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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

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Council President's News

Hello United Family –

We will be kicking off our Fall Schedule starting this month! Sunday School and Confirmation classes begin on October 5th.

We are going to have a Bible Study entitled “Walking by Faith, Not by Sight” led by Gary Crocker. Time and dates are yet to be determined.

Our Social Hall and kitchen area are going to be undergoing a face lift or maybe by the time you read this, will have already undergone a much needed facelift. Thank you to all who made this possible.

We are looking ahead to the change of the seasons and the exciting things happening here at your church.

See you in church!

Renee

October Birthdays

October 2	Zachary Lanczy
October 4	Janet Gerzetich
October 6	Delia Jo Langson
	Brenda Summers
October 7	Kerry Giddings
	Christian Morseau
October 8	Sandra Lytikainen
October 9	Shannon Anderson
October 10	Alana Jorgenson
October 11	Toni Rae Vizina
October 13	Krystal Eliason
October 17	Skyler Stein
October 18	Hunter Saari
	Hali Stockton
October 19	Landon Marczak
October 20	Patricia Anderson
October 22	Brian Jentoft
October 24	Logan Fish
	Marilyn Harden
	Cheryl Marinich
October 26	Roxane Wanhatalo
October 29	Jennifer LaPlante
October 30	Cheryl Archambeau
	Leann Davis
	Paige Koskinen





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)



John Autio, Judy Beier, Lauryn Biekkola, Heather Vizina
Cote, George Cram, Ann Daughterty, Ronda Dowd, Sigrid
Doyle, Louella Ellis, Tim Elmlad, Linda Elsner, Joe
Gaffney, Shirley Gustafson, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget

Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Arnold Jestila, Syl Jestila, Linda Kinnunen, Trudy
Koski, Janel LaPlante, Tom Lytikainen, JoAnn Markham, Steve Martinac, Jacey
Mukka, Esther Neuner, Linnea Prost, Patricia Racine, Jack Rantanen, Peggy Jestila
Robillard, Carol Roth, Chad Roy, Roy Stearns, Robert Stoll, Chad & Jessica
Tollefson, Clark Westman, Robin White, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Hank, Marty, Denise,
Kim, Bobbi, Bill, Pat.

The family and friends of Dennis Epling

The family and friends of Pam Kauranen

The family and friends of Tim McIntyre

The family and friends of Kathy Danielson

The family and friends of Rik Moilanen

The family and friends of Shirley Kallio

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.*

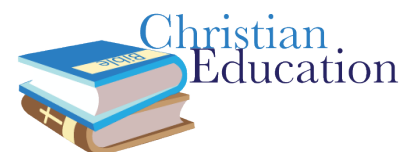
I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Blessing of the Animals Worship Service

We will have a Blessing of the Animals on
Sunday, October 12th during worship! You are
invited to bring your pet to worship

Sunday School and Confirmation!



Sunday School will begin on Sunday,
October 5th at 10 am. All children
preschool through 5th grade are welcome to attend.

Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, October 5th following
worship. These classes are open to 6th and 7th graders or anyone who
would like to attend.

Bible Study



New Bible Study Group

There will be a new Bible Study Group beginning
entitled “Walking by Faith, Not by Sight” and
will be led by Gary Crocker. The Bible Study will begin on
Wednesday, October 15th at 1 pm. This is open to all women and men
to join. We would like people to register ahead of time so that we can
order participant guides for everyone. The cost is \$10. Please contact
Renee Eliason if you are interested in joining this Bible Study.

Women's Bible Study

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 7th
at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Margo will be
Hostess.



Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 14th, at 1 p.m. at
Roselyn Ruona's.



THANK YOU! We would like to thank the former members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church for giving United Lutheran Church a Legacy Gift of \$17, 233.38. Our congregation appreciates this wonderful gift greatly!

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).

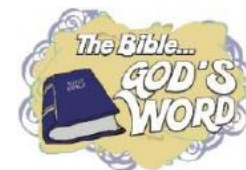


Visitation Team

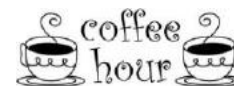
The Visitation Team has begun making home visits to offer Holy Communion. If you would like a visit to receive Holy Communion, please contact the church office and we will have someone visit you.

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 (**October 21st**) 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).



Coffee Hour for October

Oct. 5	Joanne, Lois, Annette
Oct. 12	<i>Need someone</i>
Oct. 19	Jane, Robbie, Nancy
Oct. 26	Sandy and Bill

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!

Activities at the Church!

Pictures from the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon!



Thank you! Thank you to all who participated in the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon. Your help was greatly appreciated. It was a success!

Women of the Church News

SEPTEMBER WAS A GREAT MONTH FOR THE WOMEN...

We were so fortunate to have Paula McElroy from the Baraga County Historical Society / Museum at our meeting on September 10th. What an informative presentation it was. Not only did we hear about what exciting things are happening with the museum, but we also learned about the history of our area...especially the ancient history! Anyone who has the tiniest interest in history (and even those who have no interest) would find her presentation well worth hearing. If she is speaking anywhere, take advantage of the opportunity and go listen to her. You will not be disappointed.

And then there was the Soup and Sandwich Luncheon on the 18th. **WHAT A SUCCESS!** Thank you to everyone who helped in any way. Too many people to say "Thank You" to individually, but it would not have been possible without YOU! I do, however, need to extend an individual and special thank you to Annette Lindstrom and Georgia Selden for spearheading this fund-raising project. Whether you made soup, sandwiches, or desserts, helped with the set-up, serving, clean-up, or simply came and enjoyed the delicious food, your participation was greatly appreciated. Funds raised through this event (just under \$1,400) will go to support the Scholarship/Campership fund.

In October we will welcome Clinical Psychologist Dr. Tonya Truesdell, to talk about mental health...something we are all interested in learning about. As we did last year, the ladies decided to do themed pot-luck refreshments. October will be fall/Halloween desserts. This is pot-luck style, so everyone is invited to bring their favorite fall/Halloween dessert ... but don't let bringing something be a stumbling block for you attending our meetings. Believe me, there will be plenty of food for everyone, even if you aren't able to bring something.

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Women of the Church News (Continued)

Our current outreach project is “Kleenex” (better quality tissues) and disinfectant wipes for the schools. The Tribe has provided typical school supplies for the students, but there is a great need for these items. It’s that runny-nose time of year... Please bring your donations to church and leave them in the barrier free entrance. We’ll make sure that they get to the schools. We were so fortunate to have Paula McElroy from the Baraga County Historical Society / Museum at our September meeting. What an informative presentation it was. We all learned so much about the history of our area...especially the ancient history! Anyone who has the tiniest interest in history (and even those who have no interest) would find her presentation well worth hearing. If she is speaking anywhere, take advantage of the opportunity and go listen to her. You will not be disappointed.

Monthly meetings will continue to be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 1:00 and is open to ALL women of the church and their friends. Mark your calendars and plan on joining this growing group for a time of fellowship, food, fun, and doing the work of the Lord.

October meeting – Wednesday, October 8th @ 1:00 pm.

Invite a friend and come out for a fun afternoon. Hope to see you there!

--Ruth Anne, President

Worship Leaders for October

October 5	Renee Eliason
October 12	Pastor Julie Belew
October 19	Pastor Julie Belew
October 26	Renee Eliason



Strengthening Our Faith!

Mrs. Ludolf was a Sunday School teacher, and one day while she was teaching her class, the story flashed into her mind of the woman who touched the hem of Jesus’ robe and was cured of a disease that, like her own, had plagued her for years. She realized suddenly that she had tried everything except turning to God, *really* turning to Him with faith that He could and would heal her.

So she decided to go into training, like an athlete, in an effort to strengthen her faith. She knew her faith needed strengthening because she hadn’t been using it, and like an unused muscle it had become flabby and weak. She took a Bible with a concordance, and she looked up all the verses to be found under the headings of *healing*, *health*, and *faith*. She found thirty-five of them scattered throughout the Bible. She wrote them down, word for word “as sort of a training manual for my faith.” (They are listed at the conclusion of this article.)

Then she began to carry these Scriptures everywhere she went. When her car stopped at a red light, at spare moments in the classroom, while doing housework at night before falling asleep, she read the verses and meditated on them. This became her constant routine. And gradually the thirty-five passages slowly sank into the core of her being. She began to believe, really believe, that she could be healed.

Finally, Mrs. Ludolf took a decisive leap of faith. She picked a certain day a few weeks away, and ringed it on the calendar. “Lord,” she prayed, “this is the day I’m asking for complete healing.”

Then she began one last exercise: visualizing her skin as clear and soft as a baby’s. This was hard, because the terrible red rash and the painful headaches continued. “But after a while,” she wrote, “this image, like the Scriptures, began to sink into the deep, believing places of my life.” (There is a great phrase for you: “the deep, believing places of my life” – a poetic and accurate way of describing her subconscious mind.) She also began to thank the Lord fervently for healing her, although as yet there was no evidence that He had.

In the meantime, she kept on reading her dog-eared Scripture verses, although she had long since memorized them. Day after day went by. Day after day she meditated and affirmed and prayed.

Gradually her rash began to fade and the painful headaches grew less frequent. And on the final day, the day she had marked on the calendar, she looked into the mirror through eyes brimming with tears, because the mirror told her that her affliction was gone.

“According to your faith be it unto you” (Matthew 9:39).
Believe, pray, image, give thanks and tension can be eliminated from your life.

Mrs. Ludolf did it.
You can do it, too!

Here are the thirty-five Scriptures Mrs. Ludolf used:

Proverbs 4:20-22	John 10:10
Romans 10:17	3 John 2
Matthew 7:7, 11	Hebrews 13:8
Matthew 8:7, 13	Malachi 4:2
Matthew 9:29, 35	Matthew 4:23, 24
Matthew 14:14	Psalms 91:9-10
Matthew 15:30	Proverbs 3:7,8
Matthew 17:20, 21	Exodus 15:26
Matthew 19:2	James 5:15
Mark 1:35	1 Peter 2:24
Mark 5:34	Psalms 42:11
Mark 10:52	Psalms 6:2
Mark 9:23	Psalms 41:4
Mark 11:22-24	Psalms 103:2, 3
Luke 6:19	Isaiah 53:4,5
John 14:13, 14	Jeremiah 17:14
Acts 10:38	1 John 4:4
Galatians 3:13	

Subscriptions for Newsletter



Due to the continued rising cost of postage, we are continuing with our 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.

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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	2 <i>Church Office Closed</i>	3	4
5 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Coffee hour Confirmation Class	6	7 10 am Sarah Circle	8 11 am Worship & Music 1 pm WELCA Meeting	9	10	11
12 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pr Julie Coffee Hour 11 am Council Meeting	13	14 1 pm Martha Circle at Roselyn's	15 1 pm Bible Study	16	17	18
19 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pr Juile Coffee hour Confirmation Class	20	21 10 am Intentional Prayer	22 1 pm Bible Study	23	24	25
26 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Coffee hour Confirmation Class	27	28	29 1 pm Bible Study	30	31	