



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
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THE CONNECTION

September 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 August Council Meeting:



- Office will be closed on Thursday, August 15th.
- Worship & Music met on August 8th. They picked hymns through October. Set times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Worship services. The committee will meet again in September.
- Treasurer, Karisa Mukka, transferred money from the checking account into the savings account per council request.
- Received a quote to clean the carpeting in the church. Discussion was held and it was decided to hire Kevin Kalliainen.
- Fall Kickoff Potluck on September 29th following worship. It was decided to call a few people to help set up and clean up.
- It was decided that the newsletter will be monthly beginning in September through December. Beginning in January if you would like a printed copy of the newsletter mailed to you it will be \$10 per year, due to the cost of postage. You can pick up your printed copy or read the newsletter digitally online or get it by email. The \$10 per year will only be for those that are mailed out.
- Facility Use for outside groups was discussed and it was decided that at this time we are not going to allow outside groups to use the church (for meetings). This is due to not having a janitor to clean weekly.
- God's Work. Our Hands. project will be on Saturday, September 7th, at 10 a.m. at the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. We will be cleaning headstones. Holy Cross, Baraga, will be asked to join us if they wish.

September Birthdays

September 3	Scott Swanson
September 9	Gerald Niemi Alissa Robillard
September 11	Charlene Kangas
September 12	Elizabeth Cram-DeLeon Ryan DesLaurier
September 14	Thomas Lytikainen
September 15	Robert Ranta James Roth
September 17	Aamani Denomie
September 18	Lindsay Biekkola Blake Harden
September 19	Stephanie DesLaurier Lauren Gabe William Johnson
September 22	Walter Roth Madissen Swanson
September 24	Lauryn Biekkola Gerald Johnson Kay McIntyre
September 27	Mark Jentoft
September 30	Lori Johnson

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 303*), Eila Koski (*Woodland Haven*).



Sherri Brey, Deann Buckhold, Robin Byrge, Chuck Cavanaugh, Kathy Danielson, Ann Daughterty, Louella Ellis, Vicky Fortier, Ray Gazlay, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Kyren Klug, Trudy Koski, Pr. Mike Laakko, Janel LaPlante, Hiney Marinich, Sissy Marinich, Steve Martinac, Joanne Mitchell, Elwood Niemi, Ray Racette, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Mike Rogge, Wally & Carol Roth, Chad Roy, Mark Soli, Roy Stearns, Chad & Jessica Tollefson, Nicole Weber, Bill Wertz, Elizabeth.

*The family and friends of Mark Niemi
The family and friends of Sharon Maki
The family and friends of Jean Schultz
The family and friends of Kevin Hemmila
The family and friends of Nannie Beck
The family and friends of Gloria Kent
The family & friends of Kim Fortier
The family and friends of Jim Hulkonen
The family and friends of Dan Verbanac
The family and friends of Roger Jordan
The family and friends of Jimmy Dingledey
The family and friends of Lillian Jukkala
The family and friends of Edwin Maki*

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.



Fall Kickoff Potluck

Fall Kickoff Potluck will be held on Sunday, September 29th following worship. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to join us!

Registration forms for Sunday School and Confirmation will be available during the potluck. If you have a child attending Sunday School (preschool through 5th grade) or a child attending Confirmation (grades 6 & 7), please fill out the registration forms early. Thank you!



God's Work. Our Hands.

God's Work. Our Hands. Project this year will again be cleaning Veteran's grave stones at the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery on Saturday, September 7th at 10 a.m. Please bring gloves, soft scrub brushes, buckets (for water). Everyone is welcome to join us!

Steam cleaning Social Hall floor

Anyone interested in helping steam clean the Social Hall floor, please call Lisa at the church office.

THANK YOU



Thank you! A heartfelt thank you to the Women of the Church for throwing me a surprise party for my birthday! Thank you to all who attended the party! Thank you for thinking of me and caring about me! I was so surprised! *Renee*



BAKE SALE / Mini Bazaar

Saturday, Sept. 21st

10:00 am – noon?

United Lutheran Fellowship Hall

The women are having a Bake Sale / Mini Bazaar to raise money for the Scholarship / Campership fund. This is replacing what was once our Bake Sale on the Bank Corner during Sidewalk Sale Days.

Those days are not happening now, and the bank corner has changed considerably, too, but the need for scholarship / campership funding continues.

The idea of a bazaar was discussed and there was some interest, but not enough to hold a “full fledged” bazaar so we thought we would try just a mini bazaar. A corner of the fellowship hall will be set up as the “bazaar”.

We ask that all sale items be brought to the church in “sale ready” condition. *(We will have foam trays available in the entrance way a few weeks prior to the event for your convenience.)*

For Bake Sale items the church will be open all day Friday for you to drop off your donations. It will also be open again at 8:00 on Saturday morning. This will give the workers time to set up and price everything.

Items for the Mini Bazaar can be brought to the church any time the church is open. We will set aside an area for them to be gathered.

So if you are a baker, canner, or crafter we are looking for donations. And if you are a shopper, we hope you will stop by to buy.

Thanks for your support!

Sunday School and Confirmation



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 6th at 10 a.m.

Confirmation – Confirmation class will begin on Sunday, October 6th following worship.

REGISTRATION FORMS for Sunday School and Confirmation will be available after worship (in the Social Hall) on Sunday, September 29th.

Sunday School is for preschool through 5th grade.

Confirmation is for 6th and 7th grade.

All children are welcome!

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.



Worship Leaders for September and October

September 1	Renee Eliason
September 8	Pastor Julie Belew
September 15	Renee Eliason
September 22	Pastor Julie Belew
September 29	Renee Eliason
October 6	Renee Eliason
October 13	Pastor Julie Belew
October 20	Renee Eliason
October 27	Pastor Julie Belew



NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Due to the continued rising cost of postage, we are making a few changes in the way we distribute the newsletter. Some of you have already made the switch to email or have decided to view it online on the church's website or pick up your newsletter at the church.

The newsletter will be published monthly beginning in September through December of 2024.

Beginning in January of 2025, the newsletter will be published monthly, but with a few changes.

You will have a choice to pick up your newsletter here at the church, receive your newsletter by email, or view the newsletter on the website.

If you would like to have your newsletter mailed to you, it will be by subscription. A subscription will be \$10 per year to mail the newsletter. Please pay your subscription by December 15, 2024 if you wish to subscribe.

COFFEE HOUR

September 1	Robbie, Jean, Nancy
September 8	Jan LaFave and girls
September 15	Need someone
September 22	Need someone
September 29	Fall Potluck Dinner

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

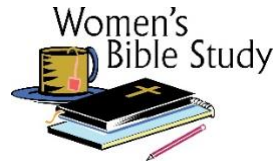
Thank you to all who serve coffee following worship! Such a wonderful time for fellowship!

News from the Women

Women's Circle Meetings

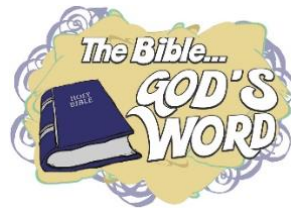
Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 3rd, at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Martha Circle will meet in October.



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 (**September 17th**) 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.



The Executive Board met following Renee's Birthday Bash to do a bit of program planning for the coming season. Exciting things will be happening, so you want to be sure to mark you calendars for the 2nd Wednesday of the Month (starting in October) at 1:00 to join in the fellowship. (*More specific information will be provided in separate articles or later newsletters, but here is a basic outline of what to expect.*)

Starting off in September will be a Bake Sale / Mini Bazaar. This will be held here at the church on Saturday, September 21st.

The October Meeting, on October 9th, will be our official kick-off for the year. We have a guest speaker planned. Last year we had "themed" refreshments and it seemed like everyone enjoyed it, so we're trying it out again. October our refreshment "theme" will be apple or pumpkin. There is still lots of time, but you might want to start thinking of something you can bring to share which contains apple or pumpkin.

Our November meeting has been designated as "Friends-giving" when you will be encouraged to bring a friend.

And, of course, December will bring our traditional Christmas gathering. Christmas gifting this year will be the residents of the Jacobetti Veteran's Home in Marquette. A wish list of specific needs / wants will be included in a later newsletter. BUT, it was decided that a hand-made "thank you" card for each resident, acknowledging their service to our country would be a nice gesture as well. Starting in October we will set up a time for anyone interested in helping put together these cards can meet to work. We will have kits available containing all the necessary parts and simple instructions for each card. There are currently 103 residents, so we will have plenty to do.

Looking further into the year, our "Love Project" for February is to support our area schools. Although distribution of items will not take place until February, we are posting a listing of needed items now so that anyone can take advantage of the back to school sales which are happening.

All women are invited to participate in our Women of the Church gatherings. Hope you add this to your schedule and join in this time of fellowship, food and FUN!

--Ruth Anne



**EXPENSES
& INCOME
FOR July**

		YTD	TOTAL BUDGET
Expenses:	\$ 9,508.00	\$ 45,721.00	\$105,587.00
Income:	\$ 6,751.00	\$ 65,222.57	
CHECKBOOK	Balance: 5/31/2024		\$ 26,703.49
	Balance: 7/31/2024		\$ 16,669.12
Window Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 7,383.78
General Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 38,477.30

ATTENDANCE

Date	2024	2023
Jun 2/4	37	26
Jun 9/11	49	36
Jun 16/18	63	39
Jun 23/25	47	46
Jun 30	60	-
Average for June	51	36

ATTENDANCE

Date	2024	2023
May 5/7	49	47
May 12/14	59	50
May 19/21	66*	96*
May 26/28	36	31
Average for May	52	56

***Confirmation Sunday**

ATTENDANCE

Date	2024	2023
Jul 2	-	34
Jul 7/9	43	44
Jul 14/16	41	33
Jul 21/24	44	43
Jul 28	34	49
Average for July	40	40

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am Worship Renee	2	3 10 am Sarah Circle	4	5	6	7 10 am Cleaning Grave stones
8 10 am Worship Pr. Julie 12 noon Council meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 10 am Worship Renee	16	17 10 am Intentional Prayer	18	19	20	21 10 am Bake Sale/Mini Bazaar
22 10 am Worship Pr. Julie	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 10 am Worship Renee	30					