

# ***The LINK May 2021***

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

**GIVE BLOOD**



**SAVE LIFE**

**WE  
NEED  
YOU!!!!**



***The next blood drive is:  
May 13, 2021  
Time: 1:30 pm – 7:30 pm***

***Where: Lake Orion United Methodist Church  
Sign up online at: [redcrossblood.org](http://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 email Kathy Castillo at [taxkat@comcast.net](mailto:taxkat@comcast.net) or call at 248-770-3215, including assistance with advance registrations as no walk-ins will be permitted.***

More details about the safety procedures is available at our website in Upcoming Events at  
<http://www.lakeorionumc.org/upcoming-events.html>



## Memorial Walk and Garden

In celebration of LOUMC's 140th Anniversary, a memory garden/walk was created. The memory walk includes engraved bricks that honor the memory of departed family and friends. The cost of each 8" x 4" brick is \$50, which includes the lettering (14 spaces/3 lines) and placement in the memory walk. Work on the garden/walk begins in early spring. Simply fill out the form and place cash or check (made out to LOUMC with "Memorial Brick" on the memo line) in an envelope. For multiple brick orders, please complete one grid section for each brick. One check may be written for multiple orders. *You may mail the form and payment OR drop it in the office mailbox at the Slater Street entrance (the office has the only key).* Orders will continue on an ongoing basis. *The first order will be submitted to the brick company on May 15th!* Thank you for supporting LOUMC's Memory Garden and Walk. Please contact Kathy McMinn (248-693-1895 or [kathymcminn@cavtel.net](mailto:kathymcminn@cavtel.net)) if you have any questions.

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*WOJO'S Greenhouse & Garden Center*  
and  
*Lake Orion United Methodist Church*

*FUNdraiser to support Blessings in a Brown Bag Lunch Program*

**Wednesday, May 5th and**  
**Wednesday, May 19th**



*Everything you need including trees and shrubs, annuals, perennials, vegetables, planters, roses, ornamental grasses and professional landscape design.*

*Fundraiser does not include purchase of gift cards.*

Mention **LAKE ORION CHURCH** at checkout for us to receive credit.



10% of your Total Sales will be donated.  
Visit one of the two locations:

*Wojo's*

2570 Oakwood, Ortonville 248-627-6498  
7360 E. Court Street, Davison 810-658-9221

# LOUMC Fellowship Team

Going all the way back to the days of the Joel Committee (2011?), we have talked about assembling a Fellowship Team. This team would plan fun events for our congregation, creating points of connection, and building relationships.

So on this (maybe?) 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Joel Committee - and at a time when the pandemic has created an even deeper need for connection and safe fellowship opportunities - we are looking for volunteers to serve on, and provide leadership to, an LOUMC Fellowship Team.

The immediate goal of the team would be to put together some outdoor events for later this spring and over the summer. Outdoor events are not only fun and informal, but they are also – in this stage of the pandemic – the safest way of gathering.

If you are interested in giving of your time and energy to this effort, please contact Gail Vettraino at 248-563-9075. Gail has graciously agreed to field your calls and help in the formative stages of this effort, but – since she is already Staff-Parish Chair – we are looking for others to provide leadership to the team once it is formed.

Please prayerfully consider becoming involved!



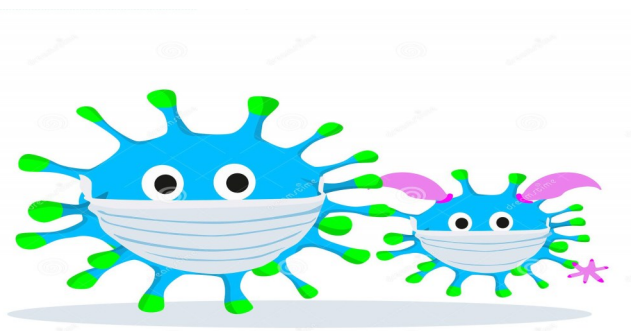
# **Worship Service Information**

## **In-Person Worship Update**

For now, we are holding off on setting any arbitrary dates for returning to in-person worship. As we have experienced our own COVID spike, so has the State of Michigan, and the variants of the virus have been able to elude even reasonably followed protocols. Our Bishop, Bishop Bard, has recommended what is hopefully one last burst of abundant caution before we can definitively declare the vaccines victorious over the virus. We are heartened to hear of so many of you being vaccinated, and encourage everyone, likewise, to do their part in the interests of mutual compassion and care.

The COVID/In-Person Worship team will continue to meet regularly, in tandem with the Church Council, to evaluate where we are and where we are headed. Any decisions or other pertinent information will be communicated to you through multiple means – the weekly all-church e-newsletter, as - needed mailings to those without technology, and the monthly LINK newsletter – as well as announcements during live-streamed worship on Sunday morning. If you have volunteered to be an usher or greeter, please know you will receive direct communication from an usher or greeter on the COVID/In-Person Worship team when those duties are to resume

One piece of good news is that we know how successfully to reboot in-person worship when the time comes. The teams are assembled and already have some experience under their belts. Please stay patient, and persevere in your personal faith as well as in your caring connections to one another. As you are able, continue to support LOUMC and our ministries together with your pocketbooks as well as your prayers. And know, deep in the marrow of your bones, that new, transformative life lies ahead, if only we have ears to hear, eyes to see, hearts to trust, and feet eager to follow.





## **LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WALK – LAKE/ORION AREA CROP WALK, THAT IS!**

*It's time to get your walking shoes on once again, for the 39th Annual Lake Orion/Oxford Area Crop Walk. This will be either a virtual walk or get your own shoes on and walk as we did last year.*

*Even in the middle of a global pandemic, the walk in 2020 was a huge success! A grand total of \$6,454 was raised by thirteen churches. I am proud to say that LOUMC raised \$2,564.00 of these funds. \$688,934 has been raised locally over 38 Years! Our goal this year is to raise at least \$2,500.00, so let's get going!*

**How can I help?** You can be a "Walker" by signing up online at [www.crophungerwalk.org/lakeorion](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lakeorion) to become a virtual walker and join our team at LOUMC.

*Please help us by recruiting people you know to join your team. If you would like an envelope to collect your funds, please contact me and I will provide you with one. You can just donate to the team by going online and selecting a walker under the LOUMC link. If you are unable to donate online, but would still like to contribute to the Walk, make out a check to **CWS/Crop** and either mail it to the church or drop it off in the outside, secured mailbox. Do not leave donations in the mail slots without dropping it down to the secure area.*

*You can go to our own church website: [www.loumc.org](http://www.loumc.org) to obtain critical information needed.*

### **Where do CROP Hunger funds go?**

*CROP Hunger Walks help to support the overall ministry of Church World Service, especially grassroots, hunger-fighting development efforts around the world. In addition, each local CROP Hunger Walk can choose to return up to 25% of the*





*funds it raised to hunger-fighting programs in its own community.*

*25% of the funds raised stay in our local community, divided between Oxford/Orion Fish and Love INC.*

*CROP Hunger Walks help to provide food and water, as well as resources that empower people to meet their own needs – from seeds and tools, to wells and water systems, to technical training and micro-enterprise loans. The key is people working together to identify their own development priorities, their strengths, and their needs, something CWS has learned through some 68 years of working in partnership around the world.*

*CWS provided several “buckets” to the Flint Water Crisis alone, and were the first to respond to many other disaster states during this past year.*

### ***What is the Deadline?***

*All funds need to be turned into our local Treasurer, Mary Mueller by July 1<sup>st</sup>, so **they need to reach the church office by June 29<sup>th</sup>.***

*I will do my best to keep you informed along this journey via church e-mails, possibly a CWS short clip on Sunday’s, or you may feel free to contact me at (248)321-5218.*

*Our church and community have responded in so many ways during this past year, which has been truly amazing, and I thank you and God thanks you!*

*Sandy Weaver,  
LOUMC Crop Walk Chairperson*



# MAY



## Weekly Scheduled Events:

**Sunday**  
10:00 Worship

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

**Tuesday**  
10:00 Disciple II class (120)

**Wednesday**

**Thursday**  
1:00 Genealogy Linda Matola  
(248) 390-5685 or lmat-lo@aol.com

**Friday**  
Office Closes at noon

**Saturday**





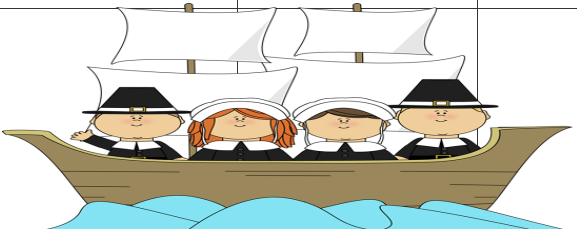
**Daily**  
08:00 PM-Narcotics Anon.  
(123/124)

Sun	Mon	Tue
2	3 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 4:30pm Pill Bottles 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	4 Disciple Class 10am
9 Mother's Day Drive thru flowers for all	10 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	11 Disciple Class 10am
16	17 Bible Study 10:30am Disciple Class ZOOM 7pm 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals	18 Disciple Class 10am
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30	31 5:30-6:30pm Community Meals 	



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	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	5 <i>Wojo Flower Fundraiser</i> 	6	7 <i>Office closes at noon on Fridays</i>	8
	12 <i>10 am Book Club</i> <i>NAMI Zoom Mtg</i> <i>To register:</i> <a href="mailto:desteffes@charter.net">desteffes@charter.net</a> Contact Bryan or Deb Thom for info bryan debthom@gmail.com	13 <i>Trustees</i> <i>SPRC</i>  <i>BLOOD DRIVE</i>	14	15
	19 <i>Wojo Flower Fundraiser</i> 	20 <i>Finance</i>	21	22
	26	27 <i>Church Council</i>	28	29
				

# *Thank You*



**Worship and the Arts would like to thank the following families for providing the potted flowers which made our Easter altar so beautiful. Thank you, Thank you!**

**The Schmidt family**

**The Keener family**

**The Reile family**

**The Culverhouse family**

**The Walters family**

**Bonnie Walker**

**The McMinn family**

**The Ochoa family**

**The DeBano family**

**Pat Parkin**

**The Gaskins family**

**The Ford family**

**The Northcote family**

**The Carney family**

**The Fairchild family**

**The Lavender family...in loving memory of**

**Michael "Mickey" Lavender.**

**We would also offer a special thank you to Jim Childers for his steadfast care of our palm trees throughout the year in readiness for Palm Sunday.**



# May Scripture Writing Plan



## Topic: Anxiety/Fear

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.

Day 1- Isaiah 41:8-10

Day 2- Matthew 11:25-27

Day 3- Matthew 11:28-30

Day 4- Philippians 4:6-7

Day 5- 1 Peter 5:6-7

Day 6- John 16:32-33

Day 7- 1 John 4:16-18

Day 8- Hebrews 13:5-6

Day 9- Romans 8:14-17

Day 10- Romans 8:18-19

Day 11- Psalm 62:1-4

Day 12- Psalm 62:5-8

Day 13- Isaiah 35:3-4

Day 14- Psalm 94:18-19

Day 15- Psalm 118:5-7

Day 16- Jeremiah 29:11-14

Day 17- Deuteronomy 31:6

Day 18- Psalm 56:1-4

Day 19- John 14:26-27

Day 20- Psalm 23:1-6

Day 21- Joshua 1:5-9

Day 22- Luke 12:22-26

Day 23- Luke 12:27-31

Day 24- Luke 12:32-34

Day 25- Psalm 55:22-23

Day 26- Psalm 46:1-3

Day 27- Mark 4:39-40

Day 28- Zephaniah 3:16-17

Day 29- Psalm 91:1-6

Day 30- Psalm 91: 7-12

Day 31- Psalm 91:13-16

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

Psalm 119:18

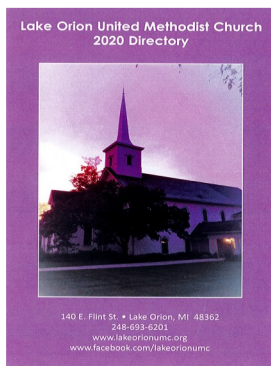


## **New Directory in the Works.....** **Is Your Contact Information Correct?**

*Did you know that next year our church will hold its 150 year anniversary? We hope that this new directory will help get in touch with folks as we begin our celebration planning. We are beginning to gather the information for the next Church Directory. **This Directory is NOT listed***

***online for your privacy, only a paper version is printed. Please let us know if there have been changes since the 2020 (purple cover) version that was printed. Did you move? Do you have a new email? New cell number? Cancelled your house phone? Take a few minutes and check out the copies of the Directory that are available at the east and west church entrances. If***

*everything is the same, we don't need to know any further info. If there are changes, please send an email to Pat at [LOUMC1@LakeOrionUMC.org](mailto:LOUMC1@LakeOrionUMC.org), or just drop a note in the Slater Street locked mailbox (the office has the only key to retrieve any mail and notes) for any corrections or changes. **Changes need to be completed by the middle of summer for a September publication that will go through 2022.***







*From the Nursery Director, Jeri Melton*

To my Dear Church Family;  
After 40 years I've retired and must say "good bye".  
I'm going to miss your wee ones, children, families, and many who stopped by to chat, and share their ups and down!

With appreciation to Gail Vettraino and the SPRC who gave me a surprise party and those who were able to attend, I thank you. You might have seen pictures in the April LINK—balloons, flowers and a mighty big album filled with photographs from over the years, cards, and letters from many.

To Gail, the SPRC and my different liaisons, I thank you! Now it's time for the future and new adventures!

*Sincerely,  
Jeri Melton.*



**CardMakers for Christ greeting card sale**—Cards are available for Mother's Day, Father's Day, graduation cards and Patriotic cards, Birthday, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of you, and note cards in the church office. \$2 each or 3 cards for \$5. Please stop by and check them out!





# In my thoughts and prayers

***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, Janine Langedger, Joy Makedonsky,  
Joyce Marker, Maxine McManus, Sandy McSwain,  
Jack Morrison, Patti Miechiels, Edward and Jennifer  
Naylor, Pamela and Leonard Nichols, Ron Nordquist,  
Don Northcote, 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 McMin [@ 248-770-8390](tel:248-770-8390) (text)  
[KathyMcMinn@cavtel.net](mailto:KathyMcMinn@cavtel.net)

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](http://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: May 15th for June 2021 LINK**

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

Phone: 248-693-6201, Email: [Loumc1@lakeorionumc.org](mailto:Loumc1@lakeorionumc.org)

[www.facebook.com/lakeorionumc](https://www.facebook.com/lakeorionumc)

[www.lakeorionumc.org](http://www.lakeorionumc.org)

*To assist the church in contact tracing in the event of a positive COVID-19 diagnosis of a person who has been in the church building, we are asking all visitors sign in AFTER they have reviewed the list of symptoms of coronavirus and assessed their risk of exposure to the virus in the previous 14 days. The sign-in sheet asks for name, phone number and email address. Even if your information is in the directory, please provide it on the sign-in sheet so we can quickly communicate information as necessary. **The sign-in sheet is located outside the Church Office.** Your cooperation is appreciated.*

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**Custodian**

Anthony Graffeo



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MISSED A SUNDAY?



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