



The Beacon

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From the Pastor’s Desk June 2026



To all fathers, grandfathers, and men who faithfully stand in the role of a father, Your presence in the family is not accidental, optional, or secondary. According to Scripture, your role is a calling, one of God. From His throne to your home. From the opening chapters of Genesis to the teachings of Jesus and the apostles, the Bible paints a picture of a father as a shepherd, a teacher, a protector, and a living reflection of God’s heart.

The psalmist declares, “As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him” (Psalm 103:13). God chose fatherhood as one of the clearest earthly pictures of His own love. That means your tenderness matters. Your strength matters. Your voice, your guidance and your example—they all matter more than you may realize.

In Deuteronomy 6:6–7, God gives fathers a sacred assignment: to impress His Word on the hearts of their children. Whether sitting at home, walking in town or getting work done before you go and play. In other words, fathers are called to weave faith into the everyday rhythms of life. Not through perfection, but through presence. Not through force, but through faithfulness.

The apostle Paul echoes this calling when he writes, “Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Ephesians 6:4). A father shapes the spiritual climate of the home. His words can build confidence or crush it. His example can lead his family toward Christ or away from Him. His humility can teach repentance; his courage can teach trust; his love can teach the very nature of God.

Fathers, your children need to see you praising God and reading His word in front of them. They need your prayers spoken over them. They need your steady presence, your listening ear and your godly example. They need to see you worship, see you forgive, see you stand firm, and see you walk humbly with your God.

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Your wife needs your partnership, your leadership rooted in love, and your commitment to stand with her as one. Your family needs your spiritual covering. They need your willingness to be the first to open the Bible, the first to pray, the first to seek God’s wisdom.

And when you fall short, and every father does, remember this: God does not call you to fatherhood alone. He equips you. He strengthens you. He walks with you. The same God who entrusted you with this role also promises, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness.”

Today, we honor you. We thank God for you. And we remind you that your role is irreplaceable, your influence immeasurable, and your calling sacred. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He fill you with wisdom, courage, and compassion. And may your life reflect the heart of the greatest Father of all—our Father in heaven.

May you always follow Him as they continue to follow you.

From the Pastor’s Desk Continued: First Annual Blessing of the Jeeps



Lewiston Community Church held our first Blessing of the Jeeps on Saturday, May 16, 2026. It was successful for many reasons. We had around 100 people in attendance and approximately 35-40 Jeeps! Paddling Pig provided barbeque, and there was live music by a band titled His Country. There were raffles and prizes, tee-shirts, and a personalized clothing booth. We had photo booths, and games for the kids.

This was a wonderful day for everyone, but this wasn’t the best part. The best part was praying for the Lord to bless these people, many of whom had never been to Lewiston Community Church before. We handed out The Life of Jesus books, and information about the church. This was all well received, and the Blessing of the Jeeps will be back next year.

SCUBA – VBS – DIVING INTO FRIENDSHIP WITH GOD



LCC will offer a once-a-month Bible school for grades K – 5 on Tuesdays June 23, July 14 & August 4 from 5:30 – 7:30pm. A simple supper will be offered for parents and kids. Lessons and fun exploration for kids and optional parent fellowship and discussion with Pastor Derek will follow supper. Registration suggested. Call, email, or stop by the church office to register. 989.786.4764, lewistoncommunitychurch@gmail.com. Office Hours are Tuesday – Thursday 9am to 4pm. Please help spread the word!

Ya's Healthy Way By Barbara Ann Burns

Peter's last statement is "Grow in the Grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"
2 Peter 3:18

In regards to His Holy Temple, A.K.A our bodies; The goal is not to defile it. Yes, while He will forgive us, send us blessings and protect us, it does not mean we can abuse His temple on purpose. Running out to eat McDonalds or drink corrosive drinks each day is not what He prefers us to do with His temple. Jaway began with perfect bodies of Adam and Eve. Your body was created perfect as well. Even if you were born with a club foot, too many teeth in your jaw or mentally challenged. Praise Him! He has a plan for you.

Living healthy, being as clean as Scriptures suggest and learning more about His garden and His plan for us is beneficial. Count your blessings of protection, grace, forgiveness and His leading. If we are not as healthy as we want or should be it's time to alter our thinking.

Our lot in life is to praise Him in all things. His grace never ends. We do not need to pray harder longer or louder. Give thanks in all He gives us, no matter the storms. His overflowing love for us is because we turned our lives over to Him and believe in Him in all things. Our lot in life is to commit to the Trinity. Enjoy His grace through all those stormy days. Deuteronomy 8:11 So be it.

Natural Health Class is taking a break in June, but will return on July 14, 15, or 16 for a trip to the Oswell Farm in Joburg. In August, there will be a blueberry picking trip to Tawas City. More details will be provided soon. Check the church bulletin, Facebook, or the next Beacons.



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Mission Giving for June – Lewiston Community Sharing

During the month of June, LCC will provide giving opportunities for our local organization, Lewiston Community Sharing. The purpose of LCS is to secure, hold, distribute and administer aid in the form of food, clothing, household goods, and other emergency needs in the communities of Lewiston-Johannesburg and other surrounding areas. Envelopes labeled “Lewiston Community Sharing” will be available in the pew racks.

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 Carol Clippard for more information, comments, or questions regarding LCC's Outreach Opportunities. cjclip1@gmail.com or 248-321-8005

Lewiston Community Sharing

Lewiston Community Sharing is in its 42nd year, and going strong!

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 Lists

Food Pantry: cereal, chicken noodle soup, paper towels, and canned fruit

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

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.



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 Youth Mentorship, VBS, Sunday School, Youth Group	Missions Operation: Lost Sheep, Samaritan’s Purse, Heifer Project, Community Sharing 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 Maurice Evans 269.217.0455	LEADERS Carol Clippard 248.321.8005 Sue Turczynski 954.806.8214	LEADER Berta Reinhardt 989.350.2998	LEADER Deb Larner 517.202.3072	LEADER Ted Cox 616.443.1917	LEADER Tom Clippard 248.321.8005

More Service Opportunities

Community Time: Community Time is important to us at Lewiston Community Church. We welcome folks willing to help with set-up or clean-up following our coffee hour. We also welcome contributions of treats if you wish to do some cooking. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer for Sundays. Other ways you can help are to donate a can of regular or decaf coffee or a box of your favorite tea. We also welcome donations to help defray the cost of cookies. Thank you so much for your assistance and we look forward to seeing you at Community Time!

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

Volunteer(s) Needed

We are looking for someone to help find a Worship Leader, a musician to lead the congregation in song on Sunday mornings. If you have some time to help out, please contact the church office or write your name and contact information on a communication card and we will contact you with more information. Thanks in advance!

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, Carol Tomson, Diane Pynonnen,
Dick Schmidt, Estelle Paretti, Jason Gowing, Jeannie Stouffer,
Joe Tenbush, Kalie, Laura Griffin, Lori Beaudoin, Neil Gallaway,
Pat Bastien, Paul Brooks, Shelly Thompson, Susan Evans,
and Will Scott





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Lewiston Chamber of Commerce 2026 Events

Cars & Coffee

Mondays, 5 – 8pm

June 22

July 20

August 17

September 21

October 19

Meet & park on Kneeland St.
Contact Elizabeth 989.786.4712

Lewiston Block Party

Thursday, June 18 on

Kneeland Street

5:30 – 7:30pm

Donations of cookies and pastries and volunteers to hand out goodies and promote LCC at our table are needed! Call the church office and/or sign-up at church!

35th Annual Lewiston Auto Show

**Saturday, June 20 &
Sunday, June 21**

Downtown Lewiston
Cruise, Classic Auto Show
Dash Plaques, Raffle Baskets,
Arts & Crafts, Music

Independence Day Parade and Fireworks on Saturday, July 4

Parade Lineup at Ace Hardware Parking Lot at 10:30am

Parade starts 11am

Enter your float or group to win!

Local celebrity judges to choose the winners.

Text or call the Chamber 989.786.2293 or

Cyndi at the Greenhouse 248.635.4930

2pm A Tribute to Shania Twain & More at Black Dog Base Camp
4329 N. Red Oak Rd. Bring your lawn chair. Donations appreciated.

Fireworks over East Twin Lake begin at dusk.

Summer Concert Series at 6pm at Lions Park

July 2, Craig Soderburg
July 16, Yankee Station
July 30, TC Knuckleheads
August 13, Dueling Pianos
August 27, Max Lockwood

Timberfest 2026

**Friday, August 7 –
Saturday, August 8**

Downtown Lewiston
Celebrating 135 Years of
Lewiston and
250 Years of the USA

Fall Fest

October 3 & 4



Holiday Fest

December 5 & 6





LCC Events & Lewiston Community Calendar

WEEKLY EVENTS	
AA	Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8pm
Bible Study, Philippians	Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm (begins May 6)
Guided Hikes at Louis M. Groen Nature Preserve	Wednesdays from 2:30pm to 4pm, 10950 Heatherton Rd, Johannesburg, 49751
Bible Study, Philippians	Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm
Deadline for Bulletin Announcements	Thursdays at 10am
Ukuladies	On break until further notice
Lewiston Area Historical Society Museum	Open Saturdays, Memorial Day through Labor Day 11am-3pm
Lewiston Farmer's Market	Saturdays from 9am - 1pm in the Pavillion

THIS MONTH	
2 nd Annual Thunder Over the Lakes (Fundraiser for Lewiston Fireworks Display)	<p>Saturday, June 6. Poker Run: Classic cars & motorcycles. Registration at 11am at Talley's \$25 per vehicle (includes meal ticket). Run begins at noon.</p> <p>Community Picnic: Lions Park 3-6pm. Free music and games. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks by donation. There will be a bake sale and raffles. Bring chairs.</p>
Holy Communion Service	Sunday, June 7 at 10am
Men's Lunch at the Iron Kettle	Monday, June 8 at noon
WOW (Widows or Widowers) Meeting, Lewiston Lodge	Thursday, June 11 at 2pm, Contact Donna at 989.370.0886 with any questions and to RSVP
Lewiston Block Party on Kneeland Street	Thursday, June 18, 5:30-7:30pm
35 th Annual Lewiston Auto Show	Saturday, June 20, and Sunday, June 21
Father's Day	Sunday, June 21
Cars & Coffee	Monday, June 22, 5-8pm, Kneeland Street Call Elizabeth 989.786.4712 for details
LCC Vacation Bible School	Tuesday, June 23 from 5:30-7:30pm
LCC Church Board Meeting	Monday, June 29 at 10am
Deadline for July issue of The Beacon	Tuesday, June 23 at 4pm

Happy Birthday

John Righi – June 3
Susan Evans – June 9
Joy Rhodes – June 11
Cindy Belmonte – June 16
Helen Duncan – June 23
Pastor Derek Whitacre – June 25
Barb Burns – June 26
Ron Johnson – June 30

HAPPY
Anniversary

No June Anniversaries

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!

Upcoming Events

Downtown Gaylord Summer Concert Series

Free, Family-Friendly Concerts
Claude Shannon Park
Friday Nights • 7-9 PM

05.15 – The Remedee
05.22 – Serita's Black Rose
05.29 – The Ride
06.05 – Dig A Pony
06.12 – The Marsupials
06.19 – The Ruppel Brothers
06.26 – Jake Allen & TJ Rankin
07.03 – Seth Bernard & Jordan Hamilton
07.10 – Guys Like Us
07.24 – Dueling Pianos
07.31 – Tyler Roy Band
08.07 – The Galactic Sherpas
08.14 – Pinter Whitnick
08.21 – MotorCity Memories



Claude Shannon Park
126 W Main Street, Gaylord MI
In the event of rain, meet us under the pavilion.



LCC Men's Retreat at Grace Adventures

October 16 – 18, 2026, Mears, MI

Speaker: Bryan Marvel, Author of *Journey to the Cross*

Worship: TBD

<https://graceadventures.org/fall-mens-retreat/>



WISHING YOU A BEAUTIFUL, SAFE SUMMER!