

Newsletter 11.14.24

I just looked at the calendar this week and realized just how close Thanksgiving is! Where did all the time go?! In just a few weeks families will gather together, eat too much food, take naps, and prepare to go Christmas shopping. What a wonderful holiday! I hope we all take a moment in our Turkey Day to give thanks to God for all that we have.

One of my favorite traditions on Thanksgiving is getting up early and watching the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. I love the balloons floating down the avenue. I'm a huge fan of seeing the marching bands and judging how in time they are. The floats are always interesting and even the lip-syncing celebrities are fun. For me the Christmas season truly starts when Santa arrives at the end of the parade.

The parade has everything on display and going the same way. That's the point of a parade, after all. There's no staying low profile in a parade, there's no secret floats, or hidden balloons. Everything is there for the seeing. A parade can't be mistaken for anything else, it's pretty obvious about that.

I was thinking how a parade is actually a pretty good example of how Christians should live. We should live our faith out in our lives, like balloons and floats, not held in secret. People should be able to look at us and know that we are children of God. We follow the same route because we're all following Christ.

One of my favorite verses in Scripture is 1 John 3:18, "Little children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." Let people look at us and see love in action, not just by what we say. We should be able to announce to the world we are Christians by what we do. We should share the Gospel always, and sometimes we should use words.

Friends, let's be like a parade. Let us be visible to everyone, putting our love for God and neighbor on display. Everyone will be able to look at us and see that we are beloved children of God. Not because we say we are, but because we act like it.

I pray that as you prepare for Thanksgiving you have a pleasant time. I pray you get a chance to see family, eat plenty of good food, and enjoy your family's traditions. Most of all, I pray you take time to thank God.

God Bless
Pastor Ed

Looking Ahead

Craft Bazaar – Thursday, Nov. 21, 10 AM – 7 PM

Turkey Supper – Thursday, Nov. 21

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Nov. 23, 4 PM

Hanging of the Greens – Sunday, Nov. 24, 6:30 PM

Community Christmas Night – Sunday, December 8, 5-7 PM

**Turkey Supper Tickets are available in the church office during office hours.
As of Wednesday, November 13, we have sold 390 Turkey Supper Tickets.
We do still need more desserts, please. Pie, Cake, Brownies, etc.
Thank you for your support!**

**An Advent Study is beginning Sunday, December 1
The Lights of Advent
Pastor Ed will be leading the study in the conference room
at 10:30 AM.**

**Community Christmas Night is Sunday, December 8 from 5 to 7 PM
Please bring a dish to share. Ham will be provided.**

**Someone from the community is in need of a walker with a seat.
If you have one or know of one that isn't being used and would be willing to
donate it, please contact the church office 574-784-8215. Thank You**

Please return your Gratitude Card by Sunday, December 1.

2025 Gratitude Card

In gratitude to God for all the many blessings He has provided,
this offering is to support God's work through our congregation.

\$ _____ weekly monthly quarterly yearly

Divide my offering as follows: (please indicate a dollar amount for each)

General Fund/Programming \$ _____

Capital Improvements \$ _____

Missions \$ _____

Please print name _____

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

November 17 Phil & Patty

November 24 _____

December 1 Carolyn Kelly

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

November 17 Judy Hygema

November 24

December 8 _____

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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!

Thank You

Thank you so much for your cards, calls, and caring in the passing of my sister, Nancy Gross. Special thanks to Pastor Ed for the graveside service and our Ida Mission Circle members. Nancy loved you all and loved to be with you.
In Christian Love, Beverly & Maynard and family.

Dear Lakeville United Methodist Church,

I am sincerely grateful for the generous scholarship you have awarded me. This support will significantly impact my education and help me continue my faith journey. School has been a change in environment that I have had to get used to but with the help of your thoughts and prayers I have been able to adapt to the change and enjoy my time here. Your belief in my potential encourages me to strive for excellence, both academically and spiritually. The values instilled in me through our community have shaped my ambitions, and this scholarship will help me further pursue my goals. Thank you for your kindness and support; I am truly blessed to be a part of such a compassionate and uplifting community.

Warm regards, Rylie Aschenbrenner

Dear Adopted Church

Thank you so much for the cards, texts, prayers and concerns during Brian and my recent surgeries and health issues. The quilts from the sewing group have been a visible source of comfort too. We are so blessed that Ed & Rita were led to Lakeville; to a loving caring and supportive congregation.

God Bless You All, Puddy & Brian McCutchan

LUMC Thank you for all of your help with games and food and clean up at our All-Hallow Eve Party. It was a great turn out and all of your help was much appreciated.

Thank you, The Town of Lakeville

Lori Kelly, April Hathaway, Dean S. Rouch