



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
21 Mesnard St.
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THE CONNECTION

June, July, August 2024



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Come and Worship!

We celebrate with worship on
Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

Sunday School on Sundays at 10 a.m.
Ages 3 yrs through 5th grade.
All are welcome!

OFFICE HOURS:
Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Wednesday: 1 – 4 p.m.

United Lutheran Church Council Members

Nancy Bernard	520-237-0999
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News from the Council

Notes from the May Council Meeting:



- Office will be closed on Thursday, May 23rd.
- Worship & Music met on May 9th and chose hymns through August. Next Worship & Music meeting will be on August 8th at 10 a.m.
- Last day of Sunday School was May 12th. Confirmation was held on May 19th and two students were Confirmed. VBS will be listed in the newsletter.
- New deeds have been signed.
- Cleaned headstones at the Cemetery.
- Parsonage maintenance – will go room by room. Organization Committee set up.
- Ring System is still for sale
- Gave flowers to Mothers on Mother's Day. Ordered flower seed packets for Fathers on Father's Day.
- Approved two facility use requests. One for June 1st and one for July 18th.
- Council meetings for the summer will be held on Sunday, June 9th at 12 noon. No meeting in July. August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13th at 6 p.m.



June Birthdays

June 2	Kellen Koskinen Mallory Waara
June 4	Jerry Eliason Bobby Eliason Shirley Gustafson Dorothy Niemela Corinne Saarinen
June 6	Arlene Cress Katie Pynnonen
June 7	Kathy Teddy
June 8	Jane Elmblad Brooks Pynnonen
June 9	Lisa Cichosz
June 11	Evelyn Nordstrom
June 13	Madison Fish
June 18	Brad Tapani
June 20	James Stein
June 22	Diane LaForest Donna Eliason
June 23	Kegan Sweeney
June 24	Dawson Mayo
June 26	Kathryn Falk Heather Tapani
June 27	Willard Coffey Connor Flannery
June 28	Craig Archambeau Cathy Hebert Daryl Jestila

July Birthdays

July 1	Kaila Copley James T. Stein
July 6	Nancy Bernard
July 7	Morgan Gibbons
July 13	Jean Baril
July 14	Callie DeLeon
July 16	Lillith Mares
July 18	Jean Schultz
July 20	Carol Roth
July 25	Robert Eliason Margo Jentoft Sara LeClaire
July 27	Isaac Collins
July 28	Madison LaPlante



August Birthdays

August 1	Thomas Brown Mike Connor David Harden, Jr. Jane Olson
August 3	Jason Eliason Cooper LaPlante
August 4	Lisa Collins Lori Snow
August 6	Karl Kokko
August 9	Lucas Kissel Linnea Prost
August 10	Kelsey Lindstrom
August 12	Jeanne Anderson Renee Eliason Mark Lindstrom
August 13	Brittney Newman
August 15	Kristine Kokko Braylin LaPlante
August 16	Janel LaPlante
August 17	Kyle Ahola Alexander Brown Elaine Whitman
August 18	Birgit Mars
August 20	Miles VanAlstine
August 21	Jerry DesLaurier Sylvia Jestila
August 23	Susan Copley Jenna Isaacson Henry LaFave Jill Lawson
August 24	Khloe Skoglund
August 25	LouElla Ellis Jenny Heikkinen
August 27	Roger Copley
August 29	Shirley Soli
August 30	Kurt Allert Lisa DesLaurier





Mark Your Calendars Upcoming Events!

Fall Kickoff Picnic/Potluck will be held on Sunday, September 15th. Watch the September newsletter for more information.

Fall Bake Sale and Craft Corner will be held on September 21st. If you do crafting and would like to make any crafts to donate to this sale, please do ... this gives everyone a chance to get working on some small crafts projects.



Confirmation

The Affirmation of Baptism for our 7th graders was held on Sunday, May 19th.

This year's Confirmands are:

Bella Kokko

Kaeden Oblinsky

Sunday School and Confirmation



Sunday School is done for the summer.

Please watch for the September newsletter for more information about when Sunday School will begin in the fall.

Confirmation – Students entering 7th grade, please remember to continue to work on your service hours and worship times over the summer.



Graduation Recognition

Graduate Recognition was held on Sunday, May 12th

This year's Graduates are:

Sophia Brunet

Olivia Carr

Congratulations to our Graduates

Kindergarten: **Henry LaFave, Hunter Saari, Rylee Stockton**

High School:

Sophia Brunet will be attending Northern Michigan University studying Chemistry.

Olivia Carr will be going into Real Estate.

College: **Hanna Hiltunen** graduated from Michigan Technological University with a major in Computer Science/Business. She will be going on to get her Master's Degree.

LCW Scholarship

Congratulations to this year's recipient of the LCW Scholarship, Sophia Brunet.





Email Newsletters

Due to the rising cost of postage, we are looking at ways to save some money. We have our newsletter posted on the church's website. Or you can get your newsletter by email.

Would you prefer to get your newsletter by email?
Please email the church office at

ulc_lanse40@yahoo.com

Let Lisa know you would like to receive your newsletter by email.
Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

DONATIONS are needed for the food pantry.

Some foods and non-perishables that we could use are: Pancake mix, syrup, canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, peanut butter, cereal, Ramen noodles, Lipton Noodles, toilet paper, body wash, shampoo.



NEEDED: Donations of food cards and gas cards are needed.



The Food Pantry will be open during office hours. The office is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 9 am – 1 pm, Wednesdays from 1-4 pm. Also, on Sunday when the church is open for worship service.

The Food Pantry is located upstairs in the education wing next to the secretary's office. There are no eligibility guidelines.

If you need food, please feel free to come and get something.

God's Work. Our Hands.

A group of United's members met on Saturday, May 4th at the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery to clean the grave markers in the Veterans section of the cemetery. Here are pictures of the before and after. Thank you to all who helped clean the stones.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Youth from our congregation have been invited to attend Vacation Bible School at Mission United Lutheran Church in Pelkie with the

Fortune Lake team. This will begin with a kick-off event on Sunday, July 14th from 4-7 p.m. with a campfire, hotdogs, games, and songs.

VBS will be Monday, July 15th through Wednesday, July 17th from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Breakfast, snacks, and lunch are provided. Cost is free! This is open to all children from Kindergarten through 5th grade.

If you have any questions, please contact the Mission United Lutheran Church office at (906) 353-7771.



Worship Leaders for June, July, and August

June 2nd Pastor Julie

June 9th Renee

June 16th Pastor Julie

June 23rd Renee

June 30th Renee

July 7th Pastor Julie

July 14th Renee

July 21st Pastor Julie

July 28th Renee

August 4th Renee

August 11th Pastor Julie

August 18th Pastor Julie

August 25th Renee



For Sale!

We have two Ring doorbells, which also includes an Echo Show, for sale. They were purchased to use at the entrances to the church before we realized the doorbells would not work for us. By that time it was too late to return them. We paid \$127.

Please make an offer on these Ring doorbells and Echo Show. They are brand new, never been used.

COFFEE HOUR

June 2	Need someone
June 9	Need someone
June 16	Need someone
June 23	Diane LaForest & Donna Eliason
June 30	Need someone
July 7	Need someone
July 14	Need someone
July 21	Need someone
July 28	Need someone
August 4	Need someone
August 11	Need someone
August 18	Need someone
August 25	Need someone

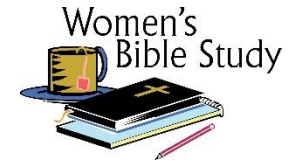
If you would like to serve a coffee hour, please sign up on the sheet in the Barrier-free entrance.

We will have a Coffee Hour following Worship if someone is signed up.

Thank you to all who serve coffee following worship! Such a wonderful time for fellowship!

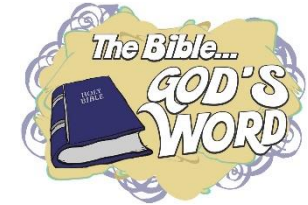
Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 4th at 10 a.m. at United Lutheran Church.
Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, June 4th at 1 p.m. at the Lakeside in Baraga.



INTENTIONAL PRAYER: Our Faithful Innovations team has been working on a project. Intentional Prayer.

The Faithful Innovation team will meet every third Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Intentional Prayers. This is open to anyone who would like to join us.



Prayer Requests: There is a basket and pieces of paper on the table in the Barrier-free entrance. The prayer group will meet on the third Tuesday of the month (**June 18th, July 16th, and August 20th**) at **10 a.m.** to pray for all who request prayers. You can also request prayers on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/ULCLanse>), by email (ulc_lanse40@yahoo.com), on the website (www.unitedlutheranchurchlanse.org) or by calling the church office (524-6484). **All are welcome to join us!**

Visitation Team



The Visitation Team has begun making home visits to offer Holy Communion. If you would like a visit to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office and we will have someone visit you.

News from the Women

SHUT-INS



Please remember our shut-ins. Keep them in your prayers. If you have a moment, stop and visit them. Send them a “thinking of you” card (call the church office for address).

At Bayside Village: Ellen Biekkola, Judy Testen.

At Canal View, Hancock, MI: Barbara DesLaurier (*Room 308*), Eila Koski (*Woodland Haven*).



Robin Byrge, Tina Connor, Arlene Cress, Kathy Danielson, Ann Daughterty, Kinsley Dettmer, Louella Ellis, Vicky Fortier, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Roger Jordan, Trudy Koski, Pr. Mike Laakko, Janel

LaPlante, Sissy Marinich, Steve Martinac, Joanne Mitchell, Elwood Niemi, Ray Racette, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Mike Rogge, Wally & Carol Roth, Mark Soli, Stan Spruce, Alyna Tollefson, Chad & Jessica Tollefson, Ed Tollefson, Dan Verbanac, Nicole Weber, Elizabeth.

*The family and friends of Annette Ross
The family and friends of Ellen Heikkinen
The family and friends of Steven Cotter
The family and friends of Mary Baker*

Dear God,

I humbly ask that you heal us from any hurt, shame, sickness, and guilt. Heal our hearts, O Lord God. Give us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and let us wear the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness and burden.

I pray in Jesus name. Amen.

It was so exciting to see so many women gathered around the tables at the May meeting of the Women of the Church. Our numbers continue to grow! This meeting was our end-of-year pot-luck picnic. Again this month there was no special activity or guest speaker planned, rather, just a time of fellowship with our sisters in Christ. Ruth Anne opened with a devotion about being a light ... how even the smallest light can dispel the darkness. We are to be lights (reflecting God’s love) into the darkness of this world that we live in.

Among the items under discussion was the continuing project of the kitchen. Now that the new refrigerator is installed, there needs to be some minor cosmetic work done to that area. And as we all know, one little upgrade results in an expansion of work. Therefore, the decision was made to paint the kitchen. Kris and Joan have been tasked with picking the paint, and Margo has volunteered to lead the actual painting. Now all we need are painters to lend a hand (and a paint brush). If this is something that you would be willing to do, please connect with Margo.

Another topic for discussion was whether or not to hold a bazaar this fall. The ladies chose instead of a full blown bazaar (there was concern that we just don’t have the crafters like in former years) that we would hold a bake sale with a “craft corner”. The date set for this event is Saturday, September 21st – so mark your calendars and start crafting.

The LCW Scholarship Committee met to review the applications and brought their recommendation to the women for final approval. Sophia Brunet, daughter of Chad and Kathe Brunet is the 2024 recipient. This was formally announced at the Graduation Reconnection service on May 12th. Congratulations, Sophia!!

The Executive Board will be meeting some time in August to plan the programming for the 2024-2025 season. As mentioned last month, I am anticipating using the same basic format of alternating monthly meetings between educational speaker and fun activity. If there is something you would like to learn more about, a speaker you would like to hear, or an activity you would like to try, please tell one of the board members. (Ruth Anne Connor, Nancy Bernard, Renee Eliason, Marilyn Harden, Leann Davis.)

Our next meeting will not be until the kick-off in the fall.

As always, ALL women are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a friend.

REMINDER – Bake Sale and Craft Corner – September 21st

God’s peace,

-- Ruth Anne, Chair



**EXPENSES
& INCOME
FOR April**

		YTD	TOTAL BUDGET
Expenses:	\$ 4,524.00	\$ 24,207.00	\$105,587.00
Income:	\$ 8,318.00	\$ 42,348.85	
CHECKBOOK	Balance: 3/31/2024		\$ 23,425.62
	Balance: 4/30/2024		\$ 30,434.95
Window Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 7,382.86
General Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 23,474.38

ATTENDANCE

Date	2024	2023
Apr 7/2	33*	57
Apr 14/9	54	63**
Apr 21/16	51	48
Apr 28/23	52	40
Apr 30		44
Average for April	48	50

*Spring break (2024)

**Easter (2023)



Schedule of Events 2024

Friday June 7th 2024	
Pre-Fishing Tournament Meeting - Meadow Brook Arena	6:00 p.m.
Saturday June 8th 2024	
Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Tournament	5:00 a.m.
Baraga County Yard Sale	9:00 a.m. - Noon
Art & Crafts Fair	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Coin Toss - Sponsored by Baraga County Fed. Credit Union	12:00 p.m.
Pickleball at the Township Hall	12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Kids Fishing Pond	12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Kids Carnival - Sponsored by Ojibwa Casino	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
6th Annual Baraga County Appreciation Award	12:45 p.m.
Linden Kids Duck Race	1:00 p.m.
The Falls River Duck Raffle - Sponsored By L'Anse Fire Department	3:00 p.m.
Pie Eating Contest Sponsored by Nite Owl Restaurant	3:00 p.m.
Keweenaw Bay Classic Fishing Awards ~Sponsored By Baraga County Next Gen Team	5:30 p.m.

**Admission is free & all events
will be held at the L'Anse Waterfront**

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 12-5 Bridal Shower
2 10 am Worship Pr. Julie	3	4 10 am Women's Bible Study 1 pm Martha Circle at Lakeside, Baraga	5	6	7	8
9 10 am Worship Renee 12 Noon Council	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10 am Worship Pr. Julie	17	18 10 am Intentional Prayer	19	20	21	22
23 10 am Worship Renee	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 10 am Worship Renee						

July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 10 am Women's Bible Study	3	4 Office Closed	5	6
7 10 am Worship Pr Julie	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10 am Worship Renee	15	16 10 am Intentional Prayer	17	18 6 pm Baptism/family gathering following in social hall	19	20
21 10 am Worship Pr. Julie	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship Renee	29	30	31			

August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 10 am Worship Renee	5	6	7	8 10 am Worship & Music	9	10
11 10 am Worship Pr. Julie	12	13 10 am Women's Bible Study 6 pm Council Meeting	14	15	16	17
18 10 am Worship Pr. Julie	19	20 10 am Intentional Prayer	21	22	23	24
25 10 am Worship Renee	26	27	28	29	30	31