

The Parish Visitor

March 2024



CHURCH VITALS:

- Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30-noon
Phone: 608-723-4384
- E-mail: lumchurch@tds.net
- Worship: Sunday 9 am
Live Streaming: Sunday 9 am
Radio Broadcast: 10:30 am 1590AM
- Web Site: www.lancasterumc.org
- Annual Conference Website:
www.wisconsinumc.org

Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/LancasterWIUMC/>

OUR LUMC STAFF:

Rev. Dr. David Kim, cell 253-335-7480

Helen Millin, Secretary

Bob McKelvey, Treasurer, cell 608-988-6825

Helen Millin, Financial Secretary

Bev Mattingly, Music Director

Mary Rasmussen, Parish Nurse

*Rev. Bob McKelvey, Pastor Emeritus

SPECIAL EVENTS:

March 3, 10, 17, 24- "Lectio Divina" 10 am, Barb Cook

March 6- UMM at McDonalds, 7am

March 6- Prayer Shawl, 10 am

March 6- Lenten Service at Calvary Community at 6pm with Soup Supper following the service.

March 10- Daylight Savings Time begins. Spring ahead

March 13- Lenten Service at Christ Lutheran Church at 6pm with Soup Supper following the service.

March 14- ALT Meeting 6:30pm

March 17- Family Promise Host Week

March 20- Prayer Shawl, 10am

March 20- Lenten Service at LUMC at 6pm with Soup Supper following the service.

March 31- Easter Sunday Worship

Sunrise Service 7am; Continental breakfast following.

In-Person worship and live stream- 9am

Greetings from the Pastor!

Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ! In this Lenten season, I'd like you to center your hearts on the profound message of hope that the Easter season brings to each one of you. May we hold onto the hope of resurrection, allowing it to permeate our lives and illuminate our paths with renewed purpose and strength.

In the words of the Apostle Paul, "**He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**" (Romans 8:32). This verse encapsulates the essence of our faith—the sacrificial love of our Lord Jesus Christ, who willingly bore the cross for our redemption.

During this sacred season of Lent, let us journey together in deeper reflection, contemplating the profound significance of Christ's sacrifice on the cross. It is a time for us to humbly acknowledge our need for His grace and mercy, recognizing that it is through His sacrifice that we find forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life.

As we meditate on the cross, may we also contemplate the unfathomable depth of God's love for each one of us. In surrendering His Son to the agony of crucifixion, God demonstrated the incomparable magnitude of His love—a love so profound, so boundless, that it knows no limits or conditions.

Let us, therefore, embrace the hope of resurrection with hearts filled with gratitude and awe. Let us carry the message of Christ's sacrificial love into our daily lives, shining His light in the darkness and extending His love to those in need.

As we journey through the remainder of the Lenten season, may we be transformed by the power of the cross and the promise of resurrection. Let us draw nearer to our Savior, Jesus Christ, and allow His love to permeate every aspect of our being.



*Seek God~
Share Christ~
Serve Others~
Sing Praises*

In closing, let us remember the words of the psalmist: **“The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18).** May we find solace in the assurance of God’s presence and the promise of new life in Christ. Wishing all a blessed and reflective Lenten season, filled with the hope and joy of resurrection. Yours in Christ, Pastor David

FOOD PANTRY



An Easter Blessing: May the Glory and the Promise of this Joyous Time of year, Bring Peace and Happiness to You and those you hold most dear. And may Christ our Risen Savior, always be there by your side, to Bless you most Abundantly and be your Loving guide.

Author Unknown

Here are some interesting Easter facts that I came across: The history of Easter began in the 2nd century. While the earliest recorded observance of the holiday celebration occurred then, people commemorated the Resurrection earlier than that. Easter is the most important holiday of the Christian Church calendar. The Christian celebration of Easter is marked in around 95 countries across the world. Western Christianity observes Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the spring equinox. Due to the complex calculations, Easter Sunday can be anytime from March 22 to April 25. The official flower of Easter is the white lily. It symbolizes grace, purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope. The first recorded use of decorated Easter eggs was in the 13th century. The rising of Jesus from the tomb is associated with the emergence of new from an egg’s shell. Eventually it evolved into an official symbol of the Resurrection.

As we prepare for Easter, let us not forget the people who are struggling to put food on the table each day. Needed for the month of March at the Food Pantry are boxes of cereal, instant oatmeal, boxes of instant potatoes and 5.5oz. tubes of toothpaste. Helping in February were Mary and Chuck Rasmussen, Diane and Merlin Breihan, Mary Lou and Jerry Bausch, Helen Millin and filling in for me was Becky Bohnenkamp. Thanks so much to everyone!! The Church will staff the Food Pantry again on Thursday morning March 21, at 10:00 a.m. As always, let me know if you can help.
Diane Perkins, LUMC Food Pantry Coordinator

HEARING GOD’S WORD TO YOU

Have you ever wondered how to hear what God is saying to you personally? If so, this Lent you will have a chance to try an ancient spiritual practice that can help. Retired Pastor Barb Cook will be offering a Lenten study on *lectio divina* or “holy reading,” a way of reading the Bible for personal spiritual growth developed in Christian monasteries. We will be using the Gospel lessons assigned by the Common Lectionary for the Sundays in Lent to practice *lectio divina*.



Here is the class schedule, and the texts we will use for each session. Sessions will follow the worship service at LUMC and will be held in the Boardroom.

SESSION 3: March 3, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.	John 2:13-22
SESSION 4: March 10, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.	John 3:14-21
SESSION 5: March 17, 10 a.m.-11 a.m.	John 12:20-33
SESSION 6: March 24 (Palm Sunday), 10 a.m.-11 a.m.	Mark 11:1-11

You do not need to bring anything to class except yourself and the will to be open to God’s word for you. All other materials will be provided.

Two things in life change you forever, love and grief.

DESIGNATED GIVING

\$ 622.00 1st Qtr. Mission
 \$ 75.00 3rd Qtr. Mission
 \$ 385.00 Building Maintenance
 \$ 40.69 Family Promise
 \$ 50.00 Food Pantry
 \$ 422.50 Radio Ministry
 \$ 25.00 Snackpacks for Backpacks
\$1,620.19 TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING

January TREASURER'S REPORT

January Giving	\$22,079.94	
January Expense	\$28,376.13	
		<u>YTD</u>
January Budget Giving	\$20,459.75	\$20,459.75
January Budget Exp.	\$27,031.13	\$27,031.13

Thank you for your generous giving to the ministries of God through the LUMC!

HOLD IN OUR HEARTS

Cleone Ayres, Jane Bartow, Larry Busch, Dick Burns, Elam Buttles, Betty Edge, Lorna Heinzelman, Charlotte Hocking, Bob Hoffman, Sandy Kabele, Rosemary Kuenster, Julie Letcher, Donna Martin, Myranda Martin, Marlene Miles, Janet Paulson, Charles Ramshaw, Deb Raymond, Bette Steinbrenner, Nancy Stephenson, Donnalene Turner and Greg Wilkinson with health concerns and healing.



RADIO MINISTRY

March 3~ Given by Richard and Sandy Taylor in loving memory of their son, Aaron. His birthday was on March 4th.

March 10~ Broadcast is pre-empted.

March 17~ Given by Given by Maury and Martha McLean in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary and Martha's 86th birthday, both March 14th.

March 24~ Given by Bob and Gretta McKelvey in honor of Don McKelveys 93rd birthday on March 16th.

March 31~ Given by Marilyn Keller in loving memory of Donald who passed away on March 28, 2023.

April 14, 28- One-half sponsorship available each Sunday, \$32.50.

MISSIONS FOR 2024

First quarter we are supporting UMCOR-Israel; second quarter Northcott House; third quarter Grant County Cancer Coalition; October-Heifer Project and purchase a pig(s); and November/December- Grant County Holiday Project.

Please mark your giving envelope 1st Qtr Mission or UMCOR or Israel. Fellowship Hour donations are also given to the quarterly mission.



COME, HAVE A PASTY!!



Many thanks for the support from our LUMC members and friends! What a wonderful day and evening of great food and fellowship. We do appreciate the musical talents of Larry Busch at the piano. He always adds a flair to the evening! 10% of the proceeds have been designated to Snackpacks for Backpacks.

PRESCHOOL CAR WASH SALES

Kwik Trip car wash cards, 5-ULTIMATE car washes, may be purchased for \$36. **Payment must accompany order.** Orders can be placed through the church office or at lancasterwipreschool@gmail.com. Orders are being accepted through March 6th. Cards will be delivered when received from Kwik Trip.

Beautiful has nothing to do with looks. It has everything to do with how you are as a person and how you make others feel about themselves.

ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP TEAM February 15, 2024

Community Lenten Worship Services will be Wednesday evenings at 6pm.

Locations will rotate with Calvary Community Church and Christ Lutheran Church also participating. Soup supper will follow.

Rev. Barb Cook will lead a 6-week Bible study beginning Feb. 18th.

Good Friday worship will be at the Congregational Church at noon.

Pasty supper on Monday, Feb. 12, was well attended. 465 pasties were made and all are sold. If anyone is interested in helping coordinate the next supper, please contact Helen in the church office.

Current mission project is UMCOR, providing support for Israel and Gaza.

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 14, 2024.

Vicky Case, Sally Harper, Mike Kabele, Gretta McKelvey, Cinda Schindler, Tracy Schrader, Peg Soden, Becky Yager, Margaret Yearous, Christopher Zabel.

Lenten Worship Services

	Host Church	Sermon	Prayer
March 6	Calvary Community	Pastor Nate LaMore	Pastor David Kim
March 13	Christ Lutheran	Pastor Charlotte Eversoll	Pastor Nate LaMore
March 20	LUMC	Pastor David Kim	Pastor Charlotte Eversoll
March 28 Noon Good Friday	Congregational Church		

SERVING US IN MARCH AND APRIL

	Liturgist	Ushers	Coffee Hour
March 3	Lisa Zabel	Tracy Schrader/Brooklyn	SPRC
March 10	Robin Schacht	Mike and Sandy Kabele	Choir
March 17	Mary Rasmussen	Zabel Family	UMW
March 24	Becky Yager	Diane Perkins/Lois Bowen	Counters
March 31	Bob McKelvey	Larry and Cindy Busch	Signup
April 7	Christopher Zabel	Gruber Family	Care
April 14	Margaret Bussan	Roger and Margaret Bussan	Missions
April 21	Helen Millin	Cecil and Janice Landon	ALT
April 28	Diane Breihan	Mary Rasmussen/Cinda Schindler	Signup

If you are unable to serve on designated Sunday, please call for a replacement. Thank you.

Birthdays

Elliott Howen- March 3

Lyn Buttles- March 4

Sandy Kabele- March 9

Marilyn Stich- March 13

Martha McLean- March 14

Lucy Ramshaw- March 14

Brooklyn Carlson- March 22

Chris Zabel- March 23

Roger Case- March 24

Mary Udelhoven- March 26

Connie Landon- March 29

Gloria Landon- March 30

Crysti Prange- March 30

Joyce Cohen- March 31

Anniversary

Maury and Martha McLean- March 14



Someone, somewhere is depending on you to do what God has called you to do.

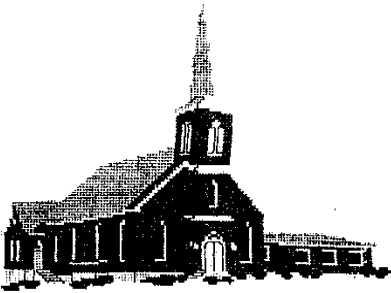
MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Live Stream Worship and Communion 9am; Radio Broadcast 10:30am Lenten Study 10am Pastor Barb Cook			UMM 7am at McDonalds Prayer Shawl 10am Lenten Service at Calvary Community. Worship at 6pm; Soup Supper following the service. CTL- 5pm			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
UMCOR SUNDAY Live Stream Worship 9am <u>NO RADIO</u> <u>BROADCAST TODAY</u> Lenten Study 10am Pastor Barb Cook Daylight Savings Time			Lenten Service at Christ Lutheran. Worship at 6pm; Soup Supper following the service. CTL – 5pm	ALT 6:30 pm		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
PALM SUNDAY Live Stream Worship 9am; Radio Broadcast 10:30am Lenten Study 10am Pastor Barb Cook			NO LENTEN SERVICE CTL-5pm		GOOD FRIDAY Worship, noon, at Congregational Church, on Square	
31						
EASTER Sunrise Service 7am; Continental Breakfast following worship Live Stream Worship 9am; Radio Broadcast 10:30am						

Asking for prayers isn't a sign of weakness, it is a sign of wisdom

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*A cord
of three strands
is not quickly
broken.*
Ecclesiastes 4:12, NIV

Live Streaming on Facebook at 9 AM
RADIO BROADCAST Sunday 10:30 a.m. on 1590 AM
Video broadcast posted on LUMC YOUTUBE channel

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE OUR CHURCH'S EASTER CELEBRATION
MORE JOYFUL WITH AN EASTER LILY IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF
SOMEONE YOU LOVE?**

Order the lily or other flowers from the florist of your choice, arrange for delivery to the church during Holy Week, and let us know at the church office (723-4384) who you are remembering with your gift so we can list his or her name in the Easter bulletin. Thank you!



EASTER JELLY BEANS:
*YELLOW is for God's "Son" so bright;
ORANGE is for the edge of night.
GREEN is for the grass he made.
BLACK are sins that must be paid.
RED is for the love Christ gave,
WHITE is for his grace to save.
PURPLE is for his hours of sorrow, and
PINK is for a new tomorrow.*



*People will forget what you paid. People will forget what you did, but
people will never forget how you made them feel. Maya Angelou*