed is the amazing kindness and love of the members of this church. In my time in One Community, we have traveled to Florida, Georgia, Alabama, and Germany. Without your support, it wouldn't have been possible and for that, we are forever grateful.

Thank you Pastor Sarah M. and my fellow student associates for allowing me to serve as a student associate this year. Over the course of the past three years, I have made many friends and have gone to many great places. I love this church, and it is truly a home away from home. Whenever I come home from Rhode Island, I will make it a point to visit and to worship here when I can."

Lindsay Snyder is a Senior Choir scholarship student in her fifth and final year of the Music Education and Vocal Performance programs at MSU. Originally from Okemos, Lindsay was new to ULC this year. She spent last spring on a study abroad in Vienna, Austria, where she performed with the IES Chamber Orchestra. In addition to her majors in music, Lindsay also completed a teaching minor in German studies. Currently, she is completing her student teaching at Haslett Middle School. Lindsay hopes to find a position teaching music or choir next year. She thanks all those she has met at ULC for their support over the past year.

Congratulations High School Grads!



Kendall Bubolz graduated from Okemos High School. In high school, she was captain of her varsity cross country, alpine skiing, and track and field teams, and earned twelve varsity letters. Kendall also was a member of her school's philharmonic orchestra and National Honors Society. She taught at

the Lansing Chinese School and graduated from it this spring. Kendall will be attending Michigan State University in the Honors College and will be in the Residential Business Community on campus as well.



Nathaniel Dalton graduates from East Lansing High School in June and will be attending the University of Michigan this fall as a member of the Residential College. He will be doing an extensive French language study but has not yet selected a major. In high school Nathaniel participated in and valued

many clubs and activities such as Students for Gender Equality, Amnesty International and the Varsity Tennis program for four years. Nathaniel would like to thank everyone in the ULC community for helping him grow as a person and putting him in the position he is fortunate to be in today.



T.J. Christian is a 2017 honors graduate of East Lansing High School. He will be attending Michigan Tech this fall. While determining his major he will pursue his interests in engineering, math and physics. In high school TJ enjoyed Chess Club, the Capital Area Career Center Engineering Technology and Cyber Security curriculum and being

with his friends.



Nicholas Guilfoyle is a graduate of Holt High School where he was on the quiz bowl and tennis teams, and played trombone in the marching band. Nick was a member of National Honor Society, and is graduating as a member of the top ten. This fall he will begin at the University of Michigan, where he

will be attending the school of Literature, Science, and the Arts. He is currently undecided on his major.



Journeying Faithfully Together continued from page 1.

This love shows in your frequent smiles, sometimes restrained, sometimes exuberant. Your love often leads to laughter, uniquely modulated in each person from *pianissimo* to *fortissimo*, to varied expressions of joy rising from hearts being set free from excessive burdens. This love is infectious: smiles born of love beget smiles. This light-heartedness is a chief gift you will give to the newly-called lead pastor.

But authentic love and light-heartedness has always had in the Christian life a companion called suffering. I have met none of you who has not experienced suffering. Luther wrote that suffering is surely not something we pray for, but is part

of our journey in and with Christ. He speaks of Christians enduring all kinds of trials accompanied by “inward sadness, timidity, fear, outward poverty, contempt, illness, and weakness, in order to become like their head, Christ.”

I have witnessed this in your laments, your expressions of sadness for loved ones lost, for broken people you know you cannot “fix,” for our world so lacking in mutual respect and understanding. I have heard your fears for the long-term viability of ULC. Though we may be tempted to suppress our laments as if they were indicators of unfaithfulness, we need to remember they are, in fact, part of a faithful journey together. They need to be expressed in our

conversations with one another and in prayer with our Lord, so that they can become part of our deepening maturity and hope in Christ.

I write this on a day when we are interviewing our first candidate to succeed Amanda as Administrative Assistant and when the Call Committee is having a face to face interview with a prospective lead pastor. This journey together is seldom, if ever, boring! But today is of course, another day of grace, another day when the Spirit will be there to guide us in a place where love, light-heartedness, and yes, lament, are all gifts so richly given to this congregation.

Pastor John Schleicher






ULC Memorial Library



Library Used Book Sale Scheduled: Oct. 15 – 22

The ULC Library is planning its annual used book sale for Oct. 15-22. This favorite activity of both the Library Team and the congregation is the only fundraiser for the library. As you finish your summer reading or do some summer cleaning please consider donating your books to the sale. Books can be donated anytime – just place them in the library and mark for the sale. You make the sale a success!



New materials in the ULC Library:

Adult Non-Fiction




-  *Together By Grace: Introducing the Lutherans* edited by Tim Kenemore
-  *Declaration On the Way: Church, Ministry, and Eucharist* by ELCA
-  *One Hope: Re-memembering the Body of Christ* by Julie Aageson

-  *Atlas of the European Reformations* by Tim Dowley
-  *Resilient Reformer: The Life and Thought of Martin Luther* by Timothy Lull

Adult Fiction

-  *When Lightning Struck!: The Story of Martin Luther* by Danika Cooley
-  *Secret Chord (Kind David)* by Geraldine Brooks

Children

-  *When Jesus Was a Little Boy* by Margi McCombs
-  *Jesus Is My Special Friend* by Susa Balika
-  *Adam, Adam, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.

Visit your library often. There is always something new to see.

ULC Library Team



ULC Book Club

Join the Community in Reading “A Long Way Home”

Summer time reading for the ULC book Club is the 2017 One Book, One Community selection of **A Long Way Home** by Saroo Brierley with Larry Buttrose.

This is a No.1 international best seller and movie “Lion,” based on the true story of the author’s incredible journey from India to Australia and back.

From the author: “Saroo had become lost on a train in India at the age of five. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being adopted by a couple in Australia. As a young man, the advent of Google Earth led him to pour over satellite images of India for landmarks he recognized. After years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for. Then

he set off on a journey to find his birth family.”

This is a story of determination, unflinching love of family and a universal need to know our origins.

The next meeting of the Book Club will be on **Sept. 28** at 10 a.m. in the ULC Library.

Judy Kindel

Dinner for Eight

Please check the next Lux for newly scheduled Dinner for Eight dates. At our September, January and April meals, 63 different members and friends attended.

Each date was hosted in four different homes. Everyone agreed that they

Join us for Dinner This Fall



were fun evenings. With everyone bringing a dish, it was easier for the host home.

These small groups of eight people were an excellent way to meet new friends or get to know others better. Please join us again.

Ann Booren

Wietzke: Campus Ministry Beneficial in Two Directions



Pastor Walter Wietzke was the administrative pastor in charge from November 1962 until April 1972. In March 1967 the *Towne Courier* published

an article titled, "University-Church Relationship Conditions Pastor's Philosophy." Following is an excerpt from that article.

"Students who attend the University Lutheran Church in East Lansing find they are very much a part of the permanent resident congregation.

They are not placed in a separate 'student ministry' but participate in the regular church life to the extent that they hold one-third of the offices in the congregation and have an

effective voice in the conduct of its affairs. Pastor Walter Wietzke regards this integration as highly desirable.

'It is beneficial in two directions,' he said. 'On the one hand, it keeps the life of the parish fresh with the stimuli of ideas from the students.

On the other hand, the traditional parish adds stability and historical continuity to the life of the students. It tends to temper the cynicism which is often common, and it develops better church leaders than might emerge from an isolated student program.'"

He ends the article by talking about the church's stand on social problems. He says, "A church is not being a church if it is afraid to step

on toes. It must be obedient to its Lord first of all."

"The University Lutheran Church has taken a very forthright stand on the matter of civil rights in East Lansing, he pointed out. It has stated its position to the city council, its people have functioned individually in areas of human relations, and it has tried to keep alive a consciousness of the necessity for fair treatment of all people."

"The church is a body of believers," he said. "Its witness must be made not only within its own walls but elsewhere in the world. If Christians do not do this, it is a betrayal of faith."

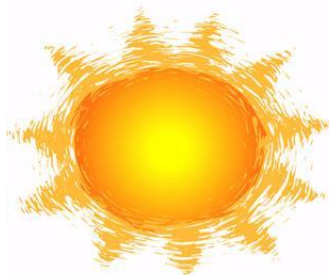
*Connie Lenkowski
Archives Team*

Earthkeeping News

Adding Solar to the Mix?

University Lutheran Church has been working faithfully to fulfill our mission to "Practice Stewardship of God's Creation." Since 2010, we have been moving purposefully toward energy conservation and sustainability with our HVAC and lighting upgrades, purchase of eco-friendly supplies and recycling efforts.

Recently, ULC has received an exciting and unique offer through Michigan Interfaith Power and Light to become a participant in a shared solar energy project. This would be a pilot project, the first in Michigan, involving several houses of worship combining to produce enough solar energy to generate about 25-30 percent of electricity needs. The proposed project would be a 20kw net-metered system on our property with the net metering credits coming directly from Consumers Energy to our energy bill, which would be expected to be reduced by several thousand dollars the first year.



Houses of worship around the country have been investing in clean energy as an expression of faith. Locally, Haslett Community Church and Edgewood United Church in East Lansing have installed solar arrays to reduce their environmental footprints and save monetary resources for infusing their

ministry goals.

Our ULC leaders are presently gathering information and investigating the opportunities for our congregation to participate with our Methodist and Islamic neighbors in such a project.

Could this be a new opportunity for ULC to express our religious faith and witness to earthkeeping in a visible way?

Judy Kindel



Students and Veterans Honored

Congratulations to the three Student Associates, two choir scholarship students and two members of the bell choir who received quilts in recognition for their service to our congregation as they graduated from MSU. Elizabeth Althouse, Leah Auchter, Nick Reynolds, Aaron Petrovich, Lindsay Snyder, Elizabeth Kotnik and Lynn Kotnik you will be missed! See the photo on page 2.

Two of our Quilts of Valor were sent to the South Carolina coordinator of the QOVF for U.S. Navy veterans. We received a lovely message and photos of one of the recipients, a WW II veteran. He was wrapped up in his quilt by a Vietnam veteran. His message to us was, "The family is going to frame the note all of you signed." Just one more reason to sign those cards when the quilts are out in the sanctuary!

Saturday, May 6th was a fun day at ULC. The folks who spent the morning preparing the outside grounds joined a large group of ladies in the Fellowship Hall for lunch. These women were busy learning to make fabric wreaths that can be used on a table or hung on a door for a wonderful decoration. If you missed the workshop and are still interested in learning how to make a folded fabric wreath, please contact Ann Booren or Bobbie Davis for information.



One of our U.S. Navy Quilts of Valor was presented by James Christian, a Vietnam veteran, to 93 year old Machinist Mate First Class John Norris USN WWII and Korea Branchville South Carolina.

If you are looking for a fun way to celebrate the 175th Anniversary of Meridian Township on July 1st, check out the Historical Village on Marsh Road just north of the Municipal Building. The village will be bustling with activities including folks selling crafts. Prayers & Squares will be there with our famous fabric baskets! Come say hello to Ann and enjoy the festivities.

During the summer months we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month to work on our prayer quilts and Quilts of Valor. Please join us from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on June 13, July 11, and Aug. 8. Remember that you do not need to know how to sew to be a part of this ministry. We have all kinds of jobs that need to be done! However, we do really enjoy teaching folks how to piece together these wonderful quilts. God has greatly blessed us with all the tools and fabric so you do not have to bring anything except yourself!

Do You Have Old Sewing Supplies to Donate?

Prayers and squares is requesting donations of old sewing supplies. Really old - like spools of thread on wood, old packages of bias tape and ribbon, other old sewing supplies. Please put them in one of the prayers and squares bins by the elevator. Any questions see Ann Booren or Bobbie Davis.

Bobbie Davis



Left: Participants at the May 6th craft day. Right: Finished products.



Pastor Sarah M. and Dee with new wedding quilt

June Outreach of the Month

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity is a worldwide nonprofit organization founded on the premise that everyone deserves a decent place to live. The local Capitol Region chapter is currently celebrating its 30th year of existence. It has programs for affordable home ownership, home repair, and wheelchair ramp construction. ULC has a rich history of partnering with Habitat by supplying volunteers and funds for rehabbing homes and building brand new ones.



Barb Kissling and Jane Braatz have coordinated ULC's participation with Habitat in the past. The local Habitat chapter has a lot planned for this coming year. They have 89 projects planned with 50 home repairs, 30 wheelchair ramps, four new homes, and two rehab homes. The homes built are not free to the new owners as they make affordable monthly mortgage payments and put in many

hours of sweat equity on their own home or on other Habitat homes. Please consider Habitat for Humanity as the June Outreach of the Month. There are envelopes in the pews; checks should be made out to ULC with Habitat for Humanity on the memo line. All donated funds will go to the local Capitol Region chapter of Habitat for Humanity.

*Bryan Rahe
Social Action Team*

July Outreach of the Month

St. Paul Lutheran Food Pantry

The July outreach will support the food pantry organized by our friends and neighbors at St. Paul Lutheran Church on Lake Lansing Road, East Lansing. The pantry is located in a building just west of their church parking lot and is open on Thursday afternoons each week, and twice a month on Tuesday evenings.

There are three ways we can help them this month. First is to give money through the Outreach of the Month program. Use the outreach envelopes in the pews and make out a check to ULC with "St. Paul Food Pantry" on the memo line. Second, you can bring non-perishable food items to the basket near the church elevator. The third way is what we are going to do



each night of our Vacation Bible School, June 19-22nd which is to ask the children to bring an offering of a food item or a personal needs item. We have a list of items which are essential for our life, but are not able to be purchased with food stamps or SNAP. These are dish soap, laundry detergent, shampoo, conditioner, bar soap, toilet paper, paper towels, tissues, and deodorant.

One more thing, St. Paul pantry can always use some volunteer help. (They are looking for some men to help, and I do not know how much strength is needed.)

*Michael Anderson
ULC Hunger Group*

July is Personal Needs Collection Month!

So many families depend on area churches like ours to provide personal needs -items that are not covered by government subsidies. But try to imagine getting along without these everyday necessities.

Christian Services allows families right here in our own backyard to apply for emergency supply sets of these products when their budgets are stretched to the limit. 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 located between the Cry Room and elevator. Note: Although we deliver personal needs products to the Macedonian drop-off only twice a year, our collection bin is available for your donations year round.

Thank you so much!

Linda and Bill Trevarthen

From the President

Beginnings and Endings

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

As I write this update, I am at the Synod Assembly. My husband Michael, Pastors John and Sara, and I left from the Worship and Music round table discussions at ULC on Sunday, May 21 to meet with other congregations from the North/West Lower Michigan Synod in Mount Pleasant. Michael has written an article on the Synod Assembly (See page 10), so I will provide information here about the round table discussions and the Call Process.

Worship and Music Round Table

Discussions: On Sunday, May 21, after a wonderful service led by and celebrating the youth of the congregation, over 50 ULC members enjoyed a potluck and then listened to each other talk about the worship and music at ULC. Each of us was given a paper with four questions:

1. What is my vision of worship and music for ULC?
2. Our world is changing and so, of course, our congregation is too. What does that mean for our worship and music ministry?
3. What styles and/or formats of worship and music have you found to be most welcoming and inclusive?
4. Do you feel this is the appropriate time to engage in a capital campaign to fund the renovation of our organ? [and accelerate the retirement of our mortgage]?

We had the opportunity to share our thoughts on each question and listened to the comments of 4-5 other people seated at our table. Thank you to all who participated. It was evident that we care deeply about worship -- not just our own experience, but we also recognize that worship is centered on God and that others may experience worship

differently than we do. Everyone was encouraged to note their comments on the paper, which Council collected and will compile and consider in determining our next steps.

Lead Pastor Call Process: The call process continues to move forward. In mid-May, the Call Committee held in-person interviews of three candidates in three days. It was a marathon, and the Call Committee deserves many

thanks for their dedication! The committee has plans to meet before the end of May to determine whether they are ready to recommend the name of a candidate for ULC to consider as lead pastor. If the committee does forward a name to Council, I will call a special meeting of Council to accept the name for consideration and set

the date for a congregational meeting. At that meeting, the congregation will vote on calling the candidate as lead pastor and the compensation package.

Over the past several months, Pastor John has served as our interim lead pastor. His contract with us ends on June 18. Pastor John has been a stable and encouraging presence during our time of transition. He has led by example. We love him and can tell that he loves us. Since we are still in the midst of the call process, I will ask Council at our June meeting to consider a short extension of our contract with Pastor John.

The season at ULC is changing. We look eagerly toward the future and the good things that God is preparing for us!

*Vicki Anderson
ULC President*



Newly Affirmed Members



Brothers Noah and Cole affirmed their baptism on Sunday, May 21.

Thank You & Goodbye!



P & S members wrap Amanda in a quilt to thank her for her wonderful service to ULC.

The following items were discussed at the May 16 meeting of Council:

- Received the Miyares Family (John and Delphina, along with children Xander, Delphina, Maristella, and Solana) into membership by letter of transfer from Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Received Mary Margaret Foley into membership by letter of transfer from Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Received an update from Pastor John on the potential solar garden (with ULC, the Islamic Center and University Methodist Church). The site and purchase/maintenance details are currently being drafted. More information is expected at the June Council meeting.
- The Synod New and Renewing Mission Table met in early May and increased the ULC Campus Ministry grant by \$4000 for 2017. Beginning in May our monthly increase will be \$450. This reflects the ELCA Campus



Council Notes

- Ministry supplemental grant and will put us within \$500 of the level budgeted.
- Pastor John reminded Council that there is a Calendar Planning session scheduled for June 11 after the church service. Anyone interested in attending is welcome to participate in coordinating events.
- Regarding the Pierce Bequest, Council voted to deviate from the ULC Financial Policies for Gift Acceptance Guidelines that identify giving 10 percent of non-designated gifts to the ULC Endowment Fund.
- Due to the impending transfers of the current Stewardship Team, Members in Ministry is tasked with identifying members for this essential team.
- Larry Wagenknecht reported that the Team to fill the

Administrative Assistant position will start conducting interviews in the next few days.

- Pastor Sara C. reported that Visas have been secured by four people from the Honduras Synod. Plans continue for their visit to the Lansing area in August. They will have use of the ULC van for transportation.
- The Call Committee is conducting in person interviews of three candidates for Lead Pastor this week. More information will be shared as progress is made.
- Finalized questions to be used during the “round table” discussion and potluck on Sunday, May 21 from 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. to give the congregation an opportunity to learn about the challenges and opportunities associated with the pipe organ and discuss how this fits in with what God is calling us to be.

*Vicki Anderson
ULC President*

Wanted: CROP Walk Coordinator!

Dear ULC Members,

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

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

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

Cindy Carver
carver2@oakland.edu, 517.927.4905

Lead Management Team Notes

Notes from the May 3 meeting:

Outreach (Bryan Rahe): Food distribution served 43 households in April (down from approximately 70). The Lenten collection, “Change for Change,” collected approximately \$1,200 (down from \$1,700 last year)

Resource (Ann Booren): Stewardship Team needs to replace Keith Harder. Dehumidifier installed in basement. Styrofoam cup supply winding down.



ULC members joined University United Methodist members to improve the interior and exterior of a home on Rebuilding Together Day, April 29th.

2017 Synod Assembly

Thank you from Vicki and me to ULC for the privilege of attending the Northwest Lower Michigan Synod Assembly, held at Mt. Pleasant May 21-23. As a retired ELCA pastor who has served in Michigan since 1970, the “Synod” takes on special meaning. In the closing worship, Bishop Satterlee preached that we are all in this together. To me this means the N/WLM Synod is as important as our ULC congregation. Bishop Satterlee urged us to reach out to our neighbors and do the Lord’s work together. It is not our church, it is God’s church and we serve God through the congregation, the synod and the ELCA.

Whenever the Synod Assembly meets, the worship is full of energy, meaning, and loud, strong singing. We celebrated Holy Communion three times. The opening service was held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Sunday evening. On Monday

morning we worshiped again with Holy Communion. Our sending service was the service where the Bishop presided and preached. By the way, do you know that this man because of his eyesight does almost everything from memory?

There were also great speakers. Bishop R. Guy Erwin, from the Southwest California Synod spoke twice. His first effort was a sermon preached on the meaning of the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation. He asked the question, “What does this all mean for us today?” His second address was about the “tribes” to whom we belong. Bishop Irwin is a “full blooded” Native American. He was born in Oklahoma and became a Lutheran at Harvard University. One interesting fact about his baptism was that Bishop Eaton was an intern pastor when he was baptized.

Prairie Rose Seminole, another Native American was our ELCA representative who spoke about the current churchwide work of the ELCA. Pastor Ken Ponds spoke about an invitation to come to ULC on June 17 for Lutherans Always Reforming, a day of Social Change Conversation. Dr. Craig Nesson will be the speaker. You can still sign up on line at the synod web site.

The main reason I love going to the Synod Assembly is the people. I bring greetings to you from Pastor Chrisy Bright and retired Pastor Reed Schroer. I also had conversation with former members Bill and Joan Hartwig. Bill ran for Synod Council and came in second. We also saw our former pastors, Martin and Melinda Halom on a video.

Next year the Synod Assembly will be held at the Lansing Center May 20-22.

Michael and Vicki Anderson

An Invitation from Faith Lutheran

America Divided

Our neighbors at Faith Lutheran, Okemos, have been looking at racial inequality in our community and culture and invite us to join in the discussion. A new eight-session series using the documentary *America Divided* will begin Monday, June 12. Each showing of the eight session series will be followed by a discussion and will take place on the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Shonda Rhimes, Common, and Norman Lear executive-produce this series, which was created by Solly Granatstein, Lucian Read, and Richard Rowley. Each episode will focus on celebrities exploring inequality in the context of their own lives. America Ferrera, Jesse Williams, Zach Galifianakis, Amy Poehler, and Peter Sarsgaard are all set to appear.

“This series cuts to the heart of the inequality crisis, exploring life-and-death struggles around the economic, social, and political divide,” the show’s creators said in a statement. “Our aim is to expose the damage extreme

inequality inflicts on all Americans, reveal its systemic causes, and celebrate real-world heroes fighting for solutions.”

In a divided America, #StoriesUniteUs, the following stories will be presented:

- A House Divided – Housing Discrimination (45 min)
- The Class Divided – Separate and Unequal Education (40 min)
- The Epidemic – Substance Abuse (34 min)
- Democracy for Sale – Corporate Influence In Government and Electoral Politics (42 min)
- The System – Disproportionality in Criminal Justice (43 min)
- Out of Reach – Immigration and Denial of Citizenship (42 min)
- Something in the Water – Flint Water Crisis (42 min)
- Home Economics – Domestic Workers (33 min)

These videos can be shown in any order. The first to be screened will be *Democracy for Sale*. Faith Lutheran is located at 4515 Dobie Rd. in Okemos.

Meet New Members, the Miyares Family of Six

During the first service you would see their four children, age 10 to 3, run eagerly forward for the pastor's children's sermon, participate in it, and then run back, eyes shining. They are a sermon showing the eagerness with which we all should come to hear God's word.

Their father, John, taught statistics and calculus in high school for twelve years until the Department of Agriculture secured his statistical skills for such things as crop and weather predictions. He still teaches statistics - at LCC. His own family fled from Cuba, among the last to escape from Castro's regime.

Their mother, Delphina, has degrees in elementary/special education and social science. She taught 7th or 8th grade math, and some years social studies to adults earning their high school diplomas. She now volunteers in a weekly ministry for disabled adults through River Terrace Church.



New ULC members Delphina, John, Maristella, Dee Dee, Xander, and Solana.

Delphina teaches preschool where their children attend school.

The daughter of a Lutheran pastor, after marriage John and Delphina discovered his father attended a Bible study at her father's church

over thirty years earlier. John and Delphina lived six blocks apart at the time, only to meet thirty years and three states later. Delphina has published a number of novels, some under pen names, for the late teen and college age. They feature imaginative creatures like unicorns and dragons.

Son Xander, 10, is interested in music and beams with delight when serving as acolyte. Delphina (Dee Dee), eight, has already written and published her first children's book – “Mermaids can Ride Bicycles.” Maristella, six, is a voracious reader. Solana, three, is like her name, sunshine in their lives.

What drew them to ULC? The traditional service, which they and their children immediately appreciated, and the liberal, inclusive atmosphere of our church. What an addition they make in our midst!

Phyllis Andersland

Bill Kost Receives Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award



Photo by Derrick L. Turner

Bill Kost has been selected as a recipient of the Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award. He is the associate director of retail food services for MSU, overseeing Sparty's Starbucks, the MSU Union Food Court, Crossroads Food Court at the International Center, concessions and vending.

After graduating from MSU in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in public affairs management from the College of Agricultural and Natural Resources, Kost began his career at the university in 1988 with MSU Concessions, excelling in all facets of the business. From 2008 to 2009, he served as interim manager before

assuming his current role in the spring of 2009. Kost has led the retail team through a variety of initiatives such as the rebranding of Sparty's; the introduction of the Combo-X-Change program that drives traffic to retail locations; and the enhancement of concessions operations with self-branded and self-operated venues, including current renovations at the Breslin Center.

The award, created in 1978, presents \$2,500 to six university support staff members in honor of the late Jack Breslin, a student leader and athlete and former university vice president. Kost was honored at the 40th annual Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Awards reception on May 15.

From Newsline, May 2017
Newsletter of MSU Residential and Hospitality Services

Thank You to all who tied the prayer quilt for Kim Kravetz who broke her leg recently. Kim had a swimming accident four years ago and has been working hard to recover from a devastating neck injury. If you would like to send her a card to encourage her during her recovery, her address is 12 Dock Lane, Salisbury, MA 01952. ~Vicki Anderson

June Birthdays

- 1 Chris Bracken
- 2 Sarah Ortwine
- 3 Rowan Smith
- 4 Myra Kim
- 6 Susan Kuchnicki
Santiago Saucedo
- 7 Gail Booren
Betty Downs
- 8 Courtney Bridges
Bethany Saindon
- 9 Laura Brown
- 15 Amy Anderson
Linda Zimmerman
- 16 Harry Kost
Robert Rainey
Marvin Schultz
Melissa Scriptor
- 17 Jessica Lawrence
Arthur Lohr
- 18 Daniel Sadler
- 19 Barbara Helser
Joy Whitten
Beth Wojan
- 20 Julie Baglien
Brenda Sternquist
- 21 Jay Kim
Linda Triemer
- 22 Terri Christian
Ava Jolin
- 23 Karen Braselton
Dale Hinkley
- 24 Oliver Nathe
Kevin Stowe
- 26 Henry Schmitz
- 29 Jeffrey Bracken



- Connor Dalton
Nick Lawrence
Kristine Stuart
30 Donald Jarrad
John Kruger
Richard Triemer

June Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Charlie & Betty Downs
- 3 Kristi & Joe Stuart
Mike & Kathy Sweat
- 7 Jaime & Tim Danley
- 10 Jim & Angie Dye
- 13 Tom & Barb Kissling
- 14 Robert & Barb Anderson
- 15 Joachim & Yvonne Engel
- 16 Wil & Marge Mahoney
- 18 Walt & Diane Appel
- 19 Norm & Carol Jolin Sr.
Stephen & Linda
Zimmerman
- 20 Bill & Sheila Nicholas
- 21 Fred & Kay Fritz
- 22 Dale & Marilyn
Wagenknecht
- 23 Le Roy & Gloria Olson
- 24 Alden & Barbara Olson
- 25 Jesse & Lynne Clyma

- Lori & Matt Kostrzewski
Donald & Susan
Kuchnicki
27 Matt & Melodie
Hagbom

July Birthdays

- 1 Norman Jolin Jr.
William Pleskac
Nicole Tague
- 2 Adam Fisher
Rev. Fred Fritz
- 4 Arlene Zerkle
- 5 Martha Kost
- 7 Phyllis Andersland
- 10 Sharon Bandlow
Kayla Clyma
Carol Jolin
Luke Reese
- 11 Jason Osoff
- 12 Emma Karcher
Howard Pierce
Noah Schott
- 13 John Heller
William Schikorra
- 16 Kelly Schafka
- 17 Emmett Braselton
Sherrilyn Mileski
Sherrilyn Ronneau
Sheila Nicholas
- 18 James Dye
Olin Mace
- 19 Melody Kiefer
- 22 Annette Stanley
- 23 Elizabeth Schabel
Jacob Schabel

- 24 Matthew Hagbom
Matt Mutka
- 25 Paul Burmeister
Wilbur Mahoney
- 26 Johannah House
James Kiefer
Megan Stuart
- 27 Ann Booren
Deborah Velasquez
- 28 Marilyn Schafer
- 29 Joseph Kravetz
Brian Shire
- 30 Leigh Asmus
Rachel Williams
- 31 Lori Kostrzewski

July Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 Russ & Gerry Erickson
- 3 Phil & Sandy Brooks
- 9 Julie & Dexter Baker
- 10 Bob & Sarah Gallagher
- 12 Eric Bubolz & Karen
Sanders
- 18 Kelly & Steven Schafka
- 20 Larry & Amy Wagenknecht
- 21 John & Cynthia Sarver
- 22 Sherry & TomCorwin
Larry & Shirley Cross
- 24 Beth Hoger & Lisa Swem
- 28 Paul & Judy Kindel
David & Coreen
Williams



ULC is going to a Lugnuts game on **Friday, July 28th**. This game will be followed by fireworks. We have invited Friendship House and the Islamic Center to join us. Save this date. Watch your email, bulletin, and display in narthex for more details to come.

Evangelism Team

From the Editors . . .



The deadline for the August/September Lux is **Friday, July 28**.

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net and the ULC office 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!

The Lux Team: Phyllis Andersland, Michael Anderson, Loran Bieber, Mark Johnson, Tom Kissling, Connie Lenkowski, Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski, and Amy Wagenknecht

The Lux Mailing Group: Charlotte Anderson, Ann Booren, Kathy Bracken, Marianne Bubolz, Johannah House, Elle Korroch, Phyllis Kost, Anita Krumins, Carolyn Lohr, Jan and Olie Mace, Miriam Minshall, Beth Reynolds, Marilyn Schafer, Marian Stoll, and Linda Triemer

June

- 1 7:30a Liturgical Deacons-Conference
- 2 12:00p Enhanced Fitness Luncheon-Fireside
- 4 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 3:00p Latvian Worship-Sanctuary/Fellowship
- 5 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 5:00p Security Team Meeting-Conference
- 6 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 7 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 4:30p Lead Management Team-Conference
- 8 12:00p Friendship House Board Mtg-Fireside
- 11 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 10:45a Calendar Meeting-Conference
- 1:30p Sons of Norway-Lansing Chapter-Fireside
- 12 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 13 9:00a Prayers & Squares-Atrium
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 14 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside
- 5:30p Finance Committee
- 16 7:00p Aces & Spaces Bridge Club-Fireside
- 17 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL
- 9:00a Lutherans Always Reforming (through 3p)
- 18 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 19 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 5:30p Vacation Bible School
- 20 12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 5:30p Vacation Bible School
- 7:00p ULC Council-Conference
- 21 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 5:30p Vacation Bible School
- 22 4:30p Food Movers Distribution-Fellowship Hall
- 5:30p Vacation Bible School
- 25 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 26 9:00a Summer Youth Music Camp
- 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 27 9:00a Summer Youth Music Camp
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 5:00p Families Against Narcotics Bd-Library
- 7:00p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship Hall
- 28 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:00a Summer Youth Music Camp
- 29 9:00a Summer Youth Music Camp
- 30 9:00a Summer Youth Music Camp

July

- 2 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 3 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside

- 5:00p Security Team Meeting-Conference
- 4 July 4th Holiday - OFFICE CLOSED**
- 5 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 5 4:30p Lead Management Team
- 9 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 1:30p Sons of Norway-Fireside/Upper Kitchen
- 10 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 11 8:45a Staff Meeting-Conference
- 9:00a Prayers & Squares-Atrium
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 12 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 5:30p Finance Committee
- 15 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL
- 16 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 17 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 18 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 7:00p ULC Council-Conference
- 19 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 21 7:00p Aces & Spaces Bridge Club-Fireside
- 23 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 24 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 25 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board Library
- 7:00p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship Hall
- 26 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 27 4:30p Food Movers Distribution-Fellowship Hall
- 28 7:05p Lugnuts Baseball Outing-Lansing
- 30 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 31 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship

August

- 1 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
- 2 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 4:30p Lead Management Team-Conference
- 3 7:30a Liturgical Deacons-Conference
- 6 9:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
- 7 1:00p MSU Retirees Quilt/Sew-Fireside
- 4:30p Tight Knit-Fellowship
- 5:00p Security Team Meeting-Conference
- 8 9:00a Prayers & Squares-Atrium
- 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
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- 15 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference

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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June 26 - 30
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Choir ~ Recorder ~ Handbells
Choir Chimes ~ Sign Language

New this year, two sections:

Music Camp - Students entering 3rd through 5th grade
Advanced Music Camp - Students entering 6th grade and older.

Cost: \$50 per student (\$40 each additional student from the same family.)

Choir Directors: Janine Novenske Smith & Kristie W. Wiggert.

Application forms are available in the church office or at www.ulcel.org.
Enrollment deadline: June 22