



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
21 Mesnard St.
L' Anse, MI 49946

THE CONNECTION

June-July 2026



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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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Sue Coffey, Secretary	906-524-7255
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July Birthdays

News from our Council President!

Happy Summer 2026!

This is a combined June and July newsletter since things slow down during the summer months.

I have to tell you all that it has been wonderful having our church so full during the month of May with all of the special recognitions such as Mother's Day, Graduate Recognition and Confirmation. My hope is that people will continue to come and worship with me each Sunday.

We are looking for volunteers to caulk our education wing windows. They are in serious need of attention. It would be wonderful if that could be accomplished by volunteers.

We are going to have VBS again this summer on August 2, 3, and 4. We have a planning meeting on Monday, June 15th at 5 p.m. We had a blast last summer. Please consider helping out, provide a meal, send treats, come and help each night! Come and help us plan the event!

Wishing you all a happy, fun, safe summer! I am hoping for a lot of warm, sunny days. The beach is calling me!

God's Peace!

Renee

July 1	Kaila Copley James T. Stein
July 6	Nancy Bernard
July 7	Morgan Gibbons
July 13	Jean Baril
July 14	Callie DeLeon
July 16	Lillith Mares
July 20	Carol Roth
July 25	Robert Eliason Margo Jentoft Sara LeClaire
July 27	Isaac Collins
July 28	Madison LaPlante



June Birthdays

June 2	Kellen Koskinen
	Mallory Waara
June 4	Jerry Eliason
	Bobby Eliason
	Nora Flannery
	Dorothy Niemela
	Corinne Saarinen
June 6	Arlene Cress
	Katie Pynnonen
June 7	Rosie Knisely
	Kathy Teddy
June 8	Jane Elmblad
	Brooks Pynnonen
June 9	Lisa Cichosz
June 11	Evelyn Nordstrom
June 13	Madison Fish
June 18	Kinsley Saari
	Brad Tapani
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

Mark Your Calendar!

Vacation Bible School will be held on August 2-4 from 5-7 pm. All children ages 5 years through 5th grade. We are looking for high school helpers. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jennifer Davidson or call the church office.



PLANNING MEETING FOR VBS: There will be a planning meeting on June 15th from 5-6 pm. Anyone interested in helping plan VBS, please attend this meeting.

Send Cards



We are inviting the congregation to send cards to Janel LaPlante. Janel is facing a big surgery in June and it would cheer her up to receive cards from the congregation. Janel's address is: Janel LaPlante, 17332 Kent St., L'Anse, MI 49946

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: George Cram, Jean Brinkman.

At Canal View, Hancock, MI: Carol Roth.



Erica Archambeau, John Autio, Skip and Cindy Barrett,
Lauryn Biekkola, Jean Brinkman, Josh Brown, Tina
Connor, Heather Vizina Cote, Nancy Crocker, Ann
Daugherty, Ronda Dowd, Sigrid Doyle, Linda Elsner,

Deanna Foucault, Joe Gaffney, Dennis Heikkinen, Carol Hendrix, John Henry, Ann
(LeClaire) Hiltunen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Larry Kangas, Buddy
Keranen, Linda Kinnunen, Trudy Koski, Janel LaPlante, Findlay Lloyd, Mason
Lloyd, Leona Magnant, Kat Maki, Paul Maki Jr, and family, JoAnn Markham, Peter
Martinac, Steve Martinac, Kay McCutcheon, Jacey Mukka, Esther Neuener, Gloria
Niemisto, Patricia Racine, Janet Roberts, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Carol Roth,
Roselyn Ruona, Jeanene Sanregret, Chad and Jessica Tollefson, Derek Wanhatalo,
Derek Willmott, Elizabeth, Hank, Marty, Kim, Bobbi, Pat, Dave, Jeff, Martha, Rob,
Cassidy.

The family and friends of Clark Westman

The family and friends of June Sullivan

The family and friends of Oscar Larson

The family and friends of Laila Majeski

The family and friends of Barbara DesLaurier

The family and friend of Aaron Butterfield

The family and friends of Darin Sikkila

The family and friends of Roy Stearns

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.

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).



Sunday School and Confirmation

Sunday School is over until the fall. Thank you to Lisa DesLaurier and Sandy Lytikainen for teaching our young people.



Confirmation – Confirmation classes are over until the fall. All students going into 6th and 7th grade, please remember that if you attend worship, please fill out a worship note. If you do any community service (like lighting the candles or collecting the offering or reading in church), please fill out a community service hour sheet. These fill out forms can be placed in the red wire basket in the copy room.

Thank you to Lisa DesLaurier and Renee Eliason for leading our Confirmation program.



Readers Needed: PLEASE sign up on the sheet in the Barrier-free Entrance, if you would like to read one Sunday in church.

COFFEE HOUR

There is no one signed up for coffee hour for June or July. If you would like to serve coffee after worship, please sign up on the sheet by the entrance to the church. If no one signs up there will not be a coffee hour that day! Thank you!

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.



DONATIONS are needed for the food pantry.

NEEDED: 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, paper towels, 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.

THANK YOU!!

THANK YOU to everyone who helps keep the pantry stocked with non-perishable items. A good way to help with this is by picking up one thing for the food pantry every time you go shopping.



Worship & Music Committee

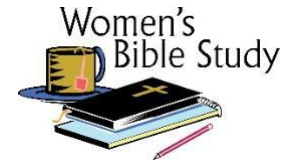


The Worship and Music Committee will meet on July 9th at 10 am. The Committee will not meet in June.

Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 2nd at 10 a.m.

Martha Circle will not meet during the summer.



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.

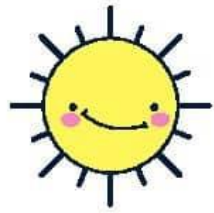
Empty Pill Bottles



We are continuing to collect your **EMPTY PILL BOTTLES**. This is part of the Matthew 25 Ministry program which ships them with medical supplies to disaster relief areas. There is a collection box in the barrier-free entrance at United. Or, if it's more convenient for you, there is also a collection box at the Baragaland Senior Center.

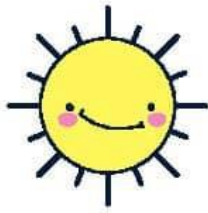
Please wash out your empty pill bottles with hot, soapy water and be sure to remove all labels.

This recycling program is a win-win opportunity for people who have drawers full of empties, for people in need and for the environment. Thank you for your participation and please spread the word.



Summer

By: Ellwyn Autumn



Summer is a time for fun,
To jump and play in the sun!

Swimming, sandcastles, slip-and-slides,
Bumper cars and thrilling rides!

Summer is a time for fun,
To eat a hotdog on a bun!

Camping and amusement parks,
Bright fireworks in the dark!

Summer is a time for fun,
To blow bubbles and catch each one!

Shells, sandals, and the seashore,
Sprinklers, picnics, and so much more!

Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer!
Thank you for the warmth of the sun
and the increased daylight.
Thank You for the beauty I see all around me
and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation.
Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family,
and for the more casual pace of the summer season.
Draw me closer to You this summer.
Teach me how I can pray
no matter where I am or what I am doing.
Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence
and light my path with Your Word and Counsel.
As I enjoy Your creation, create in me
a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You.



<https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/summer-prayers>



News from the Women

A small, but very dedicated group of ladies met on May 13th. This was our end-of-year gathering as we take the summer off. Paula McElroy from the Baraga County Historical Society / Museum was our special guest bringing us up-to-date with what is happening with the Museum.

The LCW Scholarship Selection Committee had a difficult decision to make this year. Ultimately, since the criteria is based on church attendance / activity it was my honor to present the 2026 LCW Scholarship to Keegan Davidson who attends church every Sunday and is always available to help with whatever project needs workers. Congratulations Keegan. May God go with you, and all graduates, as you journey into new adventures.

It's summer – time for Fortune Lake camper season. Have you submitted your application? Does Lisa in the church office know? Lisa is the one who keeps tract of this for our “Camperships”, so if you haven't let her know, please do so as soon as possible.

The Executive Board will be meeting sometime during the summer to work on the programming for next year. If you have any ideas for a speaker or special project you would like to have at one of our meetings, please let one of us know...Ruth Anne Connor, Nancy Bernard, Renee Eliason, Marilyn Harden, or Leann Davis. Clinical Psychologist Tonya Truesdell is already scheduled for October to talk more about mental health.

As always, ALL women are invited to join us and bring a friend, if you want. If you have not attended a Women of the Church meeting in the past, please consider adding it to your monthly schedule of activities. In addition to the fellowship and food we always have fun ... even the months when it's an “educational” program. Please plan on joining us in the fall when we resume our meetings. You'll not regret it!

Hope to see you there!

God's peace,

Ruth Anne, President



There was no Council Meeting in May. So there is no Financial Information available.

ATTENDANCE FOR April

	2026	2025
April 5/6	101	??
April 12/13	??	111
April 19/20	125	127
April 26/27	68	70
Weekly Average	98	102



United Lutheran Youth



Confirmation Class 2026

Back row: Leader – Renee Eliason, Cade Roy, Kyler Wilson, Kieran Davidson, Pastor Julie Belew.

Front row: Aria VanAlstine, Lylliana Wanhatalo, Adelyn Snyder.



Graduate Recognition 2026

L to R: Allyson VanAlstine, Keegan Davidson, Cole Roy, Lola Cichosz, Grace Peltola, Lindsay Biekkola.



Congratulations to Grace Peltola who won the Jarvey Award this year.

Congratulations to Keegan Davidson for receiving the WELCA Scholarship from United Lutheran Church, L'Anse.



July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Monday: Closed Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9 am -1 pm Wednesday: 1-4 pm			1	2	3	4
5 10 am Worship	6	7 10 am Sarah Circle	8	9	10	11
12 10 am Worship	13	14	15	16	17 Wedding Rehearsal	18 4:30 pm VanAlstine/Peterson Wedding
19 10 am Worship	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship	27	28	29	30	31	

June 2026

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 Sarah Circle	3	4	5	6
7 10 am Worship	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 10 am Worship	15 5 pm VBS Bible Planning Meeting	16	17	18	19	20
21 10 am Worship	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 10 am Worship	29	30				