

The Parish Visitor

February 2025

CHURCH VITALS:

- Office Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:30-noon
- Phone: 608-723-4384
- Pastor email: encadenada100@hotmail.com
- E-mail: lumchurch@tds.net
- Worship and Live Streaming: Sunday 10 am
- Web Site: www.lancasterumc.org
- Annual Conference Website:
www.wisconsinumc.org

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:

Feb 3- Food Pantry 7pm

Feb 5- UMM McDonalds 7am

Feb 5- Prayer Shawl 10am

Feb 6- Circle of Friends 3:30-5:30

Feb 6- Food Pantry 7pm

Feb 9- Family Promise Host week

Feb 10- Pasty Supper

Feb 13- ALT 6:30

Feb 19- Prayer Shawl 10am

Feb 20- Circle of Friends 3:30-5:30pm

March 5- Ash Wednesday

*Canned beef is available for sale. \$12 per pint.
Call office if interested.*

Put God at the center of everything!

Seek God~

Share Christ~

Serve Others~

Sing Praises

Pastor Greetings,

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.

And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy
and to walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6.8

"To Love Mercy"

In Jesus, God has committed himself completely to restoring hope to the poor, to those who were deprived of dignity, to foreigners, the sick, prisoners, and to the sinners whom he welcomed with kindness.

As a church, we are always called to know the Lord Jesus better, and to live our faith in a way that is consistent with a lifestyle that expresses the mercy of the Father. It is a commitment that we are called to assume in order to offer to all those we meet the concrete sign of God's closeness.

God has also committed himself to us. His first commitment was to create the world, and despite our attempts to destroy it, he is committed to keeping it alive. But his greatest commitment was to send his beloved Son. And with this, God has committed himself completely to restoring hope to the poor, to those who were deprived of dignity, to foreigners, the sick, prisoners, and to the sinners whom he welcomed with kindness. In all this, Jesus is a living expression of the Father's mercy.

He comes close to us to give us comfort, mercy, and forgiveness. This is God's commitment, and this is why he sent Jesus: to bring us close to us, to all of us, and to open the door of his love, of his heart, of his mercy. And this is very beautiful. Very beautiful! Starting from the merciful love with which Jesus expressed God's commitment, we too can and must respond to his love with our commitment. And this above all in situations of greatest need, where there is greater thirst for hope.

Practicing mercy is a true opportunity to enter deeply into the mystery of God's goodness and love. Our life, attitude and way of going through life must be a concrete sign that God is close to us. Small gestures of love, tenderness, care, which make us think that the Lord is with us, is close to us. Thus, the door of mercy is opened.

Extending God's mercy is a testimony of our faith in Christ. We must always bring God's caress – because God has caressed us with his mercy – to others, to those who are in need, to those who have suffering in their hearts or are sad: to approach them with God's caress, which is the

same one that He has given to us. May these times of despair and uncertainty be our opportunity to let God act through us and extend our hands to show mercy.

Pastor Erika Martinez-Flores



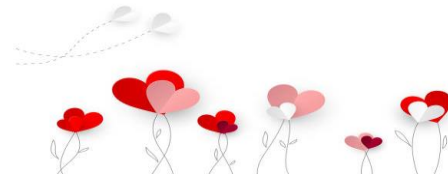
CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Bruce Fritz- Feb 5	Sue Lickel- Feb 14
Alexander Gruber- Feb 9	Nancy Murdock- Feb 14
Jackie McLinn- Feb 10	Vicky Case- Feb 18
Adam Fecht- Feb 12	Tyler Fritz- Feb 18
Joslin Fecht- Feb 12	Cathy Olson- Feb 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Greg and Diane Perkins- Feb 28



MULTI-MEDIA TECHNOLOGY MINISTRY



February 2~ Given by Ted and Robin Schacht in memory of parents, Bill and Pat Schacht and Robert and Peggy Hedrick.

February 9~ Given by

February 16~ Given by

February 23~ Given by Richard and Sandra Taylor in memory of their nephew, Jason Landon. Jason's birthday was on February 27th.

New media outlets will provide sponsor opportunities to listen to your favorite church's worship services streaming or on YouTube.

ON-LINE WORSHIP

If you are not able to attend church on Sunday, our worship service is posted on our YouTube Channel for those who do not have or do not want to use Facebook. Go to our church website, click on the YouTube icon in the right sidebar to get to our channel. Then just click on the video title to watch service.

Margaret Yearous is our contact person for questions!



SERVING US IN FEBRUARY

	<i>Liturgist</i>	<i>Ushers</i>	<i>Coffee Hour</i>
February 2	Kayla Buttles	Confirmation Class	Choir
February 9	Bob McKelvey	Butch and Cheryl Austin	Missions
February 16	Russell Shaben	Tracy Schroeder/Brooklyn	UMM
February 23	Lisa Zabel	Julie Nihles/Nola Burns	ALT

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

Always do good. It comes back to you in unexpected ways. Believe it!



HOLD IN OUR HEARTS

Cleone Ayres, Larry Busch, Dick Burns, Elam Buttles, Carol Caley, Bill and Lorna Heinzelman, Charlotte Hocking, Jen Ingebritsen, Angela Kirschbaum, Susan Koeller, Julie Letcher, Donna Martin, Myranda Martin, Marlene Miles, Janet Paulson, Charles Ramshaw, Deb Raymond, Ramona Reynolds, Janice Staskal, Bette Steinbrenner, Nancy Stephenson, Harold Sweeney (on hospice in Green Bay), Sandy Taylor, Donnalene Turner, Marge Weimer and Greg Wilkinson with health concerns.

DESIGNATED GIVING

\$ 480.00 4th Qtr. Mission
\$ 460.00 Building Maintenance
\$ 50.69 Family Promise
\$ 568.00 Food Pantry
\$ 65.00 Mission
\$ 205.00 Radio Ministry
\$1,608.00 Snackpacks for Backpacks
\$3,436.69 TOTAL DESIGNATED GIVING

DECEMBER TREASURER'S REPORT

December Giving	\$18,471.58	
December Expenses	\$15,634.15	
		<u>YTD</u>
December Budget Giving	\$13,426.89	\$157,535.28
December Budget Exp.	\$14,793.19	\$172,429.09



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



FOOD PANTRY

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. John 15:12
Let all that you do be done in love 1 Corinthians 16:14
We love because he first loved us 1 John 4:19

So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love
1 Corinthians 13:13

February is the perfect month to talk about love. 'The word love appears in the Bible hundreds of times, and though it is not the most used word in the Bible, it is one of the central themes and driving forces of God's Word.' **Bethany Verrett**

We all want to have that special love whether it is past, present or future, we want someone special to love. Remember God is that special someone who will always love us, even when we do not deserve His love. I see love in everyone who volunteers their time at the Food Pantry. In December there were many loving hands helping. Thanks to Merlin and Diane Breihan, Steve and Liza Zabel, Mary and Chuck Rasmussen, and Kathy, Vince and Adam Keepers. Five kids from the Kindness Group at Cassville Grade School (grades 3 through 6) came and helped. February 3 and 6 are our next opportunities for service. Items to donate for February are boxes of cereal, oatmeal and instant oatmeal and cans of mixed fruit. I hope by the time everyone reads this, the temperature is a little warmer, but with God's **LOVE** in our hearts we will never fear the cold.
Diane Perkins, LUMC Food Pantry Coordinator

Today, I hope you wake up with love, love for life, love for others, and most of all, love for yourself.



LOVE OUR PASTY DINNER

What makes your heart go pitter patter? Yes! It is time for our Pasty Dinner on **Monday, February 10th, serving from 5:00 – 7:00 pm.** Please sign up to make pasties Monday afternoon, or make cookies or bars. Tickets are available before or after church or by calling the church office. Delivery is available by calling the church office, 723-4384. 10% profit will benefit Snackpacks for Backpacks. Come and join the fellowship of our friends!

*Jesus Loves Me
Jesus loves me!
This I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong;
They are weak but He is strong.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me!
The Bible tells me so.*



CIRCLE OF FRIENDS

Following a short break, Circle of Friends will resume meeting on Thursday February 6th, 3:30-5:30pm. Students between kindergarten and 6th grades are invited to join in this twice a month program. Children are expected to be picked up from LUMC before or at 5:30pm. Please share registration information with neighbors and family to join in this after-school program. Many thanks to Barbara Buttles, Sally Harper, Julie Nihles and Pastor Erika for again organizing this children's ministry. Feel free to contact the office for more information.

*Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world;
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in His sight,
Jesus loves the little children of the world.*

walk gently in the lives of others. Not all wounds are visible.

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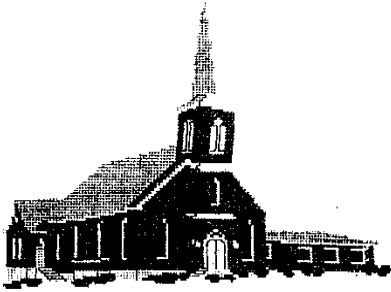
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Live Stream Worship 10am Communion Sunday	Food Pantry 7pm		UMM 7am at McDonalds Prayer Shawl 10am CTL – 3pm	Circle of Friends 3:30-5:30pm Food Pantry 7pm		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Live Stream Worship 10am Family Promise Host Week	Pasty Supper Serving 5-7pm Family Promise	Family Promise	CTL – 3pm Family Promise	ALT meeting Family Promise	Family Promise 	Family Promise
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Live Stream Worship 10am			Prayer Shawl 10am CTL – 3pm	Circle of Friends 3:30-5:30pm		
23	24	25	26	27	28	
Live Stream Worship 10am			CTL – 3pm			

***The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you;
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Number 6:24-26***

Make kindness the norm.

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



*The adult version of "head, shoulders, knees and toes" is
"wallet, glasses, keys, and phone".*

