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From the Pastor's Desk August 2026



I hope you're in as good of a mood as I am today. Oh, the blessings that the Lord has poured out on this little church. I know these are the things that we've all been talking about every week, but it's just so exciting to be part of. God is moving in ways that are impossible to ignore, and I am so grateful to witness it alongside each of you.

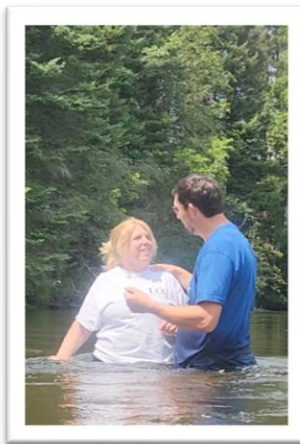
We have men in the church to lead and take care of the things that men take care of — men who are stepping up with courage, faithfulness, and a servant's heart. We have women in the church to address the issues that women are more suited for — women who add wisdom, compassion, and grace to this body of believers. And the children! Oh, my goodness, the children! What an exciting time to be part of the LCC church family. To see the next generation growing up in the faith, hungry for the Word, and eager to belong to something greater — it truly fills my heart with joy. None of this happens by accident. It is the direct result of people saying yes to God, yes to community, and yes to one another. Every small act of service, every prayer offered in faith and every encouraging word spoken in love is building something eternal right here among us.

As long as our focus stays on serving our King and Lord Christ Jesus, and we are determined to keep God's will for us ahead of our own, I am positive that He will continue to use us to reach this community and beyond.

Because He first loved us,

Pastor Derek

To God be the glory — great things He hath done.



Baptisms - Saturday, July 25, 2026 at Luzerne Park on the Au Sable River

Overwhelming joy are the words that come to mind when I think of the day that we had down at the river. Two little girls were dedicated to the Lord, Alice, and Bailey. And seven people made the commitment to a life following Christ through baptism by immersion.

Praise the Lord and Amen! – Pastor Derek

(Pictured from left to right: Melody, Olivia, Amanda, Ryan, Kelly, Annette, and Doug, dedication of Alice, dedication of Bailey)





SCUBA – VBS – DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD

LCC's second of three Vacation Bible School sessions took place on Tuesday, July 14. Our spectacular volunteers fed 10 kids a delicious meal, and led them in fun lessons with the



theme of Diving into Friendship with God. VBS has exceeded expectations for all involved. Some of the children asked if they could have VBS every night! The final class for this summer will be Tuesday, August 4 from 5:30 – 7:30pm. It will be offered again next year. Please help spread the word and make this event a continued success! (photo credit: Marti Martin)

Ya's Healthy Way: "Growth" by Barbara Ann Burns

Farmers know where to plant for a good outcome. Farmers are diligent in caring for their land and crops. Farmers plant, pray, watch, and wait on HIM for a bountiful harvest.

Yahweh is our farmer who gave us our bodies. Our garden is us. What matters to our farmer Father is how we care for our bodies, our garden. Our growth is physical as well as spiritual and emotional. We ourselves, are to embrace the fruits of Yahweh's labor in us.

If a farmer doesn't pull out weeds, an explosion of weeds will take over. It would be a loss of crops for the farmer. Same with our bodies (HIS garden). The weeds are the types of food we consume as well as the drinks we 'enjoy' which represent the farmer's weeds. In both cases, the gift of the garden is the reason for successful fruits. Our bodies need care like the farmer's fields need tending. Farmers pull weeds, and we need to avoid putting harmful foods into our bodies. Healthy soil for a healthy body. Having a healthy body pleases Yahweh. More production of crops with strong soil amounts to more longevity to praise HIM, more time to praise HIM, share HIM and serve HIM.

Author Bill Hybels wrote one sentence which may assist us all to understand: "Every morning, I commit myself to staying attuned to the spirit." Like the farmer checking his crop daily, we too need to decide what foods we will consume today. A healthy body helps us to continue to do HIS will.

As HIS disciples, we need strong, energetic bodies to do the jobs HE has given us. Soak up HIS sunshine and love.

Just Walk Across the Room by Bill Hybels is a great motivational book!

**Health Class will meet at
Barb Burn's home on
August 10th at 5pm.
It will meet again on August 31st
for a surprise tour at a local garden
celebrity's home.
We will meet at church by 3pm to
car pool to their residence.**



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Family Reunion Heritage Potluck – August 23rd

The Fellowship and Hospitality Team is planning a Family Reunion Heritage Potluck for Sunday, August 23 after service. Please bring a dish to pass that reflects your family heritage, for example: German, Polish, Finnish, Irish, Italian, Swedish, etc., or bring your family's favorite dish. Please plan on joining us even without a dish to pass.



Quarterly Mission Giving

March - Operation: Lost Sheep

June - Lewiston Community Sharing

September - Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief and Global Mission

December - Operation Christmas Child and Heifer International.



Please contact Sue Turczynski or Linda Rundel, leaders of the Community Outreach Team for more information, comments, or questions regarding LCC's Outreach Opportunities.

Lewiston Community Sharing: "Friends Helping Friends"

Community Sharing is a non-profit organization founded by LCC, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in 1984, serving the Lewiston Community. We are able to operate because of generous folks and organizations who donate funds, food, and various items. We do not receive any funding from the government. Our CS Free Store is open to all. Come on in to shop! CS provides clothing, shoes, linens, housewares, school supplies, books, toys, diapers, and tools.

CS Food Pantry distributes enough food for a month's supply to each family who participates. We also sponsor approximately 60 families at Christmas time. In addition, we help families sustain daily living, such as paying utility bills, car repairs, gas, and any other financial situations that may arise. Most of our clients work or are senior citizens who just need a little bit of help from time to time. We are all volunteers, putting in countless hours to help the lives of others. (Source: Lewiston Community Sharing Facebook Page, Pierrette Rabine, with help from Sue Turczynski)

Free Store 4615 Montmorency St. &
La Boutique 4608 Montmorency St. are open on
Wednesdays from 10 am-6 pm and Saturdays from
10am-1 pm.

Food Pantry 2887 Kneeland Street is open 1st & 3rd
Wednesdays from 10 am-1 pm. For more
information contact: Deb or Marty Sansone at 989-
254-3324 (call or text).

Email: lewistoncommunitysharing@gmail.com
Facebook: Lewiston Community Sharing
Venmo account @ Community Sharing-5.



Lewiston Community Sharing Wish List

Food Pantry: cereal, crackers, shampoo, shaving cream, and Chef Boyardee products.

For your convenience there is a wooden box in the narthex for items you'd like to donate to Community Sharing.



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Assistance Offered by LCC

Hearing Assist

If you need to use a hearing assist during Sunday service, please ask an usher to get one for you.

Care Team

If you need assistance with transportation to the doctor or other appointments, please contact the church office and assistance can be arranged.

Meal Ministry

One of the most tangible ways we can show love to one another is through the gift of a home-cooked meal. That's why we are excited to continue our Meal Ministry - a simple, organized way for our congregation to support members in need during life's most challenging and joyful moments.

How it works:

- When a need arises, a sign-up will be shared.
- You choose a date that works for you and sign-up to bring a meal.
- Meal details, dietary needs, and delivery instructions will be provided with each sign-up.

To participate, simply watch for Meal Ministry announcements in church emails and/or join the Facebook group *Lewiston Community Church Meal Ministry*. There is also a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to participate.

If you know of someone in our congregation who could benefit from this ministry, please email a request to lccmealministry2026@gmail.com or reach out to Cindy Hall (989.390.3914) or Phyllis Whitacre (734.708.0133)



Support Group

A GriefShare support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon.

Please join us:

Saturdays, September 12 – December 12
from 9:30 – 11:30am in the LCC Fellowship Hall

At GriefShare you'll watch a weekly video with counsel and insights from respected grief experts and relatable personal stories—followed by a time of sharing and support. Session topics include: what's normal in grief, how to handle difficult emotions, and what to do with regrets, questions, and worries.

Official registration is on the GriefShare site: griefshare.org/findagroup

(Look for Lewiston Community Church)

Contacts: Linda Rundel (989.786.7424) or Emily Gomez (989.786.4764) in the church office



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Ways to Get Involved on Sundays

Community Time: Thank you to everyone who has donated coffee or cash to our community time fellowship. All donations are appreciated! If you would like to bring a snack to add to the food table, a sign-up sheet is available in the foyer. All snacks are appreciated: sweets, veggies, fruit, cheese & crackers, etc. If you have question, contact Berta Reinhardt at 989.350.2998.



Ushers and Welcomers: If you have questions about ushering, please contact Joan Penrod. For questions about being a welcomer (welcoming & reading announcements at the start of service), contact Nancy Render. A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for anyone interested in participating!

Prayer Team

We are a committed group of prayers who are privileged to lift any requests to the Lord. You can ask for confidential prayer requests by emailing debfish33@hotmail.com. These requests will only be shared with the prayer team, and will be kept confidential. Or you can write down requests on the prayer list on the table just outside the sanctuary. These requests will be shared with the team, and also read during service. These requests are just for the week, unless you indicate that you would like continuous prayers by checking the box next to your request. Thinking about joining the prayer team? Call Deb Cox at 616.443.1848.

Continuing Prayer Requests



Aubrey Martinez, Brian Belmonte, Bruce Larner, Diane Pynonnen, Dick Schmidt, Ellen Klein, Estelle Parette, Jason Gowing, Jeannie Stouffer, Joe Tenbush, Kalie, Linda Armstrong, Lori Beaudoin, Neil Gallaway, Paul Brooks, Patricia Kemp, Paul Gibson, Ron Smith, Shelly Thompson, Susan Evans, and Will Scott



LCC Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Laurie Michael – August 9
Sue Mitchell – August 9
Robin Russo – August 14
Susan Cameron – August 15
Dave Pynonnen – August 17
Karen King – August 22
Terrie Case – August 22
Karen Gibson – August 28

HAPPY Anniversary

Greg & Linda Arbogast – August 5, 1972
Dave & Diane Pynonnen – August 12, 2023
Ted & Deb Cox – August 15, 1976

If we have missed celebrating your birthday or anniversary, please call or email the church office. We want everyone to be equally honored on their special day!



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LCC Events & Lewiston Community Calendar

<u>WEEKLY EVENTS</u>	
AA	Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8pm
Bonz Beach Farms Market at the 50+ Club. Text POP UP to 844.321.2669 to receive a text message about their inventory the day before the market.	Tuesdays 9 – 10:30am
Deadline for Bulletin Announcements	Thursdays at 10am
Ukuladies	On break until further notice
Lewiston Farmer's Market	Saturdays from 9am - 1pm in the Pavillion
Lewiston Area Historical Society Museum	Saturdays from 11am-3pm Memorial through Labor Day
<u>THIS MONTH</u>	
Holy Communion Service & State of the Church Address	Sunday, August 2 at 10am
Civilian Response to Active Shooter Presentation	Monday, August 3 from 5:30-7pm, LCC
LCC Vacation Bible School	Tuesday, August 4 from 5:30-7:30pm
Timberfest – Downtown Lewiston – sign-up to hand out water for LCC is on the table in the foyer	Friday, August 7 – Saturday, August 8
Men's Lunch at the Iron Kettle	Monday, August 10 at noon
Natural Health Class	Monday, August 10, 5pm Barb Burns's Home
WOW (Widows or Widowers) Meeting at the Lewiston Lodge	Thursday, August 13 at 2pm, Contact Donna Vasher for more info. and to RSVP 989.370.0886
Concert in Lions Park – Dueling Pianos	Thursday, August 13, 6pm
Cars & Coffee	Monday, August 17, 5-8pm, Kneeland Street
Ladies' Lunch	Tuesday, August 18, 11:30am
LCC Ladies' Campout	Fri.-Sun. August 21 – 23, Black Dog Base Camp Contact Cara Bakatselos, 734.634.3000
Family Reunion Heritage Potluck	Sunday, August 23, after 10am service
LCC Church Board Meeting	Monday, August 24, 10am
Concert in Lions Park – Max Lockwood	Thursday, August 27, 6pm
Health Class – Local Celebrity Garden Tour	Monday, August 31, 3pm meet at church to car pool



Service Opportunities CHURCH BOARD 2026

Serving the church means actively using your unique gifts, talents, skills, and time to support the community, meet the needs of others, and reflect Christ's love through actions. Lewiston Community Church offers many opportunities for service and participation in the work of the church. You are encouraged to consider how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving.

The Church Board, under the leadership of Ted Cox, President, is made up of several committees. Each one of these teams is vital to the ministry and outreach of the church. Please consider where you could be of service to our congregation and our community through the church.

Note that there is a contact person for each committee. Please contact that person (or call the church office) when you decide where you can be of service. You can choose more than one! Thank you for your service!

WORSHIP/ SANCTUARY TEAM	SPIRITUAL GROWTH TEAM	COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM	FELLOWSHIP & HOSPITALITY TEAM	MEDIA TEAM	FINANCE TEAM	PROPERTY MANAGEMENT TEAM
Chancel (Candles, Piano, Altar Flowers, Communion Prep.) Worship Welcomers Ushers Worship Leader	Adult Bible & Book Study, Special courses, Mentorship Prayer Team Youth Mentorship, VBS, Sunday School, Youth Group	Missions Operation: Lost Sheep, Samaritan's Purse, Heifer Project, Community Sharing, GriefShare Support Group, Meal Ministry Special Events	Visitor Bags Name Tags Decorating Coffee Hour Funeral & Special Meals & Events Kitchen Organization & supplies	Video Sound Worship Leader (Music)	Budget Personnel/ Salaries/ Hiring Herman Miller Approval Requests Pay Bills Money Counters Electronic Giving	Church Building/ Parsonage (Recommend upgrades & repairs, obtain bids, contact person for workers) Security Grounds
LEADER Nancy Render 231.499.7353	LEADER Deb Cox 616.443.1848	LEADERS Sue Turczynski 954.806.8214 Linda Rundel 989.786.7424	LEADER Berta Reinhardt 989.350.2998	LEADER Deb Larner 517.202.3072	LEADER Ted Cox 616.443.1917	LEADER Curt Render 231.499.4325 SECURITY LEADER Paul Brooks 423.967.2980