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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 are at the end of our church calendar year. The end of November will be the beginning of a new church calendar year, which begins with Advent.

We have quite a few fall activities on the calendar. Please remember to check out the articles in this newsletter.

Everyone have a wonderful November!

God's Peace!

Renee

November Birthdays

November 1	Dayton Barnett
November 3	Robert Lawson
November 6	Michael Lytikainen
November 7	Eva Miller
November 9	Kayden Davidson
November 12	Barbara Marinich
	Allison Waara
November 13	Jane Mervar
November 14	Jane LeClaire
November 19	Faith LaPlante
November 21	Kenneth Kokko
November 22	David Mars
November 25	Charlie Brege
November 26	Debbie Eliason
	Grace Peltola
November 27	Lola Cichosz
November 29	Shawn Gibbons
November 30	Haylee Heikkinen





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, Lauryn Biekkola, Nancy Byrge, Heather Vizina Cote, George Cram, Ann Daugherty, Ronda Dowd, Sigrid Doyle, Tim Elmlad, Linda Elsner, Joe Gaffney, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Dony

Ison, Arnold Jestila, Syl Jestila, Buddy Keranen, Linda Kinnunen, Trudy Koski, Carol LaBeau, Janel LaPlante, JoAnn Markham, Steve Martinac, Kay McCutcheon, Jacey Mukka, Esther Neuner, Linnea Prost, Patricia Racine, Jack Rantanen, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Carol Roth, Chad Roy, Roy Stearns, Robert Stoll, Chad & Jessica Tollefson, Robin White, Elizabeth, Dorothy, Hank, Marty, Kim, Bobbi, Pat.

The family and friends of LouElla Ellis

The family and friends of Margie Gasperich

The family and friends of Tim VanBuren

The family and friends of Doug Blood

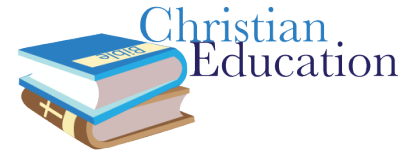
The family and friends of Barbara Bolton

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.

Sunday School and Confirmation!



Sunday School is held on Sunday mornings at 10 am. All children preschool through 5th grade are welcome to attend.

Confirmation classes will on November 2nd, and December 7th 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 is a Bible Study Group entitled “Walking by Faith, Not by Sight” and is led by Gary Crocker. The Bible Study is on Wednesday, November 5th 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, November 4th at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall. Margo will be Hostess.

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 4th at 1 p.m. at Jean Johnson's house.



Prayerline

Our Prayer line needs more 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).



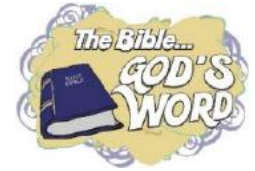
Visitation Team

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 (**November 18th**) 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 November

Nov. 2	Kristina, Steve ,and Brooke
Nov. 9	Birthday Party for Eva Miller
Nov. 16	Need someone
Nov. 23	Need someone
Nov. 30	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!

Helping a Family in Need!

Hi Friends/Family:

First, I hope this post isn't considered "tacky", but it's the only way we could think of to enable reaching as many as possible to help our friend, Dawn Maki, and family.

Dawn has been, and will continue for quite some time, dealing with many serious health issues in her family. Here is a summary: First, her granddaughter, Isabella Rose, was born Aug. 15th, with serious health issues. This beautiful, precious baby has undergone many procedures, and is in need of a heart transplant. She is still in Ann Arbor at U of M Hospital. Dawn had planned on being there for Isabella's birth, but Paul was airlifted to Mayo with heart failure. He had major surgery and finally got to come home Sept. 12th. Then Dawn & Paul's daughter, Katherine was diagnosed in Marquette for Guillain Bare syndrome. It was in her hands and now she is having a very hard time walking. She was transferred to St. Vincent hospital in Green Bay where they are praying for improvement. To top it off, some of her grandkids just had hoof and mouth disease. Dawn is employed with Baraga Area Schools as a ParaPro, but is currently on leave to tend to her family.

We cannot imagine how scary and stressful this has been/is for Dawn, and her family. It's not over yet, Dawn said it is going to be a long road to recovery for Kat and Isabella. We have been in contact with Dawn, she said people have provided meals and lots of prayers are being said, which she is so thankful for. Dawn is helping watch Kat's little girl, traveling to Green Bay to be with Kat, and praying to see her granddaughter, Isabella.

We are asking for donations to help Dawn~towards gas cards/gift cards. PLEASE help out. Thanksgiving season is approaching, please let Dawn be thankful for all that care about her & her family. If you can donate, please do so at Wilkinson's Store, or Diane Mayo, Cindy Giddings, or MaryDee Shanahan. We will each have a card you can sign, which I know will mean a lot to Dawn~showing how many care. Please help.

Thank you.

Sue Wilson

Women of the Church News

Once again the Women of United were blessed with an interesting guest speaker, great fellowship, and (as always) awesome refreshments. Clinical Psychologist Dr. Tonya Truesdell was here to discuss mental health which is such a vast subject that she was only able to share with us a broad overview. However, she will be back for our January meeting to get into more specific details. So if there is an aspect of mental health that you would like to learn more about, let Ruth Anne know and she will forward the request on the Tonya.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our outreach project and brought "Kleenex" and disinfectant wipes. They have been brought to the school just in time for that runny-nose season.

During the business portion of our meeting, it was decided to host another Friendsgiving Dinner as our November meeting. A sign-up sheet was made available for ladies to indicate how many friends they would have coming with them and also what food item they would be willing to bring. A group of ladies then met again on Monday, Oct. 27th, to fine-tune the event. According to the sign-up sheet, there will be about 50 ladies attending and a great variety of Thanksgiving Dinner "sides" in addition to the turkey and dressing, for our eating enjoyment.

Looking ahead, the December meeting will be the traditional Christmas gathering. We will be putting up a giving tree for the residents at Rolling Meadows in Covington and encouraging members of the congregation to help out. And let's not forget the Annual **COOKIE WALK**. It's time to start looking at our recipes and watch for the sales of our necessary ingredients.

That being said, this is a time of year when finances are stretched to their limits, but I'm praying that we can all stretch a little more. The news that SNAP benefits are being stopped is devastating for many of our friends and neighbors. The benefits may be stopped, but the need

to feed our families does not. I encourage everyone to dig deep and support our own ULC food pantry. When you are out shopping for your own needs, pick up an extra something and bring it to church.

As always, the 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.

Next gathering – Friendsgiving Dinner – Wed., Nov. 12th, 1:00 pm.

--Ruth Anne, President



Worship Leaders for October

November 2	Renee Eliason
November 9	Pastor Julie Belew
November 16	Pastor Julie Belew
November 23	Renee Eliason
November 30	Pastor Bonnie Kinnunen

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.

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

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ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKS

There will be Advent Devotional Books available for pick in the Barrier-free entrance. Watch for them near the middle of November.

What Does Advent Mean?

In Christianity, Advent refers to the period of four weeks leading up to Christmas. It begins on the Sunday closest to November 30 ([St. Andrew's Day](#)) and ends on December 24. It is a time of anticipation and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day.

Some people may know that the Advent season focuses on expectation and think it serves as an anticipation of Christ's birth in the season leading up to Christmas. This is part of the story, but there's more to Advent.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, which means "coming" or "arrival," which translates to the Greek word *parousia*. Scholars believe that during the 4th and 5th centuries in Spain and Gaul, Advent was a season of preparation for the baptism of new Christians at the January feast of Epiphany, the celebration of God's incarnation represented by the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus ([Matthew 2:1](#)), his baptism in the Jordan River by [John the Baptist](#) ([John 1:29](#)), and his first miracle at Cana ([John 2:1](#)). During this season of preparation, Christians would spend 40 days in penance, prayer, and fasting to prepare for this celebration; originally, there was little connection between Advent and Christmas.

What is Advent?

[Advent is a four-week season](#) dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus [Christ's Nativity](#) at Christmas time as well and Christ's expected return in the [Second Coming](#). During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme - hope, peace, joy, and love. Christians from all

denominations and backgrounds celebrate Advent in different ways but all focus on the anticipation of waiting for the arrival of Jesus.

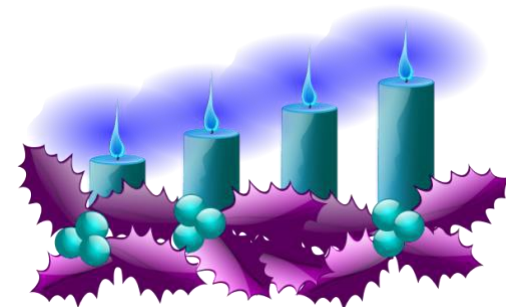
"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come." ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"God of hope, I look to you with an open heart and yearning spirit. During this Advent season, I will keep alert and awake, listening for your word and keeping to your precepts. My hope is in you." ~ Matthew Kelly

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." [Isaiah 7:14](#)

Advent Liturgical Traditions and Celebrations

To balance the two elements of remembrance and anticipation, the first two Sundays in Advent (through December 16th) look forward to [Christ's second coming](#), and the last two Sundays look backward to remember Christ's first coming. Over the course of the four weeks, Scripture readings move from passages about Christ's return in judgment to Old Testament passages about the expectation of the coming Messiah to New Testament passages about the announcements of Christ's arrival by [John the Baptist](#) and the Angels.



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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 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Coffee hour Confirmation Class	3	4 10 am Sarah Circle 1 pm Martha Circle @ Jean Johnson's	5 1 pm Bible Study	6 12 noon Worship & Music	7	8
9 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pr Julie Birthday Party for Eva Miller	10	11 11 am Set up for Friendsgiving Dinner	12 1 pm Friendsgiving Dinner	13	14	15
16 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pr Juile Coffee hour 11 am Council meeting	17	18 10 am Intentional Prayer	19 1 pm Bible Study	20	21	22
23 10 am SS 10 am Worship 30 NO SS 10 am Worship	24	25	26 1 pm Bible Study	27	28	29