

The Parish Visitor

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OUR LUMC STAFF:

Pastor: Erika Jezael Martinez-Flores

Secretary: Gretta McKelvey

Bob McKelvey, Treasurer, 608-988-6825

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Bev Mattingly, Music Director

Mary Rasmussen, Parish Nurse

*Rev. Bob McKelvey, Pastor Emeritus

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 Circle of Friends 3:30 p.m.

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 Prayer Group 8:30 a.m.

Mar. 4 & 18 Prayer Shawl – Adventist Church

Mar. 12 – Thursday ALT 6:30 p.m.

Mar. 15 – Potosi UCC Soup & Sandwich Supper
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 a.m.

Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25 –Wed. Noon Soup & Scripture



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

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. 1 Corinthians 15.20

On Sunday, April 5th, we will celebrate the Lord's Easter and once again, together we will make the act of faith that gives rise to and life of our Christian identity. We will celebrate that "Jesus is risen" and we will tell the world that we believe that we are convinced, that death has been conquered and does not have the last word, and that Jesus, through his death on the Cross and his resurrection, has given us salvation.

Thanks to Him and His Resurrection, we have the grace of eternal life, life in abundance, and by this immense grace of God, death is not our end, because with Jesus, our death is the beginning of the pinnacle of our Christian experience. Therefore, it is essential to celebrate Easter well in order to return to the foundations of our existence, to the root, to that which sustains our daily walk and can give meaning to the profound questions we ask ourselves in moments of joy, or of sorrow, or in those situations that plunge us into darkness and fill us with despair. To celebrate the Lord's Easter well is to regain strength, to encourage others, to accompany them in their moments of weakness, to be witnesses of a newness that is always present.

Lent is a specific time that the Church invites us to journey through to prepare ourselves to rise with Christ. Pious practices are important on this journey, but only if we carry them out with the purpose of reconciling ourselves with our Father, with our neighbors, and with God's creation. To rise with Jesus is a grace from God, a gift He bestows upon us abundantly, simply because He loves us. We need to prepare ourselves to be well-disposed to receive this much-needed gift, which does so much good in our daily lives.

I invite you to seek profound reconciliation this Lent and to be capable of changing our way of seeing, thinking, feeling, and living in order to return to the path of Jesus. Because Jesus invites us to a change based on the certainty that the Kingdom of God is among us.

Pastor Erika Martinez-Flores

HOLD IN OUR HEARTS



We continue to hold Carol Caley and Lois Bowen in our prayers. Please submit any names to add to the care list for continued prayers or those new additions who need our compassion and concern.

You may either call the church office or e-mail lumchurch@tds.net



1st Quarter Mission Project **Boscovet Hope Academy Girls Dormitory**

“Empowering those that live in poverty to live with hope”

Article by Sally Harper

When I went to Kenya last January, an idea was forming in the Boscovet Project leadership to start a dormitory for female students who either lived too far from the school to commute or who had an unsafe situation at home. The idea was to utilize a classroom for a sleeping area and fill it with bunk beds. This dormitory idea required a large amount of paperwork and inspections and hiring a night watchman, but it has finally happened. The program currently houses 17 girls. To participate, the girls must be able to do their own laundry, manage their own toiletries and participate in housekeeping. The youngest currently in the program is age 7.

One family that has been especially helped by the new program is Miriam’s family. She is 15 years old and graduated from Boscovet Hope Academy last spring. She was near the top of her class and qualified for a top-quality high school. Sadly, her mother died in June, and her father is an alcoholic, so she has been taking care of her two sisters age 8 & 10. They have a small garden and get support from the Boscovet leaders. Miriam recently got a sponsor so she can pay for tuition, books and supplies for high school, and her sisters will live at the Boscovet dormitory so they can have food and go to school.

The long-term goal is to build a 2-story dormitory across the road from the school. It will eventually house up to 50 girls. The land has been cleared of trees and leveling will begin soon. The cost of the new dorm is estimated to be \$40,000.

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE? Please contribute as you are able to this important international mission project for LUMC. This mission project will run through the end of March, 2026, and please mark on your checks the Boscovet Girls Dormitory Project so the funds can be distributed to them accordingly. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

FOOD PANTRY

“In like a Lion, out like a Lamb.” This proverb suggests that March begins with stormy weather and ends with calmer, spring-like weather. This saying comes from the thoughts that Mother Nature equals out. If the weather in early March is stormy and rough (like a lion) it will be balanced with sunshine and pleasant weather (like a lamb) at the end of the month. Ever hear of these March weather folklore expressions? “A dry March and a wet May, fill barns and bays with corn and hay.” “As it rains in March, so it rains in June.” “March winds and April showers bring forth May flowers.” “So many mists in March you see, so many frosts in May will be.” March is the time of year when animals begin waking up from hibernation. Did you know the March full moon is often called the “Worm Moon”? It signifies the beginning of Spring. Around this time of year, earth worms and other small creatures wake up from their winter sleep, providing food for birds and animals. This activity helps make the ground better for planting and growing plants after winter. Farmersalmanac.com If earthworms can do their part to help in providing food for others, so can we as individuals help provide food for local families. The LAC has received notice that for the next couple of months the Food Pantry will be receiving a significant decrease in TEFAP pounds. (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) (Government food) Instead of providing a list of needed items to donate for the month of March, please donate whatever you can, either food or cash donations are welcome. Our next service dates are Monday, March 23 and Thursday March 26, both at 7:00 p.m. Helping in February were Merlin and Diane Breihan, Vicki Case, Steve and Liza Zabel, Becky Bohnenkamp, Becky Yager and Greg Perkins. THANK YOU!

Diane Perkins, LUMC Food Pantry Coordinator

SOUP & SANDWICH SUPPER

Davies Memorial United Church of Christ, Potosi

Sunday March 15, 2026

4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Variety of soups, sandwiches & desserts



\$11 age 10-adult

\$6 Children 6-9

Children 5 and under free



EASTER FLOWERS

*Bring spring flowers to decorate our
sanctuary for Easter.*

Deliver to church

Saturday, April 4, 9:00 am – Noon.

THANK YOU

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS & INTERNET FRAUD

Sponsored by LUMC Accountable Leadership Team (ALT)

Beware of callers from unknown numbers. Do not answer calls from unknown numbers. Additionally, you may receive calls identified on caller ID as a person or business you may know or deal with regularly, however, when you answer, they may be disguising themselves as someone from that organization to get information. Most companies will never ask you to provide personal information over the phone such as social security numbers or other identifying details. If you are not sure who you are speaking to, hang up and call that organization back to report that you have received the call to ask if it is legitimate. Unfortunately, business numbers can be “hacked” and unfortunately police and other regulatory agencies cannot stop or intervene in these actions.

DO NOT OFFER TO SEND MONEY OR GIFT CARDS TO SOMEONE WHO IS CALLING, TEXTING OR E-MAILING YOU, EVEN IF THEY ARE POSING AS YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILD WHO IS ASKING FOR HELP. HANG UP OR DELETE AND REACH OUT TO YOUR FAMILY DIRECTLY TO DISCUSS WHETHER THIS REQUEST IS REAL.

Many individuals have offered their information or money to individuals who are con artists posing as family, friends or organizations you may deal with on a regular basis. These requests can also come by text or e-mail. Again, do not answer these requests, but delete and contact your family or organization directly to ask if this is a “real” request or report the criminal activity.

We want all of you to be safe out there on the phone and on the internet!

Gretta McKelvey, Church and ALT Secretary

SERVING US IN MARCH & APRIL 2026

	LITURGIST	USHERS	COFFEE HOUR
MARCH 1	REV. BOB MCKELVEY	MIKE & SANDY KABELE	TRUSTEES
MARCH 8	BECKY YAGER	MIKE & BECKY YAGER	CHOIR
MARCH 15	CAROL SODEN	JULIE NIHLES & NOLA BURNS	UWIF
MARCH 22	ANN DOLAN	KEVIN OLSON & LARRY MCCABE	UMM
MARCH 29	GRETTA MCKELVEY	BUTCH & CHERYL AUSTIN	TRUSTEES
APRIL 5	MARY RASMUSSEN	MARY RASMUSSEN & DIANE PERKINS	CHOIR
APRIL 12	CHRIS ZABEL	GRUBER FAMILY	UWIF
APRIL 19	VICKY CASE	ROGER & VICKY CASE	UMM
APRIL 26	DIANE BREIHAN	DIANE & MERLIN BREIHAN	TRUSTEES

ATTENTION MEMBERS & FRIENDS

Your help is needed

*If you are in possession of 2 folders with information regarding
Pleasant Ridge and Flora Fountain (Slabtown)*

*please return them to Sandy Kabele or to the church office at your earliest convenience.
These contain important collected histories!*

Thanks so much in advance!

MULTI-MEDIA MINISTRY

March 1	Richard & Sandy Taylor and family in loving memory of their son, Aaron Taylor in honor of his birthday March 4
March 8	John & Cinda Schindler in memory of Cinda's sister Marcy Thronson
March 15	Maury & Martha McLean in celebration of their 66th (1959) Wedding Anniversary and Marth's 88th birthday on March 14
March 22	Bob & Gretta McKelvey in honor of Donald McKelvey's 95th birthday on March 15
March 29	Marilyn Keller in loving memory of Donald Keller who passed away on March 28, 2023

March 2026 & Holy Week

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	2	3	4 8:30 am Prayer Group 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Soup & Scripture Noon 3:30 pm Circle of Friends	\$	6	7
8 9:00 am Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	9	10	11 8:30 am Prayer Group Soup & Scripture Noon 3:30 pm Circle of Friends	12	13	14
15 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship POTOSI UCC – Soup and Sandwich Supper 4:00pm – 6:30pm	16	17	18 8:30 am Prayer Group 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Soup & Scripture Noon 3:30 pm Circle of Friends	19	20	21
20 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	23	24	25 8:30 am Prayer Group Soup & Scripture Noon 3:30 pm Circle of Friends	26	27	28
29 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Worship	30	31	1 8:30 am Prayer Group 10:00 am Prayer Shawl 3:30 pm Circle of Friends	2 MAUNDY THURSDAY	3 GOOD FRIDAY 12:00 NOON SERVICE LUMC	4 EASTER FLOWER DELIVERY 9-NOON



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Maury and Martha McLean- March 14

BIRTHDAYS

Elliott Howen- March 3

Lyn Buttles- March 4

Sandy Kabele- March 9

Marilyn Stich- March 13

Martha McLean- March 14

Brooklyn Carlson- March 22

Chris Zabel- March 23

Roger Case- March 24

Mary Wamsley Udelhoven- March 26

Connie Landon- March 29

Gloria Landon- March 30

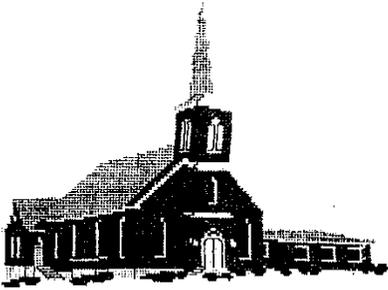
Crysti Prange- March 30

Joyce Cohen- March 31

January GIVING & EXPENSE REPORT

PARISH VISITOR March 2026

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

