

The Parish Visitor

CHURCH VITALS:

- Office Hours: Monday through Thurs. 9a-noon
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- Conf Website: www.wisconsinumc.org

Facebook Page:

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

OUR LUMC STAFF:

Erika Jezael Martinez-Flores
Gretta McKelvey, Secretary
Bob McKelvey, Treasurer, 608-988-6825
Peg Soden, Financial Secretary
Bev Mattingly, Music Director
Mary Rasmussen, Parish Nurse
Rev. Bob McKelvey, Pastor Emeritus

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

Meeting ID: 394 038 9324 Passcode: 4EkSsE



OUR MISSION:

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

PASTOR GREETINGS

Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he,
I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.
Isaiah 46.4

Have you ever felt that you are too old for God to use you? That your best days are behind you and now all that remains is to wait? That is not what God says. He directly addresses this fear in Isaiah, promising that even when gray hairs appear, He will continue to be your Sustainer and Savior.

There is something beautiful about a life lived in faith. The wrinkles on your face tell stories of laughter and tears. Gray hairs speak of battles fought and victories won. Your hands—perhaps a little slower now—have lifted countless prayers to heaven. You are not forgotten. You are not cast aside. You are precious in God's eyes.

Being an older person in today's world is not always easy. Your body reminds you daily that time is passing. Friends you have known for decades are gone. The world moves faster than before, and sometimes you wonder where you fit in. But this is the most important truth: God has walked with you every step of the way, and He will not abandon you now.

The Bible shows us that God often performs His greatest work through elderly saints. Abraham became the father of nations in his old age. Moses liberated a nation at the age of eighty. Elizabeth gave birth to John the Baptist when everyone said she was too old. This confirms to us that old age is not viewed as a stage of uselessness or diminished value, but as a season of honor, wisdom, and purpose in God's eyes. Your age does not disqualify you; rather, it equips you to glorify God in ways that only experience and faithfulness can achieve. We recognize that the way God's image is reflected in you is different now than when you were young, because your needs and characteristics have also changed. Life has

brought you many changes; some you welcomed, while others broke your heart. Growing older does not mean that God loves you less or needs you less. He created you and promises to walk with you through every stage of your life. When you feel weak, remember that His arms are strong. When you feel forgotten, remember that God is always thinking of you. He will not let you fall. The same God who formed you in your mother's womb has not changed His mind. He did not care for you in your youth only to abandon you now. Every wrinkle, every ache, every memory you carry—He sees it all and says, "I will sustain you." You do not have to carry the burden yourself during these years. Let Him lift the load. Your value to God has never depended on your strength or your productivity. It has always depended on His love. And that love does not fade with time. Trust Him today. Let Him

sustain you. His promises are just as true now as they were when you first believed.

Pastor Erika Martinez-Flores



Thank you!!!

Special thanks to all of those who helped with the UMM BBQ Rib Dinner! The dinner raised **\$1,040.00** and funds will go to fund two \$500.00 scholarships for high school graduates. There are still a few ribs left in the freezer for purchase!



PASTY DINNER

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

5-7PM

**TICKETS AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE
OR ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AFTER WORSHIP**

\$10.00 ADULTS \$6.00 CHILD

CARRY OUTS \$11.00



Help wanted: The LUMC Family Promise Team is seeking volunteers to move the trailer on Sunday morning following our host week. (next date needed – Sunday, September 20) The volunteer would need to have a vehicle to tow the trailer, most of the time moving the trailer to Platteville. Please contact the Church office of Mary Rasmussen if this is something you can help with.

BENEFIT AUCTION and REFLECTING CEREMONY



SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

Youth & Ag Building, Lancaster

4:00-5:45 Live Music - Holy Crowe Band
4:00 Meal begins (Carry-out meals available)
4:00-8:00 Udder Brothers ice cream truck
6:00 Reflecting Ceremony
4:00 - 6:45 Silent Auction
7:00 Live Auction

Meal \$10

Ma's Bakery Turkey and Dressing Sandwich
or Soggy Bottoms Pork Sandwich
and Potato Salad

OR

Soggy Bottoms Pork and Mac
AND
Chips
Cheese Curds
Water, Milk, Pop

Dessert and Ice Cream Truck available
Beer and Seltzer available

All proceeds
stay in
Grant County
to help
active cancer
patients



Cash, Check, and Venmo accepted

Our LUMC mission for August-September is again the Grant County Cancer Coalition. Their main purpose is to help with financial assistance for our friends and neighbors in Grant who are cancer patients. There are several ways you could support them in their main fundraising event coming up on Saturday, September 19. Sign-up sheets are available at the church for the first two.

1. Bake a **pie** for the evening meal and drop it off at the Youth & Ag building that day.
2. Help **set up** for the event at 8:30 that morning at the Youth & Ag.
3. Make a **cash donation** by writing a check to the Lancaster UMC and mark it for the Cancer Coalition.
4. Donate an **item** for the auction.
5. **Attend the event!!** Music, the meal and the silent auction begin at 4:00, the Reflecting Ceremony is at 6:00, and the live auction begins at 7:00.

Hopefully we can all choose at least one way to support this very worthy cause in our community!

FINANCIAL REPORT

July Giving \$9,137.63

July Expenses \$15,379.28

Year To Date Giving \$99,166.41

Year To Date Expenses \$ 108,460.21

Thank you for your continued generosity in giving!!!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries

Michael and Becky Yager- Sept 5

Mike and Kristin Steffel- Sept 9

Bruce and Sue Fritz- Sept 11

Roger and Vicky Case- Sept 15

Mike and Gloria Landon- Sept 22

Allan and Margaret Yearous- Sept 25

Greg and Donna Martin- Sept 27

BIRTHDAYS

Butch Austin- Sept 2

Diane Breihan- Sept 3

Eric Fritz- Sept 7

Matthew Harper- Sept 18

Janice Landon- Sept 18

Gretta McKelvey- Sept 20

Michael Yager- Sept 21

Becky Yager- Sept 23

Doug Davies- Sept 25

Richard Taylor- Sept 25

Laura Gruber- Sept 28

Peggy Soden- Sept 29

ADULT BIBLE SCHOOL

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24 – 5:30PM

DINNER INCLUDED

come for the fun and fellowship

SERVING US IN September 2026

***Committees will take Fellowship/Coffee Hour Rotation
9 committees in total – please trade as needed***

	Liturgist	Ushers	Coffee Hour
Sep 6	Chris Zabel	Butch & Cheryl Austin	Mission Committee
Sep 13	Diane Breihan	Merlin & Diane Breihan	UWIF
Sep 20	Mary Rasmussen	Mary Rasmussen & Cindy Schindler	ALT
Sep 27	Carol Soden	Tracy & Dana Shaben & Brooklyn	Choir

MULTI-MEDIA MINISTRY September 2026

Sponsorship \$25 per Sunday

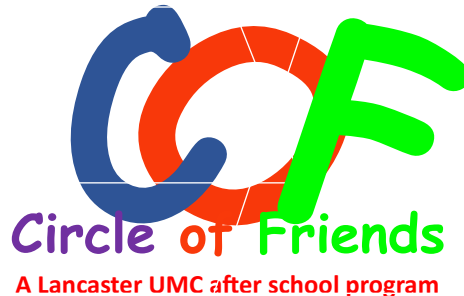
<i>DATE</i>	<i>SPONSOR</i>
<i>Sept 6</i>	<i>Cleone Ayres in memory of her husband Thomas Ayres</i>
<i>Sept. 13</i>	<i>Stacey & Nancy Murdock in memory of family members</i> <i>Lisa Kruser in memory of her dad's birthday on Sept. 17</i>
<i>Sept. 20</i>	<i>Bob & Gretta McKelvey in honor of Gretta's birthday today</i>
<i>Sept. 27</i>	<i>Sponsored by Cindy & Larry Busch</i>



Thank you!

Thank you for the United Methodist Men Scholarship of \$500.00 It means so much to me to use toward my education at University of Iowa. I am honored and so thankful to receive this scholarship.....Kristen Pennekamp

Connect! Grow! Make Friends!



September 9–November 18

FREE to ALL children. Grades K-5 are invited to join the fun.

Meets every Wednesday from 3:30-5pm

Lancaster United Methodist Church

216 S. Monroe Street

Snacks, games, music, craft and stories!

Must complete a registration form prior to participation

QUICKTIONS Call LANCASTER UMC 608-733-4224 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

ACCOUNTABLE LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING SUMMARY

- Review of attendance and membership in process – outreach planned
- September worship focus on our senior members and their testimonies of leadership
- Parsonage walk-through successful
- Preschool – New teacher and Director hired and Terry Doire elected to board
- Proposed new church directory – more information to be gathered

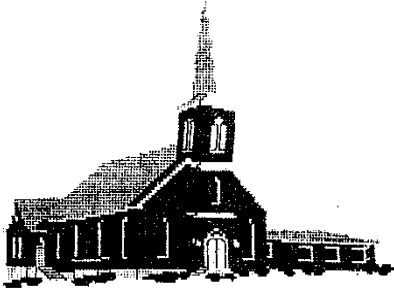
September 2026

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7:00pm Trustees Meeting	2 7:00am UMM Breakfast McDonalds 8:30am Prayer Group 10:00am Prayer Shawl	3	4 Office Closed	5
6 10:00a Worship Communion	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9 8:30 am Prayer Group 3:30pm Circle of Friends Starts	10	11 Office Closed	12
13 10:00 a Worship Family Promise Week Begins	14 PASTY DINNER 5-7PM 	15 8:30 am Care Committee	16 8:30a Prayer Group	17 6:30 pm ALT Meeting	18 Office Closed Preschool Open House	19 Grant County Cancer Coalition
20 10:00a Worship Family Promise Week Ends	21	22	23 8:30a Prayer Group 10:00 Prayer Shawl	24 5:30p ADULT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 	25 Office Closed	26
27 10:00a Worship	28	29	30 8:30a Prayer Group			

PARISH VISITOR

September 2026

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

