



The Sunbeam February 2016

Lansing United Methodist Church

Worship 9:00 AM

SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

PLEASE JOIN US!

Pastor: Jane Sautter

Christian Education Coordinator: Kevin Klippel

Adult Ministries Coordinator: Karen Veaner



Ash
Wednesday

**Lent Begins
February 10**

From the Pastor

Paul's Message to Us

Saint Paul has given us a lot to think about in his letters to new Christian communities. As I go back to sharing the Ten Commandments for Pastors Leaving a Congregation, by Lawrence Farris, I am struck by how often the letters of Paul are referenced!

Commandment Four is "thou shalt affirm thy congregation's ministry" and is opened with these words of Paul from 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 –

We give thanks to God always for you all, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,

Remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope.

You have done some impressive work here over the past six years. You have welcomed many new members to our congregation and have had the painful experience of saying good-bye to many old members. You have come through a self-study process that has affirmed your past and led to dreaming the future. You have laughed together and cried together. You have disagreed with one another and have come to places of consensus with grace. You have allowed ministries to find their own identity with your prayers and support. You have accepted new staff with open arms. You have done well, my friends, but your work will never be done!

It is my observation that the congregation of LUMC will never be totally comfortable with the status quo—and this is a good thing! I have also been aware of the fact that this is a "congregationally led" church and is not dependent on the ideas or direction of the pastor. I have seen an evolution of ministries take place and find that to be exciting and encouraging and it has been a privilege to be part of this community.

Along the way, there may have been (and still might be!) hurt feelings and bruised egos. Commandment Five states: "thou shalt try to mend fences" and, once again, opens with Paul's words, this time from 2 Corinthians 5:18:

God...through Christ reconciled us to himself, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation.

Sometimes, we get so caught up in what we are doing that we forget that we are really in the business of loving and caring with open hearts. We often think that what we are doing has no effect on the people around us and

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St. Paul's Message (concluded)

neglect the feelings of those we care about the most. At these places, it is critical that Jesus be at the forefront of our thinking and doing...which really goes back to the Thessalonians passage!

Being grateful for the gifts and opinions of all the members of our family is the first step in being able to avoid the pitfalls of hurt. Once words of anger are spoken, it is impossible to "put the toothpaste back into the tube." It is, however, possible to find love and forgiveness in the midst of hurt. So, for those times when I have been thoughtless, I ask for your forgiveness... and for those times when you have been thoughtless, I forgive you. It's that simple. Thank you, Saint Paul!

*Blessings,
Pastor Jane*




**February 10
7:00 p.m.**

Ash Wednesday Lent Begins

Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent, when we prepare for Easter, and meditate on the amazing gift of Jesus Christ. Join us for the imposition of ashes at 7:00 on Wednesday, February 10, and then continue with us through Lenten worship.

Along the way we will have the glory and tragedy of Palm Sunday, and the introspective presentation of "Lord, Is It I?" during Holy Week.

The Altar Committee gives special thanks to all who helped beautify our church during the recent Christmas season. Special thanks to Fannie Welch for sharing her creche figures.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 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	2 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Ladies in Fellowship Together 6:30 Crossroads	3 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00		5 Senior High Youth 6:00	6 Mens' Breakfast at Linda's in North Lansing Every Saturday 7:00 Prayer Shawl/Caregivers 10:00
7 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Confirmation 4:00 K.A.N. 5:30	8 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	9 Needleworkers Group 10:00 Church Council 7:00	10 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 Choir (following service)			13 Men's Breakfast 7:00
14 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30	15 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Sunbeam Deadline Midnight </div>	16 Needleworkers Group 10:00	17 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00		19 Senior High Youth 6:00	20 Men's Breakfast 7:00
21 Worship 9:00 Sunday School 10:30 Adult Mission Dinner at Rescue Mission Confirmation 4:00 Youth Mission at All Saints 6:30 Youth Mission Can and Bottle Drive	22 Pancakes and Prayers 7:00 Bible Study at Woodsedge 10:30 Bible Study at LUMC 12:00 Food Pantry 1:00 Wingmen Men's Group 7:00	23 Needleworkers Group 10:00	24 Women's Bible Study 9:30 Bell Choir 6:00 Choir 7:00		26 Senior High Youth 6:00	27 Mens' Breakfast 7:00
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Our Once and Future Playground

At a recent Trustee meeting, it was decided to tear down the existing playground this spring. It has served the children well for many years and now needs to be replaced with a playground made of composite materials. The trustees would like your thoughts about what you liked and disliked about the old playground and what you would like to see in a new one. Please share your thoughts with Bill Thibault (billtebo@yahoo.com) and Judy Hinderliter (jk.hinderliter@gmail.com).

Adult Mission Dinner at Rescue Mission

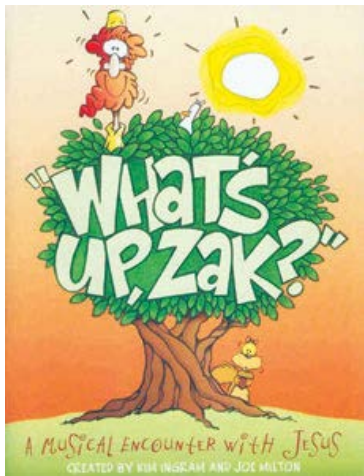
The next dinner at the Ithaca Rescue Mission is February 21. Adult mission members will organize the dinner. If you'd like to help with either cooking or service, see Steve or Laura Alexander.

These meals are much appreciated both when they are served on Sunday and on Monday for the leftovers!

Children's Musical

What's Up, Zak?

by Kim Ingram and Joe Milton



Rehearsals will start soon for this story of Zaccheus.

Watch for notices on the practice schedule, see Diane Withiam, or check the choir room door for details

The performance will be on April 17.

Report from the Pastoral Search Committee

- Adam: Good man, but reports say he walks nude in the woods.
 - Abraham: Awkward incident with his son and a knife.
 - Moses: A modest and meek man, but not a public speaker and can't preach a sermon. Known for his temper and runs off by himself too often.
 - David: The most promising leader of all until we discovered the affair he had with his neighbor's wife.
 - Jeremiah: Emotionally unstable, alarmist, negative, always lamenting something or other.
 - Isaiah: On the fringe? Claims to have seen angels in church.
 - Jonah: Says he refused God's call into ministry until he was forced to obey by getting swallowed up by a great fish. We hung up when he told us the fish later spit him out on the shore near the park.
 - John: Not well groomed, sleeps outdoors for months on end, has a weird diet, is argumentative, and provokes denominational leaders.
 - Peter: Too impulsive. Has a bad temper—has even been known to curse. A loose cannon.
 - Paul: Powerful CEO type leader and fascinating preacher. However, short on tact, unforgiving with younger ministers, harsh, and has been known to preach all night.
 - James & John: Package deal. Can't afford them and then they both wanted to sit at the head of the table.
 - Timothy: Too young!
 - Methuselah: Too old!
 - Jesus: Popular until he disappeared under mysterious circumstances. Then his church dwindled down to about twelve people.
 - Judas: Solid references from high priests. Conservative, well spoken, good connections. Knows how to handle money. Possibilities here.
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Time to Think About Camp!

Plan to Bring a Friend!

Believe it or not, now is the time to start thinking about summer camp. Early signups will start in a couple of months. LUMC's policy is that money should never stand in the way of having a child go to camp. Children: Invite a friend to camp! The church will help out with the campership funds. A child does not have to be a member of LUMC or of any church to receive campership funds from LUMC. We want to send children to camp!

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ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 10

SERVICE 7:00 P.M.

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