



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
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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

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

September is here! The weather is changing and the leaves will soon be changing (if they are not changing already). Fall brings our church to a time when our programs begin again for the fall/winter/spring.

The Women of the Church will have their first meeting for the Fall; we will have our Quarterly potluck at the end of September to kickoff our Sunday School and Confirmation programs, which will begin in October. (Check out the articles on other pages of the newsletter.)

There are other things that have been or are happening as we move into September.

Our roof project has been completed. We are in the process of renting out the parsonage. And there is so much more that will be happening in the near future.

Please watch for the October Newsletter (which will be published early) for more information on Sunday School, Confirmation and other events coming up!!

Blessings to all as we enter into the fall season!

God's Peace!

Renee



September Birthdays

September 3	Scott Swanson
September 4	Carol Hendrix
September 9	Gerald Niemi
	Alissa Robillard
September 10	Dorothy Juutilainen
September 11	Charlene Kangas
September 12	Elizabeth Cram-DeLeon
	Ryan DesLaurier
September 14	Thomas Lytikainen
September 15	Robert Ranta
	James Roth
September 17	Aamani Denomie
September 18	Lindsay Biekkola
	Blake Harden
September 19	Stephanie DesLaurier
	Lauren Gabe
	William Johnson
	Chad Tollefson
September 22	Madissen Swanson
September 24	Lauryn Biekkola
	Gerald Johnson
	Kay McIntyre
September 27	Mark Jentoft
September 30	Lori Johnson

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., Carol Hendrix.

At Canal View, Hancock, MI: Carol Roth.



Erica Archambeau, Lorie Arendt, 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, Mary Ann Dompier, Ronda Dowd, Linda Elsner, Deanna Foucault, Wendy Goodreau, 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, Paul Perry, Patricia Racine, Janet Roberts, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Carol Roth, Roselyn Ruona, Melissa Schulz, Kim Sirrine, Chad and Jessica Tollefson, Derek Wanhatalo, Brantley Wicke, Elizabeth, Hank, Marty, Kim, Bobbi, Pat, Dave, Jeff, Martha, Rob, Cassidy.

The family and friends of Katy Lukas

The family and friends of Kristen Hill

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!

Fall Quarterly Potluck

Our Fall Quarterly Potluck will be held on Sunday, September 27th following worship. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FALL SCHEDULE: Our fall schedule will be out for the October Newsletter. Watch for the October Newsletter in a few weeks with our fall schedule!

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

Please check the sign up sheet for coffee hour! 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!

Worship & Music Committee

The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Thursday, September 10th at 10 a.m. at the church.

Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, September 1st 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.



A Prayer of Thanks

Thank you, God, for the pleasures of summer,
the bright sunny days and perfect moonlit evenings,
the smells of mowed grass and air thick with rain.

Thank you for days at the lake
and evenings chasing fireflies,
for vacations and festivals,
picnics and cookouts,
baseball and concerts and swimsuits and popsicles.

Thank you for the fireworks of thunderstorms,
for watermelon sweetness,
for summer's pace and summer's grace,
for all your beauty and power, faithfulness and
fecundity
displayed in summer,

Amen.



WELCA News



WELCA's Executive Board met on Wednesday, August 27th to discuss plans and programming for the coming year. Few plans were actually written in stone as it was decided to get input from the whole group of women. The only scheduled program was having Clinical Psychologist Tonya Truesdell return to speak at our October meeting. This is a rescheduling from last year when the meeting was cancelled because of weather.

Another of the decisions was that the Ladies would have their first meeting of the "new year" on **Wednesday, September 9 at 1:00**. This meeting is vital for **ALL WOMEN** to attend as we will be discussing a number of items and making important decisions which will impact everyone.

One item on the agenda will be hostesses for the year. Renee, Nancy B., Marilyn and Leann have volunteered to host the September meeting, but we will be looking for hostesses for the following months. Please consider with whom you might be willing to serve and which month will work best for your schedule. (Typically, meetings will be at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of the month.)

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. You'll not regret it!

Hope to see you there!

Ruth Anne, President

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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 10 am Sarah Circle	2	3	4	5
6 10 am Worship Renee	7	8	9 1 pm WELCA Meeting	10 10 am Worship & Music	11	12
13 10 am Worship Renee Council Meeting	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 10 am Worship Pr Julie	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 10 am Worship Pr Julie Quarterly Potluck	28	29	30			