



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
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THE CONNECTION

April 2025



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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.

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Council President's News

Lenten Greetings United Lutheran Church Family –

We are well into the Season of Lent and looking forward to celebrating Easter with you.

Palm Sunday is April 13th. We will be celebrating 1st Holy Communion with our 5th graders and we are pleased to have the Assistant to the Bishop Sharolyn Swenson leading worship followed by a potluck. ALL ARE WELCOMED and ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND. Please bring a dish to share.

Good Friday Worship will be on April 18th at 5 p.m. with Pastor Julie Belew. Easter Sunday service will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Please note the time change! Please join us for worship to help you enhance your Lenten and Easter journey.

Things are moving along with the Parsonage Renovation – walls are painted, plumbing problems fixed, carpets are scrubbed. It will be good to have our parsonage rented out. It has been empty for too long.

A concern of mine – people are not picking up their newsletters at the church. We started announcing that as of January 1, 2025 we are only mailing out newsletters to the people who subscribe. It is \$10 a year to subscribe. You can also receive it by email by letting Lisa know and she will add you to the list. OR you can go online and read the newsletter on the website www.unitedlutheranchurchlanse.org. Please help us to keep YOU informed on what is happening at YOUR church.

Our windows in the Sanctuary are being patched and painted. We are having the drywall that is chipping away, restored.

It is nice to see the longer days and the signs of spring. Please make worship a part of your Easter journey.

God's Peace!
Renee



April Birthdays

April 1	Briella Lytikainen
April 3	Joshua Barnett Monica Eliason Kenneth Kokko Tylor Tapani
April 4	Ellen Jean Brinkman Gary Crocker Nancy Crocker Aria VanAlstine Jim Waara
April 6	Alexis Pynnonen
April 7	Kathy Hansen
April 8	Dekkar Denomie
April 9	Evelyn Welch
April 10	Liz White
April 11	Bailey Harden
April 12	Danica Goldsworthy
April 16	Allison Brown
April 17	Abby Marinich
April 18	Tim Marczak
April 19	Doug Mills Lauryn Schneider
April 21	Bella Kokko
April 24	Kaylie Stein
April 25	Roxanne Clement Natalie Swanson
April 27	Rosalie Funke
April 28	Robin White





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: LouElla Ellis.

At Canal View, Hancock, MI: Barbara DesLaurier (Room 308), Carol Roth (Room 306) . Eila Koski (Woodland Haven).



Janal Bennett, Jean Brinkman, Tom Brown, Deann Buckhold, Robin Byrge, George Cram, Kathy Danielson, Ann Daughterty, Ronda Dowd, Sigrid Doyle, Louella Ellis, John “Paavo” Falk, Ray Gazlay, Dennis Heikkinen,

Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Kurt & Melanie Jacoby, Arnold Jestila, Nita Jestila, Billy Joki, Linda Kinnunen, Trudy Koski, Pr. Mike Laakko, Janel LaPlante,

Steve Martinac, Joanne Mitchell, Jacey Mukka, Esther Neuner, Fred Pfeiffer, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Carol Roth, Chad Roy, Robbie Schultz, Mark Sikkila, Whitney Sirard, Roy Stearns, Robert Stoll, Chad Tollefson, Chad & Jessica Tollefson, Patty Tyo, Elizabeth, Bruce.

Dear God,

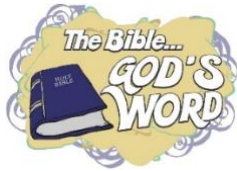
I humbly ask that you heal us from any hurt, shame, sickness, and guilt. Heal our hearts, O Lord God. Give us beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, and let us wear the garment of praise instead of the spirit of heaviness and burden.

I pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

INTENTIONAL PRAYER

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 (**April 15th**) 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!



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Palm Sunday Worship will be on Sunday, April 13th at 10 a.m. Our 5th graders will receive their 1st Holy Communion with Assistant to the Bishop – Pastor Sharolyn Swenson leading worship. There will be a potluck dinner following worship to celebrate our 5th graders receiving their 1st Holy Communion.

Good Friday Worship will be on Friday, April 18th at 5 p.m. with Pastor Julie Belew leading worship.

Easter Sunday will be on Sunday, **April 20th at 9:30 a.m.** with Pastor Julie Belew leading worship. **Please note the change in time.**

Everyone is welcome to join us for all of these worship services.

SPONSOR A BULLETIN

If you would like to sponsor a bulletin “in memory of” or “in honor of” a special person, for a donation of \$10, please contact Lisa in the church office (906-524-6484).



Looking for Readers

We are looking for people to read the Lessons on Sunday mornings. There is a sign up sheet in the Barrier-free entrance if you would like to volunteer. Or you can call the church office. Thank you!

Readers for April

April 6	Need someone
April 13 (Palm Sunday)	Need someone
April 20 (Easter)	Need someone
April 27	Need someone

Sunday School and Confirmation



Sunday School is every Sunday at 10 a.m.

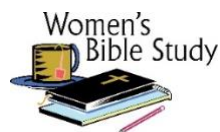
Sunday School is for preschool through 5th grade. All children are welcome!

The 5th grade students met, had a lesson, and painted their chalices. First Communion will be on Sunday, April 13th at 10 a.m.

Confirmation – Confirmation class will be on Sunday, April 6th and April 27th. **JUST A REMINDER - our classes will also be 1½ hours so we will be done at 12:30 p.m.** Confirmation is for 6th and 7th grade.

Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 1st at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall.



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.

Youth Achievements: CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Joshua Gaunt on receiving the MHSAA Scholar Athlete Award!

Congratulations to the Students of the Month for March from L'Anse High School – 6th grade: Aria VanAlstine; 9th grade: Kenzie Bianco.

If your child has a special accomplishment, please let me know and Lisa will put something in the monthly newsletter. Thanks!



What is Holy Week?

Holy Week is a string of eight days that allow us an opportunity to reflect upon the shift in humanity Jesus' sacrifice on the cross launched. It starts with Palm Sunday when Jesus enters the city of Jerusalem. The week leads us through the Last Supper, His crucifixion, and ends on Easter Sunday with His resurrection. His sacrifice launched the New Covenant God promised and many had prophesied throughout the Old Testament. Each day of Holy Week allows us to peek into the heart of our Savior at intently close proximity. His love for us is reflected in every significant step toward the cross, every breath up to the last, and His resurrection.

- Palm Sunday, which is the last Sunday of Lent and begins the time of Lent known as the Holy Week. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem, when people welcomed Him with palm branches, recognizing Him as their King.
- Maundy Thursday of Holy Week remembers the Last Supper, when Jesus shared a final meal with His disciples and demonstrated humility by washing their feet.
- Good Friday is a solemn day that commemorates Jesus' crucifixion and His ultimate sacrifice for our sins. Despite its sorrowful events, it's called "Good" because of the redemption Jesus secured for us.
- Holy Saturday is a day of quiet reflection, as we remember Jesus' time in the tomb and anticipate the joy of what's to come. Finally Easter Sunday bursts forth with celebration – Jesus is alive! His resurrection offers us hope, new life, and the promise of eternity with Him.

Holy Week shouldn't be observed out of religious obligation but out of hearts seeking the opportunity to journey with Jesus in the closeness the events of this week bring to all who believe in the sacrificial salvation He died to give us. For those curious about Jesus, observing Holy Week is a good opportunity to ask questions and seek answers about who He is, what His sacrifice means, and how His gift affects humanity. When Christians observe Holy Week, we set ourselves apart for Him and dedicate our time to Him. Our observation gives Him the glory and honor that He deserves, for the gift of life we get to live.

A PRAYER FOR HOLY WEEK

Father, Holy Week reminds us how intentional You are about loving us. You came to save the lost, You sent Your only Son to be sacrificed so we could be in Your presence. Jesus, thank You for making a way for us. May we come to know fully and never forget the lengths You went to save us. Bring the story of each day to life for us as we walk through this week. Move our hearts closer to You, and direct our lives to bring honor to You. Jesus, help us to follow Your new command of love. Help us to understand and receive Your love, and teach us how to love the people in our lives well. Bless this week, Father, and may many new souls come to receive Your grace. In Jesus' Holy Name, Amen.



April 6	Need someone
April 13	Potluck following worship
April 20	No Coffee Hour
April 27	Need someone

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!

Worship Leaders for April



April 6	Renee E
April 13 (Palm Sunday)	Pr Sharolyn Swenson
April 20 (Easter)	Pastor Julie Belew
April 27	Renee Eliason



FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry has quite a large selection of non-perishable items. If you need something, please don't hesitate to come and check out what we have.

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.



News from the Women

The ladies of United met on Wednesday, March 12th, to celebrate March. Ruth Anne opened with a short devotional encouraging the everyone to reach out to others as a way to combat depression. While waiting for a food item to heat we did a bit of business. Renee brought us up-to-date on the cleaning of the parsonage. Plans for April and May was announced and hostesses found.

If you were disappointed that you were not able to attend the March meeting and therefore miss hearing Bertha Hommer and Pat Clow, take heart! Ruth Anne was mistaken when she said they would be here in March ... instead they are scheduled to be here in April to share their musical talents! Kris Kokko and Jeannie Gourneau will be hosting and the theme for refreshments is "Easter / Spring".

In May, Dr. Tonya Truesdell, Clinical Psychologist will be the guest speaker talking about mental health. Donna, Roxane and Georgia will be hosting, but a theme has not been decided. As mentioned last month, both programs promise to be well worth it (and bring a friend).

Following a typically delicious meal of "green", the ladies put together shamrock blessing decorations for residents at Bayside. Thank you to Joanne Kemppainen and Marilyn Harden for hosting.

The next meeting of the Women of the E.L.C.A. will be on Wednesday, April 9 at 1:00 pm. ALL women are invited to come and join in the fun, food and fellowship.

Hope to see you there! God's peace,
Ruth Anne, President

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Monday: Closed Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9 am -1 pm Wednesday: 1-4 pm		1 10 am Sarah Circle	2	3 11 am AA	4	5
6 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Confirmation Class	7	8	9 1 pm Women's Meeting	10 11 am AA	11	12
13 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pr. Sharolynn Swenson Potluck <i>Palm Sunday</i> 	14	15 10 am Intentional Prayer Group	16	17 11 am AA	18 5 pm Good Friday Worship Pr. Julie 	19
20 NO Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Pr. Julie <i>Easter</i> 	21	22	23	24 11 am AA	25	26
27 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Confirmation Class Council Meeting	28	29	30			