



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
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THE CONNECTION

August 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.

United Lutheran Church of America Members

Sue Coffey, Secretary	906-524-7255
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News from our Council President!

We are into August at this time! Our fall schedule will begin in a couple of months!

Please note everything in the newsletter that is happening! There is not a lot happening in August but watch for the September newsletter to see our fall schedule!

Thank you to all those who stayed for our Special Congregational meeting on July 12th to vote on replacing our roof on the education wing and the flat roof between the education wing and the older part of the church. It is much needed. This will be taking place later in August. We will also be having someone caulk the windows on the education wing.

We are getting things done here at United Lutheran Church! Enjoy the rest of your summer! Don't forget to join us for worship on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.

God's Peace!

Renee

August 1	Thomas Brown David Harden, Jr. Jane Olson
August 3	Jason Eliason Cooper LaPlante
August 4	Lisa Collins Lori Snow
August 6	Karl Kokko
August 9	Lucas Kissel Linnea Prost
August 10	Kelsey Lindstrom
August 12	Jeanne Anderson Renee Eliason Mark Lindstrom
August 13	Brittney Newman
August 15	Kristine Kokko Braylin LaPlante
August 16	Janel LaPlante
August 17	Kyle Ahola Alexander Brown Elaine Whitman
August 18	Birgit Mars
August 20	Miles VanAlstine
August 21	Jerry DesLaurier Sylvia Jestila
August 23	Susan Copley Jenna Isaacson Henry LaFave Jill Lawson
August 24	Khloe Skoglund
August 25	Jenny Heikkinen
August 27	Roger Copley
August 29	Shirley Soli
August 30	Kurt Allert Lisa DesLaurier



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, Nancy
Byrge, Sue Collins, Ruth Anne Connor, Tina Connor,
Heather Vizina Cote, Jan Cram, Haven Kiley Curtis, Ann*

*Daugherty, Ronda Dowd, Linda Elsner, Deanna Foucault, Carol Hendrix, John
Henry, Ann (LeClaire) Hiltunen, Dawson Hoffman, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce
Hoskins, Jean Johnson, Larry Kangas, Buddy Keranen, Linda Kinnunen, Trudy
Koski, Janel LaPlante, Findlay Lloyd, Mason Lloyd, Leona Magnant, Kat Maki,
JoAnn Markham, Peter Martinac, Steve Martinac, Kay McCutcheon, Sandy Menge,
Jacey Mukka, Esther Neuener, Gloria Niemisto, Patricia Racine, Janet Roberts,
Peggy Jestila Robillard, Carol Roth, Roselyn Ruona, Melissa Schulz, Chad and
Jessica Tollefson, Derek Wanhatalo, Elizabeth, Hank, Marty, Kim, Bobbi, Pat,
Dave, Jeff, Martha, Rob, Cassidy.*

The family and friends of Clarence Haapala

The family and friends of Diane Hedman

The family and friends of Dorothy Mayo

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.

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. The last day (Tuesday, August 4th) will be held at the L’Anse Township Park. The church will provide hot dogs and buns. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to join us for this wonderful time of food, fellowship, and fun!



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).



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 August or September. 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!

THANK YOU to Ken and Kris Kokko and Georgia Selden for helping clean the church while Robin Byrge is off. Your help is greatly appreciated.

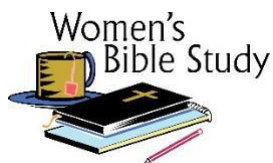


Worship & Music Committee

The Worship and Music Committee will meet on August 6th at 10 am.

Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, August 4th at 10 a.m.



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.

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.





REGISTER NOW!

Join us for the 2026 Fall
Lifelong Faith Formation Classes

The Church's Role in a Divided Society: Public Deliberative Dialog

With Rev. Sharolyn Swenson and Rev. J. Michael Mills

One Session on Thursday, September 24, 2026

Held in-person at Bethany, Ishpeming, MI with Zoom curated space also available.

6:30-8:30 pm Eastern / 5:30-7:30 pm Central

Encountering God in the Modern Middle East

With Todd Holmstrom – Mondays, September 21, 28, and October 5, 12

7:00-8:00 pm Eastern / 6:00-7:00 pm Central

Lutheranism 101: Lens, God's Grace, and Essentials

With Bishop Katherine Finegan, Rev. Tim Johnston, and Rev. J. Michael Mills

7:00-8:00 pm Eastern / 6:00-7:00 pm Central

Thursday, October 29 – The Lutheran Lens

Wednesday, November 4 – God's Grace

Wednesday, November 11 – Essential Lutheran Tidbits

The Pollinator Garden

With members of the NE MN Synod Pollinator Plot Steering Committee
and Good Shepherd, Peshtigo, WI

One Session on Thursday, September 17

7:00 – 8:30 pm Eastern / 6:00 – 7:30 pm Central

The Prophets: Their Voice, Context, and Significance

With Rev. Philip Johnson - Tuesdays, October 20, 27, and November 3, 10

7:00-8:15 pm Eastern, 6:00-7:15 pm Central

Walking through Mark: Preparing for Year B

With Rev. Nicole Hanson-Lynn - Sundays, September 20 – November 15

7:00-8:00 pm Eastern, 6:00-7:00 pm Central

United Lutheran Members at Fortune Lake



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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 Worship - Renee 5-7 pm VBS	3 5-7 pm VBS	4 10 am Sarah Circle 5-7 pm VBS at L'Anse Township Park, Skanee Road	5	6 10 am Worship & Music	7	8
9 10 am Worship – Renee Council Meeting	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 10 am Worship Pr Bonny	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 10 am Worship Pr Julie 30 10amWorship Pr Julie	24 31	25	26	27	28	29