

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

Mark Your Calendars . . .

Prayers & Squares Baby Quilt Sewing Day
 Saturday, June 8 at 9 a.m.
 Fellowship Hall

Ordination Anniversaries
 Sunday, June 9 at 10 a.m.
 Forum and reception to follow.

Food Movers
 Thursday, June 27, July 25,
 and Aug. 22
 Drive-thru distribution
 starting at 3:30 p.m.

Coffee Connections
 Saturday June 29 at 9 a.m.
 Chateau Coffee,
 1701 S. Waverly Rd., Lansing

ELCA Youth Gathering
 July 16 - 20
 New Orleans, LA

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Strawberry Breakfast Returns!

After a ten-year hiatus, the annual fellowship event Strawberry Breakfast returned to ULC. Saturday morning, May 19th, 55 people enjoyed ham, egg and cheese bagel sandwiches, fresh fruit, and a choice of two strawberry desserts.



Strawberries abounded – on the napkins and table décor, and on the menu.

Jennifer Gardner provided a program on how to make homemade bagels, while some kids helped with topping the demonstration bagels, and having a treat to take home too! Thanks to our Friday and Saturday kitchen crew of Gerry Erickson, Kris Stowe, Mary Felts, Ann Booren, Phyllis Kost, Cindy Baswell, Jennifer Gardner and Sherry Mileski.

If you missed this fun event this year, we plan to return next year! (See more photos on page 7.)

Ann Booren



ULC OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

AUGUST 4: KATHY FORD BAND
AUGUST 11: LCC JAZZ ENSEMBLE
AUGUST 18: THREE MEN AND A TENOR

- ALL CONCERTS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM
- ALL ARE WELCOME! NO ADMISSION CHARGE
- FREE-WILL DONATION WILL BE TAKEN
- PLEASE BRING LAWN CHAIRS OR A BLANKET
- POPCORN & ICE CREAM PROVIDED

UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Lectionaries

As Christians, we are instructed to read scripture (the Bible) when we gather together. A few examples are found here: 1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching”; 1 Corinthians 14:26, “What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up:” Deuteronomy 6:6-9, “Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” Christians are intimately tied to the Bible, reading these words both as individuals and as a community.

One way we make sure to do this is on a Sunday morning. At University Lutheran Church, we use what is called a “lectionary,” which is a collection of readings from the Bible scheduled throughout the year for each Sunday. There are multiple types of “lectionaries,” with different goals in mind. We have been using



the Narrative lectionary for the past five years. Its goal is to connect the congregations to the narrative, the story, of God’s action through Abraham, the Israelites, Jesus, and then the early church. This takes shape with large readings from certain books (Old Testament until Christmas and then New Testament after). This lectionary is on a four-year cycle, focusing on a different gospel each year. This lectionary is helpful in becoming familiar with the overarching story of God’s action throughout history, in particular through the Israelite people.

We will be changing lectionaries in June. The lectionary we will be using from June onward is called the “Revised Common Lectionary,” RCL for short. The RCL is familiar to most Lutherans and fellow Christians. This lectionary has an Old Testament reading, a Psalm, a New Testament reading, and a Gospel reading. Often, there is a

theme connecting these passages together. The RCL is a three-year cycle, focusing on Matthew, Mark, or Luke for the gospel readings (with John thrown in throughout each year). This lectionary helps us make connections between various portions of the Bible. This lectionary also makes a point to have a reading each week from Jesus’s life and ministry--the Gospel.

Lectionaries are a beautiful resource that helps us have readings to explore as a community on Sundays. However, the lectionary does not cover all books of the Bible nor all topics. It is still important for us, as Christians, to make time to read the Bible on our own or in small groups, so that we are exposed to readings that might not be covered in the lectionary.

With this change, there is an opportunity for people to volunteer as “readers” during worship. If this is something you are passionate about, we would love to have you share your gifts with the community by reading from the lectionary during worship. Please sign up in the narthex, contact Pastor Emily, Pastor Zachariah, or the church office if you would like to participate in this way!

Pastor Emily and Pastor Zach

Saturday Morning Bible Study

Saturdays, starting June 8
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
ULC Fireside Room

Everyone is welcome!
Bring your favorite Bible!

Contact
Stephanie Hall
for more information.



Join us in worship as we celebrate the

Anniversary of Ordination

PASTOR EMILY SHIPMAN
10 years of Ministry

PASTOR ZACHARIAH SHIPMAN
10 years of Ministry

PASTOR JIM KOCHER
60 years of Ministry

Sunday | June 9th | 10:00 AM
University Lutheran Church
A special forum and light reception will follow the worship service.

Congratulations Grads!



Grace Kennedy I am happy to announce my recent graduation as of last Friday, April 26th. I graduated with my master's in social work (MSW) with a concentration in Organizational and Community Leadership (OCL) and certification in Human Service Management (HSM). I plan on heading home (Chicago suburb area) and working at an ice cream

store that I worked at last summer to be with my family for a couple of months before I (hopefully) secure a job in the Lansing area. I am currently interested in pursuing a career in macro social work, focused broadly on human rights advocacy.



Noah Parker I am graduating from MSU with a bachelor's in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. I plan on attending medical school to pursue a career in anesthesiology.

Join us as we Dream and Plan

The 2023-2024 school year was a time of transition for One Community Lutheran Campus Ministry. It is important to thank our student associates, Lena Oslund, Grace Kennedy, and Sofie Piotrowski for their leadership this year. Without them, there wouldn't have been a program. With their leadership, beautiful things happened this year. Here are some: Friday@5 meals, an interfaith event at Bharatiya Temple, providing a safe space/environment to remember the MSU shooting last year, Spring Break trip to Tennessee at

Montvale Springs, Bible studies, testimonies, safe spaces to discuss religious trauma, shared documentaries (1946 movie in particular), worship, and relationships. Thank you to all who provided meals, who built relationships, and who made this program possible.

This summer, we will be dreaming and planning what the 2024-2025 school year will entail. If you have passion, dreams, or wisdom to share, we will be having a planning meeting at the Shipmans' house on June 8, starting

with a meal at noon and a planning meeting to follow. Please RSVP with Pr. Zachariah if you would like to attend! Thank you to all who have participated in the Congregational Visioning surveys. They have been helpful in identifying what we are doing well and presenting interesting ideas for how we might do things differently. These survey responses will influence our discussion greatly as we plan for this next year.

Pastor Zachariah

Renewing a Love for Scripture

In April, several ULC members joined Pastors Emily and Zach for a ten hour live-streamed conference focused on Renewing our Love for Scripture. The session included several wonderful speakers, beautiful music, a worship service and ideas to share with the congregation.



A selfie with those who made it through the entire session!

Joe Davis shared the following body blessing, which may show up during a worship service near you:

Head - May your mind be filled with the mind of Christ.
 Eyes - May your eyes see the face of Christ in all those you encounter.
 Ears - May your ears hear the cries of God's children.
 Mouth - May your mouth speak hope and truth with power and love.
 Hands - May your hands bring healing justice to all you touch.
 Feet - May your feet carry the good news wherever you go.
 Shoulder/Heart - May your heart be filled with the love of God

this day and always.
 Go in peace and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

During a creative activity, participants were given seven words the group had identified about their relationship to Scripture. We were asked to create a meaningful verse including those words in three minutes. Thank you to Pastor Emily and Carol for sharing their creativity:

God fill me with hope.
 Help me to transcend
 the anguish that
 attempts to pull me under.
 In you I find my identity.
 Your love
 my birthright,
 created in your image.
 What shall I fear?
 You are my hope,
 my conviction,
 my purpose.
 Guide me to liberation,
 to greater love for You,
 for all. ~ Pastor Emily

Hope transcends my anguish
 Liberating my identity
 Forming my conviction
 That love is my birthright
 ~Carol Ford



Amy Wagenknecht

Congratulations High School Grads!



Vickie Freeman is graduating from Lansing Eastern High School and Wilson Talent Center. She is obtaining her cosmetology

license as well as a high school diploma. After graduation and apprenticeship, Vickie plans to open her own salon.



Connor Hagman, child of Erin Frisch and Andrew Hagman, is graduating from Okemos High School where he

is a member of the National Honor Society, has served on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advisory Coalition for the district, and is active in D&D Club. Connor will be attending MSU (GO GREEN!) in the

fall majoring in English. Connor is a writer in the fantasy fiction genre and hopes to get his first book published soon!



Caleb Fisher is graduating from Haslett High School. He is excited to continue to play football at Hope College in the fall where he

will major in Business Management.

Children & Family Ministry

We give thanks to God for Worship Wednesdays on Zoom, for the ways this provided connection during the pandemic, and how faith grew through this ministry. Thank you to all who made this ministry possible. It has been a blessing. In conversation with the ULC Council, with the congregational surveys taken, and with parents and children of our congregation, we will be ending our Zoom Worship Wednesday program.

This summer, we will take a break from programming and will be taking time to reimagine what our ministry to children and families will look like moving forward. Our



hope is to meet the needs of our community, to provide meaningful experiences, to find times that work for families, and to make space to build loving relationships.

We appreciate all those who took time to take the various surveys regarding Children & Family ministries. Much wisdom has been shared and will greatly impact the direction we take in the fall. If you would like to be part of this conversation, please contact me. We will

have more information as we get closer to the fall!

Pastor Zachariah

2024 Youth Gathering

ULC has eight students attending the ELCA National Youth Gathering this summer in New Orleans: Brianna Green, Bryan McPhall, Henry McPhall, Mailee Greiter, Vickie Freeman, Santiago Sauceda, Eugenie Selembe, and Pascali Selembe. We also have four adult leaders who will walk alongside these students: Claretta Freeman, Nicole Greiter, Pr. Emily Shipman, and Pr. Zachariah Shipman. Please pray for all those who are attending!



Selling stock!

We have had a fundraiser "Selling Stock: Investing in our Youth and Their Lives of Faith," in which supporters received a stock certificate, a

magnet, and will receive a post card from New Orleans from a student, a group photo, and a letter when we return. If you would like to participate in this fundraiser, please contact me.

Pastor Zachariah

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER CHARCUTERIE BOARDS

Order: June 2 & June 9
Pickup: June 16
14" x 10"

Choose: Fruit, Savory, Mixed
\$35 each



The Youth attending the National Youth Gathering would love to create a Charcuterie Board for you! We will be taking orders on June 2 & June 9 following worship. We will have them ready for pickup on June 16th after worship-just in time for Father's Day!

If you want to get to know our youth and help put Boards together, we will be creating them on June 15 from 3pm-5pm. We'd love to have you join us!

One More Forum Until Fall

June 9: Pastor Jim Kocher Looks Back at Campus Ministry at ULC. Pastor Kocher served as senior pastor at ULC from 1982-1988. He returns to ULC to celebrate his 60th Ordination Anniversary and will lead a forum after worship.



Sunday Forum will pause during the summer and will resume in the fall.

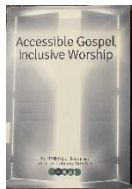
Amy Wagenknecht



ULC Memorial Library

Learn More About Making Worship Accessible to All

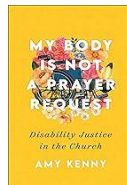
Two books have been given to the ULC Library that support the work of the Accessibility Team. These books are available in the library.



Accessible Gospel, Inclusive Worship by Barbara J. Newman provides many ideas for creating an environment where you can

introduce the good news of Jesus Christ to a family member or church friend with an Intellectual Disability or Autism Spectrum Disorder. The book also uses a concept known as “Vertical Habits” to give a

framework for creating inclusive communities of worship where each one can use the gifts God has given to participate in a worship conversation with God. Transform the worship environment for ALL by welcoming each one.



My Body is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church by Amy Kenny, a disabled Christian,

shows that the church is missing out on the prophetic witness and blessing of disability. Kenny reflects on her experiences inside the

church to expose unintentional ableism and cast a new vision for Christian communities to engage disability justice. She shows that until we cultivate church spaces where people with disabilities can fully belong, flourish, and lead, we are not valuing the diverse members of the body of Christ.

These books can be found on the table in the library and are available to check out. Visit the ULC Library any time. It is open when the church is open.

The Library Team



WANTED: Kids Hope USA Mentors

Kids Hope USA is a national mentoring organization that connects community-focused churches with their neighborhood elementary schools. These school-based mentoring programs equip and mobilize volunteer mentors to go into the schools to enrich the lives of students through one-on-one relationships.

The Relationships

Standing alongside parents, principals and counselors, Kids Hope USA mentors show kids they are valued and loved. They meet once a week during the school day for one hour. Together they play games, read, do schoolwork, talk and much more. This intentional time helps provide the students support, motivation, and confidence to learn and achieve.

The Mentors

Each mentor is screened by the church and by the requirements of the school district, including background



An Outdoor Celebration for a Grant Received at Forest View Elementary School

checks. Mentors are required to complete thorough training to be well equipped as they serve their student. They are also trained to respect the separation of church and state as they enter the school each week. Mentors serve as another caring, consistent adult for the student and are not intended to take the role of a tutor.

The Impact

Research shows that consistent mentoring can make a big difference in the life of a child. Mentoring supports a student’s social and emotional skills, academic skills, and behavior and self-control. Overall, they’ll have one more person in their corner letting them know they are loved and valued.

The Invitation

Four mentors are needed for the next school year. Would you like to make a difference for a student? Contact me at barbkissling@gmail.com.

Barbara Kissling, ULC Kids Hope USA Director

2024 Outdoor Summer Concert Series Returns

Sunday, Aug. 4 at 6 p.m. Kathy Ford Band

The Kathy Ford Band has been performing for over 40 years at clubs, concerts, private parties, corporate events, weddings, and all other occasions. They play a wide variety of styles such as Bluegrass, Rock, Top 40, Blues, Motown, Country and Jazz. Kathy Ford Band was named the "Best of the Best" from Lansing State journal readers for 10 years in a row.

Sunday, Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. LCC Jazz Ensemble

The Lansing Community College Jazz Band, under the direction of Jonathon Gewirtz, is a unique collection of members of the community, high school students, and Lansing Community College students. The LCC Jazz Band features an exciting repertoire of diverse styles of jazz music including classic big band standards, swing, Latin, bebop, and funk.

Sunday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. Three Men and a Tenor

Great pop vocal music, quick witted humor, and overall likeability make the Three Men and a Tenor show a unique musical experience for audiences that cannot be matched. The group has a national touring schedule and has opened shows for entertainment legends like Jay Leno and the Beach Boys. Join the fun and enjoy their signature blend of powerful harmonies and feel-good music for all ages.



Worship Expressions, All Good Gifts

Pictures of the Liturgical Dance, from *Worship Expressions, All Good Gifts* - Sunday, April 28th. Note: ULC member Lianna Greiter is in picture #1 (on the right). Also featured in this special service were - Vocalists: Travis Williams, Divira Pahwa, Kelly Mahoney Schafka, Zach Shipman, ULC Children's Choir and Senior Choir; Instrumentalists: John Dale Smith, piano; Zach Shipman, guitar; Kristie Wiggert, recorder; Liturgical Dancers from Karyn's Dance Place, Choreographer, Karyn Perry.



Casual Conversations Over Coffee

Long before I joined ULC, I wanted to find a way to bridge the gap between the religious and LGBTQ communities, to bring factions that seemed to be at odds with each other together so that a sense of empathy could be developed, so that community could be restored.

The first time I saw this in action was at an event hosted by a lesbian pastor couple. Members of their church and LGBTQ people in the surrounding community came together to have breakfast and coffee at a local restaurant. They talked about their everyday lives, their religious trauma, and their identities. It was one of the first times I felt comfortable being gay and Christian.

That's when it hit me: that's how you bridge the gap. That's how you bring religious and LGBTQ people together. That's how you start to make LGBTQ people comfortable enough to want to explore church again. You listen. You talk with them over a meal. You build relationships, trust, and courage. You help them heal.



After much contemplation and conversation at ULC, Coffee Connections has been born. We plan to meet one Saturday per month at coffee shops in the Lansing-East Lansing area. While the group is focused on LGBTQ people within ULC, anyone wanting to listen to

our stories, or become better friends, or help bridge a chasm between the religious and LGBTQ communities that has been forged over time, is welcome to attend.

You also don't have to be a member of ULC to attend. If you know a member of the LGBTQ outside of the church who would benefit from this, invite them! Our first meeting will be on June 29 at 9 a.m. at Chateau Coffee, located at 1701 S. Waverly Rd., Lansing.

To be added to our monthly emails and receive updates about the next Coffee Connections, reach out to me at jaytopham@gmail.com. We hope any and all LGBTQ people at ULC feel comfortable enough to come have a casual chat over a cup of coffee.

Jay DuBois-Jones

Continue to Consider Creation this Summer!

Summertime is a time of parties, picnics, and spending more time outdoors. As we enjoy the splendors of the world this summer, it's important to be vigilant in our stewardship of Creation. While we explore all the world has to offer in these sunnier months, consider what you can offer to the world:



Plant Native Plants to Attract Pollinators

Bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other pollinators are vital to the survival of our world. They help pollinate plants that eventually become sources of food for us and other creatures. To ensure these vital beings have consistent food sources and shelter, consider planting flowers native to Michigan, such as common milkweed and bergamot. Plants native to Michigan don't require fertilizer or pesticides to thrive, and they look beautiful as well. Check out the Native Plant Guide by Meridian Township.

Cut Out Single Use Plastics

According to National Geographic, only nine percent of plastic is recycled. Seventy-nine percent ends up in landfills or in our natural environment as litter, and the remaining twelve percent is incinerated. It takes 400 years for most plastics to degrade, meaning most plastics humans have ever created and have used still exist somewhere in our world today. Most of that will end up in our oceans and, by extension, inside animals – including us. Based on a study from the World Wildlife

Fund, humans consume up to a credit card's worth of plastic every week in the form of microplastics. As you're having picnics and get-togethers this summer, consider using biodegradable cups and plates, reusable silverware, or just serving finger food.

Get Outside

Spending time outside brings so many benefits. Longer days provide more opportunities to absorb essential Vitamin D from the sun (just make sure you also protect your skin). Walking and biking not only benefit our physical fitness, but they also cut down on travel using vehicles that consume fossil fuels, and they provide us with a chance to get out of our homes and reduce power usage. While enjoying your time outside, take a moment to pick up any trash you see. You'll be beautifying Creation and preventing potential harm to wildlife.

There are so many more tips and tricks for being stewards of Creation this summer, and we would like to hear your ideas. The best ideas and practices often come from collaboration. Consider joining the Earthkeeping Team if you have passion for Creation, if you have knowledge to share, or if you'd like to get more ideas and information in order to help make the world a better place. You can reach out to me at brandocalriessian94@gmail.com if you'd like to be included in future Earthkeeping emails, meetings, and events!

Brandon DuBois-Jones



Strawberry Breakfast 2024

Strawberries, bagels, fellowship – a beautiful way to celebrate Spring!





Many Quilts Distributed, Many Opportunities to Sew!

Seven members of the Michigan Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association were awarded Quilts of Valor at their meeting on May 21st. All members flew helicopters or were associates who supported helicopter operations or other Vietnam veterans. We thank Roger Blaha, Mark Cosgrove, Richard Deer, Kenneth Hand, John Johnson, Alan Peterson, and Noah South for their service to our nation.



Six members of the Michigan Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association were awarded Quilts of Valor. A seventh member is not pictured but was awarded a quilt by fellow members.

Congratulations to our ULC 2024 graduating high school seniors who received their quilts in May: Caleb Fisher, Vickie Freeman, Connor Hagman, Ava Jolin, and Haley Phillips. Haley, a vocal student of Janine Novenske Smith, has been singing this year with our choir. Congratulations to all these graduates!

Twelve prayer quilts were delivered for the Royal Kids Camp for foster families sponsored by Brightmoor Christian Church in Howell. We have supported this summer camp for eight years. Each attendee receives a prayer quilt to use while at camp, and then to take home afterwards.

Saturday, June 8th the Fellowship Hall will be full of activity as we make baby quilts for the Baby Closet at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Era, MI. We have a fun new pattern and kits waiting. If you would like to bring

your own sewing machine, that would free up our machines for folks who need to use ours. Lunch will be provided. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

A dedicated group continues to meet on Tuesday mornings **(except for the first two weeks in July)** in the Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to make prayer quilts and bed size quilts for

the refugees. Please consider joining us in person or come to the sewing room in the classroom wing downstairs to pick up a kit to make a quilt top at home.

Thursday, Aug. 8th P & S Chapter 123 will have a table at the annual Country Stitches Craft Show. They are located at 2200 Coolidge Rd. and Lake Lansing Rd. in East Lansing. The show begins at 10 a.m. and continues until 4 p.m. This well attended event will fill the parking lot so you may want to park across the street at Meijer. All proceeds will be used to support our prayer quilt ministry.

Do you know of someone who needs our prayers with a prayer quilt or a Quilt of Valor? Is there a 2025 ULC high school graduate in your household? Please contact the pastors, Mandy in the church office, Bobbie Davis (bobbieanddavis80@gmail.com) or Ann Booren (boorena@msu.edu).

Bobbie Davis



Wrapped in Prayers and Warm Wishes!



During worship, new HS grads were presented quilts by the Prayers & Squares Quilt ministry. Top: Haley, Bobbie, Caleb and Ava. Right: Vicki and Connor.

BABY QUILT WORKSHOP

We will be making baby quilts for the baby pantry at Trinity Lutheran Church in New Era, MI.

Saturday, June 8
10:00 AM-3:00 PM
ULC Fellowship Hall

Cost: FREE

Pizza and salad lunch, coffee breaks, munchies, and door prizes provided!

If you have a sewing machine, please bring it with you.

***Please email Ann to RSVP-boorena@msu.edu**



From the President

Summer is Here

It feels like in the blink of an eye we've gone from winter to summer. Summer is a good time to stop and appreciate the many blessings in our lives. For me it's as simple as the longer days, the warmer weather, and everything being green again. This time of year, there are also many graduations, weddings, birthdays, and anniversaries to celebrate.



Life goes on in the summer. At ULC we will spend the season digesting the great feedback we received from the visioning survey. Thank you to everyone who took the time to share your thoughts. For those of you heading up north for the summer, have a wonderful time and we will look forward to seeing you in the fall. For those, sticking around, I look forward to seeing you at church and at our summer concerts. Have a blessed summer everyone.

Jeff Guilfoyle
ULC Council President

Council met in person (with zoom option) on Tuesday, May 21 and here are some highlights:



Council Notes

Council received overview and updates from Facilities and Grounds Team Leaders.

as needed in the sanctuary. Training will be provided.

The AV Tech Team is looking for additional volunteers to adjust sound

During July, the office will be open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m., but phones/email will still be answered until 4 p.m.

A bill counting machine will be purchased for income received during cash-heavy events, such as parking. This will make things easier and more accurate for those working at those events.

Emily Uebel
ULC Council Secretary

Your Input Needed for Local Benevolence Grants

Every year the Social Action Team makes recommendations to Council regarding the distribution of Local Benevolence Funds to area nonprofit organizations. This year there is \$4,000 to distribute. We are currently requesting suggestions from our congregation of worthy recipients. We can provide you with an application form or can send the form directly to an organization. Please let us know about worthy organizations from now through June as we anticipate making recommendations in July. Contact me in church at bryandrahe@gmail.com or 517-485-4864.

Bryan Rahe, Social Action

Reminder, Endowment Grant Requests Due Sept. 30

Any member of the ULC congregation can submit a grant proposal. You can find applications for the grants under "Resources" at www.ulcel.org, or contact members of the Endowment committee at ulcendowment@ulc.org.

Mary Werkman, ULC Endowment Committee

Keep an Eye Out for Winter Wear Deals!

The St. Luke Coat Bank will be distributing winter apparel to those in need in the Greater Lansing Area for the 14th year. Watch clearance sales and prepare for the collection this fall. All sizes – infants, children, teens, adults – are needed, especially XXL men and women's coats. Don't forget hats, mittens, and scarves. Thanks! Any questions Call or text Darra Haase (989)506-8723 or email Steve Haase zkz895@comcast.net.

Former ULC Pastor Stops By



Pastor George Gaiser visited Pastor Emily on Tuesday, May 21. He was in town with a granddaughter who was visiting MSU. Pastor Gaiser, an MSU grad, served as Associate Pastor at ULC from June 1963 through Sept. 1972.

Justice Requires Both/And

There is a key concept in justice work. It is referred to as “both/and.” This contrasts with “either/or.” Both/and means that two things can be true at the same time. We don’t need to pick sides. It isn’t necessary to villainize one group to feel compassion for the other. Empathizing with and calling for action in support of Palestinians can and should be done without being anti-Semitic.

This was the premise for a Forum series this Spring. From mainstream media, we learned about the Hamas attacks on Israeli civilians, including even killing infants, and the taking of hostages. We saw pictures of the bombings and destruction in Gaza. We heard interviews with the families of the hostages begging for their return. And it was rare to find interviews with Palestinians. So, we put together a series of Forums starting in early April to help us hear and learn about the background and the bigger picture that the media wasn’t talking about.

The Forums started with the 2023 Christmas sermon by The Rev. Munther Isaac, Pastor of the Christmas Lutheran Church of Bethlehem. Following is an excerpt of his sermon, “Jesus Born Under the Rubble:”



Over 30 people from ULC and 15 from the Islamic Center attended the Listening to Our Palestinian Neighbors dinner on May 17.

A Different Point of View . . .

Potential news sources to use as alternatives to the mainstream media as recommended by the United Church of Christ’s Palestine Israel Network (UCCPIN), Dr. Jennifer Goett, and Dr. Yael Aronoff:

- [Democracy Now](#) (UCCPIN & Goett)
- [The Intercepted Podcast](#) (Goett)
- [Electronic Intifada](#) (UCCPIN)
- [+972 Magazine](#) (UCCPIN)
- [Al Jazeera](#) (UCCPIN)
- [Mondoweiss](#) (UCCPIN)
- [Middle East Eye](#) (UCCPIN)
- [Defense for Children International – Palestine](#) (UCCPIN)
- [Institute for Middle East Understanding](#) (UCCPIN)
- [The Guardian](#) (UCCPIN)
- Israeli newspaper *Ha’aretz* (Aronoff)
- [www.washingtoninstitute.org/](#) (Aronoff)

Visit the [RJT webpage](#) for a complete list.

“We are outraged by the complicity of the church. Let it be clear: Silence is complicity, and empty calls for peace without a ceasefire and end to occupation, and the shallow words of empathy without direct action--are all under the banner of complicity. So here is my message: Gaza today has become the moral compass of the world. Gaza was hell on earth before Oct.7th.

If you are not appalled by what is happening; if you are not shaken to your core – there is something wrong with your humanity. If we, as Christians, are not outraged by this genocide, by the weaponizing of the Bible to justify it, there is something wrong with our Christian witness, and compromising the credibility of the Gospel!”

In addition to the series of Forums (please see pictures accompanying this article), ULC hosted a dinner featuring speakers from the Islamic Center. We listened to the stories of their experiences growing up in Palestine and of their relatives currently in Palestine. We heard the stories of the senior man still feeling the trauma he experienced as a little boy when he and his family fled to

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“Jesus Born Under the Rubble” In this Forum, we used materials prepared by the United Church of Christ’s Palestine Israel Network to learn some of the history that led up to this current crisis.



From ELCA Deacon Adrainne Gray, we heard about the importance of schools that are run by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land (ELCJHL) in Palestine. In these schools Christian and Muslim children learn about the two religions together.



Our last Forum featured Dr. Yael Aronoff, Serling Chair of Israel Studies at MSU. She gave a political perspective of the current and historical conflicts and negotiations. She reminded us that Jewish and Palestinian peoples are both indigenous to the region.

Summer Outreach Collections

Contribute to the Outreach ministries below using the “donate” button on our website (www.ulcel.org), by sending a check to the church office, placing a contribution (using the special envelopes in the pew backs) in the offering plate, or through direct deposit in our MSUCU account. Please designate “Living Water Ministries,” “Book Nook,” or “Friendship House” in the memo section.

June: Living Water Ministries (LWM)

You are invited to financially support Living Water Ministries to help send youth to camp this summer. When I write these words, I remember the impact that going to what was called Bible Camp back when I was a young person. I remember a pastor or camp counselor sharing their faith with us as we sat near a campfire. We sang songs and we learned about Jesus. Church Camping continues. Confirmation students and others attend camp each summer to grow the faith.



leaders of the church and world. The theological question, “Who is my neighbor?” is a question we all need to answer. Attending camp with other persons who are of different races and cultures help us grow in our understanding of who we are as followers of Jesus.

A unique LWM camp experience available July 29-Aug. 3 is Bridge Builders. The intent of this program is, by exploring systemic racism, to inspire campers to be change agents as they grow into adults of faith and

The money we give supports the “Welcome to All Pricing, come as you are; pay what you will” program and helps others who cannot financially afford to attend camp. It will also support transportation for out-of-state participants in the Bridge Builders session. We are asking you to be generous.

Michael Anderson

July: ULC Book Nook

The ULC Book Nook ministry is an outreach ministry of the Evangelism Team. This September will mark its fifth year and in that time 140 bibles, 125 inspirational books for adults, and 280 children’s books have been gifted from the Nook’s shelves. Each book bears a sticker letting the recipient know it is a gift from our congregation.

Over these five years several things have stood out for me. During the pandemic the doors of the Book Nook were open even when the rest of the world was locked down. I took care to be sure it was kept well-stocked and was pleased to see it regularly being visited by our



Sandy Davis and Diane Appel celebrate the installation of the Book Nook in Sept. 2019.

neighbors in the Flowerpot Neighborhood.

Bibles have been very popular, especially small hard cover or faux leather editions. Board books and

picture books for young children have also been popular, especially those with themes about God’s love, family ties, friendship, and inclusiveness. The books recommended by the Racial Justice Team have been popular with adults, as have memoirs, devotions and the writings of spiritual guides such as those of Thomas Merton and Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

If you are a lover of books, please consider joining me in this ministry. You can reach me at bwojan1@gmail.com or 517-974-0682.

Beth Rahe

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another country due to war, of the college student advocating for the humane existence of women in Gaza, of the college professor urging us to seek out news sources that give voice to the people in Palestine.

There is another key concept in justice work called “Liberation for All.” It means that none of us are free

until all of us are free. Our humanity, our identity as children of God depends on seeing all people as our brothers and sisters. May we continue this journey together to learn, lament, and stand together.

*Vicki Anderson,
Racial Justice Team*

August: Friendship House

Our neighbors at Friendship House, have been serving international students who come to Michigan State University to for over 30 years. Their building is located one block south of our building on Sever Drive. We have supported this important ministry through fund-raising, providing classroom space, and volunteering to be instructors or conversation partners. One of our members, Jeff Andresen has served as a board member and Treasurer for many years.



Valentine party at Friendship House.

Recently, I spoke with Dan Winter, the director of Friendship House. He encouraged me to ask for volunteers to serve as conversation partners. Conversation partners spend time in conversation with a person who is learning to speak English. The volunteer is asked to spend one hour or so a week with this person. I think that is a good idea. Again, I ask you the question; Who is my neighbor? The answer Jesus said, is anyone who needs me. Jeff Andresen and I can answer questions.

Michael Anderson

The Greater Church

Synod Assembly Reflections

“The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple, the Church is not a resting place, the Church is the people.” The words from this song from my Bible School days came to mind as I participated in the N W Lower MI Synod Assembly on Saturday, May 11.

Beginning at 8 a.m. when we connected on-line via our individually assigned numbers, attending via my iPad and using my phone as a voting device, the people were visible on-screen only. It was a “business only” format. We voted on the budget, candidates for Synod Council, and voting members at the next ELCA assembly. We saw videos introducing pastors new to our Synod and a few featuring the work of individual congregations.

As a veteran of numerous Synod Assemblies, I found this way of “assembling” sorely lacking. Reading the Lux highlights from our last year’s representatives, there was no opportunity for sharing stories at table discussions. There was no uplifting worship with 200+ voices

praising God. Sharing ideas and concerns with each other was absent. Our sense of our work together as the wider church was missing.

Last year’s assembly voted to meet together only every three years out of concern for the cost of hotel-based meetings. I believe we need to creatively think together about alternatives to hotel venues. University Lutheran has a large building as does Trinity in Grand Rapids. In the Lansing area, five congregations are within easy driving distance to our building. If we met at ULC, we could ask members of surrounding parishes if they would be able to offer a room for two nights to one or two attendees. All meals could be catered at the church. We might offer scholarship aid to small congregations who need financial help in sending their pastors and lay members. All day, on-line meetings are deadly.



Synod Assemblies have always had something of the character of a family reunion. We enjoy gathering, sharing ideas and stories, and meeting new people. The church is the people. Let’s seriously think together about ways that the people can gather together again, without a huge financial burden.

I did take advantage of Grace Lutheran’s invitation to gather in their social room where food was offered, and a large screen TV carried the proceedings. I brought my iPhone for voting. Meeting and eating with people, sharing ideas, saved the day for me. If COVID taught us anything, it is how much we need and depend on each other. The church is the people, the people who depend on our Lord Christ for purpose and direction, who gather because we know that we are sustained by His love.

*Sue Kamens
ULC Synod Assembly
Voting Member*

Synod Trip to Honduras

Our synod was honored to have six people visit our companion synod in Honduras in early April. This was our first in person visit since COVID, and we hope there will be many more to come. We were blessed to spend time with several different projects supported through our synod and the Lutheran Church in Honduras (ICLH).

We spent a day with three of the four HIV/Aids support groups in Tegucigalpa. We learned about their advocacy work and about how important it was for them to have a place that supports and accepts them when they are so often rejected by others because of their illness. We



Volunteers were taught to take blood pressures, run glucose tests and more during a health workshop.

also got to visit homes and churches in two worshiping communities in two small villages. This included the

base for a children's nutrition and health program. This is a ministry the ICLH would like to grow, and it provides food and basic resources for health and dental care for kids in the village.

The highlight of our visit was hosting a workshop for health volunteers from across Honduras. Since there are many new volunteers in the health ministry, we were asked to focus on diabetes detection and care, hypertension, and stress. Volunteers at the workshop learned how to take blood pressure, run glucose tests, do foot exams, and more. They also learned about anxiety, stress, burnout, and depression. Volunteers learned about the importance of being honest about their needs and about taking time to pause and "refill their cup." The mindfulness practices around breathing, visualization, and progressive muscle relaxation were big hits. Finally, we talked about how the work being done by the volunteers was a living response to the love of God that we experience through Jesus Christ. We had conversation about the stress of not being able to fix all the problems, the hope that God gives us through faith, and the Biblical importance of sabbath and accompaniment. Having honest conversation about physical, mental, and spiritual health was

meaningful and helpful to everyone involved.

It was a true blessing to be with our partners in ministry in person once more. If your congregation would like more information about



The work done by the volunteers is a living response to the love of God.

Honduras or Global Missions in our synod please feel free to contact Pastor Megan Crouch at gaylordpeace@gmail.com or Connie Lenkowski at connielenkowski@gmail.com. You can also follow our shared mission on the synod website under Global Missions.

Pastor Megan Crouch

An added note: The Honduras Team thanks you for your generous "Outreach of the Month" donation to the Health for Life Ministry which is a project of ICLH and our synod. Our work in Honduras continues because of the support of individuals and congregations. Thank you!

From the ULC Office . . .

Office hours for July 1 through Aug. 2 are Tuesday-Thursday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Don't miss any ULC announcements this summer--be sure to sign up for the ULC Friday emails, if you haven't already done so!

Email Mandy at ulcsec@ulcel.org OR visit: www.ulcel.org/contact-us.html to sign up!

Narindra Randriamiarintsoa Achieves, Excels, Amazes

When Narindra Randriamiarintsoa flew from her home in Madagascar to MSU in 2017 to begin her freshman year at this university, it was the first time she had ever been on a plane. Aside from her first two years of college at the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar, and a school field trip to a beach on the Madagascar coast, she had never traveled at all.

She grew up in rural Madagascar where her family still lives. “We didn’t have electricity,” she told me when I asked her what television programming was like in her country. “So, I seldom had the opportunity to watch TV growing up. My parents have added solar panels to the house recently, so at least they keep the lights on,” she added to my amazement.

Narindra is now well into her work toward a PhD here at MSU, and her field is Biosystems Engineering. This discipline, she explained, involves many things: food processing, for example, as well as health issues and the environment. Her own area of concentration is food safety, especially as it involves federal regulations. Her concerns are also environmental, i.e., reducing food waste and ensuring sustainable food production to meet consumer demands without compromising the ecosystems.

Narindra may have grown up in a rural and rather remote area, but she is very sophisticated, nonetheless. She is tri-lingual—fluent in English,



The group of PhD students who attended the Feed-Protect-Care for Sustainable Futures program at the University of Montpellier, France.

French, and Malagasy, the national language of Madagascar. Spoken by 30 million people in Madagascar, Malagasy, the westernmost Malayo-Polynesian language, was brought to Madagascar by settlers from the Sunda islands, 4,500 miles away, possibly as early as the 5th century CE. It is most closely related to the language of Borneo.

French is also considered an official language of Madagascar. France invaded the country in 1883 and colonized it. Despite uprisings and rebellions by the Madagascar people (the French suppression of which resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of the native people), France continued its control of the country until 1960, when Madagascar gained complete independence.

But the French influence remains strong there to this day. Narindra told me that classes and textbooks in the Madagascar school system are still in French. “This often makes it very difficult for the many students who don’t speak French well,” she said. “Many young people there do not get a good education as a result.”

Judging from her academic successes and ambitions, it’s clear that Narindra was an excellent student and came away with a fine education. She came to MSU when she received the Mastercard Foundation Scholarship from the Mastercard Foundation. It was a full-ride scholarship for students from Sub-Saharan Africa. She is the first recipient of this scholarship from Madagascar to attend MSU.

Earlier this year, Narindra had the opportunity to visit France herself. In March, she traveled to Montpellier in the south of France to attend the Feed-Protect-Care for Sustainable Futures Global Collaboration PhD Platform, created



Jonathan the other rep from MSU, Narindra, Dr. Awokuse Titus from the office of International Studies and Programs at MSU.

jointly by the University of Montpellier (UM) and the University of Pretoria (UP) in South Africa. This joint effort will “focus on the interconnected societal missions of feeding, caring for and protecting people, places and the planet. The Platform will serve to strengthen and secure the capacity of the global scientific community to inform and

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support transformations to sustainable futures at local to global levels.” As this quote from the platform’s mission statement attests, it is an ambitious project indeed. In addition to UM and UP, 19 other universities, MSU among them, joined as partners. Each of these universities was encouraged to include two of their students in the meetings in Montpellier. Narindra was joined by MSU student Jonathan Vivas Aragon and Dr. Awokuse Titus from the office of International Studies and Programs at MSU for this trip and conference. Following the intensive work in Montpellier, Narindra had hoped to spend an entire week as a tourist in Paris. Sadly, issues with her visa forced her to return to Madagascar to sort this problem out instead.

I asked her if she had attended a Lutheran church in Madagascar. She explained that she had attended the Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar. Her pastor there recommended that, when she came to the U.S., she attend either a Presbyterian or Lutheran Church as these would



Narindra in downtown Montpellier, France

be similar to what she was used to. Fortunately for us, she chose ULC.

Lastly, I asked her if her parents will travel to East Lansing when she graduates and receives her PhD. As of this time, they have not made plans to. “My parents do not speak English,” she said. “They would be very afraid of getting lost in an airport along the way.” She added that if her sister, who does speak English were to travel with them, then they might feel comfortable coming. “Also,” she continued, “it’s very expensive to fly here from Madagascar. Right now, it costs about \$2,700 for a round-trip ticket.”

I told her it would be truly wonderful if they could come to celebrate this grand achievement with her. Also, there are many of us at ULC who would be thrilled to meet her family. Perhaps their visit is something we could all add to our prayer lists...along with praise to God for bringing the extraordinary Narindra to ULC in the first place.

Bill Trevarthen

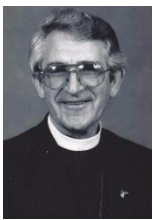
ULC Archives

Names, Names, Names!

This article by Pastor Gus Kopka printed in the June 1973 Lux seems timely as we welcome our new pastors.

Names, Names, Names!

By Gustav Kopka, Jr



“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 yourselves 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.”

As we welcome new pastors, new members, and guests it is helpful for us to introduce ourselves to those we do not know and wear our name tags. I’m certain anyone new to ULC will appreciate the help.

Connie Lenkowski



June Birthdays

- 4 Myra Kim
Joseph Wilmes
- 6 Santiago Saucedo
- 8 Thom McCurdy
Bethany Saindon
- 9 Laura Brown
Elizabeth Kotnik
- 15 Amy Anderson
Linda Zimmerman
- 16 Marvin Schultz
- 17 Arthur Lohr
- 18 Dan Sadler
Myla Joy McPhall
- 19 Barbara Helser
Beth Rahe
Joy Whitten
- 20 Julie Baglien
Emily Uebel
- 21 Josephine Kirkpatrick
Jay Kim
- 22 Terri Christian
Ava Jolin
- 23 Karen Braselton
Dale Hinkley
Kelli Vanous
- 27 Lisa Nuttall
Tim Schmidt
- 29 Jeffrey Bracken
Connor Dalton
- 30 John Kruger

June Anniversaries

- 3 Mike & Kathy Sweat
- 7 Joseph & Jennifer Green
- 13 Tom & Barb Kissling
- 16 Will & Marge Mahoney
Debbie & Steve Viele
- 18 Beth & Bryan Rahe
- 19 James & Barbara Cox
Norm & Carol Jolin, Sr.
Steve & Linda Zimmerman
- 20 Bill & Sheila Nicholas

- 20 Roy & Jennifer Weber
- 21 Fred & Kay Fritz
- 25 Jesse & Lynne Clyma
- 30 Brian & Leigh Small

July Birthdays

- 1 Norman Jolin Jr.
- 2 Adam Fisher
Fred Fritz
- 7 Phyllis Andersland
Debbie Viele
- 9 Tim Martinson
- 10 Kayla Clyma
Carol Jolin
Luke Reese
Judy Thompson
- 12 Emma Karcher
Howard Pierce
Noah Schott
- 13 William Schikorra
- 15 Carol Mackin
- 16 Kelly Schafka
- 17 Emmett Braselton
Jennifer Green
Sherrilyn Mileski
Sheila Nicholas
- 18 Jay DuBois-Jones
- 19 Edward Vanous
- 22 Annette Stanley
- 23 Carole Ford
- 24 Gary Carl
Matt Mutka
Mandy O'Neil
- 25 Wilbur Mahoney
- 26 Johannah House
Hannah Milnes
Sharon Vanous

- 27 Ann Booren
- 28 Doug Erickson
Vy Dao
Marilyn Schafer
- 29 Joseph Kravetz
- 30 Rachel Williams

July Anniversaries

- 2 Russ & Gerry Erickson
- 3 Phil & Sandy Brooks
- 12 Eric Bubolz & Karen Sanders
- 18 Kelly & Steven Schafka
- 20 Larry & Amy Wagenknecht
Marcy & Joseph Wilmes
- 22 Sherry & Tom Corwin
- 24 Beth Hoger & Lisa Swem
- 28 Paul & Judy Kindel
David & Coreen Williams

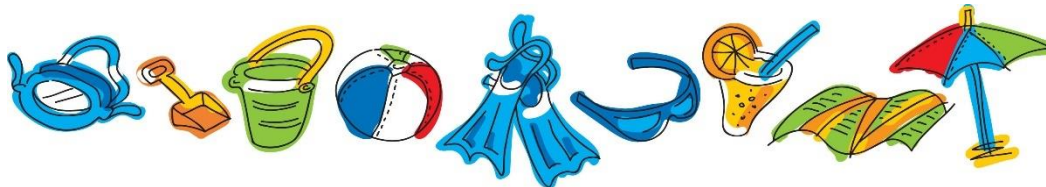
August Birthdays

- 1 Brandon DuBois-Jones
Marcia Schultz
- 3 Joanne Boettcher
Roy Weber
Kit Christensen
- 4 Myles Delpier
- 5 Dan Christian
Corbin Davis
- 6 Kathy Protsman
- 7 Brian Small
- 8 Kendall Bubolz
Ruth Gaudard
- 10 Cathy Lazar
Nick Guilfoyle
- 12 Aaron Williams
- 13 Frederick Fensel
- 14 George Bubolz
Samuel Fitzgerald
- 15 Coreen Williams
- 16 Loretta Geisen
Grace Sype
- 17 Thomas Wanagat
- 18 Carl Ericksen

- 19 Thomas Kissling
- 21 Michael Kruger
- 23 Sherry Corwin
- 24 Melissa Masnyj
- 25 Mailee Greiter
Pr. Zachariah Shipman
- 27 Lynn Kotnik
- 28 Samantha Ernst
Laura Kruger
Sue Martin
- 29 Stephanie Hall

August Anniversaries

- 1 Emmett & Karen Braselton
Lois Mumma & Greg Hill
- 2 Adam & Susan Fisher
- 6 Donna & Gary Carl
- 8 Jeff & Wendy Guilfoyle
- 9 Dawn Newton & Tim Dalton
Tom & Diane Wanagat
- 10 Emily & Matt Uebel
Barry & Lanae Williams
- 13 Steve & Lisa Simonson
- 15 Rick & Deanna Milligan
- 16 Laura Appel & Gary
Garbarino
- 17 Jeff Williams & Joy
Whitten
- 18 Norm & Kirstan Jolin
- 21 Gary Dawson & Julie
Baglien
- 21 Diane & John Goddeeris
Richard & Jennifer Tracy
Robert & Anne Smith
- 24 Gary & Loretta Geisen
- 25 Jane & John Nuttall
- 26 Steve & Kristi Sneed
- 27 Dave & Kristi Wiggert
Pastors Zach & Emily
Shipman
- 30 Jerry & Nancy Lindman
- 31 Craig & Cathy Lazar



Newsletter SUBMISSIONS

The deadline for the Sept. Lux is **Friday, Aug. 16.**

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



LGBTQ+ Pride Month

- 5 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:30a Communications Team-Zoom
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 6 6:30p Home-brewed Theology-Shipman Home
- 8 9:00a Baby Quilt Workshop-Fellowship
- 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- Noon Campus Ministry Meeting-Shipman Home
- 9 10:00a Sunday Worship (Ordination Celebration)-Sanct/FB
- 11:15a Sunday Forum-Fireside (Pastor Jim Kocher)
- 11 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship
- 6:30p Racial Justice Team-Zoom
- 12 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 13 9:30a Brunch Bunch-IHOP, EL
- 10:00a Accessibility Team-Fireside
- 15 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 16 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB(Charcuterie pick-up)
- 17 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 18 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 6:30p ULC Council-Conference/Zoom
- 19 **Juneteenth**
- 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 1:00p Rhodon Bible Study Circle-Fireside
- 22 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 23 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 24 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 25 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 7:00p Pub Theology-Harrison Roadhouse, EL
- 26 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 27 3:30p Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru
- 28 1:00p Fourth Friday Friends-Delhi Café, Holt
- 29 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 9:00a Coffee Connections-Chateau Coffee, Lansing
- 9:30a Racial Justice Team Retreat-Fireside
- 30 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB



- 1 4:00 Tight Knit-Fireside
- 3 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 6 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 7 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 5:00p High School Youth Group-Youth Room
- 8 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 9 6:30p Racial Justice Caucus-Zoom
- 10 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 11 9:30a Brunch Bunch-IHOP, EL
- 6:30p Home-Brewed Theology-Callen Home
- 13 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 14 10:00a Sunday Worship(Pr. Chrissy Bright)-Sanct/FB
- 15 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 16 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 17 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL

- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 20 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 21 10:00a Sunday Worship (Pr. Christin Fawcett)-Sanct/FB
- 22 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 23 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 24 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 25 3:30p Food Movers Distribution-Drive thru
- 26 1:00p Fourth Friday Friends-Delhi Café, Holt
- 27 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 28 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 29 Pastors on Vacation (through Aug. 4)
- 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 30 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 7:00p Pub Theology-Harry's Place, Lansing
- 31 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*



- 3 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 4 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 6:00p Outdoor Concert-Kathy Ford Band
- 5 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 6 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship
- 7 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- 9:30a Communications/Lux-Zoom
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 4:30p Lead Management-Zoom
- 8 9:30a Brunch Bunch-IHOP, EL
- 10 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 11 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 6:00p Outdoor Concert-LCC Jazz Ensemble
- 12 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 13 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 6:30p Racial Justice Team-Zoom*
- 14 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 17 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside
- 18 10:00a Sunday Worship-Sanctuary/FB
- 6:00p Outdoor Concert-Three Men and a Tenor
- 19 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 20 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 6:30p ULC Council-Conference/Zoom
- 21 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
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- 26 4:00p Tight Knit-Fireside
- 27 10:00a Prayers & Squares-Fellowship Hall
- 7:00p Pub Theology-Harrison Roadhouse, EL
- 28 8:00a Mushers-IHOP, EL
- Noon Lectio-Zoom*
- 30 4:30p MSU Football Parking (Florida Atlantic)
- 31 10:45a Saturday AM Bible Study-Fireside

ULC Office Hours

June & Aug: Tu–Th 9a to 4p
July: Tu–Th 9a to 2p
 Closed Monday & Friday
 Staff meetings: Tu at 1p

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

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There's Still Much Happening in the ULC Community This Summer!

- Coffee Connections
- Prayers & Squares Sewing Days
- Lectio Divina Bible Study
- Tight Knit – knit, crochet, fellowship
- Saturday Morning Bible Study
- Fellowship: Brunch Bunch, Mushers, 4th Friday Friends
- Food Movers Food Distribution
- Pub Theology
- Outdoor Summer Concerts

Check the calendar or website for more details.

Join us!