



Lux

November 2017

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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Nov. 5 - All Saints Sunday

One service at 10:45 a.m.

Honoring our Veterans

Return Pledge Cards

Pr. John Farewell Potluck-Noon

P & S Craft Day

Saturday, Nov. 11 – 9 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Annual

Congregational Meeting

One service at 10:45 a.m.

Sunday, Nov. 12 – 12:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Interfaith

Thanksgiving Worship

Monday, Nov. 20 - 7 p.m.

Peoples Church, E.L.

Pastor Gary's Installation

Sunday, Dec. 10

Welcome Pastor Gary, Thank You Pastor John!

At the Oct. 8 special congregational meeting, Pastor Gary Bunge was called to serve as lead pastor at ULC. Pastor Gary has served at St. Stephen, Lansing since 1996 and will begin at ULC on Nov. 13. As a result, Pastor John Schleicher, who has served as interim lead pastor for the past 16 months, will end his service at ULC.

Pastor John will be our preacher at ULC a final time on Sunday, Nov. 5 during the single service at 10:45 a.m. Following worship, his ministry at ULC will be celebrated during a potluck luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited to join in thanking Pastor John for his wonderful leadership during this period of many transitions at ULC. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

Pastor Gary is scheduled to be installed at ULC on Sunday, Dec. 10 during a single service at 10:45 a.m. Watch for more details in the December Lux, the bulletin and the weekly highlights emails. We will also include a more detailed article introducing Pastor Gary and his family next month.



Pastor John, with Pastor Haley Vay and Imam Chaudhry, at the 2017 God's Work, Our Hands food packaging project.

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Amy Wagenknecht



Remember to set back
your clocks one hour
on Sunday, Nov. 5 . . .

Or you'll be really
early to church!

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

If You Continue in My Word

*If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples,
and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. John 8:31-32*

I love these words of Jesus. I love that they deliver what they promise. I have prayed this past month for a peaceful leaving. And the Word, in Jesus, in preaching, in the Bible gave me that peace. So I say farewell to you with a grateful heart. I feel like the truth I needed to hear in these past 16 months was revealed to me each day. It was revealed in my daily reading of scripture, in *Lectio Divina*, and in honest conversations/ words with so many of you. I can't imagine that I will ever regret this time I was given to be in your lives. I will long cherish the freedom I experienced with you.

My central prayer for you is that you will continue to immerse yourself, clothe yourself, in the Word, in Jesus, in preaching, in daily reading of the Bible, in thoughtful, loving

words you offer to each other. I pray this too for Pastors Bunge and Haley Vay. I pray that you and they would know ever more deeply the truth that is so wonderfully liberating.

And I pray too for your staff and student associates Janine, Britny, Kristy, Mary, Kristie, Julie, Louise P., Louise H., Elizabeth, Grace, Annika, Anna, Noah, Ian, Jack, Jenny and Anna, that each in their own way would dwell in Jesus' words and experience the truth that will make them free.

If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples...

In this 500th year of the Reformation, I think our best way of living the Reformation is daily to take our cues from Jesus as he reveals himself in scripture, in the sacraments, and in

each other. We would begin each day being still enough to listen to him, to let his mind and heart and behavior become ours.

I have so much hope for ULC. But I know and you know that we can take nothing for granted. If we slack off on listening to Jesus, we quickly drift, led only by our own wavering, unreliable thoughts or the latest, loudest or most attractive voices of our culture. We are all part of the priesthood of all the baptized. We are loved more deeply than we can fathom. Only, says Jesus, continue in my word.

With God's help I promise to do that and, after Nov. 5, I will pray that you will continue to do that too.

Pastor John

A God Who Loves Surprises!

I'm a person who likes to plan. I enjoy planning a vacation or trip almost as much as the trip itself. I love planning and designing the next piece of furniture that I'm going to build and watching it develop from a sketch into a physical piece that I can touch and see. And of course, I do some detailed drawings in the process..... it's all part of planning.

But what I've learned is that despite all the detailed plans, there is always a surprise..... an unexpected event on a trip..... a surprise encounter..... an unintended change in the furniture building process that turns into a beautiful detail..... a "mistake" that makes the design even better, or that causes me to make some expensive firewood.

Funny thing is though, we usually resist the surprises!

But we have a God who loves surprises! Abraham and Sarah collecting Social Security while hanging out in the maternity ward..... a young shepherd boy by the name of David becoming King..... a young, unmarried teenage girl encountering the impregnating Spirit of God

and giving birth to Jesus..... an instrument of death and torture becoming the means of life for the world. We have a God who loves surprises.

And so it was that God surprised me and messed up all my perfectly laid plans! I expected 2017 to end the way 2017 started – as pastor of St. Stephen. I had it all planned out. I had it so planned out that twice over the past 15 months I said no to the Bishop's request (or was it the Spirit's prompting) to interview at ULC. But somehow God broke through my resistance and surprised me with a new call and a new direction for my life and ministry.

Thank you for calling me to be your new lead pastor. I'm surprised, humbled, and excited by the opportunity to serve as your pastor.

As I conclude my ministry at St. Stephen and prepare to begin my ministry at ULC, I look forward to getting to

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FRIDAYS@FIVE

Come join One Community at our weekly event FRIDAYS @ FIVE! We will share a meal, do fun activities, and discuss our faith. We've shared a regressive dinner and watched the MSU Homecoming Parade together. All are welcome, so bring friends!

Spring Break Trip

Mar. 5-9, 2018! Mark your calendars now for an alternative spring break trip to the Gulf Coast for hurricane relief efforts with Lutheran-Episcopal Disaster Response and Habitat for Humanity. Cost to students is minimal and financial assistance is available. Until students have completed their registration in December, we will reserve the opportunity to open registration to members and friends of the congregation.

CM Care Packages

Do you know a student or someone from a college campus who would appreciate receiving a care package around Thanksgiving and Valentine's Day? We'd love to include them in our One Community care team ministry. Simply visit the sign-up sheet in the narthex and give us the name and address of the people whom you would like to receive a package, then sign-up to donate items to put

in the packages. Please deliver them to the Student Lounge by Sunday, Nov. 5. We invite everyone to help package the items following the annual congregational meeting on Nov. 12.

Free Prayer

Pastor Haley Vay and One Community Student Associates offer "Free Prayer" in various locations on campus. Keep an eye out on ULC's Facebook page to see



where they'll show up next. Look for the pictured "Free Prayer" sign (with a cherished quote from Martin Luther: "Pray and let God worry..."). Feel free to stop by to say hello and/or join in prayer. *If you spot the sign, you're sure to find a familiar face and a welcome place!*

Pastor Haley Vay

#EmbodyingGratitude

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join us for our annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service on **Monday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m.** at The Peoples Church of East Lansing. All are welcome--seriously! Hear voices from across faith traditions and celebrate gratitude.

This year we are looking at the theme of "Embodying Gratitude." What does it mean to live out gratefulness? How do you experience gratitude personally and communally? You're invited to share photos with the hashtag #EmbodyGratitude and learn how your friends, family, and neighbors experience gratitude.

Interfaith Clergy Association of Greater Lansing

God Loves Surprises continued from page 2.

know each other in the coming months and years, partnering with you and the staff, planning for ministry together, and being surprised by what the Spirit might have in store for us that we can't even imagine!

As we prepare for this new chapter in ministry and begin this month of transition, I ask that you keep Miriam, Luke, and me in your prayers, and that you keep ULC and its staff in your prayers. Even more, I

pray that we will all be open to the surprises that God might have in store for us as we begin our ministry together, because we worship a God who loves surprises!

Pastor Gary A. Bunge



2018 Budget & Travel to Israel

Join us most Sundays at 9:40 a.m. in the Fireside Room for interesting topics and discussion. Here's our November schedule:

Nov. 5: ULC Council – 2018 Budget

Nov. 12: No Forum - Annual Congregational Meeting.

Nov. 19: Mark and Marilyn Johnson will tell us about their trip to Israel this past spring

Nov. 26: No Forum - Thanksgiving weekend

Michael Anderson, Linda & Bill Trevarthen

Pledge Sunday is Nov. 5

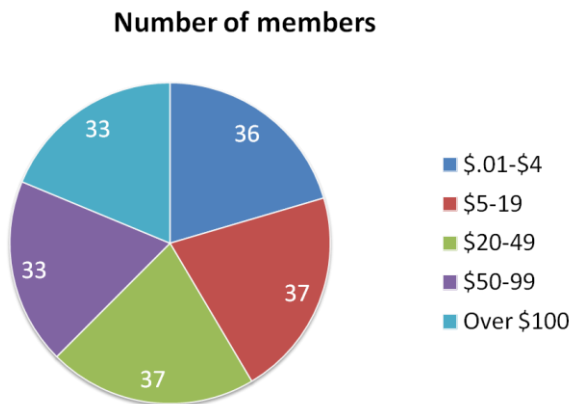
Greetings to you from the ULC Stewardship team! By the time you read this, you should have received a mailing from our treasurer containing a 2018 Pledge Card. If you did not receive a pledge card, please contact the office as soon as possible so that we can send one to you or you can pick one up at a table in the Narthex.

We live in exciting times here at ULC. The new lead pastor is coming on Nov. 13. Pastor Haley Vay is doing exciting things with campus ministry. The ULC Constitution will be updated at the Annual Meeting on Nov. 12th. Ingathering of funds for the organ renovation is moving ahead. God is with us. Let us move

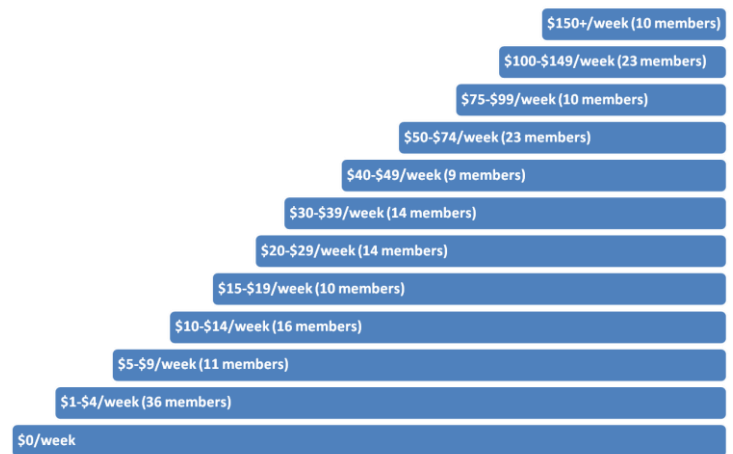
together in supporting this exciting ministry with our time, talents and pledges in 2018. God bless you.

*Michael Anderson
Stewardship Team*

2016 Giving at ULC Per Week

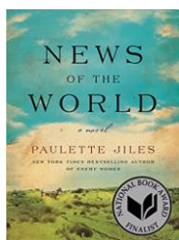


Will You Grow One Step This Year?



ULC Book Club

Join us for *News of the World*



The next meeting of the ULC Book Club will be on **Thursday, Nov. 30** at 10 a.m.

The book to be discussed in November is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. From the publisher: "It is 1870 and Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd travels

through northern Texas giving live readings to paying audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered a \$50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio. The 400 mile journey

south through unsettled territory and unforgiving terrain proves difficult.

On arrival, the reunion is neither happy nor welcome. Captain Kidd is faced with a terrible choice: abandon the girl to her fate or become-in the eyes of the law-a kidnapper himself. Exquisitely rendered and morally complex this is a brilliant work of historical fiction that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor and trust." All are welcome.

Judy Kindel

ULC Memorial Library



Two New Books, Recommended by You!

The ULC Library committee has added three new items to the

collection – all were recommended by members of the congregation.

Dear Pope Francis is written for children but all ages could benefit by reading this book. *The Book of Joy* was recommended by Pastor Sarah M., and we purchased this book in two formats. We have a traditional hardcover and chose this title for our first book on tape. We are hoping that the book on tape format will be popular, so we ask that you listen to the book and return it to the library in a timely fashion.

In *Dear Pope Francis*, Pope Francis gives children around the world the chance to ask the big questions and celebrates their spiritual depth by directly answering those questions. Some are fun. Some are serious. And some will quietly break your heart. But all of them are from children who deserve to know and feel God's unconditional love. (INT 248.4 Fra)

According to *The Book of Joy* book jacket, "Novel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships – or, as they would say, because of them - they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their lives to answer a question: How do we find joy in the face of suffering?

By the end of a week filled with laughter and punctuated with tears, these two global heroes had stared into the abyss and despair of our times and revealed how to live a life brimming with joy...

The Archbishop has never claimed sainthood, and the Dalai Lama

considers himself a simple monk. In this unique collaboration, they offer us the reflection of real lives filled with pain and turmoil in the midst of which they have been able to discover a level of peace, of courage, and of joy to which we can all aspire in our own lives." (294.3 Dal & CD Book 294.3)

Please let us know how you like the book on tape format. And as always, do not hesitate to make suggestions for books (or books on tape) to add to the library.

We would also like to thank everyone for participating in the ULC Used Book Sale – either donating books to sell or purchasing items from the sale. This is our only fundraiser, and it gives us the funds to purchase new items for the library.

Thank you for using the ULC Library. There is always something new for you to enjoy.

Library Team

Earthkeeping News

Energy Savings Continues

Care for the environment has led many Michigan faith communities, including University Lutheran Church, to seek out ways to reduce our carbon footprints. This includes energy efficiency upgrades to their houses of worship and in some cases, the installation of new sources of clean energy.

Locally, Haslett Community Church and Edgewood United Church have installed rooftop solar arrays as part of their ongoing effort to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and care for creation. Nationally, mayors, county officials, governors, major companies and millions of Americans have pledged to stay "all in" when it comes to reaching our nation's goals under the Paris Accord. Globally, more than 1,000 of the world's top



companies (NRDC) support the need for a shift away from fossil fuels and toward clean energy innovation, a cleaner, smarter way to power our future.

ULC has continued to reduce the amount of energy we use and has experienced a savings of \$2,000 in utility bills over the past five months compared to a year ago. This monetary savings can now be used to further our mission. The next focus will be on phantom energy use (the electricity drawn from outlets when equipment is off but still plugged in.) These may seem like small measures but over time they add up.

This is part of our faith in action and a testament to our concern for the place we call our home, Earth.

Judy Kindel

Mark Your Calendars

♪ **Sunday, Nov. 5**
The Cherub Choir & Youth Choir will sing during morning worship

♪ **Sunday, Dec. 10**
Special Music for Advent
Offered by the ULC Senior Choir and Hand Bells

Meet our 2017-18 Senior Choir Scholarship Quartet . . .

Noah Colandrea, tenor, is a sophomore at MSU, studying under Richard Fracker, as both an undergraduate vocal performance and music education major. Noah sings with the MSU State Singers and has been in the chorus of two MSU opera performances. He was also one of the finalists in the Ethel J. Armeling Vocal Scholarship Competition in 2015. Noah was also involved in the summer MSU Study Abroad trip to Italy and performed in Todi. Noah has been the ULC tenor scholarship student since the spring of 2017.

Grace Reberg, mezzo-soprano, hails from Chicago and is very excited to join the ULC Senior Choir this year as the soprano scholarship student. Her solo work included "The Heavens Are Telling" from Haydn's "The Creation" with the Downers Grove North Chamber Choir, and "El Vito," arr. Joni Jensen, with the 2016 Illinois All State Choir. Notable roles include the Third Spirit in Mozart's "The Magic Flute", and Amore and Pallade in "L'incoronazione di



Left to right: Grace Reberg, Ian Brinklow, Annika Pell, Noah Colandrea (quartet), and Anna Bolton (choir director).

Poppea" with the Haymarket Summer Opera Course. Her most recent engagements include the demanding role of Orontea from Cesti's "I'Orontea" also with the Haymarket Summer Opera course. Grace was also the winner of her division in the Sinfonietta Bel Canto vocal competition in 2016. Grace is currently pursuing a BM in Vocal Performance at MSU under the tutelage of Jane Bunnell.

Ian Brinklow, baritone, is from Chelsea. This is Ian's first year at ULC and at Michigan State as a transfer student from Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City, where he was training to become a

pilot. Ian switched majors to music education and is happy to have found the perfect career and school. He didn't start singing until his junior year of high school and so does not have an extensive performance bio to share; however, he looks forward to being involved in many performances during his time of study. Ian studies with Harlan Jennings and sings with the MSU State Singers.

Annika Pell, mezzo soprano, is in her senior year of pursuing a bachelor's degree in vocal music performance at MSU. In the fall of 2015, she had the opportunity to perform the mezzo solo in Mozart's "Missa in B-flat major," along with MSU's State Singers under the direction of Dr. Jonathan Reed. In the summer of 2016, Annika traveled with classmates to Todi, Italy where she performed in a summer music festival and a MSU study abroad concert. She continues to study with Professor Richard Fracker. In her spare time, Annika likes to read, hike and travel.

. . . and Student Director of the ULC Children's Choirs:

Anna Bolton, soprano, is currently pursuing a degree in vocal music education and performance MSU. Anna is involved in University Chorale and the American Choral Director's Association student chapter at MSU. She has appeared in MSU Opera Theatre's productions of "L'elisir d'amore" and "Le nozze di Figaro." Most recently, Anna has been cast as Dew Fairy in "Hansel and Gretel" with

MSU Opera Theatre. Anna studies with Professor Richard Fracker. A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Anna enjoys running and spending time with family and friends in her free time.

*Janine Novenske Smith
Director of Music*



Prayers & Squares Chapter 163

Veterans to be Honored Nov. 5th

During the 10:45 am service on Sunday, Nov. 5, we will honor seven of our members who have served our country in the Armed Forces. This is the 3rd year we have honored our own veterans. If you have a member of your family who has/or is currently serving in the military, please let us know so we can cover them with a QOV next year. The honorees this year are: David Cross, Charles Hathaway, Kathiann House, Max Miller, Darrell Neves, Tim Schmidt, and Steve Zimmerman. We welcome their families as they join with us in recognition of these veterans. A reception for them will be held in the Narthex prior to the potluck honoring Pastor Schleicher downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Craft Day

Saturday, Nov. 11 is the day to come have fun making two holiday projects with Prayers & Squares. We'll begin at 9 a.m. making two neat Santas, and then we'll enjoy a pizza lunch at noon followed by a fast and easy placemat project. All supplies and lunch will be included in the \$10 service charge. Friends and family members who are sewers are welcome to join the group. Where else can you go to spend a day making new friends, having lunch provided and leave with two projects all finished?

Tote Bag Tree

It's been great to see folks checking out the "Tote Bag Tree" in the office for a wide selection of these useful bags available for immediate sale before we take them to the St. Martha Craft Show on Saturday, Nov. 18th. There are two convenient sizes made from scraps produced during prayer quilt construction. While you are there a small supply of our famous "Winter Bean Soup Mix" is for sale on the wooden shelf. All proceeds from the sales go to fund our prayer quilt ministry.



One Work Day in November

We look forward to seeing volunteers for our regular work day in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Activity begins at 9 a.m. and clean-up is finished by 12:30 p.m. Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will NOT meet on that 4th Saturday. Life just gets too complicated! So that means we have lots to do on the 14th. We LOVE to teach folks all the necessary steps involved to make a prayer quilt. All tools and supplies are here at ULC so just bring yourself.

Bobbie Davis

A Note of Thanks . . .

Dear Bobbie and all members of Prayers & Squares:

How do you say thank you for a gift that touched your heart the way this beautiful quilt has touched mine? I have many angels praying for me and with me on this unexpected journey. I have angels that prepared meals and baked for Bill and me. I even have an angel that watched over my tomato plant but the angels that took the time to prayerfully make me a quilt brought me to grateful tears.

The quilt arrived the day of my first chemo treatment and I was so thankful to all of you that I wanted to hug each one of you. Thank you to each of you that touched this beautiful quilt in any way. Whether

you cut the fabric, pinned it together, sewed the squares, did the final assembly, pinned the little card to it, or said a heartfelt prayer as you tied a knot. Thank you...thank you...thank you! You are the Angels that walk among us.

When I sit in my chair, lie on the couch or in my bed, I am wrapped in my prayer filled quilt. This quilt will go with me when I go to chemo and I will feel safe, warm and comforted. Please know that I will always treasure this quilt and I ask GOD to bless each of you.

Keeping you in my prayers.

Hugs,

Mary McMurray

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November Outreach of the Month Greater Lansing Food Bank

The November Outreach of the Month is the Greater Lansing Food Bank (GLFB). This organization provides food to people in need in seven central Michigan counties - Clinton, Eaton, Ingham, Clare, Isabella, Gratiot, and Shiawassee Counties. Last year almost eight million pounds of food was distributed. The GLFB has several programs to accomplish their goals such as the Garden Project which provides individuals with the knowledge, supplies, and space to grow their own food.

The program we are most familiar with at ULC is the Food Movers



program. This program rescues excess perishable food from local licensed kitchens, grocery stores, and bakeries which is then distributed monthly at various locations around the region. Our Food Movers distribution is held in the Fellowship

Hall on the fourth Thursday of every month except November and December when it is held on the third Thursday.

Please consider supporting the Greater Lansing Food Bank as the need for food continues to grow in our community. There are Outreach of the Month envelopes in the pews. Checks should be made out to ULC with "GLFB-Outreach of the Month" on the memo line. We also invite you to volunteer to help at our monthly distributions.

Michael Anderson and Bryan Rahe

A Small Change on the ULC Giving Tree

As many of you know, the Giving Tree during the middle of November through the early weeks of December has been a longstanding tradition at ULC. Tags are removed from the tree, gifts are purchased for the individual listed on the tag, then returned to church and put under the tree. This year we will be making a small change.

The tree will continue to have tags for senior citizens from Tri-County Office on Aging. The tree will not have tags for foster children or young adults.

Instead, there will be tags that will be printed with items needed by a Samaritas refugee young person who will be moving into an apartment of his or her own.

When the refugee youth moves, Samaritas gives each person three boxes. One contains items needed in the



kitchen such as paring knife, cutting board, can opener, oven mitt, etc. Another contains items for the bathroom like towels, shower curtain, toothbrush, deodorant, hand soap, etc. The third contains items needed in the bedroom, for example, sheet set, alarm clock, pillow, etc.

The items will be grouped on the tags so the amount spent is about \$25, which is what has been suggested as a limit in the past. If you have gently used items listed on your tag, those are welcome too. However, please don't bring items that are not on the tags. We won't be able to process them. Hopefully, we'll be able to supply items for four groups of boxes (12 boxes in all) this holiday season.

If you would prefer to purchase for an individual, look for the tags with senior citizen names on them. They also appreciate our generosity. If you would prefer to write a check, be sure to write GIVING TREE on the memo line. Watch for the tree to appear in the narthex by Nov. 12.

Sherry Corwin

From the President

Giving Thanks for God's Gracious Gifts

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Thessalonians, 1:2-3)

November is a time for thanksgiving. Not just for Thanksgiving, with a capital "T" and the turkey, stuffing, pumpkin pie, etc., etc., etc. But giving thanks for all of the good things that God has given to us. And there is much for which to be thankful this month.

I am thankful for **Pastor John Schleicher** and his ministry with ULC over the past 16 months. On Sunday, Nov. 5, Pastor John will be celebrating Holy Communion with us one final time as our Interim Lead Pastor. He has helped us prepare for our mission together with a new lead pastor. After a single worship service at 10:45 a.m., we will join together in a potluck to celebrate our ministry together with Pastor John, thank him, and wish him a fond farewell. I give thanks for Pastor John and his ministry with us.

I am thankful for **our congregation**. On Sunday, Nov. 12, after one 10:45 a.m. worship service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual Meeting. As a congregation, we will elect officers and committee members as well as approve a budget for 2018. This past year has been one of many changes. And, we have handled them together, as the body of Christ. We have



been respectful, patient, loving, and faith-filled. I give thanks that ULC is a congregation that grows together.

I am thankful that **Pastor Gary Bunge** accepted the call to be ULC's lead pastor. His official start date is Nov. 13 but his first day in the office will be Tuesday, Nov. 14. I am thankful that during my last seven weeks as president of the

congregation, we will have a full-time lead pastor in place. I am thankful for a Call Committee that worked faithfully and tirelessly. I am thankful for the promise that I see for ULC as we move forward together with Pastor Gary.

Lastly, I am thankful for the reminder of Thanksgiving. It does us good to count our blessings, to recognize that God has richly blessed us and continues to be with us as we journey through life.

Many blessings to you and your family this Thanksgiving season.

Vicki Anderson, ULC President

ULC Constitution Amendments

The ULC Constitution (C19.04) states: "Whenever the Model Constitution for Congregations is amended by the [ELCA] Church-wide Assembly, this Constitution may be amended to incorporate any such amendment by ... a simple majority vote of those voting members present and voting at any subsequent meeting of the congregation...."

At its Nov. 12 Annual Meeting, the ULC congregation will vote on proposed amendments to the ULC Constitution. Those amendments were approved by Council for a

congregational vote and are driven solely by changes to the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations, which were adopted since 2005 by the ELCA Church-wide Assembly. Many changes involve "word-smithing" to update language and enhance consistency. Other changes are more substantive in nature.

The terminology changes include the use of the phrase "minister/s of Word and Sacrament" instead of "ordained minister/s," "clergy," "pastors," and "associate in ministry, diaconal minister and deaconess."

Member classification was changed in 2016 to Section C8.02 of the ELCA Model Constitution. Associate members may no longer vote and the category of seasonal members has been added. This change will affect ULC membership as students typically have been associate members with voting privileges. Students will either have to switch membership from their home church or have the designation of seasonal member to exercise voting privileges.

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The following are a summary of the key actions of Council during the Oct. 17 meeting:

- Approved the following membership changes:
 - Marian MacBeth received by transfer from First Congregational Church of Christ, Elyria, OH
 - Emly Horne to the Church Triumphant
 - Virginia Ellefson to the Church Triumphant
 - Vy Van Dao received by Holy Baptism
 - Brock Henry Gallagher received by Holy Baptism
 - Tim Schmidt received by Affirmation of Baptism
- Received a report on the upcoming plans for Campus Ministry by Pastor Haley Vay Beaman
- Received a report that as of Oct. 18, 2017 a total of \$84,116.30 has been received of the approximately \$127,000 pledge for organ improvements
- Council approved an additional allocation of up to \$25,000 of the



Pearce bequest towards the organ improvements (if needed) to reach the \$187,400 of projected improvements

- Council reviewed the proposed contract for organ improvements, but decided that the contract will not be signed until full funding is achieved
- Received a report on the status of the solar garden. After discussion it was agreed that ULC will not be moving forward on the project at this time. It was noted that the Earthkeeping Team is thanked for their work on this issue and is encouraged on going dialogue to continue exploring solar options
- Council members will be invited to an exit interview with Pastor John Schleicher and the Synod Office
- Approved the proposed 2018 ULC budget pending additional

information gained from pledges submitted by ULC members

- Returned the proposed Weapons on Church Premises Policy to the Security Team for further review
- Reviewed the issues of the revisions to the Constitution and the ULC Budget that will be discussed during the Annual Meeting on Nov. 12
- Approved the Lead Pastor position description for Pastor Gary Bunge
- Approved Nov 13, 2017 as the official start date for Pastor Bunge
- Approved Dec 10, 2017 at 3 p.m. as the installation service for Pastor Bunge
- Approved holding a single worship service at 10:45 a.m. for Dec. 10
- Appointed Jeff Andresen, Erin Frisch, Lisa Swem and Bill Trevarthan as members of a Transition Team for Pastor Bunge. The team will be in place for six months.

*Larry Wagenknecht
ULC Past-President*

Constitution Amendments continued from page 9.

Another significant change is found in Section C4.03, which deletes subsection (f) which states: “ensure the inclusion and involvement of students in the life, governance, and ministry of ULC; minister in particular to people at Michigan State University and other institutions of higher learning in the greater Lansing area.” The proposed deletion of this language is troubling for many, as this language reflects one of the pillars on which ULC was founded. Keep in mind, however, that this language (as well as other proposed deletions) may be placed in the ULC By-laws or Continuing Resolutions.

Vicki Anderson, ULC Congregation President, commented: “Keeping the ULC Constitution consistent with the model ELCA Constitution is essential for two reasons. First, it helps to ensure that we operate in accordance with the wider church. Second, our

Constitution must be consistent with the model ELCA Constitution before ULC can make changes specific to our needs. For example, we cannot make changes regarding the number of members on Council or when we hold our Annual Meeting until we bring the ULC Constitution in conformance with the model ELCA Constitution.”

Two Forums about the proposed changes were recently conducted — the first one on Oct. 15 addressing the “what” and the second on Oct. 22 addressing the “why.” A summary of the proposed changes as well as a “red-lined” version of the proposed changes is found on the ULC website.

*Lisa Swem
ULC President Elect*

Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the U. S. and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change LDR stays to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

U.S. Wildfires

Massive wildfires fueled by intense winds have destroyed more than 1,000 homes, endangered entire communities, and continue to claim lives in California. More than 100,000 people have been forced to evacuate while thousands of others remain without power and other utilities. Lutheran Disaster Response, through the Sierra Pacific Synod and Lutheran Social Services of Northern California, will be responding to address the overwhelming needs of those affected by wildfires.



Hurricanes

Harvey: In the midst of a strong local response by individuals and congregations, the groundwork has been laid for the extended long-term recovery work of disaster case management, emotional and spiritual care, volunteer coordination and construction management. Lutheran Disaster Response is working with two of the Texas Synods across the impacted areas of Texas. We anticipate working in the Dickinson and Rockport areas in partnership with Upbring (Lutheran Social Services of the South). With the support of Lutheran Disaster Response, a coordinator will be working to help facilitate volunteers and material donations in the region.

Irma and Maria: Lutheran Disaster Response is working with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the Caribbean Synod, and other International companions and partners to provide relief to the most vulnerable in the U.S. and around the world.

- In Florida, the initial response, in addition to local efforts at clean-up and providing temporary shelter, has focused on crisis counseling to thousands in 20 Florida counties. This work is being done through our affiliate, Lutheran Services of Florida. Early support has been extended to care providers so that they can be assured their families are in a stable living situation, and are able to turn their attention to the care of the most vulnerable in the community.
- In Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, we're coordinating the delivery of critical items including dry food, generators, and solar-powered phones.
- In Haiti, we're supporting woman-headed households and farmers who were affected by the hurricanes.
- In Cuba, we're supporting the distribution of items like cookware, dishes, and blankets to help families get back to normal life.

To be a part of the response:

PRAY

GIVE: Gifts can be designated to "US Wildfires," "Hurricane Response," or "Area of Greatest Need" by going www.elca.org

CONNECT: To learn more about these situations and the ELCA's response:

- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#)
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#)
- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) and follow @ELCALDR on [Twitter](#).

*Amy Wagenknecht
Excerpted from elca.org*



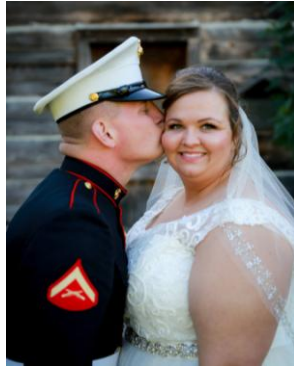
Thank You for Sharing Your Garden

A Big THANK YOU to Loran Bieber for graciously sharing his beautiful flowers on our altar so many Sundays this past summer. He continues to share them as he offers the bouquets to friends to take home. ULC appreciates his gifts



I'm a Mrs.!!!

My new name is Britny Pollard (in case you see it and are unsure). Sept. 30 was the most magical day of our lives, even more magical than days at Disney World or the day Jordan proposed to me in front of Cinderella's Castle. It was "to infinity and beyond" my wildest dreams. All of the stressing and tears over the littlest details were completely worth it. It is hard to find the right words to thank everyone who contributed to our special day.



Jordan and Britny Pollard.

Thank you for all of the cards and gifts to remind me of the support you have for Jordan and me. Knowing on that day that we had your prayers, love, and support for our marriage made us feel even more special. I am thankful for this congregation and staff for making me feel so much like a part of your family.

Britny Pollard
ULC Administrative Assistant



Meet Our Newest Member . . .

Vy Van Dao joined University Lutheran Church on Oct. 1, the Global Church Sunday, through the sacrament of Holy Baptism. She has been instructed by Pastor John Schleicher, was sponsored by Carol Macken and Sue Kamens, and supported by her "family" from Lectio Divina.



Although Vy grew up in a Buddhist neighborhood, the seeds of Christian faith were sown by her forebears. Filled with initial fundamentals of Christianity, inherited resilience to overcome life's barriers from her ancestors, and motivated

to fulfill her parents' mission of religious freedom, Vy has sought to claim her Christian identity in the U.S. University Lutheran has become a welcoming home for her faith. She has already participated in a number of activities at ULC, and is a wonderful addition to the group of students from other countries who worship with us.

Vy was born into a teacher-writer family in Vietnam. Both her parents were elementary school teachers. Her father, while earning his teaching degree abroad, became a multi-lingual writer in French, English, and Vietnamese. He pursued his teaching career along with publishing various works throughout his life. Her father's parents and grandparents were considered an economic success for generations during the French colonial regime until the Land Reform Revolution in the North of Vietnam in 1956.

Vy earned her bachelor's degree in psychology at a College of Education in Vietnam through the state-funded system. With a scholarship from the British Council, Vy earned a master's degree in the U.K., doing research about international understanding and education planning. A Fulbright

Scholarship and MSU's Graduate School Dean's Fellowship brought Vy to MSU. Her research interest is in multiculturalism, teachers' identities, and teacher empowerment inside and outside the U.S. Currently, as a Ph.D. candidate in MSU's Teacher Education Program, her dissertation documents how college teachers' identities affect their pedagogical choices in teaching multicultural education to K-12 prospective teachers.

Along with her academic pursuit, Vy has a passion for writing. Her faith blog named "Rising" has been active since she joined ULC. In it, she has journaled her faith journey and generated discussion about issues of both Christian and the secular world. Vy lives in a small and nice apartment in Spartan Village with her daughter, Thao Nguyen, a violinist who is a junior at East Lansing High School.

Phyllis Andersland

Remembering Emly Rose Horne

(Oct. 1, 1935 - Sept. 14, 2017)



I met our sister in Christ Emly on a July evening in 2013 during a meeting of the committee formed to support our pastoral intern

Asher. She may have been small in stature but her personality filled the room and it immediately became evident that she was passionate about preparing pastoral candidates for ministry. The word passionate is one of many adjectives that apply to Emly. She was also committed, dedicated, hard working, intellectually curious and feisty enough to take on any figure of authority.

Emly was a passionate educator who taught primarily the middle grades in the Lansing Public School district for her entire career. She married Steve Horne, a Trinity Seminary student, who she met during his internship at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, while she was leading VBS one summer. Steve was killed in a car accident

shortly before graduation changing the course of Emly's life. A devoted daughter she remained with her parents from that point on seeing her Mom reach the age of 101 before she passed just a few years ago. Throughout her life she also remained committed to Trinity Seminary influencing their Christian education and sacred music curriculum, and to the Old Everett Neighborhood where she grew up.

Emly was also a passionate organizer. It was in this role that she truly shined. She served on many boards and committees, and founded several as well including the Ingham County TRIAD, an organization that paired police with elderly in the community. It was no surprise to me that police chiefs and mayoral candidates attended her funeral service. Emly stayed true to form right to the end vowing to fix the problems she observed in her Assisted Living Community's rules and regulations, and to educate the nurses at the hospital on how to

better communicate with seniors during her final stay there.

The other key role that Emly played was as a devoted Godmother. Her love for and pride in her family came through in every conversation we had. Her godchild Gerald, an ELCA pastor in Midland, stated at her funeral that "she raised up her Godchildren to be more than we could be.....God's children."

You may remember Emly as the tiny, white haired figure in the back pew where she could keep an eye on the choir. Her final years of life were spent defying the life expectancy of stage IV cancer so she was not able to join us for worship as often as she wished. She loved the worship format at ULC and was a strong supporter of the organ restoration project. Emly's love for God and neighbor showed through in all her life's work. That work continues on due to her persistent leadership.

Beth Rahe



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The More Things Change, The More They Stay the Same

It is said that, “The more things change, the more they stay the same”. That saying came to mind when looking through a scrapbook of newspaper clippings from 1978-1979. A sampling of the newspaper notices that all discussed events at University Lutheran Church follows:

Rabbi Edward Chesman, of Congregation Shaarey Zedec, will discuss tenets of his faith...

Michigan Clergy Talk Church Unity: Michigan Lutheran and Episcopal clergy of the greater Lansing area will meet to discuss a document that provides for pulpit and altar fellowship between the denominations....

Dr. Mohammed Abou-El-Seoud, professor of natural science at MSU, and the Moslem representative on the MSU Religious Advisors Association, will speak...

University Church Offers Multi-Series: Joseph Anderson, chairman of the Humanities Department, Lansing Community College, will speak... The topic will be “Changing Attitudes Between Church and World.” This will be the first in a four-part series concerning “The Church and Political-Governmental Processes.”

Dr. H. Paul Rasmussen, president of the Michigan Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints,

will discuss basic tenets of his faith...

Lutheran Role Topic of Series: “The Lutheran Role in the Lansing Area” will be discussed... This will be the first in a two-part series on “The Lutheran Role in Contemporary Society.”

And finally: Lutheran “Role,” Earth Care Series Scheduled Sunday: Three speakers will discuss “The Lutheran Role in Nation and World... Dr. Everett Everson... Evelyn Frost... Dr. Dale Harpstead.”

The Archives Team

Dinner for Eight

Our next "Dinner for 8" will be on Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5:30 p.m. The signup sheet is in the narthex. Dinner for 8 (D48) is an evening of food and fellowship with eight adult members/friends of ULC. These meals take place four times a year in the home of a member.



Everyone contributes “a dish to pass” for the meal. It is a wonderful way to get to know other members and friends of the ULC community. Everyone (single or couple) is welcomed and encouraged to join.

Contact me for questions at boorena@msu.edu or 394-7486.

Ann Booren

From the Editors...



The deadline for the Dec. *Lux* is **Friday, Nov. 17.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at amylarryw@comcast.net or place them in the *Lux* mailbox in the ULC office. Articles may be edited for size or readability, but you will be contacted if significant changes are made. Keep those wonderful articles coming! Thanks!

The Lux Team: Phyllis Andersland, Michael Anderson, Loran Bieber, Mark Johnson, Connie Lenkowski, Britny Pollard, and Amy Wagenknecht

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NOVEMBER 2017

1	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL	1:00p	Rhodon Circle-Fireside
	12:00p	Lectio Divina-Fireside	4:30p	Transition Team-Conference
	3:30p	Calendar Planning Meeting	16	4:30p
	4:30p	Lead Management Team		6:30p
2	7:30a	Liturgical Deacons-Conference	17	7:00p
	6:30p	Handbells-Sanctuary		5:00p
	7:00p	Senior Choir	18	7:00p
3	5:00p	FRIDAYS@FIVE-Student Lounge		TBA
	5:30p	Basketball Parking MSU vs Hillsdale	19	9:00a
4	10:00a	Football Parking MSU vs Penn State		8:30a
5	Daylight Saving Time Ends			9:40a
	9:40a	Education Hour		10:45a
	10:45a	Worship-Quilts of Valor, Youth Choir		12:00p
	11:45a	Pastor John's Last Day-Fellowship		12:00p
6	1:00p	MSU Retirees Quilt/Sew -Fireside		2:30p
	4:30p	Tight Knit-Fireside	20	5:30p
	5:00p	Security Team Meeting-Conference		4:30p
7	7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside		7:00p
	10:00a	Men's Bible Study-Wagenknecht	21	7:30a
	11:00a	Communications Meeting-Conference		10:00a
	12:30p	Staff Meeting-Conference		11:00a
8	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL		12:30p
	12:00p	Lectio Divina-Fireside		12:30p
	5:30p	Finance Committee		7:00p
	6:00p	Endowment Committee-Fireside	22	8:00a
9	6:30p	Handbells-Sanctuary		12:00p
	7:00p	Senior Choir	23	Thanksgiving-Office Closed
10	5:00p	FRIDAYS@FIVE-Student Lounge	24	Thanksgiving Holiday-Office Closed
	6:30p	Basketball Parking- MSU vs North Florida	26	8:30a
11	9:00a	Prayers and Squares-Atrium		9:40a
12	9:40a	Education Hour		10:45a
	10:45a	Worship	27	4:30p
	12:00p	Annual Meeting-Fellowship Hall	28	7:30a
	1:30p	Sons of Norway-Fellowship		12:30p
	3:00p	Latvian Worship-Sanctuary, Fellowship		5:00p
13	4:30p	Tight Knit-Fireside		7:00p
14	7:30a	Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside	29	8:00a
	9:00a	Prayers & Squares-Atrium		12:00p
	12:30p	Staff Meeting-Conference	30	5:30p
15	8:00a	Mushers-IHOP, EL		6:30p
	9:30a	Amnos Circle-Conference		7:00p
	12:00p	Lectio Divina-Fireside		

Education Hour (9:40 -10:30 a.m.) Opportunities:

Sunday School (Basement) Young Families Group (TBD)
 Sunday Forum (Fireside) Affirm. of Baptism (Youth)

Friendship House Classes at ULC:

Wednesday 11:00a – Watercolor Class - Fellowship
 Fridays 10:30a – American Nations - Fireside

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

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



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ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, Nov. 12 - 12:30 p.m.
(One worship service at 10:45 a.m.)
Fellowship Hall

Agenda includes vote on constitutional amendments,
elections, approval of the budget

Light snacks for all. Childcare with lunch
Visit www.ulcel.org for more information on amendments