

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

**Mark Your Calendars . . .**

**Ash Wednesday Worship**

Mar. 2 at 7 p.m.

In-person worship resumes  
Streamed on Facebook

**Sunday Worship**

March 6 at 10 a.m.

In-person Sunday worship resumes; also streamed on Facebook, followed by Forum in-person and on Zoom.

**Lenten Midweek Worship**

Mar. 9, 16, 23, 30 at Noon

More details on page 2.

**Begin Daylight Saving Time**

Sunday, Mar. 13

**Food Movers**

Thursday, Mar. 24 - 3:30 p.m.

Drive thru distribution.

**Pub Theology**

Tuesday, March 29 at 7 p.m.

Zoom (call 332-2559 for link)



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**Thirsting for Justice**



The live crew for the Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> Worship Expressions, Thirsting for Justice service that was broadcast live on Facebook. (Masks removed briefly for photo.)

In recognition of Black History month, the Feb. 20 Worship Expressions theme was “Thirsting for Justice.” Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells preached, and Zurich Dawson was the guest vocalist. The service was directed by Janine Novenske Smith. Other participants included Pastors Gary Bunge and Haley Vay Beaman, musicians John Dale Smith (piano), Chuck Page (acoustic bass), Rick Cote (drums), Steve Sneed (guitar), and Nancy Lindman, (worship assistant). The audio/visual production crew included Jim Lorenz, and Aaron and Jeff Williams. If you missed this service, it’s available on our [You Tube](#) channel. There are more photos on page 12.

ULC will return to in-person worship on



*Ash  
Wednesday*

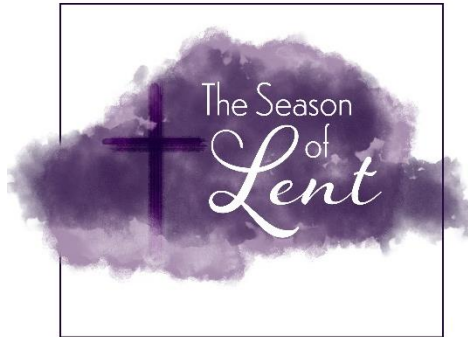
March 2 at 7:00pm

Will also be live streamed on Facebook.

## Return to In-person Worship

As we turn the calendar to March, it marks two years since the COVID-19 pandemic began and since we have been worshipping online. It's hard to comprehend that. Two years is a long time, yet it seemed to go by quickly. But with Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent on Mar. 2, we will be returning to in-person worship because COVID cases in Ingham County and Michigan have declined to a much lower level.

As we return to worship in Lent, we plan to ease into in-person worship. Sunday morning will continue with one service in-person at 10 a.m. We will also continue to stream this service on Facebook for those who are uncomfortable returning or are unable to be there. As has been stated elsewhere, masks will be required, and vaccinations and boosters are expected for those who are eligible. Other accommodations will also be made in the interest of safety. Please read these on page 8.



Our midweek Lenten worship will be somewhat different from years past too. We will have an in-person worship at 12:00 p.m. each Wednesday, but there will not be a soup lunch. This 12 p.m. service will be recorded and then streamed on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. on Facebook for those who are unable or uncomfortable attending at noon.

The theme for our Lenten worship will be *Priceless Grace*. Holden Evening Prayer will be our liturgy, and our Wednesday midweek Scripture reading will be the previous Sunday's reading, giving us

a chance to continue reflecting on the reading. In addition to the reading each Wednesday, there will also be a monologue to help us to reflect on the passage.

Hopefully by having our midweek Lenten worship both in-person and online will enable more people to worship and experience the beauty of Holden Evening Prayer and immerse themselves in the message of John's version of Jesus' ministry and passion.

Lent is a wonderful season to take time to pause from the often- hectic pace of life so that we can deepen and expand our faith practices by setting aside additional time for prayer, Scripture reading, or worship. I hope that this Lent will be a special one for you as we return to in-person worship and reflect on John's unique understanding of Jesus' passion.

Blessings on your Lenten journey,

*Pastor Gary*



### Lenten Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

March 9, 16, 23, 30 and Apr. 6

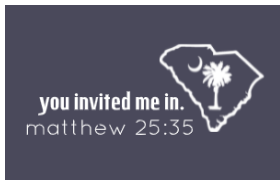
In-person worship at noon  
(No lunch following)

Recorded service will be streamed on  
Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

Holden Evening Prayer



### Charleston, South Carolina Alternative Spring Break March 5-12



As we build community, grow in faith, and continue welcoming new and familiar faces during Friday @ Five gatherings, we also finish preparations for Alternative

Spring Break, and give thanks to God for our ULC congregation. We ask for your prayers, for health, safety, and unique and faith formational experiences along the journey. We look forward to returning to ULC on Sunday, Mar.13 when students will share about their experience in worship.



Students prepare for alternative spring break by sharing their own PowerPoint presentations about various aspects of Charleston's history, from indigenous people, to food, plants, and trade specific to the area.

### February Speaker

Continuing our Queer Theology theme, we welcomed Nicole McCarthy, Associate Director at Living Water Ministries. We also hosted Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells, Director of LuMin (ELCA Campus Ministry Network).



Lasagna, fresh bread, salad, and cookies shared by Barb Kissling. Many heartfelt thanks to Barb for providing a homemade meal for our students and guest speakers. We love Barb's lasagna!



Barb serving lasagna to Student Associate, Rachel (right) and Narindra and Josh (left).

### Family Faith Formation

#### Worship Wednesday Continues on Zoom

Videos are posted weekly to ULC's YouTube channel under the Worship Wednesday playlist. What can I expect when I participate? A typical afternoon in Worship Wednesday includes our Welcome Song, followed by introductions, and answering a Question of the Day, like "What is your favorite water activity?" or "What kind of food would you feed 5,000 people?" These questions help set the scene for our Bible adventure. Then we enjoy Music Class with Mrs. Janine. We learn songs that we record for



Worship Wednesdays on Zoom!

Children's Choir projects, and it is so much fun! Then we have our snack while Pastor Haley Vay reads a story, then leads a fun activity to help us apply what we are learning about faith to real life, and then we pray together. We hope you will join us each week in Worship Wednesday at

4:15pm on Zoom! Interested children and youth of all ages and abilities are welcome (parents, grandparents, and caregivers, too!)

#### Are You Joining us at Camp?



**NO REGISTRATION FEES IN 2022  
COMPLIMENTARY T-SHIRT & SNACKS  
FROM THE CAMP STORE**

For more information, please talk with your pastors and visit [www.ELCALivingWater.com/ourvision](http://www.ELCALivingWater.com/ourvision)

# Policing, Death Penalty and Broad Museum Director

**Mar. 6: The History of Policing in the United States.** The Racial Justice Team will discuss the origins of US police forces and policing in the North and the South, utilizing information from the NPR Throughline podcast which features Professor Kahlil Gibran Mohammad of Harvard. *The complete podcast (almost 70 minutes) can be found on the RJT Webpage in the "Zoom Forum recommended reading, viewing, and podcasts."*

**Mar. 13: American Policing: Time for a Change?** The Racial Justice Team will continue the Mar. 6 discussion by summarizing the key recommendations of the Kerner Commission as well as noted sociologist Kenneth Clark's testimony before the Kerner Commission. Following this there will be a frank discussion of what police reform could look like, especially in the Greater Lansing community.

To more fully understand this topic, the RJT recommends viewing the [video](#) (on the RJT webpage under the "Action" tab) detailing Professor Kenneth Clark's Doll Study more fully. Also, review the recommendations of the Kerner Commission on page 7 of this newsletter under "Speaking of Racial Justice" and listen to the podcast under "Listening to Racial Justice."



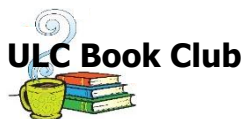
**March 20: Dead Man Walking: An interview with Sister Helen Prejean on Decades of Death Penalty Activism.** Helen Prejean CSJ is a Catholic religious sister and a leading American advocate for the abolition of the death penalty. She is known for her best-selling book, *Dead Man Walking*, based on her experiences with two

convicts on death row for whom she served as spiritual adviser before their executions. This interview was recorded in June of 2013 when Sister Helen appeared on the program Democracy Now.

**March 27: Monica Ramirez-Montagut, PhD., Director, Broad Art Museum at MSU.** Born in Mexico City, Mónica joined the MSU Broad team in 2020 after having served as director at the Newcomb Art Museum of Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

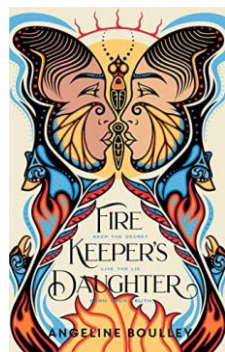
Throughout her extensive career, her approach to art is known for being both publicly engaged and socially conscious. Mónica received her Ph.D. in theory and history of architecture from Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya in Barcelona, Spain. A trained architect, she co-curated the 2006 Zaha Hadid (architect for the MSU Broad Museum) retrospective at the Guggenheim Museum in NYC. Monica will discuss her career and current exhibitions at the MSU Broad.

Linda Trevarthen



## March Selection Travels to Upper Peninsula

ULC Book Club will meet Thursday, Mar. 17 at 10 a.m. We will discuss *Firekeeper's Daughter* by Angeline Boulley. The main character, 18-year-old Daunis Fontaine, is torn between two worlds: Her father's world, the Sugar Island Ojibwe Tribe and the small Michigan town that is her mother's world. She plans to escape this difficult situation by going away to college. When her grandmother, GrandMary, has a stroke, Daunis decides to attend a local college so she can stay and help



her mother cope with caring for GrandMary. Adding to her troubles, Daunis witnesses a murder and ends up becoming an informant for the FBI.

As we get closer to the meeting we will decide if we are able to meet in person or if we need to continue meeting via Zoom.

If you would like to join us, please contact Beth Rahe at [bwojan1@gmail.com](mailto:bwojan1@gmail.com) or Mary Kotnik at [mkotnik@comcast.net](mailto:mkotnik@comcast.net) so we can add

you to our email list and keep you informed about how and where we will meet.

We meet the third Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. through the month of May.

Looking ahead, in April we will read *Borders & Belonging: The Book of Ruth: a story for our times* by Pádraig Ó Tuama & Glenn Jordan.

Please join us,

Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik

## March Outreach of the Month Living Water Ministries

March's Outreach of the Month is Living Water Ministries (LWM). LWM is the joint camping ministry of our synod and the Southeast Michigan Synod. Stony Lake Bible Camp in New Era, Mich. is co-owned by the synods and houses the offices of LWM. For the past two years, Stony Lake has been closed because of the pandemic, but it will be reopening this summer for a full summer of programs and camping.

Over the years, many ULC children and youth have attended Stony Lake for elementary camp, confirmation camp, and various high school camps, which has provided life-changing and faith-forming experiences for them. LWM also has a racial justice and leadership



training camp experience, Bridge Builders, which is a model program for the country, a camp for campers with disabilities, and a camp for foster children from Samaritas.

This summer, in order to jumpstart camp after a two-year hiatus, the Board of LWM has made the commitment to provide camp free of cost for all campers – *The Gift of Camp Freely Given* – so that no camper will pay any registration fees. ULC has committed to give \$10,000 to help make this possible. We plan to do so through an Endowment Grant, this Lent's Change 4 Change,

the Outreach of the Month for March, and a gift from our Youth Ministry Designated Fund.

LWM Executive Director C.J. Clark will be with us

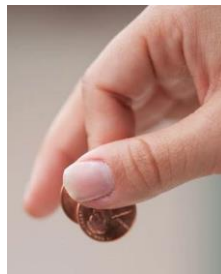
on March 20 to preach and tell the story of LWM and Stony Lake. For more information about LWM, follow this link to their last newsletter: <https://elcalivingwater.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Fall-2021-Newsletter.pdf>. Please consider giving generously to help make *The Gift of Camp Freely Given* a reality. You may donate by sending a check to the church office or by using the Donate button on our webpage [www.ulcel.org](http://www.ulcel.org) and designate your contribution as *Living Water Ministries*.

Pastor Gary

## Change for a Change Lenten Collection Living Water Ministries

Wish you could make a change in the world, but don't know where to begin?

During Lent, the Social Action Team invites the congregation to contribute to a cause which promotes real and active change somewhere in the world. This year's cause focuses on our own ULC kids and others in the synod. After two years of pandemic upheaval, Living Water Ministries has committed to making Camp 100 percent FREE for all children who wish to attend this truly wonderful summer experience, where our young people



can learn their true potential as beloved children of God. As you will read elsewhere in this edition of Lux and throughout the next several weeks, your donation will go directly to this promise since ULC has committed to raising \$10,000 toward this effort.

How to contribute:

- **Collect your loose change** - Grab a suitable container and toss in all your loose change throughout Lent (feel free to add extra!) Deliver it to ULC on Easter Sunday. Put a piece of paper inside with the words "Change for a Change." (If you wish this to credit your ULC account, please convert your donation to check or cash before submitting as all coins are lumped together in the counting machine.)
- **PayPal on ULC Website** - (enter "Change for a Change" under Special Instructions)
- **Check** - (make payable to ULC; write "Change for a Change" on the memo line)

Social Action Team

**"Living Water Ministries** summer camp is a safe place for all of God's children to experience intentional community centered in Christ where they are formed in their faith, developed as leaders, and equipped as servants of the gospel.

This approach to our work has world-changing implications as participants experience the love of Christ in each member of the community and return home to share that same love with others."

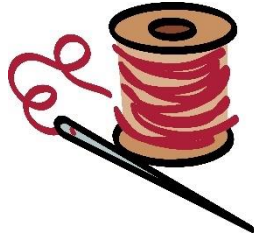




## **Kits Available for Sewing at Home**

Due to the number of people affected by the omicron virus, National Quilts of Valor (QOV) Sewing Day, Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup>, was not held in the Fellowship Hall as we had hoped. Instead, kits were available for volunteers to sew at home like we did last year. Several sewers participated in a Zoom session at noon to share our progress with one another. While we missed the in-person work session, this approach allowed QOV to be made in the safety of our homes. Several kits are still available. Please contact ([bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com](mailto:bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com) or 517-256-9452) if you would like a QOV kit delivered to your home.

Two winter-themed quilts made by Ann Booren were purchased by an



anonymous donor with the instructions that the funds be put in the P & S account, but the quilts were to be returned so they could be given to persons who were in need of our prayers. Pastor Jan Hite, of Redeemer Lutheran Church, wrapped two of her parishioners with these lovely quilts. Thank you for your generous gift! These two people are now feeling our love and prayers.

Prayers & Squares continue to meet in the Fellowship Hall each Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. until noon or so. We follow the Covid-19 protocols set by the county and our church council. Please consider joining us in our mission to cover those in need of prayer and comfort.

If you are unable to participate on Tuesday mornings, we have many kits available to make prayer quilt tops at home. Just let Bobbie Davis know you need one and it will be delivered to your doorstep!

Thank you ULC for the support this ministry has received over the more than 18 years since we were chartered in the Fall of 2003. Quilt number 2421 is under construction as I write this article. Dian Wright and I never imagined we would touch this many people with prayer when we first presented P & S to the Social Action Committee. Please continue recognizing those who need comfort and prayers by contacting the church office, the pastors, Ann Booren or me.

*Bobbie Davis*

### **Tight Knit**

## **ULC Sharing God's Love**

How do we share God's love with others? How do we provide comfort and warmth to people who are facing great challenges? One very tangible way is through the ULC Tight Knit ministry (which includes crocheters, too!). One part of this ministry is making prayer shawls, which are then blessed during a worship service and donated to Hospice of Greater Lansing.



Some of the 60+ prayer shawls that were crafted by Tight Knit members and blessed during worship on Feb. 27 before being donated to Hospice.

We invite knitters and crocheters of all experience levels to join us.

The group provides everything needed to craft prayer shawls and other items that we donate. This includes yarn, tools, suggestions for patterns, and help learning techniques and stitches. In addition to prayer shawls, we make and donate winter hats (given during Greater Lansing Food Bank distributions), baby items (for the Baby Pantry at Trinity Lutheran in New Era – a home

congregation for one of the Campus Ministry students), and Knitted Knockers (protheses for breast cancer survivors).

During the pandemic Tight Knit members have been working from home. We will start meeting in person on Mondays, beginning April 4 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Join our Facebook page to connect and get the latest updates <https://www.facebook.com/groups/913334875421659/>.

For more information, contact us at Vicki [vickianderson831@gmail.com](mailto:vickianderson831@gmail.com) or Anne [asmith1959@hotmail.com](mailto:asmith1959@hotmail.com).

*Vicki Anderson and Anne Smith*

**Speaking Racial Justice  
Kerner Commission**

President Lyndon B. Johnson established the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders to investigate the causes of riots in the summer of 1967. The Commission was chaired by former Illinois Governor Otto Kerner and came to be known as the Kerner Commission. It first began meeting while rioting was still underway in Detroit.

The Commission’s final 700+ page report became an instant bestseller although the recommendations were never implemented. The summary of findings in the *Kerner Report* are as follows:

1. The riots resulted from black peoples’ frustration at the lack of economic opportunity.
2. One of the main causes of urban violence was white racism and that white America bore much of the responsibility for black rioting and rebellion.
3. It called for the creation of new jobs, new housing construction, and an end to *de facto* segregation in order to wipe out the destructive ghetto environment.
4. It recommended government programs to provide needed services, to hire more diverse and sensitive police forces and to invest billions in housing programs aimed at breaking up residential segregation.

This concludes our “Speaking Racial Justice” series. Next month we will begin a new series “Singing with Racial Justice” in which we will look at the background stories of spirituals which we have been including in worship.

Listening to  
Racial Justice   
**The Kerner Report**

**Podcast Title:** Into America: The Essential Kerner Commission Report. August 26, 2021. 31 minutes.

**Podcast Link** <https://www.msnbc.com/podcast/revisiting-powerful-thesis-kerne-commission-n1277674>

**Summary:** In 1968, the Kerner Commission wrote, "white society is deeply implicated in the ghetto." Here's how they reached a conclusion that still rings true today. This podcast is an interview of Jelani Cobb, editor of the re-release of the original Commission report entitled *The Essential Kerner Commission Report*.

*ULC Racial Justice Team  
Education Subgroup*

**Join us in Forum!**

The Racial Justice Team will be hosting two Forums in March – the 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> – focusing on **Policing in the U.S.** If you would like to prepare for these sessions, listen to the podcast above and check out the resources listed on our [webpage](#). **Join us in the sanctuary or on Zoom!**

The CORE workshop, **Understanding Racism**, that was scheduled to be held Mar. 18-19 has been postponed until this fall. Watch for announcements and plan to attend!



**The Mentoring Hour**

My mentoring hour was drawing to a close when I pulled out the picture book I had chosen to share with J—. It was January 18th, one day after MLK day, so I had chosen the picture book “I Have a Dream,” a composite of Dr Martin Luther King’s speech during the march on Washington, beautifully illustrated by Kadir Nelson.



J—is typically on the move while I read to him and today was no exception. To a bystander it might look like he is not paying attention, but I have learned that is not the case. Today confirmed that belief. To begin with he raised an issue with the language “all men are created equal” asking me “what about women?” I

told him I was pleased that he noticed the omission but that sometimes when we hear all men, they mean all people. Secretly I was thrilled that he had noticed.

When I reached the page that showed a young black male and young white male staring across the page from each other and read the words that Dr King

dreamed “the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood,” J— spoke up. He said, “that will never happen, they hate each other, and they shoot us.” I set down the book and asked J— to look at me. Then I asked him “do we hate each other?”

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## From the President

# New Horizons

We hear a lot of talk about returning to “normal,” meaning, returning to life as it was before the pandemic. However, in many ways, there will be a “new normal.” As a church council, we have been working to discern what it means to live out our vision and mission going forward.

One goal has been to continue our quality online worship along with in-person worship to care for those who cannot worship in person. We are happy that this goal has been met through tremendous effort, talent, and expense.

Now as a council we are asking God and one another, “How else might

ULC be called to new opportunities? How might we grow into new ways of nurturing one another, the campus, and surrounding communities?”

The needs in our community are great, but we have great hope in Christ! Watch for more information in the months ahead!

*Joy Oslund*

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## Return to In-Person Worship

Ash Wednesday on March 2 marks the return to in-person worship for University Lutheran Church. COVID cases in Ingham County and around Michigan have dropped to a much safer number and we believe that we can begin in-person worship safely. However, the pandemic is still not over, and we are not returning to “business as usual.” There are accommodations that the Council is putting into place in order to keep everyone safe. They are as follows:

- Masks are required for all worshippers
- Vaccinations and boosters are expected for all those who are eligible
- There will be no communal singing
- Please social distance and refrain from hugging or shaking hands
- Anyone who has been exposed to Covid or feeling sick should only attend online and not in person.
- If you are part of a high-risk group, please consider worshipping online instead of in person
- The offering plate will be on a table in back

- There will be no sharing of the peace
- After church, there will be no coffee hour. Any gathering to socialize should be done outdoors.
- Worshipers will remain in their seats for Communion and will pick up prepackaged elements on their way into worship

We recognize that the situation is very fluid, and these requirements will need to be adjusted appropriately as the pandemic dictates. We also ask everyone to be flexible as we negotiate these uncharted waters.

I give thanks that our congregation has been respectful, loving, and considerate to each other as we have endured and negotiated this challenging time with all the changes and adaptations that we faced. And I trust that as we move forward and return to in-person worship, we will continue to respect each other and the guidelines and requirements that the Council has put in place.

*Pastor Gary*

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### Mentoring continued from page 7.

He answered “no.” I said, “that’s right and I am white, and you are black, now let’s see what else Dr King has to say.” Once again J— was on the move, occasionally bringing a stuffed animal over to interact with the pages of the book as I finished reading it to him. When I was done, I told him we didn’t have time to talk about the shootings that day and that I would talk to him about it next time

We only had a couple minutes left at this point, so I began repacking my bag of supplies. Then I noticed J—

over at a whiteboard. He was drawing stick figures holding hands (some with triangular dresses on) and then he drew a square above them with a stick figure on top. He asked me “what was his name again?” I told him Dr Martin Luther King but writing MLK would be fine, and so he wrote MLK next to the top figure.

I left the room feeling moved by what had just transpired and praying I would be given the wisdom needed to follow through with my promise the next time we met. This 8-year-old boy was already carrying the trauma

of racially charged violence so endemic to this nation. I am thankful for the tools ULC is gifting me with: the CORE “Understanding Racism” workshop, books, and opportunities to caucus about race with my faith community. I do pray I can be an instrument of peace and hope in this young boy’s life.

To the Racial Justice Team and all those supporting the Kid’s Hope ministry, thank you. I do believe God is in these ministries beside us.

*Beth Rahe*



## Honduras Accompaniment Via Zoom

Recently, the Synod Honduras Team hosted a different kind of workshop for our friends in the Lutheran Church of Honduras (ICLH). Since we have not been able to send a team to Honduras, we had to find a new way of accompanying our dear friends. Working with the



Screenshot of some of the Michigan participants.

leadership of our project in Honduras, Salud Para la Vida or Health for Life, we decided to offer a workshop over Zoom. The requested topic was COVID. On a cold January day in Michigan, we reached out to our beautiful Honduran friends with *Living with COVID: a Mind, Body, and Spirit Perspective*.

Twenty-seven Honduran volunteers, some individually and some in groups, joined the zoom workshop, and the questions and discussion

that ensued indicated how desperately information was needed. Nidia, the coordinator of the project, said that everyone she invited participated and stayed with the group even though it lasted much longer than anticipated.

Pastor Megan Crouch of Peace Lutheran Church in Gaylord offered the “Spirit” portion of the workshop with Bible verses and stories to remind us of God’s love and presence. Jamie Royalty, a nurse from Lansing, talked about the science of COVID, medicines available and ways to protect yourself from infection. Her talk included some videos made with Spanish speaking friends about how germs can spread and a frank offering by a young

Honduran who is now living in Okemos on why he got vaccinated. Dr. Erika Dianis, a psychologist from Midland, offered insight into the mind and how stress and anxiety affects each of us. This was a new subject to offer the volunteers and is rarely discussed in Honduras. She included activities to relax your body that participants were able to practice.



Screenshot of some of the Honduran participants.

The Synod Honduras Team is fortunate to have a native Spanish speaker involved with our work. Max Quero of Caledonia was kept busy during the entire workshop translating for the group both English to Spanish and Spanish to English. Others involved in planning the workshop were Linda Stark of Sparta, Julie Hyatt of Midland and Connie Lenkowski from Williamston.

Our relationship with ICLH is one of accompaniment. All of our support is driven by needs that are acknowledged by the workers in Honduras. The coordinator of the program in Honduras sent us a list of misinformation about COVID that is common in their communities. These concerns were the basis of material presented.

Now these 27 volunteers will use the information presented and go out into their communities and educate and assist their neighbors on issues related to COVID.



Honduran participants.

While we learned so much from this first attempt of a workshop on Zoom, it was a total success, and we are excited to plan our next visit with ICLH volunteers. We now know that our visits to Honduras can happen more than once a year!

Connie Lenkowski

## Birthdays

- 1 Gary Dawson
- 4 Marian Stoll
- 5 Kirstan Jolin
- 7 Wendy Guilfoyle
- 8 Philip Brooks
- 9 Diane Goddeeris  
James Kocher
- 10 Kristi Sneed
- 11 Pr. Haley Vay Beaman



- 12 Max Miller
- 15 Michael Anderson  
Barbara Kissling
- 16 Lynn McCurdy

- 17 Patrick Milligan
- 19 TJ Christian  
Dave Oslund
- 21 John Foley  
Brielle Williams
- 22 Lena Oslund
- 23 Paul Brooks
- 28 Sarah Gallagher
- 29 Jeffrey Andresen  
Harold Prince
- 31 Lori Althouse

## Anniversaries

- 4 Steven & Darra Haase
- 9 James Sype & Vivian  
Leung
- 17 Bill & Linda Trevarthen
- 18 Max & Lou Ann Miller  
Paul & Mary Kotnik
- 19 Gail & Barbara Riegle
- 20 Louise & Lee Paquette

## ULC Archives

### 1980s and Today – Similar Needs and Concerns

Did you know that ULC had a quilting group before Prayers and Squares? The March 1980 Lux describes some of their activities.



#### Quilts Plus

Thanks to the leadership of Mary Hoffman and the efforts of a “faithful few,” women of our church made and sold enough quilts last year to send \$700 (including Blanket Sunday collection) to Lutheran World Relief to buy blankets.

Helen Good and Ruth Beegle ask your continued help in making quilts, furnishing supplies and in buying the finished products.

We also hope to expand the workshop to cooperate with other stewardship projects by making items for

local needs, Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, etc. So, if the cutting, stitching, and tying of quilts isn't your thing, there will be alternative ways of participating.

Come to the workshop, if you can, to share a time of putting faith into action. If you are unable to attend, call Helen or Ruth about ways you can help at home.

In a very short piece in the March 1986 Lux the President of the congregation, Evelyn Frost, offered a prayer concerning world hunger that is relevant today:

A Latin American Table Prayer: *O God, to those who have hunger, give bread; and to us who have bread, give the hunger for justice.*

Connie Lenkowski

ULC Council met via Zoom on Feb. 16:

Discussion this month centered around committee vacancies, in-person worship, allocation to cover final expenses for the projector, and future directions of the congregation.



#### Council Notes

- Moved to resume in-person worship on March 2.
- Council supported the finance committee's recommendations

for covering the final costs of the projector.

- Council plans to examine committee structures in the future.

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ULC Council Secretary



The deadline for the April Lux is **Monday, Mar. 14.**

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 photos and articles coming! Thanks!



# MARCH 2022

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| 1  | 9-4p ULC Office Open                               | 9:30a Amnos Circle-Fellowship Hall                |
|    | 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*            | Noon Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-ULC/FB      |
|    | 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall           | 1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside                      |
|    | 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom                          | 4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                     |
| 2  | Ash Wednesday                                      | 6:30p ULC Council-Zoom*                           |
|    | 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL                             | 7:00p Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-FB only    |
|    | 9-4p ULC Office Open                               | 17 9a-4p ULC Office Open                          |
|    | Noon Lectio Divina-Zoom*                           | 10:00a ULC Book Club-Fireside/Zoom (TBD)          |
|    | 9:30a Communications Team-Zoom                     | 7:30p Senior Choir-Zoom*                          |
|    | 4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                      | 18 5:00p Friday@Five                              |
|    | 4:30p Lead Management Team-Google Teams            | 20 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook       |
|    | 7:00p Ash Wednesday In-person Worship-ULC/FB       | 11:10a Forum-Sanctuary/Zoom                       |
| 3  | 9-4p Office Open                                   | (Video: Sr. Helen Prejean-Death Penalty)          |
|    | 7:30p Senior Choir-Zoom*                           | 22 7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*         |
| 4  | 5:00p Friday@Five-ULC/Zoom                         | 9-4p ULC Office Open                              |
| 5  | One Community-Charleston, SC thru 3/12             | 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall          |
| 6  | 10:00a Sunday in-person Worship-ULC/FB             | 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom                         |
|    | 11:10a Forum-Sanctuary/Zoom (U.S. Policing-part 1) | 7:00p Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship |
| 7  | 1:00p Earthkeeping Team-Zoom*                      | 23 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL                         |
| 8  | 7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*             | 9a-4p ULC Office Open                             |
|    | 9-4p ULC Office Open                               | Noon Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-ULC/FB      |
|    | 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall           | 4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                     |
|    | 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom                          | 7:00p Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-FB only    |
|    | 6:30p Racial Justice Team-Zoom                     | 24 9a-4p ULC Office Open                          |
| 9  | 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL                             | 3:30p Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru         |
|    | 9-4p ULC Office Open                               | 7:30p Senior Choir-Zoom*                          |
|    | Noon Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-ULC/FB       | 25 5:00p Friday@Five                              |
|    | 4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                      | 27 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook       |
|    | 7:00p Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-FB only     | 11:10a Forum-Sanctuary/Zoom (Broad Museum Dir.)   |
| 10 | 9-4p ULC Office open                               | 6:30p Racial Justice Caucusing-Zoom               |
|    | 9:30a Brunch Bunch-EL IHOP                         | 29 7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*         |
|    | 7:30p Senior Choir-Zoom*                           | 9-4p ULC Office Open                              |
| 13 | Daylight Saving Time Starts                        | 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall          |
|    | 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/Facebook           | 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom                         |
|    | 11:10a Forum-Sanctuary/Zoom (U.S. Policing-part 2) | 7:00p Pub Theology-Zoom*                          |
| 15 | 7:30 Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*             | 30 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL                         |
|    | 9a-4p ULC Office Open                              | 9a-4p ULC Office Open                             |
|    | 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall           | Noon Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-ULC/FB      |
|    | 12:30p Staff Meeting-Zoom                          | 4:15p Worship Wednesday-Zoom*                     |
|    | 12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside                    | 7:00p Lenten Worship (Priceless Grace)-FB only    |
| 16 | 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL                             | 31 9a-4p ULC Office Open                          |
|    | 9a-4p ULC Office Open                              | 7:30p Senior Choir-Zoom*                          |

### January Attendance

January 2: 856\*

January 9: 728\*

January 16: 758\*

January 23: 598\*

\* Don't include live views.

FB = Facebook \*Zoom link contacts: Choir - Janine Smith; Earthkeeping -Judy Kindel; Tuesday Study - Jim Kiefer; Pub Theology – Pastor Gary; Worship Wednesday – Pastor Haley Vay; Council – Joy Oslund; Forum – Weekly email

Please inform Britny of any ULC-related gatherings, even if they occur on Zoom, so we can keep the ULC calendar up to date. Thanks!





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## Worship Expression, Thirsting for Justice



ULC pianist John Dale Smith, Steve Sneed (guitar), Chuck Paige (acoustic bass), and Rick Cote (drums) accompany vocalist, Zurich Dawson.



Rev. Lamont Anthony Wells preached a powerful sermon during the February 20 worship service.