



# *The Sunbeam* April 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**



**Holy Week 2015**

**Arising from Winter**



As I sit here in my office looking out at piles of snow and a frozen lake, it is hard to wrap my brain around the possibility of Spring. Yet our clocks have changed and it is a little warmer, so maybe, just maybe Spring will arrive! *But* even if Spring doesn't arrive as quickly as we would like, Easter will still come and God's promise will prevail. In our impatience for a change of season, in our frustration with a long, seemingly unending Winter, in our longing for warmth and sunshine and gentle rain, let us

remember that this is yet another cycle created by our God who loves us.

As we walk through another Holy Week in anticipation of a blessed Easter, may we remember all that our Lord did and saw and taught to bring us to this place of hope. May we be the source of joy and light and hope for those we meet on life's path. Joyce Rupp says this best in her poem:

**A Springtime Prayer, by Joyce Rupp**

Ever-renewing and energizing  
Creator,  
come, stir in my dormant spiritual  
limbs.  
Wake up my tired prayer.  
Revive my weary efforts of care.  
Sing hope into my discouragement.  
Wash my dusty, drab attitude  
with cleansing rains of your vision.  
Go deep to my roots and penetrate  
my faith  
with the vibrancy of your grace.  
Shake loose the old leftover oak  
leaves  
of my tenacious ego-centeredness.

Coax joy to sprout from my difficulties.  
Warm the buds of my relationships  
so they bloom with healthy love.  
Clear out my wintered debris  
with the wild breeze of your liberating  
presence.  
Nudge me, woo me, entice me,  
draw me to you.  
I give you my trust and my gratitude  
as you grace my slowly thawing  
spirit.  
Light-filled Being, my Joy and my  
Hope,  
let the greening in me begin!

**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, 7:00 Sunrise Service led by LUMC Youth, Worship 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.

Ithaca College Trombone Troupe will play at 9:00 and 11:00.



**"Lord, Is It I?" Will Be Presented Two Nights during Holy Week**


On Tuesday, March 31, and Maundy Thursday, April 2, the Lenten play "Lord, Is It I?," by Ernest K. Emurian will be presented in the Lansing United Methodist Church sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.. Following the play, Holy Communion will be served. "Lord, Is It I?" is set in the upper room as Leonardo da Vinci portrayed it in his painting The Last Supper. Each disciple reflects on his life with Jesus and ponders Jesus' statement that one of them will betray him. A nursery will be provided on Thursday.

**Passover Seder at LUMC  
Friday, April 3, 6:00 p.m.**

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. The Seder 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. All are welcome. Those that are comfortable doing so are asked for a \$10 donation per person to cover the cost of the meal. No one should stay away. Your presence is needed more than your presents.

**Easter Sunrise Service**

Join us on Easter Sunday at 7:00 a.m. for the annual Sunrise Service, hosted this year by the Jr. High youth. Stick around for some refreshments afterwards before our regular worship at 9:00 a.m.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>29</b> PALM SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30 K.A.N. Bake Sale for Haiti during Fellowship Time	<b>30</b> Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 "Lord Is It I Rehearsal" 6:45 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	<b>31</b> Needleworkers 10:00 "Lord Is It I?" Presented 7:30	<b>1</b> Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	<b>2</b> MAUNDY THURSDAY "Lord, Is It I?" 7:30	<b>3</b> GOOD FRIDAY Passover Seder 6:00	<b>4</b> Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl Ministry/ Caregivers 10:00
<b>5</b> EASTER! Sunrise Service 7:00 Worship 9:00 Worship 11:00	<b>6</b> Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Gospel of John Study 12:00 Staff Parish 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	<b>7</b> Needleworkers 10:00	<b>8</b> Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Senior High Youth 6:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	<b>9</b> Bible Study: Gospel of John 7:00	<i>April 2015</i>	
<b>12</b> Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation 4:00 K.A.N. 5:30 Youth Mission 6:30	<b>13</b> Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Gospel of John Study 12:00 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	<b>14</b> Needleworkers 10:00 Church Council 7:00	<b>15</b> Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Senior High Youth 6:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00 SUNBEAM DEADLINE	<b>16</b> Bible Study: Gospel of John 7:00	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Men's Breakfast 7:00
<b>19</b> NATIVE AMERICAN SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Kidz Quest and Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation 4:00 Adult Mission 6:00 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	<b>20</b> Pancakes and Prayers 6:30 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Gospel of John Study 12:00 Finance 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	<b>21</b> Needleworkers 10:00 Worship Committee 7:00	<b>22</b> Prayer Service 9:00 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Senior High Youth 6:00 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	<b>23</b> Bible Study: Gospel of John 7:00	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Mens' Breakfast 7:00
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## Lansing Youth Mission in Guatemala (Trip One)



**T**he Lansing Youth Mission group spent a week in Guatemala in February working with Unbound. A second LYM group will go to Guatemala during Holy Week. The LYM group donated enough to build a house near San Lucas Toliman for a 12-year-old boy, Marvin, and his grandparents who raised him. Although a Cornell student group led by Andra Benson built a stove and donated a new roof, there were many open spaces simply covered with thin plastic, and the walls were still coated in creosote from the open fires inside.

The LYM group helped to carry gravel, mix and pour the concrete floors, finish the roof and install the windows and doors. The mason and his two sons, with Marvin and his grandfather, could have probably completed it more quickly without our group “helping,” but we learned how much could be accomplished with branches cut from trees with machetes. Marvin also celebrated his 13th birthday that day with his first meal at a restaurant and first birthday cake.

The LYM group swondered why a police truck constantly followed them, but discovered that it was the free escort given by the tourism department. The kids soon made friends and were allowed to ride in the back of the police truck on the shorter trips. The group also met their sponsored children and visited churches, markets and families in Santiago, Patzun, San Lucas, San Pedro and Antigua. LYM would like to thank all of those in the area who made this trip possible. You not only contributed to building a house for a young boy, but many have inspired our youths to careers in the foreign service or languages.—*Christine Montague, excerpted from Lansing Town Talk.*

### Native American Ministries Sunday

The Native American Ministries Sunday offering develops and strengthens Native American ministries within the annual conference, expands the number of target cities in the Native American Urban Initiative and educates Native American seminarians.

## Bible Study at LUMC

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

This Church-wide study takes a break for Easter Sunday, concluding on the two Sundays following Easter. We will examine two remaining “I am” statements of Jesus. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; and I am the Resurrection, and the Life” We will start in the Sanctuary with adults, youth and children viewing a brief video filmed on location in the Holy Land with Pastor Rob Fuquay. —Shared Leadership

### The Gospel of John—In Depth

In addition to the I AM sayings of Jesus, the study of the full Gospel of John continues, with sessions on Mondays at noon and Thursdays at 7:00.

### Smoke-free LUMC

The LUMC trustees and church council have approved an action to make the LUMC property smoke and tobacco free (including electronic or vapor cigarettes), effective April 15, 2015. In an effort to make our building and grounds a healthy environment for all people, we believe that banning tobacco in all forms is a positive move. While smoking on church property has not been a huge issue, it has presented some problems...especially when our building is being used for community events. There will be proper signage in place shortly and we will join others in making Tompkins County “Tobacco Free Tompkins.”

### Thank you...

...to our faithful snow plowers: Scott Bishop, Glenn Swanson, and Pete Peters. They have done a tremendous job in keeping our parking lots cleared (again!) this winter. It’s been difficult enough to keep our own homes cleared of this winter’s snow, but they also made sure we had access to the church at all times. We certainly appreciate **all** of their efforts!!!!

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### Adult Sunday School for April and Beyond

Meditation: A Conversation with God, meets weekly in Pastor Jane’s Office  
April 4: Happy Easter! No Sunday School today.

April 12: The God We Can Know: I Am the Way, the Truth and the Life

April 19: The God We Can Know: I Am the Resurrection and the Life

April 26, May 3, 10, and 17: The Sacraments: Our Methodist Identity with Pastor Dave Nichols

Pastor Dave will share Methodist beliefs, focusing especially on those doctrines that make Methodists distinctive. Participants will have an opportunity to share their own experiences with the sacraments and explore how these practices enrich our spiritual life—in the Adult Classroom.



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Methodist Church

Inside:

**PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:00**

**MARCH 29**

**LORD, IS IT I? LIVING LAST SUPPER**

**MARCH 31 AND APRIL 2 7:30**

**EASTER!**

**HE IS RISEN!**

**SUNRISE SERVICE 7:00 AM**

**WORSHIP 9:00 AND 11:00**

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