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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Ash Wednesday Worship

Mar. 1 ~ 7 p.m.
ULC Sanctuary

Wednesday Lenten Worship

Mar. 8, 15, 22, & 29

Noon Worship

Ten Commandments
Soup & Bread Lunch Following

Evening Worship - 7 p.m.

Luther's Catechism

P & S Sewing Days

Tuesday, Mar. 14 &
Saturday, Mar. 25
9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Food Movers

Thursday, Mar. 23
Fellowship Hall
Set-up 3:30 p.m.
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

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Return to Challenge Mountain



ULC volunteers at Challenge Mountain near Petoskey.

Seventeen youth and adults from ULC spent the weekend of Feb. 3 - 5 in Petoskey, where we spent Saturday volunteering at Challenge Mountain. We assisted individuals living with disabilities to enjoy skiing and sledding.

The rest of the weekend was spent skiing and sharing fellowship. The Challenge Mountain weekend has become a regular event in the life of our youth program and it is always exciting to welcome new volunteers and see some return year after year. You can learn more about Challenge Mountain at <http://challengemtn.org>.

Pastor Sara Cogsil



Spring Ahead!

Daylight Saving Time
Begins Sunday,
March 12!

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

That We May Be Well

Many in the congregation, self included, have been stricken this winter by lingering colds, coughs and/or differing manifestations of the flu, probably exacerbated by the abnormal variations in temperature and barometric pressure. We know that God is always with us, in sickness and in health. This prayer, adapted from the book, Evangelical Lutheran Worship Pastoral Care, may be helpful as you or those whom you care for wait for wholeness:

Almighty and merciful God, you are the only source of health and healing; you alone can bring calmness and peace. Grant to us an awareness of your presence and a strong confidence in you. In our pain, weariness, and anxiety, surround us with your care, protect us by your loving might, and grant to us once again the gifts of health and strength and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Toward another dimension of our yearning for wholeness, I repeat from our last newsletter the invitation to you to gather with us either at noon or in the evening on Wednesdays Mar. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Apr. 5 to explore from a distinctively Lutheran perspective what God has done and is doing to make us well spiritually. Note especially that the evening gatherings (lasting about an hour and fifteen minutes) are for both members and those considering membership at ULC.

On Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1, we begin our Lenten journey. The service that day is at 7 p.m. (Note that there is a service at All Saints Episcopal Church at noon.) On each of the following Wednesdays up until Holy Week, we will gather for prayer, song, and fellowship...At the noon gathering (in the choir loft), we'll sing and pray and reflect especially on portions of the Decalogue, the Ten Commandments. Following this brief Service of the Word, we'll move to the Fireside Room for a soup lunch. You're invited to sign up in the narthex for a day to bring your soup specialty.

On these Wednesday evenings we'll gather at 7 p.m. for worship and conversations, exploring some of the basic teaching of the Christian community. We'll draw on Martin Luther's Small and Large Catechisms plus some of his hymns and prayers. (We've secured copies of the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation edition of the Small Catechism for each participant.)

With you I want to be well. I want to be whole. Pray with me these words from one of our hymns: *We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.* ELW 617, vs. 1

Pastor John Schleicher

I Was a Stranger and You Welcomed Me

As reported in the Lansing State Journal, hundreds of people gathered in the parking lot of the Islamic Center on Presidents' Day to pray especially for refugees. Prayers were offered in many languages, including intercessions that our president would be moved to balance the concern for national security with an openness to exercise justice and compassion for people who have already been vetted and cleared at multiple levels, a rigorous process conducted typically over a two-three year period.

This was another moment where we could stand with our Muslim sisters



Pastor John offers prayers outside the Islamic Center on Presidents' Day.

and brothers, some of whose kin live in the seven worn-torn Muslim majority nations including Syria who are currently especially targeted for

exclusion from refugee resettlement in the U.S. We stood that day too with millions of Lutherans across the globe, who through the Lutheran World Federation, have publically challenged the wisdom and morality of directives that deepen the suffering of countless innocent people who have sought refuge in countries like ours, countries with long histories of heeding, albeit imperfectly, Jesus' words about welcoming the stranger.

Pastor John Schleicher

Spring Break Prayers & Synod Funding

Friends, we ask your prayers for our pilgrims to Germany as we leave on Mar. 3 and return on the 9th. Pray for Pastor Sarah M., Leah, Elizabeth, Nick, Jack, Marilla, Laura, Ian, Mary and John. We will offer a presentation about our trip to the congregation at **noon on Sunday, Apr. 2** in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. A light lunch will be served and we hope to see you there!

Recently, ULC received at \$20,000 grant from the Synod Council for funding One Community's mission at MSU. This grant is less than we asked for but we are assured from Pastor David Sprang that once the synod receives their yearly grant from the ELCA our grant will be brought closer to the original \$24,000 we asked for, and received last year. Over the past two years our synod, state and regional campus

ministry organizational structure has drastically changed and we are changing with the times to ensure our synod council has all they need in order to help with our funding. We will keep you updated as structures are reorganized and thank you for all of your prayerful and financial support!

*Faithfully,
Pastor Sarah M.*

Have You Ever Wanted to be a Clown?

**Clown Ministry Workshops Starting Soon!
Sign Up – Space is Limited**

Do you like to bring smiles to others? **Then consider becoming a member of the ULC Clown Ministry.**

Clown ministry may happen anywhere there are people. The clown may bring comic relief, joy and hope to a stress-filled person in a one-to-one situation or in a large group.

Why Clown? People clown because they love to laugh, to form new relationships, or to enter a "different world" from their normal everyday life—it becomes stress-relief for themselves personally. Some find clowning to be a great method to hold the attention of an audience as they share an important message. Basically, clown ministry is motivated by love and care for others.



Interested?

The first session on balloon twisting will be held in the Fireside Room on Friday Mar. 17 from 4 –5 p.m. Please contact me (aka Klinker the Clown) at (517) 303-6596 if you are interested or plan to attend. **All materials will be provided so join us and learn to make some balloon animals!**

Workshop Schedule:

Balloon Twisting – Mar. 17	Clown Make Up and
Face Painting – Mar. 31	Wardrobe – Apr. 4
Pocket Magic – Mar. 24	

Linda Triemer

Pilgrimage to Germany Recap - Lunch & Pics



Join us Sunday, Apr. 2 at noon
in the Fellowship Hall!

Women's Retreat: Come, Be Still!

Be still and know that God is God! Psalm 46:10

All women, high school age and older, are invited to join us for a women's retreat.

**Saturday, Apr. 8
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

The Willowicke Inn
251 Noble Rd, Williamston
\$25 Registration Fee

Sue Schackenburg, from the Presbyterian Church of Okemos, will lead us in multiple styles of meditation, prayer, and liturgical art. We will share fellowship, good food, and plenty of laughter. There will be time to explore the beautiful grounds of the inn. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex and will be limited to the first 20 people. We hope you will join us!

Vicki Anderson, Terri Christian, Pr. Sara Cogsil,
Erin Frisch, and Jen Tracy



Affirmation of Baptism

We meet during the education hour (Sundays, 9:40-10:30 a.m.) in the downstairs youth room.

We will meet on Mar. 5, 12, & 19. Mar. 24-26 is our AOB retreat – The Junior High Charge at Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.



High School Dinner Gathering

It's time for our high school youth to gather together for dinner and fun. We will meet on Sunday, Mar. 19, 6-7:30 p.m. at Pizza House on South Hagadorn.

First Communion Instruction

I will be leading First Communion classes for all children who are interested. We will meet for three sessions total, two for instruction and one for baking bread. First Communion will take place on Maundy Thursday, Apr. 13 at 7 p.m.

If you are a family with children wanting to go through this instruction, please contact me as soon as possible. I can be reached at 332-2559 or by email at srcogsil@gmail.com.

Community Café Hours

Tuesday, Mar. 7 at Schuler's at the Meridian Mall. All members and friends of ULC are welcome to stop by for coffee and conversation. Mark your calendars now and join me!

Pastor Sara Cogsil



#MIGATH16 Reunion!

7 p.m. Friday, April 28 -
Noon, Saturday, April 29

Where: University Lutheran

Cost: \$5 per person (to cover breakfast)

What else do we bring:

- Snacks to share
- Bring something to sleep on/in... pillow
- Change of clothes for the next day
- Your toiletries
- Necessary medications
- Water bottle
- Other items you'll need for an overnight...

Leave at home... expensive items, anything illegal, weapons, etc...

Who's invited: You!!... and your friends!!!
High School Youth and their Adult Leaders and Young Adults

More questions?

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ULC Children's Choirs Information and Rehearsal Schedule

The Children's Choirs will be rehearsing for our original Omega Sunday Musical:



Rehearsals begin Sunday, Mar. 12

- ♪ Youth Choir (2nd thru 6th grade)
9:30 to 10:15 a.m.
- ♪ Cherub Choir (3 ½ years old thru 1st grade)
10:15 a.m. to 10:40 a.m.

Rehearsal Schedule:

Sunday, Mar. 12 & 26
Sunday, Apr. 23 & 30
Sunday, May 7
Saturday, May 20 - 10 to 11:30 a.m.
Omega Sunday, May 21 - 9:30 a.m. Worship Service

“Tell Me the Story” will be offered on **Omega Sunday, May 21**, during the 9:30 a.m. worship service.

Please join us! Everyone is welcome!



Bees, End of Life & Homeless Angels

Mar. 5 - Pastor Sara Cogsil: Topic to be announced.

Mar. 12 - Roger Hoopingarner, MSU Professor Emeritus of Entomology: Half of the world is starving or hungry, and bees and pollination are necessary for at least one-third of our food. Yet honey bees are in serious decline. What is happening to the bees? Get ready to be entranced as Roger gives us a fascinating glimpse into his lifelong work with bees.

Mar. 19 - Susan Wisser, RN, MSN, MBA, CCM: Choices and decisions are so important as our days become numbered. All too often, good people, trying to express love and caring, are suddenly swept along in the currents of the health care system without benefit of a map and only one paddle...becalmed in a fog of confusion. Sparrow Hospital Patient Relations Manager and registered nurse, Susan Wisser, has extensive experience in the many facets of acute care, managed

care, rehabilitation, and end-stage illness and will talk with us about managing these difficult times within the framework of hospitalization. This will be a highly informative forum – consider inviting friends from outside ULC to join you at today's presentation.

Mar. 26 - Homeless Angels--Mike Karl: *“If we can have a real conversation about what homelessness is, I think we can end it.”* --Mike. An excerpt from the Homeless Angels website: *Each year our founder, Mike Karl, goes homeless for one week to bring awareness to homelessness...to show the real stories and faces of people struggling on the streets and to give the community a REAL way to help and see results.* Consider inviting friends from outside ULC to join you for what will be a remarkably moving and insightful forum.

*Michael Anderson
Bill & Linda Trevarthen*



ULC Memorial Library

Visit the Reformation 500 Bookstore!

The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is fast approaching! Do you want to learn more about Martin Luther, his writings, and their impact on Christianity? Do you want to reflect on the ongoing impact of the Reformation today? Stop by our Reformation 500 Bookstore to shop for engaging books on the Reformation for readers of all ages and interests! Save up to 50 percent plus receive free shipping on all

Bookstore titles.

Where: ULC Narthex

When: Mar. 19 – Apr. 2 Before and after midweek Lenten services and Sunday services

What: Fascinating books on the Reformation for you and your family available for purchase.

Our bookstore is sponsored by Augsburg Fortress, the publishing ministry of the ELCA. The books

will include bestselling biographies like *Luther the Reformer* as well as an atlas of the European Reformations, a graphic novel for young readers, and primary sources from The Annotated Luther series. This sale is not a fundraiser for the library, but the samples of the books available for sale will be added to the ULC Library.

ULC Library Team



ULC Book Club

Learn About the Sinking of the Lusitania

On Thursday, Mar. 23, the ULC Book Club will discuss *Dead Wake*, the enthralling true story of the sinking of the Lusitania, by Erik Larsen. From the publisher: “Setting sail on May 1, 1915, from New York, the *Lusitania* was a monument to the hubris and ingenuity of the age. It was immense and luxurious, the fastest civilian ship then in service. The idea that a German submarine could sink the ship struck many

passengers as preposterous. *Dead Wake* switches between hunter and hunted, allowing readers to experience the crossing, and the disaster itself, as it unfolds. It captures the sheer drama of a disaster whose intimate details and true meaning have long been obscured in the mists of history.” Join us at 10 a.m. in the library. All are welcome!

Judy Kindel

Lutheran World Relief

Lutheran World Relief (LWR) is a non-profit organization that works with local partners around the world to provide lasting solutions to end poverty, injustice, and human suffering. In 2015, LWR helped over four million people around the world. With 100 local partners, LWR works to improve harvests, health, and education in some 36 countries each year.



For example, LWR partners train local women and men to produce local foods, dig low-cost wells, and protect and restore their local environments. Other LWR fundraising and collection activities include promoting the sale of free trade coffee, chocolate, and dried fruits and nuts and collecting quilts, fabric kits, school kits, and soap.

In addition to 130 on-going projects in the world, LWR also responds to emergency situations. Examples include the refugee crisis in Syria, the 2015 earthquakes in Nepal, and the devastation caused by Hurricane Matthew in Haiti. The war in Syria is in its sixth year and 11.4 million people have been displaced from their homes including 4.8 million that have fled to the surrounding countries.

LWR is supporting the Syrian crisis through ACT Alliance, which is a coalition of 140 churches and faith-based organizations. ACT members are working in Jordan, Lebanon, and within Syria by providing personal hygiene items, winter coats, blankets, emergency shelters, and psychosocial support. Another effort involves finding work and generating income

for the 6.6 million internally displaced persons. LWR itself has shipped mission quilts, baby care kits, school kits, and personal care kits for distribution in Syria, Jordan, and Lebanon. LWR continues to provide support for the 2015 Nepal earthquake through their local partner COPPADES.

Basic support for LWR is provided by the ELCA World Hunger Appeal and The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod World Relief. We encourage you to visit the LWR website at www.lwr.org. Outreach of the Month envelopes are available in the pews. Please make your check payable to ULC and indicate LWR on the memo line.

*Bryan Rahe
Social Action Team*

"Change for a Change" Lenten Offering 2017

Citizens for Prison Reform

During the Lenten season, collect your small change for a cause which promotes real and active change in the world. This year's recipient is again from the Greater Lansing Area - Michigan Citizens for Prison Reform (MICPR). MICPR is a grassroots, family-led initiative that engages, educates, and empowers those affected by crime and punishment to advance their constitutional, civil, and human rights.

At Jan. and Feb. Forums the founder and the current president of MICPR each gave riveting presentations on the critically-needed services they provide and reforms they have spear-headed for families of incarcerated individuals, particularly those with disabilities. Prior to their programs and reforms, there was virtually no guide or support for such families. Thanks to their efforts, families now have a written Resource Guide (made available to them in the prisons) to help them navigate the prison system and monthly educational/support group meetings to help them cope. Now, critical legislation is



also finally beginning to be addressed. Follow the progress of this current focus on their Facebook page.

Contributing to Change for a Change is simple! On the first Sunday in Lent (Mar. 5), pick up a green water bottle "piggy bank" in the narthex. Take it home, fill it with your loose change, and bring it back

on Easter Sunday. If you would prefer to contribute via check instead of loose change, please ask for a "check donation envelope." Checks should be made out to ULC with "Change for a Change" written on the memo line.

To learn more about Citizens for Prison Reform: Educating, Engaging, Empowering, visit www.micpr.org. This is the fourth year of "Change for Change." During the past three campaigns we have collected over \$5,000 dollars - 2014, \$1,709.03 to Honduras Mission; 2015, \$1,745.36 to Tanzania Water Project; 2016, \$1,727.13 to Lansing Sparrow's Nest.

Linda Trevarthen, Social Action Team

Prayers & Squares - Chapter 163

Six Quilts Completed on National QOV Day!

Thank you to all the volunteers who filled the Fellowship Hall on Feb. 4 - National Quilts of Valor Sewing Day! Members of ULC, St. Paul, and friends from Brighton and Grand Rapids worked to prepare six quilts for our friend and machine quilter John Putnam. Four others are almost finished.

When these QOV are brought up to the sanctuary, please sign the card after you have prayed over the quilts. A card is sent with each quilt along with a special liturgy. Look for the "Thank You" John stitches into each QOV. A special thank you to Jan and Olie for organizing the outstanding potluck lunch which energized everyone for two more hours of measuring, cutting, and sewing!

Come help us make prayer quilts for the foster children and their families who will attend the Royal Family Kids Camp this summer in Oakland County. This is the third year we will be sending quilts to these youngsters who will take home their quilts when the week-long camp concludes.

Save the dates: Tuesday, Mar.14 and Saturday, Mar. 25 to come work with us from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Two years ago we had a special fun craft sewing day to make midi bags. The 25 people who attended asked us to come up with another fun day and Ann has arranged for us to "make and take" fun fabric wreaths on Saturday, May 6. Look for samples and information next month.

Bobbie Davis



Gloria Olsen and Barb Kissling piece a QOV quilt



Kay Meints and Sherry Mileski display a completed quilt



Betsy and Cammie Prince at the pressing station.



Samples of the fabric wreaths for the upcoming May 6th "Make & Take" workshop

ULC Archives

Let There Be Light

A plate titled "Let There Be Light" was recently added to the ULC archives. The plate is an official issue of the Washington National Cathedral and shows the Creation Rose Window which is called the "crown jewel" of the cathedral. Inspired by the words of Genesis, "And God said, 'Let there be light,'" the glass radiates the same core of burning light, growing brighter from the center toward the outer



petals...from rich ruby red and celestial blue to the subtle shades of autumn. This is a faithful and accurate reproduction of the original inspiring Creation Rose window. Look for the plate in the display case in March. If anyone has more information about the plate, please contact us.

Archive Team

From the President

Watching and Waiting

Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour. Matthew 25:13

When I was growing up on a farm in Northwest Lower Michigan, I learned a lot of life lessons. One was that just because you are waiting doesn't mean there is nothing to be done. Successful farmers plant and harvest when the time is right. If the plants are ready and the weather is right, you put up hay. But the reason why we could make hay when it was ready was because we were prepared.

Last year's bales had been used or moved to make room for the new harvest. The equipment was in shape -- belts were sound, blades were sharp, wagons were in good repair. We spent the time between harvests getting ready for the next one. So when it was time to harvest, we were ready.

For ULC, this is a time of waiting. But, it is also a time of expectant watchfulness. We expect that God is preparing someone to come here as Lead Pastor. So we must be ready. The Call Committee has completed the Ministry Site Profile (MSP). The Council has approved it and the MSP



has been activated by the Synod (similar to posting a vacancy announcement – candidates can now express an interest in the position). The next stage is for the Synod to refer names of candidates to the Call Committee for consideration. Because the Call Committee expects that God is preparing ULC's next Lead Pastor, we will be ready. Instead of just waiting to receive names, the Call Committee is preparing to interview candidates. And, there are things the Congregation can do while we wait. We can pray for the Call Committee to be open to God's direction. We can pray for the pastor that God is calling to our congregation. And, we can go about the work of the church.

The following prayer is from the Synod's "Call Process Manual" and is suggested for use during this time of waiting:

Loving God, be with us and guide us during this time of discernment. Fill our leaders with your wisdom. Keep us mindful of the work you would have us do. Lead us and guide us O Lord to be about the work of your kingdom even as the search for a new pastor continues. Prepare the pastor you are calling to our congregation and prepare us to discern and recognize that calling. Prepare us in this congregation for new leadership and opportunities in this vast world in which we minister. Fill us with patience and understanding during this in between time. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

It can be hard to wait. But, if all we do is wait, we won't be ready for the good things that God has promised us. Let us watch and be ready. Let us use this waiting time to prepare.

Vicki Anderson, ULC President

Get involved!

Are you interested in using your skills in a way that will benefit the ULC congregation? There are currently several opportunities to serve in some key roles!

The Members in Ministry Committee is currently working to match up the skills of the members with some of the jobs that are critical to the success of ULC. Several of the positions require very limited amounts of time spent in meetings and provide flexibility in scheduling. Most importantly, these positions help ULC accomplish the work of the church.

The following are opportunities at ULC:

- ▶ Members in Ministry - Member
- ▶ Personnel Committee - Member
- ▶ Audit Committee - Member
- ▶ Lead Management Team - Resource Coordinator

- ▶ Lead Management Team - Spiritual Formation Coordinator
- ▶ Mission Building - Team Leader
- ▶ Habitat for Humanity Coordinator
- ▶ Care Team Leader
- ▶ Small Groups Team Leader

If any of these positions sound interesting to you or if you would like to learn more about the specific responsibilities, please reach out to anyone on the Members in Ministry Committee – Phyllis Andersland, Michael Anderson, Keith Harder, Lavon Miller, Miriam Minshall, Larry Wagenknecht and Pastor John Schleicher.

*Larry Wagenknecht, Chair
Members in Ministry Committee*

The following are the action items from the Feb. 21 2017 ULC Council meeting:



1. Council approved recommendations from the ULC Security Team of \$5,550 from the Marilyn Pierce Bequest, which includes:
 - Purchase an annunciator which detects an entry or exit via the main church doors with an infrared beam of light
 - Purchase a digital video surveillance camera system with three cameras viewing the front doors, narthex and downstairs foyer and stairs
 - Purchase remote automatic door closer and electric lock for office doors to narthex and kitchen and activate alarm
2. Received and approved the Hearing Assistance and Sound System Improvements Proposal from the Technology Team of \$2500 from the Marilyn Pierce Bequest and \$1,000 from the designated fund for hearing assistance (total of \$3,500) which includes:
 - FM radio transmitted sound to portable units that would be made available on request by ushers. This method would employ small head phones or a lanyard for those with hearing aids fitted with a "t-coil."
 - Digital sound recorder to replace current CD recorder
 - Replacement microphones and other sound improvements
3. Approved a new 60-month copier lease with HC Berger Company at a monthly rate of \$77 less than our current monthly lease.
4. Approved a special congregational meeting on May 21 (one service at 9:30 a.m.) for the purpose of

approving proposed amendments to the ULC Constitution.

5. Approved the transfer of membership of Kristy Stuart to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Greater Lansing. Kristy will continue her responsibilities at ULC as financial administrator.
6. Approved the closing of the inactive small groups designated fund of approximately \$2,000 and moved the funds to the operations budget to be used for call committee expenses related to interviewing pastoral candidates.
7. Received a brief report from Pastor John on the feasibility study related to conducting a capital campaign. Pastor John intends to provide his recommendation at the March Council meeting.
8. Received a report that the Synod has assured ULC of a campus ministry grant of \$20,000 and additional funding from the church-wide ELCA.
9. Received a report from the Call Committee that the ULC Ministry Site Profile has been submitted. The Committee is now waiting for candidates to be identified for interviews.
10. Approved appointments of ULC members to various positions at ULC:
 - Members in Ministry - Keith Harder and LaVon Miller
 - Gift Acceptance Committee - Annette Ophaug
 - Mutual Ministry Committee - Keith Harder and Loran Bieber
 - Council Liaisons:
 - International Student Ministry: Jeff Andresen
 - Samaritas: Steve and Dara Haase
 - Thrivent: Vicki Anderson
 - Christian Services: Bill and Linda Trevarthen

Lead Management Team Notes

Notes from the Feb. 1 Lead Management Team meeting:

Social Action (Bryan Rahe): The food distribution in January served 60 households. The 2017 dates of our food distribution are out and are posted in the January Lux, on the ULC website, as well as on a flyer on the narthex island. Materials for School Kits are currently being collected.

Speakers from Citizens for Prison Reform and Families Against Narcotics have recently spoken at

Forum. The Team has selected Citizens for Prison Reform to be the recipient of our annual "Change for Change" fundraiser during Lent.

A collection of household items for Samaritas refugee youth who have aged out of their program was held on January 21st and was led by Darra and Steve Haase.

Facility (Dale Romsos): A new water cooler has been ordered and will be installed to replace the failed water coolers in the basement. Drain seals have been installed in the floor drains in the Boiler Room and the

downstairs kitchen to prevent escape of sewer gases from these drains into the building.

Choirs (Janine Novenske Smith): Our annual Senior Choir Scholarship Fund Benefit Concert took place on Sunday, Jan. 22. The members of the Scholarship Quartet sang as well as other members of the Senior Choir. Organist, Kristie Wiggert, also performed. It was a very successful event.

Amy Wagenknecht

From Bishop Eaton to President Trump

Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy ... which we heard in the Gospel recently from Matthew 5:1-12, the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, is the source for ELCA Bishop Elizabeth A. Eaton's letter to President Trump regarding his recent immigration ban. In this Gospel Jesus calls for his disciples "to be carriers of God's light and hope and reconciliation to a world deeply in need of them."

"In this spirit, earlier last week I communicated with the Trump administration asking that it not stop the U.S. refugee admissions program or stop resettlement from any country for any period of time. The Bible calls us to welcome the stranger and treat the sojourner as we would



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our own citizens. I agree with the importance of keeping our country secure as the administration stated in its executive order last Friday, but I am convinced that temporarily banning vulnerable refugees will not enhance our safety nor does it reflect our values as Christians. Instead, it will cause immediate harm by separating families, disrupting lives, and denying safety and hope to brothers and sisters who are already suffering.

Refugees being resettled in the United States have fled persecution because of their race, religion, nationality, political views and/or associations. They wait for years for the chance to go home. But sometimes, there is no home for them to go back to. We know from our partners at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service (LIRS) that only 1 percent of all refugees are chosen for resettlement.

As Lutherans, many of our ancestors faced the pain of having to flee their homes and the joy of being welcomed in new communities across the United States. As we have done throughout history, millions of Lutherans across the country honor our shared biblical values as well as the best of our nation's traditions by offering refuge to those most in need.

We must offer safety to people fleeing religious persecution regardless of their faith tradition. Christians and other religious minorities suffer persecution and rightly deserve protection, but including additional criteria based on religion could have discriminatory effects that would go against our nation's fundamental values related to freedom of religion."

Tom Kissling

(Excerpted from www.elca.com)

Vacation Bible School 2017 Evenings, June 19-23



Please mark your calendars and plan to attend or volunteer!

We are not using Living Water Ministry staff this year, so ULC volunteers are needed. Stay tuned for more information!

Michael Anderson

Check Out the New Clown Ministry



Klinker and her magical assistant invite you to join the ULC Clown Ministry starting Mar. 17. See more information on page 3.

Meet New Member Guadalupe Saucedo and Family

New member Guadalupe Saucedo is the matriarch of a large and close knit family. The eldest daughter of eleven, she is a good cook and learned domestic skills at an early age. When she was a teen, the family left San Benito, Texas, for Lansing. Her father and brother worked for General Motors as Guadalupe did for over 23 years. She had six children and eventually went back to finish her high school degree. Long before joining ULC she has attended worship faithfully, been active in Prayers and Squares and Tight Knit, and earned her yellow shirt for participating in God's Work, Our Hands. She has nine grandchildren, is a good great-grandmother to four, is an expert at crocheting, and loves to garden.

Daughter Laura Saucedo, after years of invitations, attended a Christmas



New member Lupe (right of bride) and her family at her grand daughter's wedding.

Eve candlelight service, then a Palm Sunday service, and said to herself, "I'm home!" In 2007 she and son Santiago were the first of their family to join ULC. Laura, an electrician for 25 years, has offered to do electrical work at church. Santiago has regularly participated in the children's sermon when others were too shy to do so.

Six years ago before Pastoral Intern Amanda Highben performed the Quinceanera, which invites girls of age to develop a closer relationship

with God, Annette Stanley and daughters Ashley and Alexandra joined ULC. Annette is currently serving on the Call Committee, Endowment Committee, Evangelism and Youth Ministry Committees. Annette and Alexandra went on

the trip to Honduras with ULC. Annette volunteered to prepare the food for the Easter Breakfast with the help of her extended family. Her daughter Ashley Wieferich's wedding was at ULC last September. A photo of the extended family on that occasion is shown above.

What an example this active family in our midst is to us all!

Phyllis Andersland

New Associate Members Dale and Marilyn Wagenknecht

Dale and Marilyn grew up on neighboring farms in Petersburg, MI near Toledo, knowing one another from age six. They bought his father's farm and lived in the house his father built until their move last fall to East Lansing. Before children, Marilyn worked in the office at Toledo Edison and after their children left home, she worked in the office of their grain elevator. She loves to cook, bake, clean, and be independent, so enjoys their Clusters condo at Burcham Hills.



Marilyn and Dale and their grandchildren Jonathan, Adam, Bryan and Sarah.

Beside farming and business, Dale was active politically at many different levels of government. On his retirement, he was honored by Gov. Snyder and by the county, township, and the local school board for his service. He also filled many different positions in their church. At ULC he has been leading a six-session men's Bible study on the Gospel text for the coming Sunday. We are blessed to have these lively octogenarians in our midst, and can appreciate where son Larry's sense of service came from.

Phyllis Andersland

Four ULC Members Honored by MSU

Brad Marks Receives Outstanding Faculty Award



Bradley Marks came to ULC as a student member and returned when he was offered a position at MSU. In

February, Brad was one of eight MSU faculty to receive the prestigious William J. Beal Outstanding Faculty Award. Below is the article from the Jan. 23 edition of MSU Today.

Bradley Marks is internationally known for leading a successful interdisciplinary research team focused on the microbial safety of ready-to-eat food products. An engineer by training, Marks has expanded his expertise to food microbiology and predictive modeling to meet the challenges of reducing foodborne disease outbreaks in meats, fresh-cut fruits and vegetables and low-moisture foods. In particular, his work is renowned for modeling the

inactivation of foodborne pathogens and improving methods for the design, operation and validation of pathogen reduction processes for manufactured food products. His research lays the foundation for processing standards used by federal and state regulators of the processing industry.

Marks' research has been continuously supported for more than twenty-three years by federal competitive grants, industry support and state and internal funding sources, including the USDA. He has written more than eighty-one referenced journal articles and has more than 270 total publications and presentations at national and international conferences.

Marks is well-known for his conscientious mentoring of undergraduates, graduate students and faculty colleagues, with former students employed throughout the U.S. food industry. One recent graduate wrote, "Dr. Marks was, by far, the most critical influence on my professional life due to his leadership

skills and passion to see his students succeed." Marks has taught twelve distinct courses over the past twenty-one years, including seven that he developed at the freshman, junior, senior and graduate levels. His unbounded enthusiasm for teaching has led to nine teaching awards at the department, college and national level, including four Withrow Teaching Awards, the MSU Teacher-Scholar Award, and a national teaching award from the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers. Under his departmental leadership as the undergraduate program coordinator, undergraduate enrollment has tripled over the past decade.

It is rare for a faculty member at a research-intensive university to attain such a consistently outstanding record of achievement in all three of the land-grant missions of teaching, research and service. Marks has not only accomplished this feat but has received awards in each of these categories at the local, regional and national levels.

Vennie Gore Receives Award for Institutional Leadership

Vennie Gore, vice president in the Office of the Vice President for Auxiliary Enterprises, received the 2017 Robert F. Banks Award for Institutional Leadership. Below is the article from the Jan. 31 edition of MSU Today.

Vennie Gore epitomizes MSU's charge that "it's not just what we do, but why and how we do it that distinguishes us as Spartans."

Upon joining Michigan State University, Gore leveraged his singular leadership and management prowess, expertise in residential and hospitality services and commitment to collaboration to envision unconventional approaches toward enhancing student success.

Recognizing that residential life could contribute to enhancing the student experience beyond just beds and



Photo by Derrick L. Turner

meals, Gore began working with his colleagues in academic and student affairs on a bold idea to centralize resources that support all aspects of student life in the residence halls — the Neighborhoods and their engagement centers. The Neighborhoods are designed to be multicultural environments that give every student admitted to MSU an equal opportunity to graduate. The key is connectivity. The Neighborhoods are the epitome of connectivity, with administrative, educational, service and programmatic entities integrated close to several small groupings of residence halls. The Neighborhoods have earned national recognition for enabling student improvement in persistence, retention and academic success. *The Wall Street Journal* credits MSU's strategy of weaving the university into students' lives, including

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Gretel Van Wieren Receives Teacher-Scholar Award



Gretel Van Wieren, a faculty member in the College of Arts & Letters, received the Teacher-Scholar Award during the annual MSU Awards Convocation on Feb. 7. Below is information courtesy of MSU:

From the moment she arrived at Michigan State from Yale

University, Gretel Van Wieren has thrived as an exemplar of the land-grant mission through her multidisciplinary, cross-college work on religion, ethics and the environment. Her research spans many areas, including environmental ethics, religion and nature, agricultural and food ethics, children and nature, religion and nonprofit organizations. Her multiple articles and book, “Restored to Earth: Christianity, Environmental Ethics, and Ecological Restoration,” all speak to environmental ethics and restoration — the ideal of a future in which human impact on the natural world is not destructive but restorative.

Van Wieren recently received the high-profile Humanities Without Walls grant from the Mellon Foundation for her project The New Ethics of Food. She is a contributor to the Center for Humans and Nature City Creatures Blog (www.humansandnature.org/blog) and

Planet Experts (www.planetexperts.com). Her current book projects include a monograph on religious responses to key issues in food ethics, an edited anthology on the ethics of ecological restoration and a collection of narrative essays on children’s experiences of nature through hunting and fishing. Van Wieren was the 2015 recipient of the spring Writers-in-Residency program at the H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest of Oregon State University.

Van Wieren’s teaching includes a wide variety of courses, from Exploring World Religions, an introductory course that often attracts potential majors, to Religion and Nonprofits and Religion and Nonprofit Leadership, two courses that helped the department offer a Nonprofit Leadership concentration that Van Wieren was instrumental in creating. Her additional curricular work reflects additional aspects of her scholarly interests. “Religion and the Environment” and “Human Culture, Ethics, and Nature,” explore religious perspectives on humanity’s relationship with nature. Van Wieren has been lauded for maintaining a respectful rapport with undergraduates while challenging their underlying assumptions and pushing them to think more deeply about the subject under study. Students have extolled her courses as formative for their intellectual lives and for their careers.

Dee Hurlbert Receives Excellence in Diversity Award

Deanna Hurlbert, director of the LGBT Resource Center and wife of Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski, was honored at the 2017 All-University Excellence in Diversity Recognition and Awards Program on Feb. 13. This program honored MSU faculty, staff and students who have demonstrated their efforts toward a more diverse and inclusive community. Dee received the individual award, Sustained Effort Toward Excellence in Diversity.



In her role of the LBGTRC, Dee develops and implements educational and support programs to enhance student learning and wellness and serves as a diversity and multiculturalism consultant in the University community. She has served as a domestic and sexual violence survivor advocate and program coordinator and has professional experience in crisis intervention counseling. She worked as a public health training consultant for 15 years and has extensive experience as a presenter

in the areas of HIV/AIDS, sexuality, domestic and sexual violence and substance abuse.

Deanna is a proud Spartan alumni who earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Family and Community Services and a Certificate in Women’s Studies here at MSU. She has also earned Master’s degrees from Western Michigan University in Public Administration and Education. Dee is pleased to bring all of her education and experience into her work at the University. Dee has been with the LBGTRC since 2008.





- 1 Gary Dawson
- 3 Andrew Bracken
Sophia Othoudt
- 4 Kari Sederburg
Marian Stoll
- 5 Joan Erickson
Kirstan Jolin
- 7 Jaime Danley
Wendy Guilfoyle
- 8 Philip Brooks

- 9 Cheryl Anthony
Diane Goddeeris
James Kocher
- 11 Steven Springer
- 12 Max Miller
Fred Rieger
- 14 Dorothy Louderback
- 15 Michael Anderson
Barbara Kissling
- 17 Patrick Milligan
- 18 Liam Thoman
- 19 Thomas Christian
- 21 Brielle Williams
- 23 Paul Brooks

- 25 Charles Goddeeris
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Virginia McKinstry
- 26 Janet Koenig
- 27 Pr. Sara Cogsil
- 28 Sarah Gallagher
Kevin Tague
- 29 Jeffrey Andresen
Harold Prince
- 30 Matthew Bracken
- 31 Lori Althouse
Jonathan Schelke



- 4 Steven & Darra Haase
- 9 James Sype & Vivian
Leung
- 17 Bill & Linda Trevarthen
- 18 Max & Lou Ann Miller
- 19 Gail & Barbara Riegle
- 20 Louise & Lee Paquette
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the Neighborhoods and engagement centers, as key to MSU’s ranking of number one for student engagement among public institutions (number six for all institutions).

Implementing the Neighborhood concept was only the beginning of Gore’s plan. Numerous examples—from welcoming students at Spartan Move-in to fostering exchanges of ideas through the creative design of on-campus Starbucks—illustrate how Gore’s contributions are manifested in the ideas, behaviors, and actions of his colleagues in auxiliary enterprises and throughout MSU. In his signature style, Gore credits his colleagues and team for every accomplishment. And the accomplishments never stop. By creating and championing a vision; fostering a workplace of respect, inclusion and partnership; developing, supporting and

empowering people; and fervently focusing on continual improvement and innovation, thousands of auxiliary enterprises staff advance MSU’s mission and deliver outstanding Spartan experiences for students, faculty, staff and guests every day.

Gore’s career includes abundant university, community and professional service, including president of the Association of College and University Housing Officers–International and a board member of the Capital Area United Way.

A servant leader, Gore’s impact is rooted in every interaction with colleagues, students and the community. His approach to leadership and partnership between operations and academics is a model for MSU.



From the Editors...

The deadline for the April *Lux* is **Friday, Mar. 17.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net and Amanda Jones 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, Amanda Jones, Tom Kissling, Connie Lenkowski, Pastor Sarah Midzalkowski, and Amy Wagenknecht

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4:30p Lead Management Team
7:00p Ash Wednesday Service-Sanctuary</p> <p>2 7:30a Liturgical Deacons-Conference
6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary
7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>5 8:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
9:40a Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing
10:45a Worship (C)-Sanctuary</p> <p>6 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>7 10:30a Lux Team-Conference Room
10:00a Men's Bible Study-Wagenknecht condo
2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
4:00p Pr. Sara's Cafe Hrs-Meridian Mall</p> <p>8 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
12:00p Lenten Worship-ULC Sanctuary
12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside Room
5:30p Finance Committee</p> <p>9 4:00p Teacher Organization Meeting-Fireside
6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary
7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>12 8:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
9:40a Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing
10:45a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
1:30p Sons of Norway-Lansing Chapter-Fireside
3:00p Latvian Worship-Sanctuary</p> <p>13 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>14 9:00a Prayers & Squares Work Day-Atrium
2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference</p> <p>15 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
9:30a Amnos Circle-Conference
12:00p Lenten Worship-ULC Sanctuary
12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside Room
1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside</p> <p>16 6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary
7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> | <p>17 4:00p Clown Ministry Class-Fireside
7:00p Aces & Spaces Bridge Club-Fireside</p> <p>18 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL</p> <p>19 8:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
9:40a Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing
10:45a Worship (C)-Sanctuary</p> <p>20 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>21 10:00a Men's Bible Study-Wagenknecht condo
12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside
2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
7:00p ULC Council-Conference</p> <p>22 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
12:00p Lenten Worship-ULC Sanctuary
12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside Room</p> <p>23 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library
4:30p Food Movers Distribution-Fellowship Hall
6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary
7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>24 Jr. High Charge (AOB) through 3/26
4:00p Clown Ministry Class-Fireside</p> <p>25 9:00a Prayers & Squares Work Day-Atrium</p> <p>26 8:30a Worship (C)-Sanctuary
9:40a Education Hour-Fireside, Education Wing
10:45a Worship (C)-Sanctuary</p> <p>27 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>28 2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference
5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board-Library</p> <p>28 7:00p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship Hall</p> <p>29 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
12:00p Lenten Worship-ULC Sanctuary
12:30p Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside Room</p> <p>30 6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary
7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>31 10:45a Enhance Fitness-Atrium
4:00p Clown Ministry Class-Fireside</p> |
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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.

Friendship House Classes at ULC:

Wednesdays 10:30a - Watercolor Painting-Fellowship

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