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February 2018

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

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

### Tight Knit

Mondays 4:30 - 7 p.m.  
Fireside Room

### P & S Work Days

Tuesday, Feb.13 & Saturday,  
Feb. 24 ~ 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Feb. 14 - 7 p.m.  
With Imposition of Ashes

### Wednesday

### Lenten Worship

Feb. 21 - Mar. 21  
Noon & 7 p.m.

*Sharing Faith Stories*

Soup & Bread Lunch  
Following Noon Worship

### Presidents Day

Feb. 19 - ULC Office Closed

### Food Movers

Thursday, Feb. 22  
Set-up 3:30 p.m.  
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

## Wonderful Musicians, Wonderful Music!

Once again, the Jan. 21st ULC Scholarship Concert was a delight and a testament to the talent of our choir scholarship program students. They were thrilling to see and hear in formal concert; their obvious love of performance filled the sanctuary with joy and we were treated to a wonderfully diverse program. The music was designed to highlight the strong, beautiful voices and dynamic stage presence of Anna Bolton, Ian Brinklow, Noah Colandrea, Annika Pell, and Grace Reberg.



From left to right, scholarship singers Ian Brinklow, Annika Pell, Noah Colandrea, Grace Reberg and Anna Bolton.

Additional treats in this year's program included the marvelous voices of former ULC choir members, Ian Oberg and Natalie Emptage Downs; a gorgeous spiritual by the multi-talented Will Mahoney;

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## Dinner for 8



## Join us in February

Please join us for an enjoyable evening of fellowship with other members and friends of ULC. Our next Dinner for 8 will be Sunday, Feb.11 at 5:30 p.m.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. These meals are held in individual homes with approximately eight people. As always, we will need hosts, so don't be afraid to sign up to host.

Ann Booren

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

## Lent Begins Feb. 14th

Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14. It seems that the Christmas season has barely ended and we are already moving into the season of Lent!

During the call process, the congregation and Council identified a desire for the congregation to grow in its spirituality and faith. With that in mind, as a way to deepen our spirituality and faith, and to become more fluent in sharing our faith, we have shaped the Lenten season around the theme, *Sharing Faith Stories*. This will happen in two significant ways.

First, we are putting together a Lenten devotional booklet to be used in the congregation throughout the season of Lent. The booklet will contain 40 devotions written by members and staff of ULC. In the devotions, each person will share a favorite biblical passage, why it is important to them, and in the

process, they will share some of their faith story.

Second, six individuals will be sharing their faith story in worship on Wednesdays during Lent at both the noon and 7 p.m. service. I will begin on Ash Wednesday and then Pastor Haley Vay and four others from the congregation will share their story on the other Wednesdays.

Our hope in doing this is that it will get us all thinking about our faith and our faith story, and help us to articulate and share it. We also hope that this booklet will help people in the congregation to set aside some time each day during Lent for prayer, devotions, and deepening their faith, as well as getting to know each other better and in a deeper way.

What I've found in doing this in the past and am finding again this year, is that people are interested in reading other people's devotions and hearing what their faith means to them, but hesitant about writing their

own devotion and sharing their own faith. Interesting..... a growth area for our faith/spirituality..... how to share what is deeply meaningful and personal. I really look forward to reading these devotions. In fact, as I'm beginning to receive devotions from people, they are pretty powerful. I think this will be a real blessing to us.

As we continue through the cold winter month of February, I pray that God's Spirit will continue to warm you with its presence and power, and that this Lenten season will be a time to grow in your faith.

*Pastor Gary*



**Lenten Worship**  
**Sharing Faith Stories**  
**Prayer Around the Cross**  
Begins Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 7 pm, then continues each Wednesday at noon and 7 pm through Mar. 21.

## A New Way to Fast for Lent

With the new season of Lent we begin a period of self-reflection and we have the opportunity to evaluate our personal commitment to treading lightly on our earth. The spiritual practice of fasting, accompanied by prayer and meditation can bring us closer to learning God's will in our lives. A prayer and action guide calendar for a *Lenten Fast from Carbon*, for those who are interested in centering themselves in disciplines of care for the Earth, will be available for use during the six weeks of Lent.



This calendar suggests daily options for ways that we can reduce the amount of carbon dioxide we put into the atmosphere. The calendar can be used on a daily basis or a few of the suggestions could be practiced the entire time.

Pick up a calendar from the **Welcome Table** in the narthex and join people all over the country that are fasting for Lent in a new way.

*Judy Kindel*  
*Earthkeeping Team*

## One Community Campus Ministry News

# Joint Spring Break Trip to Charleston

Fridays @ Five resumed on Friday, Jan. 19. On Friday, Jan. 26 the Fridays @ Five gathering was a joint event with Wesley Foundation students focused on...SPRING BREAK! It included dinner, group-building games and an information session for those interested in our trip to Charleston, South Carolina where we will be working with the Habitat for Humanity chapter there. The commitment date for the Spring



Break trip has been extended to Friday, Feb. 2nd. Please have your \$50 deposit to me by that date in order to ensure your spot! Checks can be made payable to ULC.

Congrats to Jenny and Jack! Student Associates in One Community who became members at ULC on Baptism of Our Lord Sunday! See the article on page 11.

*Pastor Haley Vay*



## Emergence Christianity & Game Show!

**Feb. 4:** Pastor Gary Bunge, Emergence Christianity part four: *Gifts from Other Times*. (This is a continuation of the six-part series by Phyllis Tickle that started Jan. 14 and explores a global phenomenon describing the changing face of Christianity and culture, where, over 2,000 years of Western history, great upheavals have occurred every 500 years. There is a 30 minute video followed by discussion.)

**Feb. 11:** Pastor Gary Bunge, Emergence Christianity part five: *How Then Shall We Live?*

**Feb. 18:** Pastor Gary Bunge, Emergence Christianity part six: *Hallmarks of Emergence*.

**Feb. 25:** Game show time! Louise Harder and the Affirmation of Baptism students will challenge

forum participants in a theological quiz game. Join the fun!

**Coming This Spring:** Families Against Narcotics, Imam Sohail Chaudhry, Earth Day with Judy Kindel, MSU Museum Director, Dr. Mark Auslander.

*Linda & Bill Trevarthen and Michael Anderson*

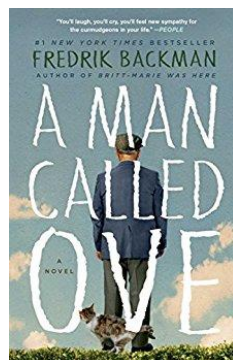
## ULC Book Club



**A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman is the February selection for the ULC Book Club.

A delightfully quirky debut novel from Sweden, in which a grumpy, yet loveable man finds his solitary world turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door. From the publisher: Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon. He has staunch

## Let's Talk About a Grumpy Swede



principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him the bitter neighbor, but behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. This novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful and charming exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others.

All are welcome to join us **Thursday, Feb.22, at 10 a.m.** in the church library.

*Judy Kindel*

## ULC Memorial Library



The Library Team is looking for suggestions for items to purchase for the ULC Library. Please let one of the team members know if you have a topic or specific item that you believe would add to the usefulness of the library. It could be something for one of the teams, One Community, Forum, youth, Circles... We are happy to add materials that we know will be used!

Following are new books in the library collection.

### Adult Non-Fiction

- 📖 *Ten Commandments* by Joan Chittister (241.5 Chi)
- 📖 *Lives of Great Christians - Great Courses* by William Cook (B Christians)
- 📖 *Experiencing God* by Henry Blackaby (248.4 Bla)
- 📖 *Called to Community: The Life Jesus Wants for His People* by Charles Moore (260 Moo)

## Do You Have a Suggestion?

### Adult Fiction

- 📖 *Where Trust Lies* by Janette Oke (FIC Oke)
- 📖 *Survival in the Canadian Wilderness* by Vern Seefeldt (FIC See)

### Children

- 📖 *Noah's Ark* by Lucy Cousins (BB Cou)

### Audio-Visual

- 📖 *Lives of Great Christians – Great Courses* by William Cook (CD B Christians – vol. 1 and vol. 2)

Visit the library. There is always something new to see.

*ULC Library Team  
Sharon Bandlow, Laura Brown,  
Judy Kindel, and Connie Lenkowski*

## ULC Archives

## We Need Your Photos!

The Archive Team is attempting to organize and save the many digital pictures that have been taken over the last several years. We found that we were not getting many pictures for our files because people do not develop and print them as they did in the past.



We would like you to help with this project. Do you have pictures –

either digital or printed – that you could share with the ULC Archives? If you have just a few digital pictures, please email them to me and include information about the

picture such as who, what and when. Printed pictures can be left in the office archive box. Again, include information about the picture. Also, be sure to indicate if you would like the picture returned.

If you have a lot of digital pictures let us know, and we can arrange to make a transfer. We know that we have lost a lot of pictures over the last few years, and we are trying to get a process in place so that our wonderful history continues to be recorded.

*ULC Archives Team  
Tom Kissling, Carol Mackin and  
Mike and Connie Lenkowski  
clenkowski@frontier.com*

## An Even Warmer Welcome!

Thanks to grants from Evangelism and Endowment, the Welcome Team has purchased a selection of small gifts which we began handing out to first-time visitors in January. They are packaged in small yellow and red bags and will be kept on hand every Sunday. In each bag packed so far is: a small jar of either local honey or local syrup, a Visitor's Brochure, a ULC bookmark, and a "Thank you for visiting us" note. Gifts will vary over the year.



If you see a new face carrying a gift bag, introduce yourself and say, "Hi!"

If you meet a visitor who has not yet received a gift bag, check with any of us or with one of the pastors and we will supply one!

*Welcome Team Co-Chairs:  
Barbara Riegle, Linda Trevarthen,  
and Emily Heidrich*

## Mark Your Calendars!

**Vacation Bible School &  
Summer Youth Music Camp**  
Monday - Friday, June 18 - 22

**Vacation Bible School**  
Preschool thru 2nd grade - 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

**Summer Youth Music Camp ~ "Music-Amp'd"**  
9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students entering 3rd thru 5th Grade.  
Advanced Camp for students entering 6th Grade and older.



### ULC Children's Choirs

Sunday, Feb. 25  
The Children's Choirs will sing during  
the 10:45 a.m. worship service.

*Janine Novenske Smith*  
*Director of Music*

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## Organ Renovation is Beginning

So, what is an eight-foot Gamba? Or an eight-foot Salacino? Those are just two of the new sets of pipes coming soon to ULC's organ!

With the congregation's generous support, we have raised just about all of the funds needed for our organ repair and renovation project. Work has begun in the shop of the Fowler-Hebert Organ Company and will continue there until just after Easter.

In April, we look forward to work beginning in our sanctuary. Each week will bring different stages of construction. You may arrive for church one week and find the inner workings of the organ case exposed and gutted. Another week, you may see gleaming new pipes laid out across of the floor as they are prepared to be installed. And by September, the recycled, the old, and the new parts will all combine to create the pipe organ that can last into the next century.

In the end, we will have a new blower and wind chests to provide a steady stream of air through the pipes. We will have a brand-new console, with two manuals (keyboards) and a full pedal board and the ability to control dynamics with swell shutters. And we will have a lot of new pipes!



Most importantly, we will have an organ that:

- Actually works - no dead notes, no parts that can't be replaced or repaired, is suited for the size of our sanctuary
- Can more suitably lead our current worship services
- Is better able to accompany our choirs, instrumentalists, and soloists
- Will be capable of performing a much larger body of organ literature
- Will be able to better work with new and varied worship forms
- Can make ULC an even more attractive venue for university and community music performances
- Will attract members who love and value Lutheran liturgical worship

If you have any questions, stop at the organ after either service on Feb. 4. Kristie and I will be there to answer any questions about the current organ or the renovation.

Each week, we lift our praises to God through our music. Our souls are stirred and our spirits are lifted by the music that sings of our faith. Thanks be to God!

*Julie Baglien, Organist*

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**Wonderful Music** continued from page 1.

a stunning oboe performance by Julianna Marks; the ever-dazzling voice of Janine Novenske Smith belting out a big band era ballad; and a handbell ensemble rendition of The Entertainer accomplished with such skilled and swift sleight-of-hand it was akin to a musical magic show. Through it all, Kristie Wiggert and

John Dale Smith wove the entire concert together with their superb piano accompaniment. And the cherry on top was a full choir finale featuring soloist Lori Althouse.

The annual ULC Scholarship Concert not only delights, but one can't help feeling immense, button-

busting pride in the enormous musical talent which abounds at ULC. In truth, each year, the moment the concert ends, I start looking forward to next year's!

*Linda Trevarthen*

See more photos on page 12.



## Everyone, Join us Feb. 3rd!

Have you marked **Saturday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9a.m. – 3 p.m.** on your calendar to participate in the National Quilts of Valor Foundation Sewing Day? We are looking forward to filling the Fellowship Hall at ULC with folks ready to have a fun day working as teams to make the QOV we will send to our service persons who have been touched by war. We have covered the veterans in our congregation with their own QOV so now the quilts we make will be sent to wounded men and women in VA hospitals, veteran organizations, and the USO for distribution to those men and women returning from overseas assignments.



This is the quilt pattern that will be used for the QOV quilts this year.

will need to be cut, stitched, and pressed. Blocks will be measured, cut and arranged into patterns and then sewn into tops. Material for the backs and batting for the inside will need to be measured and cut. There are jobs for everyone! **Please don't stay home with the "I don't know how to sew" excuse.** Just ask around and you will find that quilters LOVE to share their knowledge and will work side by side to help you have a satisfying experience.

Just a reminder that Prayers & Squares regular sewing days in February are Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. And check out the web site

[www.qofv.org](http://www.qofv.org) to see all the wonderful news and photos of the quilts being presented all over the nation.

We have all the materials and tools needed to make the QOV. What we do need is YOU! That means men, women, and students (college and high schoolers). Fabric

*Bobbie Davis and Ann Booren*

## Habitat for Humanity 2018

### Dust Off Those Hammers!

ULC is once again participating with Habitat for Humanity in 2018. Pastor Haley Vay and I will be the main contacts for Habitat. The focus this year will be rehabbing older homes. We invite you to join the crew.



There are a variety of skills needed - including gardening, carpentry, electrical, flooring, wood work, providing meals, etc.

A representative from Habitat for Humanity will speak at one of the Sunday Forums in April to explain further. There

are sign-up sheets in the Narthex. Please sign up and let us know your skill sets. I look forward to speaking with anyone looking to be part of this great humanitarian program.

*God Bless you,  
Donald R. Armstrong  
702-335-0299*

## Thank You for Your Donations

The coat bank at St. Luke Lutheran Church held 10 distribution days during the months of October through January. The number of coats given to families in the greater Lansing area was 1,400, as well as a large selection of gloves, hats, and mittens! Thank you to everyone who blessed all of those peoples lives.



St. Luke collects and stores winter apparel all year round so watch the end of season sales and remember the needy. If you have any questions, please contact me, mobile/text at 989-506-8723.

Love your neighbor as yourself  
Galatians 5:14

*Darra Haase*

## February Outreach of the Month

# 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. In 2015, we packaged over 10,000 dehydrated meals and in both 2016 and 2017, we packaged over 14,000 meals! We have teamed with the Islamic Center each year and plans are underway to hold another food packing event in 2018.



meal. Each packing event consists of a minimum of 10,000 meals, so the minimum total cost is \$2,800. In 2015, the Youth Ministry fund primarily paid for the food supplies. In 2016, ULC’s Endowment fund paid for half of the cost and the Islamic Center funded the other half. In 2017, ULC members contributed \$2,017 through an Outreach of the Month and the Islamic Center contributed \$1,400! The Islamic Center is interested in partnering again with us in 2018.

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 only costs 28 cents per

We need your help to reach the goal of \$2,018. February’s Outreach of

the Month is the 2018 Food Packing event. You can help feed hungry people in East Lansing (one-third of the meals were given to the MSU Student Food Bank in 2016 & 2017) 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 – just write “Food Packing” on the outside of the envelope and place it in the offering plate.

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 the Islamic Center and the Imam.

Vicki Anderson

## 2018 Annual Lenten Offering

# Families Against Narcotics

During the Lenten season, the Social Action Team invites the congregation to contribute to a cause which promotes real and active change somewhere in the world.

This year’s designated recipient is **Families Against Narcotics** or FAN. In recent years, Phil Pavona, executive vice president and founding member of the FAN Ingham County branch, has delivered some of the most powerful and stirring Forums we have ever heard, detailing the narcotics crisis in our own community and explaining how we can help—not only via contributions and volunteer involvement, but first and foremost by keeping informed. **He will be speaking at forum again on Mar. 18.**

For more information, visit: [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/ingham-okemos](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org/ingham-okemos).

We have been calling this drive “Change for a Change” because its origin involved collecting our “loose change”



during Lent. But “Change for a Change” is changing with the times!

Contribute now in any way you find most convenient:

--**PayPal** on ULC Website (*enter “Change for a Change” under Special Instructions*)

--**Check** (*make payable to ULC; write “Change for a Change” on the memo line*)

--**Cash** (*put in an offering envelope and write “Change for a Change” on the outside*)

--Or do it the old-fashioned way by collecting your loose change. (*We can loan you a “green water bottle piggy bank,” or use your own jar. Turn in your “piggy bank” at church on Easter Sunday.*)

2014 \$1709.03 - Honduras: Mission

2015 \$1745.36 - Tanzania: Water Project

2016 \$1627.13 - Lansing: Sparrow's Nest

2017 \$1238.62 - Michigan: Citizens for Prison Reform

The Social Action Team

## From the President

# Retreat to Focus on Campus Ministry

“Commit your work to the Lord and your plans will be established.” Proverbs 16:3 (RSV)

On Saturday, Feb. 3 the ULC Council will participate in a retreat to discern questions related to campus ministry and calling an associate pastor. This retreat is timely as we prepare for our Feb. 22 visioning meeting with synod representatives (including Bishop Craig Satterlee) and Episcopalian representatives (including Bishop Wendell Gibbs) to discuss ULC’s campus ministry partnership with Canterbury House.

Since its inception, ULC has engaged in a strong and lasting commitment to campus ministry. That commitment is a vital part of ULC’s ministry and remains steady. In looking to the future, Council will discuss the leadership of our campus ministry program both in terms of the position (i.e., Associate Pastor) and the person who will best fill that position. The following excerpt from the

*ELCA Statement on Campus Ministry* will help guide that discussion:

“Drawing on the Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions, campus ministry bears witness to God’s amazing grace within the context of higher education. Sensitive to pastoral needs of those on campus and engaged in the intellectual discourse of the university, campus ministry strives to communicate the gospel in fresh ways.”

Proverbs reminds us that faith and planning are not antithetical. For over seven decades, ULC has committed its work to the Lord through campus ministry. That work and commitment continue as we plan for the future.

*Lisa Swem, ULC President*

The ULC Council met on Tuesday, Jan. 16., taking the following actions:

- Council members will be installed at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, Feb. 4
- The ULC website has been updated and will be launched soon
- Since \$194,690 has now been received for the organ renovation



### Council Notes

- contract, Council approved the expenditure of those funds for the contract addendums
- Council authorized the Lead Pastor and Council President to sign a Memorandum of Under-

standing between ULC and Michigan Refugee Hope Coordinating Committee to effectuate the check disbursement process of MRH funds to authorized designees

- Council discussed the need to purchase a replacement Christmas tree for the sanctuary.

*Sheila Nicholas  
ULC Secretary*

## February 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. The following items are the ones most urgently needed in full-size versions:

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

Place your items in the blue plastic tub located near the elevator. *Info flyers in side pocket of tub.*

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!*) Thank you so much!

*Linda and Bill Trevarthen*





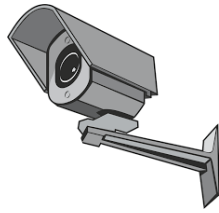
## ULC Security Team

# Video Surveillance Update

In 2016 the ULC Church Council created the Security Team. After extensive research with other churches, businesses, conferences, online resources, law enforcement personnel and security companies, the team decided acquiring surveillance cameras was a priority.

A camera system and three cameras (front doors, narthex, and lower level at the bottom of the stairs) were financed with funds from the Marilyn Pierce bequest and installed in January, 2017. A monitor showing footage from the three cameras is located on the administrative assistant's desk. When motion activated, the system records what is viewed and can be accessed at a later time.

The cameras were helpful in several ways last year. A few months ago several prayer quilts were missing from a bin in the narthex. Camera recordings showed a homeless person removing them from the bin. More recently, the



church front doors were unlocked overnight. The recordings indicated that a new custodian was the last person to leave the building. Action was taken to address both situations.

The Security Team received a grant from the Endowment Committee at the end of 2017 to purchase three more cameras. Since the team has no line item in the budget, we owe a big "thank you" to this committee for funding the purchase. In January these cameras were placed in the office hallway, nursery and Sunday School hallway. Protecting our children is a priority for the team.

You may not have noticed the cameras around the church, but you probably did see the video surveillance signs on the ULC front doors. Law enforcement officials feel these signs alone are a deterrent to criminal activity. We hope this is true for ULC too!

*Barbara Kissling*

## Communications Task Force

# New ULC Website Coming Soon!

In Sept. 2017 a task force was created to review how ULC communicates to members as well as how we reach out to the community. Core members of the ULC Communications Task Force (CTF) are Melissa Andresen, Pastor Haley Vay Beaman, Pastor Gary Bunge, Britny Pollard, Linda Trevarthen, and Amy Wagenknecht. Other members will be invited to join it to work on specific projects.

Updating the ULC website was identified as a top priority and a new design has been developed. In addition to a website that will now be fully functional on all platforms (including smart phones and tablets), the new site will be more welcoming to visitors and more easily managed by office staff. We have updated information, reorganized some categories and added lots of pictures. (Note: If you do not want your photo to appear on the ULC website, please

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fill out a "Photo Denial" form in the office.)

We have also excluded the "Members Only" section that requires a log-in. Forms frequently used by members and visitors will now be found on the new site under the "Resources" tab.

The member directory, council minutes, etc. will not be included on the website. Access to these documents will soon be made available through a special members log-in to our new "Realm" membership software program. By making this change, this information will be

more easily uploaded by staff and hopefully kept more current and secure.

Once the new website goes "live" (hopefully by Ash Wednesday), the information and forms on the current website will no longer be available. Our web address, [www.ulcel.org](http://www.ulcel.org) will remain the same, but it will redirect to the new site. While we load documents onto Realm, "Members Only" documents will be available in the ULC office. We apologize for any inconvenience!

Once the new website is activated, you will receive an email and a link to the site. We encourage you to check out the new site and then give us feedback (what you do/don't like, what's missing, etc.) by emailing us at [ulc\\_communications@ulcel.org](mailto:ulc_communications@ulcel.org).

*Amy Wagenknecht*  
*CTF Coordinator*

## Meet Our Newest Members . . .



**Pastor Gary Bunge**, originally from Cleveland, came to ULC after 22 years as pastor at St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Lansing. He chose the ministry over being a professional violinist and enjoys wood-working and long distance

bicycle riding. Wife **Miriam** grew up in Scobey, Mont. and Bismarck, ND, and was graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn. She majored in psychology and social work, with a minor in Greek. Miriam was religion co-commissioner her senior year at Concordia, and during seminary, participated in an archaeological dig south of Jerusalem. The Bunges met in seminary at Columbus, Ohio and married after her first call. She has served part-time in a number of Michigan parishes and was an assistant to the bishop. Son **Luke** earned both Bachelor's and Master's degrees at MSU and played trumpet in the Spartan Marching Band for four years. He has moved to Minneapolis for a job with Polaris.



**Donna and Gary Carl** were married in 2016 by Pastor Bunge. Donna has two daughters, Taylor, an MSU junior in the Hospitality program, and Hannah, a DeWitt High School senior. She will attend Coastal Carolina

University in South Carolina next fall. All have joined ULC. Gary has two married sons, Mike and Jon, and three grandchildren. Donna works in pharmaceutical sales and Gary is in facilities and project management. Both enjoy golf, an active lifestyle, vacations, and family time.



**Richelle** and daughter Madelyn moved here from Livonia. Richelle completed her masters at MSU last summer and is a certified secondary English teacher. A single mom, she is working as a paraprofessional in an elementary school with two

fourth grade students. She is "passionate about working with and mentoring kids." ULC has been very important to establishing their new life here, belonging to a community, and making wonderful friends. Madelyn loves church, to read, sing, write stories, create, ice skate,

swim and play instruments. She sings in the children's choir.



**Doug Erickson** was born and spent his youth in Northern Michigan. He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from MSU. Doug worked in private environmental consulting and for the Michigan Attorney

General, the Department of Environmental Quality, and retired as a litigation specialist from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. His favored pastimes include golf, yoga, immersion in literature and music and spending time with Myles, his yellow Labrador retriever. The outstanding ULC musical and youth programs, opportunities for service and continued spiritual enrichment and the warm and welcoming members were compelling reasons for his transfer to this congregation.



The **Greiter family**, Jim, Nicole, Mailee, Lianna, Elise, and Asher joined ULC in January when Asher was baptized. Jim is in industrial sales with Flotronics, and Nicole is an early childhood specialist at the Ingham Intermediate School District. They love music, soccer,

camping, and family time. They help run the Willow Tree Family Center, a non-profit serving pregnant women and young families in the Greater Lansing area. It focuses on providing community based, peer-to-peer support through programs such as the Lansing Doula Network and Flourishing Families home visiting program. It gives families access to childbirth, parenting, and nutrition classes, plus more.



**Stephanie Hall** has lived in the greater Lansing and Kalamazoo areas most of her life, but currently works for a playground company in Brighton. She enjoys creative writing, gardening, and doing freelance editing. She likes Bible study, and recently took a

watercolor class as well as introduction to Judaism. Stephanie and her cat currently live in the Foster neighborhood in Lansing. She was attracted to ULC because it had liturgical services and she felt welcomed. Stephanie is interested in Sunday Forum topics and social action/outreach.

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## Remembering Walt Appel

Our longtime ULC member and friend, Walt Appel passed into eternal life on Aug. 10, 2017. He was born and grew up in Romeo and graduated from Capital University. He spent a year at Trinity Lutheran Seminary and completed a Masters Degree at Wayne State University. Walt was a Higher Education Consultant in the Michigan Department of Education for most of his career.



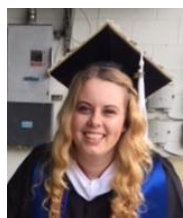
In 1963, Walt and his wife Diane moved to the Lansing area and joined ULC. As a dedicated and active member at ULC, Walt served in various roles over the years. Among them were: President of the congregation, co-organizer of the Science and Religion Symposium, member of the Library Committee, Rebuilding Together, Habitat for Humanity, Vietnam refugee family resettlement, and Friendship House. Walt was a lifelong learner and a member of the Cogito book club for many years as well as a docent at the Michigan History Museum.

Walt and Diane celebrated their 57<sup>th</sup> anniversary this past June. Also surviving him are daughters Laura Appel (Gary Garbarino), and Caren Gawlak (Scott), and granddaughters Kira and Dana.

In the words of his family, “Walt leaves all of us inspired to maintain our commitments to be grateful for the many gifts we have been given and to cherish our extended families.”

*Bobbie Davis and Judy Kindel*

### New Members continued from page 10.



**Rachel Morin** comes from South Jersey outside of Philadelphia. She graduated last year from Rider University near Trenton, NJ where she was a member of Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. Rachel is in her first year at MSU's College of Law. It attracted her because of its program

that would prepare her for a career in child advocacy. A political science and psychology major as an undergrad, she wanted to help children at an earlier age, as in getting them out of an abusive home. Since she is Lutheran, she Googled area churches and chose ULC, where she is a member of the Senior Choir. She loves reading, going out with friends, Netflix, and serving others.



**Narindra Randriamiarintsoa** is a nineteen year old freshman from Madagascar studying Biosystems Engineering at MSU. Her smile lights up the whole room! She first came to ULC last August. When she left her country, her pastor told her that God

would give her a new family. “And now,” she says, “That is just what I feel. I have met nice people who have become more than a family to me. And I have found most of those people at this church.” Narindra enjoys singing and is a member of the Senior Choir.

The **Ramsey family** moved to Michigan in 1995, when Cindy and David were hired as faculty at the MSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Cindy is a veterinarian, boarded in Small Animal Emergency/Critical Care Medicine and Internal Medicine. Her passions are family and training horses. David is a veterinarian boarded in

Ophthalmology. He is an accomplished woodworker and enjoys major building projects. Currently, Cindy has retired, and David owns a private ophthalmology practice in Williamston. They have two children, Harrison and Madison. Harrison is a sophomore at Kalamazoo College, and is studying pre-med. He is a certified EMT and accomplished musician. Madison is a freshman attending Okemos High School. She enjoys competitive gymnastics and hanging out with friends.



**Jack Walsh** is an MSU sophomore studying chemistry. Originally from Wisconsin, at ULC he serves as a student associate and is the student representative on ULC Council. To vote on Council, under the new constitution dictated by the ELCA, he must be a full member of the church. His interests include singing and fencing. Long time ULC members may recall his mother as Beth Harpstead and his grandparents are Dale and Mary Harpstead.



**Jenny Ward** is an MSU senior and Student Associate in One Community. Jenny likes watching the stars and enjoys physics, so majoring in astrophysics seemed natural. With graduate degrees, this could lead to research, teaching, or industry. She has a minor in Women's and Gender Studies. Jenny grew up in Grand Rapids in the ELCA, and found people at ULC welcoming. She enjoys camping, back packing, roller blading, and has hiked the Superior Hiking Trail in Minn.

*Phyllis Andersland*

## Celebrations



1 Jean Kocher  
Emilie Harpstead  
Alison Kuchnicki  
3 Kimberly Ruiz  
4 Thomas Lindman  
Steve Zimmerman  
David Gift

Aaron Brooks  
5 Eric Bubolz  
6 Myles Davis  
9 Alexis Velasquez  
Nick Andresen  
12 Donald Armstrong  
13 Randy Asmus  
Elizabeth Karcher  
14 Vern Seefeldt  
Mary Harpstead  
Lanae Williams

15 Erica Butts  
16 Jack Goebel  
19 Gail Riegle  
Norman Jolin, Sr.  
20 Bohdan Heller  
22 Clara Fisher  
25 Kylie McPhall  
27 Madeline Helser  
Elizabeth Althouse  
Vivian Leung  
28 Julie Lawatsch



13 Marvin & Marcia  
Schultz  
14 Gary & Miriam  
Bunge

## February is National Heart Month

Life Line Screening will be at ULC on Wednesday, Feb. 14 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today.



Visit the welcome table in the narthex where you will find a flyer that will save you \$10 if you fill it out and take it to your appointment. There are three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 866-229-0469
- Online: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)
- Text: the word "CIRCLE" to **797979**

## Choir Scholarship Concert - Jan. 21



### ***From the Editors...***

The deadline for the Mar. *Lux* is **Friday, Feb. 16.**



E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at [amylarryw@comcast.net](mailto:amylarryw@comcast.net) and Britny Pollard 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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# February

## CALENDAR

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| <p>1 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br/>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>2 5:00p Fridays@Five-ULC Student Lounge</p> <p>3 9:00a Council Retreat-Fireside &amp; Conference<br/>9:00a P &amp; S: QOV Day- Fellowship Hall</p> <p>4 8:30a Worship<br/>10:45a Worship</p> <p>5 1:00p MSU Retirees Quilt/Sew-Fireside<br/>4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>5:00p Security Team-Conference</p> <p>6 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside Room<br/>10:00a Men's Bible Study-D. Wagenknecht Home<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>5:00p Security Team-Conference<br/>5:30p Evangelism Team-Conference<br/>7:30p Q-Cross-Student Lounge</p> <p>7 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>4:30p Lead Management Team-Conference</p> <p>8 9:00a Capital Conference-Fireside<br/>2:00p Freewheelers Set-up-Fellowship Hall<br/>6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br/>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>9 10:00a Freewheelers Brunch-Fellowship Hall<br/>5:00p Fridays@Five-ULC Student Lounge</p> <p>10 Michigan Student Power Summit<br/>4:30p Basketball Parking: MSU vs. Purdue</p> <p>11 Michigan Student Power Summit<br/>8:30a Worship<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>12:30p Lunch with Pastor Gary-Brody Hall<br/>3:00p Latvian Worship<br/>5:30p Dinner for Eight</p> <p>12 12:30p Church Women United-Fireside<br/>4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>13 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside<br/>9:00a Prayers &amp; Squares-Atrium<br/>10:00a Communications-Conference<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference</p> <p>14 ASH WEDNESDAY<br/>8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>8:20a Life Line Screening-Fellowship<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>5:30p Finance Committee-Conference<br/>7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship Service</p> | <p>15 10:00a Earthkeeping Team-Conference Room<br/>12:00p ISM Board-Conference<br/>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>16 5:00p Fridays@Five-ULC Student Lounge<br/>7:00p Aces &amp; Spaces Bridge-Fireside</p> <p>18 8:30a Worship<br/>10:45a Worship</p> <p>19 PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY-ULC Office closed<br/>4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>20 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside Room<br/>10:00a Men's Bible Study-D. Wagenknecht Home<br/>12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference Room<br/>5:30p Basketball Parking: MSU vs. Illinois<br/>7:00p ULC Council-Conference</p> <p>21 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>9:30a Amnos Circle-Fireside<br/>12:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship<br/>12:30p Soup &amp; Bread-Fireside<br/>1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside<br/>7:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship</p> <p>22 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library<br/>3:30p Food Mover Set-up-Fellowship<br/>4:30p Food Distribution-Fellowship<br/>5:00p Campus Ministry Visioning-Conference<br/>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>23 5:00p Fridays@Five-ULC Student Lounge</p> <p>24 9:00a Prayers &amp; Squares-Atrium</p> <p>25 8:30a Worship<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>12:00p Campus Ministry Team-Fireside<br/>12:00p Transition Team-Conference</p> <p>26 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>27 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside<br/>10:00a Communications Meeting-Conference<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board-Library<br/>7:00p FAN Community Meeting-Fellowship<br/>7:30p Q-Cross-Student Lounge</p> <p>28 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Mid-Week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary<br/>12:30p Soup &amp; Bread Lunch-Fireside<br/>7:00p Mid-week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary</p> |
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### Education Hour (9:40 -10:30 a.m.) Opportunities:

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

### Friendship House Classes at ULC:

Wednesday 9:30a - English Grammar-Youth Room  
Wednesday 11:00a - Watercolor Painting Class-Youth Room

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

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



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**Freewheelers February Brunch**  
**Friday, Feb. 9**  
**10 a.m. - Noon**  
**ULC Fellowship Hall**

Food by Ann Booren and crew  
Fellowship with ULC and Faith Lutheran  
Fun cooking demonstration by Gilbert Manuell, MSU chef

\$10 per person, payable at the door

Questions! Contact Jan Mace at 886-0632