



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
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THE CONNECTION

May 2024



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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

Nancy Bernard	520-237-0999
Joan Bugni, Vice President	906-524-4866
Sue Coffey, Secretary	906-524-7255
Ruth Anne Connor	906-524-7648
Leann Davis	906-524-6841
Jerry DesLaurier	
Renee Eliason, President	906-524-6013
Karisa Mukka, Treasurer	
Calli Sweeney	

News from the Council

Notes from the April Council Meeting:



- Finance Committee will meet on April 29th at 6 pm to work on a compensation package for a 1/3 time pastor.
- Discussed emailing newsletters to those who would rather get their newsletters emailed to them.
- Decided to publish a June, July, and August Newsletter to help save some money on postage.
- Hired MBN Road and Land Management, LLC to mow the lawn at the church and the parsonage this summer at \$25/lawn for each time it is mowed.
- Put a coffee can out for World Hunger donations to bring to Synod Assembly.
- Council approved an Active Shooter Policy.
- Discussed repairing cement on the ramp. One estimate was for \$4,000. Renee and Lisa will check into other people who can do cement work.
- Set a date to clean the headstones at the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. May 4th at 10:30 a.m. In case of rain, it will be done on Sunday, May 5th at 1 p.m.
- Changed the meeting date for the May meeting. The council will meet on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6 p.m.

May Birthdays

May 1	Kale Cichosz Samantha Peltola Danielle Flannery
May 2	Kolyn Sweeney Mark Peterson
May 4	Brooke Waara
May 11	David Pynnonen
May 12	Kim Kokko
May 13	Ruthy Brown
May 14	Acacia Copley
May 15	Jason M. Eliason
May 17	Samuel Lee Roselyn Ruona
May 19	Aaron Collins Jennifer Sauvola
May 22	Anna Isaacson
May 24	Mary Chenoweth
May 25	Joanne Kemppainen
May 29	Andrea L. Jorgenson





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!



Email Newsletters

Due to the rising cost of postage, we are looking at ways to save some money. We have our newsletter posted on the church's website. Or you can get your newsletter by email.

Would you prefer to get your newsletter by email?
Please email the church office at

ulc_lanse40@yahoo.com

Let Lisa know you would like to receive your newsletter by email.
Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Graduation Recognition

Graduate Recognition will be held on Sunday, May 12th at 10 a.m.
Cake and coffee will be served after worship to honor our Graduates!
Join us in the Social Hall following worship!

This year's Graduates are:

Sophia Brunet

Olivia Carr



Confirmation

The Affirmation of Baptism for our 7th graders will be held on Sunday, May 19th, at 10 a.m. There will be a Breakfast potluck following worship!
Please bring a dish to share.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

This year's Confirmands are:

Bella Kokko

Kaeden Oblinsky



World Hunger Collection

We are collecting donations for World Hunger to bring to Synod Assembly in May. There is a coffee can in the Barrier free entrance to put your donations.

Thank You!

God's Work. Our Hands.



Last fall we planned to clean the headstones in the older section of the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. That was put on hold as the water was turned off.

We have rescheduled the cleaning for Saturday, May 4th at 10:30 am at the L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery. Please bring a hose, bucket, scrub brush, and gloves.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join us for this event!



(In case of rain, the event will be held on Sunday, May 5th at 1 p.m.)

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 only once for the summer...A June/July/August Newsletter.

The newsletter deadline for the June/July/August Newsletter is the 15th of May. VERY IMPORTANT: Please submit any information that needs to be published during the summer to the church office by that date to be included in the newsletter.



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.

For Sale!



We have two Ring doorbells for sale. They were purchased to use at the entrances to the church before we realized the doorbells would not work for us. By that time it was too late to return them. We paid \$127.

Please make an offer on these Ring doorbells. They are brand new, never been used.



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.



Worship Leaders for April and May

May 5 th	Renee
May 12 th	Renee (Graduate Recognition)
May 19 th	Pastor Julie (Confirmation Sunday)
May 26 th	Pastor Julie

Sunday School and Confirmation



Sunday School is every Sunday at 10 a.m. All children ages 3 years through 5th grade are welcome!

Last Day of Sunday School will be May 12th.

Confirmation – Confirmation for the 7th graders will be on Sunday, May 19th. There will be a potluck breakfast following worship in honor of our Confirmands.

COFFEE HOUR

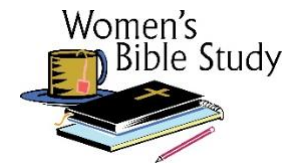
May 5	Need someone
May 12	Graduate Recognition
May 19	Breakfast Potluck
May 26	Need someone

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

Women's Circle Meetings

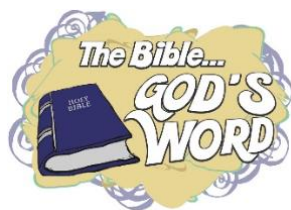
Sarah Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 7th at 10 a.m. at United Lutheran Church. Kris and Jenni will be the hostesses.

Martha Circle will meet Tuesday, May 7th at 1 p.m. at Jane LeClaire's.



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 (**May 21st**) 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!**

LCW Scholarship



Once again, the Women of the Church are offering a \$500 scholarship to one of our high school graduates. Applications are available from the High School Counselor. If you are interested in making application, please do so NOW. The recipient(s) will be announced during Graduation Recognition Sunday. This scholarship is presented to a graduating senior who is continuing their education at a Jr. College, 4-year college/university, or trade school. Primary consideration is given to a senior who has been active in church and/or church-related activities. Other points of consideration include GPA, extra-curricular activities, and future plans.

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).



Robin Byrge, Tina Connor, Arlene Cress, Kathy Danielson, Kinsley Dettmer, Louella Ellis, Vicky Fortier, Karen Harju, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Roger Jordan, Tazia Koivu, Trudy Koski, Pr. Mike Laakko, Janel LaPlante, Sissy Marinich, Joanne Mitchell, Linnea Prost, Ray Racette, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Mike Rogge, Mark Soli, Alyna Tollefson, Chad & Jessica Tollefson, Dan Verbanac, Nicole Weber, Elizabeth..

*The family & friends of Pam Sikkila
The family & friends of Annette Ross*

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.

News from the Women

Nineteen ladies met on Wednesday, April 10th, for a time of fellowship, fun, and a bit of business. Ruth Anne opened with a devotion about being a dandelion...with strong roots, and appearing in all types of places, from front lawns, to undeveloped yards, to the occasional formal garden. There was no special activity planned nor special speaker invited to this meeting, rather, just a time of fellowship with our sisters in Christ. One major piece of business was the authorization to purchase our new refrigerator from Bianco Plumbing. We were fortunate that we were able to shop local. (For those of you who are unaware, the current fridge has been sold to the L'Anse Legion.) The sale was agreed upon in March and we were fortunate in that the Legion agreed not to remove it until our immediate need was over. If you recall, we served 3 funeral lunches the week before Easter.) We are now in the process of coordinating removal of the old with the installation of the new so that we are not without for any length of time.

It was also discussed and decided that our May meeting on the 8th would be a pot-luck picnic type meal to close out the year of activities.

The Executive Board will be meeting some time in August to plan the programing for the 2024-2025 season. I am anticipating using the same basic format of alternating monthly meetings between educational speaker and fun activity. If there is something you would like to learn more about, a speaker you would like to hear, or an activity you would like to try, please tell one of the board members. (Ruth Anne Connor, Nancy Bernard, Renee Eliason, Marilyn Harden, Leann Davis.)

Our next meeting – Wednesday, May 8th, at 1:00 p.m. – Pot-luck picnic.

As always, ALL women are invited to attend and encouraged to bring a friend.

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

God's peace,

-- Ruth Anne, Chair

EXPENSES & INCOME FOR March

	YTD	TOTAL BUDGET	
Expenses:	\$ 5,204.00	\$ 19,683.00	\$105,587.00
Income:	\$11,302.00	\$ 33,840.85	
CHECKBOOK	Balance 2/29/2024		\$ 30,794.53
	Balance: 3/31/2024		\$ 23,425.62
Window Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 7,382.34
General Fund Savings Acct. Balance			\$ 23,352.38*

*\$25,000 was transferred from General Fund Savings and a \$35,000 check was written to purchase a 7 month CD at BCFCU.

ATTENDANCE

Date	2024	2023
Mar 3/5	55	57
Mar 10/12	88	37
Mar 17/19	53	38
Mar 24/26 (1 st Communion)	104	46
Mar 31 (Easter)	78	
Average for Feb.	76	45



Synod Assembly

Synod Assembly will be held on Saturday, May 18th at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Hancock.

Thank you to Renee Eliason and Nancy Bernard for attending Synod Assembly this year.

The online Zoom workshops will be during the week of May 13th. Check the Northern Great Lakes Synod website for the Zoom information.

www.nglsynod.org

Synod Assembly Workshops via Zoom Synod-Wide Conference Seed Sower Hike

Lead by U.P. Wild Church

- May 11th – 19th

A joint event between the Northern Great Lakes Synod and U.P. Wild happening in conjunction with Synod Assembly Workshops. Hikes will take place between May 11th – 19th.

Monday May 13th

Sowing Seeds Through Story

Lead by Nick Kiger and Karen Kretschmann

- Monday May 13 – 6:00 pm CT / 7:00 pm ET

The ministry of our congregations, our synods and our churchwide organization is woven together through story. Our ministry stories convey messages about our faith, our relationships, our dreams and even our fears. During this workshop we will explore ways to share our stories that keep the transformative work of Jesus and our faith at the heart while engaging each other in something bigger than ourselves.

Tuesday May 14th

Stewardship - ECRF

Lead by Pastor Mike Markwell

- Tuesday, May 14 at 1:00 pm CT/ 2:00 pm ET
- Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm CT/ 7:00 pm ET

Faithful Innovations: What it is and how it can help your congregation in an adaptive, communal, learning process

Lead by Pastor Jim Duehring, Assistant to the Bishop and Director of Evangelical Mission

- Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 pm CT/ 7:00 pm ET

“Listen, Experiment, Reflect.”

Everyone wants to know how to improve our congregational ministries. It begins with intentional listening and willingness to experiment. It involves asking good questions.

19 Congregations in the Northern Great Lakes Synod have participated in this Faithful Innovations training model in the last 5 years. This workshop will give you an introduction into this process and invite you to consider having a team from your congregation join in this training.

Wednesday May 15th

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Lead by Pastor Mike Markwell

- Tuesday, May 14 at 1:00 pm CT/ 2:00 pm ET
- Wednesday, May 15 at 6:00 pm CT/ 7:00 pm ET

It's all Greek to me!

Lead by Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn

- Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm CT/ 7:30 pm ET
- Thursday, May 16 at 2:00 pm CT/ 3:00 pm ET

What is up with all these translations of the Bible? Popular Bible website *Bible Gateway* gives free access to *sixty-three* different translations of the Bible in English, and that isn't even all of the English translations. The work of translators is still ongoing, and new translations of the Bible are published regularly. But why is all this work necessary? What is the point of all this translation work? Perhaps more poignantly, how do we engage with Scripture when the selection of different Bibles is overwhelming? In this workshop session, we'll take a glimpse from 10,000 feet to appreciate the difficult work our translators are doing for us and dive into the midst of what these different translations have to do with how we engage with scripture.

Thursday May 16th

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Northern Great Lakes Synod Budget

Lead by Synod Treasurer Pastor Terry Frankenstein

- Thursday, May 16 at 6:00 pm CT/ 7:00 pm ET
- Friday May 17th

Discussion on Civic Life and Faith draft Social Statement

Lead by Synod Vice President Chuck Thomas

- Friday, May 17 at 6:00 pm CT/ 7:00 pm ET

Land Acknowledgments: A Spiritual Practicality and Plan for Congregations.

Lead by Pastor Bucky Beach, Pastor Julie Belew, and Nancy Heykes

- Monday May 13 – 5:00 pm CT / 6:00 pm ET

Join for a resource presentation and discussion of the why and how of doing land acknowledgments as a congregation practice as a beginning step to walk with our Indigenous neighbors. Led by Pastor Bucky Beach, Pastor Julie Belew, and Nancy Heykes, members of the NGLS Walking With Our Indigenous Neighbors Committee.

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Mon: Closed Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9 am – 1 pm Wed: 1-4 pm			1	2	3	4 10:30 am Cleaning Headstones at L'Anse Evergreen Cemetery
5 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship - Renee	6	7 10 an Sarag Circle at ULC 1 pm Martha Circle at Jane LeClaire's	8 1 pm Women of the Church Meeting	9 10 am Worship & Music Committee	12	13
12 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship – Renee Coffee hour Honoring Graduates	13	14 6 pm Council Meeting	15 Deadline for Summer newsletter	16	17	18
19 10 am Worship - Pr. Julie 11 am Potluck honoring Confirmands	20	21 10 am Intentional Prayer	22	23	24	25
26 10 am Worship – Pr. Julie	27 <i>Memorial Day</i>	28	29	30	31	