

Happy New Year everyone! I pray that 2025 has started off right for you. I am excited to see where God leads us all to next. God called us to do some wonderful things in 2024, and I have not a doubt in my mind that God has some amazing things in store for us.

I thought I would share with you all a prayer to start our New Year. This is from the United Methodist Church and is adapted from a pastor named Rev. Kevin Smalls:

God of the ages, you have blessed us with another year.

Help us to make room for the blessings that  
are in store for us in the coming months.

May we be open to learn the right lessons, even if they hurt a little.

Help us to be patient so that we won't miss divine opportunities.

Show us how to be fulfilled without material possessions, so  
that we will not miss what it means to be a blessed people.

Enable us to be a blessing so you will recognize us as the ones who  
gave you bread when you were hungry, drink when you  
were thirsty, and clothes when you were naked.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

I also want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and shows of love. Rita and I feel so appreciated and cared for by all of you. We truly appreciate all that Lakeville United Methodist Church has done for us and we thank God for each of you.

God bless! Pastor Ed

## Looking Ahead

Ad Council Meeting – Monday, Jan. 13, 6:30 PM

Blood Drive – Tuesday, Jan. 14, 2:30 – 6:30 PM at Palmer's Community Complex

Food Pantry Open – Tuesday, Jan. 14, 3 – 6 PM

Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Jan. 21, 7 PM

Euchre – Saturday, January 25, 4 PM

Food Pantry Open – January 28, 3 - 6 PM

**TOPS Club** meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206,  
use north east door. Start 2025 with us!

## Thank You

Dear Members of the LUMC,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me a scholarship. Your generosity and support have significantly impacted my educational journey, and I am honored to receive your award. As a sophomore pursuing Electrical engineering, this scholarship will alleviate the financial burden of tuition and allow me to focus more intently on my academic and professional goals. It has also given me the encouragement and motivation to excel further in my studies. Beyond the financial assistance, this scholarship is a reminder of the value of challenging work and the importance of giving back to the community. Inspired by your support, I aspire to make you all proud to say I came from this church. Once again, thank you for your kindness and belief in my potential. Your investment in my education is an invaluable gift, and I am deeply grateful for your generosity.

Sincerely, Carson Horner

"We get nearer to the Lord through music than perhaps through any other thing except prayer." J. Reuben Clark Jr.

Each week, I have the blessing and the privilege to choose musical selections that support, enhance, and create a special pathway to our Lord. My prayer for 2025 is to continue to have the opportunity to continue this holy service to all of you!

I feel very appreciated and loved by all the expressions of gratitude including cards, monetary gifts, and gift cards- thank you for your generosity and gifts! I look forward to moving into 2025 with a song in my heart- I hope you will, too!

Kathy Jaworski

## Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

**Jan. 12** Jean L.      **Jan. 19** Diane      **Jan. 26** Amber

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

## Sunday Kids Church Schedule

**Jan. 12** Rita      **Jan. 19** \_\_\_\_\_      **Jan. 26** \_\_\_\_\_

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## Food Pantry

**Food Pantry Needs: Shelf Stable Milk, peas, toilet paper, cooking oil, cereal, canned fruit, pudding cups, crackers, cookies, soup, jelly,**

**canned navy and kidney beans**The Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM