

Have you ever heard of corn sweat? I know, it sounds pretty gross. Like maybe it's a new weird drink that some "health guru" is pushing. Or maybe it's a fungus attacking our crops. It's all the buzz on the internet at the moment and it's honestly kind of interesting.

We plant a *lot* of corn here. It makes sense. Corn is a great resource. We put corn in everything. Our modern world runs on corn.

It's so common around us that I pretty much ignore it. It's corn and I'm not a farmer. It doesn't affect me if it's planting season or harvesting season, for the most part. It's good to know that stuff to talk to people and to pray for our farmers, but it doesn't change how I go about my daily life.

I never really noticed that corn season is also usually the more humid time of year. I just assumed that corn just needed that kind of weather to grow if I ever bothered to make that connection. Yet it turns out that's it's a well-known phenomenon that corn increases moisture in the air, which increases humidity.

It makes sense, corn is a plant. Part of its life cycle is that it takes in oxygen and releases carbon dioxide. Part of that process releases water. We learned plants do that back in high school biology. Now the internet gave it a fancy name, "corn sweat." So next August when it's humid we know part of the reason.

The concept of corn sweat got me thinking about our faith lives. We don't corn "sweat," but we can feel the effects. We don't think about it, but it still influences us and others.

The same is true for us. Every action we do affects someone. It may be us; it may be someone we're close to, or it may be someone we've never met. Everything we do has an impact on the world around us, even if we never know what that impact is.

The question we need to ask ourselves is, "Am I making a positive impact for the Kingdom?" Are our actions whether large or small helping us and others live into the image of God? Are we helping make disciples and transform the world, even if we don't see it?

The truth is that we may never see the fruits of our labors for the Kingdom in this lifetime. We may never know that someone was inspired to follow Christ by watching us when we thought no one was looking. We may never know that our kind action led to a domino effect. God knows, though.

God calls us to show love to our neighbor. Christ calls us to follow him. The Spirit inspires and empowers us to go forth into the world. We are to make disciples. We may not know, but we are making a difference in the lives around us. We are helping those who are lost be found.

Our actions have an effect, my friends, even if we don't know it. So let us live lives that make a difference. By showing love to God and to our neighbors. Let us work for the Kingdom.

Pastor Ed

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

September 15 Dixie

September 22 Karen

September 29 10:30 AM Worship/BBQ at the pavilion

It's time to clean out your closets! Fall Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 5th

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Bring your clean, slightly used, sale items beginning
Monday, Sept. 23 to the stage in Trodie Hall.



Work Day - Wednesday, October 2, 8:30 AM

We need lots of help sorting rummage,
more hands will help sorting go faster.

Bake Sale Goodies – Friday, October 4, 5-5:30 PM

Please bring your baked goodies! See Janet D. for answers to your questions.

Kids' Club is meeting the 1st Sunday of the month at 6:30 PM
3rd grade through 6th grade students are welcome!

The Lakeville UMC Community Youth Group Meetings are the
2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at 6 PM.

7th graders through 12th grade students are welcome to join us!

Thank You

Dear Church family,

Mark and I want to say thank you for all of your prayers and support during my cancer journey this year. It has been comforting knowing so many people are praying for us during a hard time. We are thankful that I am on the road to recovery and we are looking forward to enjoying the rest of the summer!

Thanks again, Hope, Mark, Murphy, and Landen Elliott

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and phone calls I've received since my medical procedure. I'm feeling a lot better and watching the service on line!

Thank you, Carolyn Frick

Planning Ahead

Fellowship Committee Meeting – Monday, Sept. 16, 7 PM

LUMC Community Youth Group – Sunday, Sept. 22, 6 PM

Bring Rummage – Monday, Sept. 23

Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, Sept. 25, 10 AM

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Sept. 28, 6 PM

10:30 AM Worship at the pavilion – Sunday, Sept. 29

11:45 AM BBQ at the pavilion – Sunday, Sept. 29

Rummage Sale Work Day – Wednesday, Oct. 2, 8:30 AM

Staff Parish Meeting – Thursday, Oct. 3, 7 PM

Bake Sale Goodies Drop Off – Friday, Oct. 4, 5-5:30 PM

Rummage/Bake Sale – Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30 AM – 1 PM

Kid's Club – Sunday, Oct. 6, 6:30 – 8 PM

Food Pantry

Food Pantry Needs: canned fruit, spaghetti sauce, cereal, mustard, mayonnaise,
Shelf Stable Milk, ranch dressing, canned peas, crackers, snacks,
cake mixes, frosting, baking supplies.

The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

TOPS Club is meeting at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206,
use north east door. Come Join Us!

Enrollment for 2024-2025 Little Ones' Preschool

Still have openings in the 4's class.