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November 2018

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

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Sunday, Nov. 4 - Noon  
Fellowship Hall

### Dinner for Eight

Sunday, Nov. 4 - 5:30 p.m.

### ULC/Latvian Worship & Potluck

Sunday, Nov. 11 - 10:45 a.m.

**Interfaith  
Thanksgiving Worship**  
Monday, Nov. 19 - 7 p.m.  
University United Methodist  
Church, E. Lansing

**Food Movers**  
Thursday, Nov. 29  
Fellowship Hall  
Set-up 3:30 p.m.  
Distribution 4:30 p.m.

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## Learning About Our Neighbors' Faith



Learning about Islam with our Muslim and Methodist neighbors.

On Sept. 28th, Imam Sohail and friends from the Islamic Center visited Fridays@Five, shared a meal, and presented Islam 101 with our students. In addition to community building and enlightening conversation, Imam Sohail helped with “debunking” myths about Islam. A wonderful learning experience for all!

*Pastor Haley Vay*

**WORSHIP EXPRESSIONS**

*JAZZ*

Sunday, Dec. 2  
4:00 p.m.

Followed by the Advent Dinner  
with wreath making, cookie  
decorating, and seasonal crafts.



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

## Feeling Grateful

I'm feeling very grateful as I write this. ....

It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since I accepted the call to serve as Lead Pastor of ULC and began my ministry among you. It's been a very good year! A year of getting to know people, getting to know systems and procedures, getting to know what makes ULC tick, getting to know the congregation's strengths, and getting a sense of how the congregation's ministry can grow. You all have helped to make my transition as smooth as possible and I'm grateful.

I've really enjoyed this first year. You have welcomed Miriam and me with open arms and made us feel at home. I've really enjoyed working with the staff beginning with Pastor Haley Vay, Janine our Director of Music, Britny our Administrative Assistant – the staff I work with on a day to day basis - and everyone else,

Kristie and Julie our Organists, Louise who directs the handbells, Kristy our Financial Administrator and Mary our Event Coordinator. I feel very blessed to work with such a competent and creative staff. They have been a gift to me and to this congregation and for that I'm grateful.



As we begin a second year together, I'm looking forward to really beginning to dig in and start setting some goals and directions and plotting our way forward. Early in the coming year we'll have a Council retreat to begin doing just that and I'm grateful for the wonderful leadership on Council as we do this planning.

Over the course of this year, we've tried some new things, headed in some new directions, and I've never once heard, "We've never done it that way before." And for your flexibility and willingness to try new things I'm grateful.

I'm also so grateful for your faithful generosity with your time and your financial resources. I'm grateful for all the people who give of their time, energy and talents to keep our church running and our ministries going. I'm grateful for your generosity as you give not simply to support our regular ministries, but also to rebuild the organ and replace the rooftop HVAC units. Your generosity is a powerful example

There is so much for which to be grateful as we complete our first year of ministry together and as we look forward to the next year and the future. This year, Thanksgiving will be especially meaningful for me.

*I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. Philippians 1:3-5*

Indeed, I'm feeling grateful,

*Pastor Gary*

## Pub Theology

On the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, a small group of people (about 6 to 12) have been gathering at Spartan Brewpub for Pub Theology. It's a great opportunity to talk about faith, theology, and the intersection between our faith and life and current events.



We begin at 7 p.m. and end at 8:30. It's a very informal and relaxed setting. You're welcome to order your own food and drinks if you'd like. And feel free to invite/bring a friend. Come and join us at Spartan Brewpub as we talk about faith and life.

Look for each week's questions to be posted on the ULC website and Facebook page ahead of time.

*Pastor Gary*

## Latvian/ULC Worship

On Sunday, Nov. 11 at the 10:45 worship service, we will be joining together with the Latvian Lutheran congregation that has worshiped at ULC for years. Pastor Aija Graham will preach. Members of their congregation will do some of the readings.



We'll sing some hymns in Latvian and then after worship, we'll share a potluck meal together (please bring a dish to share) that will include some wonderful Latvian dishes. This will be a marvelous opportunity to build some relationships with our brothers and sisters who share our building and our faith.

Please plan on being part of a wonderful morning.

*Pastor Gary*

# Outstanding October!

Here are some highlights from our October activities:

## Maowei's Farewell & Godspeed

PhD candidate in ecology, Maowei Liang, of Inner Mongolia (Northern region of China) spent the last year growing in faith and loving service with One Community. In such a short time, Maowei's warm



Maowei, helping in the ULC office.

personality and servant's heart helped nurture a spirit of joy that our congregation and campus ministry will always cherish. On Oct. 15, Maowei returned to China. His future plans include continued study in Arizona and he promises to send us updates on his whereabouts as they unfold.

For our Friday at Five on Oct. 12, we gathered at my home to share in a meal and meaningful service of Farewell & Godspeed for Maowei. In worship the following Sunday, Janine sang "Blessing" in Maowei's honor. We send him with our prayerful and loving support. Until we meet again!

## Uncle John's Cider Mill, Pumpkins, and Bible Study

October was full of seasonal activities from the MSU Homecoming Parade to pumpkin carving and more! Our

students enjoyed a trip to Uncle John's Cider Mill where they picked pumpkins. The following Friday they carved their pumpkins, while sharing in an autumn-inspired Bible study.

## Thanksgiving Moment

Student Associate, Eric Podolsky gave the first "Thanksgiving Moment" for our Stewardship month. He shared his experience as an incoming freshman last year. He was really sad about leaving his family and friends behind and then found ULC and One Community. Eric couldn't be more grateful for his ULC church family and thanks our congregation for their giving, which makes our campus ministry possible with the help of God.



Sharing campus ministry with Sunday Forum.

## Forum Presentation

Student Associates, Jack Walch, Jenny Ward, Eric Podolsky, and Megan Kotnik presented at Adult Forum and shared in conversation about the growth of campus ministry and thanked the congregation for their support.

*Pastor Haley Vay*



## MSU Basketball Parking



One Community began its annual parking for MSU men's basketball games on Oct. 30 with the exhibition game against Northern Michigan. The ULC lot opens 1½ hours prior to tip-off and the fee is \$10.

Proceeds fund campus ministry activities, including our Spring Break trip. Please encourage friends and family to park at ULC!



Remember to set back your clocks one hour on Sunday, Nov. 4 . . .

Or you'll be really early to church!

# Confirmation

With the return of the school year, Confirmation is in full swing. We have been learning a lot about the Old Testament (including memorizing all of the books in order) in a fun way! The youth told me they really enjoy the quiz we have at the beginning of each class and the format this year. We have also added a few extra events including pumpkin picking and finding our way out of a corn maze at Shawhaven Farms, football parking and tailgating for the MSU vs. U of M football game, and participating in Trunk or Treat. We will also be shopping and delivering Thanksgiving baskets to three families in the Lansing area.

*Louise Harder*



Corn maze and pumpkin fun at Shawhaven Farms.

## Young & Middle Adult Small Group



Pastor Haley Vay and participants of the new small group for middle to young adults. The group is using the eight-week "Animate: Faith" series. Participants shared creative theological insights into concrete topics like God, religion & spirituality.

## Mark Your Calendars!

"A Super Christmas!" an intergenerational Christmas program, will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 16 during the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Rehearsals begin on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> during the Annual Meeting. Rehearsals continue on Sundays at 9:40 a.m. during the Education Hour. Dress Rehearsal pizza party will be held Saturday, Dec. 15, 10 a.m. - noon.



Join us on Sunday, Dec. 2 for the **Advent Dinner**, including wreath making, cookie decorating, and seasonal crafts.



*Winter*  
APPAREL DRIVE

We are once again collecting winter coats, hats, gloves and boots for the Coat Bank at St. Luke Lutheran Church, Christ Campus. While the coat bank will be accepting donations from Oct. 13 through Jan. 10, ULC will be accepting items on Nov. 4 and 11. Winter apparel in toddlers to plus sizes is needed. See information board in the narthex. Please call or text me at 989-506-8723 if you have questions.

*Darra Haase*

## Soup Kitchen

Our next opportunity to serve at the St. Luke Lutheran Church, Christ Campus Soup Kitchen on 122 S. Pennsylvania Ave. is Saturday, Nov. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please sign up in the narthex. Our next assigned day at the soup kitchen is Dec. 29. Please call or text Darra Haase (989-506-8723) or Jennifer Tracey (419-377-4685) with questions.



# Making Sense of the Cross

This month, we finish up the insightful, provocative, and fascinating DVD series led by Pastor Gary entitled “Making Sense of the Cross.” If you haven’t had a chance to see the first three, be sure to catch the last three. They’re just wonderful! Forum meets most Sundays from 9:40 to 10:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome!



Nov. 4 - Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 4 — Substitution, Satisfaction, and Sacrifice

Nov. 11 - Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 5 — Example and Encouragement

Nov. 18 - Pastor Gary: Study series: Making Sense of the Cross, Part 6 — Event and Experience

Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving weekend, no forum

*Making Sense of the Cross:* “The cross is clearly at the center of our faith and yet Christians and other people of faith have had questions about it ever since the crucifixion and resurrection. E.g., what does God look like through the lens of the cross? What, exactly, did God do through the person of Jesus and how does this shape our lives today? What have Christians, including the gospel writers, said about the cross through the centuries? How does Luther’s Theology of the Cross relate to our sense of God as all powerful and all-knowing?” [Paraphrased from the series website]

Forum is open to all and requires no advance preparation or homework! Some topics, in fact, are so timely, important, and interesting that, over the past few years, various members have invited friends to attend them. The Forum schedule is posted on the brightly colored easel in the narthex. Each Sunday’s topic will also appear on our website, in the preceding Sunday’s bulletin, and in the weekly email announcements.

Linda Trevarthen



## ULC Book Club

### A Good Read for a Chilly November Afternoon

*Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman is the ULC Book Club selection for November.

No one’s told Eleanor that life should be better than fine. Meet Eleanor Oliphant: She struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she’s thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully

timetabled life of avoiding social interactions.

But everything changes when she meets Raymond, the bumbling IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, the three become the kinds of friends who rescue one

another from the lives of isolation they have each been living. This book is described by the publisher as smart, warm and uplifting.

All are welcome to join us at 10 am on **Thursday, Nov.29** in the library.

Judy Kindel



Sunday, Nov. 4  
Fellowship Hall

Immediately following 10:45 a.m. worship  
(No 8:30 service, but Faith Formation as scheduled)

Agenda includes elections & approval of the 2019 budget

Light snacks for all. Childcare with lunch.

## Meet Our 2018-19 Senior Choir Scholarship Students . . .

**Alyssa Handspike**, mezzo soprano, is a freshman at MSU majoring in music education. She is studying voice with Professor Jane Bunnell. Alyssa attended Dewitt High School and participated in their choral program. She is currently a part of two choirs at MSU, State Singers and Women's Chamber Ensemble. Alyssa loves to play and watch many different types of sports. In high school she was a captain on the girls' varsity soccer team. She also was actively involved in many different clubs, including the links program and key club. This is Alyssa's first year as a choir scholarship student at ULC.



Left to right: Kelley Lofton, Zach Sneed, Adam Krause, Alyssa Handspike, and Taylor Mills

**Adam Krause**, bass, is a vocal performance major in the College of Music at MSU. He is a member of the MSU State Singers and is studying voice with Professor Embree. Adam grew up in Haslett and attended the Haslett Public Schools. Adam participated in many theater productions at Haslett High School, including "Beauty and the Beast", Greylag in *Honk!*, and Mr. Macafee in "Bye, Bye, Birdie." Adam is a first-year choir scholarship student and is happy to be a part of the ULC community.

**Kelley Lofton**, soprano, is a student at Lansing Community College and plans to transfer into the Human Services program at Siena Heights next fall. She attended Emanuel Lutheran School from preK – 8<sup>th</sup> grade and was confirmed into membership at Emanuel Lutheran Church where she is currently a member. Kelley graduated from Haslett High School where she participated in choir all four years. She performed in many school musicals and was most recently seen at Riverwalk Theatre as Emma Carew in "Jekyll and Hyde" and as Amalia Balash in "She Loves Me." This is Kelley's first year as a choir

scholarship student and she would like to thank ULC for allowing her to share her faith through music.

**Taylor Elyse Mills**, soprano, is originally from southern Ohio and recently Burlington, Vermont. She graduated from Hope College in Holland in 2017 with a composite major of Moral Philosophy & Psychology and a minor in Spanish. Taylor is currently a first-year PhD student in philosophy at MSU and plans to complete a dual degree JD/PhD as both a graduate

and law student. During all four years of her undergraduate career she sang in the Chapel Choir, played flute in the Concert Band, studied classical voice with Professor Linda Dykstra, sang, directed, and composed for the women's a cappella group *Luminescence*, and served as Second Reformed Church of Zeeland's choral student scholar. Now at MSU, she is singing with the University Chorale – incidentally as the only non-music major in the choir. Taylor enjoys hiking and camping, yoga and weekly trivia with her department friends. This is Taylor's first year as a choir scholarship student at ULC.

**Zach Sneed**, tenor, is a freshman at MSU, majoring in linguistics. Zach is from Haslett and attended Haslett Public Schools. He studied private voice while in high school and received superior rankings at District and State Solo and Ensemble Festivals. While at HHS, Zach participated in many plays and musicals, including "Bye, Bye, Birdie," "Honk!" and "Beauty and the Beast." He also sang with the HHS choirs. Currently Zach is a member of the MSU Rowing Crew and The Roial Improv Players. This is Zach's first year as a choir scholarship student at ULC.

Janine Novenske Smith



### Mark Your Calendars!

"A Carol Suite," arranged by Hal Hopson  
Offered by the Senior Choir and instrumentalists  
Sunday, Dec. 9  
8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Worship Services



# What is Happening with the Organ Project?

On Aug. 28, Kristie and Dave Wiggert and I went to visit the shop of Fowler-Hebert Organs to see the progress being made on the components of our new/renovated organ. We saw some very fine woodworking happening as the toe boards and rack boards are all being completed.

Toe boards are long planks with multiple series of holes in them. The bottom of the pipe fits into the toe board, which sits over the wind

source. The rack boards are similar planks that sit above the toe boards and stabilize and hold the pipes in position. In the photos, you can see a small sample of these boards with some random pipes inserted, and then an example of this on a working organ.

Our organ builders report that about 90 percent of the pipes needed have been acquired, cleaned, and are ready for voicing. Voicing is the art of shaping and manipulating each pipe,

whether wood or metal, to make the appropriate sound. The pipes must also have the correct volume, ability to sustain the tone, and start/stop playing at exact moments. It is a very meticulous process. A good pipe organ is a combination of pipes that make flute-like tones, string-like sounds, trumpet flavors, as well as the fundamental, “principal” pipe organ sounds.

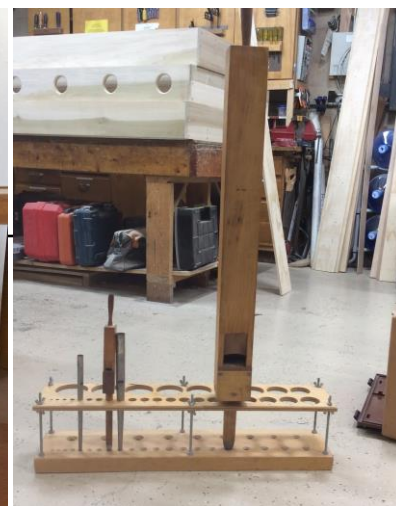
*Julie Baglien  
ULC Organist*



Kristie and David Wiggert inspecting a tray of pipes.



Pipes in the toe and rack boards.



Progress in updating the ULC organ.

## Earthkeeping News

### Get Your Home Ready for Winter!

It is not too late to reduce your home energy bills by participating in a free Home Energy Assessment.

For the next few months Consumers Energy is offering customers a free home visit along with installation of high-efficiency products. Based on the number of ULC customers participating, ULC will earn monetary rewards. If you have Consumers Energy for gas or electric, and have not had a recent audit done, you are eligible to participate.

Look for brochures and information on the Earthkeeping table/display and sign up for an appointment. Your

appointment can be scheduled for anytime before Dec. 31. It can be done online at [HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com](http://HomeAnalysis-ConsumersEnergy.com) or call **888-316-8014**. The promo code is **HASLETTEASTLANSING** which is necessary for ULC to earn monetary rewards.

If you are a LBWL customer, call 1-800-573-3503 or a DTE customer, call 1-866-796-0512, or go online to participate in their program.

Sign up today!!



*Judy Kindel*

## Teddy Bears and Veterans

The Teddy Bear Quilt Workshop on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> was lots of fun. Ann Booren led the participants on an adventurous path laying out pattern pieces, cutting the 30 pieces, and making sure everyone had success putting their bear quilts together. Some very lucky children will soon cover up under these special quilts.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to postpone the Celebration of Prayer Quilt and Prayer Shawl Ministries for Oct. 19. Groups from the mid-Michigan area will be informed of a new date soon.

Sunday, Nov. 11 at the second service we will honor seven veterans with Quilts of Valor. This year our recipients are friends of ULC members who were nominated to receive a well-deserved QOV. Be sure to mark Feb. 2 on your 2019 calendar for the National Quilt



Workshop participant with her Teddy Bear quilt.

of Valor sewing day. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall to make red, white and blue quilts.

Our next regularly scheduled sewing day is Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Atrium. We have all the supplies including sewing machines so we just need you! There are tasks that do not require sewing skills, but we do love to teach people how to make a prayer quilt.

Are you making a holiday shopping gift list? Prayers & Squares will host our annual sale of items – many of which are made from scraps created when the prayer quilts are made – two Sundays in December the 9<sup>th</sup> and the 16<sup>th</sup>. Look for our display in the Narthex before and after services. Your support of these sales allows us to purchase supplies to make more prayer quilts.

*Bobbie Davis*

## 2018 Giving Tree

### Fill the “Journey to Independence” Boxes

Nov. 4 is the Annual Meeting for ULC. It is also the first Sunday to choose a tag from the Giving Tree. For many years, ULC has supported the Giving Tree with generous donations of gifts for clients of Samaritas and the Tri-County Office on Aging (TCOA). Last year we changed the format somewhat with items for the Samaritas “Start the Journey to Independence” boxes.

When a young Samaritas client reaches a certain age, he/she moves to an apartment of his/her own.

Samaritas gives each person three boxes: one for the kitchen, one for the bedroom, and one for the bathroom. The group of items on each tag should cost about \$25, which has been the suggested limit for many years. We are also offering the names of clients from TCOA, if you would prefer to donate to an individual



How do you participate? You choose a tag. Next write the information

requested on the sign-up sheet on the table beside the Giving Tree. Take home the tag and a small sheet with

directions. Purchase the items on the tag and return them to ULC by **Dec. 2**. If you have gently used items from the list you want to donate, that is fine. Please do not bring items that are not on the list. We won't be able to use them.

If you would prefer to write a check instead of shop, please put *Giving Tree* on the memo line. Last year we were able to fill four sets of boxes. Let's see if we can match that number this year.

Thank you in advance for making this project a success.

*Sherry Corwin*  
*Social Action Team*



## November Outreach of the Month Samaritas

Samaritas, formerly known as Lutheran Social Services of Michigan, continues to aid in refugee issues. Almost all of the youth currently referred to Samaritas for foster homes and services are unaccompanied children. These youth are predominantly from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, who flee to this country to escape threats and gang activity. In the last year, due to new federal policies, Samaritas has seen a huge decrease in the number of unaccompanied refugee minors who are approved for resettlement in the United States, but there is still a great need for our support.



Samaritas continues to need foster homes, host homes, mentors, and tutors. A big donation need is for gift cards to purchase games to interact with the youth, to restaurants with cuisine similar to their homeland, or to purchase warmer clothing for our northern climate. Monetary donations support and bless the foster parents who give so much to make sure these kids are safe and cared for!

Samaritas also provides services in the areas of general foster care, family support, new Americans, home health and disability support, and building communities. To learn more about how this program walks with people in need, offering hope and compassion while upholding their dignity, advocating for equality and justice, and seeking creative solutions, visit [www.samaritas.org](http://www.samaritas.org). Outreach of the Month envelopes are available in the pew racks. Checks should be made out to ULC with “Samaritas” on the memo line.

*Darra Haase*

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## ULC Archives

### Tour ULC Art from the Comfort of Your Home

Have you visited the ULC website lately? The Archives Team has a new posting under “About Us.” In 2014 Jan and Olie Mace started an inventory of the artwork at ULC. They appreciated the beauty that surrounded us and wanted others to be aware of the existence and meaning of the various works of art. Their inventory included documenting the art with pictures and locations. From that inventory came the dream of putting together a book to permanently document the artwork. The book was put together, but then the question remained – what to do with it.

It was not feasible to make copies, and a copy in the library would probably not be circulated very widely. Then someone suggested putting the booklet on the website and that was the solution. Now you can take a tour of ULC through art



Beseech Thee, Hear us: The Power of Community by Ellen Bianchi.

and learn about the origin and meaning of the various pieces of art.

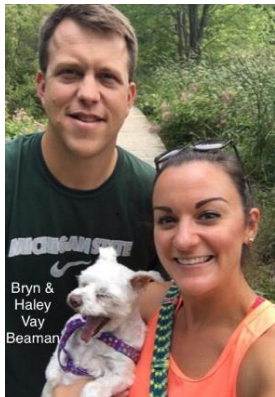
One example from the booklet is the terra cotta relief that we find above the welcome table in the narthex. It says, “*We Beseech Thee, Hear us: The Power of Community, Bas relief, terra cotta sculpture created by Ellen Bianchi. 22” x 34” Given by Artist 2000.*” Many of the descriptions include information on the meaning of various elements of the piece of art.

Thank you, Jan and Olie for your passion for art and desire to share that knowledge with others. Because of their efforts we can easily take a tour of the art at ULC. ([ulcel.org](http://ulcel.org), About Us, ULC Artwork)

*Tom Kissling, Carol Mackin,  
Mike and Connie Lenkowski  
ULC Archives Team*

## Welcome to Our Newest Members!

On Sunday, Oct. 7, ULC formally welcomed 17 new members via Affirmation of Faith and one Baptism. After the service, the congregation enjoyed our second new member Reception of the year, with be-ribboned name tags and welcome gift bags for our new members and new member bio/photo brochures for all.



**Bryn and Haley Vay Beaman** (Haley Vay transfer from Zion Lutheran, York, PA; Bryn by Affirmation of Faith) Bryn and Haley Vay Beaman have been worshipping at ULC since August 2017 and are happy to finally become new members! In their free time they enjoy trying new delicious and nutritious recipes, DIY home renovations, biking, and boating. They have a 10 year old Maltese rescue dog named Lilly who loves to eat cheese, go for paddle board rides, and relax in her bike basket with mom and dad up north.



**Jeremy Cicak** (Transfer) I am a sophomore at MSU studying Zoology/pre-vet. I am from Pittsburgh, Pa. I have recently joined the choir at church. In the picture I am holding one of the six chickens my group is raising in my Animal Feeding and Nutrition class this semester.



**Patti Cuellar** (Affirmation of Faith) Patti Cuellar, born and raised in the Lansing area, currently works for the Michigan Supreme Court. She has worked in criminal law as a legal assistant, and in the past performed in local theater and radio ads. She enjoys cooking, gardening and the arts, and currently lives in Haslett.



**Alex and Erica Dethloff** (Erica, Baptism; Alex, Affirmation of Faith) Erica is an Eastern University graduate with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications. She likes to spend time up north in Traverse City, and has a love for the arts, gardening and animals. Alex is a Mott Community College graduate, with an Associate's Degree in Electronics. He has a passion for inventing, music and animals.



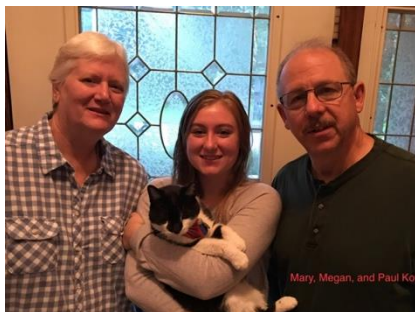
**Andrew Earle** (Transfer) I grew up in Pittsburgh, PA and went to college at the Univ. of Pittsburgh. It is my first year in the Economics PhD program at MSU. In my free time, I enjoy playing sports, especially soccer, biking, and doing other outdoor activities. I look forward to getting more involved at ULC!



**Catherine Ernst, daughter Samantha** (Transfer from All Saints Lutheran, Mason) Catherine (Cathy) Ernst is originally from Ohio. She works at MSU as professor and associate chair of the Animal Science department, and she is also director of the MSU interdepartmental Genetics Graduate Program. Samantha (Sam) Ernst is a 2018 graduate of Holt High School, and she is currently a freshman at MSU.



**John Foley** (Transfer from Messiah Lutheran, Marquette) Hi, I'm John Foley and I live in East Lansing with my mom, Mary Letvenow. I volunteer Mondays at ULC and also help with sports parking. I like watching Tigers baseball, playing video games, and working outside. I look forward to meeting more people at ULC.



**Paul and Mary Kotnik, daughter Megan** (Transfer from Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran, Walled Lake) Megan is a Secondary Math Education Major at MSU with a

specialization in Global Education and a minor in Psychology. She is also one of ULC's Student Associates and participates in the Bell Choir. Paul is a medical device engineer with Terumo in Ann Arbor. He is happy to be back working in Michigan after seven years of commuting back and forth to a job in Lake Forest, Illinois. Mary is a former English as Second Language and Special Needs paraprofessional, now enjoying the freedom of being home full time. Mary is involved in ULC's quilting group and book club.



**Elspeth Muzzin** (Affirmation of faith) My name is Elspeth and I'm a senior at MSU. Much of my energy goes into the dance company I'm in, MSU Orchesis Dance, but I hope to do something with anti-oppression when I graduate! I'm excited to join ULC and happy to chat about

theology, Living Water Ministries, or anything else.



**Emily Oswald** (Transfer) I am currently a Junior at MSU, studying Mechanical Engineering with a Biomedical Engineering concentration and a Spanish minor. On campus, I participate in Society of Women Engineers, Women in

Engineering, and MSU Cycling Club. In my spare time, I enjoy playing French horn and have recently joined ULC's Tight Knit group, and have really enjoyed getting to know my new church family! I am originally from Grand Rapids, and attend All Shores Church in Coopersville with my family when I am home.



**Eric Podolsky** (Transfer) My name is Eric Podolsky. I'm currently a sophomore studying Computer Science at MSU. I'm a student associate here at ULC and I play in the bell choir



**Anna Svab** (Transfer) I'm Anna Svab and I am a freshman this year at MSU studying Business and German. I am from Naperville, IL and am a skater on MSU's Synchronized Skating Team.

- 1 Shirley Cross  
Gail Hagbom  
Zoey Miller  
Jackson Mitchell
- 2 Robert Gallagher
- 4 Daniel Hagfors
- 5 Chris Andresen  
Beth Holden  
Shelby Stuart  
Ian Williams
- 6 Mike Lenkowski
- 7 Andrew Earle  
Caleb Heller
- 8 Connor Hagman  
Nicholas Kost



- 9 Rowan Page
- 10 Miriam Bunge
- 11 Le Roy Olson  
Joy Oslund  
Earl Witten
- 12 Edward Brown  
Morgan Fisher  
Debra Gift  
Samuel Schikorra
- 13 Max Lawrence
- 15 Tali Hysten  
Kimberly Kravetz

- 16 Brooke Bubolz  
Jim Lorenz
- 17 Jennifer Jarrad  
Camille Prince
- 19 Marianne Bubolz  
Barbara Cox  
Dale Romsos  
Theresa Wangeman
- 20 Judith Hardies  
Ben Newman  
Carrie Saindon  
Michael Stowe
- 21 Vicki Anderson  
Melissa Andresen  
Sandra Brooks
- Jay Paquette
- 22 Richard Morscheck
- 23 Ethan Dawson-  
Baglien  
Allison Mutka
- 24 Michael Christian
- 25 Bill Trevarthen
- 26 Sue Kamens  
Dawn Newton
- 27 Diane Appel
- 28 Brock Gallagher  
Lou Ann Miller  
Miriam Minshall
- 29 Kay Fritz  
Elspeth Muzzin

## Can You Help ? ? ?

As the days get shorter and the roads get slippery, many of our members are unable to attend worship or other ULC activities because they prefer not to drive. Please give the office your name if you are able to transport members to ULC. Thank you!!

The ULC Council met on Oct. 16. The following are highlights from this meeting:



### Council Notes

- Stewardship focus in October with pledge Sunday on Oct. 28.
- Successful Alpha Sunday.
- Accepted all received into membership on Oct. 7 as confirmed members.

- Reviewed proposed 2019 budget.
- Reviewed Personnel Committee recommendations for increase in clergy and staff salaries.
- Approved appointment of Gail Hagbom to Mutual Ministry Committee.

*Sheila Nicholas*  
*ULC Council Secretary*

### September Worship Attendance

Sept. 2 - 95  
Sept. 9 - 152  
Sept. 16 - 187  
Sept. 23 - 144  
Sept. 30 - 155

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## Lead Management Team Notes

The following are highlights from the October Lead Management Team Report:

**Evangelism** (Clarke Anderson): On Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>, Evangelism held a tailgate event at ULC to do outreach to people on their way to the MSU game. It went very well. We gave out over 240 bottles of water and over 100 hotdogs and hamburgers. The ULC labels on the water bottles worked out and so did the ULC grill.

**Social Action** (Bryan Rahe): The food distribution in September served 60 households. The distribution was held outside. Produce included carrots, potatoes, and apples. The next food distribution will be Oct. 25. Check out the new food distribution poster in the narthex which was a joint project with the Evangelism Team. Faith Lutheran anticipates more refugee youth in their youth home shortly. They may reach their capacity of six youth soon.

**Grounds** (Betsye Prince): Most gardens have gone dormant so work has been discontinued in them. The LED lighting

will be done this fall or by next spring. The current poles will be used which is a great cost-saver.

**Library/Archives** (Connie Lenkowski): Nov. 25 and Dec. 2 - Community book sale featuring children's Christmas books. Not truly a fundraiser - we receive the sample books for the library.

**Office Helpers** (Britny Pollard): Office volunteers are still needed on Wednesday afternoon and Friday morning and afternoon.

**Security Team** (Barb Kissling): The Security Team has an estimate for installing an access control system on two front doors - the east side handicap door and the far west door (the east side of it). The estimate is \$3,990.04 and from \$50 to \$400 for training to program the software. We have an endowment grant for \$3,500 and plan to get the remaining funds from the Facilities Team.

*Amy Wagenknecht*

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## Thank You to the Weed Warriors!

Thank you to all those who have helped with the many gardens this season! To Norm Jolin and Judy Kindel for their continued work in the butterfly area. To Marilyn

Schafer & Judy Kindel for the many Wednesday mornings they worked in the west island gardens. Thanks also to the people who helped cut grasses and prepare the ground for winter

and to Sandy Davis for the use of your trailer for hauling the grasses.

*Betsye Prince*  
*Grounds Team Leader*



The deadline for the Dec. Lux is **Wednesday, Nov. 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 articles coming! Thanks!



# N O V E M B E R

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| <p>1 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br/>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room<br/>2 5:00p FRIDAYS@FIVE-Student Lounge<br/>4 Daylight Saving Time Ends<br/>9:40a Education Hour/Children's Choir/Forum<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>12:00p Annual Congregational Meeting-Fellowship Hall<br/>12:30p "A Super Christmas" Rehearsal-Education Wing<br/>5:30p Dinner for Eight<br/>5 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>5:00p Security Team-Conference<br/>6 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside<br/>9:30a Lux Meeting-Conference<br/>10:15a Communications Team-Conference<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>7 7:30a Wine Before Breakfast-Wells Hall Starbucks<br/>8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>4:30p Lead Management Team-Conference<br/>7:00p Confirmation-Youth Room<br/>8 6:30p Bell Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary<br/>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room<br/>9 5:00p FRIDAYS@FIVE-Student Lounge<br/>10 TBD MSU Football Parking-OSU (Youth)<br/>11 Veterans Day<br/>8:30a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>9:40a Forum-Fireside<br/>9:40a "A Super Christmas" Rehearsal<br/>10:45a Joint Latvian/ULC Worship-Sanctuary<br/>12:00p Potluck Lunch-Fellowship<br/>1:30p Sons of Norway-Fireside<br/>4:30p MSU Basketball Parking-ULC Lot<br/>6:00p MSU Men's Basketball-Fla. Gulf Coast<br/>12 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>13 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside<br/>9:00a Prayers &amp; Squares Sewing-Atrium<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>7:00p Pub Theology-Spartan Brewpub<br/>14 7:30a Wine Before Breakfast-Wells Hall Starbucks<br/>8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>4:00p Members in Ministry-Fireside<br/>5:30p MSU Basketball Parking-ULC Lot<br/>7:00p MSU Men's Basketball-University of Louisiana<br/>15 7:30a Assisting Ministers-Conference<br/>6:30p Bells Rehearsal</p> | <p>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room<br/>16 5:00p FRIDAYS@FIVE-Student Lounge<br/>7:00p Aces &amp; Spaces Bridge-Fireside<br/>17 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, E. Lansing<br/>18 Women at Risk Sales Table<br/>8:30a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>9:40a "A Super Christmas" Rehearsal<br/>9:40a Forum-Fireside<br/>10:45a Worship-Sanctuary<br/>4:30p MSU Basketball Parking-ULC Lot<br/>6:00p MSU Men's Basketball-Tennessee Tech<br/>19 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>7:00p Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship-UUMC, E. Lansing<br/>20 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside<br/>7:00p ULC Council<br/>21 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside<br/>22 <b>Thanksgiving Day-Building Closed</b><br/>23 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday-Building Closed</b><br/>24 TBA Football Parking (2.5 hours before kick-off)<br/>TBA MSU v. Rutgers Football<br/>25 8:30a Worship - Sanctuary<br/>9:40a "A Super Christmas" Rehearsal<br/>9:40a Forum-Fireside<br/>10:45a Worship- Sanctuary<br/>12:00p Campus Ministry Team-Student Lounge<br/>26 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>27 7:30a Tuesday Morning Bible Study-Fireside<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>5:00p Families Against Narcotics Board-Library<br/>7:00p FAN Community Meeting-Fellowship<br/>7:00p Pub Theology- Spartan Brewpub<br/>28 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>9:30a Amnos Circle-Fireside<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>7:00p Confirmation-Fireside<br/>29 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library<br/>3:30p Food Movers Set-up-Fellowship/Outside<br/>4:30p Food Distribution-Fellowship/Outside<br/>6:30p Bells Rehearsal<br/>7:30p Senior Choir Rehearsal-Choir Room<br/>30 5:00p Fridays@Five-Student Lounge<br/>5:30p Elves Christmas Decorating-Sanctuary</p> |
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<p><b>Enhance Fitness</b> classes meet M-W-F at 10:45a in Atrium</p>	<p><b>Education Hour – 9:40 to 10:30a:</b> Sunday Forum – Fireside Room Sunday School (Age 2 - HS) – Basement Education Wing</p>
<p><b>Friendship House Classes at ULC:</b> Tuesdays 11:00a – American Nations-Student Lounge 1:00a – Accent Reduction 3:00p – Pilates Class-Atrium Wednesday 11:00a - Watercolor Painting Class-Youth Rm 1:30p - Pronunciation-Fireside Rm 3:00p – History of Music-Student Lounge</p>	
<p>Reminder - Please contact the ULC office <b>BEFORE</b> scheduling your events. This will help you get the space you need and your group's event on the ULC calendar. Thanks!</p>	



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# Community Thanksgiving

## WORSHIP SERVICE

### Monday, November 19, 7:00 PM

University United Methodist Church


1120 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing, MI 48823 517-351-7030

Keynote Speaker: Imam Sohail Chaudry

Islamic Center of East Lansing

*An offering will be received for The Firecracker Foundation.*

The Choir Anthem is  
**"Come With Thanksgiving" (Larson-Stewart)**  
 Anyone singing in the choir should arrive  
 by 6:00 PM for  
 rehearsal.



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