



## The Beacon

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# From the Pastor’s Desk May 2026



On this Mother’s Day, we honor you—women whose lives reflect the quiet strength, steady grace, and enduring love that Scripture so often celebrates. The Bible paints pictures of faithfulness, beauty, and resilience, and in each of those images, we can see something of you.

You are like the lily of the valleys—pure in your intentions, gentle in your spirit, and steady in your love. Lilies stand bright even in low places, reminding us of the mothers who bring light into ordinary days, turning simple moments into sacred ones.

You are like the rose of Sharon—a symbol of beauty and devotion. Roses are known not only for their fragrance but also for their thorns, and how fitting that is for motherhood. You carry both tenderness and strength. You protect, you endure, and you love with a depth that reflects the heart of God. You are like the strong cedar mentioned throughout Scripture—rooted, unwavering, and dependable. Even when winds blow and seasons change, you remain a place of shelter. Your faith, your prayers, and your perseverance have shaped generations.

You are like the vine that bears fruit, as described in Psalm 128—nurturing life, cultivating growth, and pouring yourself out so others may flourish. Your sacrifices—often unseen—are seeds that God uses to bring forth blessing.

You are like the wildflowers of the field that Jesus spoke of—clothed by God with beauty that is effortless and natural. Even when you feel unnoticed, God sees you. Even when you feel weary, God sustains you. Even when you feel ordinary, God calls you wonderfully made.

Today, we celebrate every kind of mother—those raising children, those who have raised children, those who long to be mothers, those who mother through mentorship, compassion, and spiritual guidance. Your love reflects the very character of God: patient, kind, enduring, and full of hope.

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May you feel honored, cherished, and deeply appreciated. May God refresh your spirit the way rain renews a garden. And may you be reminded that your labor in the Lord is never in vain.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers. You are God's beautiful garden, blooming with purpose.

God bless you,  
Pastor Derek

## Ya's Healthy Way By Barbara Ann Burns

May brings us so many emotional desires. Elations that winter is over, joy for green grass, love for our mothers, and spring-cleaning fatigue.

Spring fatigue happens since we have eaten foods to sustain us through cold winter months. Now we are needing to super charge to start spring cleaning chores. Not possible if our spring cleaning doesn't begin with spring time foods (tonics). By cleaning our bodies first, we rebuild and gain strength so we can begin cleaning elsewhere.

The yard, the garage, the house, the barn, and prepping the garden all take time and energy. And, all of these projects need to be done all at once!

Yahweh did not create animals or humans first. He gave us grass and herbs. These spring time herbs help remove winter's heavy foods lingering inside us. He gave us a variety of herbs. Pick a few. Make teas, snip into salads or on sandwiches, broth, or soups. Enjoy feeling lighter, happier, and stronger.

Many are grown in the wild, yet many can grow in pots. Ramps (mostly wild), dandelions, chives, thyme, burdock root, and milk thistle to name a few. These all can winter over in your garage or basement. Great way to begin spring cleaning.

Make a pledge to help yourself be healthy by committing to one or two of these cleansing herbs this year. Study the plants' likes and dislikes, learn where they like to grow, types of soils, sunlight, and how much water.

Return to Genesis to note the "mist" which watered HIS garden.

Oh dear, I forgot my parsley on the kitchen table! Parsley is so refreshing – try some! Snip and chew. Yum.

If Yahweh made it, it must be good! Everything in its season. Enjoy!

**The next Natural Health Class with Barb Burns will be from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in the LCC Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, May 19, 2026.**



## Communication Cards

There's a new addition to the pew racks in the sanctuary—communication cards! Take a look at these sky blue and white bookmark-sized cards with LCC's logo at the top the next time you're at church. Space is provided to fill out your contact information, special requests, prayer requests, and/or questions you have. There are boxes you can check if you are interested in meeting with the pastor, joining a group, adding your name to the church mailing list, etc. Fill one out and put it in the collection plate or return it to the church office, and we will contact you!

## Vacation Bible School

LCC would like to hold Vacation Bible School this summer. Call Deb Cox (616.443.1848) if you're interested in being involved, or fill out a Communication Card (located in the pew racks) and place it in the collection plate.

## Giving Envelopes

If you would like envelopes for your weekly cash or check offerings, please let an usher, or the church office know. We'd be happy to give you a set for the year 2026.

## Altar Flowers

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex for those who would like to bring flowers to decorate the altar during Sunday service. Please indicate when you sign up if you would like to remember or honor a loved one or acknowledge a significant date. Your arrangements can be dropped off at church prior to the Sunday service or brought in on Sunday morning and placed on the altar.



## Volunteer(s) Needed

We are looking for someone to help find a Worship Leader, a musician to lead the congregation in song on Sunday mornings. If you have some time to help out, please contact the church office or write your name and contact information on a communication card and we will contact you with more information. Thanks in advance!



## Service Opportunities CHURCH BOARD 2026

Serving the church means actively using your unique gifts, talents, skills, and time to support the community, meet the needs of others, and reflect Christ’s love through actions. Lewiston Community Church offers many opportunities for service and participation in the work of the church. You are encouraged to consider how you can be the hands and feet of Jesus by serving.

The Church Board, under the leadership of Ted Cox, President, is made up of several committees seen in the chart below. Each one of these teams is vital to the ministry and outreach of the church. Please consider where you could be of service to our congregation and our community through the church.

Note that there is a contact person for each committee. Please contact that person (or call the church office) when you decide where you can be of service. You can choose more than one!

Thank you for your service!

### Church Board 2026

| Worship/<br>Sanctuary Team  | Spiritual Growth<br>Team  | Community<br>Outreach<br>Team  | Fellowship &<br>Hospitality<br>Team  | Electronic Media<br>Team  | Finance<br>Team   | Property<br>Management<br>Team   |
|---|---|--|--|---|---|--|
| <b>Chancel</b><br>-Candles<br>-Piano<br>-Altar Flowers<br>-Communion Set-up & Prep<br><br><b>Worship</b><br><br><b>Welcomer</b><br><br><b>Ushers</b><br><br><b>Worship Leader</b> | <b>Adult</b><br>-Bible Study<br>-Book Study<br>-Special courses<br>-Mentorship<br>-Library<br>-Prayer Team<br><br><b>Youth and Children</b><br>-Mentorship<br>-Sunday School - Youth Group<br><b>Other Events</b> | <b>Missions</b><br>-Operation Lost Sheep<br>Samaritan’s Purse<br>-Heifer Project<br>-Community Sharing<br><br><b>Community Garden</b><br><br><b>Special Events</b> | <b>Visitor Bags</b> - Name tags<br><br><b>Decorating</b><br><br><b>Coffee Hour</b><br><br><b>Funeral Meals</b><br><br><b>Special Meals &amp; Events</b><br><br><b>Kitchen Organization</b><br><br><b>Manage supplies for kitchen</b> | <b>Video</b><br><br><b>Sound</b><br><br><b>Worship Leader</b><br>-Music | <b>Budget</b><br><br><u>Personel/Salaries/Hiring</u><br><br><b>Herman Miller</b><br><br><b>Approve Requests from other Teams</b><br><br><b>Pay Bills</b><br><br><b>Money counters</b><br><br><b>Electronic Giving</b> | <b>Church Building/ Parsonage</b><br>-Recommend upgrades/repairs - Obtain Bids -Contact person for work<br><br><b>Security Grounds</b> |
| <b>LEADER</b><br>Nancy Render   | <b>LEADER</b><br>Maurice Evans  | <b>LEADER</b><br>Carol Clippard  | <b>LEADER</b><br>Berta Reinhardt   | <b>LEADER</b><br>Deb Larner   | <b>LEADER</b><br>Ted Cox  | <b>LEADER</b><br>Tom Clippard  |

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Worship/Sanctuary Team:</b>      | Nancy Render    | 231-499-7353 |
| <b>Spiritual Growth Team:</b>       | Maurice Evans   | 269-217-0455 |
| <b>Community Outreach Team:</b>     | Carol Clippard  | 248-321-8005 |
| <b>Fellowship/Hospitality Team:</b> | Berta Reinhardt | 989-350-2998 |
| <b>Electronic Media Team:</b>       | Deb Larner      | 517-202-3072 |
| <b>Finance Team:</b>                | Ted Cox         | 616-443-1917 |
| <b>Property Management Team:</b>    | Tom Clippard    | 248-321-8005 |

## More Service Opportunities

**Community Time:** Community Time is important to us at Lewiston Community Church. We welcome folks willing to help with set-up or clean-up following our coffee hour. We also welcome contributions of treats if you wish to do some cooking. A sign-up sheet is located in the foyer for Sundays. Other ways you can help are to donate a can of regular or decaf coffee or a box of your favorite tea. We also welcome donations to help defray the cost of cookies. Thank you so much for your assistance and we look forward to seeing you at Community Time!

**Ushers and Welcomers:** A sign-up is in the foyer. If you have questions about ushering, contact Joan Penrod. For questions about being a welcomer (welcoming & reading announcements at the start of service), contact Nancy Render.

## Prayer Team

We are a committed group of prayers who are privileged to lift any requests to the Lord. You can ask for confidential prayer requests by emailing [debfish33@hotmail.com](mailto:debfish33@hotmail.com). These requests will only be shared with the prayer team, and will be kept confidential. Or you can write down requests on the prayer list on the table just outside the sanctuary. These requests will be shared with the team, and also read during service. These requests are just for the week, unless you indicate that you would like continuous prayers by checking the box next to your request. Thinking about joining the prayer team? Call Deb Cox at 616.443.1848.

## Continuing Prayer Requests



Carol Tomson, Charles Cekala, Chris Armstrong, Estelle Paretti, Ginger Carsten, Jeannie Stouffer, Joe Tenbush, Joel Adamen, Laura Griffin, Lori Beaudoin, Neil Gallaway, Pat Bastien, Shelly Thompson, and Will Scott





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## Missions Quarterly Giving Schedule

**March** – Operation: Lost Sheep

**June** - Lewiston Community Sharing

**September** - Samaritan's Purse U.S. Disaster Relief and Global Mission

**December** - Operation Christmas Child and Heifer International

Please contact Carol Clippard for more information, comments, or questions regarding LCC's Outreach Opportunities. [cjclip1@gmail.com](mailto:cjclip1@gmail.com) or 248-321-8005

## Lewiston Community Sharing

**Lewiston Community Sharing is in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year, and going strong!**

**Free Store** 4615 Montmorency St. & **La Boutique** 4608 Montmorency St. are open on Wednesdays from 10 am-6 pm and Saturdays from 10am-1 pm

**Food Pantry** 2887 Kneeland Street is open 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays from 10 am-1 pm. For more information contact: Deb or Marty Sansone at 989-254-3324 (call or text).

Email: [lewistoncommunitysharing@gmail.com](mailto:lewistoncommunitysharing@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Lewiston Community Sharing  
Venmo account @ Community Sharing-5.

**Lewiston Community Sharing Wish Lists**

**Free Store:** boys sweatpants size 12 and up, and men's jeans or sweatpants size 29-32

**Food Pantry:** canned fruit, crackers, syrup, and oatmeal

*For your convenience there is a wooden box in the narthex for items you'd like to donate to Community Sharing.*

## Assistance Offered by LCC

### Hearing Assist

If you need to use a hearing assist during Sunday service, please ask an usher to get one for you.

### Care Team

If you need assistance with transportation to the doctor or other appointments, please contact the church office and assistance can be arranged.

**Lewiston Chamber of Commerce 2026 Events Preview**

**Lewiston Morel  
Mushroom Festival  
Saturday, May 9**

Hunts, Art Show, Farmer's  
Market & More  
Downtown Lewiston



**Cars & Coffee  
Mondays, 5 – 8pm  
May 18  
June 22  
July 20  
August 17  
September 21  
October 19**

Meet & park on Kneeland St.  
Contact Elizabeth 989.786.4712

**Lewiston Block Party  
Thursday, June 18 on  
Kneeland Street  
5:30 – 7:30pm**

Music by Duane Ball  
All businesses are  
welcome to showcase.  
Bring your lawn chair and  
relax during this family  
friendly event.

**35<sup>th</sup> Annual  
Lewiston Auto Show  
Saturday, June 20 &  
Sunday, June 21**

Downtown Lewiston  
Cruise, Classic Auto Show  
Dash Plaques, Raffle Baskets,  
Arts & Crafts, Music

**Independence Day  
Parade and Fireworks  
July 4**



**Timberfest 2026  
Friday, August 7 –  
Saturday, August 8  
Downtown Lewiston  
Celebrating 135 Years of  
Lewiston &  
250 Years of the USA**

**Summer Concert Series  
at 6pm at Lions Park**

July 2, Craig Soderburg  
July 16, Yankee Station  
July 30, TC Knuckleheads  
August 13, Dueling Pianos  
August 27, Max Lockwood

**Fall Fest  
October 3 & 4**



**Holiday Fest  
December 5 & 6**





## LCC Events & Lewiston Community Calendar

### WEEKLY EVENTS

AA

Bible Study, Philippians

Deadline for Bulletin Announcements

Ukuladies

Every Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8pm

Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30pm (begins May 6)

Thursdays at 10am

Thursdays at 1:30pm

### THIS MONTH

Holy Communion Service

Lewiston Morel Mushroom Festival

Mother's Day

Men's Lunch at the Iron Kettle

Blessing of the Jeeps at LCC

WOW (Widows or Widowers) Meeting, Lewiston Lodge

Cars & Coffee

Natural Health Class with Barb Burns

LCC Church Board Meeting

Deadline for May issue of The Beacon

**Sunday, May 3, 10am** Cinco de Mayo themed Coffee Hour following service

**Saturday, May 9**, hunts, art show, farmer's market

**Sunday, May 10**, 10am service & special Coffee Hour

**Monday, May 11 at noon**

**Saturday, May 16**, begins 10am, blessing at 11am

**Thursday, May 14 at 2pm**, Contact Donna at 989.370.0886 with any questions and to RSVP

**Monday, May 18, 5-8pm**, Kneeland Street  
Call Elizabeth 989.786.4712 for details

**Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 – 7:30pm**, Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, May 27, 10:30am**

**Tuesday, May 19 at 4pm**

*Happy Birthday*

CHRISTINE ST. GEORGE – May 3

BERTA REINHARDT – May 11

LILLIAN ELLIS – May 13

BETTY CLARK – May 18

JASON ARBOGAST – May 23

TOM MOULAR – May 24

JAY KIPINA – May 27

HAPPY  
*Anniversary*

DELL & MARCIA BOLSER – May 9, 1987

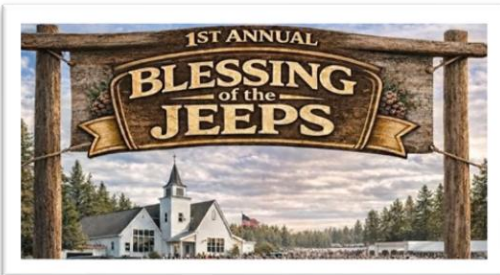
DEREK & DEANNA WHITACRE – May 10, 2013

*If we have missed celebrating your birthday or anniversary, please call or email the church office. We want everyone to be equally honored on their special day!*



## LCC Events for 2026

### Blessing of the Jeeps, Saturday, May 16



**Begins at 10am**

**Blessing at 11am**

Music by His Country

Food by Paddling Pig

FREE Family Friendly event

\$10 fee to show: People's Choice,

Spick-and-Span, & Rustiest.

Bring your friends and family!

## Vacation Bible School



## Men's Retreat at Grace Adventures

October 16 – 18, 2026, Mears, MI

Speaker: Bryan Marvel, Author of *Journey to the Cross*

Worship: TBD

<https://graceadventures.org/fall-mens-retreat/>

