

The LINK

February 2024

Please check our website for changes regarding any posted events.





Fat Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday Whatever you call it, we're eating Pancakes!!

Join the Lake Orion United Methodist Men on Tuesday, February 13th from 5:00 -6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall to have some pancakes. You can sit down and enjoy your dinner and friends, or even do a take-out plate for supper. Enter at Anderson Street Entrance. Free will offering to benefit Community Meals.



DATE	THEME	SCRIPTURE	DESCRIPTION	
2/4	With Authority!	Mark 1:21-28	Teaching	Communion
2/11	Transfiguration	Mark 9:2-9	On the Mountain	
2/14	Ash Wednesday	Service in Fellowship Hall w/ Oxford (?) & Thomas UMC		
2/18	Lent #1	Matthew 4:1-11	Temptation	Communion
2/25	Lent #2	John 3:1-17	Nicodemus	Communion
3/3	Lent #3	John 4:7-26	At the Well	Communion
3/10	Lent #4	John 9:1-21	Blind Man	Communion
3/17	Lent #5	Romans 8:6-11	Flesh/Spirit	Communion
3/24	Palm/Passion	PASSION ACCORDING TO MARK		
3/28	Holy Thursday	Last Supper Drama (LOUMC, Howarth/Paint Creek, St. Luke's)		
3/29	Good Friday	Tenebrae Service at St. Luke's UMC		
3/31	Easter	Mark 16:1-8	An Empty Tom	ıb?

Above is a sermon/service schedule for February and March. We will finish up the latest stretch of "ordinary time" with lectionary readings from Mark's Gospel om February 4th and 11th. Then we will observe a simple **Ash Wednesday service, beginning at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall** around tables, followed by a **simple meal just after 6:00**. We know that the Thomas UMC is going to be joining us, and arrangements are in the works (as of this being written) to see if Oxford UMC would join us as well.

Lent's scriptures are lectionary scriptures, but they are also part of a lectio divina ("divine reading") scripture reflection that Pastor Linda is leading. The name of this five-week reflection session is *Imago Dei* (Latin for "Image of God"), and it is open to everyone. Imago Dei is being offered at two different times – Tuesday mornings at 10:30 and Wednesday evenings at 7:00. Since the materials come from the United Methodist

Church, they are free of charge. Please let the office know if you're planning to attend, and which session, and we'll see to it that you get materials. Some materials are already printed in the office, but we can also email them to you as a pdf if you would prefer. I'll leave further description of the session to Pastor Linda (please, see her article on the next page).

Easter is earlier this year, March 31st, which means Holy Week will be upon us quickly. Preparations are already underway for our Last Supper Re-enactment, and we will be joined this year (participants and attenders) by Howarth, Paint Creek, and St, Luke's UMCs. Conversations are being had about a meal for all our churches beforehand. As we have further details, we will communicate those ASAP. For now, save the evening of **Thursday March 28th**. We will participate with those same churches **at St. Luke's UMC** (near Oakland University) for a **Good Friday service at 6:00 pm**.

(Worship and Arts will be glad to have one less thing to decorate for during Holy Week as our sanctuary can go straight from Last Supper to Easter!)

And remember, our United Methodist Men (UMM) will be holding our Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner from 5:00-6:30 on February 13th (*Shrove* Tuesday in "church talk" but "fat" appeals more to the community – LOL). Any donations you make for that meal will go toward the Community Meal that the UM Men are preparing for Community Meals on April 22nd.

Peace and all manner of blessing!

Pastor Larry

Dear Friends,

I am so pleased to share our up-coming Lenten experience!

Lenten Lectio Divina: 5 Week Scripture Reflection
The Imago Dei Lenten Scripture Reflection is a fiveweek "study" written in the style of Lectio Divina. In this
form of "Bible Study" or devotional time, (and worship-ful
time, more on this below) we will read the scripture for
the day and practice opening our heart and mind to the
Holy Spirit. The Lectio Divina is built upon prayerful
listening to the Holy Spirit and to each other. We will seek
to share with one another the image of God, celebrating
our diversity, our equity and our inclusion. From there we
will imagine ways to take God's goodness and love into
our community, celebrating once again the diversity,
equity and inclusion of all persons.

A few words we will dig more deeply into and ponder: Imago Dei is translated from Latin as the "Image of God". Lectio Divina is a practice of reading the Biblica text as a spiritual text allowing oneself to be open to the Holy Spirit. Some teachers describe the process of "Lectio Divina" as a dance! It has 4 steps: Read, Reflect, Respond and Rest.

<u>Worshipful</u> is to worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:23-24) meant to "love him, to delight in him, to desire him, with all our heart and mind and soul and strength. More information will be circulated as we draw closer to February 21st!

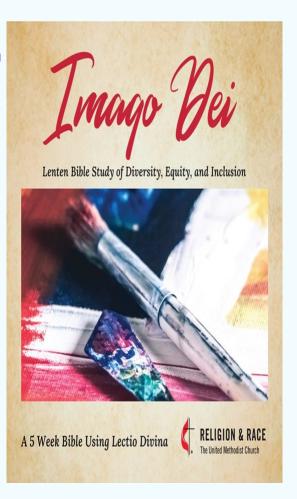
We hope you will attend this time of study, reflection, and even quiet worship!

Peace friends,

Pastor Linda

The following expression of the practice of "Lectio Divina" comes from the material we will be using for our "Lectio Divina" Scripture Reflection. According to the Anglican Communion, "the practice understands Scripture as a meeting place for a personal encounter with the Living God. It is a practice we come to with the desire to be changed at all sorts of levels. It operates very much on the emotional rather than the purely cerebral level. It is perhaps hearty rather than heady. Through it, we allow ourselves to be formed in the likeness of

Christ: it is about



formation rather than instruction. When undertaken in a group setting, Lectio is about listening to the experience of others and how that might inform your experience." (www. anglicancommunion.org)

Time and Dates

Tuesdays 10:30 a.m. 2/20, 2/27, 3/5, 3/12 and 3/19 Wednesdays 7:00 p.m. 2/21, 2/28, 3/6, 3/13, and 3/20



What will we clean from the cluttered cupboards of our lives for Lent?

What burdens that clutter our hearts and saddle our souls will we get rid of? Will we use Lent as an opportunity to "shrive" – to make amends with God, and with one another, in order to know God's peace and pardon?

"So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with God in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes." Daniel 9:3 (NIV)

Shrove Tuesday refers to the day before **Ash Wednesday**, the first day of the season of Lent. It remembers a tradition of clearing all leavened products from the home for Lent, just as Jewish households often clear their homes of leaven in preparation for Passover.

The word *shrove* is the past tense of the English verb, *shrive*, which means to obtain absolution for one's sins by way of confession and doing penance. Thus, Shrove Tuesday gets its name from the shriving that Christians were expected to do prior to receiving absolution before Lent. Shrove Tuesday is the last day of "shrovetide", somewhat analogous to the *Carnival* tradition that developed separately in countries of Latin Europe.

The term "Shrove Tuesday" is not widely used in the United States outside of liturgical traditions, such as the Lutheran, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic Churches, though it has come back into usage with many United Methodist and other mainline Protestant denominations. Because of the increase in immigrant populations and traditions within the United States since the 19th century, the term "Mardi Gras" is more widely known and used.

This festival is widely associated with the eating of foods such as pancakes, and often known simply as **Pancake Day**, originally because these used up ingredients such as fat and eggs, the consumption of which was traditionally restricted during Lent. *In Michigan, especially in the Hamtramck area near Detroit with its large Polish community, the day is celebrated as Pączki Day with pączki eating contests, music, and Polish food.*



Meals through our Lenten Season

Shrove Tuesday Pancakes! February 13th 5:00 pm

Ash Wednesday February 14th 5:30 pm Worship followed by a meal

Lunch after Worship March 3rd 11:15 am

Maundy Thursday March 28th TBD





Music and Drama for Everyone will begin later in February. More information will be sent out soon! Watch for details!









The next blood drive is: Thursday, February 22, 2024 12 to 6 pm

Where: Lake Orion United Methodist Church Sign up online at: redcrossblood.org (sponsor code: LOUMC1)

You can also do Rapid Pass online on the day of the blood drive and bring a printed copy with you. This will make the process quicker for each of you. The "Blood Donor" app from the American Red Cross also makes the donation process easier, and includes Rapid Pass on your smart phone.

Any questions please call Kathy Castillo at 248-770-3215.





Sunday, February 11th, 2024

Lake Orion United Methodist Church

Fellowship Hall - During coffee Time

Proceeds from the sale go to support: Help Kids Succeed

Purchasing and distributing warm coats, snow pants, hats, gloves & mittens to kids in our community.

& OTHER LOCAL MINISTRIES

Not everyone wants or has a sweetheart.

So...share your kindness with a friend, stranger, neighbor, mail person, nurse, doctor, teacher, caregiver, etc.

They will appreciate your gesture and Kids will say warm in winter coats.



Sponsored by the United Methodist Women





Weekly Events:

Sunday

10:00am Worship 11:00am Coffee Hour (FH) 11:30am Adult Bible Study

Monday

9am-3pm Sunny Days 10:30am BibleStudy(Sh-106) 5:30-6:30pm In person Community Meals

Tuesday

10:30am Sermon Study 7:00pm Choir Practice

Wednesday

8am Local Business LBN 9am-3pm Sunny Days 10am Hallelujah Handbells

Thursday

7:30am Rotary Club 10-11am –Mom & Tot 12pm--3pm Sunny Days

Friday

9am-12pm Sunny Days Office Closes at noon

Daily 8 PM-Narcotics Anon (123)

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2024

	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
it E	segins Vednesday	1 East Winds District Day of Prayer - 12 noon to 6 pm (see flyers)	HAPPY Groundhog Day	3 830 am UMM Lake House Breakfast
	7	United Women in Faith UMWF 10am Trustees / SPRC	9	10 Bells Practice
ve lay n	14 Ash Wednesday Service @ 5:30pm	15 Finance	16 10 am Prayers & Squares meeting Prayers & Squares The Prayer Quilt Ministry	17
	21 7pm-Imago Dei Study Class - Youth Cafe	Church Council GIVE BLOOD SAVE LIFE	23	24
	28 7pm-Imago Dei Study Class - Youth Cafe	29 Leap Day	CAN FEBRUAL NO, BUT AF	

Joko Jokes



Worship and the Arts wishes to offer a thank you for all who helped put away the Christmas trimmings on January 7th and a special thank you to our superstar custodian, Anthony for having everything organized for us.

Thank you for all the cards, calls, and prayers while I've been home. I can always count on my LOUMC family to be there for me!

Jo Knotts



Heads up - Rummage Sale will begin in March. Jewelry and Furniture sale will be starting March 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th. Other items will be gathered and available for sale April 16th through 22nd. Please see Nancy Ochoa or any of the Worship and the Arts committee for more info and to sign up to help out. Drop off dates will be the first week of March, please look forward to date posting next month.

Easter is March 31st

Easter is coming! Once again the Worship in the Arts committee will be selling plants to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Flowers will be sold starting March 3rd, 10th and 17th, after church in the Fellowship Hall and orders can also be done through phone calls or email. Contact Daryl DeBano at 248-622-1154 or at dardebano@gmail.com or Nancy Ochoa at ochoanancyj@gmail.com if you wish to place an order.

Once you order your plants, please drop off the check or cash to Pat in the LOUMC office. She has graciously agreed to collect for us! We would appreciate a timely payment so we can make sure all plants are covered. If you have a notation for the flowers, please include that with your payment. We will also need to know if this is a donation or you will be picking the flowers up. Flowers will be available for pick up on Easter Sunday from 11:30 following service.





28 DAY SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

EACH OF THE SCRIPTURES BELOW TAKES TEN MINUTES OR LESS TO COPY OUT. COMMIT TO SPENDING TEN MINUTES EACH DAY LISTENING TO GOD'S VOICE AS YOU SIMPLY COPY THESE TEXTS OUT OF YOUR BIBLE.

Week 1

DAY 1- MARK 12:28-31

DAY 2- LUKE 6:27-36

DAY 3- ROMANS 12: 9-16

DAY 4- ROMANS 13: 8-10

DAY 5-1 CORINTHIANS 13: 1-7

DAY 6-1 CORINTHIANS 13: 8-13

DAY 7- EPHESIANS 4:1-6

Week 2

DAY 8-1 PETER 4: 7-11

DAY 9-1 JOHN 4: 7-12

DAY 10-1 JOHN 4: 13-16

DAY 11-1 JOHN 4: 17-21

DAY 12- JOHN 15:9-13

DAY 13 - JOHN 3: 16-21

DAY 14- DEUTERONOMY 10: 12-19

Week 3

DAY 15 - DEUTERONOMY 11: 13-15

DAY 16- DEUTERONOMY 11: 18-23

DAY 17- MATTHEW 22: 37-40

DAY 18 - MATTHEW 5: 43-45

DAY 19- JOHN 13: 34-35

DAY 20- JOHN 14: 15-21

DAY 21- ROMANS 5:1-8

Week 4

DAY 22- ROMANS 8: 28-30

DAY 23- MICAH 6: 8

DAY 24-1 JOHN 2: 15-17

DAY 25-1 JOHN 3:1-3

DAY 26-HEBREWS 10: 24-25

DAY 27-DEUTERONOMY 6: 4-9

DAY 28-LUKE 10: 25-28

Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.

Psalm 119:18

Contributions Welcomed!

Sign up sheets are available posted in the hallway across from the church office. The fee for *altar flowers is \$33 (price increase!!)* for the arrangement and you take the flowers home with you to enjoy following the service.

There are also sign up sheets for Steeple lighting for \$10 a week, which helps with the electric utility bill; and livestream which pays for the broadcast of the worship services, by the week for \$30 or \$100 for the month.

We appreciate those who assist us in creating a welcoming sanctuary.

Thanks for those who have chosen to decorate our church with the altar flowers and other gifts:

January 7th - Altar flowers given for Rich and Melanie Kursinsky's 35th anniversary.

January 7th - Altar flowers given as a thank you to LOUMC family for all the cards, calls, prayers and meals. Given by Linda and David Fairchild.

January 15th - Altar flowers given in memory of Jean Greenhill. Given by her family.

January 15th - Altar flowers given in memory of our brother-in-law, Mike Petriken. Given by Linda and David Fairchild.

January 21st- Altar Flowers given in celebration of Charlie and Sandy Weaver's 57th anniversary

January 28th - Altar flowers given in memory of our parents, Wilfred and Phyllis Wiseman's January birthdays. Given by Trudy Carney and Tom Wiseman.

A Very Special Thank You to those who gave anonymously to these funds.





LAKE ORION LIONS MINTS



Some of you may have noticed the two Lions Club Mint displays at LOUMC and wondered why they are here at the church- One is by the church office and one is outside the Fellowship Hall

We Serve
This is one of the Lions Club's "MINI' fund raisers and LOUMC is one of over a dozen sites, around the Lake Orion and Oxford area. The funds raised, go toward any number of Lions supported charities and projects and some of those are listed below:

EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AIDS - For those that can't afford them.

<u>PROJECT KIDSIGHT</u>- Vision screening monthly at the LO Library and downtown events.

<u>LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL CHRISTMAS BASKETS</u>
<u>PROGRAM</u>- In December of 2023, we provided for 235 families and 70 low income Senior citizens.

LAKE ORION SCHOOLS ROBOTICS TEAMS LoveINC FOUR YEAR SCHOLARSHIPS FOR LO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR PINE TREE SCHOOL.

LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND LIONS BEAR LAKE CAMP-North of Lapeer Summer camp for blind kids- They get to do everything that sighted kids get to do at Summer camp!!! LOUMC MONDAY COMMUNITY MEALS.

There are any number of other organizations and projects that we also support, but you get the picture. So any time you pick up a roll of mints and drop your 50 cents- or more, if you are so inclined :-) into the attached collection box, know that those quarters and dollars (and believe me- they do add up) are going to a number of Good Causes!! ANY AND ALL FUNDS that come into the LO Lions Club, will find their way out to those in need. The Lions Club motto is "WE SERVE" and the same could certainly be said for the folks here at LOUMC!! The LO Lions Club wants to say - THANK YOU and we certainly do appreciate the support of LOUMC!!!

Jim Childers

FEASTING ON HIS PRESENCE

A LENTEN BIBLE READING GUIDE

Day 1 begins on Ash Wednesday and Day 40 ends on Holy Saturday.

Taking Sundays off.

Day 1	Isaiah 6:1-7	Day 21	Malachi 4:6
Day 2	Psalm 139	Day 22	Psalm 122
Day 3	Revelation 4	Day 23	Isaiah 9:1-7
Day 4	Psalm 19	Day 24	Isaiah 7:10-16
Day 5	Isaiah 11:1-10	Day 25	Luke 1:26-38
Day 6	Psalm 27	Day 26	Luke 1:46-55
Day 7	Lamentations 3:19-26	Day 27	Luke 2:1-14
Day 8	Psalm 30	Day 28	Isaiah 61
Day 9	Isaiah 43:1-13	Day 29	Luke 4:14-21
Day 10	Psalm 136	Day 30	Psalm 95
Day 11	Job 38: 1-11	Day 31	John 10:11-18
Day 12	Psalm 42	Day 32	Psalm 23
Day 13	Job 38:12-38	Day 33	Zechariah 9:9-10
Day 14	Psalm 16	Day 34	John 12:12-19
Day 15	1 Kings 19:11-13	Day 35	John 16:5-14
Day 16	Psalm 34	Day 36	Isaiah 53
Day 17	1 Chronicles 29:11-13	Day 37	Matthew 27:33-54
Day 18	Psalm 121	Day 38	Psalm 22
Day 19	Exodus 15:1-21	Day 39	Mark 16
Day 20	Psalm 103	Day 40	Revelation 21:1-7

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Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of our families and friends.

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Our mission is to connect people to God, one another, and the world, through engaging worship, ongoing spiritual development, intergenerational family ministries, relational mission, and joyful stewardship.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE & LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 10:00 AM www.lakeorionumc.org

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Office Closed Friday afternoons

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