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

## Mark Your Calendars . . .

### CROP Walk

Sunday, Oct. 8 - 1 p.m.

### Library Used Book Sale

Oct. 15-22 in Narthex

### Food Movers

Thursday, Oct. 26

Fellowship Hall

Set-up 3:30 p.m.

Distribution 4:30 p.m.

### Fall Work Day

Friday, Oct. 20 – 8:30 a.m.

### Capitol Conference

### Reformation 500

### Celebration of the Arts

Oct. 29

Bethlehem Lutheran

### Annual

### Congregational Meeting

Nov. 12 at Noon

(No 8:30 service)

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## God's Work. Our Hands.

### Fifth Annual Day of Service



Over 125 volunteers completed service projects on Sept. 10.

On Sunday, Sept. 10 ULC members joined with friends and neighbors to complete over 220 hours of community service. The largest project, Kids Against Hunger food packaging, involved 85 volunteers (35 ULC/50 Islamic Center) that completed 14,000 dehydrated food packages. These packages, when mixed with boiling water, can feed six adults. One-third (5,400) of these packages stayed in our community - going to the MSU Student Food Bank. The remaining food goes to those in need around

the state, nation and world, including food packages that were used for Hurricane Harvey relief.

Other service opportunities that day included packing school kits, making fleece blankets, leading a hymn sing at Brookdale in Haslett, clean-up in the ULC Butterfly Garden and creating Giving Tree tags. Following the service projects, volunteers shared a pizza lunch. Thank you to everyone who made this day a great success! See more photos on page 3.

*Amy Wagenknecht*

## Please Plan to Attend . . .

- **Oct. 1** - Devotion/Meet & Greet with Lead Pastor candidate Gary Bunge from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall.
- **Oct. 8** - Special Congregational Meeting immediately following 10:45 worship service to vote on issuing call to Pastor Bunge and approve a compensation package. No 8:30 a.m. service, but education hour as usual.
- **Nov. 5** - All Saints Sunday. Celebrate Pastor John's last Sunday at ULC with a potluck following the 10:45 worship service. No 8:30 a.m. service, but education hour as usual.

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

## From the President

# Council Recommends Calling Pastor Gary Bunge

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. (Matthew 18:20)

These are exciting times for University Lutheran Church! Based on the Call Committee's recommendation, your Council voted at their September meeting to proceed with the process of calling Pastor Gary Bunge as our Lead Pastor. Jeff Andresen, Call Committee chair, presented the following at the Council meeting:

*"The selection process was time consuming, but straightforward. From the open meetings and congregational surveys and feedback, the committee identified several ministry task and ministry gift priorities. Tasks were: Preaching/Worship, Self Care/Family Life, Pastoral care and visitation, Spiritual Formation/Direction, Administration, and Youth and Family Ministry. Priority gifts for Ministry included: Effective communicator, Helps people develop their spiritual life, Builds a sense of community among the people with whom he/she works, Effective administrator, and Brings joy and good humor to relationships.*

*During the spring of 2017, after submitting our completed Ministry Site Profile to the ELCA, we started with the names of six potential candidates. Three were submitted by individuals at ULC and three came from the Synod Office. Of those, three indicated serious interest in our position and we conducted multiple interviews with all three. The committee found two of those candidates a good match for ULC and was ready to recommend to Council for their approval (the committee voted for a first and second choice). For a variety of reasons, neither candidate decided to continue the call process with us.*

*At the beginning of June, we asked the synod for a new list of candidates. The synod came up with two names. The interview process with those candidates began in July and was completed in August. Based on the interviews and interaction with him, Pastor Bunge quickly rose to the top of the committee's list. Following continued contact with references and additional discussion, the committee unanimously voted to forward a recommendation of Pastor Bunge to ULC council for their consideration. While no candidate had all of the desired traits and skills identified earlier in the search process, Pastor Bunge has many. Desirable attributes identified by the committee included: Theological and spiritual grounding, type and quality of preaching, interest in teaching, interest in community support, approachable personality, breadth and length of*

*professional experience (including administrative), and music background."*



Pastor Gary  
Bunge

Now that your Council has voted to proceed with the call, the next required step is a congregational meeting. If you are a voting member, you should have received a letter announcing a congregational meeting on Sunday, Oct. 8. There, we will vote on two resolutions – the first resolution is to call Pastor Bunge (this will be a written ballot and requires a two-thirds majority for approval) and, if the first passes, the second resolution is for an initial annual compensation package (this can be a simple majority voice vote for approval). You must be a voting member and present in order to cast a vote. Votes by proxy are not allowed.

In order to provide the congregation an opportunity to meet Pastor Gary, the Council has arranged for a "Meet & Greet" on Sunday, Oct. 1 from 3 to 5 p.m. Pastor Gary will lead us in devotions followed by a reception hosted by the Call Committee. All who are part of the ULC community are welcome to attend the Meet & Greet – you do not have to be a member. If you are unable to attend devotions, feel free to stop by anytime between 3:30 and 5 p.m. to meet Pastor Gary and his family.

There is still much to do over the next couple of months. But, first things first. First comes the vote to call Pastor Gary. Assuming that is successful and we approve an acceptable compensation package, we need to transition. Pastor John has been a stable presence during this interim period. We are planning an event on Nov. 5 (his last Sunday with us) to thank him for his ministry with us. Then, we will prepare to receive and support our new Lead Pastor.

We have weathered a lot of changes at ULC over the past 15 months or so. And, God has been with us the entire time. We trust that he will continue to be with us as we enter this new, exciting chapter in our life together as God's people.

Vicki Anderson, ULC President

## From the Pastor's Pen

# To Whom Much Has Been Given . . .

I am so blessed! I think about the daily washing away of my sins, the “just in time” guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the joy of meaningful work with you. As one so blessed, I think about how much is required of me in the remaining days I’m privileged to serve this blessed congregation.

In collaboration with Michael Anderson, the newly appointed Stewardship Team chair, we are planning temple talks for each Sunday this month with stories of the bountiful ways ULC is blessed. Reminded of our rich giftedness, you will then be invited on All Saints Sunday, Nov. 5, to express your financial commitments for the coming year, made out of a deep, heartfelt gratitude to God, taking seriously these words of Jesus:

*From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required.*  
Luke 12: 48b

I pray that you will hear these words not as a heavy burden but as words

of guidance from the One who every single day renews our minds, restores our souls, and re-energizes our bodies so that we can generously give of ourselves and “our” possessions to enrich the lives of others.

For Phylis and me, even before we met each other, tithing was a given; giving 10 percent of our income to the ministries of the church was an automatic for us. Even when our collective income was very thin, tithing remained a guiding requirement. And in our experience, we were never wanting in what mattered most: love given and received, adequate shelter, food, access to health care, and above all the gift of a growing trust that God would provide what God knew we and our children needed. Often, we have been able to give offerings well beyond the tithe to a variety of charitable causes. To us this giving feels like a gracious requirement. It earns us no special favors, no guarantees of a problem-free life, no

expectation of material prosperity. But it is richly fulfilling. Jesus’ words that *much will be required* feels not like a demand but a gracious invitation to a meaningful life.

Of course, money is only part of our “entrustment.” Every skill, aptitude, and passion to do our best is a gift from God. In every waking hour we are given opportunity (and are expected) to do something thoughtful and kind and good for others. But in the annual rhythm of congregational life, fall is usually the time we do talk about money, about making conscious decisions about how much we are “required” to give for the ministry of the congregation, the family of faith of which we are part. Through a variety of brief witnessses, we’ll be reminded each Sunday this month how blessed we are, how so many lives are graced by the ministries of ULC, how privileged we are to be stewards of God’s grace.

Pastor John



Making fleece blankets

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Making Giving Tree tags



Cleaning the butterfly garden



Packaging dehydrated food



Food packages for the MSU Student Food Bank



Assembling school kits

## One Community Campus Ministry News

# Join Us for Awesome Activities!

We have an AWESOME team of student associates that I am happy and humble to serve alongside. We have adopted a new ministry slogan: "Welcome to One Community – We're Open in Every Way!"

**FRIDAYS@FIVE Begins in October!** One Community will gather regularly on Fridays at 5 p.m., beginning Oct. 6 throughout the academic year. Our first gathering will begin in ULC's Student Lounge with a "Regressive Dinner," which means we eat dessert first! There will be games and time for faithful reflection. Bring your friends!

**Game Watch Party! Saturday, Oct. 7.** Join One Community campus ministry for an MSU vs. Michigan football game watch party! There is strength in numbers when we come together to cheer on our Spartans! Get to know students better, too. It's a WIN, WIN situation! Game snacks will be provided by the campus ministry team. Join us in the Student Lounge at 7 p.m.



**20s and 30s Dinner Group** Are you 20 or 30 something? Would you like to gather for dinner with other 20 or 30 somethings in our area? There's a group that meets jointly with the Episcopalians on the second and fourth Sunday of each month. For more information contact me ([campus\\_pastor@ulcel.org](mailto:campus_pastor@ulcel.org)) or All Saints Episcopal team member, Eric Hegg ([eric.l.hegg@gmail.com](mailto:eric.l.hegg@gmail.com)).

**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<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone to help package the items following the annual congregational meeting on Nov. 12.

Stay tuned...

**Saturday Experience** coming soon to One Community!!! Once a month, we will venture out into the community and across the state for service-learning projects that will rock your world!

**Spring Break Trip** Mark your calendars now (Mar. 5-9) for an awesome spring break trip that you won't want to miss! Cost to students is minimal and financial assistance is available.

The future is BRIGHT with One Community! Ideas moving forward include... FitChurch, Pub Theology, CoffeeShop Church.

*Pastor Haley Vay Beaman*

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## October Outreach of the Month

### Samaritas

Samaritas was formerly Lutheran Social Service of Michigan. Their name has changed but their MISSION has not! Samaritas still aims to serve people as an expression of the love of Christ. However their vision has expanded. They connect people with families and communities and empower them to live their life to the fullest and create a ripple effect of transformation.



are important in the above programs and services for the at-risk people of Michigan. Together we can strengthen, transform and inspire hope.

Please consider contributing to Samaritas as the October Outreach of the Month. There are envelopes in the pews. Checks should be made out to ULC with "Samaritas" on the memo line.

*Darra and Steve Haase*

The broad service areas are Children and Families, Home and Community, and Senior Living. Your gifts

# Bible Stories, Music, Crafts, and Prayer

Sunday School began on Sunday, Sept. 17 and will continue through May. Here are the leaders this year:

**Sunday School Leader**-Elizabeth Althouse, ULC member

**Children's Choirs Student Director**-Anna Bolton  
MSU Student-Music Major

**Craft Consultant**-Marge Mahoney



**Affirmation of Baptism Leader**-  
Louise Harder, ULC Member

Each week the children will participate in age specific Bible stories, music, and a project or craft

to be given away. Sunday School will begin and end with prayer.

*Activities for Senior High Students are being explored.*

Our theme for the year is...  
“**LOVE!**” Please join us!!”

*Sunday School Team*

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## ULC Memorial Library



## Reformation Books Available in the Narthex

Our church is celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation in October. The ULC Library has many materials by and about Martin Luther and the Reformation. You will find some of these items displayed on a rack in the narthex. They are available for check-out throughout October.

### New Luther Materials

#### Adult Non-Fiction

- 📖 *Luther the Reformer: The Story of the Man and His Career* by James Kittelson (B Luther)
- 📖 *Martin Luther's 95 Theses* by Timothy J. Wengert (284.1 Wen)
- 📖 *Wit of Martin Luther* by Eric W. Gritsch (284.1 Gri)
- 📖 *Martin Luther and the Called Life* by Mark D. Tranvik (284.1 Tra)

📖 *Day by Day We Magnify You: Daily Readings* by Martin Luther (242.3 Lut)

#### Intermediate

📖 *Papa Luther* by Daniel D. Maurer (INT B Luther)

Look for the **ULC Memorial Library Annual Book Sale: Oct. 22-29!** It is not too late to donate items in good, salable condition. Please drop off donations downstairs in the library, clearly marked as donations for the sale. Then visit the book sale when it is set up in the narthex.

Thank you for supporting ULC's Library!

*ULC Library Team*

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## ULC Book Club

# Oct. Selection Takes us to Maine

*A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline is the ULC Book Club selection for October. From the publisher: “To Christina Olson, the entire world was her family’s remote farm in a small coastal town in Maine. Born in the home her family had lived in for generations



and increasingly incapacitated by illness, she seemed destined for a small life. Instead, for more than twenty years, she was host and inspiration for the artist Andrew Wyeth and became the subject of one of the best known American paintings of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Christina’s World.

This story is about the burdens and blessings of family history and how artist and muse can come together to forge a new and timeless legacy.” The ULC Book Club will meet on Thursday, **Oct. 26 at 10 a.m.** in the library. All are welcome.

*Judy Kindel*

# Reformation 500 & Constitutional Updates

**Oct. 1** Pastor John will share reflections on the Reformation along with some highlights from his recent trip to Germany.



**Oct. 8** Sister Nancy Brousseau, a Catholic nun, will present part two of four forums discussing and inviting our reactions to the "Declaration on the Way: Church, Ministry and Eucharist" – a unique ecumenical

document that makes visible a pathway to Christian unity between Catholics and Lutherans. This is a continuation of her Sept. 24 forum in connection with the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. Copies of the "32 Statements of Agreement" contained therein will be made available to all who attend, as well as a link to the full document. Participants are encouraged to

journal their thoughts and feelings.

**Oct. 15** ULC Council - Updates to the ULC Constitution

**Oct. 22** (To be announced)

**Oct. 29** Reformation Sunday - Sister Nancy Brousseau. Third in a series (See Oct. 8 above).

*Linda Trevarthen*

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## Earthkeeping News

### Utility Cost Savings Seen This Summer

There is more good news from our ULC Facilities Team concerning energy use reductions in our building. The latest utility costs indicate a 44 percent reduction in electricity use for July-August compared to the same time last year. This savings may be attributed to a combination of the installation of LED light bulbs throughout the church, a cooler summer and a policy of only cooling spaces in occupied areas of the building.



Through these efforts ULC is saving energy, reducing our carbon footprint and continuing to be good stewards of our creation.

A small group of ULC members will be travelling to Novi on Oct. 2 to observe and gather more information about a possible solar array collaboration with the Islamic Center.

*Judy Kindel*

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## Video Surveillance

You have probably noticed the video surveillance stickers on the ULC front doors. The ULC Security Team felt it was important that anyone who enters our building should know that they are seen by a camera. One camera focuses on the front doors and another scans the narthex. A third camera is located on the lower level and mainly views the bottom of the staircase area.



day, we felt uncomfortable having the administrative assistant dealing with them by herself. We requested that she lock the office doors when alone, but felt a need to do more.

The Security Team then began extensive research of how to make the administrative assistant and church more secure. We learned a lot from the following:

- Informal risk assessments by several law enforcement officials

We realized that surveillance cameras were a basic tool in improving church security and were able to install a digital camera system with eight camera capacity using funds from the Marilyn Pierce bequest. A monitor for the cameras sits on Britny's desk and she can show you footage from the cameras... or ask me to show you the same thing on my cell phone! Incidentally, we have been told that the video surveillance stickers on the front doors can be a deterrent to criminals all by themselves.

Why are there surveillance cameras in our church? Council formed the Security Team last year and one of the first concerns for the team was that the administrative assistant was working alone at times in the office. With homeless people sometimes wandering into church during the

- Church security conferences
- Other churches and the mosque
- Church Mutual (the ULC insurance company)
- The ELCA website section on security
- Four security companies

*Barbara Kissling  
ULC Security Team*



## Prayers & Squares Chapter 163

# Join us for Craft Day – Nov. 11!

Put Saturday, Nov. 11 on your calendar to come have a fun day making two holiday projects with Prayers & Squares. We'll begin at 9:00 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?

Be sure to plan on attending the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, Nov. 5 when we will honor six of our members who have served our country in the Armed Forces. Vennie Gore will wrap his father, Fred Gore, in a Quilt of Valor when he visits in October. This is the third 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.

Check 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. 18. 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.

We look forward to seeing the Atrium filled with volunteers on our single October work day - Tuesday, Oct. 10. Activity begins at 9 a.m. and clean-up is finished by 12:30 p.m. 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*

## Crop Walk 2017

The Crop Walk will take place this year on Sunday, Oct. 8 with registration at 1 p.m. and the walk beginning at 2 p.m. The course begins at the Lansing Magnet STEM Academy



and is 10 kilometers in length. There is a five km short-cut if a shorter route is needed. The Academy is located at 2600 Hampden Drive, Lansing. If anyone needs a ride, contact me in church or

at [b.rahe@comcast.net](mailto:b.rahe@comcast.net). Contributions may be made online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lansingmi) or to Church World Service, 28606 Phillips St., P.O. Box 968, Elkhart, IN 46515.

*Bryan Rahe*

## 2017 Local Benevolence Grants

The Social Action Team(SAT) will meet in early November to recommend to the ULC Council the disbursement of Local Benevolence funds. Council ultimately decides whether to approve the SAT recommendations. Local Lansing area non-profit organizations are considered for the grants. This year \$6,000 is available for this purpose. The maximum amount of a grant is \$1,000, so we anticipate aiding four

to eight organizations. If you would like to nominate an organization for consideration please contact Bryan Rahe at church or at [b.rahe@comcast.net](mailto:b.rahe@comcast.net) in order to obtain an application form. The deadline for the Social Action Team to receive applications is Nov. 5.

Bryan Rahe, Social Action Team



Join us for **Fall Work Day**, Friday, Oct. 20 from 8:30 a.m. until noon. There will be lunch following.

Betsy Prince

The ULC Council met on Sept. 15. The following are a summary of key action items from the meeting:

- Appointed Jennifer Tracy to fill the vacancy created on Council with the resignation of Linda Triemer. Jennifer's term of office will expire on Dec. 31, 2018.
- Council approved the unanimous recommendation of the Call Committee to extend a call to Pastor Gary Bunge as Lead Pastor.
- Approved a compensation package that meets the minimum requirements of the Synod Guidelines for rostered clergy.
- Established Oct. 1, from 3 to 5 p.m. as a time for congregation to meet Pastor Bunge.
- Set a special congregational meeting for Oct. 8 immediately after the 10:45 a.m. service to approve extending a call to Pastor Bunge and to approve a compensation package.



### Council Notes

- Approved paying the initial 25 percent in advance for improvements to the organ to lock in the price because of recent increases in wood costs as a result of the hurricanes in the south.
- Extended the part-time contract with Pastor Schleicher through Nov. 5.
- Approved holding a pot luck luncheon on Nov. 5, following the 10:45 service, to recognize Pastor Schleicher's service to ULC.
- Set the Annual Congregational Meeting for Nov. 12, immediately following the 10:45 a.m. service.
- Approved holding only one service (at 10:45 a.m.) on Oct 8, Nov 5 and Nov 12. Note that Education Hour will be held at 9:40 each day.
- Received the first draft of the 2018 ULC Budget. Additional discussions will be conducted with Council between now and the Annual Congregational Meeting on Nov. 12.
- Appointed Jerry Lindman to the Endowment Committee to fill the remainder of the term of Annette Ophaug.
- Appointed Dale Romsos as a Resource Coordinator on the Lead Management Team.
- Approved the membership of Marian MacBeth through affirmation of baptism, Jack Walch as an associate member, and the transfer of Walt Appel and Emly Horne to the Church Triumphant
- Approved hiring Elizabeth Althouse as Sunday School coordinator through Dec. 2017.

*Larry Wagenknecht*

## From the ULC Archives

### Names, Names, Names!

This piece by Pastor Gus Kopka seems timely as we begin a new school year with many new faces.



“One of the most challenging aspects of my prospective ministry in your midst will, no doubt, be the matter of learning a large number of new names – and keeping them associated with the appropriate faces.

Already I have caught myself in

embarrassing situations of associating the wrong name with the right person, or was it the right name with the wrong person?

From repeated personal experience I know that the best way in which to remember the name of a person is to have experienced an intimate encounter with that person. Once I have looked at his world through his eyes, crawled under his skin, laid my mind to rest a while with his mind, shared his concern, carried his burden THEN I know who he is, what his name is and what is in his name! To be sure, this does not take away all the mystery of that person. But it does move associations beyond labels, such as names can often become. It does, in fact, involve me in the mystery that is “the other.”

And the names you have are many. They are beautifully diverse. Those names I have come to “know” somewhat with

their intriguing idiosyncrasies and mysterious meanings run the human alphabet from A to Z, Anderson (Joe and Bob and Beverly and Morris and...) to Zindler. Because of this initial entry into each other's being the mystery of God's being has taken on more meaning for me. For God is in, with and among all men. He is from A to Z or, as the Book of Revelation suggests, from A to O, the Alpha and Omega (for those of you who like your alphabet the Greek way).

What's in a name? Mystery! And the enticing intrigue to enter in and share! Thanks for having shared of your-selves during my repeated visits of the past two months. Thanks for sharing your food and drink and your food for thought. Thanks for you! Give thanks to God for your name and all that is in it as I shall continue to give thanks to Him for your mysterious you. That will keep us while we are absent from each other and until we see God face to face!”

Pastor Gus Kopka joined us in March of 1973, so he probably wrote this around that time. It is a timely reminder as we welcome guests, new members and new staff that we introduce ourselves to those we do not know and wear our name tags. I'm certain those new to ULC will appreciate the help.

*Connie Lenkowski*



## A "God's Work. Our Hands." Moment

God is at work in Honduras and we were blessed to have four members of the Lutheran Church of Honduras (ICLH) spend a week in Michigan in August. Our Synod has sent a delegation to Honduras almost every year for about 15 years where we used our hands to truly do God's work. We have always been welcomed with hugs and sent home with wonderful memories and prayers.

Now it was our turn to welcome our partners and show them about faith and life in Michigan. We celebrated the work of God through the use of our hands.



Bishop Satterlee and the visitors from the Lutheran Church of Honduras.

The Hondurans visited many churches and shared their projects with all in attendance. In Saginaw they attended a Spanish worship service, met with a pastor in Midland who went to Honduras years ago and worked with Reverend Rolando before either of them entered the ministry and shared profound faith stories.

In Lansing we took part in the Synod Wednesday Eucharist service where Bishop Satterlee presented our partners with gifts of thanks. We joined Pastor Jan Hite at a worship service involving the children in the Helping Hands school; this was a special event as some of our guests had children at home who they were missing, and they had many hugs waiting for a little child. Our guests could also relate to this program as they have programs in Honduras that reach out to children – offering education, food and health care. We also visited St. Paul's food pantry and community garden.

Both Faith in Okemos and ULC hosted a potluck followed by a presentation from our guests. Reverend Rolando and Luis Alfredo were honored to meet with the Musers for breakfast to learn another side of life in mid-Michigan. And, of course, there was a short tour through campus and a visit to the MSU Dairy Store.

From Lansing they traveled to Grand Rapids and once again spent time with several congregations from Lake Michigan and Muskegon to downtown Grand Rapids and a social action ministry. They joined in a Honduras Celebration Sunday at Trinity Lutheran and a community picnic in Sparta. They also spent some time at Meijer

Garden and renewed friendships with supporters of the Health for Life program.

We found our Honduran partners to be dedicated to their church and to have the needs of the church and congregations foremost in their heart. They were wonderful guests and very appreciative of all that was offered. When asked about their time in Michigan one said, "My favorite part was to know the churches, their stories, their members and above all, the so generous work that they do with the people in need." Another stated, "I have learned that in each country, despite social problems, there are always good-hearted people who serve their neighbor without caring about gender, race, language, because we are all the body of Christ." Another commented when asked if this was a worthwhile experience for them, "Super valuable, a unique experience in my life, unforgettable. I met wonderful people. I am taking much learning for my life and for my church."

All of this happened because of the "hands" of many people. I would like to thank our ULC council for hosting an evening with our Honduran partners. Special thanks go to Brandon Baswell for organizing the event and cooking the chicken. We also had several translators from ULC who

helped at various times – Karen Sanders, Annette Stanley, Lupe Saucedo, Dale Harpstead, and Pastor Haley Vay.

Translators are so important to the success of an event, and we had enough at ULC so each of our guests could sit at a different table and thus reach many people with their stories. Pastor John opened his home to two of our guests and commented that they stayed up late talking (Google translate is invaluable) about ICLH and the Michigan connection.

And last, I would like to thank everyone who attended an event and opened their hearts to these wonderful people or who donated to the Health for Life project. This is definitely "God's work" and it would not continue without the "hands" of Hondurans and Michiganians working together.

*Connie Lenkowski*



Pastor John and Dale Harpstead welcome the Honduran visitors.

## Meet Our Newest Member . . .



**Marian Macbeth**, who joined ULC Sept. 17, is the daughter of a Lutheran pastor in St. Clair. She was graduated from the nursing school at the University of Michigan. Marian worked part time as a nurse while she and her husband, an air traffic controller, lived in Ann Arbor and then in

Elyria, OH where they raised their two sons, now in Columbus and San Diego, CA, and daughter, who lives in East Lansing.

After the death of her husband, she returned to nursing full time, spending her last 12 years as head nurse in a cancer ward. She eventually remarried and was again widowed. Her six grandchildren live in Ohio, California, Arizona, and Michigan.

During many visits to her daughter, Marian got to know her daughter's friends, Linda and Bill Trevarthen, who brought her to ULC. She found the people friendly, and liked the service. Now living in Independence Village, Marian plays bridge, loves to read, likes movies, and used to make her own clothes and knit. She already is engaged in ULC activities!

*Phyllis Andersland*

## Freewheelers Learn About Seefeldt Book

On Saturday, Aug. 19, about 40 people attended and enjoyed a wonderful Freewheelers brunch and program. The delicious meal was prepared by Ann Booren and Lois Neves. Vern Seefeldt gave an interesting talk about his book, *Survival in the*



*Canadian Wilderness: The Legend of Louis Harris*. This book can be found in the church library, or purchased from Vern.

*Jan Mace*

## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 1 LaVon Miller  
Richard Milligan  
Linda Savage
- 2 Dustin Hagfors  
Mary Ludtke  
Jennifer Tracy
- 3 Chris Anderson
- 5 Laura Goddeeris  
Carolyn Haase
- 6 Cynthia Carver  
Courtney Heller  
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Susan Tague
- 29 Brandon Baswell Jr  
Jesse Clyma  
Todd Helser  
Piper Hysten  
Matthew Tague

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- 1 Brandon & Cindy  
Baswell
- 7 Darrin & Elizabeth  
Karcher
- 9 Natalie & Nicolas  
Mitchell
- 11 Cathryn & Matt Smith
- 25 Jennifer & Stephen  
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- 29 Michael & Heather Hill
- 30 Linda Savage & Todd  
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The deadline for the Nov. Lux is **Monday, Oct. 16.**

E-mail articles to Amy Wagenknecht at [amylarryw@comcast.net](mailto:amylarryw@comcast.net) and Britny Livingston 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!

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



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| <p>1 8:30a Worship<br/>9:40a Education Hour<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>3:00p Meet &amp; Greet Pastor Bunge-Sanct./Fellowship<br/>2 1:00p MSU Retirees Quilt/Sew-Fireside<br/>4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>5:00p Security Team Meeting-Conference<br/>3 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside<br/>10:00a Men's Bible Study-D. Wagenknecht<br/>10:30a Lux Team-Conference<br/>4 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>4:30p Lead Management Team<br/>5 7:30a Liturgical Deacons-Conference<br/>2:00p Worship Planning-Conference<br/>6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary<br/>7:00p Senior Choir<br/>8 9:40a Education Hour<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>11:45a Congregational Meeting-Sanctuary<br/>9 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>10 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside<br/>9:00a Prayers &amp; Squares-Atrium<br/>2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>11 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>5:30p Finance Committee<br/>12 6:30p Handbells Sanctuary<br/>7:00p Senior Choir<br/>14 11:00a Walter Appel Memorial<br/>1:30p Choir Rehearsal-Bethlehem Lutheran<br/>15 8:30a Worship<br/>9:40a Education Hour<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>16 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>17 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside<br/>10:00a Men's Bible Study-D. Wagenknecht</p> | <p>12:30p Lychnion Circle-Fireside<br/>2:00p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>7:00p ULC Council-Conference<br/>18 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>9:30a Amnos Circle-Conference<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>1:00p Rhodon Circle-Fireside<br/>19 6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary<br/>7:00p Senior Choir<br/>20 12:00p Enhanced Fitness Luncheon-Fellowship<br/>7:00p Aces and Spaces Bridge-Fireside<br/>21 9:00a Freewheelers Breakfast-IHOP, EL<br/>1:30p Football Parking - MSU vs Indiana<br/>22 8:30a Worship<br/>9:40a Education Hour<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>12:00p Campus Ministry-Fireside<br/>23 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>24 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference<br/>5:00p Families Against Narcotics Bd-Library<br/>7:00p Families Against Narcotics-Fellowship Hall<br/>25 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL<br/>12:00p Lectio Divina-Fireside<br/>26 10:00a ULC Book Club-Library<br/>4:30p Food Movers Distribution-Fellowship Hall<br/>6:30p Handbells-Sanctuary<br/>7:00p Senior Choir<br/>28 9:00a Prayers and Squares-Atrium<br/>1:30p Choir-Bethlehem Lutheran Church<br/>29 8:30a Worship<br/>9:40a Education Hour<br/>10:45a Worship<br/>3:00p Reformation Sunday-Bethlehem Lutheran<br/>30 4:30p Tight Knit-Fireside<br/>31 7:30a Bible Study-Fireside<br/>12:30p Staff Meeting-Conference</p> |
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**Attention Team Leaders and Officers: Annual Reports are due to Britny at [ulcsec@ulcel.org](mailto:ulcsec@ulcel.org) by Friday, October 20. Thank you!!**

**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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## It's Not Too Late to Apply for a ULC Endowment Grant!

The ULC Endowment Committee still has funds available for distribution for qualified applications for both campus ministry and general endowment grants. These one time grants are intended to help ULC members create and have access to enriched programs that are not typically funded under the ULC operating budget. Grant applications for 2017 will be accepted now through Oct. 31 with final review and determination by Dec. 1. Grant applications and information are available on the bulletin board directly across from the Sanctuary. To view a digital version of the grant application, please click [here](#).



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