

Newsletter 09.26.24

Last Sunday I was asked a question by one of the acolytes, “When can we stop wearing green?” And I totally get where she was coming from. We use green a lot during the year. In fact, most of the year I’m wearing one of my green stoles and the altar is festooned in green paraments. Green is our most common color.

I’m sure you probably know why. The Church Universal has its own calendar of seasons that are associated with colors. Advent is blue or purple. Easter is white. On Pentecost we wear red. Yet for the rest of the year the default color is green.

When we’re not in one of those more colorful times, the holy days, we call it “Ordinary Time.” We’re not celebrating anything special in the church, so it’s just... Ordinary. Nothing really interesting is happening. In fact, it’s the most boring part of the year. It’s just totally mundane.

After a while it becomes natural to want to just stop wearing green all the time. We want a change. A new color. We want it to stop being ordinary and become extraordinary!

It’s understandable to want ordinary time to end. For Advent to arrive, so we have Christmas to look forward to. Perhaps even Lent would be nice, so we have the celebration of Easter to cap it all off. There’s something magical about those times, my friends. The Church feels alive and wonderful. I have heard people time and time again say that when the church is decorated for Christmas and Easter is when they really feel God’s presence in their lives. Those are extraordinary times!

However, most of the year is ordinary and we are called to be as close to God when there is green on the altar as when there is white. We need to remember that God isn’t with us just on special days, but every single day. God is always there, whether it’s an ordinary day or an extraordinary day, because God loves us.

Which is wonderful, because, my friends, most of our lives are ordinary days. Yes, we go to God when our lives get tough, stressful, or hard, but God is also there with us when our lives are boring. That is wonderful! God loves us so much that we know God will never leave us. God will love in the hard times and in the good times.

So, let us strive to remember God even in ordinary times. Let us be quick to pray, quick to give thanks, and diligent in reading Scripture. Let us be excited to wear green as we are red. For God will always be there for us.

Pastor Ed

Turkey Supper Tickets are available in the church office during office hours.

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

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

October 6 Jean L.

October 13 Amber

Fall Rummage Sale

Saturday, October 5th

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Bring your clean, slightly used, sale items 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!

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 Lakeville United Methodist Church,

I am so grateful for the opportunity to receive a scholarship from you guys. It helps me so much to be able to achieve my educational goals. My educational journey has been very busy lately, I have recently finished up my classes to achieve my LPN license and I have passed my test to get my LPN license. At the moment I am taking classes in order to apply for the RN program in the Summer of 2025, and I have recently started my first nursing job. I am looking forward to continuing my education in nursing and to seeing what the Lord has in store for me! Thank you so much for the love, support and prayers everyone at LUMC has given me over the years and thank you again for the opportunity to receive this scholarship!

Sincerely,

Lucy Sherk

Planning Ahead

- 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
Please bring a dish to share
- 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
Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Monday, Oct. 7
at Dustin's House, Plymouth
- Ernestine Mission Circle – Tuesday, Oct. 8, 11:30 AM Here
Lakeville Fall Festival – Saturday, October 12
Charge Conference – Saturday, October 12, 12:30 – 2 PM
Trinity UMC, 425 S Michigan St Plymouth
- LUMC Community Youth Group – Sunday, October 13, 6 PM
Finance Meeting – Monday, Oct. 14, 7 PM
Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Oct. 15, 7 PM
Snack Potluck Lesson – Judy Hygema
Newton Park Trunk or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 19
Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, Oct. 23, 10 AM Fun Day
LUMC Women's Executive Meeting – Oct. 26, 10 AM
LUMC Trunk or Treat – Saturday, Oct. 26, 4:30 – 6 PM
Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Oct. 26, 6 PM
Chili Cook Off – Sunday, Oct. 27 10:30 AM Worship
LUMC Community Youth Group – Sunday, Oct. 27, 6 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!