

Please join us for Worship at 9:00 AM and Adult Sunday school 10:30 AM

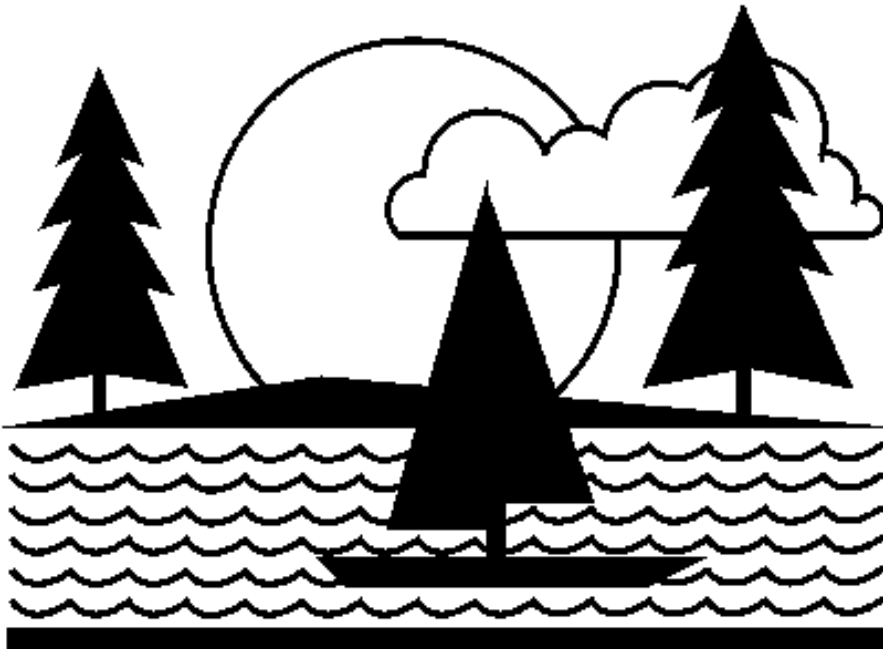


# The Sunbeam

June 2012

**Lansing United Methodist Church**  
[lansingunited.org](http://lansingunited.org)

Pastor: Jane Sautter • Christian Education Coordinator: Adam Bacher



## Time to Register for Camp

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LUMC will help pay for your camp, just ask!

## From the Pastor

### Be Not Afraid

According to Genesis, it was out of a “formless void” that God created all that is. Right now, as I ponder all that is going on in our culture...whether politically, economically or spiritually...it seems as if we are back to that “formless void.” It seems like there is nothing but chaos surrounding us and we respond out of fear.

When I think about that Pentecost experience of the early disciples of Jesus, I can't help but wonder if they, too, were afraid. Think about it...a charismatic teacher comes to offer a new way of living, he is executed, rises from the dead, returns to teaching and then leaves again but charges his followers with carrying out his work. He tells them that God will be sending an Advocate or Holy Spirit to guide them. Then the day of Pentecost arrives and there are tongues like fire and different languages and, well, chaos. It is so chaotic that they are accused of being intoxicated! I am pretty sure that there were a couple people who were fearful of what might happen next.

So what does God do? God used the experience to propel the people into the world to take the Gospel lesson of Jesus Christ beyond their own four walls. God created a new way of being in relationship with one another through this chaotic event – God wanted the message of Jesus to be proclaimed beyond the Jewish community; the message was to go to Gentiles as well. This was some serious boundary breaking in first century Palestine!

We can learn something from the chaos of Pentecost and the chaos of our culture. If we look at the book of Acts, we can see that the early followers of Jesus didn't have an easy time of it...they didn't always agree and they weren't always received well. We face the same issues today. But, we shouldn't allow our fears prevent us from carrying out our task to spread the Gospel. We should allow the presence of the Holy Spirit to guide us in our mission, relying fully on the power of God to create a new thing through us.

*Blessings,  
Pastor Jane*

### Bible Readings for June

June 3, Trinity Sunday

- Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17

June 10

- 1 Samuel 8:4-20; (11:14-15), Psalm 138, 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1, Mark 3:20-35

June 17

- 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13, Psalm 20, 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17, Mark 4:26-34

June 24

- 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20, 2 Corinthians 6:1-13, Mark 4:35-41

### Look Before You Leap

*An impulsive vow is a trap; later you'll wish you could get out of it.--Proverbs 20:25*

Are you, at times, just a little bit impulsive? Do you sometimes look before you leap? If so, God wants to have a little chat with you.

God's Word is clear: as believers, we are called to lead lives of discipline, diligence, moderation, and maturity. But the world often tempts us to behave otherwise. Everywhere we turn, or so it seems, we are faced with powerful temptations to behave in undisciplined, ungodly ways.

God's Word instructs us to be disciplined in our thoughts and our actions; God's Word warns us against the dangers of impulsive behavior. As believers in a just God, we should act and react accordingly.

Zeal without knowledge is always less useful and effective than regulated zeal, and very often is highly dangerous.

*Prayer:* Lord, sometimes I can be an impulsive person. Slow me down, calm me down, and help me make wise decisions... today and every day of my life. Amen—*Bill Thomas, on behalf of LUMC Men's Group*



### A Good Time Coming

**LUMC's game night players gather...and then things get serious.**



### Fun Night Was, Um, Fun

The Men's group would like to thank everyone that joined in on the Fun Night (May 5th) playing Euchre and Pinochle. Much appreciation to Gary Travis and Lee Christopher for coordinating the event. We hope that everyone had a great time.

### Batter Up!

Lace up your sneakers. Oil your old mitt. And get ready for some baseball! (Although you can enjoy the game entirely from your seatback!) Bring the family and join in the fun on Thursday evening, June 21, when the Syracuse Chiefs take on the Pawtucket Red Sox at Alliance Bank Stadium in Syracuse. The game starts at 7:00 PM, but a free tailgate party begins at 5:30 in the parking lot. The Crossroads United Methodist Men will provide free grilled hot dogs and coney dogs, and attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass. There will also be a collection for the Food Bank of Central New York—last year over 70 pounds of canned food was collected! Another returning event is the singing of the National Anthem at home plate. Anyone wishing to participate can join the group at approximately 6:45 PM.

Tickets are \$4.00 each and must be purchased in advance. Contact Bill Hinderliter of the LUMC Men's Group to order your tickets!

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY



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Note: This calendar is current as of May 26. For updates to all LUMC events, visit [lansingunited.org](http://lansingunited.org), and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.

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Church Office Closed

**Annual Conference**

2 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing 7:00

Prayer Shawl/ Caregivers Team 10:00

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TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY  
TRINITY SUNDAY

Worship 9:00  
Selected Sunday School 10:30

K.A.N. 4:00  
Fireplace Praise Service and Campfire Picnic 6:00

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Disciple Bible Study 12:30

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Prayer Service 9:00

Bell Choir Bell Polishing Party  
6:00  
Choir 7:00

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Church Office Closed

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00  
Women of Faith in Syracuse

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Worship 9:00  
Adult Sunday School 10:30

Spring Cleanup Day 10:30

LUMC Men's Group 7:00

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Mobile Food Pantry 10:00  
Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00  
Disciple Bible Study at Baker's Acres 12:30  
Trustees 7:00

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Prayer Service 9:00

Choir 7:00

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Church Office Closed  
SUNBEAM DEADLINE  
12:00 Midnight

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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FATHERS DAY  
GRADUATION SUNDAY

Worship 9:00  
Adult Sunday School 10:30

Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive

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Haiti 7:00

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Membership 7:00  
Worship Committee 7:30

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Prayer Service 9:00

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United Methodist Night at the Ballpark, Syracuse  
7:00  
Tailgate 5:30

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Congratulations, Class of 2012  
Church Office Closed

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

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Worship 9:00  
Lansing Town Park in Myers Pavilion D  
Adult Sunday School 10:30

Ice Cream Social 6:00  
Laurie's, Rtes 34 and 90, Genoa

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Food Pantry 3:00

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Church Picnic 6:00

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Prayer Service 9:00

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Church Office Closed

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Mens' Breakfast 7:00

## Women of Faith

On June 9 at group of women from LUMC will travel to Syracuse for the Women of Faith One Day Event. This is a sold out event, so this will be quite an experience for all. Pray for our group and all those in this remarkable event.

## Prayer Shawl and Caregivers Ministry

The next joint meeting of the prayer shawl ministry and the caregivers team is Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 AM. If you knit or crochet, join this ministry group and put your faith into action by creating prayer shawls to be given to folks in times of need and joy—health issues, grief, loss of job, or birth of a child. Maybe you're not crafty but would like to help care for those in our congregation in need of companionship or assistance? Learn more about the Prayer Shawl and Caregivers ministries by coming to one of our meetings or by contacting Karen Bishop at 533-4744 or [kbishop2@twcnj.rr.com](mailto:kbishop2@twcnj.rr.com).

## Prayer Concerns

Loretta Bidlespacher  
Winifred Bidlespacher  
Henry Brisman  
Adelyn Leigh Elliott  
Earl Lashmont  
Diane Poole  
Valda Valmond

Mourning family of Kenneth Justice  
Mourning family and missionaries of  
Father Greg, San Lucas Toliman  
Mission, Guatemala

## Operation Overboard!

Registration Now Open for Vacation Bible School  
July 16-20

Plan now to save the week of July 16–20 for Vacation Bible School. This year, our theme is “Operation Overboard: Dare to Go Deep with God.” Get ready to dive in and discover God’s underwater universe and explore the depths of God’s Word. VBS is for kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, but we’ve been lucky to have the older kids participate and make very meaningful contributions to a wonderful week. Register on-line right now at <http://overboard.cokesburyvbs.com/LansingVBS!>

For more information, contact Adam ([youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org](mailto:youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org)) or Jeanne Taylor (533-4549).

## Congratulations, Class of 2012

This year, we have nine high school graduates from our LUMC family: Martin Aasen, Patrick Battin, Caroline Prybyl, Derrick Ryan, Shanna Shaff, John Sterle, Sally Stoyell, Shanna Swanson, and Ally Veaner. We’d like to make sure we honor graduates from all institutions. So if you have a family member graduating from high school or college or receiving an advanced degree, share the good news! Please contact the church office by June 8 and let us know the name of the graduate, the school, their degree, and their connection with LUMC (don’t assume that we know, even though we might). We will print this information in the church bulletin on Graduation Sunday, June 17.



## Spring Clean-Up Day

Sunday, June 10

The annual church clean up day is scheduled for Sunday, June 10, immediately after church. With a good size crew, we should be able to finish in a couple of hours. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Please bring a change of clothes and your work gloves and yard tools, as we'll be doing the normal yard and garden work. Tasks will include: weeding, trimming, planting, and mulching, along with some kitchen cleaning and possibly some window washing. Please help beautify our lovely facility! Thank you from the Trustees!

## Ice Cream Socials

Come buy some ice cream and be social this summer. Gather around 6:00 at local establishments: Laurie's on Rte 34 in Genoa, June 24; Scoops in South Lansing, July 8; Cream at the Top, 34B in King Ferry, July 29; Lake Breeze, East Shore Drive in South Lansing, August 12; and Toad's on Rte 38 in Freeville, August 26.

## The Helen Ptochia Foundation Fundraiser

Each year, Chuck and Andra Benson host a community fundraiser for the Helen Ptochia Foundation. Although the ticket deadline has passed, it's worth mentioning this effort. For several years, Dr. Catherine Husa, a local ob-gyn, has led the effort to support the Mankessim Fistula Hospital of Ghana, which helps women who suffer injuries during childbirth. Information is available at [www.helenptochiafoundation.org](http://www.helenptochiafoundation.org).

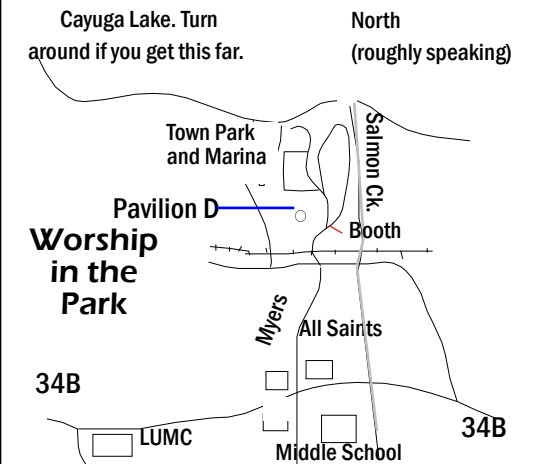
## Casowasco Is Waiting for You

The time for to register for Camp is NOW! We believe that all kids should go to camp if they want to. Scholarships are available. Please contact Karyn Yahn (533-4322, [jkjyahn@wildblue.net](mailto:jkjyahn@wildblue.net)) or Pastor Jane.

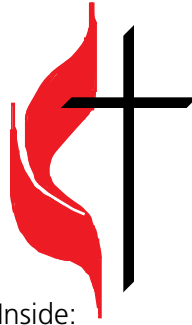
## Summer Church Picnics

We know the schedule, but not the locations, so stay tuned: June 26, July 10, August 1, August 24 (at church), and August 29. Gather around 6:00 with a chair, your table service, a dish to pass, and something for the grill if you are so inclined. Rain or shine.

## Where to Find Worship in the Park starting June 26



From church, go downhill on 34B to the four corners by the Middle School. Turn left on Myers Rd. downhill. Go straight at the stop sign, and cross the RR tracks. Bear right into Myers Park and then left after the booth. You don't have to pay to enter the park for church. Look to your left for the green LUMC banner. Usually at Pavilion D; pavilion G on July 8.



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**FIREPLACE SERVICE AND CAMPFIRE 6:00 JUNE 3  
THANKS TO MARTIN KEEFE FOR HIS SERVICE.**

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