

The Sunbeam April 2014

Lansing United Methodist Church

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

PLEASE JOIN US!

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Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



Children's Musical

Are We There Yet?

The Story of Moses and the Exodus

April 6



Becoming Unfrozen

While walking the dog early in the morning, I have become aware of some signs of spring that are most welcome! The first sign has been the birdsong. Throughout the winter months, the only birds I heard were chickadees and crows. Now I hear wrens and cardinals, the mockingbird is back, and there are robins calling to one another. The second sign, and one that is not quite so pleasant, is mud. We can complain about mud, but, in truth, it means that the ground is giving up the frost and soon we will see more green. I've noticed, as well, that there is a "mud smell" that is a sign of spring, not to be mixed up with the skunk smell that is yet another sign! For me, the most exciting sign of spring is the tiny shoots poking their heads through the soil...a promise that sometime in the not-too-distant future, there will be beautiful flowers to brighten our days.

Pondering these signs, I am drawn to how they can be a metaphor for our life in the church. We go through times when we seem to be frozen, almost paralyzed, and unable to really do anything of importance. Then we begin to hear chattering and squawking and become attentive to the noise. Once we hear the noise and begin to respond to it, things get messy...sometimes muddy, and often stinky! When we spend a little more time cultivating what has become "unfrozen," the result is something amazing to behold; a beautiful array of newness that looks and smells beautiful! Now, this happens much more quickly in nature than it does in churches...but I believe that LUMC is in the chattering and squawking phase.

As we come to the end of our season of Lent and move forward into Eastertide, I would suggest to all of us to look for the signs of new life around us. We will see it in the trees and flowers. We will hear it in the birds and brooks.

We will rejoice in the Risen Christ who brings joy and hope and peace. I also hope that we at LUMC find ourselves in a place of new life in our physical structure, but more importantly in our spiritual life—individually and corporately.

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From the Pastor (concluded)

I would like to share with you a poem by Joyce Rupp from her book *The Circle of Life* that captures some of what I am trying to say:

Spring Flowers

**Last night after sunset I put my flower children to bed,
covered their cheery pink faces with blankets, towels, and sheets,**

**said, "Goodnight, stay warm, don't let the frost-bugs bite,"
hoping, when I arose next day, that the long cold night
had not nipped their spring noses and frightened them to death.**

**How carefully I care for the small flower garden,
protecting all I can from harm.
Yet, when the green shoots of my own inner growth
push their way out,
I seem to leave all to chance and little to care.**

I wonder why.

*A blessed Easter to you all!
Pastor Jane*

Lord, Is It ?

Living Last Supper

April 15 and 17, 7:30 PM

When Jesus called the Disciples to the Upper Room, they did not know what to expect, and even after he explained what would happen, they did not understand. Even today, do we really understand? Relive that night, as each of the Disciples shares his inner most thoughts and we all share the Last Supper.

Lord, Is It I?, by Ernest K. Emurian, free and open to all.

Don't Forget: Ukrainian Easter Egg Decoration Workshop

Sunday, April 6, 1:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

Bring a candle in a candle holder and spend an interesting afternoon.



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		<p>1</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Rehearsal 7:00</p>	<p>2 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>3</p> <p>Christian Believer 7:00</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>5 Men's Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00</p> <p>Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00</p> <p>Ham Loaf Dinner 4:30</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30</p> <p>CHILDREN'S MUSICAL Are We There Yet? 10:30</p> <p>Ukrainian Egg Decorating 1:00 Confirmation Bible Study 4:00 K.A.N. 5:30</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Christian Believer 12:30</p> <p>Staff Parish Relations 7:00</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Rehearsal 7:00 Church Council 7:00</p>	<p>9 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>10</p> <p>Christian Believer 7:00</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p> <p>Seder 6:00</p>	<p>12 Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
<p>13</p> <p>PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30</p> <p>Confirmation Bible Study 4:00</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Rehearsal 7:00 Trustees 7:00</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Living Last Supper 7:30</p>	<p>16 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>17</p> <p>MAUNDY THURSDAY</p> <p>Lord, Is It I? Living Last Supper 7:30</p>	<p>18</p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 7:00</p> <p>SUNBEAM DEADLINE 12:00 Midnight</p>
<p>20</p> <p>EASTER! HE IS RISEN Sunrise Worship 7:00 Worship 9:00 Worship 11:00</p> <p>Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30</p> <p>Haiti 7:00</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 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>24</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Needleworkers 10:00</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Mens' Breakfast 7:00</p>
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Food Pantry Feinsein Challenge

The Food Pantry Challenge continues in April. All donations received from now to April 30 help the Lansing Food Pantry earn grant money from the Feinstein Foundation, which has committed to donating \$1 million to anti-hunger agencies throughout the United States. The money is divided among all the participating food pantries according to how much support they receive during the challenge. Thus, the more we donate, the more of this grant money the Lansing Food Pantry will receive. (See www.feinsteinfoundation.org for more information.) During the past five years, your generous response to this awareness campaign tripled the contributions to the food pantry during the grant period and resulted in an 8 percent increase in grant money received over that prior to 2009. Most important, because of your generosity, the food pantry has been able to consistently serve an average of 85 households in need every month.

If you are able to make a monetary donation or donation of non-perishable food items, your gifts would be greatly appreciated. One hundred percent of your donations are used by the Lansing Food Pantry for members of our Lansing community in need. Monetary donations may be sent to Lansing Food Pantry, 32 Brickyard Road, Lansing NY 14882 (or dropped in the plate on Sunday). Food donations may be dropped off at the church in a special collection basket inside the front door.

Thank you for fighting hunger in our local community!



Ham Loaf Dinner

to Benefit Haitian University Students

A traditional ham loaf dinner will be served at Lansing United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 5, from 4:30-7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Tickets are \$8.00 and will be available at the door. Take-out dinners will be available.

Proceeds will help to pay the tuition (\$1,200 per student) and expenses of the Haitian university students whom the church supports in the Dominican Republic. Our students are studying hard, so let's give them our support.

Menu includes escalloped potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, and baked goods.

There also will be apple pies for sale, frozen and ready for you to bake. \$12.00! If you've tried to buy a pie lately, you know that is a bargain.

Are We There Yet?

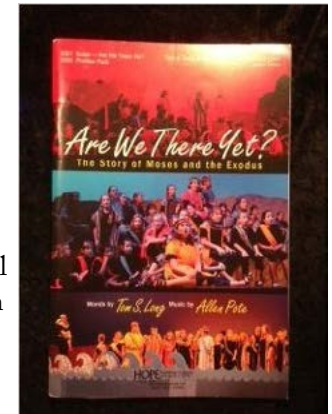
The Story of Moses and The Exodus

by Tom S. Long and Allen Pote

April 6

10:30 AM

Our company of child thespians will play Moses, Miriam, Aaron, Joshua, the Pharaoh, and the Israelites, as they bail out of Egypt, cross the Red Sea, rumble through the Sinai, and head toward the Promised Land. Along the way, we'll see the burning bush, meet the golden calf, and witness Moses receive the Ten Commandments. Plan to join the fun. You may also want to experience the remembrance of the deliverance of Israel at a Seder.



Passover Seder at LUMC

Friday, April 11 at 6:00 PM

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, or Pesach, was one of the most important holidays that Jesus would have celebrated during his lifetime. It is widely believed that the Last Supper was a Passover Seder. A Seder is a Jewish service celebrated in the home and includes a special meal with symbolic elements to remind us of how God delivered the Hebrew people. The text for the Passover Seder is written in a book called 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 April 14 at sundown, we will observe a Passover Seder at LUMC on Friday, April 11, at 6:00 PM.

Easter Flower Orders Are Due By Friday, April 11!

Order lilies and tulips to grace our altar on Easter Sunday—and contribute towards the beautiful music of the Ithaca College Trombone Troupe to enhance our Easter worship!

Forms are available in the Narthex and on the church website.



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LORD, IS IT I?, APRIL 15 AND 17, 7:30

EASTER, APRIL 20

SERVICES AT 7:00, 9:00, AND 11:00

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