

**LANSING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**490 Center Street,**

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## **LANSING UMC**

Sunday Worship - 10:30am – Starting June 1<sup>st</sup> – Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 AM  
Youth and Adult Learning Time - 9:00am (Sept – May)

### **Pastor: James “Buck” Buckhahn**

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The healing of God is truth. When we have issues in our lives,  
bring them to God and He will answer you.  
(Matthew 8:8)

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### **Pastor's Notes:**

Dear Brothers and Sister in Christ,

It is hard to believe that I am closing in on the completion of my 3<sup>rd</sup> year serving you as your Pastor. It has been a while since our last news update. The biggest news has been the replacement of our old and outdated heating and air conditioning systems. We had 4 units that were 40+ years old and 1 unit at 26 years old. All 5 units were replaced with high efficiency cold climate heat pumps outside and new air handling units inside. The cost of the project was \$64,534 and was done by Tri-State Plumbing & Heating. We had an additional cost of \$695 for a new access ladder into the Fellowship Hall attic area where 2 of the furnace units reside and the purchase of 1-year supply of furnace filters. We had \$45,229 raised through donations and secured a \$20,000 - 10-year loan from New Albin Saving Bank to complete the financing. Through a separate donation we also retrofitted all of the fluorescent ceiling light fixtures to accept LED bulbs. Both of these projects came out of an energy audit the church had done in the fall of 2024. Included in the energy audit was a discussion about adding a solar energy source to the church. The installation of solar panels was discussed but was tabled for a later time due to cost factors and the need to understand what our new energy consumption will be with the new heating and cooling systems and LED lighting. It should be noted that the LED retrofitting project was done by all volunteer laborers. Bod Protsman, Larry Corwin, and Pastor Buck took the lead on this project. Dixie Corwin and Jean Protsman also helped out. The new attic ladder in Fellowship Hall was also done by volunteers – Larry & Dixie Corwin, Bob Protsman, Ricky Humes, and Pastor Buck.

I personally would like to thank Mary Roeder and Marian Meier for their talented hands in the decorating of the church throughout the year. And yes, Dick and Duane get called into assist as well.

We have a great number of people that volunteer their time and talents – Jean Ann Weymiller & Alice Hansen our pianist/organists, Karen Galema, Angie Colsch, Allison Humes, and Patricia Olson - Sunday School, Ross & Tara Kolsrud – “J” Walkers - Those that our on the Administrative Board ( Chad Winters, Board Chair – Dr. Jane Hasek, Secretary, Jan Stute, Treasurer, Larry Corwin, Trustee, John Verdon, SPRC, Ross Kolsrud, Lay Leader, Tom Duvel, Jean Protsman, Karen Galema, Dixie Corwin, Iva Gaunitz, Doc Weymiller, and Karen Ferring who does needed office work, including the bulletin every week, and many more record keep tasks. I have been blessed by all of you and your faithfulness to God's work.

There is more we can and need to do in Christ's name and I am looking forward to working with you as we travel along Christ's pathway to salvation. Be Blessed and Be a Blessing to Others. Pastor Buck.

### **Leadership Notes:**

Dear Lansing United Methodist Church Family,

I am wishing you grace and peace as we prepare to navigate our way through Holy Week. We move from the darkest of days to the brightest of days with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ leading the way.

As we navigate our journey together as a church family, I want to take a moment to express my deep gratitude for all of you. Each and every one of you plays a vital role in our church congregation. Our congregation is the Body of Christ, and we are called not only to gather in worship but to serve, build, and grow together. Scripture reminds us:

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10

Each one of us has a gift we can share with others in our parish and our community. The gifts that God bestowed upon us need to be shared with others. It's not always easy to put ourselves out there, but God will help lead the way. Whether it's volunteering with Sunday morning's church service, helping with outreach programs, or simply greeting people before service on Sunday mornings, there is a place for you to be a blessing to others.

Let us be reminded of the words of Paul:

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." – 1 Corinthians 15:58

I truly believe God has great plans for us at Lansing United Methodist Church. Together, as one, is how God wants us to fulfill his mission he has given us; to spread his word, love others, and serve in any way we can! I hope all of us prayerfully consider how we can get involved. No act of service is too small. When we all are willing to take that step together is when amazing things can happen in a church. Don't be afraid, let's walk this journey together!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss different ways to get involved, please reach out to me, Pastor Buck, or any member of the administrative church board. We would be pleased to assist you in any way possible.

May the Lord bless you and keep you!

In Christ's service,

Chad Winters

President, Church Board

### **Christian Education Notes:**

#### **Youth Sunday School:**

A little note to let you all know what our Sunday School kids have been up to this year....

The kids have been busy with lots of activities and games. They have prepared meals for the congregation twice and always want to know when they can do it again. They are learning how good

it feels to serve others and that giving of themselves is something they can do every day. They also packed Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes this fall. Watching them pack them and decide what they thought kids of different ages would like is always fun for us adults (although we sometimes have to make a few suggestions on what might be good choices). We also did our Giving Tree Outreach before Christmas. With the gifts brought in and cash donations we were able to make the holidays a little brighter for 18 families (59 individuals). Thank you to all who contributed! After the holidays we started back up with Sundae Sunday and have continued in our walk with learning about God and his son Jesus. Penny Party and Pretzel Sunday were fun for the kids also. They raised \$115.00 with penny party and will be deciding in the next couple weeks what they will be "purchasing" with the money. We will be going through Samaritans Purse and they will be choosing between things such as chickens, fishing nets, honeybees, blankets, milk, soccer balls, etc. to spend their money on. Seeing the thought they put into what they think would be most helpful to needy families is something you should all get to experience. When you ask them why they chose a specific item the answers you get are heartwarming. At the moment we are working on a 5-week Easter lesson and will finish that up Easter Sunday with an egg hunt before our lesson for the week. Our last day of Sunday school for this year will be May 11. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents for getting their kids to Sunday school and for your participation in all our activities and for donating to all our extra's (shoeboxes, meals, giving tree, penny party, etc.).

You are setting an amazing example of God's love through your actions. We are truly blessed to have such a wonderful group of families participating in the Sunday school program and hope the kids are enjoying it and growing in their faith weekly. May God bless you all and carry you in the palm of his hand Just a few closing thoughts from us.....

Every time you serve as a good example, you help to reshape the world into a better place. Stand up and be the person Jesus died for.

Angie Colsch, Sunday School & Giving Tree

Where  
The  
Cool Kids  
Hangout

### **High School Youth Group:**

The mission of the youth ministry is to REACH everyone for Christ, To CONNECT with other Christians to grow in our faith, to SERVE those in need, and to HONOR God with our lives. Our vision is to respond to the social and spiritual needs of the youth within our church and community by providing relative programs, activities, missions and events that will allow them to build a strong foundation of faith that will enable them to express and share their own words, actions and deeds; to encourage them to use their individual talents in programs and ministries that interest them in order to nurture their growth as people of faith while providing volunteer services to the community. This is an ecumenical youth

group, open to all youth grades 8th – 12<sup>th</sup>. The youth group meet at the church on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 6:30 PM.

The J-Walkers have had a great year growing in their faith. They started out this fall gaining a few new members, they replaced the group we had lost to graduation and moving into young adulthood this year. About ten kids regularly attend youth group with the J-Walkers each week, but we are always ready to welcome more kids looking to gain a deeper connection to their Lord.

Some of the highlights of our year this year would be a community supper that we held for free or a freewill donation, we served spaghetti, garlic toast and desserts. We had a great community turnout and served many church members and other community members alike. We also did a leaf cleanup in the city of Lansing, where the kids filled truckloads of leaves from the streets and took them out to the city dump.

The J-Walkers also participated in a 24-hour fast event. During the event we studied different areas of our faith such as prayer, Bible reading, the importance of church and the body of Christ. Between sessions of study the kids had free time as well as some art projects, and games. We spent the night at the church, culminating in a big potluck with the congregation after church. The J-Walkers served the congregation first and then held a dramatic countdown to noon when their 24 hours of fasting were up.

We have had some good study sessions during our regular Wednesday night meetings, we have discussed things such as service and work, pride, anger, and accountability. We just wrapped up a six-week series on the seven letters to the seven churches in Revelations. We are looking forward to finishing up the year strong, with two seniors in our group we are enjoying the time we have with them to help them grow their faith before heading into the world.

Blessings, Conrad Rosendahl & Ross & Tara Kolsrud

### **Lansing Website – LansingIowaUMC.ORG**

**Live-Streaming** - Sunday morning worship services are live-streamed. You can connect through our website - [lansingiowaumc.org](http://lansingiowaumc.org) and go to the Livestream & Archive tab. You can also view previously recorded services. We also offer live-streaming services for funerals, and weddings.

**On-Line Giving** – Through the website you can make electronic offering towards God's works. Visit the Giving tab see the for various giving options available.



### **From the Desk of Pastor Buck**

If you are not aware, as a pastor I do not have special powers or insight into what is always happening in the community or in our church. As the old saying goes, "I am the last one to know." If you have a pastoral care need, please contact me. This allows me an opportunity to address your needs in a timely manner. I do not always respond to messages received via the preverbal "Grape Vine."

**Pastor Buck's Office Hours:** Mon, Wed, Fri. (9:00 am – Noon). He can be reached on his **Cell: 712-303-8812; Church Office: 563-538-4352, Leave a message.**

### **Regular Activities at a Glance**

Christian Learning Time  
Every Sunday at 9:15 AM  
Both Youth and Adults  
Through the school year only

Monday's - 1:00 PM - Bible Study

Administration Board\* - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Each Month following worship service.

"J" Walkers -  
Every Wednesday at 6:30 PM.  
Through the school year only.

\*Meetings are open to everyone to attend.

### **WE'RE PRAYING FOR YOU**

**REMEMBER ALL THOSE WHO SERVE IN THE  
MILITARY**

**Pray for our Care Center Friends --  
Visit and send cards often:**

**Thornton Manor:** Wanda Hisel.  
Phyllis Stieber, Joanne Kehr, Shirley Stieber,  
Rose Sweeny

**Contact Church Office at 563-538-4352**  
and leave a message to add someone to the  
prayer list. (Please note – Only the person  
wishing prayers or a direct contact person for  
that person can make a request.) Requests  
will be posted for 2 weeks.

If you would like to add someone to the  
prayers offered by the prayer chain, please  
contact:

If you would like to become part of the prayer  
chain, please contact:

**Carol Dee: 563-538-4505**

### **Lansing Family Directory**

Yes, we do have a directory. If you are  
not listed or do not have a picture  
currently, please contact the church  
office and will get you listed and or  
photographed. Thanks

### **Church Website**

[www.lansingiowaumc.org](http://www.lansingiowaumc.org).

Through the website you watch the  
Sunday Live-stream worship service or  
view pervious worship services, Learn  
about Lansing UMC, and make your  
offerings to God's work and see what is  
happening in the church.

## Mission/Ministries Opportunities

Monthly Food Donations to LIFT - Each month Specific Item are highlighted. Please bring your donations into the church. Monetary donors are also accepted. LIFT also needs your plastic grocery bags.

More opportunities to serve God both individually and collectively are being looked into and can be viewed on our website.



## Financials

### Church Activities May Slow Down During the Summer Months, But Our Financial Obligations Do Not!

2025 Weekly Budget Needs  
\$1,575

Year Today Average Weekly Giving  
\$1,236

### Apportionments

2024-2025 Assignment - \$11,944.00  
Remitted To Date - \$2,986

District Asking - \$816.00  
Remitted To Date - \$0.00

### HVAC Loan

We are asking our church family to add \$5, \$10, \$15 once a month to your regular giving, designating it for the HVAC loan payment. By making extra payments we will reduce the amount of interest we have to pay and pay down the loan sooner. Thank You.

AM I SUPPOSED TO  
BE **RECEIVING** A  
CUP OF WATER OR  
GIVING IT? I'M  
**PERPLEXED.**

YOU'RE  
RECEIVING  
HOSPITALITY  
FROM OTHERS

AS ONE WHO  
OFFERS JESUS.

HOW ABOUT I JUST  
BRING MY **OWN**  
**WATER?** THAT  
SEEMS MORE  
**RELIABLE.**

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# JULY

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