

The Parish Visitor

May 2025

CHURCH VITALS:

- Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30-noon
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- Worship and Live Streaming: Sunday 10 am
- Web Site: www.lancasterumc.org
- Annual Conference Website:

www.wisconsinumc.org

Facebook Page:

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OUR LUMC STAFF:

Pastor: Erika Jezael Martinez-Flores

Helen Millin, Secretary

Bob McKelvey, Treasurer, 608-988-6825

Helen Millin, Financial Secretary

Bev Mattingly, Music Director

Mary Rasmussen, Parish Nurse

*Rev. Bob McKelvey, Pastor Emeritus

SPECIAL EVENTS:

May 1, 15- Circle of Friends 3:30-5:30pm

May 7- UMM McDonalds 7am

May 7, 21- Prayer Shawl 10am

May 8- UWIF Spring Dinner 5-7pm

May 15- Pre-School Spring Concert

May 18- Family Promise Sunday

May 19, 22- Food Pantry 7pm

May 22- ALT 6:30pm

May 25- Graduation Sunday

June 1- Confirmation Sunday

June 1-7, Family Promise Host Week

**Prayer Group: Wednesday 8:30am at LUMC
or via Zoom**

Meeting ID: 394 038 9324

Passcode: 4EkSsE

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

Pastor Greetings,

"The Resurrection of Jesus Christ as a source of hope"

"Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?'" John 11.25-26

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is one of the deepest and most central doctrines of Christianity, serving as the cornerstone of the Christian faith and a source of hope for us as believers. The event of the Resurrection not only validates the truth of Jesus Christ's divine nature and his teachings, but also offers us a profound promise about our own future beyond death.

The Resurrection is significant because it confirms Jesus as the Son of God and validates his teachings and sacrifice.

For us, the Resurrection is not only a historical event, but also a promise. Jesus' victory over death is seen as a guarantee of a future resurrection for all who believe in him. Hearing Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die". Do you believe this? This offers us profound hope: the promise of eternal life through faith in Christ. The hope provided by the Resurrection also has a transformative effect on our daily lives. In Colossians 3, the Apostle Paul encourages us to seek those things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. This shift in perspective changes how we view our lives and challenges, knowing that our goal is not earthly but heavenly.

Furthermore, the Resurrection empowers us to live with a unique blend of joy and purpose, even in the face of suffering or death, as its power enables us to endure hardships, as we participate not only in Christ's sufferings but also in His resurrection power.

The hope of the Resurrection also impels us toward an ethical life. God's grace teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and wickedness. This ethical dimension is not just about avoiding evil, but is positively framed as living in a way that reflects the reality of

the Resurrection. It is about embodying the values of God's Kingdom here and now, in anticipation of the resurrection life to come.

Finally, the hope of the Resurrection fosters a strong sense of community and mutual support among its people. The knowledge that death is not the end, but a transition to new life with Christ, motivates us to support one another through trials and sorrows. The community is called to embody resurrection life, offering a foretaste of the fullness of life promised in Christ.

In conclusion, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is more than a miraculous event in history. It is the foundation of Christian hope, promising eternal life, empowering ethical living, transforming suffering, and fostering community. For us, the Resurrection is the ultimate guarantee that God's love triumphs over death, and it is this hope that sustains our faith. Pastor Erika Martinez-Flores

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FOOD PANTRY

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith. In purity. 1 Timothy 4:12
Be happy, young man, while you are young, and let your heart give you joy in the days of your youth. Ecclesiastes 11:9



Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not turn from it. Proverbs 22:6

I was delighted to have the confirmation class, Jada Pedley, Kayla Buttles, Ashley Gruber and Russell Shaben, help at the Food Pantry, March 31. This is an awesome group, and the LUMC can be very proud of them! Pastor Erika and Mary Rasmussen were there also. Others that served March 20 and April 3 were Kathy and Vince Keepers, Chuck Rasmussen, Bev Mattingly, Becky Bohnenkamp and Greg Perkins. The need for food is high and the resources low. The Pantry budget is tight this year. Cash donations are always appreciated. Just mark your church giving envelope Food Pantry. Every dollar will help put food on the table for hungry individuals in our community.

Our next service dates are Monday, May 19 and Thursday May 22, both at 7:00 p.m.

May God bless you and keep you safe and happy this spring.

Diane Perkins, LUMC Food Pantry Coordinator

March TREASURER'S REPORT

March Giving	\$10,914.48	
March Expenses	\$18,184.39	
		<u>YTD</u>
March Budget Giving	\$ 8,302.79	\$26,963.03
March Budget Exp.	\$14,040.71	\$44,489.17

DESIGNATED GIVING

\$ 195.00	1 st Qtr. Mission
\$ 145.00	3 rd Qtr. Mission
\$ 530.00	Building Maintenance
\$ 50.69	Family Promise
\$ 666.00	Food Pantry
\$ 545.00	Mission
\$ 275.00	Media Ministry
\$ 75.00	Snackpacks for Backpacks
\$ 130.00	UMCOR
\$2,611.69 TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING	



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

You will always be too much for some, too loud, too soft, too this, too that. But you will always be perfect for those who really love you. Elizabeth Mayhall Simoneaux



SNACKPACKS FOR BACKPACKS

Once again we find ourselves saying thank you, thank you, thank you for the generous donation from the pasty dinner and individuals to our program. Since our beginning, in March 2019, you have always been there to support us through your monetary donations, volunteering, encouragement and prayers. As we finish another school year, please know you are all appreciated! Snackpacks for Backpacks Committee

Bev Mattingly, Becky Yager, Diane Breihan, Carol Caley, Barb Tucker,
Susan Ahnen, Ruth Rupnow

MISSIONS

On January 7, strong Santa Ana winds in Los Angeles caused wildfires to spread rapidly in multiple communities. Thousands of homes and businesses have been destroyed as well as multiple local United Methodist Churches. As countless families and communities face the overwhelming aftermath of these wildfires, UMCOR is supporting the efforts of conference disaster response ministries across the region. Evacuees are receiving food and other essential supplies. Trained volunteers are assisting where it is safe to do so. Pray for all those impacted by this disaster, as well as for first responders and



volunteers. The road to recovery will be long, but together, we can bring hope and healing!!! The best thing about UMCOR is all of our donations go straight to the disaster area. There are no administrative fees. This cause will be our second quarter mission. Thank you for your support!!!

Robin Schacht, Missions Chair

MULTI-MEDIA TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY

May 4~ Given by Bill and Lorna Heinzelman in celebration of Lorna's 82nd birthday on April 21st and their 60th wedding anniversary on May 16th.

May 11~ Given by Marilyn Keller in loving memory of Donald and Marilyn's anniversary on May 9th.

May 18~ Given by Elam and Barbara Buttles in celebration of granddaughter, Christina Buttles, LHS graduation and honor of valedictorian.

May 25~ Given by Richard and Sandy Taylor and family in loving memory of Wilma's birthday and was today.

June has available dates to sponsor; June 1st, 8th and 29th. Please call or stop by office if you are interested in sponsoring a Sunday.

HOLD IN OUR HEARTS

Cleone Ayres, Carol Bender, Jerry Benish, Larry Busch, Dick Burns, Elam Buttles, Carol Caley, Tom Davies, Bill and Lorna Heinzelman, Charlotte Hocking, Angela Kirschbaum, Lisa Kruser, Julie Letcher, Donna Martin, Myranda Martin, Marlene Miles, Janet Paulson, Leonard Pluemer, Charles Ramshaw, Deb Raymond, Ramona Reynolds, Janice Staskal, Bette Steinbrenner, Nancy Stephenson, Harold Sweeney, Sandy Taylor, Donnalene Turner, Jerry Van Natta (Marge Weimer's brother), Marge Weimer and Greg Wilkinson with health concerns.

Our sympathy to the family of Joyce Cohen. Joyce was a loyal friend of LUMC until her passing on April 8th. Our sympathy also to Dana Shaben, Tracy Schrader and family as they grieve the passing of Dana's mother, Wendy, on April 24th.

Bruce and Sue Fritz are rejoicing with the safe arrival of grandson, Grover, born Sunday, March 30, to their son and daughter-in-law, Tyler and Nicole. Congratulations to parents and grandparents!

We celebrate with Christ Lutheran Church. Rev. Laura Jasicek has been with Christ Lutheran since January 2025 and now has been officially installed as the pastor of Christ Lutheran serving Lancaster and St. Paul Lutheran in Burton.



SERVING US IN MAY AND JUNE

	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
May 4	Robin Schacht	Cecil and Janice Landon	Trustees
May 11	Jada Pedley	Gene and Jackie McLinn	Care Committee
May 18	Diane Breihan	Merlin and Diane Breihan	Missions
May 25	Margaret Bussan	Roger and Margaret Bussan	Graduation Sunday
June 1	Chris Zabel	Larry and Cindy Busch	Confirmation Sunday
June 8	Vicky Case	Roger and Vicky Case	Sign-Up
June 15	Russell Shaben	Tracy Schrader/Dana Shaben and family	Sign-Up
June 22	Bob McKelvey	Fecht Family	Sign-Up
June 29	Carol Soden	Gruber Family	Sign-Up

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

This is the day
that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalms 118:24

Global Ministries missionaries are a tangible connection between The United Methodist Church and mission. Through denominational or ecumenical ministries, missionaries bear witness to God's presence all around the world. They are called by God and sent out to serve by the church, usually placed in a new cultural context beyond their country of origin. Missionaries engage in ministry that is defined by mutuality and partnership, seeking to expand the mission of God already present and active in people and places.

ALT MEETING SUMMARY

The monthly meeting of the ALT was held on April 10, 2025. The following are highlights from the meeting:

- *Treasurer reported that giving is below the expenses for the 1st quarter of 2025.
- *Pastor reported that the Wednesday Lenten Study was well attended and weekly prayer meetings continue Wednesday mornings at 8:30. All are invited to join in person or by Zoom. Look for an announcement for Summer Bible Study coming soon.
- *First session of Adult Sunday School is completed. Please look for announcements about the next study.
- *Webwise has provided two options for the new look of our website. ALT is in review and will decide in May. We look forward to our updated website.
- *FaceBook continues to be utilized for worship and announcement of special events.
- *We will have a special service dedicated to information about Family Promise on May 18.
- *Pet Blessing Service will be held in July at the park. More details to come.
- *Finance Committee will be launching a Stewardship Campaign this fall.
- *Graduation Sunday will be May 25 and Confirmation Sunday will be June 1.
- *We will continue to be members of the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce for 2025.
- *Trustees reported that service was completed for the sound system. However, we will continue to monitor issues. Trustees will also conduct a semi-annual tour of the parsonage along with SPRC Chair.
- *Missions Committee reported the current project is for UMCOR Los Angeles Fire Relief. There will be six mission projects per year.
- *Care Committee reported that LUMC will host the United Women In Faith District Meeting, Saturday, April 26th, and Spring Dinner on May 8th.
- *Next ALT meeting will be on Thursday, May 22.





Easter Flowers: Many thanks to those who remembered friends and family with flowers for our Easter Sunday worship: Jerry and Mary Lou Bausch in memory of Ervin, Audery, Butch and Bill Benish; Merlin and Diane Breihan in memory of Albert and Berniece Breihan and Bill and Etola Heberlein; Richard and Carol Caley in memory of loved ones; Roger and Vicky Case in memory of their parents, Joe and Marcella Case and Bill and Etola Heberlein; Dave and Barbara Cook in memory of Barb's parents, Rod and Doris Gist; Stuart and Sally Harper in memory of our moms, Mrytle Dudler and Pat Harper; UWIF in celebration and memory of our dedicated members.



ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Lorna Heinzelman- May 16
 Jerry and Julie Letcher- May 17
 Dave and Barb Cook- May 21
 Steve and Lisa Zabel- May 30

Dottie Alcorn- May 1
 Steve Zabel- May 4
 Christina Buttles- May 8
 Melissa Hocking- May 10

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Martin- May 13
 Diane Perkins- May 19
 Tracy Schrader- May 27
 Dana Shaben- May 28
 Allan Yearous- May 30

MAY 2025

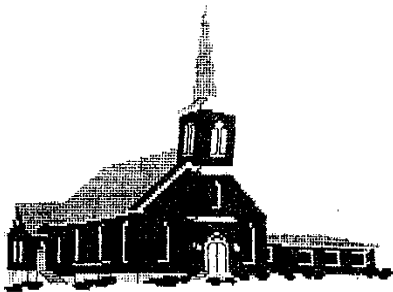
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
				Circle of Friends 3:30-5:30pm		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Live Stream Worship 10am Communion Sunday			UMM 7am at McDonalds Prayer Shawl 10am CTL – 3pm	UWIF Spring Dinner Serving 5-7pm		Joyce Cohen Celebration of Life 11-1pm
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Live Stream Worship 10am Mother's Day			Prayer Shawl 10am CTL – 3pm	Circle of Friends 3:30-5:30pm Pre-School Concert 6pm		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Live Stream Worship 10am Family Promise Sunday	Food Pantry 7pm		CTL – 3pm	ALT 6:30pm Food Pantry 7pm		
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Live Stream Worship 10am Graduation Sunday			CTL – 3pm			

June 1 is Confirmation Sunday

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Kindness is a gift everyone
can afford to give.



Live Streaming service on Facebook at 10 am
Video broadcast posted on LUMC YOUTUBE channel



United Women in Faith Spring Dinner

Thursday, May 8; Serving 5:00-7:00 pm
BBQs, Turkey Salad or Egg Salad Sandwiches
Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Pie, Ice Cream, Beverage
Adults \$12.00 Children \$6.00
Carryouts available

**"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can." Attributed to John Wesley**

