



United Lutheran Church, ELCA
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THE CONNECTION

February 2025



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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
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Ruth Anne Connor	906-524-7648
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Renee Eliason, President	906-524-6013
Kimberlee Gaunt	
Karisa Mukka, Treasurer	
Calli Sweeney	



February Birthdays

Annual Meeting News

We held our Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 26th.

Joan Bugni, Leann Davis, Karisa Mukka, Calli Sweeney, and Kim Gaunt were the council members elected to the council.

The 2025 Budget was approved.

Women of the ELCA meetings have had a growing attendance. They had 52 ladies attend their Friendsgiving event.

Sunday School attendance has increased this year.

Parsonage repairs were discussed. A list of what needs to be done was presented. It was also decided to rent the parsonage out.

Replacing the furnaces in the church was discussed. Renee had talked to John Bianco from Bianco's and he suggested to keep the furnaces we have until they cannot be repaired any more.

Also discussed was the need for more handicapped parking. The congregation is leaving that up to the council to decide where to add spots.

It was discussed that we should hold a special offering to donate to Lutheran World Relief for the California wildfires.

February 1	Joan Bugni
February 2	Ruth Anne Connor Herbert Tollefson Lylliana Wanhatalo
February 4	William Langson Julie Nordstrom
February 5	Edward Tollefson
February 6	Ashlyn Haataja
February 8	Madison Peterson
February 9	Peyton LaFave
February 10	Barbara DesLaurier
February 15	Sarah Anderson
February 20	Annette Lindstrom
February 25	Dawn Kemppainen
February 27	John Ruona



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: LouElla Ellis.

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



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, Kurt & Melanie

Jacoby, Arnold Jestila, Nita Jestila, Trudy Koski, Pr. Mike Laakko, Janel LaPlante, Brad & Cindy Lenss, Hiney Marinich, Sissy Marinich, Steve Martinac, Joanne Mitchell, Jacey Mukka, Tom & Esther Neumer, Fred Pfeiffer, Patricia Racine, Peggy Jestila Robillard, 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 Eleen Biekkola

The family and friends of Elwood Niemi

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.

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 5th grade. All children are welcome!

Confirmation – Confirmation class will be on Sunday, February 2nd and Sunday, February 23rd. Confirmation is for 6th and 7th grade.

Love Project – School Supplies

The Women of the Church have chosen to collect school supplies as their February Love Project. Once we have collected the supplies, 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

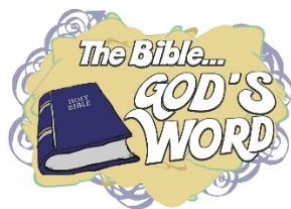
Due to the continued rising cost of postage, we are making a few changes in the way we distribute the newsletter. Some of you have already made the switch to email or have decided to view it online on the church's website or pick up your newsletter at the church.

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.

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 (**February 18th**) 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

February 2	Renee Eliason
February 9	Pastor Julie Belew
February 16	Renee Eliason
February 23	Pastor Julie Belew

COFFEE HOUR

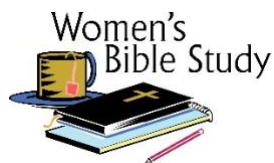
February 2	Olivia, Sophia, Kenzie, Bill, Sandy
February 9	
February 16	
February 23	

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, February 4th, at 10 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 4th at 1 p.m. .



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.



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.

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.

News from the Women

The January meeting was missing a few ladies, but those who were there had a lovely time enjoying the food and fellowship. A favorite topic was the many and varied ways that have been used to enter our homes when we've accidentally been locked out. To complete the day, Sherry Cheek provided the ladies with a selection of piano pieces....some specifically prepared for the day, and an encore of music that she had prepared for the December meeting.

The Exec Board met prior to the meeting to plan the programming for the remainder of the year. There are some exciting things in the works you won't want to miss.

The new trend with our refreshments is to have a theme and everyone is invited to bring something. This is different from our old way of having 1 or 2 ladies providing the treat. But this means that no one is "in charge" of putting on the coffee, setting out the food, and cleaning up afterwards. Fortunately for us, Leann and Renee have stepped up and most others have also been willing to help in the kitchen. Thank you to everyone! As a result of this new trend, it was decided to have "hostesses" scheduled for each meeting who will be responsible for putting on the coffee, etc. The next two months are scheduled, but we'll be looking for hostesses for April and May.

Other items discussed during the business portion was having a "shopping list" posted in the kitchen. If you notice a need, just write it on the list. That way our shopper can check the list and do all the shopping at once instead of having to make multiple trips to the store.

It was also decided to once again host the resident's birthday party at Bayside in the fall.

Our February meeting, which is **Wednesday, February 12th**, will be filled with good things. The Love Project of school supplies (*see separate article*) will be divided for distribution to the L'Anse, Baraga, and Arvon schools, the refreshments theme is anything chocolate or red ("Valentiny") and our special guest speaker will be Chris Collins talking about the Huron Island Lighthouse.

Our next meeting – Wednesday, February 12th, at 1:00 p.m.
Chocolate or red refreshments to share. Robbie and Joan to host.
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

February 2025

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