

Newsletter 11.27.24

One of the many perks of being the pastor of Lakeville UMC is that I get to hear the hilariousness that is preschoolers. They constantly are shouting or doing the most ridiculous things. And since I'm not a teacher, I just get to sit in my office and laugh. Whether it's the child demanding that their name is "Skeletor" or another child promising not to run in the hall until "the next time I run in the hall," there's always something to put a smile on my face.

With the Thanksgiving holiday coming up I've especially been hearing all that the kids are thankful for. All the kids are thankful for their parents. Most seem to be thankful for their dogs and cats. A handful have placed their siblings at third on their list. Then the list of things becomes "my favorite crayons" or "my hoodie!" It's heartwarming to hear the kids excited to list everything that they are thankful for.

I think as we grow older, we lose that excitement of being thankful. We want to list serious things, like family, grace, and forgiveness. I have never heard an adult say, "I'm thankful for my favorite sports jersey" or "comfy pajamas." We have turned thankfulness into this thing that's only for "important stuff," but, friends, everything we have is a gift. We should be thankful for all things, the serious and the silly.

I'm reminded of Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians. He writes, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you (1 Thess. 5:16-18)." So, let's give thanks in all circumstances, both the big and the small, the serious and the silly, and everything in between.

Happy Thanksgiving! And God bless! Pastor Ed

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.**

**The Children's Church kids
are sponsoring our annual**

Giving Tree for the YWCA Women's Shelter.

Gifts will be delivered to the shelter on Sunday, December 15.



**Community Christmas Night is Sunday, December 8 from 5 to 7 PM
at LUMC in Trodie Hall
Everyone is invited!
Potluck dinner, ham and drink will be provided.
Bring a dish to share.**

**The LaVille Drama Club will present a Christmas skit and lead us in
Caroling. Santa will join us to read the Christmas story from Luke
and visit with the children and there will be treats!**

Looking Ahead

Missions/Evangelism Meeting – Monday, Dec. 2, 7 PM

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Dec. 3, 7 PM

Community Christmas Night – Sunday, Dec. 8, 5–7 PM

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday, Dec. 9, 10 AM

Giving Tree – Deliver gifts – Sunday, Dec. 15

Blue Christmas – Saturday, Dec. 21, 5 PM

Family Christmas Eve Service – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 5 PM

Christmas Eve Service – Tuesday, Dec. 24, 10:30 PM

Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Dec. 28, 4 PM

Please return Gratitude Cards 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 _____

Thank You

Judy and I are so thankful for all the prayers, cards, and visits from so many of you over the past 6 months. Your thoughtfulness is truly cherished and appreciated. We are on a journey that is not over but we are working our way through one day at a time. We also want to thank Pastor Ed and Betsy Riddle for all the visits at the hospital and at home. Your prayers have been felt and some things are getting better. Sincere thanks and appreciation for such a caring congregation in our lives. May God continue to bless all of you.

Dale and Judy Murphy

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

December 1 Carolyn K.

December 8 Martha

December 15 Jean L.

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

December 8 _____

December 15 _____

December 22 _____

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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, dish soap, pancake mix & syrup

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!