



# *The Sunbeam* March 2015

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Lansing United Methodist Church

**Worship 9:00AM**

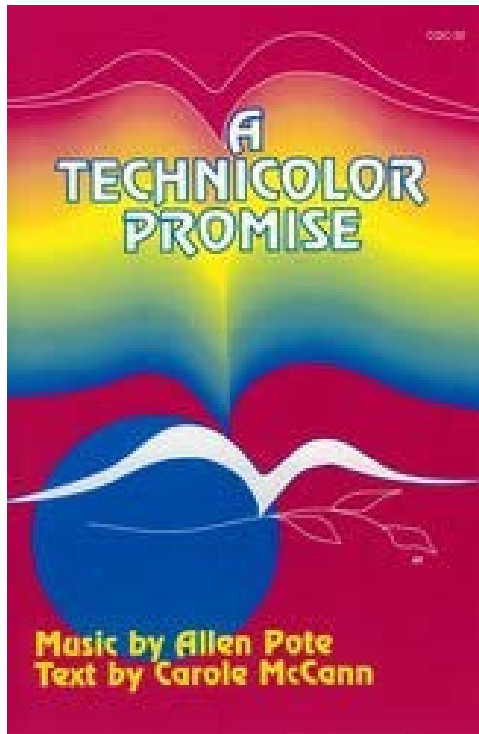
**KIDZ QUEST AND SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM**

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Pastor: Jane Sautter**

**Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel**

**Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner**



**The Story of Noah  
Children's Musical  
March 15**



### I AM

This Lenten Season will focus on the “I AM” sayings found in the Gospel of John. Our worship and all of our Sunday School classes will be focused on *The God We Can Know*, a book by Rob Fuquay. As I have been doing some planning, I have been pondering my own “I am” sayings. I am a mother. I am a sister. I am a pastor. I am a woman. I am a friend. I am an introvert. While all of these are true, the most important I am is that I am a beloved child of God.

It is super easy to focus on all the who we are pieces of our life and forget whose we are. If we don't remember that we are made in God's image, we are free to think all kinds of bad things about ourselves and others. We can become judgmental. We can begin to think that we are the ones to sort out the sheep and the goats, the wheat and the chaff. We can think that we are entitled to privileges we have not earned.

Throughout Lent, we will come to understand more about the nature of the person of Jesus and also understand more about ourselves in relationship to Jesus. Knowing Jesus will help us to know ourselves. We will recognize God in ourselves and in one another. Hopefully, we will recognize God's grace and mercy in the person of Jesus. As we listen and learn from Jesus, my prayer is that we will each come to know that we are all beloved children of God, made in God's own image, made to seek God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength. May our Lenten journey together be filled with peace and joy and new understanding.

*Many blessings,  
Pastor Jane*

### Lenten Devotionals

Free lenten Devotionals are available in the Narthex. Please choose a book for yourself and one or more to share with others that might enjoy a devotional guide during this season of Lent.

### Holy Week Worship and Activities

Palm Sunday Worship, March 29, 9:00 a.m.

“Lord, Is It I,” A “Living Last Supper,” March 31 and April 2, 6:30 p.m.

Passover Seder, April 3, 6:00 p.m.

Easter! April 5, Worship 7:00 Sunrise, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

### Passover Seder at LUMC

Friday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.

Please Sign Up in the Narthex by March 15

For the past 2 years we have celebrated this family tradition here in our Fellowship Hall. It is a wonderful opportunity to gather and hear the story of the Exodus and enjoy a special dinner and fellowship.

Passover or “Pesach” (PAY-sahk) comes from a Hebrew word meaning 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 was one of the most important holidays that Jesus would have celebrated during his lifetime. Many believe that the Last Supper was a Passover Seder.

A Passover Seder or “order” is a special family meal filled with ritual to remind us that God delivered his people out of slavery and brought them to the Promised Land. The text of the Pesach 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.

All are welcome. Those that are comfortable doing so are asked for a \$10 donation per person to cover the cost of the meal. But no one should stay away. Your presence is needed more than your presents. Due to the preparation time and expense involved, we are asking that interested folks please sign up by March 15 so that we can plan accordingly.

Questions? Contact Karen Veaner (607) 592-1386

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

1 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Worship 9:00  
Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30  
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30  
  
Confirmation 4:00  
K.A.N. 5:30

2 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  
  
Staff Parish 7:00  
Wingmen Men's Group 7:00

3 Needleworkers 10:00

4 Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
Senior High Youth 6:00  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

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7 Mens' Breakfast at  
Linda's in North Lansing  
7:00  
Whole Person Wellness 9:30  
Prayer Shawl Ministry/  
Caregivers 10:00  
  
Haiti Chicken & Biscuit  
Dinner 4:00

8 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME  
Worship 9:00  
Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30  
  
Children's Musical Rehearsal 11:30  
  
Confirmation 4:00  
Youth Mission 6:30

9 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Mobile Food Pantry 10:00  
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  
Prayer Service at Woodsedge  
11:00  
  
Trustees 7:00  
Wingmen Men's Group 7:00

10 Needleworkers 10:00  
  
Church Council 7:00

11 Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
Senior High Youth 6:00  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

12 Bible Study: Gospel of John  
7:00  
Rehearsal: Lord, Is It I! 7:00

13 CONFIRMATION RETREAT

14 Men's Breakfast  
Every Saturday 7:00  
Whole Person Wellness 9:30  
  
Children's Musical Dress  
Rehearsal

15 ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING  
Worship 9:00  
Children's Musical  
A Technicolor Promise  
Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30  
Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive  
Confirmation 4:00  
  
SUNBEAM DEADLINE

16 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  
  
Haiti 7:00  
VBS Planning 7:00  
All Saints  
Wingmen Men's Group 7:00

17 Needleworkers 10:00  
  
Worship Committee 7:00

18 Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
Senior High Youth 6:00  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

19 Bible Study: Gospel of John  
7:00 pm



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21 Men's Breakfast 7:00  
Whole Person Wellness 9:30

22 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT  
Worship 9:00  
Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30  
  
Deadline for Easter Flower Orders  
  
Confirmation 4:00

23 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30  
Food Pantry 1:00  
  
Wingmen Men's Group 7:00

24 Needleworkers 10:00  
Rehearsal: Lord, Is It I? 7:00

25 Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
Senior High Youth 6:00  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

26 Bible Study: Gospel of John  
7:00

28 Mens' Breakfast 7:00  
Whole Person Wellness 9:30

29 **PALM SUNDAY**  
Worship 9:00  
Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30

30 Pancakes and Prayers 6:30  
Bible Study at Woodsedge  
10:30  
  
Lord Is It I! Rehearsal 6:45  
Wingmen Men's Group 7:00

31 Needleworkers 10:00  
  
Lord Is It I? Performed 6:30

1 Prayer Service 9:00  
Women's Bible Study 9:30  
Senior High Youth 6:00  
Bell Choir 6:00  
Choir 7:00

2 MAUNDY THURSDAY  
  
Performance Lord, Is It I?  
6:30

3 GOOD FRIDAY  
  
Passover Seder  
6:00

4 Mens' Breakfast at  
Linda's in North Lansing  
7:00  
Whole Person Wellness 9:30  
Prayer Shawl Ministry/  
Caregivers 10:00

*Holy Week*

*April 2015*

Set Clocks Ahead



## Chicken and Biscuit Dinner

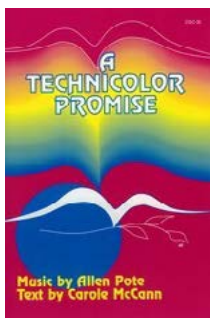
to benefit our Haitian Students

On Saturday, March 7, a traditional chicken and biscuit dinner will be served at LUMC. Dinner

will be served from 4:00–7:00. Tickets will be available ahead of time at the church office or at the door. Proceeds from the dinner will help to pay the tuition of our Haitian university students who are in their final year of studies. If you would like to help with the dinner or to donate food, please contact Judy Hinderliter, 607-533-7287 or [jk.hinderliter@gmail.com](mailto:jk.hinderliter@gmail.com).

## The Gospel of John—In Depth

While we're looking at the I AM sayings of Jesus during our Sunday School Lenten Study, would you like an in-depth look at the entire Gospel of John? If so, please plan to join us Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00, starting March 12, to begin a 9-week study. Please sign up via e-mail at [adultministries@lansingunited.org](mailto:adultministries@lansingunited.org) or by calling the church office at 533-4070.



## Children's Musical

*A Technicolor Promise*

by Alan Pote and Carole McCann

Join the LUMC Children on March 15 for the story of Noah during the Sunday school hour, at 10:30.

## Easter Remembrances, Flowers, and Music

Every year LUMC has the opportunity to share their remembrances of loved ones past and present by contributing to the music of our Ithaca College guest trombone troupe and by displaying flowers in the Sanctuary. Thanks to Bakers' Acres you may choose lilies or tulips. Look for order forms in upcoming bulletins. Order deadline is Sunday, March 22.

## United Methodist One Great Hour of Sharing

Celebrate 75 years of being with those in crisis by giving generously to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Your gift covers the operating expenses of UMCOR, so that 100% of your designated donations and Advance Specials go to their intended use. LUMC will receive One Great Hour on March 15. [www.umcsgiving.org/oghs](http://www.umcsgiving.org/oghs).

## Confirmation Retreat

The Confirmands and the Confirmation Team will be having an overnight retreat at Lakeview from Friday, March 13, to Saturday, March 14. They will have games, activities, and discussions to help solidify many of the things they've learned and experienced so far, and may even have surprise visits from their Mentors! Keep the young people in your prayers as they experience one of the most fun and engaging aspects of the Confirmation process!

## VBS!

This year's Vacation Bible School theme will be "G-Force: God's Love In Action!" So Save the Date for July 13-17! Our next planning meeting is March 16 at 6:30 p.m., so roll on down to help get this thing going!



## The God We Can Know: Exploring the "I AM" Sayings of Jesus

This Church-wide study continues in March, exploring the "I Am" sayings of Jesus found in the Gospel of John. What did Jesus mean when he said, "I am the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Good Shepherd; the True Vine; the Way, the Truth and the Life; the Resurrection, and the Life"? One by one, Jesus' statements grab our imagination, reveal more about his identity and purpose, and connect us to the God of Moses, who spoke the first "I Am." These significant, yet ordinary images give us insightful ways to experience Jesus and point us to a God who wants to be known.

Each Sunday, adults, youth and children will gather in the Sanctuary to view a ten-minute video filmed on location in the Holy Land with Pastor Rob Fuquay, and actually see the places where Jesus stood while disclosing his true identity, and in what context he spoke each "I Am." Then we'll split into individual classes. This all generation Sunday School program promises to make for some thoughtful and engaging conversation during Fellowship and beyond! —*Shared Leadership*

## Whole Person Wellness with Suzanna Jelovecki & Karen Veaner Saturdays, 9:30–11:00 a.m. in the Adult Classroom

Looking for balance in your life? Nurture your Spiritual life by looking at the "big picture" and taking a "Whole Health" approach to finding balance and grace every day. Explore ways to care for your spiritual, emotional and physical needs. Dropins Welcome!



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**WORSHIP 9:00**

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**PALM SUNDAY  
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