

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:30 AM • Myers Town Park

Pavilion D, Month of July • Adult Sunday School 10:30 AM

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Vacation Bible School

July 15–19

From the Pastor

On the last Sunday in the sanctuary, I mentioned in worship that I attended a meeting about worship the previous week. There was a pastor at the meeting, Rev. Yohang Chun, who said, "Worship is like dating God, so we can fall in love with God." This phrase has haunted me all week. The image of dating God is powerful...how would we prepare? What would we do? What would we say?

When I think back to the many "first dates" I have been on, I can't help but think about the careful preparation. Picking just the right outfit, fussing with hair and make-up (yup, there was a time that this stuff mattered to me!), and worrying about what to order at a restaurant or what to eat at the movies. There was also, at a certain age, the question of whether or not this date would blossom into **The One**.

Now, I can assure you that there were plenty of first dates that were also last dates. And sometimes, that wasn't my choice. As I ponder this date with God, though, there will never be a time when God chooses to make it a last date. God wants us to fall in love. God wants this relationship so much, God will keep waiting for us when we are too distracted to pay attention.

I'm also struck by the fact that God already is in love with us... and there is nothing we can do about this!! It is amazing that we can do absolutely nothing to make God not be in love with us. What a gift! What a joy!

My challenge to you, my friends, is that you find some space in worship to open yourself to falling in love with God. For some, it may be in the music. For others, it may be in prayer. For still others, it may be in the sacrament of communion. There is always something happening that can open you to finding God.

I also learned at this meeting that trying to find elements in every worship that will please everyone every week will make us all a little bit nuts...sort of like one size fits all shoes where everyone has a blister but in a different spot.

All relationships require work, and If we are serious about falling in love with God, we will need to put the necessary effort into it. No one can do this work for you...you have to invest in God on your own...worship is but one pathway to the blessings God has in store for you!

—Pastor Jane

Note: Pastor Jane is at Casowasco the week of July 8-12.

Women's Bible Study Luncheon

The Women's Bible Study annual dish-to-pass Summer luncheon will be held on July 10, 2013, at the home of Lorretta Bidlespacher, 223 Red Fox Lanes, King Ferry. We will meet at 11:00 AM in the church parking lot to car pool to her house. Table service and beverage will be provided. Please let Jan (533-4086) know if you are not able to attend.—Jan Nagel

Summer Church Picnics and Ice Cream Socials

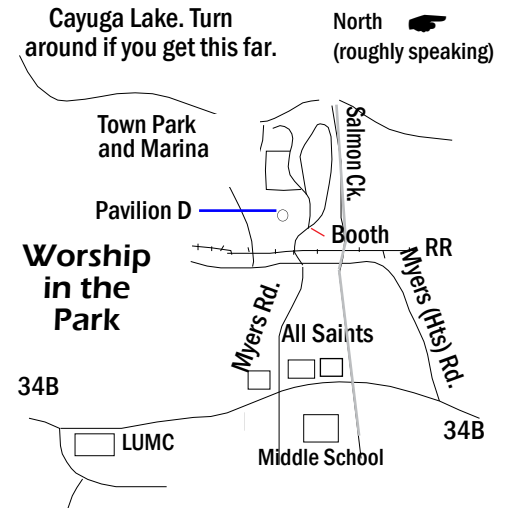
Gather for a pleasant summer evening at the church picnics and ice cream socials. Picnic dates are set for July 9 and 24, with locations to be announced. Gather about 6:00 and eat around 6:30. Hosts provide beverages and a fire. Bring your meat to grill and a dish to pass.


Ice cream socials move from one ice cream stand to another, with the July locations being Laurie's in Genoa (corner of Rtes 34 and 90) on July 14, and Cream at the Top (Rte 34B, one mile north of King Ferry), on July 28. Gather at 6:00 and then set your own schedule.

Where to Find 9:30 Worship in the Park

Note the more relaxed starting time!

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. Just say you've come for church. Look left for the LUMC banner. We are in Pavilion D.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>July 2013</i>	1	2	3 Prayer Service 9:00	4 The United States of America —by the grace of God free and independent for 237 years Church office closed	5 Needleworkers 10:00	6 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
7 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park Pavilion D Adult Sunday School 10:30 Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30	8 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Trustees 7:00	9 Pastor Jane at Casowasco (all week) Church Picnic 6:00	10	11	12 Needleworkers 10:00	13 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00
14 Worship 9:30 Lansing Town Park Pavilion D Adult Sunday School 10:30 Ice Cream Social, Laurie's, Rtes 34 and 90, Genoa	15 SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight	16	17 Prayer Service 9:00	18	19 Needleworkers 10:00	20 Men's Breakfast 7:00
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Vacation Bible School Rocking the Kingdom

July 15-19

Monday through Wednesday at LUMC

Thursday and Friday at All Saints

Preregister using forms available at the church office or on the church website.

(You'll get a great head start with the

energetic praise music when you register because we have music CDs for registered families.) We'll be forming kingdom crews of kids entering Kindergarten through 5th grade, including our friends from All Saints Church and anyone you'd like to bring along for the adventure. We're in for an epic adventure that empowers kids to stand strong for God. We'll be gathering in the Royal Courtyard of Kingdom Rock from 6:00 to 8:15 each evening for an unforgettable week of royally rockin' activities: Bible learning, crafts, games, fantastic music, tasty treats and a mission project to help families who need recovering from Hurricane Sandy. Please contact Adam Bacher, 533-4070 or Bonnie Blair, 257-0721 for more information.

Congregational Support for VBS. Our children have always been so fortunate to have the overwhelming support of the LUMC congregation, for which the children and their parents are eternally grateful. We're here to ask again for your support of the Vacation Bible School Program. There are many ways to be involved with the success of VBS, and it is our dream that each member of the congregation will choose some way to help. Here are some ideas of how you can help:

- Pray for a child who would benefit from being part of VBS;
- Invite a child to join in the fun of VBS week;
- Donate a food item for snack time. There'll be a poster board out by the bulletin board filled with notes listing items we would appreciate to help defray VBS expenses. Food items would need to be turned in (left in the kitchen) by Wednesday, July 10.
- If you've got some time the week of July 15-19 and would like to spend some time with the kids, we'd love to have your help.

Contact Adam Bacher, 533-4070 or Bonnie Blair at 257-0721 and we'll match you up with a job you'd enjoy.

Finally, you can join in on the mission project for the week, as explained on the next page.

Young Adult Fellowship: Game ON

Young Adult Fellowship, for the 20- to 30-something crowd, will meet Wednesdays at 6:00 at the Enchanted Badger throughout the summer. All are welcome to enjoy the fun, games, and fellowship. Enchanted Badger is at 335 Elmira Road (Ithaca), just before the Hampton Inn.

VBS Will Support Youth Ministry Mission to Long Island

For its mission project, VBS will be collecting donations to support the Youth Ministries Team's mission trip to help with the long-term rebuilding from the devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy.



Our youth teams will work on remodeling jobs for families whose homes were damaged, as part of Next Step Ministries mission team oversight. Next Step Ministries is committed to help students grow closer to Christ through life-changing, one-week mission trips that make a lasting impact. Our mission teams need to provide their own Sawzall, and would like to give back by bringing another to leave at the worksite for future teams to use. We would like to contribute to their mission work by purchasing the Sawzalls for them to use.

Adult Sunday School: On the Water



With a theme of "Meditation: A Conversation with God," adult Sunday school will continue for the month of July in Myers Park. We have arranged for water craft rentals from Paddles 'n' More, which will provide kayaks, canoes,

stand-up paddleboards, and paddle boats, along with pfd's and safety instruction. Ravi Walsh will lead the sessions, and you can be paired with a boating buddy in a canoe or double kayak. We're suggesting a \$10 donation for each session, but talk with Karen Veaner if this is a hardship, as we don't want money to stand in the way.

Anniversary Directory Photos

If you have historical pictures of LUMC or any of the predecessor churches, we need them for the historical pages of the new church directory! If you are able to scan them and send them digitally, wonderful! If not, bring them in and we will scan them.

Please identify people in the pictures and dates they were taken (as best you can recall, at least the decade). We don't want all of your pictures—perhaps your 3 or 6 favorites!



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Celebrating 50
Years of Serving and
Praising God**

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**WORSHIP IN THE PARK, ALL OF JULY, 9:30 AM
Myers Park
Pavilion D**

Adult Sunday School Follows

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