



# Lux



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

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Mar. 6 at 7 p.m.

With Imposition of Ashes

### Chili Cook-off

Sunday, Mar. 10 at 12:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday

### Lenten Worship

Mar. 13 - Apr. 10

Noon & 7 p.m.

*Praying the Psalms*

Soup & Bread Lunch

Following Noon Worship

### Refugee Benefit Concert

Saturday, Mar. 16 at 7 p.m.

### Worship Expressions

### And the Arts

Saturday, Mar. 30 at 4 p.m.



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## 16 Quilts of Valor Completed!

Saturday, Feb. 2, 28 volunteers gathered in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. to participate in the National Quilts of Valor Sewing Day. Several members of the MSU Retiree Quilt Group, friends from Brighton, and the former Michigan State Coordinator for QOV joined members and friends in cutting fabric, pressing strip sets and completed quilt tops, sewing blocks together and paring the batting and tops with backing materials to package everything for our machine quilter, John Putnam.



One of the QOV quilts made at ULC.

Everyone enjoyed a well-deserved pizza and salad lunch served by Jan and Olie Mace before returning to work. By 3 p.m. eight quilts were ready for quilting and at least eight more were nearly finished. This is a new record for Chapter 163! Thank you to all the volunteers for a wonderful, productive day.

*Bobbie Davis*

**Sunday, March 10**

**12:15 p.m.**

**Fellowship Hall**



Join us for a wonderful afternoon of food, fellowship and Spring Break stories! (The event moved from Mar. 2 to Mar. 10 to include our campus students.) This will also be the culmination of our ULC Cares month, and we will reveal the winner from our "ULC Cares" soup collection (i.e. Team Chicken Noodle or Team Tomato).

This event can't be successful without your homemade chili entries, so sign up to enter the chili cook-off at the display in the narthex. Votes will be cast and prizes will be awarded for the following chili categories: Meat-Free, Most Unique, and Tastiest Overall.

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

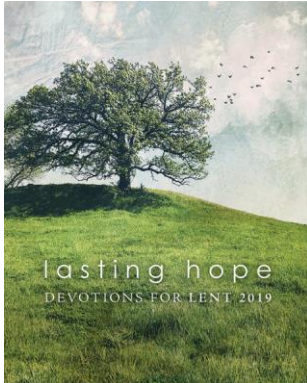
## Exploring the Psalms

With March, as the days begin to lengthen and we emerge from winter into spring, we also begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on Mar. 6.

Over the years, I've come to appreciate the season of Lent as a season to grow in my faith. Rather than Lent being a time to deny myself or give up something, I've found it much more beneficial to add something...to add

a spiritual practice... to focus on my prayer life... to focus on some specific way of living out my faith. With that in mind, during Lent this year, we as a congregation will be focusing on the Psalms with the theme of *Praying the Psalms*.

The Old Testament Theologian Dr. Walter Brueggemann has a wonderful little book called *Praying the Psalms*. In it, he talks about how the Psalms reflect our life of faith and how "our life of faith consists in moving with God in terms of (a) being securely *oriented*, (b) being painfully *disoriented*, and (c) being



surprisingly *reoriented*." I don't want to write any more about that here, but rather invite you to join us on Wednesdays at noon (followed by a soup lunch) or 7 p.m. as we come together to explore the Psalms, pray the Psalms, and learn how the Psalms reflect our life journey and express the depth of our struggles and joys in life, in relation to our faith.

The first approximately 40 minutes of our time together will be a study of one of the Psalms followed by a 20-minute worship which will focus on singing and praying the Psalms. We'll explore a Psalm of Praise (Orientation), a Psalm of Lament (Disorientation), a Psalm of Trust (Disorientation), a Psalm of Thanks (Reorientation), and finally return to a Psalm of Praise (Reorientation). And as we explore these Psalms together, we'll reflect on our lives and our journey of faith.

In order to aid in our Lenten journey of praying the Psalms, we've

purchased small devotional booklets entitled, *Lasting Hope*, which explores the Psalms assigned to Ash Wednesday and the Sundays of Lent with a daily devotion and prayer. The booklet is written by six ELCA pastors. We have enough copies for each home including a limited number of large print copies for those who need it.

Hopefully, between the devotional booklet and the Wednesday study/worship times, you'll add a Lenten discipline of praying the Psalms. Maybe even begin a Lenten practice of praying a different Psalm each day. To once again quote Dr. Walter Brueggemann, "Psalms offer speech when life has gone beyond our frail efforts to control." Psalms help us to bring our life experiences to the Holy One in prayer.

May this journey into the Psalms bless you and strengthen your faith this Lent.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

*Pastor Gary*

### 2019 Lenten Worship Praying the Psalms

**Mar. 6 – Ash Wednesday Worship** at 7 p.m.

**Mar. 13 – Apr. 10 Midweek Lenten Worship**

**Noon** - Study/Worship/Soup Luncheon

**7 p.m.** - Study/Worship

**Mar. 13** - Orientation: A Psalm of Praise  
Psalm 113

**Mar. 20** – Disorientation: A Psalm of Lament  
Psalm 69

**Mar. 27** – Disorientation: A Psalm of Trust  
Psalm 27

**Apr. 3** – Reorientation: A Psalm of Thanks  
Psalm 40

**Apr. 10** – Reorientation: A Psalm of Praise  
Psalm 146

## Alternative Spring Break



Our theme “Build Up” is from Ephesians 4, as we come together “to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Eph. 4:12).

Our theme song is the original song, “Build Up” from Minnesota Lutheran band, Dakota Road. Visit Dakota Road’s website ([dakotaroadmusic.com/music-audio](http://dakotaroadmusic.com/music-audio)) to sing in solidarity. Students will share this song in worship when they return on March 10.

*Break the chains of injustice, let the oppressed go free. Share our homes with the homeless and our prayer with the hungry. Build up, prepare the way. Remove the obstructions from my people’s way. Build up, prepare the way. God is here, God is here today.*

One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry at MSU will venture out in faith on their annual alternative spring break mission trip to Savannah, GA, March 2-9. As service opportunities continue to develop, students and their leaders will accompany and learn from people in various community organizations that seek to end hunger, poverty, and homelessness. We can look forward to them sharing about their experience in worship on Sunday, Mar.10 at 10:45a.m. Thank you for keeping our mission team in your prayers as they travel and serve in Christ’s name.

### Students Bring Dinner Church to Burcham Hills



Dinner Church at Burcham Hills.

Our students gather on Fridays@Five to share a meal and memorable experience each week, whether in Bible study, service opportunity, or fellowship. On Feb. 15, they enjoyed a trip to Burcham Hills to visit some of our member residents there, including Dorothy Louderback, Carolyn Haase, and Dale and Marilyn Wagenknecht.

Together we shared in a “Dinner Church” experience, which means that we shared a meal and transitioned into Holy Communion, with song and prayer. Students and residents alike contributed to an interactive sermon led by Pastor Haley Vay. It was a memorable time for all and our students can’t wait to return!

*Pastor Haley Vay*



## Lenten Soup & Bread Lunches Begin March 13

Once again, we are planning to do Soup and Bread on the Wednesdays during Lent. The Soup and Bread lunches will begin on Wednesday, March 13 following the noon worship. There will be no meal on Ash Wednesday, Mar. 6.



There will be a sign-up posted on the bulletin board near the entrance to the Sanctuary to sign up for bringing soup and bread. As in the past, we are encouraging four people to bring a pot of soup each week. Contact me with questions.

*Michael Anderson*



## Looking Toward Spring and Summer!

### Learning How to Care for our Neighbors

We celebrated “ULC Cares” month throughout February. We collected cans of soup and learned how to care for our neighbors and share the love of Jesus.



Making Valentines

### Don't Miss us!

Mar. 17 our Children's Choir sings in 10:45 a.m. worship with the Senior Choir

### Sunday School Spring Learning

- Early Learners and K-5 activate their faith with the “Spark” Lectionary series

- 6-8 grade explore their faith with “Echo” creative storytelling
- Young Adult small group uses “Animate: Bible” to journey through the season of Lent, resuming on Sunday, Mar. 17.

### Vacation Bible School

June 24-27

8:30-11:30 a.m.

“ROAR!

Life is Wild. God is Good!”

Registration: Beginning April 1, forms are available at the welcome table or may be filled out on our website. Early bird registration (\$10) ends on Sunday, June 2 and guarantees a T-shirt in your size PLUS a Bible memory wristband for you to keep and to show your VBS pride throughout t

Registration continues through the event, but T-shirts and memory bands cannot be guaranteed. The \$10 registration helps cover your child's snack, T-shirt, activities, curriculum,

and all of the extra fun that we get to experience during Roar VBS!

A simple search on [group.com](http://group.com) for “Roar” will give you a quick look into all that you and your children can expect to experience in God's Word this summer!

This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

### Volunteer at Roar VBS!

Positions include creative themed snacks, Bible storytelling, crafts, recreation, music, and more! Pastor Haley Vay and VBS Director Nicole would appreciate your presence in this year's “mane” event! How will you use your gifts to help our children grow in faith and love toward God and one another?




Pastor Haley Vay





### ULC Memorial Library

## New Materials in the ULC Library

The ULC Library is open when the building is open, so please visit the library anytime. You will find materials for all ages. Below are some of our new materials for children.

 **Psalm Book: Prayers and Poems for Kids** by Naomi Joy Krueger (E 242.62 Kru) In the *Spark Story Bible Psalm Book*, fifty of the most well-known psalms are rewritten in child-friendly language, accompanied by the beautiful artwork of Peter Grosshauser, illustrator of the *Spark Story Bible*. Covering topics ranging from overcoming fears and facing bullies to expressing thankfulness and joy, the prayers in the *Spark Story Bible Psalm Book* help children (ages 5-8) talk to God when they are not sure what to say.

 **I Can Praise God** by Naomi Joy Krueger (BB Kru) *I Can Praise God* helps young children find an array of ways to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Children will learn the joy of praising God with their voices and bodies, hands in the air and hands folded, eyes open and eyes closed. For ages birth to three.

 **Mine: A Counting Book about Sharing** by Caryn Rivadeneira (BB Rib) A group of children counts up the things that belong to them. Mine, mine, mine! But then - surprise! - they share with each other to make one big party for themselves and their friends!

ULC Library Team

# Variety of Topics for March

The March forums provide amazing examples of “God’s Work. Our Hands.” right here in our own back yard. Do consider inviting friends to join you at one or more of them!



**Mar. 3 - Shelley Marinus, Women at Risk, International.** Last year’s W.A.R. speaker made such an impact that the Social Action Team voted to make this organization the recipient of ULC’s Lenten Collection (“Change for a Change”). Shelley will once again summarize the nature of human trafficking (myth vs. reality), explain how, where, and why it is so prevalent even right here in Michigan, and talk about W.A.R.’s efforts to educate, to facilitate rescue, and to rehabilitate. Please consider inviting your friends to this forum! It will be an eye-opener. The “trafficked” are all too often hidden in plain sight.

**Mar. 10 -** To be announced.

**Mar. 17 - ULC’s own Nicole and Jim Greiter, Willow Tree Family Center-A Place for Pregnancy, Birth, and Beyond,** supporting pregnant mothers and young families in Lansing and the surrounding area. This amazing organization provides a wealth of wonderful services.

**Mar. 24 - Pam Miklavcic, The Davies Project.** This critically important organization provides free, round-trip rides to medical appointments for children facing serious health challenges.

Learn more about the work they do and chat afterward with several ULC members who volunteer with this life-saving organization.

**Mar. 31 - Louise Harder and the ULC Confirmation Class:** Last year’s presentation was terrific and included a hilarious Quiz Bowl with forum participants. Get ready to smile and be uplifted at this year’s presentation!

## What is Sunday Forum?

Sunday Forum is a weekly lecture series on wide-ranging topics. It is held between services (9:40 – 10:30 a.m.), open to all, and requires no advance preparation or homework! We meet in the Fireside Room, located at the back of the Narthex. The Forum schedule is posted 24/7 on the brightly colored easel in the narthex. Each Sunday’s topic will also appear on our website, in the Sunday bulletin, and in the weekly email announcements.

*Linda Trevarthen*

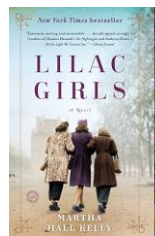


## ULC Book Club

The March selection for the ULC Book Club is *The Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Join us in the church library on Thursday, Mar. 28 at 10 a.m.

The Lilac Girls is a World War II novel, based on real people and events. It traces the lives of three women, a New York socialite, a Polish prisoner

## The Lilac Girls



and a Nazi doctor, ending in a confrontation decades after the war. A series of events, beginning in 1939, tied these three women’s lives together in ways that mirror not only the tragedy of the times, but presage some of the political turmoil that infects our world today.

*Judy Kindel*



## For the Life of the World: Bonhoeffer & Ecology

**Saturday, March 23 ~ 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ~ University Lutheran Church**

The Publicly Engaged Church Table of the N/W Lower Mich. Synod, in cooperation with the Holley Speaker Series, will be presenting an event by Rev. Dr. Lisa E. Dahill, Associate Professor of Religion at California Lutheran University. In the morning, one of

the following workshops can be attended:

- Samaritas-Refugee Resettlement
- BRICK (Building Racial Reconciliation in Christ’s Kingdom)- Southeast Mich. Synod

- Interfaith Power & Light - Environmental Stewardship. A free-will lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there! If you have questions, call Miriam Bunge. You can register [here](http://www.mittensynod.org/event/) or visit [www.mittensynod.org/event/](http://www.mittensynod.org/event/).

*Miriam Bunge*



**Summer Youth Music Camp  
Monday – Friday, June 17-21**

Choir ~ Recorder ~ Handbells  
Choir Chimes ~ Sign Language

**Mark Your Calendars!**

**Children’s Choir**

ULC Children’s Choir will sing during the 10:45 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Mar. 17.

*Janine Novenske Smith  
Director of Music*

**What are “Stops” and “Registration” on the Organ**

An organ “stop” is the part of the pipe organ that allows the wind to flow into a rank of pipes. By turning these knobs on (pulling them out) or off (pushing them in), the organist can control which ranks of pipes will be able to sound. “Registration” on the organ is the art of combining just the right collection of stops to make the music sound as the composer intended or as is needed to support congregational singing. The phrase “pull out all the stops” comes from the action of the organist who pulls on all of the stops of the organ to make the loudest, fullest sound possible.

Organists spend years learning about different stops, knowing the sounds that each make, and recognizing the names, which might be from German, French, English, or other languages. When an organist sits down to play an organ that is new to them, they will at least have an idea of what kind of sound will emerge from each stop as they start to create a registration for a piece of music.

The ULC organ will have pipes from each of the five basic pipe categories. The first is “Principals.” The pipes of a Principal stop do not try to imitate any other instrument and give the organ its basic, unique sound. Principals are the stops, perhaps combined with others, that most



A sample of the organ stop knobs.

often are used to accompany congregational singing.

Another type of pipes is the Flutes, which imitate the sounds made by the various flute and piccolo instruments. The “Strings” imitate the sounds made by the string section of an orchestra and the very distinctive “Reed” pipes imitate either the brass instruments or the woodwind reed instruments like the clarinet, oboe, and bassoon.

The last category would be “hybrids,” which combine the tone qualities of two of the other types of pipes (flute + string, for example).

To get all of these different sounds, the pipes will be made of wood (pine or poplar), lead (a pipe metal alloy of 90 percent lead), or a 50 percent metal mix (a pipe metal alloy of 50 percent tin and lead).

Our new organ will have so many more options for creating registrations because we will have so many more stops and, unlike our old organ, all of the ranks of pipes will actually work. The organ will also have many improved ways to change registration. Previously the organist’s hand(s) had to leave the keyboard to pull out or push in knobs to change the registration. (An alternate method involved having one of your children stand by the organ and learn which stops to pull and when to pull them.)

The future organ will have a multitude of pistons (small buttons under the keyboards) that will change the registration with the push of that button by the organist’s thumb as she plays. These pistons can be programmed to remember one hundred different settings, so that the registration for the quiet Lenten piece will still be there after the organist plays the loud and joyous Easter piece.

*Julie Baglien  
Organist*



Please join us for an evening of music to support our refugee community

# Refugee Benefit Concert

Saturday, March 16, 2019 | 7:00 pm  
University Lutheran Church  
1020 S. Harrison Road  
East Lansing, MI 48823

Proceeds will benefit St. Vincent Catholic Charities' Refugee Services, the designated refugee resettlement agency for adults and families in Lansing and mid-Michigan.

## Featuring Choirs From

Grace Lutheran, First Christian, University Lutheran, First Presbyterian, Faith Lutheran, Presbyterian Church of Okemos, Lansing Children's Choir, and more!

## Event Presented in Partnership With


Global Institute of Lansing – Providing educational services to adult refugees that enables them to earn a high school diploma.

Refugee Development Center – Providing English classes, after school support, summer camp and other educational services for adults and children.

Samaritas – Providing foster care services for unaccompanied refugee minors

All Faith Alliance for Refugees (AFAR)- Working together to welcome refugees in the Lansing area.

and sponsored in part by Thrivent Financial

 Refugee Benefit Concert for more information.



Online donations can be made at [bit.ly/RefugeeBenefitConcert](http://bit.ly/RefugeeBenefitConcert)

## March Outreach of the Month Samaritas

(Formerly Lutheran Social Services of Michigan)

In the summer of 2016, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan became *Samaritas*. Samaritas is a ministry of being Christ to people who are in need of assistance and love. The ministry began in 1934 in Michigan to support and care for the elderly. Throughout the years this ministry has expanded to include foster care for young adults, homes for the elderly, adoption, and support for newly-arrived immigrants.

There are two very local examples of what Samaritas does in the name of Christ. One example is Alison House located on the west side of Lansing, near the Lansing Mall. This ministry is for physically challenged people to live independently in an apartment. It is named after Pastor Alan and Sue Kamen's daughter, Alison.

The other is Michigan Refugee Hope, a house of young adults on the property of Faith Lutheran Church, in Okemos. Financially supporting Samaritas is one way we live out the challenge of "being Jesus Christ to our neighbor." As we are going to learn again this summer, Our Neighbor is anyone who needs us.

Michael Anderson  
Stewardship Team

## Refugee Update from Samaritas

In the last year, we served 155 youth as they continued to build roots in our community, and 30 new youths were welcomed into our program.

8 amazing individuals/families made the decision to give refugee youths the opportunity of love and safety by becoming a foster home.

17 individuals/families opened their homes through our Rent-a-Room program to support youth transitioning to independence. Many of our youth were supported in their transition into independence through supplies and funds donated by University Lutheran Church!

23 youths crossed a major milestone by graduating from high school, and **all** of the youth who graduated went on to attend trade school, a community college, or a university.

5 youths were able to stay in a safe home in the Michigan Refugee Hope house, of which University Lutheran Church is a fiduciary.

At the end of the year, foster families and foster youths from around the state were able to come together to celebrate the holidays at our annual Christmas party at University Lutheran Church.

As we continue to work on behalf of these youths, we are always in need of foster families, Rent-a-Room homes for youths transitioning out of foster care, mentors, and tutors. The case remains that we can only welcome as many youths into this program (and give them the opportunity to leave refugee camps and shelters) as we have homes that they can go to. We also continue to look for open doors to spread awareness of the needs of these children to more and more people within our community and state.

And as we continue to work on behalf of these youths, we look forward to a continued partnership with you as, together, we see these doors opened and these youths supported and welcomed into a loving community that they can call home.

Kayla Park  
Samaritas Refugee Capacity Builder

## 2019 Change for a *Change* Lenten Collection

# Women at Risk, International (WAR)

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

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. It is defined as the “recruiting, harboring, transportation, providing, or obtaining of a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts through force, fraud, or coercion” (U.S. Department of State). Tragically, the “trafficked” are all too often hidden in plain sight.

The designated recipient of ULC’s 2019 Lenten Drive, Women At Risk (WAR Int’l) is a Michigan based, nonprofit anti-trafficking organization, established to create circles of protection around at-risk women and children. Through culturally sensitive, value-added intervention projects and partnerships, WAR provides safe places to heal from abuse, trafficking, exploitation, and more. WAR’s passion is to empower survivors to live and work with dignity and hope.

For more information, visit <https://warinternational.org>

We have been calling this drive “Change for a Change” because its origin involved collecting our “loose change” during Lent, but please contribute in any way you find most convenient:



- **PayPal on [ULC Website](#)** - Enter “Change for a Change” under *special instructions*)

- **Check** - Make payable to ULC and write “Change for a Change” on the

memo line

- **Cash** - Put in an offering envelope and write “Change for a Change” on the outside
- **Piggy Bank** - collecting your loose change throughout Lent. We can loan you a used “green water bottle piggy bank,” or just use your own jar. Turn in your “piggy bank” at church on Easter Sunday.)

*Donating what amounts to our small change over the Lenten Season to help make a big change someplace where it is needed.*

Thank you all!

*Social Action Team*

## Kids Hope USA

As ULC begins a Kids Hope USA ministry this Spring to mentor kindergarten to third grade students at Forest View Elementary in Lansing, volunteers are needed in a variety of ways:



- Mentors – to meet 1 hour 1 day a week with 1 student. Teachers will provide some academic work and extra time can be spent

with educational games, activities and books that will be provided. Training will occur to develop a successful mentoring relationship.

- Prayer Partners – to pray for a mentor and the child that he/she is assigned. The prayer partner will stay in contact regularly with the mentor to get a progress report on the child.

- Scholarship Provider – to provide a \$15 per month (or \$180 per year) scholarship for a child.

If you have questions about this ministry or would like to volunteer, contact Barb Kissling at [barbkissling@comcast.net](mailto:barbkissling@comcast.net) or call 517-349-0188.

*Barbara Kissling  
ULC Kids Hope USA Director*







## Join us March 12!

Our March sewing day is scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 12. Let's hope the weather doesn't force us to reschedule like we did in February. Enough with this crazy winter weather! Plan to meet in the Atrium at 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. If you are unable to join us please consider taking home a quilt kit that Miriam Minshall has prepared. Finished tops really help us keep our supply of

prayer quilts ready when folks have a request.

### Calling all High School Seniors!

The quilts for this year's graduating high school seniors are back from being machine quilted. Max Helser, Noah Schott, Morgan Weaver and William Weston will be wrapped in their quilts during the 9:30 a.m. service on Sunday, June 9. This

continues the 17<sup>th</sup> year of this ULC tradition. If you know of any other graduating high school seniors in our congregation, PLEASE let Bobbie Davis ([bobbie@acd.net](mailto:bobbie@acd.net)) know as soon as possible!

*Bobbie Davis*

## Grounds Team

### Spring is Coming!

With Spring just ahead, it is time to begin thinking about the upcoming growing season. I noticed that many members of our congregation enjoy gardening and we on the Grounds Team would love to have you join us to



work the gardens this upcoming season. Our Spring workday will occur the first week of May, weather permitting.

We have several gardens that need to be adopted, so please consider joining us.

For those of you who already work

established gardens, I hope that you are returning. Please accept my thanks for all of the hard work that you have given over many years. My home phone number is 517-349-0276 and cell is 517-927-4240, email is [cnjolin@wowway.com](mailto:cnjolin@wowway.com).

*Norm Jolin Sr.*



## 2018 Outreach of the Month Giving Totals

Again we thank the congregation for your generous response to the different organizations. The totals for 2018 are:

January: Michigan Refugee Hope:	1,225
February: Food Packing:	1,240
+ 1,400 from the Islamic Center	
March: Rebuilding together	460
April: Synod Assembly offering	260
May: St. Paul LC Food Pantry	620
June: Medical Supplies for Christ:	503

July: Salem LC, Flint Water	1,595
August: Lutheran World Relief - School Kits	200
September: Friendship House	315
October: Seminary Student support:	25
November: Samaritas	300
December: ELCA Good Gifts (Hunger)	<u>1,034</u>

**Total for 2018** **\$9,582**

*Michael Anderson  
Stewardship Team*

## Can you Help?

Do you have a couple of hours a week to help in the ULC Office? Volunteers are needed on Tuesday or Wednesday afternoons or Friday morning and afternoon. If you would like to volunteer, contact Britny at 332-2559 to get more information.

If your schedule doesn't permit a weekly commitment, the Lux newsletter mailing group needs additional helpers and they meet once a month August through May. Again, Britny is the person to contact to join this group.

## From the President

# Groundhog Day 2019

On Saturday, Feb. 2, our council retreated to reflect on our gifts and opportunities. Our day started with a Bible study on Acts 10, where we considered where the Holy Spirit might be leading our congregation. Pastor Bunge led an engaging session in which we considered our mission, vision and statement of intentional welcome. We also reviewed past goals that were written when our congregation and leadership team were in a different place.

As I mentioned in my first Lux report in December, we are in a very good place with our pastoral leadership and growing congregation. The spirit for our retreat reflected the optimism of an engaged council and an inspired pastoral team. The end product of our Groundhog Day retreat is the promise of a shorter winter and several areas of focus for your church council.

We look forward to sharing the news of our progress on these core areas of focus. Thank you to our dedicated council and pastors for coming in on a cold Saturday morning to help articulate our vision for 2019 and beyond.

## Council Goals for 2019

**Education** - We will develop four educational opportunities in addition to Sunday morning

- Social Justice
- Bible
- Interfaith

## Ministry/Community

- At least one intentional education opportunity will be developed in collaboration with a community partner
- At least 20 ULC people serving in Kids Hope as mentors, prayer partners and scholarship providers

## Worship

- Develop a way to receive and act upon feedback in worship
- Explore the use of the Narrative Lectionary in our worship

*Brandon Baswell*  
ULC President

The ULC Council met on Wednesday, Feb. 20 and the following are highlights from this meeting:

- Weekly Lenten midweek services will focus on Praying the Psalms
- New van purchase was completed and ULC signage is finished
- Barbara Kissling is meeting with principal at Forest View Elementary in Lansing regarding our Kids Hope project
- Pastor Michelle Haskell of Samaritas will preach on Mar. 3
- Meeting with organ renovation company on Mar. 14



## Council Notes

- There was a \$919 difference in increased income in the 2019 budget
- Accepted gift from Lorenz family for a 70-inch TV for the Fireside Room with great appreciation
- Approved the appointment of Vicki Anderson and Howard Pierce to the Personnel Committee
- Reviewed council goals from the retreat on Feb. 2

- Transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran, East Lansing of Bob and Anne Smith
- Transfer to Church Triumphant of Anita Krumins
- Receipt of Logan John Smith by baptism.

*Sheila Nicholas*  
ULC Council Secretary

## January Attendance

Jan. 6: 112  
Jan. 13: 181  
Jan. 20: 129  
Jan. 27: 145

# Lead Management Notes

## Lead Pastor's Report - Pastor

**Gary:** I attended Luther Seminary's Mid-winter Convocation Jan. 30-Feb. 1. As part of the convocation I attended a workshop on *Campus Kitchen* which is a national ministry to transform unused food from dining halls, grocery stores, restaurants, and farmers' markets into meals for their community. This might be a ministry worth exploring here at ULC/MSU.

I introduced the Worship Planning team to the Narrative Lectionary which is an alternate lectionary developed by Bible two professors from Luther Seminary in 2009. Council will be talking about our using it in worship starting this coming fall. It was developed to help people learn the overall narrative story of the Bible.

## Bicycle Ministry - Gary

**Garbarino:** I have been in touch with Rich Bearup at Friendship House and he is going to pick up a child's bike and an adult bike from my house.

## Campus Ministry - Sue Kamens:

The work of Pastor Haley Vay, the three student associates, and the fruits of a trip such as the spring break trip are evident in the student involvement in the life of our congregation. Volunteering in Faith Formation of children, singing in the choir, playing in the handbell ensemble, acting as assisting minister in Sunday worship, students are an integral part of our congregational life. The friendships developed at Friday at Five and on the spring break trip are evident by observing the clusters of students at coffee hour following worship.

**Social Action - Bryan Rahe:** The food distribution in January served 47 households and we had 21 volunteers. The distribution was held inside. Excess food was taken to St. Paul Lutheran Food Pantry, St. Luke Lutheran Christ Campus, and the Lansing City Rescue Mission.

**Communications Team - Amy Wagenknecht:** Our team met Feb. 5 and spent most of the meeting making revisions to a draft brochure

developed by the Evangelism Team. We made suggested changes to keep the brochure consistent with the format and message presented on the website. Melissa Andresen compiled a list of Community Calendars that we can use for future publicity. At our next meeting we will develop a form for use by groups who want to publicize an event on this format. It is hoped that we can also find an individual (stay-at-home parent or shut-in with computer skills) who may be willing to input these sheets into the various calendars. We will also begin planning for Easter publicity next month.

**Facility - Dale Romsos:** The Tower and the Grounds shed are no longer heated. Ballast by-pass LED bulbs are being installed in each of the 32 parking lot light poles. A Consumers Energy grant has been obtained to assist in purchase of LED bulbs for the coat room and chapel. A new ADA faucet has been installed in the lower-level women's bathroom.

*Amy Wagenknecht*

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I spent 12 years schooling in Michigan in the very cold environment compared to Viet Nam. It's a good thing because there's not much to do and we didn't have money to spend on much except to study.

As soon as I graduated from Michigan State University with a BS in Mechanical Engineering, I accepted a job offer with Lockheed Space Operations Company at KSC and headed south. I borrowed a student loan to buy my first used Oldsmobile to drive from Michigan to Florida with only \$100 cash in my wallet, a credit card, and my car wasn't even insured. It was quite a journey!!

To incoming employees, "If I can do it, you can do it better! GOOD LUCK, because I will rely on you for my pension, supplement, and social security. I'll be one of the Docents at KSC next year.

Good bye,  
Chien V. Nguyen  
Officially RETIRED Old Fart



My recovery from kidney transplant surgery is going very well and I am sure that the good results so far can be attributed to all of your prayers and support that I have received over the past several weeks. The prayer quilt is wonderful and your thoughts and prayers, and support mean so much to me.

Many thanks to all of you!

*God Bless,  
Norm Jolin Sr.*



## Celebrating Dorothy Louderback's Career at J. C. Penney as she turns 103

In 1902 James Cash Penney, a 27 year old entrepreneur, opened his first store named "The Golden Rule Store" in Kemmerer, Wyoming. By 1912 he owned 34 stores in the Rocky Mountain States and had rebranded them J. C. Penney. Remarkably by 1920 the chain had expanded nationwide. In the later half of the 20th century the downtown Penney stores those of us born before 1970 remember began to relocate as anchor stores in the new suburban phenomenon, the shopping mall.



lingerie. Dorothy was scheduled to work two to three days per week and remembers driving the family's Oldsmobile in to work after church just about every Sunday.

Dorothy loved her time working at Penney's - giving customers personal attention, working with the wide variety of inventory and remembering the sales associates were like one big family. She has a dear co-worker friend, Betty Forry, who she still keeps in touch with via weekly phone calls in which they often reminisce about their "Penney days."

Around this time Dorothy Louderback, living on her farm outside of Marion Ohio with her husband Lew and teenage daughter Kay, was looking for some part time work to get her out of the house and make some money of her own. It was a perfect match and Dorothy began a nearly 20-year career as a J. C. Penney sales clerk.

When Dorothy finally retired at age 70 J. C. Penney rewarded her with a Discount for Life! She remains loyal to her former employer and was delighted when the local manager of the Lansing Mall Store, Andrea Vanderske, gifted her with a T shirt commemorating the store history. Dorothy is wearing the shirt in this picture. Next time you see Dorothy ask her about her time working at Penney's and you are sure to get a smile!

Dorothy remembers that the anchor stores were in place before the rest of the mall had been completed. She could walk from one anchor store to another within the walls of the mall but with no roof overhead! Her first assignment was in greeting cards but she was truly a jack of all trades for the retailer ending her time in women's

Note: Dorothy turns 103 on Mar. 14!

*Beth Rahe*

## ULC Had a Role in This . . .

Lavon Miller has maintained contact with the Nguyen family, a Vietnamese refugee family that ULC supported in the mid-1970s. One of the children, Chien, recently retired from NASA and sent the following email to Lavon. This was the email Chien sent to his co-workers.

Dec. 31, 2018 was my last day with NASA so I wanted to say that it's been a great honor to have met and worked with all of you at a working level. The people at Kennedy Space Center (KSC) are special and I have been so very blessed to have been able to spend a total of 32 years

working with various contractors as a Reliability Engineer; NASA, KSC/Cape Canaveral Air Force Station (CCAFS) on the Space Shuttle Programs (as Fuel Cells/PRSD System Engineer and Quality Engineer); Space Station Programs (as Integration Engineer and System Engineer); Checkout and Launch Control System Projects (as Quality Engineer); Launch Services Programs (as Quality Engineer); Joint-Base Operations Contract (as IPT Leads in Airfield, Logistics,

Propellants and Life Support); and with the Air Force, and Institutional (as PVS and KSC NASA Advisory & GIDEP Coordinator). I can't believe that I made it! It has been a dream...an American dream.



Forty-three years ago, in 1975, I faced various adversities as a 13-year-old refugee/immigrant from Viet Nam to the US with my family. I had to learn a new culture, language, and saw snow for the first time in Michigan.

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## The Rest of the Story

The January Archive Lux article told the story of Mrs. Lillian Dennison who lived in the house north of the church. In the February Lux we learned that the property line for ULC and the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan ran through the house – nearly all on the Episcopal side. With this information the committee recommended that ULC’s claim to the property should end, and the responsibilities for the property were transferred to the diocese. A planning committee was then formed to explore the future of the site with representatives of the diocese and local Episcopal leaders.

The Lux issues in the archive collection are quite complete, however, the February 1979 Lux (which completed the story) is missing. So, we looked to the timeline and talked with Larry Cross, who was very active during this time, and put together “the rest of the story.”

1959 – A study committee explores availability of properties adjacent to M.S.U for further expansion. A verbal agreement is reached with



The Dennison Home.

Mrs. Dennison for the purchase of property on Harrison Road, 165 feet by 600 feet. “Conditions of the sale were 1.) an unconditional life lease to Mrs. Dennison for her home and the immediate area. This area to include approximately two rods behind the barn, beyond the asparagus bed, in any case, and on the side to include the maple tree in the front yard and the pear tree to the rear.”

1966 (Mar.) – The congregation authorizes purchase of the adjoining Presbyterian property in order to provide room for a major building program. The cost is \$45,540.

1967 (June) – Council is authorized to negotiate a land transfer with the Episcopal Church and thereby

provide the optimum site for a building program. At this meeting the architect presents a model showing a worship facility (Unit I), in essentially the same form as the present facility. To the west is an educational unit (Unit II) and to the north is a chapel (Unit III) which would be shared with the Episcopal Church when they build. The model is approved and additional planning is authorized.

1979 (Jan.) – Death of Mrs. Dennison.

1980 (Dec.) – The lot north of ULC is for sale (1010 S. Harrison) by the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.

1981 (March) – A fund drive begins to purchase 1010 S. Harrison and for the retirement of the bonds. The goal is to raise \$200,000.

1986 (Oct.) – ULC purchases 2 parcels of land to the north of the original ULC lot for \$110,000.

ULC now owns all of the property that makes up 1020 S. Harrison Road. And that is “the rest of the story.”

*Archives Team*

## Welcome Baby Girl Beaman!



Pastor Haley Vay and Bryn with grandparents-to-be survey the table full of gifts from the baby shower on Saturday, Feb. 23. Over 80 attendees helped welcome Baby Girl Beaman.



The adorable forest creatures theme was carried through the food table with this pineapple melon owl.



Vicki Anderson and Louise Paquette with the 2,500 diapers and 1,400 wipes that were donated. They will be split between the new baby and the Homeless Angels diaper bank.

## Celebrations



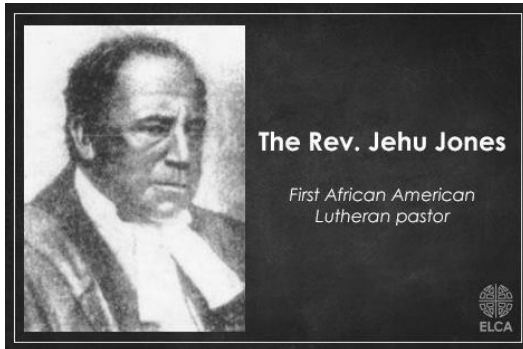
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| 1 Gary Dawson                      | 14 Dorothy Louderback (103!)                                   |
| 3 Andrew Bracken<br>Sophia Othoudt | 15 Michael Anderson<br>Barbara Kissling                        |
| 4 Marian Stoll                     | 17 Patrick Milligan  |
| 5 Kirstan Jolin                    | 18 Liam Thoman   |
| 7 Jaime Danley<br>Wendy Guilfoyle  | 19 TJ Christian<br>Dave Oslund                                 |
| 8 Philip Brooks                    | 21 John Foley<br>Bill Nicholas                                 |
| 9 Diane Goddeeris<br>James Kocher  | Brielle Williams   |
| 11 Pr. Haley Vay Beaman            | 22 Lena Oslund   |
| 12 Max Miller                      | 23 Paul Brooks   |
| 14 Gene Kenyon                     | 25 Charles Goddeeris<br>Thomas Harpstead<br>Virginia McKinstry |
|                                    | 26 Janet Koenig  |
|                                    | 28 Sarah Gallagher   |

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| 28 Kevin Tague                       |
| 29 Jeffrey Andresen<br>Harold Prince |
| 30 Matthew Bracken                   |
| 31 Lori Althouse<br>Jonathan Schelke |



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| 4 Steven & Darra Haase                                    |
| 9 James Sype & Vivian Leung                               |
| 17 Bill & Linda<br>Trevarthen                             |
| 18 Max & Lou Ann<br>Miller<br>Paul & Mary Kotnik          |
| 19 Gail & Barbara Riegler                                 |
| 20 Louise & Lee Paquette<br>Deborah & Joseph<br>Velasquez |

### Celebrating Black History in the ELCA



**In observance of Black History Month, we celebrate the history of the Black Lutheran movement. Born into slavery in Charleston, S.C., Jehu Jones bought his freedom and, in 1832, became the first person of African descent to be ordained in the Lutheran tradition. Jehu founded St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Philadelphia, one of the first African-descent Lutheran congregations in the United States.**



**Daylight Saving  
Time Begins Sunday,  
March 10!**



The deadline for the Mar. Lux is **Friday, Mar. 15.**

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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| <p>1 5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge</p> <p>2 MSU Spring Break through Mar. 9</p> <p>3 8:30a Worship</p> <p>9:40a Faith Formation/Forum</p> <p>10:45a Worship</p> <p>3:00p Latvian Worship</p> <p>4 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>5:00p Security Team-Conference</p> <p>5 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside</p> <p>9:30a Lux Planning-Conference</p> <p>10:15a Communications Team-Conference</p> <p>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference</p> <p>5:30p MSU Basketball Parking</p> <p>7:00p MSU Men's Basketball v. Nebraska</p> <p>6 <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p> <p>8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL</p> <p>Noon Lectio Divina-Fireside</p> <p>7:00p Ash Wednesday Worship</p> <p>7 7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>9 6:30p MSU Basketball Parking</p> <p>8:00p MSU Men's Basketball v. Michigan</p> <p>10 8:30a Worship</p> <p>9:40a Faith Formation/Forum</p> <p>10:45a Worship</p> <p>12:15p Chili Cook-Off-Fellowship Hall</p> <p>1:30p Sons of Norway-Fireside</p> <p>11 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>12 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside</p> <p>9:00a Prayers &amp; Squares Work Day-Atrium</p> <p>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference</p> <p>7:00p Pub Theology-Spartan Brewpub</p> <p>13 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL</p> <p>Noon Lenten Study, Worship &amp; Lunch- Sanctuary/Fireside</p> <p>4:00p Lead Management Team-Conference</p> <p>7:00p Lenten Study &amp; Worship-Sanctuary</p> <p>14 5:00p Constitution Work Group</p> <p>6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>15 5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge</p> <p>16 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL</p> | <p>7:00p Refugee Benefit Concert-Sanctuary</p> <p>17 8:30a Worship</p> <p>9:40a Faith Formation/Forum</p> <p>10:45a Worship</p> <p>18 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>19 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside</p> <p>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference</p> <p>12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside</p> <p>6:30p ULC Council</p> <p>20 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL</p> <p>9:30a Amnos Circle-Fireside</p> <p>Noon Lenten Study, Worship &amp; Lunch- Sanctuary/Fireside</p> <p>1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside</p> <p>7:00p Lenten Study &amp; Worship-Sanctuary</p> <p>21 Noon ISM Board-Fireside</p> <p>6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> <p>22 Jr. High Charge Event-Traverse City</p> <p>5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge</p> <p>23 9:00a Synod Event: Bonhoeffer &amp; Environment-ULC</p> <p>24 8:30a Worship</p> <p>9:40a Faith Formation/Forum</p> <p>10:45a Worship</p> <p>Noon Campus Ministry Team-Student Lounge</p> <p>25 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside</p> <p>26 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside</p> <p>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference</p> <p>5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board-Library</p> <p>6:30p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship</p> <p>7:00p Pub Theology-Spartan Brewpub</p> <p>27 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL</p> <p>Noon Lenten Study, Worship &amp; Lunch-Sanctuary/Fireside</p> <p>7:00p Lenten Study &amp; Worship-Sanctuary</p> <p>28 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library</p> <p>3:30p Food Movers Set-up-Fellowship</p> <p>4:30p Food Distribution-Fellowship</p> <p>6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary</p> <p>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room</p> |
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<p><b>Enhance Fitness</b> classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in Atrium</p>	<p><b>Education Hour – 9:40 to 10:30a:</b></p> <p>Sunday Forum – Fireside Room</p> <p>Sunday School (Age 2 - HS) – Basement Education Wing</p>
<p><b>Friendship House Classes at ULC:</b></p> <p>Mondays 1:00p - English-Fireside</p> <p>Tuesdays 3:00p – Pilates-Atrium</p> <p>Wednesday 11:00a - Watercolor Painting Class-Youth Rm</p>	<p>Reminder - Please contact the ULC office <b>BEFORE</b> scheduling your events. This will help you get the space you need and your group's event on the ULC calendar. Thanks!</p>



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- Mary Letvenow**  
Event Coordinator
- Kristie Wiggert**  
**Julie Baglien**  
Organists
- Louise Paquette**  
Director of Handbells

**Worship Expressions  
And The Arts**

Saturday, March 30  
4:00 p.m.  
ULC Sanctuary

Imagine God's Kingdom  
"On earth as it is in heaven"

A worship  
experience with  
song, liturgical  
dance, drama, and  
visual arts

The background of the event box is a vertical rectangular area with abstract, painterly textures in shades of green and blue. A large, dark teal cross is positioned in the lower right quadrant of this area.

**Worship  
Expressions  
Art Show**

As part of Worship Expressions and the Arts there will be an art show in our gathering area. The artwork for the show can have a religious theme, but that is not a requirement. If you have a piece of artwork that you would like to include in the show, (painting, photography, pottery, wood, textile, sculpture) please contact Janine Novenske Smith, Director of Music.