

**Mark Your Calendars . . .**

**Sunday Funday**

March 3,  
4:30 – 6 p.m.

**Mid-week Lenten Worship**

Wednesday, March 6, 13 & 20  
Noon worship followed by soup  
and bread lunch

**Daylight Saving Time Begins**

Sunday, March 10

**Food Movers Distribution**

Thursday, March 28  
3:30 p.m.  
Drive-thru

**Pub Theology**

Tuesday, March 26  
7 p.m. Harry's Pub  
404 N Verlinden Ave, Lansing

**Holy Week**

Palm Sunday – March 24  
Maundy Thursday - March 28  
Good Friday - March 29  
Easter Sunday – March 31

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**Pastors Emily & Zachariah Installed**

On Sunday, Feb. 11, Emily and Zachariah Shipman were installed as Lead and Associate Pastors at ULC. Chrissy Bright, former ULC member and Assistant to the Bishop of the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, preached and installed the pastors.

Special music was provided by the Sr. Choir, the Sr. Choir Scholarship quartet, and the handbell choir. A lovely brunch reception was held in the narthex. See more photos on page 3.

*Amy Wagenknecht*



Pastor Chrissy Bright presents the newly installed pastors to the congregation.

JOIN US FOR

**Midweek  
Lenten Worship**

**WEDNESDAYS**  
**MARCH 6, MARCH 13, MARCH 20**

WORSHIP AT NOON  
SOUP AND BREAD LUNCH FOLLOWS

The 12:00 service will be available online on the ULC Facebook page at 7:00 pm each Wednesday

## What are Your Hopes & Yearnings?

Hello Church!

Grace and peace to you all, whatever you are facing today. Pr. Zachariah and I are delighted to serve with you. Together we dove right into the church season of Lent, which is traditionally a time of deep commitment to spiritual practices. In Lent we get serious about digging in and following Jesus, knowing that the journey is worth it as God is at work bringing about new life. What a great time to join you all in this journey of faith! My hope is that this sets the tone for some very intentional, focused ministry together as well as some wonderful Easter celebrations!

As we begin our ministry together, I'd like to hear from you about your hopes and yearnings. Often when we feel something deeply or are energized it is the work of the Holy Spirit, whether for our own healing or that of others. During our visit while discerning our calls here, Pr. Zachariah and I heard desires of

strengthened youth programs, grief ministry, increased diversity, and fellowship opportunities. There is a clear desire for greater connection. Loneliness has been named an epidemic plaguing the country, among groups of all ages.

There is certainly a lot of aching in our lives individually and collectively. Dear ones, God meets us precisely where we are hurting deepest. Richard Rohr writes, "Christ passionately and relentlessly loves us in a highly personalized way, wooing us toward wholeness in a vocabulary unique to each soul." (Richard Rohr, *The Universal Christ*, 2019, p.91)

How lovely that God cares so dearly for each one of us that we are invited to hear God's love personally, in our very own particular flavor, in the very depths of our deepest cracks buried within. What a good and beautiful God we have! Too often life becomes compartmentalized, and we don't get to

connect in the ways we yearn for. I doubt many of us simply need another "thing to do." We live in a frantic, busy culture. But even amidst countless distractions, God is ever present and at work. Christ teaches us what it means to stay clear and focused on what God is doing – even amid tugs in different directions. How are *you* witnessing the Holy Spirit stirring?

If you are struggling to hear God's love for you in your deepest places, I invite you to think back to a time when you felt particularly close to God. What was it about that time that drew you so near? As with all relationships, sometimes feeling distanced is a result of not carving out quality time together. Sometimes there are other forms of spiritual attack at play. Whatever your experience is, God longs to be close to you and remains present and active. *Always*. Thanks be to God!

*Together in Christ,  
Pastor Emily*



### Join us for Worship

## Holy Week & Easter Worship

### Holy Week

#### Palm/Passion Sunday

**March 24**

10 a.m. worship with special music and the reading of Luke's passion story.

#### Maundy Thursday

**March 28**

7 p.m. worship



### Good Friday – March 29

#### Seven Last Words of Christ

- + Noon-12:10: Prayer & meditation
  - + 12:10-12:30: "Father forgive them..."
  - + 12:35-12:55: "...today you will be with me."
  - + 1:00-1:20: "Woman, here is your son!"
  - + 1:25-1:45: "My God, my God why have you forsaken me?"
  - + 1:50-2:10: "I am thirsty."
  - + 2:15-2:35: "It is finished."
  - + 2:40-3 "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!"
- (Attend any or all segments)

### Easter Sunday - March 31

Celebration worship at 10 a.m.  
Communion, special music, kid's activities



## Spring Break Trip

This year One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry group will be spending Spring Break (Feb 25-March 2) at the Montvale Springs Harmony Family Center near Knoxville, Tennessee. A bit of history about our location is below:

“Located eight miles from Maryville Tenn., Montvale Springs is nestled in the foothills of Chilhowee Mountain adjoining the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The land sustained the indigenous peoples of this area for thousands of years. Settlers discovered Montvale’s mineral springs in 1832, and by the mid-1800’s Montvale Springs was the site of the 125-room Seven Gables Hotel which, at the height of its popularity became known as the Saratoga of the South where people from around the world came to take the healing, restorative waters found in the mineral springs. The original hotel was destroyed and rebuilt several times until it was once again destroyed by fire in 1933. In 1947, the property was sold to the YMCA for a summer camp that became a local institution, providing summer camp experiences for thousands of area children and youth until the camp closed in 2005.

Montvale’s future was uncertain when former Camp Montvale counselor Sam Furrow purchased the property in 2008 and subsequently gifted it to Harmony with a vision of preserving the property as a place for people of all ages to enjoy. Montvale has since been placed in a conservation easement that restricts usage to programming that benefits children, families, and the community.



Today, visitors will find a picturesque mountain retreat with cabins, a barn and stable, a beautifully renovated dining hall which can also be used for indoor meeting space, a 155,000-gallon pool, a 17-element challenge course, a climbing tower, numerous hiking trails, several open-air pavilions, basketball and sand volleyball courts, an athletic field, interactive playground, and more.

Since 2012, Harmony has utilized the property for therapeutic camps, retreats, and trainings. Private events held at Montvale allow Harmony to continue to fund and expand our therapeutic work with children, adults, and families and ensures that Montvale continues to be a place of healing for generations to come.”

<https://harmonyfamilycenter.org/montvale/history>

Our focus for this trip is “Empathy for Creation.” One way we will engage this focus is by volunteering with the Harmony Family Center’s horse program. There is a need for various pieces of equipment to be built along their trails and fields. We will also be spending time in Scripture, focusing on Empathy for Self, Others, Nature, and All of Creation. We also hope to engage in God’s good creation by hiking in the Smoky Mountains.

Please attend worship on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. to hear more about our trip!

*Pastor Zachariah*

## A Beautiful Installation Service



Senior Choir Scholarship Quartet



ULC Bell Choir



Thanking the Call Committee - Kathy Sweet, Jay DuBois-Jones, and Erin Frisch. (Not pictured - Lori Johnson, Will Mahoney, and Simon Peterson)

# Family Faith Formation

Hello ULC families,

This month, we welcome Pastors Emily & Zachariah Shipman! While they are getting settled into their new roles, I (Rachel) will continue leading children's ministry events through April, along with the amazing leadership of Marge Mahoney and Janine Novenske Smith. Cindy Baswell has stepped up to also help with in-person events, as Lori Johnson moved away in January.

With the season of Lent already here, the children's ministry team has planned multiple in-person events to celebrate this time. All are welcome

to attend, and I hope you will join us you are able:

- **Sunday, March 3, 4:30-6 PM (at ULC)** - Sunday Funday! (dinner, crafts, story time, and choir with Mrs. Janine)
- **Wednesday, March 6, 5-6 PM (at ULC)** Children's choir rehearsal with Mrs. Janine (dinner provided!)
- **Sunday, March 10, 10 AM worship (at ULC)** - Children's choir sings during worship
- **Sunday, March 30, following Easter worship (at ULC)** - A post-worship Easter carnival (egg hunt, treats, etc.)

In addition, please take note of March's Worship Wednesday schedule:

- **Wednesday, March 6** - IN PERSON children's choir rehearsal from 5-6 PM (see above)
- **Wednesday, March 13, 5-5:45 PM** – online Worship Wednesday
- **Wednesday, March 20, 5-5:45 PM** – online Worship Wednesday
- **Wednesday, March 27** - NO online Worship Wednesday (SPRING BREAK!)

*Rachel Drobnak*



## Music Notes

### Mark Your Calendar . . .

#### Senior Choir Scholarship Fund Benefit Concert

Sunday, April 21st at 4 p.m.  
ULC Sanctuary  
Free Will Donation

#### Worship Expressions, All Good Gifts

Sunday, April 28th  
10 a.m. Worship Service

#### Divira Pahwa's Senior Recital

(ULC's Soprano Scholarship Student)  
Sunday, April 14th at 6 p.m.  
Cook Recital Hall in the MSU Music Building



### Sundays in March:

**March 3**  
Senior Choir

**Sunday, March 10th**  
ULC Children's Choir

**Sunday, March 17th**  
New Hope Singers

**Palm Sunday, March 24th**  
Senior Choir and Scholarship Quartet

**Easter Sunday, March 31st**  
Senior Choir, Handbell Ensemble, brass and timpani

*Janine Novenske Smith, Dir. Of Worship and the Arts*

## Coat Drive Update

The St. Luke Winter Apparel Drive was a success! From Oct. 2023 through Jan. 2024, over 1,200 coats were distributed to the underserved in Ingham County and surrounding area.

Thank you to everyone who donated winter clothing, money to buy apparel, and your time to contribute. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> year this distribution

has helped to keep others warm and safe. In preparation for next year, remember to watch clearance sales for hats, coats, gloves, mittens, etc. You can drop off these items at either St. Luke Lutheran campus: Christ Campus, 122 S. Pennsylvania



Ave., Lansing, or Haslett Campus, 5589 Van Atta Rd, Haslett.

Questions? Call or text Darra Haase (989) 506-8723 or email Steve Haase, [2k2895@comcast.net](mailto:2k2895@comcast.net).

*Darra and Steve Haase*

# Sunday Forum "Goes Green" in More Ways than One!

Although Forum is officially taking a leave of absence this semester, I'm happy to announce that we will have a few presentations here and there after all, so be sure to check the Weekly Announcements emailed out each Friday for any last-minute additions to the schedule.



residential solar power implementation, as well as a history of solar power at ULC and our connection with the influential organization, Interfaith Power and Light.

Faith and Begorrah! Be prepared to GO GREEN in more ways than one this St. Patrick's Day! Check out the Earthkeeping article (page 7) for more information.

*Linda Trevarthen*

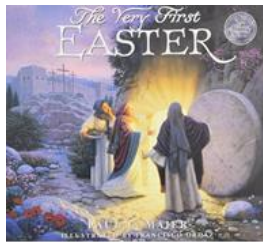
Join us on March 17th after worship when Earthkeeping Team member, Dale Romsos, will give a presentation on



## ULC Memorial Library

### Lent and Easter Books Available in the Narthex

This month the ULC mobile library cart has books about Lent and Easter. As always, these books, including the ones on display, may be checked out right from the cart. We hope that

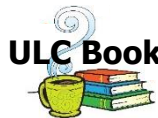


you will look over the books and check out any that interest you.

Please visit the ULC Library anytime – online or in person – and see what is available. Ask any

member of the team if you have any questions. We have books for all ages to help with your faith journey.

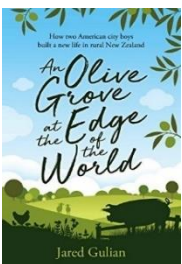
*The Library Team,  
Judy Kindel, Linda Trevarthen and  
Connie Lenkowski*



## ULC Book Club

### "Travel" to New Zealand

ULC Book Club will meet on Thursday, Mar. 21 at 10 a.m. We will discuss *An Olive Grove at the Edge of the World* by Jared Gulian. This humorous story follows two Americans who, with no previous farm experience, decide to become olive farmers in rural New Zealand.



The Book Club meets the third Thursday of the month, and you can join us in person at ULC in the Fireside room, join us via ZOOM, or we can send you a recording of the discussion.

Winter weather can cause road conditions to change quickly. We depend on email to keep those wishing to attend informed of any changes. If you would like to join us, please reach out to Beth at [bwojan1@gmail.com](mailto:bwojan1@gmail.com) or Mary at [mkotnik@comcast.net](mailto:mkotnik@comcast.net) so we can add you to our email list.

*Beth Rahe and Mary Kotnik*

**Looking ahead:** April book - *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See; May book - *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

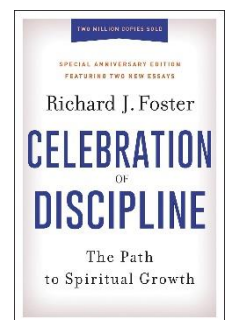
## Mid-Week Lenten Book Resource

For our Lenten mid-week services this year, we will be exploring some of the practices within Richard J. Foster's book *Celebration of Discipline*. It is not necessary to read the book beforehand, but I cannot recommend this book enough for those yearning for deeper relationship with God.

If you would like to purchase this book, here is an Amazon link:

<https://a.co/d/8VDiX16>.

There is also an accompanying workbook that can be found here: <https://a.co/d/gvIJAtn>. We hope that your Lenten journey will bear spiritual fruit!



*Pastor Zachariah*

## March Outreach of the Month Honduras – Health for Life

ULC's outreach for the month of March is *Health for Life*, a partnership between our synod (North/West Lower Michigan) and the Lutheran Church of Honduras (ICLH). In 2000 ICLH leadership had a vision for a sustainable health project, and together we established this health care program that trains volunteers who then minister to their neighbors. The beauty of *Health for Life* is that the work continues when the Synod team leaves the country. The volunteers take what they learned in workshops provided by the Michigan Team into their communities to help their neighbors.

A delegation from the synod is traveling to Honduras in April – the first trip since 2019. There is much



anticipation here in Michigan and in Honduras about being together again, renewing old friendships and making new friends.

It is worth noting that over the 24 years of this relationship, many changes have taken place. Now the volunteers are younger and include men. Beginning this year all eleven ICLH communities are involved in the project rather than focusing on two or three areas.

Subject matter addressed has expanded. It began with simple first aid techniques and now includes food and dental care for children, safe water discussions, HIV/Aids support, health screenings for children, screening for men and women with follow-up care when needed, and spiritual support.

**You can be a part of the April trip to Honduras!** The team will be taking prayer cards with a photo,

name, and a simple prayer request on them to give to workshop participants. To be part of this, simply bring a photo of yourself (ones in the snow or that show off Michigan are always fun) and write a one- or two-line greeting / prayer request. **Please put the messages in the basket near the Honduras display in the narthex by Mar. 31.** The message will be translated and taken to Honduras. In Honduras the volunteers will make cards which we will bring back to you. This is a great way to connect with our partners in faith.

We try to include activities in the workshop that the volunteers can use in their communities. The prayer cards are one example. We are also planning to teach them how to make prayer squares, a project directly from ULC!

*Connie Lenkowski*

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## Earthkeeping News

### Look at Your Plastic Use During Lent

During this sacred season of Lent, let us embark on a spiritual journey that not only deepens our faith but also encourages reflection on our role as stewards of God's Creation. Genesis 3:19 teaches us, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return." This reminder of our humble origins and ultimate destination should instill in us a sense of responsibility for the Earth.

The ELCA Young Adults Ministry is leading a #NoPlasticforLent initiative which calls for prayer and action for Creation. The initiative is not just about plastics, the heart of the challenge is to commit to a practice that is achievable and



deepens our relationship with God and all Creation. Practices could be giving up single-use plastics, tending a plant, reducing your energy consumption, or committing to have a conversation with someone new weekly about why Creation is important to you. Small changes collectively make a significant impact and reflect our

commitment to being responsible caretakers of the Earth.

If you are looking for ways to make a positive impact on Creation, please join the Earthkeeping Team after service on March 17 in the Fireside Room for a forum on solar energy. Dale Romsos will give a presentation on ways to implement solar energy at home, a brief history of the use of solar energy at ULC, and the work of Interfaith Power and Light, a group dedicated to equipping people of all religions with practical ways to exercise stewardship of and love for all Creation.

*Brandon DuBois-Jones*



## Collecting Bedding & Towels for Refugees

St. Vincent's Catholic Charities is the Lansing area coordinating service for refugee resettlement. They have been advised that more than 500 refugees will be coming this year. As a result, they are seeking donations of household items to prepare apartments for their living spaces. Prayers and Squares is collecting sheets, pillows, blankets, bedspreads, and towels. Please bring your new items, or "gently" used and "freshly laundered" items to the church. They can be placed in the marked bins near the elevator. If you have large items, such as tables and chairs,

please call them for a pick-up at your home. Thank you for your donations to help welcome the refugees.

Thank you to the volunteers who made our participation in National Quilts of Valor Sewing Day a success. The Fellowship Hall was "a buzz" with twenty-seven people helping to make more than twelve quilts ready for our quilter, John Putnam. At ten o'clock, everyone gathered for a QOV award ceremony for Gary Copp, a veteran of the U.S. Army and the Michigan National Guard. It was an inspirational day!

The Lansing Area Food Bank was the winner of the "ULC Souper Bowl!" contest when more than \$200 was donated through the purchase of our famous Winter Soup Mix. The Kansas City Chiefs were the big winners as the San Francisco 49ers only received two votes.

Do you know of someone who needs our prayers with a prayer quilt? Please contact the pastors, Mandy in the church office, Bobbie Davis ([bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com](mailto:bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com)) or Ann Booren ([boorena@msu.edu](mailto:boorena@msu.edu)).

*Bobbie Davis*



Gary Copp was awarded a QOV quilt (far left). 27 volunteers created 12+ quilts on QOV Sewing Day, Feb. 3.



## Mentoring Tips

As mentors continue to work with students at Forest View Elementary School for one hour each week, they are using strategies to help students academically, emotionally, and socially. The weekly progress reports that the mentors write are a gold mine of these strategies or mentoring tips. The following list contains some of those tips.

- A great way to get a student to talk at the beginning of a session is to use a "How are you feeling today?" thermometer. The twelve facial expressions can be a fun way to describe the good and bad events of the day.
- A 15-minute sand timer can be used as a tool to help a student see how to use time wisely. If the timer is set on its side with each distraction, it is a visible reminder of being slowed down.



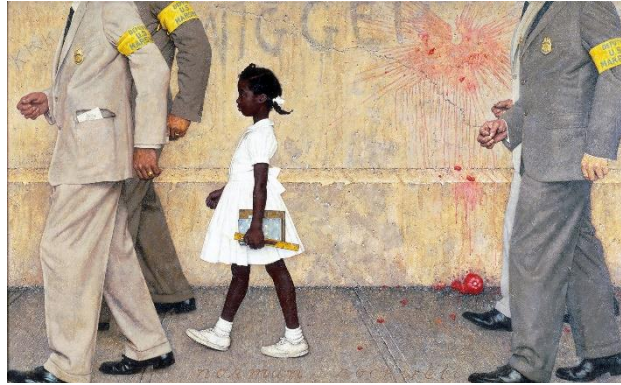
- One way to build a trusting relationship with a student is to listen to their concerns as long as needed about social struggles at lunch, recess or in the restroom.
- Some students find it helpful to quietly play with something in their hands when they feel a need for activity and are unable to move around in class.
- When students feel stressed or anxious, they need to learn what triggers that feeling and how they can react to it with a simple breathing exercise or splashing water on their face in the restroom.

Our goal is to help students have some control over what happens to them at school.

*Barbara Kissling, Kids Hope USA Director*

## The Problem We Still Live With

Ruby Bridges? If you remember Norman Rockwell, you likely remember Ruby. If not, search for Rockwell/*The Problem We All Live With* and her image will leap out of his painting. A diminutive girl in a white dress and white tennis shoes in stark relief against her dark brown skin. She is seen walking between four deputy U.S. Marshals as if she were prisoner until you look more closely at the stone wall behind her. It is stained by a tomato that had been thrown against it. The letters KK in front of the first pair of marshals; IGGGER seen above her head. Then it dawns on you that she is not a prisoner. She is in protective custody. She was the first Black student to integrate a Louisiana school system. By herself. One small Black girl.



*The Problem We All Live With,*  
a 1964 painting by Norman Rockwell

walk through. The only other times she had seen a crowd of loud and screaming people was during Mardi Gras.

It was her first time encountering a white teacher and she was not sure how to act or what to do. White classmates were new to her as well. When she told her mom about her struggles to make friends, her mother told her ‘But you don’t know them.’ She replied, “Mom, I will get to know them.”

Her family had taught her that racism meant you had to trust your own kind. But her white teacher taught her to look for the character in people and not their color. Evil has no color. Tragically, she had that point driven home to her when her son was murdered by someone who looked like him.

She told us that a baby has no hate in its heart. A baby must be taught to hate, to rob them of the clean heart with which they are born. Slowly and over time, we take it (the clean heart) from them. So, she has chosen to work with young school children in hopes of preserving *their* clean hearts.

And then she left us with this: If the greatest commandment is to love, then the greatest sin is to not.

*Thom McCurdy*

Ms. Ruby Bridges was the keynote speaker at the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Celebration sponsored by the MLK Commission of Mid-Michigan. The theme of this celebration was *Retain Compassion in Times of Crisis*.

Ms. Bridges appeared in an interview format with Senator Sarah Anthony (D-M21). When asked to describe her feelings that day, she recalled being surprised by the number of people she was forced to

## Welcoming Everyone!

As we strive to help everyone feel like welcome participants at ULC the Accessibility Team has found that sometimes it is necessary to make our members and guests aware of the accommodations that are already available. Recently, signs were added to the automatic entrance doors after a visitor pointed out that the elevator is not visible from that door and the



existing elevator sign is difficult to read when the narthex lights are off.

If you should notice any other ways we might help members or guest feel more welcome and comfortable, please email Deanna Milligan at [deannamilligan3@gmail.com](mailto:deannamilligan3@gmail.com) or Beth Rahe at [bwojan1@gmail.com](mailto:bwojan1@gmail.com).

*Deanna Milligan*



## From the President

# Kick Start Your Faith

This Lent Pastor Emily challenged us a bit with a daily reading list that spans the New Testament. If you are doing the readings, you've already realized that working through the New Testament in 40 days is not easy. Today I'm reading Romans 9 to 17 and Romans 10:17 is a good reminder of why this is worthwhile: "Consequently faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ." (The first letters of this verse used to be my password.)



Ash Wednesday, just start today and finish a few days after Easter. Hearing the word and taking communion is a good strategy too.

Try coming to church every Sunday in Lent as a faith builder. And if you want a habit to stick for the long term, nothing is better than being part of a community. Sunday worship is a good way to be part of the ULC community, but if you really want to feel connected, plug in.

You can plug in anywhere. Sign up for Sunday Coffee. Attend the Tuesday Bible Study. Be an usher. Get to know the people you go to church with or get to know them again to build your sense of community and your faith. I think you will find the more you put into Church the more you will get out of it. See you on Sunday.

*Jeff Guilfoyle, Council President*

Does your faith need a bit of a boost? Paul tells us hearing the message is a good place to start. Take his advice and spend 40 days working through the Lent reading plan as a faith kick starter. If you didn't start on

ULC Council met in person (with Zoom option) on Feb. 20. Here are some highlights from the discussion:

- Carol Mackin was appointed to the Endowment Committee
- Many ULC policies and procedures need review and



### Council Notes

- updating. Building use policies will be the first reviewed.
- April 14 will be a vacation day for both pastors, Council will

work on lining up supply pastor/emergency pastoral care.

- During service on June 9, we will recognize the 60th anniversary of Jim Kocher's ordination.

*Emily Uebel  
Council Secretary*

## From the Treasurer

# 2023 Year End Financial Update

As of Dec. 31, 2023, we are 100 percent of the way through the year and have received 96 percent of what we had budgeted for pledged and non-pledged giving (around \$20,000 less than the budget). We spent 94 percent of budgeted expenses. This left us with a \$22,000 surplus for the year.

Council will be deciding on what to do with these funds in the coming months. Most expenses were budgeted for or already shared during the annual meeting. The only additional unbudgeted expenses since the annual meeting are related to the external audit, which should be completed by the end of February. Once complete, the report will be available to members. Overall, the monthly fluctuations in income and expenses are in line with prior year's trends.

Other items to note, we installed solar panels and approved the installation of a new sound system (we are waiting on parts before this project can be completed). Collectively, we also gave over \$19,000 to various organizations through the Outreach of the Month, in addition to nearly \$58,000 in other benevolence activities.

The Finance Committee looks forward to another great year of stewardship and community outreach. For additional details about the 2023 financials, please contact me at [treasurer@ulcel.org](mailto:treasurer@ulcel.org).

*Louise Montag, ULC Treasurer*

## Birthdays

- 1 Gary Dawson
- 4 Marian Stoll  
Olga Holden
- 5 Kirstan Jolin
- 7 Wendy Guilfoyle  
Paulette Piirainen
- 8 Philip Brooks
- 9 Diane Goddeeris  
James Kocher
- 10 Kristi Sneed
- 12 Max Miller
- 15 Michael Anderson



- Barbara Kissling
- 16 Cindy Jenks
- 17 Stan Kotajarvi  
Patrick Milligan
- 19 TJ Christian  
Dave Oslund
- 21 John Foley  
Bill Nicholas
- 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
- 20 Louise & Lee Paquette

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## ULC Archives

### Easter is Early

In March 1978 Easter was early – something like this year. An article in Lux for that month follows. No author was listed.

#### *Easter is Early but It Could Be Earlier*

*Easter will be celebrated March 26 this year, and if that seems early to you, you are right. It hasn't happened so early since 1967, and it won't be so early again until 1989. But the 26<sup>th</sup> isn't the earliest date possible. In 1913, Easter was on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and that won't happen again until 2008, according to the World Almanac.*

*On the other hand, Easter can be rather late. In 1984, it will come on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and in the year 2000, it will be on April 23.*

*The reason for the variation is that the first Council of the Christian Churches at Nicaea in 325 decreed that Easter would be observed on the first Sunday following the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the Paschal Moon, that is the first moon*



*whose 14<sup>th</sup> day comes on or after March 21. That means Easter can come as early as March 21, as it last did in 1818, but won't again in this century or the next. The latest possible date is April 25. It came on that date in 1943 but won't be so late again until 2038.*

Easter this year is March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to the internet, sleuthing in the subject is much easier than in 1978. According to census.gov Easter was on the earliest date of March 22 three times between 1600 and 2099 (1818 was listed as March 22 – not March 21 as stated above) while it was on the latest date of April 25 five times. The most frequent dates are March 31 (this year) and April 16 with 22 times each. What I found in census.gov for this century:

Earliest: In 2062 and 2073 Easter will be on March 26.

In 2046 Easter will be on March 25.

Latest: In 2095 Easter will be on April 24. In 2038 Easter will be on April 25.

Connie Lenkowski

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## New Fellowship Opportunity

Calling all ladies who live in Mason, Holt, Dimondale and S. Lansing . . .

Save the fourth Friday of the month for a group lunch. We will meet at 1 p.m. at the Delhi Cafe, in Holt.



The name of our new group is the Southside FFF (Fourth Friday Friends)

Contact Kris Stowe for more information at [stowekris@gmail.com](mailto:stowekris@gmail.com)

Ann Booren



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|----|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|---------------|---|
| 3  | 10:00a                             | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB           | 18 | 4:00p         | Tight Knit-Fireside                                       |
|    | 4:30p                              | Sunday Funday                         |    | 6:00p         | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary                              |
|    | 5:00p                              | High School Youth Group-Youth Room    | 19 | 7:30a         | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*                         |
| 4  | 4:00p                              | Tight Knit-Fireside                   |    | 10:00a        | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship                              |
|    | 6:00p                              | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary          |    | 12:30p        | Lychnion Circle-Fireside                                  |
| 5  | 7:30a                              | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*     |    | 1:30p         | Staff Meeting   |
|    | 10:00a                             | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall     |    | 2:45p         | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*                         |
|    | 1:30p                              | Staff Meeting                         |    | 6:30p         | ULC Council-Conference/Zoom                               |
|    | 2:45p                              | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*     | 20 | 8:00a         | Mushers-IHOP, EL  |
| 6  | 8:00a                              | Mushers-IHOP, EL                      |    | 9:30a         | Amnos Bible Study Circle-Fireside                         |
|    | 9:30a                              | Lux/Communications-Zoom               |    | Noon          | Mid-Week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary                         |
|    | Noon                               | Mid-Week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary     |    | 12:45p        | Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside                               |
|    | 12:45p                             | Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside           |    | 1:00p         | Rhodon Bible Study Circle-Conference                      |
|    | 4:30p                              | Lead Management-Teams                 |    | 5:00p         | Worship Wednesday   |
|    | 5:00p                              | Children's Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary  | 21 | 10:00p        | ULC Book Club-Fireside                                    |
|    | 5:30p                              | MSU Basketball Parking (Northwestern) |    | 7:00p         | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary                          |
| 7  | 7:00p                              | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary      | 22 | 1:00p         | Fourth Friday Friends-Delhi Café, Holt                    |
| 8  | 5:00p                              | Campus Ministry: Fridays@Five         |    | 5:00p         | Campus Ministry: Fridays@Five                             |
| 10 | <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> |                                       | 24 | 10:00a        | Palm Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB                          |
|    | 10:00a                             | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB           | 25 | 4:00p         | Tight Knit-Fireside                                       |
| 11 | 4:00                               | Tight Knit-Fireside                   |    | 6:00p         | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary                              |
|    | 6:00p                              | Handbell Rehearsal-Sanctuary          | 26 | 7:30a         | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*                         |
| 12 | 7:30a                              | Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Zoom*     |    | 10:00a        | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall                         |
|    | 10:00a                             | Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall     |    | 1:30p         | Staff Meeting   |
|    | 1:30p                              | Staff Meeting                         |    | 2:45p         | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*                         |
|    | 2:45p                              | Faith, Writing & Reflection-Zoom*     |    | 7:00p         | Pub Theology-Harry's Pub,<br>404 N Verlinden Ave, Lansing |
|    | 6:30p                              | Racial Justice Caucus-Zoom            |    | 7:00p         | Families Against Narcotics (FAN)-Fellowship               |
| 13 | 8:00a                              | Mushers-IHOP, EL                      | 27 | 8:00a         | Mushers-IHOP, EL  |
|    | Noon                               | Mid-Week Lenten Worship-Sanctuary     | 28 | 3:30p         | Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru                       |
|    | 12:45p                             | Soup & Bread Lunch-Fireside           |    | 7:00p         | Maundy Thursday Worship-Sanctuary                         |
|    | 5:00p                              | Worship Wednesday-Zoom*               | 29 | Noon          | Good Friday – <i>Seven Last Words of Christ</i>           |
| 14 | 9:30a                              | Brunch Bunch-IHOP, EL                 |    | 5:00p         | Campus Ministry: Fridays@Five                             |
|    | 7:00p                              | Senior Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary      | 31 | Easter Sunday |   |
| 15 | 5:00p                              | Campus Ministry: Fridays@Five         |    | 10:00a        | Easter Worship-Sanctuary/FB                               |
| 17 | 10:00a                             | Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB           |    |               |   |
|    | 5:00p                              | High School Youth Group-Youth Room    |    |               |   |

### ULC Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Closed Monday & Friday

**Reminder:** Please let the office know when ULC meetings and events are scheduled, even if they're happening virtually. We would like to keep the calendar current. Thanks!

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## Newsletter SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the April Lux is **Friday, March 15.**

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## Farewell and Thank You Pastor Bryan!



Bobbie presents a quilt during worship Feb. 4th.



President Jeff and Treasurer Louise thank Pastor Bryan.