

July 2017



Upcoming
Services and
Events

July 2nd
Communion
Sunday

July 9th
Pet Blessing
11:30 a.m.

July 16th
Coffee Fellowship

July 23rd
Loose Change
Sunday

July 30th
Summer Worship
Service at
9:30 a.m.

The New Wine

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is upon us! I feel that the entire earth is humming. Bees, butterflies, and humming-birds flit about; plants and weeds seem to grow taller every day and the rain helps them grow fast. There is energy in the air which seems to encourage life and growth. That is our God who is working hard to produce the food which feeds us all.

Last month had been full of joyful celebrations and ministerial events. We had the organ dedication service with the beautiful and sacred music which always inspires and prompts us to come closer to God in worship. We recognized 22 graduates, GleeAnn reported Annual Conference and delivered a message on "Light Shines Through." We commissioned VBS teachers and volunteers and dedicated the memorial statue for Julie Phillips. From June 12 to 16, our church had been filled with 100 children from Pre-K to elementary ages, 50 youth volunteers, and 25 adults teachers and volunteers during 5 days of Vacation Bible School with a Maker Fun Factory theme. And some of the children and volunteers presented their experiences with songs, words, and testimonies to the congregation during service. We also celebrated Father's Day, thanked them, and remembered our dear fathers who have gone before us. The Yard Sale turned out great and raised over \$1,000.00 for our Red Bird Mission trip in 2018. The last Sunday of June, we baptized Myles Pelikan and his parents, Michael and Kristin Pelikan, joined our church. What a productive and joyful and busy month~!!! Your prayers, presence, generous gifts, service, and witness made those ministries and missions possible here in Lemont UMC. Thank you so much!!!

After having a busy month, I have been sick for several days with a cold. My body sent me a signal that I needed rest. So I just took my sick days off and rested because though I tried to work at home, I was not able to focus due to the medicine I took. When I did nothing, but sleep and rest, my body slowly recovered from cold, got back some energy, and came back to work. Rest. Even God rested on seventh day after finishing creation and commended us to take Sabbath, a day of rest. We are created to routinely rest. We must rest. Our bodies and our brains need rest one day a week in order to give ourselves to others and to operate at our maximum capacity. Also rest prevents burnout. Routinely doing nothing is a God's idea and is a God's gift for our wellbeing. Yet, we are accustomed to in a face-paced world of career building or raising children. Moreover, we work too hard and we worry too much. We get so tired and physically and mentally burnout end of the week.

Though sensing the need, it is hard for us to privatize our time to relax. We need practice and discipline to take the Sabbath, a day of rest in a week; don't think, just look, smell, see and feel. God designed the Sabbath for a reason. God knows that we are created for him. Time spent resting and listening to God is the very core of who we are. By doing that I am sure we are better in our relationship with our Creator and with other creations and a lot more creative and productive throughout the week.

Since our activities slow down in Summer months, it is a great time for us as a church to relax and enjoy the blessings of summer, taking time to hear the "hum" of God's energy so to be blessings to others. May God give us rest and renew our relationship with Him and with others by resting.

Grace and peace to you,
Pastor Hyo Sun Oh

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 5-Tony Ferrazzi
July 6-Yaso Laemmer
July 7-Maddie Woytek
July 9-Dottie McAdams
July 11-Mihash Cheehy
July 15-Chris Walter
July 18-Viktor Talos
July 19-Craig Baxter
July 20-Deb Neitzel
July 22-Sarah Cliff
July 23-Jackson Nelson
July 25-Matt Harden
July 29-JJ Laemmer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 10-Matthew & Emily Hennebry
July 22-Michael & Cynthia Havemann



SCRIP FUNDRAISING

Friendly Scrip Reminder.....

Scrip can be bought as a gift card, or as your own card to be used as cash wherever your favorite place to shop may be. You buy a card for \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 and YOU GET \$25.00, \$50.00 or \$100.00 to use as cash. The church automatically gets a percentage. The list of all participating merchants, restaurants, gas stations are in the back of the church. I now have Meijer, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Walgreens, Walmart/Sam's Club, Panera, Jewel, Bass Pro Shop, Home Depot, Buffalo Wild Wings, Starbucks, Dunkin Donuts, Target, and Kohl's. PLEASE BE AWARE THAT IF YOU BUY A KOHL'S CARD YOU CAN USE IT TO PAY YOUR CHARGE! AND THE CHURCH GETS THE PROFIT! At this point no other card that I know of Yet allows you to do that. Scrip is the easiest *Ongoing* fundraiser to participate in. We all just have to get in the habit of buying those cards to keep on hand for things we purchase or place we go on a regular basis. As proceeds build up, they can be dispersed where our current need is. **We started the program 12/7/2015 and as of 12/27/2016 our profits are \$968.44!** So basically all our profits will be kept until a need arises and the money will be there!

Fundraising Shop

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Customize this field with coordinator contact info, enrollment code, and/or sign-up information.

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OPEN PANTRY NEWS

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Open Pantry. Hours are on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:00, this is light work and helpful to families that work during the day. The Open Pantry is in need of pasta sauce, tuna, peanut butter, ravioli cans, and medium cans of fruit.



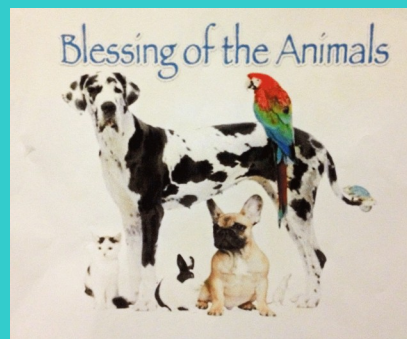
Sanctuary Volunteers Are Needed!

As you have seen, the video and audio are up and running. What we need now are volunteers! We do not want to have one person stuck in the booth every Sunday. Plus we need to spread the knowledge around so when someone goes on vacation, there will be someone to fill in. Our goal is to have 4-6 people who are comfortable flipping through the computer presentation slides and 4-6 people who are comfortable raising and lower the sound on a mic so we do not have feedback. You do not have to worry. We will walk you through the programs and train you so you feel comfortable with the devices! We just need volunteers!

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary for both sound volunteers. We need people for both the 8:30 and 10:45 services. The more we have the better. That means that everyone will be able to sit with their family most Sundays. So, please put your name on the sign up sheet or stop by the booth and let Jana Stelter or someone on the Worship committee know. We will get you familiar with the program so you can get in the rotation to volunteer for a service.

PET BLESSING

Please join us and invite your family and friends to come to Lemont United Methodist Church on Sunday, July 9th at 11:30 a.m. for a Pet Blessing. Come and share your love of animals with us!



Calling All Musicians

We are encouraging all musicians and singers who are interested in joining the Praise Band to contact Leslie, Bob, or Jana.

Come join us!



Upcoming Worship Services

Exciting things happen in June and July
Come and join us~!

- July 9th 11:30 a.m. Pet Blessing
- July 5th Daybreak Shelter
- July 9th Pet Blessing 11:30 a.m.
- July 15th Primetimers
- July 16th Coffee Fellowship
- July 23rd Loose Change Sunday

During the 178th Annual Conference John Nelson was remembered at the Memorial Service.



Happy Hands Memorial Statue

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the dedication of the Happy Hands Memorial Statue for Julie Phillips on June 11th.

Thank you to Stephanie and Tyler for sharing a wonderful morning with us. We appreciate the many years of service that Julie gave to Happy Hands, Church, and our community.



“Making Sense of the Bible” Lenten Bible Study Testimony

I don't read the Bible as much as a Christian should. One of the reasons for that is the contradictions and all the times (especially in the Old Testament) that portray God as angry, vengeful, jealous, and petty. I had a hard time reconciling that with the loving God we know. Recently, our Sunday School class was studying a book in which the author, who is a pastor, commented that an argument between an evolutionist and a "Bible believing Christian" is easily won by the Bible believing Christian. Because I believe God had a hand in evolution, but not in the literal Creation story in Genesis did this pastor mean I am not a Christian? Making Sense of the Bible was written by Adam Hamilton, a United Methodist pastor. This book and Bible Study spoke to many of my questions and concerns.

Many Christians say the Bible is the inerrant word of God and we should live our lives based on what the Bible says. If that is the case, there are many Christians who ask why are there two different Creation stories? Why does the Bible seem to condone slavery, polygamy, and severe punishments for minor offenses? Why did God command the Israelites to kill every man, woman, child, and animal when they defeated Jericho? There are many other examples of inconsistency and instances of cruelty, misogyny, and intolerance in the Bible.

What do we do with the parts of the Bible that make us uncomfortable? We can admit that the God of the Old Testament was cruel, but for some reason he changed into a loving God. We can just ignore the parts that make us uncomfortable. That might work until unless a non-believer questions our beliefs and we are forced to defend them. We also from time to time point to those ugly parts of the Bible to defend our own less than Christian ideas. Hamilton says we should recognize that while the many writers of the Bible were sincere in their desire to express their understandings of God, their ideas were often influenced by their own cultures, customs, and current events of the day. Many of the stories in the Bible were also passed down orally for generations. God would not only have to somehow convey His words to each of the original authors of each passage, but to every person that passed that story on, as well as every subsequent translator.

The believers of inerrancy point to a word that Paul used in 2 Timothy 3:16. Theopneustos can be translated as "God breathed." Does that mean that God dictated every word of the Bible or does it mean that writers of the Bible were inspired by God? Pastors pray for God's inspiration as they prepare their sermons, but not many of them would claim their words are exactly what God wanted them to say. If the Bible isn't inerrant, how do we decide which parts to believe? God sent Jesus to be the "Word." Jesus never wrote anything down. His life and example shows us the true nature of God. Anything we read in the Bible that we question needs to be examined through the filter of Jesus. This Bible Study challenged many of our long held beliefs. Not everyone agreed, but we all heard different viewpoints, learned something new, and are all still friends. Some people changed or adjusted their beliefs and some did not. Regardless of what your beliefs are, all Christians need to be able to express what they believe about their faith and why.

Finally, thank-you to George and Alice Lange for hosting. They provided a friendly, comfortable setting for this study and lots of good food. If you are interested in reading this book, I'm sure anyone who attended would loan you theirs. If you don't know someone who attended, talk to Pastor Oh or myself and we will get you a copy.

Dale Janssen

Thank You for all the well wishes, Cards and Prayers. I really appreciate you all. It's been a long road, and yes I am bored to death but I'll get through it with your help!
Shelby :)

LUMC Women's Book Club

July 10 "The Rosie Project"
August 14 "Orphan Train"
This group meets at Margaret Flynn's house.



Pictures!!!

I have an idea, if anyone has any pictures from a church function of any kind that they would like to contribute, the activities committee will work on getting a photo album together as time permits. This might be a fun, ongoing project as the years go by. Please mark the back of the picture before submitting if you can.



Thanks!

RED BIRD MISSION YARD SALE/TREASURE HUNT

Praise God for the beautiful weather! Thank you to everyone who helped with their prayers, setting and cleaning up, and support. We raised over a \$1,000.00 for Red Bird Mission!



FUN OPPORTUNITY

Looking for a fun way to participate and serve our church? Then think about joining our Activities Committee. We will be planning activities that include everyone for the year. Some suggestions have been a talent show, a ladies luncheon, a game night, a campfire and movies. If you are interested, please contact Peg Pecher: (847-204-1747) or the church. Come help us make our church a joy filled church.



SUGGESTED NEW MINISTRY

In a recent Upper Room devotional, the author talked about visiting a retirement center for fellowship and sharing with the residents. After reading this article, I was so moved. Maybe we could form a group to have this kind of ministry! In the Lemont area, there are many centers. Please call me if you are interested. My number is: [815 838 6318](tel:8158386318). Looking forward to hear from you.

Paulette Fries

Liturgist Schedule

July 2
9:30-Paulete
Fries

July 9
9:30- Richard Lee

July 16
9:30- Cris Kerins

July 23
9:30-

July 30
9:30-Dale
Janssen

Change Is Hard

By Richard H. Lee

Seniors, especially over 70, find making changes very hard and may even be fearful of them. They may not have cell phones, use computers, or struggle with medical insurance issues and new cars with a lot of technology. This includes learning a lot of new technology and remembering how to work it.

I am very disappointed with our new (2014) Buick mainly due to learning to manage the controls and forget the navigation! We may even have problems with our church and avoid all the high tech audio and video displays, but many have hearing problems. The church has even changed distributing the newsletter to Internet downloading, which my wife loathes. Even our historical society prefers to post news on the Internet unless the member has no Email address. It even extends to our health as my wife needs hearing amplifiers and will not exercise or follow a log sugar diet for diabetes.

In matters of faith, the Gospel message is not well understood and I am planning to wrap up our Sunday adult class study with one important question. That question, which all Christians should know the answer to, is "What is the Gospel (good news)? From memory and a recent review of Luke's Gospel, I came up with 3 or 4 parts of the answer. After I ask them what they believe, one answer could be, Jesus says we need to change ("Are you tired and weary? Come to me and I will give you rest.") A second answer could be to perform little acts of kindness, such as give a cup of cold water to one who is thirsty" (Matthew 10:42). Third, we must take up our cross and follow Him (Luke 9:23). That's hard and not comfortable.



July 2017

Children's Message Schedule

July 2-Erik Anderson

July 9-Richard Lee

July 16-Sean Clark

July 23-GleeAnn Kehr

July 30-Karin Peraino



Greeters

July 2
9:30-Tasker Family

July 9
9:30-Dale Janssen

July 16
9:30-Sue Hinks

July 23
930-Sharon Heslop

July 30
9:30-Bill & Cris Kerins

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

For More information please contact the church office at (630)257-5210 or ministry leaders.

SMALL GROUPS

Bible Study:	TBA
Prayer Meeting:	TBA
ALPHA:	Craig Baxter 815-685-1900
Methodist Essential:	Bill Price 630-754-7667
VBS:	Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
The Last Supper:	Arlene Knott 708-301-2023
Adult Sunday School:	Richard Lee 630-257-7339
Sr. High Youth:	Karin Peraino 630-846-1415
Jr. High Youth:	Jodi Stood 630-243-9366
Breakfast Club:	K. Peraino 630-846-1415
Jr. High Sunday School:	K. Peraino 630-846-1415
Children's Sunday Sch:	K. Peraino 630-846-1415
Prime Timers:	Joyce Koon 630-257-6275 Joanne Goszczycki 630-257-6790
Men's Group:	Tony Ferrazzi 815-886-4177
Couples:	Tim and Karin Peraino 630-846-1415

MINISTRIES WITHIN OUR CHURCH

Prayer Warrior:	Pastor Oh 847-769-1125
Care Bear:	Alice Lange 815-838-5158
Coffee Social:	Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
Script Fundraising:	Marge Fox 630-243-8166
CAPS:	Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
Audio and Visual:	Jana Stelter 630-243-9122
Handyman:	Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
Landscape Team:	Bill Stelter 630-243-9122
Hospitality Team:	Amy Cheehy 815-834-1097
Widows Group:	Richard Lee 630-257-7339
Usher Team:	Mark Olinger 815-838-0660
Welcoming Team:	Sue Hinks 630-257-6743
Worship Choir	Sue Gergescz 815-483-7282
Praise Band	TBA
Junior Choir	Cris Kerins 630-257-5660
Any Other Ministry You Would Like to Start	

OUT-REACH MINISTRIES

Pantry Workday:	Church Office 630-257-5210
Panera Bread:	Church Office 630-257-5210
Daybreak Shelter:	Vickie Olinger 815-838-0660
Worthy Treasures:	Paulette Fries 815-838-6318
ESL:	Kay Norfleet 630-257-6699
Red Bird:	Steve Walter 630-783-1621
**Any Other Ministry You Would Like To Start	

Stewardship Minute

Marty Knott
Chairperson, Stewardship and Finance Committee

This is the next in a series of articles about stewardship. In these articles I will try to inform you about the many ways you can contribute to your church's programs.

“The Many Forms of Stewardship”

It is my opinion that most of us think of stewardship in a financial sense, as money donated each week. Now money is certainly needed to support the church and its staff and to help the larger Methodist Church in its national and worldwide Christian outreach. But there are many forms of stewardship operating in our church that do not use or depend on our donations of money.

We have two important forms of Christian outreach that operate in our church. One is the Open Pantry, which provides food for many poor families in our region, and much of this food is donated by our members. The Open Pantry also requires members to maintain the pantry, pack bags of food, and appeal to outside sources for financial support for the purchase of needed food. The other major Christian outreach is the preparing and serving of meals monthly at the Daybreak Homeless Shelter in Joliet.

There are many other forms of stewardship at work in our church as well. Church School teachers, senior and junior choir directors, the performers of special music, and those that operate the audio/visual system during our services. Then there are the men who mow the church grass on a regular basis to save the church that expense. People often conduct fund raisers such as pizza and SCRIP to help out some church fund or activity.

The church has several committees that meet regularly and help the church in many behind-the-scenes activities: Memorial gifts and decisions, Finance activities, Staff-Parish Relations, Lay Leader, Senior and Junior High activities, and several others.

Each year many men and women contribute time and effort to perform the Last Supper program. This involves costume preparation, makeup, rehearsals, and direction with any financial donations going to the Open Pantry.

Every other year our church sends a team of workers to the Red Bird Mission in Kentucky to work on home repairs for poor or disabled people. This requires fund raising to pay for the lodging, meals and needed repair materials. It also requires the team to spend a week away from home and to transport themselves down to Kentucky and back.

Perhaps the most significant team of workers at our church are the members of the Board of Trustees. They meet to make church improvement decisions and then work hard to implement some of them.

All of the above activities are examples of stewardship that do not involve donations of money and are also examples of how many of our members do a Christian service to us and our church.

General Fund beginning balance:	\$24,713
Receipts:	11,713
Disbursements:	12,787
General Fund ending balance:	23,639
Maintenance Fund balance:	64,250



Congratulations

8th Grade Graduates

Riley Brosseau graduated 8th grade Old Quarry
Jim and Christy Brosseau

Sara Cliff graduated 8th grade Old Quarry
Kathy and Teague Cliff

Zoe Evelyn Jackson Oak Prairie Jr. High
Ann Wesolowski and Bryce Jackson

Zach Miglio graduated 8th grade
Denise and Joseph Miglio

Ellie Woytek graduated 8th grade
Patrick and Jane Woytek

High School Graduates

Ben Behling Lockport High School
Sue and Mark Behling (George Lange's Grandson)

Ben Dupont Lemont High School
Brad and Heidi DuPont
Richard and Barbara Lee's Grandson

Robert Guziec High School
Becky Greenberg
Howard and Beverly Svoboda's Grandson

Kurt Huegelmann Lemont High School
Mark Huegelmann

Jake Kirkman Lemont High School
Grace and Loren Kirkman

Antonio Lange Lockport High School
Rob and April Lange (George Lange's Grandson)

Jared Monnett, Sandburg High School
Darren & Jenna Monnett
Ron & Carol Walter's grandson

College Graduates

Zach Brosseau graduated from U of I
Jim and Christy Brosseau

Maggie Brown St. Mary's College
Pat and Al Brown

Marty Huegelmann North Central College
Mark Huegelmann

Mark Kirkman University of Missouri
Grace and Loren Kirkman

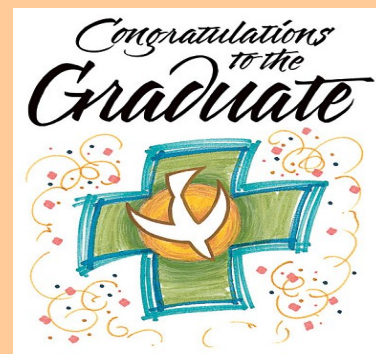
Ryan Peraino University of Missouri
Tim and Karin peraino

Sonia Vavra U of I Chicago
Chloe Vavra Chicago Columbia College
Lynn and Greg Vavra

Melissa Widel College Graduate

Graduate School Graduates

Kexia LaFramboise-Van
Medical School in Indiana



Books Available in the Library By Kay Norfleet

July 2017 book reviews

Handyman wanted

We have widows in our church who may occasionally need help with household repairs: basic maintenance and grass cutting or snow shoveling. Ideally it could be a retired man with experience in building. Please contact the church office at: 630-257-5210 if you are interested.



ESL Tutoring

Kay Norfleet has graciously offered to teach English as a second language to anyone in need.

If you are interested, you can contact her at 630-257-6699.

The first book that I recommend is "Ambition" by Lee Strobel. The story line includes characters that are in Chicago but face choices that occur nationwide. Persons of questionable character traits are in situations that, of course, God orchestrated, and they are moved to make free choices. Lee Strobel who has a journalism degree from the University of Missouri (known for its journalism school) and Master of Law from Yale University, was an investigative journalist at the "Chicago Tribune" who, when asked to look into his atheistic attitude, did. The result was a complete reversal of thinking for him. He then wrote "The Case for a Creator," which discusses scientific evidence of creation; "The Case for Christ," evidence he found to uphold Christ; "The Case for the Real Jesus" in which he investigates the attacks on the identity of Christ, and now the "Case for Faith." In this book, Lee admits that, to him, God exists because of the great miracle He did in changing Lee's life for the better. Who but One who orchestrated the resurrection that led the disciples to believe and go and spread the Good News which explained Jesus' miracles and God's love could change the events of someone's life for the better. His moral law decides if we adopt it, how we can benefit from His Creation.

Then, "More Stories from the Old Testament". This little book with colorful pictures is written to simply provide us with stories. What does it show us: Moses who was born in a troubled time in troubled circumstances, thrived, then confronted with his own poor choice, which God used, became a leader. And: Daniel, Joshua, Samson and more stories are recounted. The stories in themselves are entertaining, but more than being entertained we must decide what the Lord is trying to tell us: for instance-be patient, wait on the Lord; no matter what kind of person you are the Lord can use you to do what He has deemed necessary etc.

"Glory Over Everything" by Kathleen Grissom is a fiction story, really historical fiction because slavery did exist. Some justified it by declaring it economically necessary, others knew it was never right to put another through the horrible conditions that allowed others to make money. Free choice. What would you have done if you lived in that period? Would you have stood up for the slaves and helped them? Choices? But not only our choices, the slaves made them do. Some were desperate, some well-thought out.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who helped create another successful VBS with their time, donations, and prayers!

Thank you to our opening and closing leaders, kitchen committee, decoration committee, photographer, crew leaders, teachers and everyone who helped behind the scenes and provided materials for snacks and games.

Our mission project this year was to collect toiletries for the food pantry. It's always a joy to share this week with so many children from the community. Come join us next year!



A big **Thank You** to Jodi Stood for an amazing job as director of VBS! She puts in countless months to prepare for the week of VBS, while also working and tending to her family! She deals with any problems that come up with kindness and compassion and always has a smile on her face! When you see all the 100+ kids smiling and excited...it is all worth it!

Thanks again Jodi for a job well done!



Vacation Bible School



by William Stelter

Chapter 1

God made the Bright Blue Planet called earth that All of us humans live on. once in a while all of us humans pray to god or His son Jesus Christ that we are proud of him because He died on the cross for our sins. We thank Him for sacrificing for us humans.

part 1

God made food for us to live first He made plants for salad then He made animals called Dinosaurs some of them ate the plants some of them ate other Dinosaurs inside the dinosaurs was meat and fish He made humans and He rested and said the plants and meat is yours you take over the world

the End

this is for Vacation Bible School thank you for evrey thing



from the Stelters
author
Will Stelter Anna Stelter Janna Stelter
Bill Stelter

Thank you to Will and the Stelter Family for sharing this with us! We hope all the children who join us for VBS are learning as much as Will!

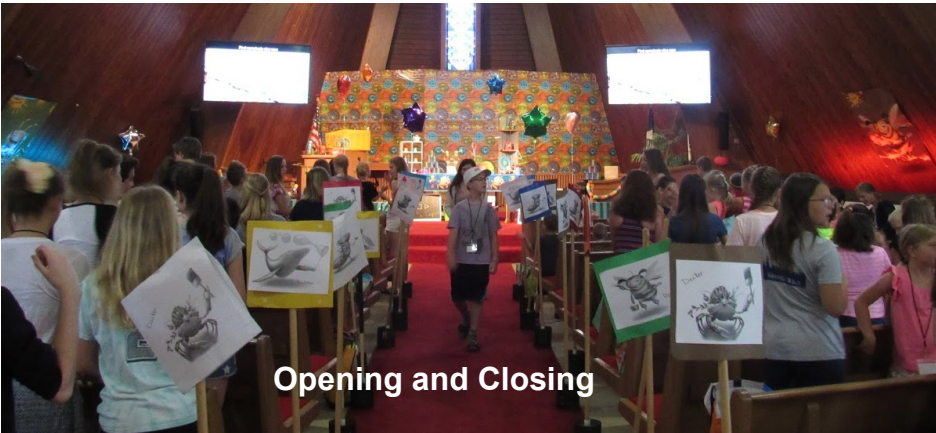
2017 VBS Pictures

We had 50 Pre-K children, 50 elementary children, and 50 youth volunteers.

We also had 25 adult teachers and volunteers.

Thank you all for your commitment, supports, and donations!

We together planted seeds on the hearts of children and youth. God will make them grow.



Opening and Closing



Elementary Children singing



Pre-K children singing



Youth Volunteers



Volunteers in the kitchen



Snack time



Organ Dedication Thank You

I'd like to take a few minutes before our formal dedication of our beautiful new instrument and share the process we went through to get to this point.

Over a year ago, the company that had been tuning our organ gave us notification that they would no longer be able to tune the organ. They said there were so many items that needed to be repaired a tuning was no longer adequate to make the instrument sound any better. They also gave us a complete estimate on the repairs that would be necessary and the amount was in the neighborhood of \$200,000. At that point the decision was made to explore other options.

During this time of exploring our options, there were no more tunings or small repairs done on the pipe organ. Bob was working with it as best he could during this process. You may have heard that sometimes "notes" would just sound on their own, keys would stick, or strange sounds would emanate from nowhere! All the keys didn't play and many of the organ "stops or sounds" didn't work. It was a challenge and Bob was always worried about what might happen during a service!

So the decision was made to form an Organ Committee. The person's on the committee were Bill Hill, Steve Weary, Bob and me, and Ron Walter. The first thing we did was ask for your thoughts, concerns or questions via a comment sheet. The vast majority of your responses were to replace the pipe organ with a new digital organ and that is where our search began.

Bob and Bill visited two vendors, Allen Organ and Johannus. They played and tested several models and went to a few churches and played the organ in a church environment. Both organs were solid instruments, but both Bill and Bob gave the edge to the Johannus. The rest of us non-organ playing committee members felt that if the folks who actually *play gave the edge to the Johannus that we were all on-board with the decision.*

So...fast forward a few months when the organ was ready for delivery. Several things had to happen to make that work...the organ chambers needed to be cleared of all the pipes to make room for the amplifiers and speakers, some wiring needed to be added and a platform needed to be built for the organ to sit on. There are so many church members that assist *behind the scenes when this type of project needs to be done...it's very humbling. We are so grateful for the many hands that are always there to help!*

It was such a blessing to have the organ ready to play for the Last Supper drama. Bob was so happy and proud to be able to play the Bach Toccata and Fugue on this extraordinary instrument!

Before we have the formal dedication, Bill, and Bob and I would like to take a moment to express heartfelt thanks from the depths of our hearts to Ron and Carol. It is through their generous gift that we are able to have an instrument of this quality in our church...to be a living testament to sing out the glory of God for generations to come! They have given this extraordinary gift not only because they love this church and our church family, but also to honor the many members on which the foundation of this church is built. **Ron and Carol, it's hard to express in words the overwhelming amount of gratitude we all feel!**

On a personal note, we've known each other for over 50 years and have seen the ups and downs of each other's lives....of me babysitting for your kids, and then me growing up and becoming a mom...and all the stuff in between till now! I can only say that being grounded in our faith is what keeps us sane and knowing that God, and God alone stands with us to guide our daily lives. You two have lived a life of love and faith and I'm sure I speak not only for myself but for all of us and will simply say...We are blessed!



BAPTISM & RECEPTION OF MEMBERSHIP



Baptism of Myles Lawrence Pelikan

Myles Pelikan was born on June 30, 2016
at Hinsdale Hospital, Hinsdale, IL.,
to Michael & Kristin Pelikan.

Sponsors: Steve Zanoni & Susie Rich

Grandparents: Beverly Platkus & Charles Kobes

In Memory- Grandfather: Lawrence Pelikan

Great Grandfather- Donald Braden



Reception of Membership for Michael & Kristin Pelikan

Michael grew up in DeKalb, IL in a Catholic family.
He is an elevator mechanic and is a huge fan of
the Pittsburgh Steelers, Chicago Blackhawks and
Chicago White Sox.

Kristin grew up in Oak Forest/Willowbrook
and was raised in a United Methodist Church family.
She works at JP Morgan Chase as a KYC officer.

She loves music and watching the
Steelers, Blackhawks, and White Sox.

Send welcome cards to 400 Wexford Drive, Lemont
Please join us in welcoming the Pelikan Family!

Hope & Friendship Foundation Summer 2017

Mission Stay Saturdays June 24; July 22; August 26- Join in on helping friends in need of willing hands, feet and hearts completing mowing, weed pulling, tree/bush trimming, chainsaw work, small home repairs. Bring your lawn tools that you will use to help a few homes in that day's line-up! **We meet in the Lemont Police Station Parking lot at 8am**, travel to the homes we'll be helping. We will be finished by noon. You'll be glad you joined us and know your time was well spent and truly appreciated!

UnBirthday Party Tue July 18th 6-7:30pm @ Calvary Church This will be our 10th year of celebrating our young friends and their "UnBirthday"!!! Fun, Food, and Frivolities are guaranteed! Donations requested for the "Kid's Shop" where they pack their own "Goodie Bag": Youth/Teen personal care supplies (hair, body, nails, etc.) and "bonus" items (earphones, fancy pens, journals, art/drawing items, stickers, socks (boys/girls/men/ women), pillow cases) these items will be available for our young friends at the Unbirthday Party and Pool Party for their "shopping" privilege! Any donations can be dropped off prior to this evening at the bins located in: Lemont Police Dept Lobby, Starbucks, & Lemont Township Lobbies or in "Blue" the trailblazer @ 721 Hickory St. ***Items needed by July 17th***

Hope and Friendship Team Compassion w/ Sunset Soiree Concert Thurs. July 20th 7-9pm on Stephen Street in Downtown Lemont I will be running a 50/50 Raffle with my Team Compassion Members raising funds to assist those in our community battling cancer. We will be celebrating and recognizing all of those who are in the battle and who are survivors from their battle with Cancer. Please join us and enjoy the feeling of unity from a community of friends who care.

YEAH DAY Picnic in the Park July 24th 12:00-2:00pm Calling all kids! Come join us at the newly rebuilt Northview Park on McCarthy Rd. Lunch will be provided, we will be playing games, sports, doing a craft, and enjoying park time (teen assistance is welcome!) *All are welcome.* Join us for kickball, park time, relays and lots of laughs. *Always looking for donors to sponsor unexpected special treats of a plentiful lunch for our beloved young friends!!!*

Hope and Friendship Sunset Soiree for School Shoes Concert Thurs Aug 3rd 7-9pm on Stephen Street in Downtown Lemont. I will be running a 50/50 Raffle raising funds to help purchase school shoes for some of our young friends who would otherwise not be able to have a new pair of "kicks" for school. Also I will be joined by my dear friends from Alvernia Manor who will be selling baked goods and crafts to contribute to our School Shoe Fund!!!

August 26th Dual Mission Stay 8am-noon— Need many of both yard workers and care box makers- One team will set off to work on the lawns, while another team stays at the Lemont Police Dept creating care boxes of baked goods & "notes of friendship". **WISH LIST:** BAKED GOODS (packed in ziploc bags if possible); & Notes that are uplifting, spirit lifting); hands willing to create and deliver the care boxes to all we've visited for Mission Stays through the Summer & to all of our Lemont Fire Stations and our Lemont Police Station. Email me w/ any questions terri@hopeandfriendshipfoundation.com



BISHOP'S APPEAL
Giving Abundantly. Generosity Overflowing.



UNITED
METHODIST
**GLOBAL
AIDS
FUND**

**The Bishop's
Appeal is in
place of
Rainbow
Covenant.**

The Northern Illinois Conference HIV/AIDS task thanks the many NIC churches and individuals across the conference for raising more than \$71,400 toward the 2017 [Bishop's Appeal special offering](#). Sales of postcards featuring the Annual Conference artwork by the Rev. Kristine Marshall brought in an additional \$300. The money will go toward the [UM Global AIDS Fund](#) (UMGAF) and 25% of the monies will stay in the conference for local projects including education and providing other resources.

The Aurora District took home the coveted traveling trophy for raising the most money per capita. Rockford District held the trophy in 2016 and Aurora in 2015



Congratulations to the Aurora District for taking home the Bishop's Appeal traveling trophy for raising the most money for this special offering which will benefit the UM Global AIDS Fund. Fundraising from all six districts totaled more than \$71,700 including proceeds from the postcard sales! Aurora also won the trophy in 2015.

Activity Committee Updates

Mark your calendars!!! More information as the date draws near

Remember the third Friday of each month is Family Night. It will typically be a movie or game night. It is open to everyone so bring your friends and family.

Summer Picnic

Sept 23 Saturday, Mystery Dinner

Oct 20 Friday Family night Bonfire at the Janssen's

Please remember to sign the sign up sheet so we know how many to plan for! Come have fun with us. Questions or information needed? Call Peg Pecher at [847-204-1747](tel:847-204-1747) or the church.

July 2017

CHURCH NEWS

LUMC WORK PROJECTS FOR SUMMER 2017

With the arrival of spring weather it is a good time to note the number of projects which the Board of Trustees has scheduled for the near future. At times our work list has looked endless, but through hard work the Trustees have narrowed the list down to a few critical items.

We are once again thankful that a group of volunteers is helping cut the grass around the church on a weekly basis. The group is looking for volunteers who can drive a riding mower or volunteers who can use a lawnmower to trim around the edges and places the mowers can't go. We currently have 3 teams rotating so it would only be a few times each cutting season. Please forward your name to the church office if you are interested.

A project to refinish the parking lots has begun. Recently the large cracks were resealed; the next step will be to resurface and restripe the parking lots and driveways. This project will begin the week after Memorial Day. Parts of the lots will be off limits as the surfaces and lines have time to dry, but all should be complete for weekend services.

We are trying to keep costs as low as possible, but we will need the help of the congregation for these coming projects. Donations for the coming projects at LUMC will be important and greatly appreciated as we try to keep our church safe and sound.

Our final project will involve assessing possibilities for improving the handicap accessibility of our church, and repairing or replacing the roof. As everyone is aware we have significant needs to make both levels of our church available for anyone to use for worship and programs. To begin the process we have interviewed architectural teams and selected Arris Architects. The long term project has begun with the Trustees evaluating preliminary plans. We will soon be looking for input from all congregation members as the process goes into full planning.

Special Thanks to our hard working group who quietly give so much time and effort to our church and never charge for overtime or hazardous duty: Tony Ferrazzi and Tim Peraino have done several internal repairs. Jana Stelter, Al Janovyak, Tom Kehr, and Dale Janssen spent a recent long Saturday pouring cement for the new sculpture in the north garden, trimming dead trees, and repairing broken walls. We are truly blessed to have willing workers with strong backs.



Q-Quest Graduation

Congratulations to Jake Kirkman
for graduating Q-Quest.



PHIL KEAGGY CONCERT

Friday, July 21st - 7:30 p.m. Calvary Church 16100 S. 104th Avenue,
Orland Park IL 60467

www.itickets.com/events/376081 800-965-9324

Aurora District United Methodist Men Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, August 12th, 2017 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew UMC
250 N. Gary Street, Carol Stream, IL

Hosted by the Men of St. Andrew

RSVP to Mike McIntosh at rekreseb@gmail.com

or (630)653-7116 by 08/09

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:30 A.M.

During the School Year

CHILDREN'S CLASSES: Ages pre-k-5/6

JUNIOR HIGH : Grades 6th-8th

BREAKFAST CLUB: High School Freshman-Senior

ADULT CLASSES: In the Conference Room

Please join us! All are welcome!



MEANINGFUL MOMENTS WITH GOD

*"Pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 2:17-18*

Immediate Prayers:

*David Mlady, lingering illness
*Christine Miller, shingles
*Mary Ende, chemotherapy
*Shirley Stout, pneumonia, influenza
Ken, bone cancer
Chase, surgery
George Fredericks, pneumonia, ulcer
Amanda, digestive pain
Sandra Plata, spine surgery
Melvyn, stroke/intensive care
Sam, copd, heart blockage
Lori Bartwick, breast cancer
*Sheila Farrer, health issues
Joe Sigety, ALS
*Jason Kehr, cystic fibrosis/testing
Lou Gunder, lymphoma
*Howard Svoboda, hip replacement
Maureen Robinson, health issues
Dan Sorensen, healing in family
Colleen Andrew, cancer treatment
Judy Olinger, lymphoma
Walter, cancer
Dana Patterson, brain tumor & MS
Marty Rolin, nerve damage
Jim Kratochvil, lung cancer
Marilyn Vargo, remission
Beverly Scholtes, stage four cancer
Jim & Linda, hospital/dementia

Florian Talos, parkinson's
Lois, stage 3 cancer
Esther Gores, home hospice
Brett Sharp, pneumonia
*Sandra, autoimmune disease
Cindy Hudon, cancer/chemo
Deanna, liver cancer spreading
*Shelby Fox, healing from foot surgery
Ron Hamelen, Alzheimer's
Mary Ellen, hip surgery
Judy Bramill, cancer
Laura Wolowiec, health issues
E.D. McCormick, cancer
Mason Patterson, surgery
Gabrielle Blunt, alzheimer's
Art Runyan, pancreatic cancer
Ravi Sundaram, kidney cancer
Sandy Lauer, severe back pain
Smith-Kudos Family, strength
Kathy, cancer
Bill, pancreatic testing
Sally, lung cancer
Kathy, loss of taste and smell
Mary Daum, finished radiation

Joys:

Baby Charlie home from the nic-u
*The Pelikan Family New Members & Baptizing Myles
*The yard sale raised \$985.12
*Jake Kirkman, Q-Quest Graduate

MONTHLY BLESSINGS AND JOYS

*Annual Conference
*Vacation Bible School
*Baptism of Myles Pelikan
*New Members:
The Pelikan Family
*Successful Yard Sale
*Memorial Statue for Julie Phillips
*Q-Quest Graduation for Jake
Kirkman
*Successful Bishop's Appeal
*Food Pantry Helpers

Coffee Fellowship July 16

Karin Peraino
Kathy Cliff
Jodi Stood
Kristen Nelson
Amy Cheehy
Amie Topete
Jane Woytek



Coffee Fellowship

Expanding Care Bear ers Ministry

Help Needed-Occasional Cooks or Meal Providers

The Care Bearers are looking for a few new people to help provide an occasional meal (home cooked or purchased) for members of our congregation who are recovering from a serious illness, birth of a baby, or the loss of a family member. Meals are **only occasionally** needed in our church, and it is a wonderful mission! If you would be willing to provide a meal when someone is in need, please contact Alice Lange or Wendy Myers. We would love to add you to our list of Care Bearers.

Alice Lange: 815-838-5158
Wendy Myers: 630-257-7689

Lemont United Methodist Church

25 West Custer
Lemont, Illinois 60439
Phone: 630-257-5210

Return Service Requested

NEW WINE July 2017

The Hindu Clinic

The Hindu Temple of Greater Chicago has offered the use of their clinic to anyone in need of medical help. The clinic is open the first Sunday of the month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Their address is 10915 Lemont Road, Lemont and their phone number is 630-972-0300.

AA Meetings

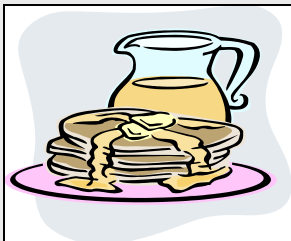
AA Meetings are held in our church Fellowship Hall on Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm. If you would like further information.

Please contact:
Pat at (815) 274-4244

WEBSITE

Services are being recorded almost every week thanks to Erik and volunteers. If you would like a video of a part of the service, like a baptism or someone playing a song, please contact Paul Froehle. He can copy it to a DVD or flash drive as a computer or phone readable video file.

United Methodist Men



**Will not meet June,
July or August.
Enjoy the Summer!**

Come and join us! The Lemont United Methodist Men (UMM) will meet in Fellowship Hall at 8:00 am. Lemont UMM meets on the second Saturday of each month for breakfast.

This group is made available for the fellowship of all the men of the church and all are welcome to attend. Information about meeting dates and times are posted in the church calendar and bulletins.



For those of you that might not be aware, we DO have a FB page. Please try and visit it regularly. As time goes on we will be posting more and more.

We have reached 1,440 people through Vacation Bible School video clips and pictures! If you have not seen them please go to facebook and click LIKE.

<https://www.facebook.com/Lemont-United-Methodist-Church>

Primetimers



**Saturday
July 15
1:00 p.m.**

This is a group made up of adults 50 years and older. Primetimers meet monthly on the 3rd Saturday of each month with a potluck lunch at the church fellowship hall. Everyone brings a favorite dish to share for an enjoyable afternoon. If you have any questions, please call:

Juanita Fick
630-257-7639