



# The LUMinary

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## Pastor's Corner

Pastor's Corner—Forward Through the Ages

“Forward through the ages, in unbroken line, move the faithful spirits at the call divine.”

—Fredrick L. Hosmer, 1908

As our All Saints' Day celebration approaches, these words echo in my heart. My whole life, I have found this worship service to be one of the most meaningful. It calls into a spirit of remembrance, not just of the loved ones we have lost, but especially of those who have formed us in our faith.

In this spirit of remembrance, I invite you to call to mind those people in your life who have formed you in your faith—those whose legacy you stand upon. They might be family members or maybe a Sunday School teacher from your younger days or even a close friend in your adult life. We are beholden to them and to God for the legacy of faith we carry with us, but that legacy also comes with a responsibility.

Others have formed us and if we are to truly honor the work they began in us, we need to do the work of forming others and continuing the line. The legacy or line of faith has come forward through the ages to us in unbroken line from the patriarchs and prophets of old to Jesus and the disciples to John and Charles Wesley to you and me, but we are left with the question, “Will the line remain unbroken beyond us?” So many have labored to form us in our faith, and we call them to mind as we remember the saints who have gone before us, both the living and the dead, but we are left to wonder who will call us to their memory as they reflect upon the legacy of their faith.

Blessings,

*Pastor Tiffany*

## Special Events in November:

Dedication of Prayer Garden      Nov. 5, 11:30 am

Rice Meal Bag Event                Nov. 11, 10:00 am

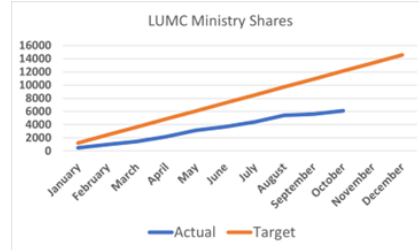
Community Thanksgiving Service    Nov. 19  
 at the Congregational Church,    Lunch 2:00, Service 3:00

Thanksgiving    Nov. 23 - Have a day full of thanks

Hanging of the Greens                Nov. 26 after worship

## Finances

Our average monthly income for the first ten months of the year for the General Fund was \$12,353 and our average expenses were \$12,100.



Thus far, we have been able to keep our expenses below our monthly budget of \$13,747. In order to do this, we are running on a minimalist budget. We remain drastically behind on our attempt to meet our Ministry Shares obligation to the Michigan Conference. To date, we have sent \$6,262 which is 43% of our obligation of \$14,550.

We want to thank all of you who support our ministries through your time, talents, generosity, and witness!

## Trustees

The labyrinth is in, the bell is on the pad and sheltered under the gazebo, the privacy fence is up, the cross is standing, the sign is in place, there are benches, and there are plants in the ground... With that, we are prepared to dedicate the prayer garden in gratitude for the legacy and memorial contributions made in memory of:

- Orval Antcliff
- Wilma Stichler
- Janet Malkin
- Kathleen Plont
- Thelma Smith
- John Krebiehl
- Lawrence Sparkes
- Edwin & Norma Parker
- Dolores Putnam
- Edul Hunt Walsh
- Gloria Vanderhoof
- Dick Archer
- Mindy Haynes
- Amy Latimer
- Carol Wagner
- Judy Fraidenburg
- Clarence & Dorothy Witchell
- Robert & Edyth Blackledge

- Betty Morley
- Elaine Hunt
- Rayola Lane
- Nancy Richardson
- Jack Gee
- Gary West
- Eva Waltz
- Al Fraidenburg
- Bert Swarhout
- David & Yvonne Corey
- Harold & Dorothy Peck
- Melza Wauvle
- Stanley Blackledge
- Dr. John Hobbs, Jr.
- Candalee Rathbun
- Don Smith
- Helen Novak

The dedication will take place on Sunday, November 5, 2023 following our regular worship service.

## Worship and Fellowship Events

Below you will find a list of dates, sermon titles, and scripture lessons for the coming month.

**Worship time is 10:30 am.**

Nov 5: *For Every Tribe* All Saints Sunday Revelation 7:1-17 and 1 John 3:1-3 and Matthew 5:1-12  
Nov 12: *The Endless Call to Generosity* Luke 10:25-37  
Second Sunday Breakfast 9:30 am  
Nov 19: *Investing Our Talents* Matthew 25:14-30  
Nov 19: **Community Thanksgiving Service** at Congregational Church Lunch 2:00 Service 3:00  
Nov 26: *Utilizing Our Resources Justly* Christ the King Sunday Luke 16:1-13

**HANGING OF THE GREENS—Nov. 26 after worship**  
**Please plan to help us decorate for the Advent season.**

Coffee Hour Hosts:

Nov 5: Matt & Lori Wagner  
Nov 12: Second Sunday Breakfast: Tureks  
Nov 19: Jean Christie  
Nov 26: Nancy Koerner

## Service



Open 1:00-3:00 pm Mondays  
6:00-8:00 pm Thursdays  
Open to all Laingsburg residents



Recyclers have been very busy. To keep things running smoothly, more volunteers are needed. Please check their website for more info and to volunteer: [recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite](http://recyclelaingsburg.wixsite.com/mysite)

**Change for a Change for October went to our Midwest Mission project:**  
Rice Meal Packs which we will assemble on Nov. 11: Total to date: \$2,300

**Change for a Change for November will go to HAPI (Haitian Assets for Peace International)**

## Outreach

### CARE CLOSET AT LAINGSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

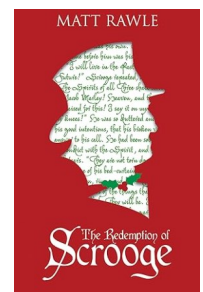
We are collecting healthy snack items for the Care Closet at Laingsburg Elementary School. Last year we collected some personal care items and water bottles. This year we have been told some children come without a snack, so that will be our collection for now. Please place your items in the tubs in the foyer.

**(all items must be in individual packages)**

Items that we suggest are: fruit snacks, granola bars, cereal bars, fruit cups, goldfish/chips, nut-free trail mix

## Discovery

Bible Study  
Thursday at 10:00 am.  
New study begins Nov. 16.



We're off to a start this school year slowly but surely. As the kids are growing up (like kids do), they are involved in more exciting things in school and personally.

Two of our long-time members – Aly Billings and Hannah Sebenick – are now seniors. Wow! And senior year is chock full of activities and the “lasts” of many meaningful things, not to mention dual enrollment at LCC, jobs and picking colleges. Sydnie Billings is a sophomore who swims, dives and is on the tech crew for St. Johns High School Drama Club. Ethan Sebenick is in seventh grade and killin’ it with baseball, among other things. At a recent visit to Cancun restaurant where we all caught up, noshed on corn chips and quesadillas, we decided to retool how and when we gather to be as accommodating as possible and keep our fellowship time meaningful.

The group will now meet the first Sunday of the month from 4 to 6 p.m. Our locations will vary, including some trips to St. Johns to be with Aly and Sydnie. Sprinkled throughout the year will be service projects like returning to the North Pole in Ashley to be elves in Santa’s Workshop when the Polar Express comes to town in November. Some of the group will be volunteering at the rice meal kit packing event. We’ll also still provide gifts for families in need right here in Laingsburg in December.

As always, thanks for your continued support!