



CROSSROADS



2017

Karl Barth, tells the story of Professor Tholuck, of Halle, who used to visit his students and press upon them the question, “Brother, how are things in your heart?” This question doesn’t refer to how things are with your head, your ears, your touch, nor with your level of industriousness or service to the Lord in works, but specifically; “how are things with your heart.” That is the tough question, one that others cannot answer for you, but only you can answer for yourself. Are you close to God in your heart or are you drifting away.

Three years ago while visiting a church in Copper Harbor; the Pastor there told a story about a man who found a job painting the middle line on the road. The first day he painted an incredible two miles of road and the boss was very impressed. He could not believe it, two miles of perfect striping. The second day the man painted 1 mile which was still good and the quality was exceptional. The third day however the man only painted a half mile and that worried the boss, but he thought he would give him one more day. On the fourth day the man only managed to paint a quarter mile, so the boss called him in. He asked the man, “How can you paint two miles the first day, one the second, a half mile the third and only a quarter mile the fourth, is something wrong?” The worker replied, “Every day I kept getting further away from my bucket!”

So now that you are done groaning, I ask you again; how are things in your heart, are you close to God or are things in your life getting in the way and causing your heart to be distant from God? As I look back on those times in my life when my life was the most troubled, it nearly always coincided with those times that I was ignoring God’s presence in my life. At those times I was fighting the Holy Spirit rather than honoring and following the leading of Christ’s Spirit in me. If you were to look back, I suspect you would find the same battle went on in your life as well. Galatians 5: 24-25 reminds us as Christians that the Holy Spirit dwells within all of us and we need to do our best not to fight and ignore Christ’s presence within us; “Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.”

Scripture Meditation: “Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind controlled by the sinful nature is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.” Romans 8:5-6

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April 2017 Church Statistics

Date	Attendance Count	General Fund Collection
March 26	60	\$2,169.00
April 2	62	\$4,541.00
April 9	70	\$2,553.00
April 16	100	\$13,694.00
April 23	70	\$3,193.00

Upcoming Events
<p>MAY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Table - we serve, Tues. May 9
<p>JUNE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Sunday - TBA
<p>JULY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nursing Home Worship, Sunday, July 30 2:00 pm Tendercare 3:00 pm Ludington Woods 3:45 pm Oakview



Join us! All Church Breakfast on Sunday, April 30, following worship. We will gather to enjoy breakfast and fellowship together. Please consider a small donation to offset the cost of the breakfast.

The Mason County Church Women United May Friendship Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 5, 2017, 12 noon, at the Emanuel Lutheran Church, 501 E Danaher St, Ludington. The speaker is S.K. Osborn. For tickets, you may contact Elsie Schroeder at 843-2901.

Council and Committee Meetings—May 2017

Christian Women’s Fellowship	Monday, May 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m., Room 11
Finance and Personnel Committee	Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 20a
O.A.K.S. Committee	Wednesday, May 3, 2017, 6:30 p.m., Room 10
Worship Committee	Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 20a
Missions Committee	TBA
Christian Education Committee Membership/Outreach/Evangelism Committee (M.O.E.)	Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6:00 p.m., Room 10
Building Use and Maintenance Committee (B.U.M.)	TBA
Council of Ministries	Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Room 11
Long Range Planning Committee	No meeting scheduled at this time

LECTIONARY READINGS May, 2017	
5/7/17 "Recognizing Jesus" (Communion Sunday) Luke 24:13-27 Luke 24:28-35	
5/14/17 "Abigail" (Mothers Day) 1 Samuel 25:2-11 1 Samuel 25 12 -35	
5/21/17 "Restoration" Luke 22:31-34 and 54-60 John 21: 15-19	
5/28/17 "My Chosen Instrument" 1 Corinthians 2:6-13 Acts 9:1-20	

2017 COMMUNION SCHEDULE		
May 7	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
June 4	Pentecost Sunday Also 1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
July 2	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
August 6	1st Sunday of the Month	Pews
September 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
October 1	World Communion Sunday	Intinction
November 5	All Saint's Sunday	Pews
November 26	Christ the King Sunday	Pews
December 3	1st Sunday of the Month	Intinction
December 24	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	Pews



ANNIVERSARIES	
Darrell & Yolanda Harrison	05/01
Randy & Gail Bowden	05/03
Donald & Lorrie McKay	05/03

BIRTHDAYS	
Norma Sherman	05/01
Kang Lee	05/05
Alexandra (Bowden) Sloan	05/06
John Stapleton	05/06
Judy Thiel	05/11
Mitchell Newberg	05/20
Darrell Harrison	05/26
Barbara Johnson	05/30
Carol Cooper	05/31
Debbie Newberg	05/31

Noisy Coin Offering



Sunday, April 30th, a Noisy Coin Offering will be held for our 2017 Adopt-A-Family Program. Keep saving that loose change for this and future Noisy Coin offerings.



Crossroad Deadline: May 17, 2017
Crossroad Mailing: May 24, 2017

Council of Ministry Meeting Highlights

The Council met on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 7:00 pm in Room 11.

The February, 2017 and March, 2017 minutes were approved as presented. The Treasurer's report for March, 2017 was received, reviewed and approved. The General Fund balance at the end of the first quarter was \$8,090.00 with all bills paid and obligations met.

Pastor Brett's report was received. He thanked all those who gave their time and talent to make the Lenten Study Series and Worship Services so wonderful. He encouraged the Council and the Congregation to move forward "by faith." As we move forward, we cannot see what lies ahead; but we know who leads us and His leadership is enough for us to step into that darkness.

Lisa Dains has been hired as our new secretary. Cheri Welch is moving ahead with additional indoor cleaning. To date the Sanctuary and Chapel have been thoroughly cleaned and the kitchen and entry way floors have been waxed. Outdoor work will begin shortly.

Crisis Counseling Services conducted by Heidi Weipert in our building was added to the list of groups who have ongoing approval to meet here.

The Finance and Personnel Committees presented a motion to add Lisa Dains as an authorized signer on the checking account and to pick up the night deposit bag. This motion must appear in the minutes and be presented to the bank before these changes can be effective. A credit card will also be issued for her.

A church breakfast will be held after Worship on Sunday, April 30.

Ruthann Kyle will be chairing the Communications Committee.

The deadline for Scholarship Applications is Monday, April 17.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 17, 7:00 pm in room 11. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting.

Opportunities to serve in Community Church

Attend the Women's Bible Study (Tues Morning - 9:30 a.m.)

Join the Chancel & Bell Choirs (Thurs Eve - 6:30 p.m.)

Visit someone who needs your care (Anytime!)

Attend the Men's breakfast (Thurs - 8:30 a.m. - Brenda's Harbor Cafe)

Sign up to help with Lenten Dinners

Volunteer to host Coffee Hour

Sign-up to Greet, Usher and/or Lector



Please save "Box Tops" for education and Little Caesar's Proof of Purchase for the Lakeview Elementary Kindergarten, Mary Cefaratti's class (Patrick Spalding's girlfriend). You can drop them off with Pastor Brett or the office.

Health Kits



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Needed

The ladies of the Christian Women’s Fellowship will be collecting health kits during the month of April for distribution to the Salvation Army, last day to donate is Sunday, April 30. Collection site is in Fellowship Hall.

Each kit should include:

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| (1) hand towel | (1) toothbrush |
| (1) wash cloth | (1) toothpaste |
| (1) wide-toothed comb | (6) band-aids |
| (1) nail clipper | (1) deodorant |
| (1) bath sized bar of soap | (1) shampoo |

All items should be bundled in the towel and tied with ribbon or yarn. If you are unable to shop, health kits can be provided with your donation of \$15.00/per kit.



The 2017 National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 4. The theme for 2017 is “For Your Great Name’s Sake,” taken from Daniel 9:19.

Mason County will be joining thousands of other communities around our nation to pray for our leaders. Our area is hosting two opportunities to pray.

Noon Event: Ludington Courthouse Lawn - 304 E. Ludington Ave., 12:15 - 12:45 pm

Starting at 12:05 pm, Light House Baptist Choral Group singing

12:15 pm, Area leaders will be praying for our nation, our state, and out local communities

Evening Event: Prayer & Praise Church - 508 N. Staffon St. (near hospital), 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Local pastor will be leading in prayer for 7 strategic areas of our nation



Community Table

We host Community Table on Tuesday, May 9th. You can be the heart and hands of Christ, serving food to those in need in our community. Contact the church office, 843-9275, for details.



Church Women’s Fellowship purchased a centerpiece in memory of **Millie Figgins** for her years of service on the Funeral Committee. It will be used on the food table at funeral luncheons.

CANCELLATIONS—NEW INFORMATION

In cases of bad weather, a decision to cancel Sunday worship will be made by 7:30 a.m. Cancellations will be announced on the following radio stations: WMOM, WKLA (AM and FM), KZ96, K-ROCK. It will also be shown on TV channel 13 WZZM. If school is closed during the week, all church activities will be cancelled until noon. If committees wish to cancel afternoon or evening meetings, committees should contact their members and the office should be contacted.

PRAYER NEEDS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS

Dave Carpenter, health concerns
Ann French, eye surgery
Tim Ryan, back surgery, Sue Sabin's son

OUR MISSIONARIES

Daryl and Leshia Beltz
 Jim and Yuri Cerminaro
 Tony and Connie Johnson
 Dean and Debbie Lundberg

MILITARY

Blake Bentz - Navy, Deployed
 Grandson of Dave & Diane Swathwood

ON-GOING

Michael Heinrich, paralyzed in motorcycle accident
Florence Beerman, health concerns
Barbara Peters, multiple sclerosis, Bob and Lynn Olmstead's Daughter
Terry and Tim Krystiniak, health concerns, encouragement and support
Eric Lund, lost both arms in Afghanistan, friend of Community Church
Chuck Oleniczak, health concerns
Harold Figgins, health concerns
Betty Foorman, health concerns
Daniel Williams, health concerns, Sandi Steckel's cousin
Sherrie Sanders, health concerns
Fred Compos, throat cancer
Judy d'Anton, health issues, Dave Swathwood's Sister
Fred Fleetwood, health concerns
John Barber, health concerns
Joe Newton, cancer
Dianne Nasson, Health issues
Gavin Morgan, Scout Troop 1190, battling cancer
Gerry Flanery, illness
Robert Paul Wilson Jr., Chemotherapy, 15 years old

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Autumn Winds - Marylyn Brown
Willowbrook - Thelma Bowden
Oakview - Gary Miller, Barbara Johnson
Ludington Woods - Don Swier

All persons placed on the prayer list will remain there for a period of two weeks. After two weeks, the name will be dropped from the list unless Janet VanEpps or the office are notified that the prayer need is on-going. If you have a prayer need that you would like to have the members of the prayer chain pray for, please activate the prayer chain by calling Janet VanEpps at 843-3122.

MAY 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
April 30 <u>Worship 9:30am</u> Noise Coin Offering Church Fellowship Breakfast following worship CWF Health Kit Deadline	1 <u>CWF Mtg. 9am</u> Cub Scouts 7pm	2 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm <u>Finance/Personnel 6pm</u> <u>Worship Committee 7pm</u> Cub Scouts 4-pm Boy Scouts 7pm	3 <u>OAKS 6:30 pm</u>	4 Bulletin Folding 10am National Day of Prayer Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	5	6
7 <u>Worship 9:30 am</u> <u>Communion</u>	8 Cub Scouts 7pm	9 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm <u>Community Table 4:30 - 6pm</u> <u>- WE SERVE</u> Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm <u>CE/MOE/COM 6pm</u>	10	11 Bulletin Folding 10am Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	12	13
14 <u>Worship 9:30am</u>	15 Cub Scouts 7pm	16 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	17 CROSSROADS DEADLINE <u>Council Meeting 7pm</u>	18 Bulletin Folding 10am Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	19	20
21 <u>Worship 9:30am</u>	22 Cub Scouts 7pm	23 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	24 CROSSROADS DISTRIBUTION	25 Bulletin Folding 10am Bell Choir 6:30pm Chancel Choir 7:30pm	26	27
28 <u>Worship 9:30am</u>	29 Memorial Day Church office closed Cub Scouts 7pm	30 Ladies Bible 9:30am Quilters 9am-6pm Community Table 4:30pm-6pm Cub Scouts 4pm Boy Scouts 7pm	31			



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CONGREGATIONAL / PRESBYTERIAN

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Brett Spalding

Music Director

W. John Clement

Membership/Financial Secretary

Lisa Dains

Custodian

Cheri Welch

Office Hours: Monday through Thursday

2017 COUNCIL

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/17

Steve Iteen
Robert Lanterman
John Stapleton
Jack Thiel

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/18

Tonda Cadey
Ruthann Kyle
Don McKay
Janet VanEpps

3 Year Term Ending 12/31/19

Darlene Carpenter
Maralyn Gable
Diane Swathwood
Lorrie McKay

Moderator

Steven Iteen

Vice-Moderator

Robert Lanterman

Clerk

Ruthann Kyle

Treasurer

Donna Hallin

Nominating Committee

Bobbie Maclean
Stephanie Thomsen

Scholarship Committee

Wendy Lanterman
Betty Orton
Jack Thiel

IF YOU ARE RECEIVING THIS NEWSLETTER AND WISH TO BE REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST OR ARE ATTENDING ANOTHER CHURCH, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 231-843-9275 SO THAT OUR RECORDS CAN BE UPDATED. THANK YOU.