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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!

Happy Fall United Family –

With the change of the season upon us, we have some exciting news to share.

We have a wonderful opportunity to become part of the Copper Country Community Coalition. We will be one of five churches sharing in ministry a pastoral couple. This is something new and exciting and there are a lot of unanswered questions at this time, but I can share with you that this is a great opportunity for United to have our own pastors in the pulpit.

Please comes to worship on SATURDAY, October 10th at 5 p.m. to worship with the Pastoral candidates. There will be a potluck following the service, a time to meet and visit the candidates.

There will be NO Sunday worship service on October 11th here at United, but there will be a service in Ontonagon on Sunday morning, if you choose to go there.

Sunday School and Confirmation will begin on Sunday, October 18th. Please join me in praying for our church and the other four churches that are considering this new adventure in our spiritual lives. Let us pray that this will be a great spiritual opportunity for all of us.

God's Peace –

Renee



October Birthdays

October 2	Zachary Lanczy
October 4	Janet Gerzetich
October 6	Delia Jo Langson
	Brenda Summers
	Pr. Bonny Kinnunen
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: 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, Rusty Jolgren, 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, Christopher Schjoth, Melissa Schulz, Kim Sirrine, Chad and Jessica Tollefson, Derek Wanhatalo, Brantley Wicke, Elizabeth, Hank, Marty, Kim, Bobbi, Pat, Dave, Jeff, Martha, Rob, Cassidy, Christie.

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.



Meet the Pastoral Candidates Worship & Potluck

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend worship on **Saturday, October 10th at 5 p.m.** to meet the Pastoral

Candidates. They will lead worship. There will be a potluck dinner after worship. Please bring a dish to share. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS TIME OF WORSHIP, FOOD, and FELLOWSHIP!!

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO WORSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th.

If you cannot make it to worship on Saturday evening, the Pastoral candidates will be leading worship at Siloa Lutheran Church in Ontonagon on Sunday, October 11th at 10:30 a.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO POTLUCK ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH.... The Potluck will be held on Saturday, October 10th following worship.



ALTAR GUILD MEETING: There will be an Altar Guild meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 4 p.m. for ALL Altar Guild Members. We will be going over procedures and will be looking for suggestions for new ideas. Please plan on being there.

Worship & Music Committee

The Worship & Music Committee will meet on Thursday, October 8th at 10 a.m. at the 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!

Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 10 a.m.

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 6th at 1 p.m. at Annette Lindstrom's house.



Visitation Team



The Visitation Team continues to make 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.

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.

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.



EXPENSES & INCOME FOR August

	YTD	TOTAL BUDGET
Expenses:	\$33,221.00*	\$ 90,366
Income:	\$ 6,590.00	\$ 70,651.62
CHECKBOOK	Balance 7/31/2026	\$ 37,034.79
	Balance: 8/31/2026	\$ 67,194.32
Window Fund Savings Acct. Balance		\$ 7,441.22
General Fund Savings Acct. Balance		\$ 47,437.52

*50% of roof expense was paid to McGrath in the amount of \$28,350.

9 month CD at BCFCU for \$58,267.40 matured on 7/28/2026. This amount went into the General Fund Savings account as of 7/31/2026.

A cashier's check was issued in the amount of \$56,700 and deposited into the checking account at SNB. This was used to pay for the roof.

Remaining balance of CD in the amount of \$3,145.67 is in Savings at BCFCU.

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.



Cookie Walk “Bakeless Bakesale” – November 1st.



Remember when we used to be asked to bring our baked goods to the bank corner during Sidewalk Sales Days? Now our community no longer celebrates Sidewalk Sale Days, therefore no fund-raising bake sale for us. At our September meeting, the Women of the Church decided that in light of the rising cost of necessary ingredients, we would give our members a bit of a break and not have a Cookie Walk this year.

These events were the fund-raising activities to support our Campership / Scholarship Program. As great as it is that the number of youth attending Fortune Lake Camp each summer is increasing, that means we still need a way to support this program. With that in mind, we are going to be having a “Bakeless Bake Sale”.

For those of you not familiar with this concept ... a Bakeless Bake Sale is just a fund-raising activity which requires very little work. You figure out how much you would spend on ingredients to bake something (in this case for the Cookie Walk) and donate an equal amount of money to the Women. For your convenience, specially marked envelopes will be available indicating your donation is for the Bakeless Bake Sale. If you do not use the pre-marked envelopes, just be sure to indicate on the envelope that you use that it is for the **BAKELESS BAKE SALE**. Bring it to church with you on November 1st or any time before then and put it in the offering plate.

Thank you for whatever amount you decide to contribute. All monies will go into the Campership / Scholarship Fund



WELCA News

Well, not as many women were in attendance as we were hoping for, but those who were there accomplished a lot of important business. Most

notably was the decision regarding the Annual Cookie Walk. Taking into consideration the rising cost of ingredients, it was decided to NOT have a Cookie Walk in 2026. This has been one of the major fund raising events to support our Campership and Scholarship program and since the number of Camperships has been increasing in the last few years, it was decided that a fund raising activity was still needed. Therefore, on NOVEMBER 1 we will be having a “Bakeless Bakesale”. (*See separate article.*) Special “Bakeless Bakesale” envelopes will be available at church, or you can provide your own envelope, just be sure to mark it “Bakeless Bakesale”. No other fund-raising activities will take place until 2027.

Another decision made was regarding our “refreshments” at the meetings. We will go back to the former method of having just a couple hostesses providing the food – no longer a themed pot-luck meal with everyone expected to bring something -- just a simple something to have with a cup of coffee (or other beverage).

Clinical Psychologist Tonya Truesdell will be with us in October, once again speaking with on mental health. This is a rescheduling from last year when the meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions. Kris and Jeanne have volunteered to be hostesses.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 14 @ 1:00

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!

God’s peace,
Ruth Anne, President

Sunday School and Confirmation



Sunday School is every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School is for preschool through 5th grade. **Sunday School will begin on Sunday, October 18th at 10 a.m.**

Registration forms will be available on the first day of Sunday School.

Confirmation – Confirmation class will begin on Sunday, October 18th. Please make sure to fill out the forms that were mailed to you and return them to the church office. Confirmation is for 6th and 7th grade.

All children are welcome!

Worship Leaders for October

October 4	Renee Eliason
October 11	Pastoral Candidates
October 18	Renee Eliason
October 25	Pastor Julie Belew

ATTENDANCE

Date	2026	2025
August 2/3	58	44
August 9/10	42	62
August 16/17	51	42
August 23/24	41	50
August 30/31	48	51
Average for Feb.	48	49

God's Work. Our Hands. Project

2026 Cleaning Headstones



More Pictures from 2026 Cleaning Headstones

October 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 10 am Worship Renee	5	6 10 am Sarah Circle 1 pm Martha Circle @ Annette Lindstrom's	7	8 10 am Worship & Music	9	10 5 pm Worship with Pastoral Candidates Potluck following worship
11 NO WORSHIP	12	13 6 pm Council meeting	14 1 pm WELCA Meeting	15	16	17
18 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Confirmation following Worship	19	20	21 4 pm Altar Guild Meeting	22	23	24 12-4 Baby Shower
25 10 am Worship Pr Julie Baptism Confirmation following Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31 