

Please join us for  
Worship in the Park, 9:30 AM, month of July  
Adult Sunday School 10:30



# The Sunbeam

July 2012

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

Pastor: Jane Sautter • Christian Education Coordinator: Adam Bacher



**Vacation Bible School**  
**July 16–20**

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From the Pastor

## Out of Your Comfort Zone and Into God's Zone

A few weeks ago, I was invited to join the Athaca Community Chorus SummerSing program. I thought I would be going with (or meeting there) someone from LUMC. Much to my surprise, that person was otherwise engaged that evening and I found myself in a room full of strangers—not one familiar face! My first instinct was to turn around and run...but I decided that I could be a grown-up (just this once) and tough it out. I was—and still am—glad that I did. While I can't say I have “made new friends” just yet, I have moved out of my comfort zone with positive results. As hard as it was—and is—for me to break through my fears and apprehensions, I am enjoying the music immensely.

I believe the same is true for the church. We are a vital and thriving congregation that needs to move into some areas that might be a little uncomfortable for some. As we approach a time to celebrate fifty years of ministry here at LUMC, we need to think

long and hard about where we want to be fifty years from now. We may be moving into unfamiliar territory, we may be working with people we don't know really well—yet. We may be seeing more and more new faces in positions of leadership. We will be dealing with tougher economic realities. What facility needs are there? What ministry needs are there? What are we doing that we could do better? What aren't we doing that needs to be done? Where is God pushing us? Where is God pulling us back?

As we struggle with these questions—and it will be a struggle—we will be pushed out of our comfort zones. My prayer is that we, as a congregation, will not turn around and run, but will tough it out...and see what God will do with us. We need to listen to where God is calling us and trust that the outcome will be positive, perhaps even enjoyable!!

Blessings,  
Pastor Jane

### Staff Summer Schedule

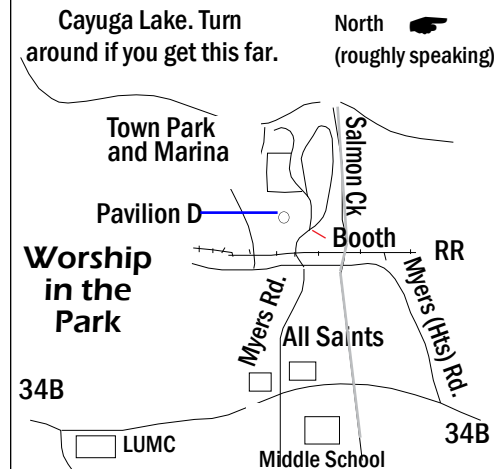
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**Laurie Moskow: Church office closed: July 4, and Fridays in July and August**

### Church Camp: Camperships Are Available

**Don't hesitate! We want all children to go to camp who would like to go. If you're already going to camp, why not invite a friend? LUMC will pay the way. We will also help anyone who would like to be supported for camping. Contact the church office for details on camperships.**

### Where to Find 9:30 Worship in the Park



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 this purpose. Look left for the LUMC banner. We are in Pavilion G on July 8. Pavilion G is next to Pavilion D. All other Sundays in Pavilion D.

### Ice Cream Socials

Gather with friends for some delicious ice cream treats at our summer Sunday Ice Cream Socials! The fun begins at 6:00 p.m. at various local scoop shops throughout the area! The schedule is as follows:

*July 8: Scoops* (Auburn Road, Jct. of Routes 34 & 34B, S. Lansing)

*July 29: Cream at the Top* (1258 Route 34B, Ridge Road, King Ferry)

*August 12: Lake Breeze* (2035 East Shore Drive, Route 34, Lansing)

*August 26: Toad's* (Route 38, downtown Freeville)

### Summer Church Picnics

You can still be a host for one of our fun church picnics. This is a pleasant way to meet people—such as those you see in church but haven't quite gotten to know yet—or a way to catch up.


*Tuesday, July 10:* Hosts: Lorraine Groat & Gaylord Besemer

*Wednesday, August 1:* Host Needed

*Tuesday, August 14:* At LUMC

*Wednesday, August 29:* Host Needed

The general plan for the picnics goes like this. Gather around 6:00 with the idea of eating about 6:30 or so. Bring your table service, a dish to share, chairs, and something to toss on the grill if you want. Hosts provide beverages and a hot grill. Rain or shine!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park at Myers Pavilion D Adult Sunday School 10:30	2 SPRC 7:00	3	4 The United States of America By the Grace of God Free and Independent for 236 years Church Office Closed	5	6 Church Office Closed	7 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing 7:00 Blood Drive 8:30-2:00
8 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park at Myers Pavilion G Adult Sunday School 10:30 Ice Cream Social at Scoops 6:00	9 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00 Trustees 7:00	10 Church Picnic 6:00 Lorraine Groat and Gaylord Besemer	11 Prayer Service 9:00	12	13 Church Office Closed	14 Men's Breakfast 7:00
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# Vacation Bible School

**Operation Overboard**  
**July 11-15**  
**Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday at LUMC**  
**Thursday and Friday at All Saints**

The theme of this year's Vacation Bible School is Operation Overboard, where children can go overboard for Jesus. Bigger kids of all ages can help out. VBS counts on support from every member of the congregation to provide the most meaningful growth and worship experience for our children. Most important are your prayers for the program or the invitation you extend to one child who might otherwise not know about VBS. We also appreciate your donation of food items used to create snacks which reinforce the Bible messages of the day. Look for a poster with sticky notes at worship in the next weeks with requested ingredients.

You can also help out by contributing used paper towel rolls and 2-liter plastic bottles with tops, for our crafts and games leaders. Please drop those off in the office or 2nd Sunday School classroom. Thank you very much for your help with VBS!

### VBS Mission Project: Nothing But Nets

Please start saving your pocket change for the VBS Mission Project. Every year our VBSers contribute to a mission project to make our community and world a better place—more like God wants for us. This time, our ocean-theme of Operation Overboard led us to look to help out our world with nets, specifically mosquito nets. Our Kids in Action Now will be sharing information about “Nothing But Nets.” The VBS kids



will have a chance to learn about why malaria is a devastating problem and how they can help stamp out malaria, protecting one family at a time. Every \$10 we collect buys a net, gets it to where it is needed, and provides education on how to use it effectively. The nets are laced with pyrethrins, which are derived from chrysanthemums. Harmless to people, but deadly for mosquitoes. Every net can save a family of four! One idea to generate donations is to set aside the money you get back for deposit can and bottles between now and VBS. At our church services and during VBS, we'll be setting out a “net” to put donations in. If you'd like to join in, please look for the donation box on Sundays and throw in some spare change or slips for deposit cans and bottles. Thank you for all of your support!

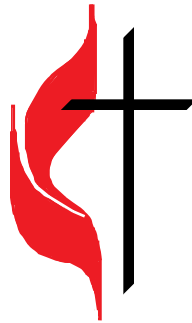


A Baker's Dozen

On Tuesday, June 19, twelve volunteers braved the heat and headed to Longview on a mission! The crew of LUMC members and friends, led by Reenie Sandsted, transformed a weedy patch of ground into what will become a beautiful garden, in honor of Dave and Joan Hardie.



Dave and Joan were on hand to “supervise” the group (in the background above), dubbed the “Baker's Dozen,” as they weeded and planted. Thanks to all the volunteers, and a special thanks to Reenie and Baker's Acres, who created the garden plan and donated all the plants.



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