



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
21 Mesnard St.
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THE CONNECTION

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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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Council President's News

Hello Friends –

Summer is just around the corner – a lot of us are planning vacations and summer time fun!

Please remember your church and your spiritual life during these fun filled months ahead.

We worship every Sunday morning at 10 a.m.

Make going to church a part of your summer schedule.

See you soon!

God's Peace!

Renee



June Birthdays

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



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*)



*Jean Brinkman, Deann Buckhold, Danielle Collins,
Heather Vizina Cote, George Cram, Barbara Custer, Kathy
Danielson, Ann Daughterty, Ronda Dowd, Sigrid Doyle,
Louella Ellis, Tim Elmblad, Linda Elsner, John “Paavo”*

*Falk, Joe Gaffney, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Arnold
Jestila, Nita Jestila, Linda Kinnunen, Trudy Koski, Janel LaPlante, Steve Martinac,
Joanne Mitchell, Jacey Mukka, Esther Neuner, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila
Robillard, Carol Roth, Chad Roy, Roy Stearns, Robert Stoll, Joan Thompson, Chad
& Jessica Tollefson, Lyle Verbanac, Elizabeth.*

The family and friends of Robert Aho

The family and friends of Jerry Niemi

The family and friends of Chad Tollefson

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.



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Confirmation Sunday will be held on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th with worship beginning at 10 a.m. There will be a potluck following worship to honor our Confirmands.

Those being Confirmed are: Ryan Ahola, Kenzie Bianco, Joyce Brown, Madison Chaudier, Kayden Davidson, Antonio Dumont-Carrion, Landon Marczyk.

Upcoming events

Vacation Bible School

Games Bible Story Fun Singing Crafts Dinner

August 3, 4, 5
5-7 pm
Dinner will be provided

at United Lutheran Church
21 Mesnard St.
L'Anse

For children who have
completed Kindergarten
through 5th grade.

Please register your child by July 15th so we know how many students to plan for. Registration forms are available in the church office.



Thank You!

Thank you to all who donated to the Disaster Relief fund. \$970 was collected in donations and the church added another \$300. So the total sent to Disaster Relief was \$1,270.

Prayerline

Our Prayer line has dwindled down to only a few people. This ministry is a wonderful opportunity for us all to pray for someone in their darkest days. Please consider serving on this group. Here is how it works:

We have a coordinator who is called when we receive a request for the prayerline. Sometimes someone will call Lisa in the office or call the coordinator. The prayerline is divided into two groups. The coordinator will call the first person in each group. That person will call the person below them on the list and so on. If the person you are calling does not answer, leave a message (if possible) and go on to the next person on the list. If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to Joanne Kemppainen, Renee, or Lisa. Please prayerfully consider joining our prayerline.



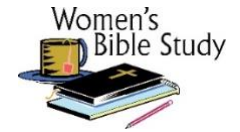
SPONSOR A BULLETIN



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).

Women’s Circle Meetings

Women’s Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, June 3rd at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall.



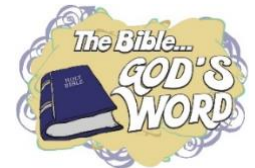
Visitation Team

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.

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 (**June 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).





June 1	Need someone
June 8	Confirmation – Potluck Lunch
June 15	Need someone
June 22	Need someone
June 29	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 June

June 1	Renee Eliason
June 8	Pastor Julie Belew
June 15	Renee Eliason
June 22	Pastor Julie Belew
June 29	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.



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Graduate Recognition was held on May 11th. We recognized three Kindergarten graduates, six High School Graduates, and one College graduate!

The Women of the Church gave out their scholarship on Sunday also.

Congratulations to **Kolyn Sweeney** for receiving the scholarship!

KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES

Bohdi Denomie, Braylin LaPlante, Briella Lytikainen

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Dollar Bay Graduate

Joshua Gaunt – Plans on attending Michigan Technological University for Mechanical Engineering.

L'Anse Graduates

Blake Harden – Plans on working and then attending Electrical Lineman School.

Alyssa Kujansuu – Plans on attending Michigan Technological University for Mechanical Engineering.

Cassie Kujansuu – Plans on attending Gogebic Community College for Nursing.

Madison Peterson – Plans on attending Northern Michigan University for Sports Science/Physical Therapy.

Kolyn Sweeney – Plans on attending Wisconsin Lutheran College for Pre-Med program.

Mallory Waara – Plans on attending Northern Michigan University for Pre-nursing.

Other graduates from L’Anse High School: Courtney Deschaine, Madysen Skytta, Keyshia Supanich

COLLEGE GRADUATE

Kimberlee Gaunt – Graduate of University of Phoenix with a Master’s in Clinical Health Counseling resulting in an LPC and Licensed Professional Counselor.

Future Plans: To serve an underserved community. I plan to become a dual-diagnosis (substance & mental health) therapist in the local area. Hopefully I will start a private practice, *Balanced Hope*, right here at United Lutheran Church.

News from the Women

Shoot, I missed it! I was unable to be at the May meeting, but reports I’ve been receiving from a number of the women who were in attendance said it was a great meeting. Thank you to Renee for leading in my absence. Donna, Roxie, and Georgia were the hostesses and brought the necessary ingredients for a delicious Taco Bar. Others in attendance provided a variety of desserts, proving once again that the United Lutheran Ladies are great cooks. The “theme” of the meeting was a Kitchen Shower.....thank you to everyone who brought “shower gifts”. The items are appreciated and will surely be put to use!

During the business part of the gathering it was decided that the Social Hall needs a face-lift. To help cover the costs, the ladies will be having a soup and sandwich luncheon sometime in September. And in preparation for this, there will be a cleaning bee in the basement sometime this summer. Watch your newsletters, Sunday bulletins and the ULC Facebook page for more specific information and dates.

Sunday, May 11th, (Mother’s Day) was also Sr. Recognition Sunday here at United. We honored our high school graduates, our kindergarten graduates, and we even had one Master’s Degree. CONGRATUATIONS, ALL! This is also the day when the LCW Scholarship is presented to an outstanding high school graduate. The selection committee had a real difficult time this year as all of the applicants “checked all of the boxes” (church attendance/activity, extra-curricular activities, GPA, and future plans) that we look at in considering who should receive the scholarship. I’m happy to say that after much deliberation, discussion, and some prayer the 2025 LCW Scholarship went to Kolyn Sweeney.

CONGRATULATIONS, KOLYN! Our prayers go with all of our graduates. May they always remember that God is with them on their new adventure.

Dr. Tonya Truesdell, Clinical Psychologist who was originally scheduled to be our guest speaker had to reschedule due to a family health issue. She has, however, penciled us in for our October meeting. That might be an even better time to talk about mental health. As I said last month, this would be well worth attending (and bring a friend!). EVERYONE can use a little mental health support.

Well, that’s it for this season. The Exec. Board will meet in August to make plans for the fall and beyond. If there is something that you would like to learn more about, or a project you would like to work on, let one of us know so we can get it scheduled in.

God’s peace,

Ruth Anne, President

Sunday School and Confirmation



Confirmation – Confirmation Sunday will be June 8th for our 7th (and 9th) graders. Those being Confirmed are: Ryan Ahola, Joy Brown, Tony Dumot-Carrion, Madison Chaudier, Landon Marczak, Kenzie Bianco, Kayden Davidson

A Prayer of Thanks for Freedom

Heavenly Father, thank You for the precious gift of freedom, the freedom to worship, to speak, and to live according to our conscience.

On this Memorial Day, we remember with deep gratitude the brave men and women who gave their lives so that we might enjoy these liberties. Their sacrifice reflects the love of Christ, who laid down His life so that we might be eternally free. Help us use our freedom wisely, to serve others, seek justice, and reflect Your light in a world longing for peace. Comfort the families who have lost loved ones in service, and remind them that their sacrifice was not in vain.

May we live each day with thankfulness and courage, honoring both their memory and Your grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.



More Youth News!

Congratulations to our youth that made the Honors Convocation at the L'Anse Area Schools.

4th Grade – Kamdyn Davidson, Easton Hoffman, Brielle Nordstrom

5th Grade – Madison LaPlante, Avery Marczak, Lillith Mares

6th Grade – Alexander Brown

7th Grade – Benthleigh Johnson, Landon Marczak

8th Grade – Bella Kokko

9th Grade – Kale Cichosz, Kayden Davidson, Samuel Lee

10th Grade – Sophia Carr

11th Grade – Lola Cichosz, Keegan Davidson, Grace Peltola

12th Grade – Courtney Deschaine, Alyssa Kujansuu, Madison Peterson, Kolyn Sweeney, Mallory Waara.

Congratulations to **Grace Peltola** and **Courtney Deschaine** for receiving the Band Scholar Awards.

Congratulations to **Kale Cichosz** for receiving the Boy's Athletic Award.

Congratulations to **Madison Peterson** for receiving the William Jarvey Memorial Award.



Congratulations to all who were nominated for the William Jarvey Award. Four of the five nominated this year are members of United Lutheran Church. Those nominated this year were: Madison Peterson, **Alyssa Kujansuu**, **Lola Cichosz**, **Keegan Davidson**, and Emmy Mensch (member at Mission United Lutheran Church).

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10 am Worship Renee	2	3 10 am Women's Bible Study	4 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting	5 11 am AA	6	7
8 10 am Worship Pr Julie Confirmation Sunday 	9	10	11	12 11 am AA	13	14 
15 10 am Worship Renee	16	17 10 am Intentional Prayer Group	18	19 11 am AA	20 	21
22 10 am Worship Pr. Julie 11 am Council Meeting	23	24	25	26 11 am AA	27	28
29 10 am Worship Renee	30				Office Hours: Mon – closed Tues, Thurs, Fri – 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Wed. – 1-4 p.m.	