

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM • Sunday School 10:30 AM

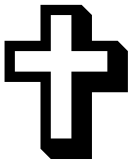
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Children's Musical:
Rescue in the Night
The Story of Daniel
March 17, 10:30 AM



Lent and Holy Week

Palm Sunday, March 24

Maundy Thursday, March 28

Good Friday, March 29

Easter, March 31

From the Pastor

A Prayer for Lent

As you read this, I will have gone to and returned from the Holy Land. But as I write this, I have not yet left. So, no impressions, no reflections...only anticipation. I will write about my trip in the next issue, and I will certainly share my experiences with you on Sunday mornings.

In the meantime, I spent part of this morning reading from Walter Brueggemann's prayer book *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth* and found this Lenten prayer based on I Samuel 8 particularly moving:

Revise Our Taking

You, you giver!
You have given light and life to the world;
You have given freedom from Pharaoh to your people Israel;
You have given your only Son for the sake of the world;
You have given yourself to us;
You have given and forgiven,
and you remember our sin no more.
And we, in response, are takers:
We take eagerly what you give us;
we take from our neighbors near at hand as is acceptable;
we take from our unseen neighbors greedily and acquisitively;
we take from our weak neighbors thoughtlessly;
we take all that we can lay our hands on.
It dawns on us that our taking does not match your giving.
In this Lenten season revise our taking,
that it may be grateful and disciplined,
even as you give in ways generous and overwhelming. Amen.

May our Lent be filled with time of serious prayer and meditation.
May our Lent be filled with the power of the Spirit.
May our Lent be filled with the grace of God. May our Lent be filled with the peace of Christ.

*Many blessings,
Pastor Jane*

Easter Flowers & Trombones

Flower Deadline, March 10

If you would like to purchase flowers for the altar, please use the order form in the Narthex or on the website. Deadline is March 10. Also, we will be hosting the Ithaca College trombone troupe on Easter again this year. Please consider a donation to support them.

Adult Ministry News

Meditation: A Conversation with God continues on Sunday mornings with shared leadership. New members are welcome to join any time. Pop in as the spirit moves you. Ravi Walsh is advising this ongoing group.

Study of Moses Continues

During March Adult Sunday School will continue to explore the story of the Hebrews' escape from Egypt, as told in Exodus, and the holiday of Passover. Passover was one of the most important holidays that Jesus would have celebrated during his lifetime.

Pesach, known in English as Passover, means to pass through, to pass over, to exempt, or to spare. It refers to the fact that **God** "passed over" the houses of the Jews when he was slaying the firstborn of Egypt.

Passover is one of the most commonly observed Jewish holidays, even by otherwise non-observant Jews. The Last Supper was a Passover Seder, which includes a special meal as written in the haggadah. The haggadah tells the story of the Exodus from Egypt and explains some of the practices and symbols of the holiday. While the actual Passover Holiday begins March 25 at sundown, **we will gather for a Passover Seder at LUMC on Friday, March 22, at 5:30 PM.**

Fellowship Opportunity:

"Important conversations happen in the Kitchen." With a group of 10 or more we are eligible for a special ticket price of \$15 at the Kitchen Theatre in Ithaca. Sign up in the Narthex, email, or call the office to let me know how many tickets you need for the following performance: *Sunday, March 17, at 4 PM: "Crooked,"* by Catherine Trieschmann

Friday, March 22, 5:30 PM Passover Seder at LUMC—This is a family celebration and all are welcome. Please sign up in the Narthex.

*Blessings,
Karen Veaner, Adult Ministries Coordinator 607-592-1386*

Ukrainian Egg Workshop

March 16, 12:00–4:00 pm

Join Kathy Lee to learn how to decorate Easter Eggs in the Ukrainian style. Workshop is for everyone from senior high age and above. Kathy supplies the materials, except that you need to bring a tapered candle in a candleholder.

HolyWeek Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 24, Worship, 9:00 AM

Tuesday, March 26, "Lord, Is It I?," 7:30 PM

Maudy Thursday, March 28, "Lord, Is It I?," 7:30 PM


Good Friday, March 29, Service, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday, March 31

Worship 7:00 AM

Worship 9:00 AM

Worship 11:00 AM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30</p> <p>K.A.N. 3:30 Confirmation Bible Study 3:30 Fireplace Praise Service 5:45</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Disciple I Bible Study 12:00</p> <p>Staff Parish 7:00</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Rehearsal 7:00</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bishop Webb in Auburn 6:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Senior High 7:00</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p> <p>8</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers Meeting 10:00</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p> <p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30 Confirmation Bible Study 3:30 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS DUE Youth Mission 6:30 at All Saints</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00 Disciple I Bible Study 12:00</p> <p>Trustees 7:00</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Disciple IV Bible Study 12:30</p> <p>"Good" Movie for Youth 7:00</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Senior High 7:00</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p> <p>SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight Lord, Is It I? Rehearsal 7:00</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Ukrainian Egg Decorating 12:00-4:00 Children's Musical Rehearsal 12:30</p>
<p>17</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Children's Musical 10:30 RESCUE IN THE NIGHT Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive</p> <p>Confirmation Bible Study 3:30 Young Adult Fellowship 6:00</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Disciple I Bible Study 12:00</p> <p>Haiti 7:00</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Rehearsal 7:00 Membership 7:00 Worship Committee 7:30</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Senior High 7:00</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00 Confirmation Retreat 3:30</p> <p>LUMC Passover Seder 5:30</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
<p>24</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY Worship 9:00 K.A.N. Bake Sale 10:00 Sunday School 10:30</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30</p> <p>Lansing Food Pantry 3:00</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Rehearsal 7:00</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Disciple IV Bible Study 12:30</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? 7:30</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00</p>	<p>28</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>Senior High 7:00 Living Last Supper Lord, Is It I? 7:30</p>	<p>29</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p> <p>Worship Service 7:00</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
<p>31</p> <p>EASTER! HE IS RISEN! Sunrise Service 7:00 Worship 9:00 Worship 11:00</p>			<p>Note: This calendar is current as of February 25. For updates to all LUMC events, visit lansingunited.org, and check the bulletin when you're in church on Sunday.</p>	<p><i>March 2013</i></p>	 <p>Lansing United Methodist Church</p>	

One Great Hour of Sharing

Offering Received on March 10 (or anytime you wish to give)

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering underwrites UMCOR, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (www.umcor.org). This includes covering both UMCOR's expenses and supporting its ongoing worldwide ministries of providing food, shelter, health, and peace.

One Great Hour of Sharing also enables UMCOR to respond to natural or human made disasters—most recently, Superstorm Sandy. UMCOR also sent \$120,000 to people who had damage from Hurricane Irene, including in Middletown, on Schoharie Creek. UMCOR sends in specially trained first responders to help the authorities with storm coordination. Then, once the situation is stabilized, UMCOR supports the Volunteer in Mission (VIM) work teams that go to help with clean up and reconstruction.

One Great Hour of Sharing allowed UMCOR to remain on the Gulf Coast to help with the Hurricane Katrina clean up long after other agencies left. UMCOR also helps in 81 other countries, including Sudan, where hardworking families have to deal with continuing war and displacement, and Sierra Leone, where malaria is the target.

Giving to One Great Hour of Sharing enables UMCOR to keep a promise that is almost unmatched by any other organization of this type. When you give a designated gift to UMCOR, 100 percent of that gift goes entirely to the purpose you designate. UMCOR takes out no "overhead," because One Great Hour covers that. The United Methodist Committee on Relief receives no Church World Service funds or any other United Methodist apportionments.

Lord, Is It I?

Living Recreation of the Last Supper

Tuesday, March 26, and Thursday, March 28, 7:30 PM



Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper, "Lord Is It I?," by Ernest K. Emurian, will be presented twice during Holy Week at 7:30 PM on Tuesday and Thursday. From a tableau based on da Vinci's painting, each of the apostles reflects on his experience with Jesus, and the fateful news that Jesus will be betrayed, suffer, and be killed, and furthermore that one of the men at the table is responsible

for his betrayal. Each of the apostles ponders whether he might be responsible, whether by action or failure to act.

Rescue in the Night

Children's Musical, March 17 at 10:30, after Worship



"Rescue in the Night," by Tom Long and Alan Pote, dramatizes the events told in the book of Daniel, Chapter 6, when the nation of Israel had been swept away by the Babylonians (Persians). Daniel was an honest man

who rose to a high position in the government of King Darius. His jealous coworkers set up a plot that turned on the fact that Daniel was devoted to God. The advisors convinced the clueless Darius to issue an edict banning prayer to anyone but the king. Daniel continued to praise God, and Darius had no choice but to throw him to the lions, according to his own decree. God intervened, Daniel was not harmed, and Darius thereafter proclaimed the God of Israel, as did his successor, King Cyrus the Great, who eventually allowed the nation of Israel to leave Persia and encouraged them to rebuild the temple (as told in the book of Ezra).

District Day with Bishop Webb

March 6, 6:30–8:30 pm, Auburn UMC

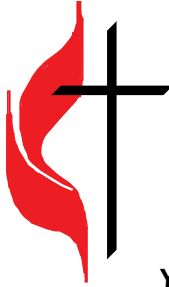
Our newly appointed bishop, Mark Webb, is traveling throughout the Upper New York Annual Conference to meet with the people of the conference. The day for the Finger Lakes District (that's our district) is March 6, when Bishop Webb will be at the Auburn United Methodist Church from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Auburn UMC is on Rte 34 on the south side of Auburn.

Become an LUMC Barista

Thanks to all those who have stepped up to help with coffee time. We're still looking for a rotating group of volunteers to set up and clean up for our Sunday coffee hour following worship. Ideally, everyone could take a Sunday or two. This is not the job of bringing cookies, although you certainly can do that. Duties include preparing coffee; setting out tablecloths, coffee mugs, coffee fixings and cookies; and washing up afterwards. Individuals, families or groups can volunteer for a week at a time. Sign up on the sheet when you grab your coffee or cookie.

LUMC at 50: Planning Is Ongoing

The anniversary steering committee has formed, chaired by Pat Gillespie. The committee conducted a brainstorming session on February 10 to come up with ways to observe this anniversary. Your input and assistance will be most welcome.



The Sunbeam

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Celebrating 50
Years of Serving and
Praising God**

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HOLY WEEK

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