



The Sunbeam January 2016

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM

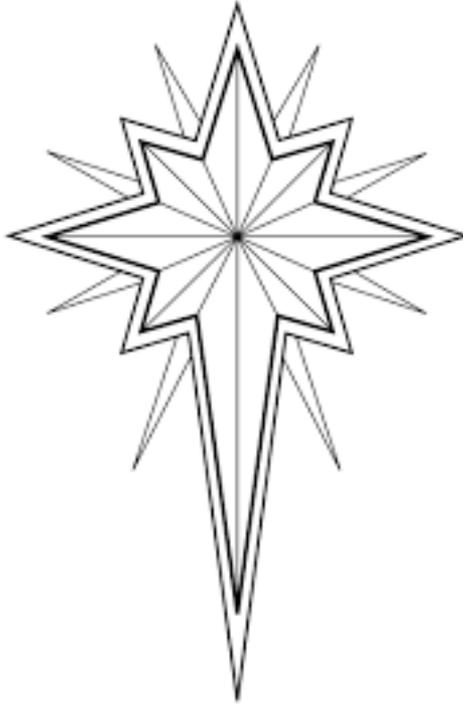
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Satter

Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



Epiphany 2016

Season of Light!

From the Pastor

The Ideal Pastor

Our District Superintendent, Jeff McDowell, will be meeting (or has already met) with the SPRC to get an assessment of what qualities are desirable in a new pastor. This can be a time of high anxiety, so I would like to share with you a job description that should give you a broader picture of what it is that a pastor does and what you might be looking for. I trust that you will seriously consider all the gifts and graces a new pastor might bring to LUMC!—*Blessings, Pastor Jane*

- The perfect pastor condemns sin roundly but never hurts anyone's feelings.
- The perfect pastor works from 8 AM until midnight and is also the church janitor.
- The perfect pastor makes \$400 a week, wears good clothes, drives a good car, buys good books, and donates \$300 a week to the church.
- The perfect pastor is 29 years old and has 40 years experience.
- The perfect pastor also knows when somebody is sick and needs visitation even without anyone telling them about it.
- The perfect pastor loves to spend time with family and has no problem with you dropping in unexpectedly.
- The perfect pastor spends most of their time in preparation to speak God's Word.
- The perfect pastor remembers everyone's birthdate and of course, their anniversary dates as well.
- Before and after services, the perfect pastor never fails to speak to each person present and will also take the time to listen for 15 minutes and pray for each person no less than 10 minutes after listening to them.
- The perfect pastor always smiles and tells you what you want to hear.
- The perfect pastor goes out to eat after church with each individual family, spreading his time evenly among all, and also pays for all the meals.
- The perfect pastor eats nutritiously, gets adequate rest, exercises daily, and is always there to listen to you night or day.
- The perfect pastor has a burning desire to work with teenagers, and spends most of their time with the senior citizens.
- The perfect pastor smiles all the time with a straight face and has a sense of humor that keeps them seriously dedicated to their church.

- The perfect pastor makes 15 home visits a day and is always in the office to be handy when needed.
- The perfect pastor always has time for church council and all of its committees.
- The perfect pastor never misses the meeting of any church organization and is always busy evangelizing the unchurched.
- The perfect pastor meets with the all the other pastors in town because they all have so much time on their hands.
- The perfect pastor takes family vacations and attends all the latest church and ministers conferences and listens to your favorite TV preachers and is completely up to date on each prominent TV preacher's messages.
- The perfect pastor spends all day each Saturday preparing the Sunday sermon, and focuses on family too.
- The perfect pastor doesn't want to overburden the church finances, so they hold down a full time secular job as well.
- The perfect pastor is always in the next church over!

Now if your pastor does not measure up, simply send this notice to six other churches that are tired of their pastor, too. Then bundle up your pastor and send them to the church at the top of the list. If everyone cooperates, in one week you will receive 1,643 pastors. One of them should be perfect. Have faith in this letter. One church broke the chain and got its old pastor back in less than three months.

Save the Date for Parsonage Open House

Pastor Jane would like to invite the congregation to her last (sniff!) Epiphany Open House at the parsonage on Saturday, January 9, 2016 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. Please come to share some holiday goodies and fellowship!

Confirmation '16

Kick-off meeting: January 10

Everybody on the Confirmation Team is getting excited, because Confirmation '16 officially starts on January 10! The Luke class will kick things off for a process that will lead up to Confirmation Sunday in May. Be praying for our awesome Confirmands, and the whole program. This year is shaping up to be another fantastic season of Confirmation!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 EPHANY Worship 9:00 Youth Ministry 10:45 	4 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Staff Parish 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	5 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Ladies in Fellowship Together 6:30 Crossroads	6 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Church Undecoration 6:00 Sigh, Already? Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	7	1 Happy New Year! LUMC Office Closed Senior High Youth 6:00 8	2 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Men's Breakfast 7:00 Parsonage Open House 1:00-4:00 9
10 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation 4:00 K.A.N. 5:30 Youth Mission 6:30	11 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 Bible Study @ Woodsedge 10:30 Prayer Service at Woodsedge 11:00 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Trustees 7:00 Wingmen 7:00	12 Needleworkers Group 10:00	13 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	14	15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Sunbeam Deadline Midnight </div> Senior High Youth 6:00	16 Men's Breakfast 7:00
17 HUMAN RELATIONS SUNDAY Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation 4:00 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	18 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY Church Office Closed Finance Committee 7:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	19 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Worship Committee 7:00	20 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00	21	22 Senior High Youth 6:00	23 Men's Breakfast 7:00
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K.A.N. Karolers!

A devoted and enthusiastic group of K.A.N. kids and adults spread some Christmas joy to beloved members of our congregation during the sunshiny afternoon of Saturday, December 5. Kate Payne, Mary Searles, and Jackie Baker were delighted to hear both traditional and fun carols of the season and to share in some fellowship with our young people. Jackie Baker and Reenie Sandsted extended sweet hospitality with cookies and cider as we had a short gathering time.

The K.A.N. kids learned how their words can be a gift to others during the Christmas season and all the time. The kids determined that it was pretty close to impossible to put toothpaste back in the tube once it had been



K.A.N. carols to Mary Searles

messily squirted out. They learned that it can be the same with their words when they are said in anger and meanness. Once they come out, they cannot be taken back. They discovered what God says about this in the Bible. In Proverbs 12:18, it says, “The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.” The reckless words that pierce like a sword are the messy toothpaste words. We want to be wise and for our words to be helpful to people and to bring healing. Just like toothpaste when used right helps keep us healthy, we want to use our words right to bring joy and healing to our friends, family, and neighbors. During a building block game, the kids built up a tower with each word of 1 Thessalonians 5:11 on it (“Be kind to one another and build each other up”).

The kids received a Pez dispenser filled with candy to remind them that every time they open their mouths like the Pez dispenser, they can choose to dispense sweet words, just like their candy. We hope that you have been hearing those sweet words that build each other up in your homes this week!

We are so grateful to these special ladies for allowing us to visit with them and to share Christ’s love through song! It is always a blessing to hear the angelic and beautiful voices of our young people, especially when they are lifted to raise the spirits and warm the hearts of others. Merry Christmas from our amazing K.A.N. Kids, Miss Bonnie, and Miss Debbie! —*Debbie Geise and Bonnie Blair*

Adult Sunday School

January 3—No Sunday School

January 10—Join us and find out what Pastor Jane has up her sleeve...

January 17—Inter-Generation Sunday. Adults, Youth & Children meet together in the Sanctuary.

January 24 & 31: **The Wired Word** with Judy Hinderliter, returns on Sunday, January 24, in the adult Classroom. This course offers a rich discussion of current events in relation to scripture passages and everyday life.

Meditation, a Conversation with God continues weekly in Pastor Jane’s office. This gathering has shared leadership and open participation. You are welcome to join in at any time.

Thanks from the Giving Tree

Lansing UMC and All-Saints RC Church teamed up to provide Christmas gifts for approximately 72 children this year. The gifts that you donated, were handed out on Dec. 21. Our clients are so grateful, and I wish you all could be there to see how much they appreciate what you provide their children. Special thanks to *Rich and Kay Moore* for providing this year’s tree, and to the *K.A.N. kids* for making the wonderful decorations.

Youth Ministry Team (It’s happening!)

January 3, 10:45 a.m.

The Youth Ministry Team is reuniting! This will enhance the Youth Ministry immeasurably, and also allow Kevin time to help raise Baby Boy Klippel! If you are interested in helping to steer the Youth Ministry or fill in for Kevin a little bit while he’s learning how to be a father, please join us on January 3 for our initial meeting! Or, in the meantime, talk to Kevin about how you can fill some upcoming voids!—youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org

SOLID 2016 January 29-31

Casowasco is hosting SOLID 2016 on January 29-31! If you have not told Kevin that you’re going, do so now! Then, fill out a registration form in the Narthex and hand it in to Kevin. Also, you should totally invite some-body that perhaps has never been to SOLID at Casowasco before. If you have other questions, Kevin has answers!—youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org

Pancakes & Prayer and Youth Group

After a relaxing Christmas season, Pancakes & Prayer is back in full force starting January 4! Everybody in 7th through 12th grade is welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 a.m. every Monday for a delicious pancake breakfast, prayer, and fun. Youth Group also returns Friday, January 8, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for 9th through 12th graders with fun games and activities, meaningful discussion, and, of course, general buffoonery! Kevin would love to answer any questions you may have!—youthcoordinator@lansingunited.org

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