

The LINK March 2021

Please check our website for further any changes regarding any posted events.

Limited Return to In-Person Worship

Starting on Sunday, March 7th, we will have a partial – or limited – return to in-person worship. We are qualifying the return with words like “partial” and “limited” to stress that, while it will be exciting to gather again, we will be doing so with limited numbers and with appropriate COVID protocols. It is also the case that many of our friends will still not be ready to return just yet. For some, age and other underlying health conditions will delay their return until most everyone has been vaccinated. For others, they will delay their return until mask wearing is no longer a part of the protocol. We respect everyone’s personal comfort levels in this regard, and we will continue to offer a quality live-streamed experience. One of the positive things that we will carry forward from the pandemic, is a much-improved on-line worship presence. Many thanks to those who have helped with this, especially to Kirk Ulery and Barry McMinn.

While we are thanking people, we are grateful to the staff, to our Staff-Parish Relations Committee (especially our chair, Gail Vettrano), our Church Council, and most recently, our COVID task force of Jack Brown, Jan Butcher, Kathy Castillo, Jan Harp, Rick Kalso, Kathy McMinn, Paul Reile (who is our Church Council Chair), and Brad Smiles. These folks have helped with a great deal of planning to make our transition to limited in-person worship smooth and safe. Thanks, too, to Jack and Charlotte Patton who ended up being ex-officio members of the task force. (It’s a funny story; ask them about it!)

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Initially, we will be limiting the number who can attend in-person worship to 40 additional people (not including worship leaders, 2 ushers, and 3 greeters). There will be two different methods for signing up: 1) through a link on the LOUMC website, and 2) by calling Pat in the office. *Pat will be signing you up online, so DO NOT leave a voicemail. Please, keep calling until you can speak to her in person.* In the interest of fairness, we are setting firm parameters for when this registration process begins and ends. ***Sign up ENDS as soon as we reach our capacity of 40 people.*** Sign-ups will begin on Tuesdays at 9am for the following Sunday and end on Friday at noon. Please be patient with us as we start the process. There are bound to be glitches, and we will do our best to tweak and improve the process as we go.

Once you are signed up, we will be able to receive you in attendance on Sunday morning. The three main entrances – Anderson, Flint (Sanctuary), and Slater – will all be available, and manned (or woman-ed!) by a Greeter. The Greeters will have some extra responsibilities. They will have the list of those registered, and they will check you in on your arrival. They will also make sure you are properly masked (they will have extra masks in case). They will NOT be taking temperatures, so we ask that you please monitor your own condition. If you are not feeling well, or are exhibiting any symptoms, we trust that you will stay home and let us know so we can pray for you.

Please do not congregate in the hallways but go directly to the Sanctuary where the ushers will seat you. The ushers understand how and where to seat you safely. “Your pew” may be roped off or otherwise not available – so while you can joke about it, please be kind! Everything has been cleared from the pews – Bibles, hymnals, etc. – and the ushers will not be handing out bulletins. With the entire service being projected, bulletins are not necessary, but for those of you who feel more comfortable with a program in hand, we will be including a copy of the bulletin with each week’s all church email, and we will also continue our practice of posting it on Facebook. In terms of singing, we know many

of you will want to sing softly from behind your mask, and that's OK. But we will be informal and remain seated, much as you likely have been at home. Since we need to remain masked, we are asking that you do not bring beverages with you into the Sanctuary. Musical groups – Choir, Worship Team, Bell Choir – will continue to record music for the time being, which will be projected in worship.

When the service is over, you may feel like you are at a wedding since the ushers will be dismissing you. Please be patient with them. As you leave, you will have the opportunity to place any offerings you brought with you in special offering boxes located at both entrances. We would ask you, once again, not to gather in the building or the hallways on your way out. Spring is coming, and hopefully will allow for a bit of distanced, outdoor parking lot visiting!

If after you have attended worship, you come down with the virus, please let the office know immediately. We will both want to pray for you AND inform those who were near you in worship that they might need to quarantine.

By beginning this partial return in March, we are giving ourselves a few weeks of practice before Easter. There is the possibility of two identical services on Easter with a cleaning crew in-between, as well as an overflow opportunity in the Fellowship Hall where worship can be successfully projected. As the COVID task force continues to meet and evaluate how we are doing, we will keep you apprised. We will also NOT have Communion on the first Sunday we are back, even though that is regularly Communion Sunday. We did not want to add that wrinkle for our very first attempt at limited in-person worship.

We thank you in advance for your patience, for your continued support of the vital ministries at LOUMC that continue regardless of our mode of worship, and for just being you! Looking forward to Easter and opportunities for new life.

The great news is that Community Meals will begin again on Monday, March 1st from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, every Monday. We will be doing the drive up and pick up meals in the Anderson Street Parking Lot. Everyone is so excited to use the newly remodeled kitchen and serve our community again.

If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Nancy Ochoa at ochoanancyj@gmail.com or 586-243-7643. We are scheduling individuals because of the need to have limited numbers of workers. **We ask that you not drop in to help.** There will be three shifts of workers. We will usually have a Sunday team from noon to about 2 pm to cook the food and the Monday group will come in at 3 pm to package the food and bags and a 5:15 team helping with the distribution. You can sign up do just a certain week or weeks and not the entire calendar.

Kathy Castillo and Jerry King will continue to deliver meals to residents of Heritage Place who sign up. Kathy McMinn also coordinates a home delivery to individuals in our community and could use some help. Kathy has routes in Lake Orion both township and village, Oxford and Oakland Township and needs additional drivers. Your route may only be one or two individuals. Kathy also needs additional coverage for her route for three weeks in March. Please text Kathy with your availability and she will get back with you (248 770-8390).

Please keep this outreach in your thoughts and prayers.



Community Meal

As a church community, we have supported Center 4 Success in Pontiac for many years. We have provided meals once a month, craft activities, end of year cookouts and picnics as well as activities to celebrate special days: Valentine bags, eggs to dye at Easter, pumpkins and cookies to decorate.



This pandemic has forced changes and halted much of this support. Our church friends who had been tutors there are inactive. Students (40-50) continued to be tutored virtually in grades 1st through 6th. This is good, but not quite the same.

In January, our church was able to give 18 winter coats with hats and gloves to students in need who are part of Center 4 Success. This is not including the over 100 coats that we have given out in the Lake Orion area for the 2020-2021 season.

A special thank you to those who have donating this winter clothing — your generosity keeps children warm! If you would like to donate a new coat for next season, please feel free to contact Dawn Ames at 248-563-2399 or dawn.ames@lakeorionumc.org.

Small Group Opportunity!

Genealogy: The Basics – an introduction to the basic concepts and tools used in family history research. We will discuss census records and vital records to begin your research and introduce you to online sources (websites and search techniques) and finding research done by others. If you have already done some previous research and created a family tree, we can explore other ways to access additional information to fill in the gaps! Group meets in person (on Thursdays at the church) or via Zoom.

Contact: Linda Matola at (248) 390-5685 or llmatlo@aol.com if you are interested!

Winter Walkers Description: Beat the winter blues by starting your week walking with friends. We will meet at the church at 11:30 on Monday mornings. We can choose to walk the Paint Creek Trail or around the village. Join us for refreshing exercise and conversation.

Text, Email or Call Gail Vettraino 248-563-9075 or gailannvettraino@gmail.com

Virtual Book Club Description: Winter is a great time to curl up with a good book! What is more fun than chatting about it with good friends and your favorite beverage? Books will be selected from suggestions by group members.

Time: 7:00 PM Text or Email Jeanne Draggoo (586) 850-0074 or Draggoo4@aol.com



Mission Pill Bottle Collection

During the closure of our church for gatherings we have suspended collection of pill bottles. We do not have the ability to collect bottles inside the church, but you may meet

Kathy Castillo at the Anderson street entrance on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 pm for drop-off into her car in the parking lot.

Please wear a mask, even though meeting outdoors.

Kathy will keep the pill bottles in storage tubs until we are ready to resume our working meetings for cleaning, sorting and packing.

Kathy Castillo

Thank you to all who donated items for Baldwin Center during our February Mission Team collection for their warming center distributions. Baldwin Center is located in Pontiac and recently expanded their efforts to help meet the needs of Pontiac residents that are homeless or at risk of hunger. They were very excited to receive our donation of diapers, wipes, formula and dry goods to help with lunch distribution. Photos of the donation are on the Mission page of the LOUMC website – be sure to take a look at your assistance to this close neighbor.

LOUMC Mission Team

Best,

Susan Montgomery





Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 14
 Set your clocks forward 1 hour



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Eventzilla-sign up for Sunday church begins Tuesdays at 9 am. Only 40 people allowed. Sign up with the link on the website or call Pat at the office (no voicemail reservations accepted).

Weekly Scheduled Events:

Sunday
 10:00 Worship

Monday
 10:30 Bible Study (Sh)
 11:30 Winter Walkers
 07:00 Disciple II class (120)

Tuesday
 10:00 Disciple II class (120)

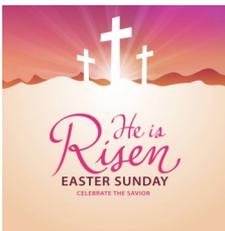
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday
 Office Closes at noon

Saturday

Daily
 08:00 PM-Narcotics Anon.
 (123/124)



Sun	Mon	Tue
	1 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 4:30pm Pill Bottles 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	2 Disciple Class 10am
7 10:00 am Return to in person service	8 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	9 Disciple Class 10am
14 	15 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	16 Disciple Class 10am
21	22 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	23 Disciple Class 10am
28 Palm Sunday 	29 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	30 Disciple Class 10am
April 4th Easter Sunday		

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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SS	3	4 Genealogy Linda Matola (248) 390-5685 or lmatlo@aol.com	5 <i>Office closes at noon on Fridays</i>	6
SS	10 <i>NAMI Zoom Mtg To register: desteffes@charter.net</i> Contact Bryan or Deb Thom for info bryan debthom@gmail.com	11 Genealogy Linda Matola (248) 390-5685 or lmatlo@aol.com <i>Trustees SPRC</i>	12	13
SS	17	18 Genealogy Linda Matola (248) 390-5685 or lmatlo@aol.com <i>Finance</i>	19	20
SS	24	25 Genealogy Linda Matola (248) 390-5685 or lmatlo@aol.com <i>Church Council</i>	26	27
SS	31	<i>April 1st Maundy Thursday</i>	<i>April 2nd Good Friday</i>	<i>April 3rd</i>



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

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March

31 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- JOEL 2: 12-14
- DAY 2- JOSHUA 1:5-9
- DAY 3- JAMES 1:2-8
- DAY 4- JAMES 1:9-12
- DAY 5- JAMES 1:13-18
- DAY 6- EPHESIANS 2:4-10
- DAY 7- EPHESIANS 4:22-28

Week 3

- DAY 15- GALATIANS 6:1-6
- DAY 16- GALATIANS 6:7-10
- DAY 17- ROMANS 5:1-5
- DAY 18- ROMANS 5:6-11
- DAY 19- 1 PETER 1:3-9
- DAY 20- PSALM 61:1-5
- DAY 21- ISAIAH 43:1-7

Week 2

- DAY 8- EPHESIANS 4:29-32
- DAY 9- PHILIPPIANS 3:12-14
- DAY 10- PSALM 91: 1-4
- DAY 11- PSALM 91:5-8
- DAY 12- PSALM 91:9-13
- DAY 13- PSALM 91: 14-16
- DAY 14- GALATIANS 5:13-15

Week 4

- DAY 22- 1 JOHN 4:13-17
- DAY 23- 1 JOHN 4:18-21
- DAY 24- MATTHEW 5:13-16
- DAY 25- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-15
- DAY 26- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-22
- DAY 27- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-28
- DAY 28- MATTHEW 21:21-22

Week 5

- DAY 29- JAMES 3:13-15
- DAY 30- JAMES 3:16-18
- DAY 31- CHOOSE YOUR OWN VERSES

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

Psalms 119:18

Easter is coming!

Once again the Worship in the Arts committee will be selling plants to adorn our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Because we will not be set up in the Fellowship Hall to take orders, all orders will be done through



phone calls or email. Contact Daryl DeBano at 248 622 1154 or at dardebano@gmail.com or ochoanancyj@gmail.com if you wish to place an order. The number of flowers will be less than in past years.

We have 4 pink azaleas (\$26), 3 blue hydrangeas (\$28), 5 white Easter lilies (\$27), 4 daffodils(\$18), and 3 purple hyacinths (\$17) still available.

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 to 12 outside Fellowship Hall. You can drive up and we will bring them out to you.



Looking for.....

Ralph Reseigh is looking for a kitchen sink and faucet to install in Pastor Larry's basement. They will be able to use this as their kitchen is being renovated. If anyone has one that Ralph can install for about a month's use, please let him know. Call 248 -318-3736.





2021 Easter Baskets

Due to Covid-19, provideInc and LOUMC will not be hosting an Easter Basket assembly project. Instead - in partnership with My Covid Response, Lighthouse, and Kids Empowered - those who wish to help are invited to "adopt" a family and create Easter baskets - one for each of their family members. All volunteers would also be delivering their created Easter baskets to the homes of their "adopted family" - most families reside in Pontiac. Addresses and cell numbers provided.

If you would like to participate please visit:
kidsempoweredonthemove.org/families



Easter Basket supply donation suggestions

Note: we will be creating baskets for boys & girls of varying ages

CANDY AND TREATS:

- candy-filled plastic eggs
- Easter-themed candy
- fruit snacks
- fruit roll-ups
- Rice Krispie Treats
- suckers or lollipops
- gum



BOOKS AND ACTIVITIES:

- storybooks
- children's Bibles
- playing cards
- coloring books
- activity books
- notepads
- pens, pencils, erasers

PERSONAL ITEMS:

- barrettes and hair bands
- decorative shoelaces
- lip balm
- nail polish
- small toys
- wrist bands or bracelets
- sunglasses
- winter hats
- gloves



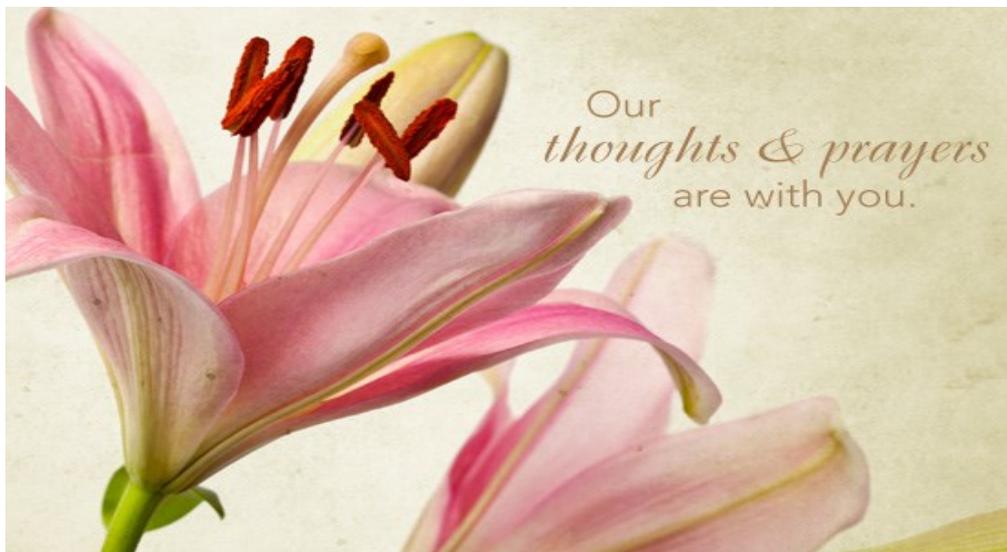
SNACKS:

- crackers
- chips
- nuts
- cheesy crackers
- squeeze applesauce

TOYS:

- bubbles
- small flashlights
- Play-Doh
- card games
- small stuffed animals
- sidewalk chalk





Our
thoughts & prayers
are with you.

***Our prayers and sympathy go out to all of
our families and friends who have
suffered losses.***

About People

Jyl Acker, Chloe Booth, Linda Carpenter, Kallie Charlton, Howard Daenzer, Sr., Shareen DiGasbarro, Paulie Egner, David and Linda Fairchild, Jan Heyse, Don Johnson, Janine Langedger, Joy Makedonsky, Joy Marker, Carol McCormick, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain, Jack Morrison, Patti Miechiels, Edward and Jennifer Naylor, Pamela and Leonard Nichols, Ron Nordquist, Don Northcote, Jill Remick, Sherry Reseigh, Garry Reynolds, Randy Riley, Barry Schwerin, Laurie Trafton, Roger Waite, Jim and Judy Wright, Kathy Young, Community Meals Family, LOUMC Family Members & Friends.

Prayer Chain: Kathy McMinn @ 248-770-8390 (text)
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We at **Lake Orion United Methodist Church (LOUMC)** are a diverse, inclusive, caring, and Christ-like community.

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 LIVESTREAM WORSHIP 10:00 AM
www.lakeorionumc.org

ELEVATOR available at the Slater Street entrance

OFFICE HOURS: Mondays – Thursdays: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
FRIDAYS: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Office Closed afternoons

LINK DEADLINE: March 15th for April 2021 LINK

Call the church office if you would like to be taken off the mailing list.

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In Like a Lion...

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Out Like a Lamb