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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.



News from the Council

Notes from the February Council Meeting:

- President Renee Eliason thanked everyone for serving and hopes that this will be another year of growth for our congregation.
- Worship & Music Committee met and set our Holy Week and Easter Schedule. Palm Sunday, March 24th, 5th graders will receive 1st Holy Communion at 10 am with Pastor Jim Duehring leading worship. A potluck will follow worship. Church council is in charge of set up and clean up for the potluck/
March 29th - Good Friday worship will be at 5 pm with Pr. Julie Belew leading worship.
March 31st - Easter Sunday worship will be at **9:30 am** with Pr. Julie Belew leading worship – **PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME OF WORSHIP.**
- Christian Education decided that there will be NO Sunday School on Sunday, March 24th Palm Sunday and Sunday, March 31st Easter Sunday, and Sunday, April 7th (Spring Break). Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 14th.
- The council approved the purchase of a new computer system for the secretary's office.
- Synod Assembly will be Saturday, May 18th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Hancock, (for Conference 2). We are looking for two members to attend Synod Assembly.



March Birthdays

March 1	Alex Gabe
March 4	Dennis Heikkinen
March 5	Kimberly Lawson
March 8	Curt Wanhatalo
March 11	Zaine Wanhatalo
March 13	Adelyn Snyder
March 15	Victor Elmlad
	Jan LaFave
March 18	Arthur Anderson
	Vicki Martinac
March 28	Kerri Koskinen
	Derek Wanhatalo
March 30	Patricia Stein
March 31	David Harden, Sr.
	Joshua Brown



Articles for Newsletter

Looking for ideas and articles for the newsletter. What would you like to see? Do you have information to be put in the newsletter? We will be publishing the newsletter every month... **the newsletter deadline for the April Newsletter is the 10th of April.** Please submit any information to the church office by that date to be included in the next newsletter



GOOD SAMARITAN FUND

The Good Samaritan Fund is used to help out people in our congregation and community who are in need. Sometimes it is a food card, sometimes it is for gas in their car to get to an appointment, etc. The Good Samaritan Fund is continually being used. If you would like to donate to the Good Samaritan Fund, please put your donation into an envelope and mark it "Good Samaritan Fund" with your name on the envelope.

This fund is in need of donations at this time. Please consider helping out if you can.

Food card and gas card donations are also needed!

*Thank
You!*

Thank you to all who have helped support this much needed outreach ministry.



PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday worship will be on Sunday, March 24th, at 10 a.m. This will also be First Communion for the Fifth Graders. Pastor Jim Duehring will be leading worship.

There will be a Potluck Breakfast following worship. Please bring a dish to share.

Join us on Palm Sunday for worship, fellowship, and food! Also also to congratulate our Fifth grade students!



GOOD FRIDAY

Good Friday worship will be on Friday, March 29th at 5 p.m. with Pastor Julie Belew leading worship.

Everyone is welcome to attend!

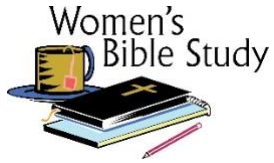
EASTER WORSHIP

Easter Sunday Worship will be at **9:30 a.m.** (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGE) with Pastor Julie Belew leading worship

Everyone is welcome to attend!



TIME CHANGE – Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 9th, before you go to sleep.



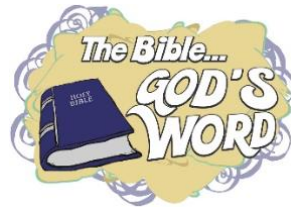
Women's Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 5th at 10 a.m. at United Lutheran Church. Kris Kokko, Jenni and Janel LaPlante will be hostesses.

Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, March 5th at 1 p.m. at United Lutheran Church.

INTENTIONAL PRAYER: Our Faithful Innovations team has been working on a project. Intentional Prayer.

The Faithful Innovation team will meet every third Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Intentional Prayers. This is open to anyone who would like to join us.



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 (**March 19th**) 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). **All are welcome to join us!**



Worship Leaders for February

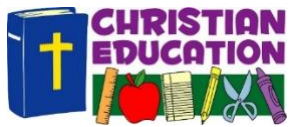
March 3	Renee Eliason
March 10	Pr. Julie Belew
March 17	Renee Eliason
March 24	Pr. Jim Duehring
March 29 5 pm Good Friday	Pr. Julie Belew
March 31 9:30 am Easter Sunday	Pr. Julie Belew

**Please note the time change for the Easter Sunday
Worship on March 31st.**



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.



Sunday School and Confirmation

Sunday School is every Sunday at 10 a.m.

All children ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome! There is **NO SUNDAY SCHOOL** March 24th, March 31st, and April 7th. Sunday School resumes on Sunday, April 14th.

Confirmation – Confirmation will be on Sunday, February 4th and Sunday, February 25th until about 12 noon. This means that Confirmation will begin as soon as worship ends. There will be weeks when Confirmation may begin at 10:40, 10:45, or 10:50... Please make sure your child attends worship on the days that we have Confirmation so they can be here on time for class.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 3	Ryan Ahola
March 10	Need someone
March 17	Need someone
March 24	Need someone
March 31 (Easter)	Landon Marczak

COFFEE HOUR

March 3	Jan LaFave and girls
March 10	Joan Bugni
March 17	Diane LaForest & Donna Eliason
March 24	Breakfast Potluck
March 31	Easter Sunday - No coffee hour

Thank you to all who serve coffee following worship! Such a wonderful time for fellowship!

FOOD PANTRY

DONATIONS are needed for the food pantry.



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, toilet paper, 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.

News from the Women

February 14th – Valentine’s Day – and a day when the ladies met to eat CHOCOLATE. What a great variety of chocolate items were enjoyed by all those in attendance. In addition, professional magician Dwyane Garmen shared with us some of his biblical interpretations as he twisted balloons into flowers, hearts, and animals. Each of the ladies received their own creation. What an amazing talent.

The school supplies were divided for the elementary schools at L’Anse, Baraga and Arvon. Thank you to all who donated either items or dollars for this “love project”. And thanks to Joan Bugni, Marilyn Harden and Kristine Waara for ensuring that the items got to the schools. The schools will be set for a while with needed items.

Emily McIntyre from BCMH’s Senior Life Solutions will be the special guest for our “informational” March meeting. She’ll be sharing with us the types of resources which are available through this program.

The March meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 13, at 1:00 pm. As always, ALL women are invited to join us for a time of fellowship, learning and fun. Refreshments will be served, but probably not chocolate.

Come join us –
and bring a friend!

God’s peace to
you,

Ruth Anne



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: Ellen Biekkola, Judy Testen.

At Canal View, Hancock, MI: Barbara DesLaurier (*Room 308*), Eila Koski (*Woodland Haven*), Howard Peterson (*Woodland Haven*).



Robin Byrge, Phyllis Carlson, Tina Connor, Dan Cox, Arlene Cress, Kathy Danielson, Kinsley Dettmer, Louella Ellis, Barb Hanshaw, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins and family, Roger Jordan, Andrea Jorgenson, Trudy Koski, Pr. Mike Laakko, Janel LaPlante, Linda LeRoy, Sissy Marinich, Joanne Mitchell, Tom & Esther Neuner, Howard Peterson, Mark Peterson, Linnea Prost, Ray Racette, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Mike Rogge, Mark Soli, Alyna Tollefson, Elizabeth, Carol, Stephanie.

The family & friends of Roddy Haanpaa

The family & friends of Nancy McIntyre

The family & friends of Eric Dufek

The family & friends of Delores “Boodie” Schneider

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.



	EXPENSES & INCOME FOR January	YTD	TOTAL BUDGET
Expenses:	\$ 4,998.00	\$ 4,998.00	\$105,587.00
Income:	\$15,445.66	\$ 15,445.66	
CHECKBOOK	Balance 12/31/2023		\$ 21,213.60
	Balance: 1/31/2024		\$ 34,552.42
Window Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 1,101.16
Endowment Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 101.31
General Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$34,694.96

Direct Deposit for Contributions



Did you know that even if you do not attend worship, **YOU CAN** still give to your church? Go to Superior National Bank with your banking information (account number and routing number) and fill out a form to set up a transfer to United Lutheran Church General Fund Account #900104257; SNB Routing #091101879 It is as easy as that!

Thank you for supporting your church!

We are now in the Lenten Season. Here is more information about “What is Lent?”

WHAT IS LENT? Lent is 40 days long and excludes Sundays. The exclusion of Sundays from the 40-day count is rooted in the traditional Christian belief that Sundays are a celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Since Sundays are considered a day of joy and not a day of fasting or penance, they are not included in the calculation of the 40 days of Lent.

Lent ends three days before the joyous celebration of Easter Sunday, on Thursday, March 28th, 2024 also called Maundy Thursday. This particular week leading up to Easter Sunday, called Holy Week, has deep spiritual significance within Christianity as it remember the events of the last days of Jesus. Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday on March 24th, commemorating Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds waved palm branches and laid cloaks on the road to honor Him.

Next, Holy Wednesday recognizes Judas’ betrayal of Jesus, a somber part of the Easter narrative. Maundy Thursday, the final day of Lent, commemorates the Last Supper and the institution of Holy Communion. Culminating Lent, Maundy Thursday leads into the solemn reflection of Good Friday, dedicated to Jesus’ crucifixion and sacrificial act for humanity’s salvation.

THE HISTORY OF LENT: Christians honor the 40 days and nights following Christ’s baptism when He went into the wilderness without water and food and was tempted by Satan. During that time, Christ did what we do today when we fast: wrestle with temptation. This was not the first fast; biblical figures often fasted when petitioning God for something important. “So we fasted and implored our God, [...] and he listened to our entreaty” (Ezra 8:23). The Israelites “mourned and wept and fasted till evening for Saul and his son Jonathan, and for the army of the Lord and for the nation of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword” (2 Samuel 1:12).

LENTEN PRAYER

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of laziness, faint-heartedness, desire for power, and idle talk.

But give your servant the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love.

Yes, Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and not to unjustly or hastily judge my brother, for you are blessed, now and forever. Amen.

March 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship/Renee 11 am Confirmation	4	5 10 am Sarah Circle 1 pm Martha Circle	6	7 10 am Worship & Music Meeting	8	9 12-4 Birthday Party
10 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship/Pr. Julie 11 am Council Meeting	11	12	13 1 pm Women of the Church Meeting	14	15	16
17 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship/Renee 11 am Confirmation	18	19 10 am Intentional Prayer Group	20	21	22	23
24 NO Sunday School 10 am Worship/Pr. Julie (5 th graders receive 1 st Communion) Palm Sunday	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9:30 am Easter Worship Easter						