

The Parish Visitor

June 2025

CHURCH VITALS:

- Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30-noon
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Facebook Page:

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

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:

June 1-7, Family Promise Host Week

June 1- Confirmation Sunday

June 1-29 Mission focus- Autism

June 4- UMM McDonalds 7am

June 4, 18- Prayer Shawl 10am

June 4, 11, 25- Soup and Scripture, noon

June 5-8, UM Church Conference

June 12- ALT 6:30pm

June 17- LAC, Calvary Community, 7pm

June 19- Food Pantry 10am

**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,

Our Christian Duties

*"They must turn from evil and do good;
they must seek peace and pursue it."*

1 Peter 3.11

I fear that in recent months we have been immersed in a very hostile environment. Differing points of view and stubborn positions contribute to this adverse atmosphere, where we not only feel uncomfortable, but also a lack of empathy prevails.

As Christians who desire to think biblically and respond with love, we must manage our actions in words, thoughts, and deeds, aware that we are called to be peacemakers and to reflect Jesus' love for our neighbors.

The threat is that we will become cynical or apathetic and then choose to join the hostility or remain distant and even isolated so as not to be overwhelmed by what is happening. But even so, the gospel demands that, as the Church of Christ, we must act as ambassadors of the Kingdom.

And how can we fulfill this?

1. Demonstrating a passion for kindness, may our lives be characterized by generosity, mercy, and consideration for others (1 Peter 3:8-9).
2. Establishing our hearts in Christ. This means that no matter what we face, no matter how difficult it may be to remain calm, we must remain steadfast in our Lord (Ephesians 6:11). In other words, keeping our lives righteous and, by the Spirit of God, remaining obedient to the Word of God so that our responses and actions always align with the gospel message.
3. Scripture calls us to pray for rulers and authorities because their decisions directly affect our lives (1 Timothy 2:1-2). When we intercede for our country, we intercede for our well-being and for the opportunity to live in a way that exalts the gospel.

For this reason, I ask you to pray strategically in the following ways.

1. Let us pray for our country.
2. Let us pray for justice in the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of our government.
3. Let us pray for wisdom.

During these hostile times, may we be faithful to God and His Word, conduct ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, and continue to pray

for all. May God's grace fill us and accompany us today and always. Pastor Erika Martinez-Flores



NEW VISION STATEMENT-UMC

The Council of Bishops, in conjunction with the Connectional Table, is pleased to announce the unveiling of a new vision statement for The United Methodist Church.

The vision encourages United Methodists to embody the following principles:

- **Love Boldly:** Passionately love God and, like Jesus, embrace and include people of every age, nation, race, gender and walk of life.
 - *Inspired by Matthew 22:37-39 and John 13:34-35*
- **Serve Joyfully:** With a Christ-like heart, journey alongside the most vulnerable, offering care and compassion with joy.
 - *Inspired by Psalm 100:1, Nehemiah 8:10, John 13:14-15 and 1 Peter 4:10*
- **Lead Courageously:** Follow Jesus' example by resisting and dismantling all systems of evil, injustice, and oppression, striving for peace, justice and reconciliation.
 - *Inspired by Joshua 1:9 and Ephesians 6:10*



SERVING US IN JUNE

	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
June 1	Confirmands	Larry and Cindy Busch	Confirmation Sunday
June 8	Chris Zabel	Tracy Schrader/Dana Shaben and family	Sign-Up
June 15	Vicky Case	Roger and Vicky Case	Sign-Up
June 22	Bob McKelvey	Fecht Family	Sign-Up
June 29	Carol Soden		Sign-Up

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

My life is not perfect, but every day I am still grateful for what I have.

WI Conference of UMC Enews 4/23/2025

At the 2020/2024 General Conference an important amendment to The United Methodist Constitution was passed. The amendment is called Paragraph 4, Article IV, and this is what it says: "Inclusiveness of the Church - The United Methodist Church is a part of the church universal, which is one Body in Christ. The United Methodist Church acknowledges that all persons are of sacred worth. All persons without regard to race, gender, ability, color, national origin, status or economic condition, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, participate in its programs, receive the sacraments, upon baptism be admitted as baptized members, and upon taking vows declaring the Christian faith, become professing members in any local church in the connection. In The United Methodist Church, no conference or other organizational unit of the Church shall be structured so as to exclude any member or any constituent body of the Church because of race, color, national origin, status or economic condition.

The amended portion of the Constitution adds ability and gender to existing social categories that clergy in The United Methodist Church cannot use to discriminate against a potential member. *Said another way, a pastor may not deny a person membership in the church because they have a disability, are female or male, married or single, young or old.) This legislation is encouraged both by the General Commission on the Status and Role of Women, the General Board of Church and Society, and the Disabilities ministry of the United Methodist church. Learn More:

<https://www.resourceumc.org/en/partners/gcsrw/home/content/paragraph-4-article-4-protecting-membership-for-all>

FOOD PANTRY

And God said, "Let the water teem with living creatures and let the birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the sky." So, God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems according to their kinds and every winged bird according to its kind.

Genesis 1:20,21

Then God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind: cattle and creeping thing and beast of the earth, each according to its kind' and it was so.

Genesis 1:24



Spring is a wonderful time of the year to witness God's creation. We are enjoying watching a finch nest by our front door. Mom and Dad are both busy tending to the nest bringing food to their young. Just like the baby birds depend on their parents, families in the area rely on the Food Pantry for additional help feeding their young ones. For the month of June, items needed are boxes of cereal, cans of peaches, cans of pork and beans, 5.5 oz. tubes of toothpaste and 4-pack toilet paper. Our next service date is Thursday, June 19, at 10:00 a.m.

His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. Matthew 10:31 KJV

If God created and sustains nature, how much more does he love and care for us? DerekcharlesJohnson.com/blog

Diane Perkins, LUMC Food Pantry Coordinator

Music is one of life's most important survival tools. It nourishes us, it gives us hope, helps us heal and give us the strength to keep going even in the toughest of times.

APRIL TREASURER'S REPORT

April Giving	\$15,707.52	
April Expenses	\$17,355.63	
		<u>YTD</u>
April Budget Giving	\$14,742.64	\$41,705.67
April Budget Exp.	\$14,269.44	\$58,549.61

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



DESIGNATED GIVING

\$159.00	2 nd Qtr. Mission
\$ 75.00	3 rd Qtr. Mission
\$330.00	Building Maintenance
\$ 40.69	Family Promise
\$ 65.00	Food Pantry
\$ 25.00	Media Ministry
\$ 56.19	Mission
\$ 29.00	Pastor Discretionary
\$185.00	Snackpacks for Backpacks
\$964.88	TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING

SUMMERTIME SOUP AND SCRIPTURE

Have you ever wanted an "exercise plan" for your spiritual life that could make it stronger? If so, you might want to join the four-week summer study retired pastor Barb Cook will be leading at LUMC. The study is called "Spiritual Practices for Courageous Living" and will explore some of the ways Christians through the ages have increased their awareness of God's presence in their daily lives and been able to grow in their trust in and obedience to God. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall on June 4, 11, and 25 and on July 2 (all Wednesdays) from noon to 1 pm (light lunch provided).

Topics we will cover include: "Spiritual Practices for Courageous Living"

SESSION 1 (June 4): Introduction

SESSION 2 (June 11): Practicing the Prayer-Filled Life

SESSION 3 (June 25): Practicing the Virtuous Life

SESSION 4 (July 2): Practicing the Spirit-Empowered Life



Sign-up sheet to make or bring food is in Overflow Room. All are invited, and welcome!



ALT MEETING SUMMARY

The monthly meeting of the ALT was held on May 22, 2025. The following are highlights from the meeting:

* Vacation Bible School has been set for July 21-25 hosted by LUMC in collaboration with Christ Lutheran Church.

* New church insurance through the conference will save LUMC money annually in premium.

* Trustees and SPRC conducted annual inspection of the parsonage and will be prioritizing needs for updates for the future to maintain value and equity.

* The bench donated by the Bender family has been installed near the playground.

* Pastor Erika will be on vacation June 16-30 with Pastor Bob covering during the week and guest speakers will cover for Sundays.

* More information to come this summer on upcoming Fall Events.

* A Committee will be meeting to discuss realignment of building monitoring and maintenance duties beginning in August with special thanks to Roger Case for all of his amazing dedication of service to the church in those capacities.

*Next ALT meeting will be on Thursday, June 12.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE

A stroke is a medical emergency. It is crucial to get medical treatment right away. Getting emergency medical help quickly can reduce brain damage and other stroke complications.

Be fast is an easy way to remember how to recognize a stroke and what to do.

- B** Balance. Does the individual have a sudden loss of balance or coordination
- E** Eyes. Is the individual experiencing double vision or unable to see out of one eye?
- F** Face Drooping. Is one side of the face drooping or feel numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the smile even?
- A** Arm Weakness. Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to lift both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- S** Speech Difficulty. Is their speech slurred or are they having a difficult time finding words.
- T** Time to call 9-1-1. Stroke is a BRAIN ATTACK and treatment is time sensitive!

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, Sandy Taylor, Donnalene Turner, Jerry Van Natta (Marge Weimer's brother), Marge Weimer and Greg Wilkinson with health concerns.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Harold Sweeney. Harold died on April 30th in Green Bay.

Congratulations to Adam and Emily Pedley Fecht on the opening of their store, Perfecht Gift Co., located at 127 W Water Street, Shullsburg. Perfecht Gift is open Fridays, noon to 5pm and Sundays, 10am – 5pm.

A memorial bench has been installed in memory of Carl Bender. The bench sits along Monroe Street near the playground area. Thank you to Carol and her family for this gift!

A rolling walker with a seat has been donated to LUMC. We are very appreciative of this gift. The wheelchair that has been available for use has seen its best days. If you have access to a wheelchair for LUMC to use, please let us know. I have asked the County Health Department, but the availability is slim.

CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris and Crysti Prange- June 11
Chuck and Mary Rasmussen- June 11
Earl and Lisa Tranel- June 12
Stacey and Nancy Murdock- June 20
Ted and Robin Schacht- June 21
Richard and Sandy Taylor- June 24
Tim and Susan Lickel- June 25

BIRTHDAYS

Nathan Tranel- June 1
Mary Lou Bausch- June 8
Margaret Yearous- June 11
Dan Case- June 20
Dorothy Wetter- June 22
Stephanie Keepers- June 24
Charles Ramshaw- June 24
Merlin Breihan- June 26



JUNE MISSION



MULTI-MEDIA TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY

June 8~ Given by

June 22~ Given by Stacey and Nancy Murdock in celebration of their 27th wedding anniversary on June 20th.

TRUSTEES




The Board of Trustees for LUMC recently contracted Rod Hale to have the sanctuary windows repainted on the outside. Mr. Hale did the good work that spruced up the look of the church. Each window was scraped, primed and repainted. Mr. Hale also did a bit of soffit work at the basement exit doorway. Rod Hale is an independent contractor. Next time you're outside of the sanctuary, take a look at the refreshed windows. A bench in memory of Carl Bender has been installed near the playground. And, other landscaping improvements have been completed.

Please thank Trustee members who make difficult decisions and give freely of their time for decisions and labor for church property improvements. In the last 10 years, many thousands of dollars have been saved because members donated labor and equipment to work on various projects. Maintaining the church and parsonage equate to at least three times that of a single household.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. Psalm 119:105

June 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Live Stream Worship 10am Ascension Sunday Communion Sunday Confirmation Sunday Family Promise Host week	Family Promise	Family Promise	UMM 7am at McDonalds Prayer Shawl 10am Soup and Scripture CTL – 3pm Family Promise	Family Promise UM Church Conference	Family Promise UM Church Conference	Family Promise UM Church Conference
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Live Stream Worship 10am Pentecost Sunday UM Church Conference			Soup and Scripture	ALT 6:30pm		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Live Stream Worship 10am Trinity Sunday Father's Day	Pastor Vacation	LAC-Calvary Community 7pm Pastor Vacation	Prayer Shawl 10am CTL – 3pm Pastor Vacation	Food Pantry 10am Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Live Stream Worship 10am Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	CTL – 3pm Soup and Scripture Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation
29	30					
Live Stream Worship 10am Pastor Vacation	Pastor Vacation					

What Is Pentecost?

Pentecost, meaning "fiftieth" is observed only in the New Testament. The day of Pentecost is noted in the Christian Church as the day on which the Spirit descended upon the apostles, and on which, under Peter's preaching, thousands were converted in Jerusalem as found in Acts 2:1. The significance of Pentecost is made clear from the events of the day recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. Just as the appearance of God on Sinai was the birthday of the Jewish nation, so was the Pentecost the birth of the Christian Church.

Pentecost is one of the great festivals of the Church. In modern popular culture it isn't as well known as Christmas or Easter, but for Christians it's profoundly significant. It marks the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples and their transformation from frightened and confused people to men who would face martyrdom for what they believed.

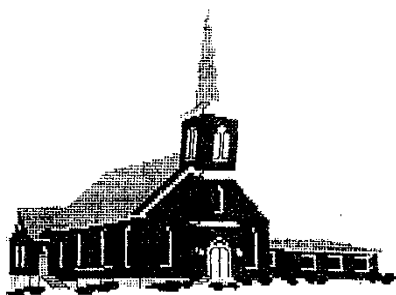
So what is Pentecost Sunday all about? It's about this unexpected (yet expected) moment in 1st-century Jerusalem when the apostles' heads caught fire, when a strange indoor windstorm swirled through a packed party filled with international travelers. It is the day foreshadowed by every wind-and-fire episode in the Old Testament and the day Jesus promised would happen as he quoted the prophet Isaiah. It's the moment his loving Church began, and it's the beginning of a new, peaceful world. Happy Pentecost!

Be the somebody that makes everybody feel like somebody.

PARISH VISITOR *June 2025*

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*When you walk with God,
you never walk alone.*



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

"Greater love has no
one than this, that
someone lay down his
life for his friends."

JOHN 15:13

