

Newsletter 09.11.25

I am back from my spiritual renewal leave, and I am excited to continue working in ministry with all of you! I missed you all! It was wonderful to have a chance to work on some projects that the Spirit had called me to do and also plot and plan new ministry opportunities for our church.

While on leave working, I learned about a new concept called “body doubling.” It’s a pretty simple idea. People alone tend to putter and dither about. When you’re alone with no outside distractions, all the internal distractions are magnified. Your thoughts just go wherever they want to and you find yourself hopping from one project to another. The practice of “body doubling” tries to combat that.

How? By having someone nearby. In a school setting this could be a study buddy who sits with you in the library while you both work on homework. I personally went to public spaces to write and read. The idea being that having someone in the same space as you, even if they’re a stranger, makes you feel accountable to them. Plus, that small outside distraction allows you to focus and home in on what you’re trying to do.

And do you know what? As silly as it may sound, it worked. My most productive days were not when I was alone at home typing away, but when I was out in the world surrounded by people. Whether it was at the public library, the Meijer deli, or the zoo café, having people nearby helped me be able to do what I needed to do.

That got me thinking about how we view faith. In the Church we view faith as a deeply personal thing. Faith is about that one-on-one connection between you and God.

Don’t get me wrong, your personal connection to our Lord and Savior is incredibly important. Your personal faith journey is vital, and I pray every day that you grow closer to God. Yet our faith is not one of hermits and isolation. There’s a reason we gather together every Sunday. We need each other.

There’s a beautiful Gospel song by Hezekiah Walker called “I Need You to Survive.” Every verse ends with the line “*You are important to me, I need you to survive.*” The song is about how we need each other in our lives. Our siblings in Christ are there to help us when we are in trouble. They are there to hold us accountable. They are there to celebrate God sightings. They are there to grieve and pray with us. We need each other. We are not alone. God is with us always, and our church family is called to be with us as well. To body double with us on our faith journey as we follow our Savior.

Friends, I’m excited to be back with you and serving our Savior with you once again! I’m excited to see the next steps we take, and I know it will be together. We’re all in this together!

God Bless! Pastor Ed

New Sunday Worship Schedule beginning Sunday, September 28

Worship 9:30 AM

Fellowship 10:30 AM

Sunday School Classes 11 AM

Disciples and Dragons Youth Group Is meeting every other Sunday at 6:00 PM

Looking Ahead

Wedding Rehearsal – Friday, Sept. 12, 4:30 PM
Hamilton–VanOverberghe Wedding – Sat., Sept. 13, 5 PM
Mary Magdalene Mission Circle – Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 PM
Finance Committee Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 18, 10 AM
Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, Sept. 21, 6 PM
Bring Rummage – Monday, Sept. 22
Food Pantry – Tuesday, Sept. 23, 3-6 PM
Missions/Evangelism Meeting – Tuesday, Sept. 23, 6:30 PM
Ida Mission Circle – Wednesday, Sept. 24, 10 AM
Nominations Meeting – Thursday, Sept. 25, 6:30 PM
Euchre/Game Night – Saturday, Sept. 27, 6 PM
Worship Service Time Change – Sunday, Sept. 28, 9:30 AM
Preschool Board Meeting – Monday, Sept. 29, 12:15 PM
Rummage Sale Work Day – Wednesday, Oct. 1, 8:30 AM
Rummage/Bake Sale – Saturday, Oct. 4, 8:30 – 1 PM
Charge Conference – Saturday, Oct. 4,
9 – 10:30 AM, Clay UMC
Disciples & Dragons Youth Group – Sunday, Oct. 5, 6 PM
Lakeville Fall Festival – Saturday, Oct. 11
LaVille Fall Break – Oct. 16-20

Online giving is available for your convenience

Scan the QR code for the direct link.

Also, at lakevilleumc.org



TOPS Club meets at LUMC on Mondays, 4:00 PM, Room 206, use north east door.

Food Pantry Needs: vegetable oil, dishwashing soap, ketchup, box potatoes, boxed rice side dish, ranch dressing, pancake syrup, cake mixes, frosting, baking supplies, pancake mix

Food Pantry is open to anyone in the Union North school district as well as to our church family on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 3 – 6 PM

Thank you

Pastor Ed & LUMC

Thank you for the card! I appreciate being selected for the scholarship and am very grateful! –
Sam Sherk

Sunday Fellowship Time Refreshments Schedule

Sept. 14 Dixie Sept. 21 Martha Sept. 28 _____

Sign up at the bulletin board outside the kitchen door.

Sunday Kids Church Schedule

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