

# *The Sunbeam* March 2014

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Lansing United Methodist Church

**Worship 9:00 AM, SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Pastor: Jane Sautter**

**Christian Education Coordinator: Adam Bacher**

**Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner**



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**Lent 2014**

**Ash Wednesday Service**

**March 5, 7:00**

## The Promise...

With any luck at all, we will be experiencing spring before too long. It's hard to imagine as I look out the window at blowing snow and gray, gloomy skies. But, we know that "in the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be" (Hymn of Promise, by Natalie Sleeth, #707 in our hymnal). Even though we cannot see the possibilities of spring under the huge piles of snow, we trust that those possibilities are there. As well, we know that as we enter into Lent, there is a promise waiting for us at the end of the time of penitence.

We know, too, that God is calling us forward at a community of faith. It is no coincidence that our time of visioning through our home meetings coincides with the beginning of Lent. It is entirely appropriate that we look over our shoulder to see where we have been while we look forward to see where we are going. What would have happened if the disciples didn't come back together to say, "What do we do now?" or if Mary and the other women had never gone back to the tomb? How would God's promise have been fulfilled if the burial were the end of the story?

Likewise, what happens if we take a stance that LUMC has fulfilled its mission and ministry and that there is no "next chapter"? How will we fulfill God's promise here in Lansing?

I truly believe that God is not done with us just yet...there is more to the story than we can even imagine! As we enter into Lent...and into our home meetings...let us go with hope and expectation and radical trust that God is most assuredly at work among us. May God bless our work, our discernment and our faithfulness.

*Many blessings,  
Pastor Jane*

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About the cover. The internet being as it is, the name of the artist has been separated from the graphic. Otherwise we'd give credit where it's due.—gw

## Moving LUMC Forward

I am writing as chairperson of the church council. Since our 50th anniversary celebration many members have expressed concerns for the mission and ministry focus of LUMC.

Historically the congregation at LUMC has been very focused on community and greater ministry. It started with six small congregations, led by some forward thinking individuals, that one larger church made more sense than six small churches. They merged and built this building, thus establishing Lansing United Methodist Church.

They individually sacrificed, worked hard with dinners, a bazaar, and many chicken BBQs to pay the mortgage as quickly as possible.

When this was accomplished, they asked themselves—"What next?" A vision for older adult ministry in the community was realized and acted upon. Led by Rev. Ralph Williamson, Bob Baker, and others; this grew into a community wide supported ministry. Woodsedge resulted.

Again, "What next??" The congregation realized a new vision was needed. Christian education for all ages was the result. Eventually a building addition was added to provide classrooms for education, classes, and meetings. It seemed that the building had something going on 7 days a week.

When this building loan was paid, the congregation again responded with—"What next?" In 2004 with a new vision in place, paid staff to coordinate youth, adult, and outreach ministry came into being.

Almost all of the goals of that vision have been met or attempted. Some didn't work, most did.


We are now at the point—"What next?" We need a new vision to direct, to expand the ministries of LUMC. What do we envision for the future?

To help the council define this new vision we as a congregation need to come together, share ideas, hopes, dreams with each other. This visioning process is a LUMC historical responsibility we have developed. It is now the 2014 congregation's turn to vision the future.

The council has arranged for many home meeting sessions of 10 to 12 people to meet, to dream, to discuss, and to present ideas for our new vision. We hope to determine a new *Forward Vision*.

My thanks to those members who have accepted the opportunity to host a meeting, and to those who have volunteered to facilitate those meetings. Please sign up a meeting. Each should last about 90 minutes. Look for the sign up sheets during coffee hour time.

Thank you, I look forward to hearing from all of you—your ideas, dreams, concerns, prayers for LUMC as we look *Forward*.—Bill Hinderliter

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>TRANSFIGURATION Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30</p> <p>K.A.N. 3:30 Confirmation Bible Study 4:00</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Christian Believer 12:30</p> <p>Staff Parish 7:00</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p><b>Ash Wednesday</b></p> <p>Service 7:00 Adult Choir follows Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Christian Believer 7:00</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Men's Breakfast at Linda in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>DAYLIGHT TIME BEGINS, SET CLOCKS BACK</p> <p>Worship 9:00 Daylight Time Sunday School 10:30</p> <p>Confirmation Bible Study 4:00 Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00 Christian Believer 12:30</p> <p>Trustees 7:00</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Church Council 7:00</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Christian Believer 7:00</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
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<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30</p> <p>Lansing Food Pantry 1:00</p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30</p> <p>Bell Choir 6:00 Adult Choir 7:00 Senior High Youth 7:00</p>	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30</p> <p>Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30 Youth Mission Goods and Talent Auction 3:00 Confirmation Bible Study 4:00</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Christian Believer 12:30</p>		<p><b>Note: This calendar is current as of February 24. For updates to all LUMC events, visit <a href="http://lansingunited.org">lansingunited.org</a>.</b></p>	<p><b>March 2014</b></p>	 <p><i>Lansing United Methodist Church</i></p>	



### Learn to Make Marvelous Ukrainian Easter Eggs

**K**athy Lee will again be leading Ukrainian Egg Decorating, with this year's session on Sunday, April 6, at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Be ready to go at 1:00 because the process gradually builds your egg design. You just need to bring a tapered candle in a candleholder, patience, and a desire to create. Sr. High Youth and adults of all ages are welcome!

### Goods and Talents Auction

to benefit Lansing Youth Mission work trips (for Hurricane Sandy Restoration and to Guatemala)  
**Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 3:00 PM**  
**George Fenner: Auctioneer**  
**at Lansing United Methodist Church**

Please consider donating something for the Goods & Talents Auction!  
 It can involve your goods, services, time or talents. We also hope you will plan to attend the auction, bring a friend or two, have some fun and bid for some unique items and services.  
 Deadline for donations of goods or talents: Sunday, March 9, 2014. For more information, please contact the LUMC office at 533-4070 or call Peg or Dave Stoyell at 533-7947. Thank you!

### You Oughta Be in Pictures

**W**e are looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate operating the video camera for our worship services. We have several shut-ins who would love to be able to experience our services. Whoever takes on this task would not have to operate the video camera every week, but would be sure someone is doing so. We would also accept donations of portable DVD players that you might have that are no longer using. If you are able to help out in either way, please contact Laura Alexander or Pastor Jane.

### Bible Readings for Lent

	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
Ash Wednesday March 5	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthis- ans 5:20b- 6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent March 9	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Second Sunday in Lent March 16	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1- 5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Third Sunday in Lent March 23	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Fourth Sunday in Lent March 30	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1- 45
Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday, April 13				
	Isaiah 50:4- 9a	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Psalm 31:9-16	Matthew 21:1-11 Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 Matthew 27:11-54

*Note:* These readings are from the common lectionary for this year. The lectionary operates on a three-year cycle, and will suggest different sets of readings for 2015 and 2016.



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**FOR YOUTH MISSION**

**MARCH 30**

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