



**United Lutheran Church, ELCA**  
21 Mesnard St.  
L'Anse, MI 49946

# THE CONNECTION

## January 2025



### United Lutheran Church, ELCA

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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 5<sup>th</sup> 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
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Karisa Mukka, Treasurer	
Calli Sweeney	

### Note from the Council President

Hello and HAPPY NEW YEAR United Family!

The old year has ended and a new year has begun! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season!

We are back in the swing of things here at United. Worship every Sunday; Sunday School and Confirmation; Sarah and Martha Circles are meeting; WELCA is meeting.

Our Annual Meeting is Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following a potluck lunch after worship. Please mark your calendars!

All reports are due in the church office by January 10<sup>th</sup>, so the Annual Reports can be printed and put out for everyone a week before the Annual Meeting.

Thank you everyone for your kind words and thoughtful Christmas gifts and for your continued prayers and support. I so appreciate and love you all!

Renee Eliason  
Council President



## January Birthdays

January 1	Kelsey Ross
January 6	Neil Whitman
January 10	Rylee Stockton Raeanne Waara
January 13	Kenzie Harden
January 14	Karisa Mukka
January 16	Jonathon DesLaurier
January 17	Deanna Lindstrom
January 18	Lois Anderson Easton Fredin Jean Johnson
January 19	Gerald Marinich
January 21	William A. Ruona, Jr. Allyson VanAlstine
January 23	Brian Peterson
January 28	Alyna Tollefson
January 29	Zakary Kissel
January 30	Sarah Mills Vicky Solberg
January 31	Sue Coffey Jan Cram



## ANNUAL MEETING

### 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.

**At Canal View,** Hancock, MI: Barbara DesLaurier (*Room 308*), Carol Roth (*Room 306*) . Eila Koski (*Woodland Haven*).



The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> following worship and a potluck. Please bring a dish to share for the potluck.

**Everyone is welcome!**



*Janal Bennett, Tom Brown, Deann Buckhold, Robin Byrge, George Cram, Kathy Danielson, Ann Daugherty, Louella Ellis, John “Paavo” Falk, Ray Gazlay, Dennis Heikkinen, Bridget Canter Holm, Joyce Hoskins, Linda Kinnunen,*

*Trudy Koski, Pr. Mike Laakko, Janel LaPlante, Hiney Marinich, Sissy Marinich, Steve Martinac, Joanne Mitchell, Jacey Mukka, Fred Pfeiffer, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila Robillard, Mike Rogge, Carol Roth, Chad Roy, Whitney Sirard, Roy Stearns, Chuck Stickels, Chad Tollefson, Chad & Jessica Tollefson, Patty Tyo, Nicole Weber, Elizabeth, Bruce.*

*The family and friends of Mark Soli*

*The family and friends of Ron Cox*

*The family and friends of Judy Testen*

*The family and friends of Charlie Ahlsen, Sr.*

*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.*

### ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports are due in the church office by January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Thank 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).



## Sunday School and Confirmation

**Sunday School** is every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday School is for preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Sunday School will begin again on January 5<sup>th</sup>!



**Confirmation** – Confirmation class will be on Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, and January 19<sup>th</sup>. Confirmation is for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade.

All children are welcome!



Our Sunday School children sang three Christmas songs in Church on December 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Love Project – School Supplies

This is the time of year when school supplies are in great demand ... and part of great sales, as well. Come February, however, the schools will need to be replenishing these supplies, so the Women of the Church have chosen this as their February Love Project. Since this is the time of year when these items are on sale, we thought that we'd post the wish list now so you can take advantage of the sales. If you want, you can bring your items to church and we will store them there until February when we will be distributing them to our area schools.

Suggested items include: crayons, pencils, colored pencils, pens, dry-erase markers, notebooks, and scissors. A bit different item is a small plastic water bottle. Also suggested are zip-lock bags of all sizes. AND, of course, Clorox wipes and tissues are ALWAYS in demand.

If you would prefer not to shop, just give your monetary donation to Ruth Anne and she will gladly do your shopping for you. *(Sometimes you can get even better deals purchasing in bulk.)*



## NEWSLETTER UPDATE

Due to the continued rising cost of postage, we are making a few changes in the way we distribute the newsletter. Some of you have already made the switch to email or have decided to view it online on the church's website or pick up your newsletter at the church.

**Beginning January of 2025**, the newsletter will be published monthly, but with a few changes. You will have a choice to pick up your newsletter here at the church, receive your newsletter by email, or view the newsletter on the website.

**If you would like to have your newsletter mailed to you, it will be by subscription. A subscription will be \$10 per year to mail the newsletter. Please pay your subscription as soon as possible if you wish to subscribe.**



## Worship Leaders for November

January 5	Renee Eliason
January 12	Pastor Julie Belew
January 19	Pastor Julie Belew
January 26	Renee Eliason

## COFFEE HOUR

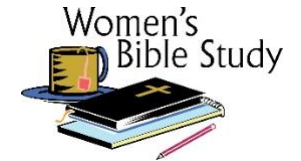
January 5	Robbie, JoJo, and friends
January 12	<i>Need someone</i>
January 19	<i>Need someone</i>
January 26	Potluck

*If you would like to serve a coffee hour, please sign up on the sheet in the Barrier-free entrance. 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, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall.

**Martha Circle** will meet on Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Annette Lindstrom's house.



## 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.

**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.**

## New Year Bible Verses

**2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

**Isaiah 43:18-19** - “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

**Jeremiah 29:11** - For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

**Proverbs 3:5-6** - Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

**Revelation 21:5** - And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

**Ephesians 4:22-24** - To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.



- 2025 Put God first in everything
- 2025 Make prayer a daily breath
- 2025 Read a passage of God's Word every day
- 2025 Walk by faith, not by sight
- 2025 Trust the Lord with all your heart
- 2025 Focus on Jesus, not the world
- 2025 Always trust God's plan

*Amen.*

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!  
God's peace, Ruth Anne, Chair

## News from the Women

Well, I've found out a great way to have a forecasted storm pass us by....be proactive and cancel the event the day before. And that's what we did.

Thinking of the safe travel of our ladies, the Christmas gathering was cancelled. However, I prefer to say it was just postponed. Our January meeting will now become an "Epiphany" gathering. Epiphany – when the Wise Men came to the manger to celebrate the Birth of the Savior. So, on January 8<sup>th</sup>, the Wise Women will come together to celebrate Jesus' Birth. Please join us. As with the Christmas gathering, we ask the ladies to bring a favorite hors d'oeuvre to share. It will be a time just for fellowship.

The Christmas Gifting project was items for the veterans at the Jacobetti Home in Marquette. With the meeting being cancelled, possibly some ladies still have the items they picked up, but didn't get a chance to bring in. It was decided to hold on to what items have been collected until the new year before everything is brought down to Marquette. If you have items, we are gathering them on the bench/pew in the outer entrance.

Lately we have been asking everyone for donations....cookies, gifts for the residents of Rolling Meadows, items for the veterans, Toys for Tots. So now is probably not the best time to remind you that our Love Project for February is school supplies. Suggested items include: crayons, pencils, colored pencils, pens, dry-erase markers, notebooks, and scissors. Also suggested are zip-lock bags of all sizes. AND, of course, Clorox wipes and tissues are ALWAYS in demand. (If you would prefer not to shop, just give your monetary donation to Ruth Anne and she will gladly do your shopping for you. *Sometimes you can get even better deals purchasing in bulk.*)

**Our next meeting – Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. – hors d'oeuvre / finger food to share.**

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

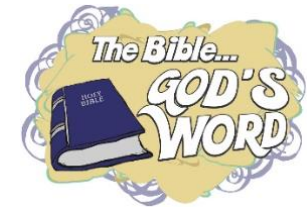


### Visitation Team

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.

### 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 (**January 21<sup>st</sup>**) 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](mailto:ulc_lanse40@yahoo.com)), on the website ([www.unitedlutheranchurchlanse.org](http://www.unitedlutheranchurchlanse.org)) or by calling the church office (524-6484).

**All are welcome to join us!**

# January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Office Hours: Monday: Closed Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: 9 am -1 pm Wednesday: 1-4 pm			1  <i>Office closed</i>	2	3	4
5 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Confirmation Class	6	7  10 am Sarah Circle  1 pm Martha Circle at Annette Lindstrom's	8  1 pm Women's Meeting	9	10	11
12 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pr. Julie 12 noon Council	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Pr. Julie Confirmation Class	20	21  10 am Intentional Prayer Group	22	23	24	25
26 10 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Renee Potluck and Annual Meeting	27	28	29	30	31	