



The Beacon

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It's a question that weighs heavily on my heart, one that visits me in quiet moments, like a thorn in the flesh reminding me of missed opportunities and the uncertain path ahead. As I reflect on the many people who have crossed my life's journey—faces passing like leaves in the wind—I wonder how many spring times have come and gone without my sharing the story of Jesus. How many new beginnings, fresh with promise, slipped by as I remained silent?

In the summer, when days are long and the sun is warm, conversations seem easier, laughter flows freely, and connections form on the trails, at the lake or around the campfire. Yet, even then, I hesitated, unsure if the right moment would ever truly arrive. I think of those summer evenings, the sun hanging in the sky till well past 9 o'clock, where perhaps I could have spoken of grace and hope, but instead I let time drift past.

As autumn arrives, with its brilliant leaves gently fading into winter, I am reminded of the passage of time. The people I meet in this season—some for a fleeting instant, others for longer chapters—bring with them stories of their own. Sometimes, the opportunity to share my faith falls at my feet like an autumn leaf, bright and beautiful, and I question whether I will gather it up or let it be carried away by the wind.

Winter, with its quiet stillness and long nights, draws me inward. In the crispness of cold mornings and the solitude of snowy evenings, I ponder my resolve. Will I have the courage, when hearts seem most shielded, to speak of the warmth and light that Jesus brings? Or will I let the season pass, will I let the unspoken words remain unspoken?

These seasons, like the rhythm of grace, invite me again and again to be more intentional. To sow seeds of kindness and truth in spring, to nourish relationships in summer, to gather wisdom in autumn, and to rest in reflection during winter. I am learning that telling the story of Jesus is not only with words, but through actions that blossom and bear fruit across all the seasons of life. Perhaps, with each turn of the year, I will find new courage to share this gospel, trusting that every season offers its own quiet invitation. (continued on pg. 2)



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Acts 4:31 "After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly."

Go boldly.

Pastor Derek

Update on Missions Quarterly Giving Schedule By Carol Clippard

I wanted to provide an update on our quarterly giving schedule. Pastor Derek is familiar with a ministry called Operation Lost Sheep. It was launched in 2018 by a couple named Jon and Hayley. They've been working these last several years in the areas of:

- Jail Ministry
- Addiction Recovery
- Disaster Relief
- Homeless Ministry

Mission: *As instructed by Jesus in Matthew 18:12, We will leave the 99 to go after the ONE no matter the cost in order to return the lost back home to the Father.*

Vision: *By embracing the heart of the Good Shepherd (Jesus) described in Ezekiel 34:11 - 16, We will go into the enemy territory on a rescue mission to help restore people back to God and the abundant life he has for them.*

I'm excited for this opportunity to partner with them during the month of March. We will once again provide envelopes in the pews. Checks can be made out to Lewiston Community Church with Operation Lost Sheep on the notation line. You can find more information on their website <https://operationlostsheep.org/about-us/>, as well as <https://youtube.com/@operationlostsheep8085?si=dK419RS9Hd8y9XJv>.

Our new schedule of giving will be:

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



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 seen in the chart below. 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	Electronic Media Team	Finance Team	Property Management Team
Chancel -Candles -Piano -Altar Flowers -Communion Set-up & Prep Worship Welcomer Ushers Worship Leader	Adult -Bible Study -Book Study -Special courses -Mentorship -Library -Prayer Team Youth and Children -Mentorship -Sunday School -Youth Group Other Events	Missions -Samaritians Purse -Heifer Project -Community Sharing Community Garden Special Events	Visitor Bags -Name tags Decorating Coffee Hour Funeral Meals Special Meals & Events Kitchen Organization Manage supplies for kitchen	Video Sound Worship Leader -Music	Budget Personal/Salaries/Hiring Herman Miller Approve Requests from other Teams Pay Bills Money counters Electronic Giving	Church Building/Parsonage -Recommend upgrades/repairs -Obtain Bids -Contact person for work Security Grounds
LEADER Nancy Render	LEADER Maurice Evans	LEADER Carol Clippard	LEADER	LEADER Deb Larner	LEADER Ted Cox	LEADER Tom Clippard

Worship/Sanctuary Team:	Nancy Render	231-499-7353
Spiritual Growth Team:	Maurice Evans	269-217-0455
Community Outreach Team:	Carol Clippard	248-321-8005
Fellowship/Hospitality Team:	Berta Reinhardt	989-350-2998
Electronic Media Team:	Deb Larner	517-202-3072
Finance Team:	Ted Cox	616-443-1917
Property Management Team:	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 narthex 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 Fellowship Hour!

Ushers and Welcomers: A sign-up is in the narthex. 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.

Employment Opportunity

Worship Leader: We are looking for a musician to lead the congregation in song on Sunday mornings. This person does not need to be part of the congregation. Please spread the word and contact the church office if you know of anyone who might be interested.

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



Charles Cekala, Joel Adamen, Lori Beaudoin, Neil Gallaway,
Rick Patanis, Troy Adamen, and Will Scott





Ya's Healthy Way By Barb Burns

Busy season is about to start. Spring is so exciting; full of hope and dreams of beautiful colors to pop. Picking up sticks, twigs, and trying to clean up from winter's storms are usually #1 on the list. Simply walking around, free from snow boots and into muck boots is a treat. Sticking one finger into soil to feel how cold, cool (warm) the earth still is, is always a game. We all have to brush away the fallen leaves from our bulbs to allow sunlight to warm up the tiny shoots. Don't! Not yet!

Like us on a cold winter morning, we want to stay under warm blankets. So do those tiny shoots. We want those tiny buds protected as long as possible.

Protection is key. Romans 8:25. "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." Part of protection and patience is TRUST. Yes, yes, hope, too. If we have done the steps to plant bulbs in correct soil with specific amounts of minerals, to assist in growth, then by rights; the surprise in spring will be your reward.

Pretty much like our walk with Our Creator. Spring is new birth for plants, animals and us.

Protection, patience, trust and Hope.

Anticipate surprises.



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 Food Pantry Wish Lists

Free Store: Doing well on donations, thanks to our generous community members!

Food Pantry: crackers, syrup, ketchup, and paper towels.

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.

Giving Envelopes

If you would like envelopes for your weekly cash or check offerings, please let an usher, or the church office know. We'd be happy to give you a set for the year 2026.

Altar Flowers

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for those who would like to bring flowers to decorate the altar during Sunday service. Please indicate when you sign up if you would like to remember or honor a loved one or acknowledge a significant date. Your arrangements can be dropped off at church prior to the Sunday service or brought in on Sunday morning and placed on the altar.



LCC Events & Lewiston Community Calendar

St. Patrick's Day Luncheon

On Sunday, March 15 after the 10am Sunday Service, we will have a St. Patrick's Day Luncheon during Community Time! Join us for soup and mini-corned beef sandwiches. Everyone is invited. Please wear green!



LOOKING AHEAD TO THE EASTER SEASON:

Palm Sunday Service: Sunday, March 29 at 10am

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 3 at 3pm

Easter Sunday Service: Sunday, April 5 at 10am





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WEEKLY EVENTS

AA

Book Study/Discipleship Class, Book of Romans
Deadline for Bulletin Announcements
Ukuladies

Every Mon., Thurs., Sat. at 8pm

Wednesdays 6:30 -7:30pm, LCC Fellowship Hall, through March 25

Thursdays at 10am

Thursdays at 1:30pm, LCC Fellowship Hall

THIS MONTH

Holy Communion Service

St. Francis Lenten Fish Fry Fundraisers,
St. Francis Parish Hall

LCC - Special Office Hours – Emily’s vacation

Daylight Saving Time

Joe Martin delivers the sermon at LCC

Men’s Lunch at the Iron Kettle

WOW (Widows or Widowers) Meeting,
Lewiston Lodge

LCC St. Patrick’s Day Luncheon – Please wear green

Health & Nutrition Class with Barb Burns

LCC Church Board Meeting

Deadline for April issue of The Beacon

Sunday, March 1, 10am

Fridays Feb. 27 – March 20 from 4pm – 7pm.
Dine-in and carry out. 989.364.2512

Office closed the weeks of March 17 & 24. Email & phone will be monitored when office is closed.

Sunday, March 8 – clocks go forward 1 hr at 2am

Sunday, March 8 at 10am

Monday, March 9 at noon

Thursday, March 12 at 2pm, Contact Gloria at 989.786.3601 with any questions and to RSVP

Sunday, March 15 after 10am service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited.

March 24, 6:30 – 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

TBA

Monday, March 27 at 4pm



Kaycee & Todd Bolser – March 6

Deanna Whitacre – March 8

Jeff Michael – March 8

Mary Brooks – March 18

Sue Engel – March 19

Joan Penrod – March 19

Foster Cameron – March 20

Sarah Rabe – March 23



Foster & Suzanne Cameron – March 5, 1960

Paul & Mary Brooks – March 20, 2012

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!



LCC Calendar

March/April 2026

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 10am Communion Service	2 8pm AA	3 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm	4 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm 10am -1pm LCS Food Pantry 10am – 6pm LCS Store	5 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm Foster & Sue Cameron’s Anniversary! 1:30pm Ukuladies 8pm AA	6 Kaycee & Todd Bolser’s Birthdays! 4-7pm SFC Fish Fry	7 10am – 6pm LCS Store 8pm AA
8 10am Service Joe Martin Deanna Whitacre & Jeff Michael’s Birthdays! DST Begins	9 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm Men’s Lunch Noon, Iron Kettle 8pm AA	10 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm	11 10am – 6pm LCS Store	12 1:30pm Ukuladies 2pm WoW at Lewiston Lodge 8pm AA	13 4-7pm SFC Fish Fry	14 10am – 6pm LCS Store 8pm AA
15 10am Service Wear green to church. St. Patrick Day Luncheon follows service	16 8pm AA	17 St. Patrick’s Day	18 Mary Brooks’s Birthday! 10am -1pm LCS Food Pantry 10am – 6pm LCS Store	19 Joan Penrod & Sue Engel’s Birthdays! 1:30pm Ukuladies 8pm AA	20 Foster Cameron’s Birthday! Paul and Mary Brooks’s Anniversary! 4-7pm SFC Fish Fry	21 10am – 6pm LCS Store 8pm AA
22 10am Service	23 Sarah Rabe’s Birthday! 8pm AA	24 6:30-7:30pm Barb Burns’s Health Class	25 10am – 6pm LCS Store	26 1:30pm Ukuladies 8pm AA	27	28 10am – 6pm LCS Store 8pm AA
29 10am Service PALM SUNDAY	30 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm 8pm AA	31 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm	April 1 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm 10am -1pm LCS Food Pantry 10am – 6pm LCS Store	April 2 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm Tim Gallaway’s Birthday! 1:30pm Ukuladies 8pm AA	April 3 3pm Service GOOD FRIDAY	April 4 Pat Brooks’s Birthday! 10am – 6pm LCS Store 8pm AA
April 5 10am Service EASTER	April 6 8pm AA	April 7 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm Adam Arbogast’s Birthday!	April 8 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm 10am – 6pm LCS Store	April 9 OFFICE HOURS 9am – 4pm 1:30pm Ukuladies 8pm AA	April 10	April 11 10am – 6pm LCS Store 8pm AA

More Events for 2026!

WinSome Women 2026 Christian Retreat

May 5 & 6, 2026 at the Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, MI

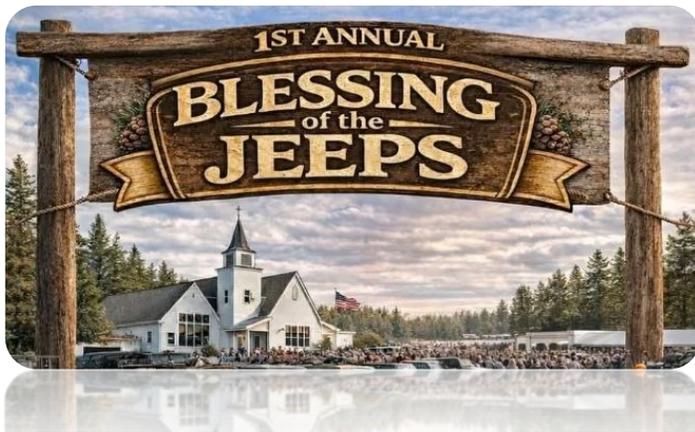
THEME: *He Restores My Soul*

Join with other women for fellowship, encouragement, and inspiration as God's love comes alive.

Speakers include: Asheritah Ciuciu, Cindy Bultema, and Hope Darst.

Register at www.wswretreats.org

(Also see flyer on church bulletin board)



Blessing of the Jeeps

Saturday, May 16

Begins at 10am

Blessing at 11am

Music by His Country hiscountry.net

Food by Paddling Pig

FREE Family Friendly event

\$10 fee to show: People's Choice, Spick-and-Span, & Rustiest.

Bring your friends and family!

Timberfest Volunteer Roll Call

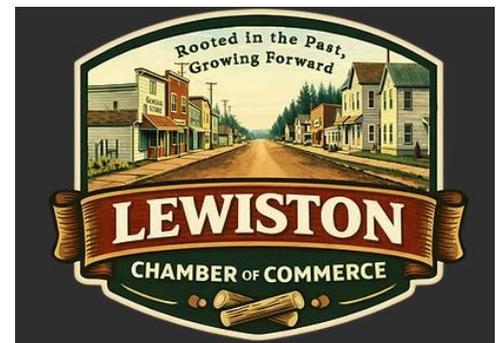
This year's Timberfest is Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th. This event takes lots of planning and even more volunteers. The Chamber is seeking volunteers to help during the above two days.

We are offering a friendly competition for any business and/or organization that provides the most volunteers and/or volunteer hours. A special prize and bragging rights for volunteer of the year will be up for grabs!

If you are interested in helping either or both days, please reach out to the Chamber so we can start filling our volunteer spots.

We appreciate your time and help making this event bigger and better each year!

-Lewiston Chamber Board





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Men's Retreat at Grace Adventures
October 16 – 18, 2026, Mears, MI
Speaker and Worship TBA.

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

Library Featured Book:

***A Love Worth Living, Living in the Overflow of God's Love* by Max Lucado**

Low on Love? Finding it hard to love? Someone in your world is hard to forgive? Is patience an endangered species? Kindness a forgotten virtue? If so, you may have forgotten a step, an essential first step. Living Loved.

God loves you. Personally. Powerfully. Passionately. Others have promised and failed. But God has promised and succeeded. He loves you with an unfailing love... And his love, if you let it, can fill you and leave you with a love worth giving.

Keep reading, dear followers of the Lord. There is so much to grasp of God's infinite love for you.

When taking books out of the library you can sign a sheet located in the Return Tray on top of the file cabinets. When you are finished just leave the book in the Return Tray and we will reshelve it for you. If you have newer book you would like to donate, just leave them in the Return Tray.

Easter Lilies

Starting Sunday, March 1, we will have a limited number of Easter Lilies for sale for \$15.00 each. The lilies will decorate the church on Easter Sunday. If you would like to purchase one, please fill out a form located on the table in the narthex. Please indicate if you would like to dedicate the plant to a loved one or a special event in your life. You can return your form and payment to the church office, or place them in the collection plate on Sundays.

