

## PROSPECT STREET JOURNAL

Reverend William McBride

JANUARY 2012



I came across this list of ten things today as I was contemplating my January newsletter article. Although the author has been known as an irreverent comedian at times, I like this top ten list of his. Take these as friendly suggestions for the start of your New Year.

Blessings  
Reverend Bill McBride

*Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.*

**HOW TO STAY YOUNG**

1. Throw out nonessential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctor worry about them. That is why you pay him/her.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. " An idle mind is the devil's work-

shop." And the devil's name is Alzheimer's.

4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath.
6. The tears happen. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life, is God & ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it's family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

**AND ALWAYS REMEMBER:**

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

If you don't send this to at least 8 people.... who cares?  
~George Carlin

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**COMFORT:**

I am comforted by the love of God and blessed with peace. Change is a part of life. Seasons change, children become adults, people enter and exit my life under both sad and happy circumstances. Every change brings a blessing, however easy or hard it may be to see at the time. Every change is a part of our life's journey as spiritual beings. If changes are stirring sadness in me, I open my heart to the peace and comfort of God. I am never alone, for God is with me through every change. The love of God guides me in difficult moments and rejoices with me in happy times. I greet change with an open heart and a willing spirit. I am not on my own. God is my comfort, and I am at peace.

*I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture.*

~-John 10:9



## EFFECTIVE STEWARDSHIP IN THE LAKE MILLS CHURCH FAMILY

### Applying Bible Principles

An oxymoron is the use of two terms which are contradictory in nature. “Jumbo shrimp” is an oxymoron. “Ferocious lamb” is another. “Dumb scholar” is yet another.

One of the saddest and most contradictory is the oxymoron, “Stingy Christian.” Because we have been redeemed through our faith in Christ, Christians should be the most generous of all people. We have been abundantly blessed of God, who has given us all things richly to enjoy (Rom. 8:32).

James 1:17 expresses this truth clearly: “Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”

Think about some of God’s good gifts:

God gives the seed (Gen. 1:11).

God gives the rain (Job 5:10).

God gives health (Jer. 30:17).

God gives life (Acts 17:25).

God gives strength (Isa. 40:29).

God gives riches (1 Chron. 29:12).

God gives grace (2 Cor. 12:9).

God gives eternal life (Rom. 6:23).

And God gives us money and the ability to get wealth. Solomon said that money is one of God’s gifts to people. The purpose for which He gives us money is stated clearly in Ecclesiastes 5:19 — for our enjoyment.

Some of us make that the primary reason for money. We major in pleasure and the things money can do for us. But there is another major purpose God gives us money, something that also can bring great pleasure: To give it back to Him.

That’s why of all the oxymorons in existence, “Stingy Christian” is the most contradictory. We who have been given the most from God should be the most generous people in the world.

As the tombstone in an old cemetery read, “What I spent, I had; what I saved, I lost; what I gave, I have.”

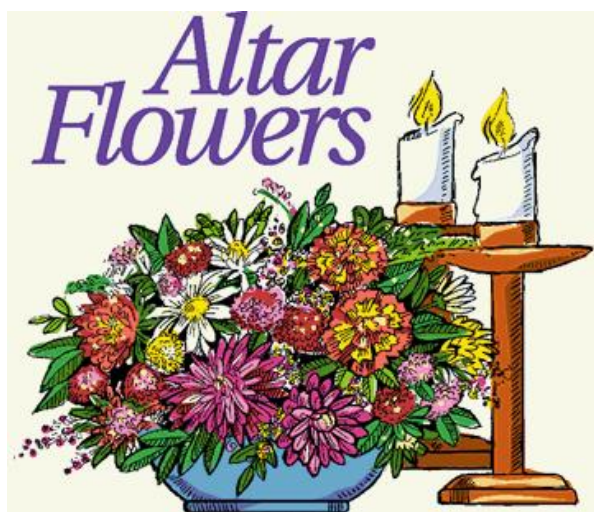
**God grants to people the ability to earn that  
which is His already: money and wealth.**

**“Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.  
In your hand are power and might;  
and it is in your hand to make great**



UMW is taking a break. There will be no formal meetings during the year 2012 for UMW. We will do a few of our traditional projects. Please watch the bulletin board and the newsletters for these.

December's meeting was cancelled. The next meeting for Church Council will be January 19th at 7:00 pm.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

**We appreciate all those who have donated flowers to decorate our altar area. Real flowers are always beautiful. However, many Sundays we are without any. We would like to beautify the altar every Sunday so the Worship Committee discussed having artificial arrangements for the seasons when real flowers are not present. We are looking for some people to create and donate 2 small arrangements in vases or baskets for the seasons of winter, spring, and summer. (Fall has already been donated). If you do not feel creative with flower arrangements, but would like to donate a few dollars toward one of these seasons, please drop it off in the office or give it to someone on the Worship Committee.**

~ Shari DeGolier



## Sermon Series

**“Turning Over a New Leaf:  
How to Begin Anew: (Jan 1-Jan22)**

**JAN 1** “A Time to Renew”

Genesis 1:1-5

Starting over brings new possibilities and promise and the important ingredient of hope. Without hope there would be no good reason to even try.

**JAN 8** “The Place of Renewal”

Psalm 73

The New Year calls us to renew. Without renewal, our lives feel long overdue. Renewal is really a matter of faith and then acting upon what we know to be true.

**JAN 15** “A Renewed Perspective”

John 3:1-10

How we see depends on where we stand and what we look at. When we see life from God's point of view and perspective, everything can be made new and alive again.

**JAN 22** “Renewal Through Living”

Romans 12:1-2

Renewal comes best when we live our way into a new way of thinking; about ourselves, about God and about each other.



Soldier Care Packages were sent in December to 4 of our service people. We had donations from Gallops, Audrey Nevermann and Arlene Hasley. The plan is to send packages again in February for Valentines Day.

We participated in the Community Meal in December. This is a very successful endeavor and we are happy to be part of it.

Coupons for the Military are being cut, sorted and counted. Please bring yours to church.

We honored Jeff and Sharon in church in December (please see the article on the opposite page).

Loose Coin offerings will be going to:  
 January — Support for Youth Get-Away  
 February — Madison Hospital Ministry  
 March — Discipleship Farm

Thanks to all who step up to help our missions. We are always looking for people to join our group on the second Tuesday of the even months at 7:00 pm.

Next June Tom Popp, Silvia Bond, and Kathee Jantzi will be taking a month long trip to the country of Malawi in southeastern Africa. They are going to work on a project that Tom helped to start in Karonga, Malawi, a project for orphans being operated by a Malawian non-profit organization called FOCUS. The project is called Restored Hope for Orphans and Vulnerable Children, and the majority of the children served by the project are orphaned because their parents died of AIDS.

Among the goals of FOCUS are these:

1. to inspire behavior change in all areas relating to HIV/AIDS
2. to improve nutrition and the economic status in vulnerable households as well as sanitation generally

Out of a population of 14 million almost one million people in Malawi are living with HIV/AIDS. It is the leading cause of death among adults in Malawi and is a major factor in the country's life expectancy of just 43 years.

Tom, Silvia, and Kathee will stay in Karonga and will work with FOCUS to support this project.

*Their African adventure has been in the making for five years, since Silvia was in confirmation and Tom was her mentor.*

Thank you to the Lake Mills United Methodist Church family for all your support. Your contributions will be used to support this orphans project. This opportunity would not be possible without you.

**To donate to this cause write your check to Lake Mills United Methodist but please mark "Malawi Mission" on your checks so it is credited to this mission.**



## SHARON & JEFF LUTHANEN,

They are probably best known for their work with the Youth of the church: They have been involved in the planning for Work Camp at the Henderson Settlement in Kentucky for 11 years. Sharon has gone on 5 of the mission trips and Jeff has gone on 2 trips; They have been Youth Leaders, organizing projects and programs and following through with the youth; They have taught confirmation classes and have

been mentors; Sharon has taught Sunday School.

Sharon has also been the Live Auctioneer for the PADA Auction.

They are both active members of the Adult Sunday School Class and have been for years.

Sharon and Jeff have both served on the Church Council many years. Jeff has served as the President of the Church Council.

Sharon is an active member of the United Methodist Women's Group and is their treasurer.

Sharon has served as Liturgist and also stepped in for Pastor Bill to give the morning message.

Jeff has served on the Building Committee and as Trustee.

.....and as their daughter states, they do all of these things "on top of many other things."



We congratulate Jeff and Sharon as our volunteers of the month. They were recently recognized and presented with certificates of appreciation during Sunday Worship.

**NOTE:** we are in need of several volunteers for Worship Services in January. Please check page 10 and sign up if you can help out!! Thanks so very much.



## LAKE MILLS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Attendance & Giving  
Statistics for Prior Month

Date	Sanctuary Worship	Fireside Worship	Sunday School	Nursery	General Fund Offering	Maint. Fund Offering	New Blg Fund Offering
<b>DEC 4</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5077</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>90</b>
<b>DEC 11</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2702</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>DEC 18</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8847</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>DEC 24</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>10,247</b> <small>(FROM 12/18 TO 12/24)</small>	<b>285</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>DEC 25</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>NA</b>	<b>1031</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>

Our Church Staff Members*Pastor*

Youth Director

Church Council President

Trustees Chair

Finance Chair

Education Chair

Treasurer

S.P.R.C.

UMW President

Choir Director

Organist

Nursery Coordinator

Custodian

Building Maintenance

Administrative Assistant

Teddy Bear Preschool Board Chair

*Rev. William McBride*

Beth Staniforth-Seamster

Sandy Whisler

Brad Rosecke

Dan Hornickel

Laura Wethall

Linda Roedl

Mark Hoggatt

(open)

Sandy Hastings

Marty Bollig

Christa Walter

Charles Hail

Jon Erb

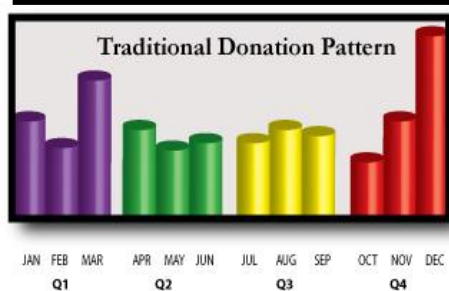
Connie Anderson

Lisa Thomas

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Lake Mills United Methodist Church  
**Budget vs Actual ytd**  
**December of Fiscal Year 2011**  
 Responsibility: All  
 Fund: 01 - General - checking

Major Group	December Actual	Year-to-date Actual	Annual Budget	Remaining Budget
<b>Income</b>				
01, Offerings	16,788.22	170,276.02		
02, Building Use	0.00	42,780.00		
03, Other Receipts	0.00	1,240.82		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>16,788.22</b>	<b>214,296.84</b>		
<b>Expense</b>				
01, Compensation	10,462.98	114,136.24	112,021.28	-2,114.96
02, Operational	712.43	19,861.68	16,693.00	-3,168.68
03, Conference Apportionment	0.00	8,044.00	29,964.00	21,920.00
04, Trustees	2,274.23	25,227.65	34,820.00	9,592.35
06, Education	217.47	2,875.89	2,300.00	-575.89
08, Music	-5,255.00	-4,678.51	300.00	4,978.51
09, Ministry	609.50	3,975.92	2,450.00	-1,525.92
13, Youth	24.13	810.13	750.00	-60.13
15, Other	0.00	111.98	0.00	-111.98
20, Teddy Bear Expense	3,028.44	30,418.60	39,189.00	8,770.40
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>12,074.18</b>	<b>200,783.58</b>	<b>238,487.28</b>	<b>37,703.70</b>
<b>Income Less Expense</b>	<b>4,714.04</b>	<b>13,513.26</b>		



### *Electronic giving reduces seasonal donation slump*

*ELECTRONIC GIVING*—Open your heart without opening your checkbook

**What are the advantages of electronic giving (direct debit)?** Convenience for you and consistency for the church. Electronic giving eliminates frequent check writing and helps members stay on track with pledges even when they are unable to attend services. The church in turn benefits from donation consistency and a reduction in the volume of check and cash contributions that must be handled and manually processed.

**How does it work?** Contributions are transferred automatically from your checking or savings to the church's accounts. You can even divide it between funds. It's still documented so that you receive the same tax information at the end of the year.

**When will my contribution be debited from my account?** It will occur on the date or dates that you specify.

**How are my contributions deducted or transferred?** First, you sign and return an authorization form to the church indicating the amount you wish to contribute on a regular basis. Contributions are then transferred through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) network—the same network already used by families to make mortgage and utility payments or to receive payroll earnings and Social Security income. Direct debit goes by other names such as Electronic Funds Transfer, automatic payment, or simply ACH.

**How will I keep track of my contributions?** Since your contribution is made at a pre-established time, you simply record it in your register on the appropriate date. (You can jot a reminder note on your household calendar through the end of the year!) Electronic transfers appear on your bank statements each month, as well.

**What can I use to prove I made contributions?** Your bank statement will show and itemized list of electronic transactions that can be used as proof of contributions and LMUMC will also track your contributions and provide you with a statement at the end of the year.

**Is giving electronically risky?** It is less risky than writing checks or carrying cash. To process electronic donations, the church uses Vanco Services, LLC – an established and highly regarded company that moves funds directly from church members to the church. Vanco processes contributions for more than 10,000 churches and non-profit organizations.

**How much does electronic giving cost?** It costs nothing and costs the church very little. It is the lowest cost method of transferring funds.

**What if I try electronic giving and I don't like it?** You can cancel your authorization at any time by notifying the church.

**This may sound silly but what do I put in the collection plate so people don't think I'm not contributing to the church?** Cards are available that say "I give electronically" You can pick them up when you come to service.

**How can I sign up for electronic giving?** Complete, sign and return an authorization form to the church office. They are available at the church office. You can also call the church office and a form can be mailed out to you.



Greetings,

We have had a busy December and are looking forward to an even busier January. In December, Wednesday nights were always busy during Drop-In. I was kept company by many Middle School students, some of whom brought their friends along to play hide-and-seek and the x-box Kinect. We held Youth Group for High School and Middle School students; during that time we discussed the season of Advent and made Christmas Cards for members of the congregation (see "thank you" below). We also held 2 movie nights during the week between Christmas and New Years-one for Middle School and one for High School. All in all, it has been a fun month with a lot going on.

**Mark Your Calendars!** From January 27<sup>th</sup>-January 29<sup>th</sup> all youth from grades 5-12 are invited to attend the Youth Retreat at Pine Lake Camp. The theme of the retreat is: iGod Am All Loving; we will be exploring God's love for us, as well as having fun with activities like ice skating, sledding and getting to know each other better. Please contact the church to sign up for the retreat or contact me with questions at [Elizabeth.staniforth@yahoo.com](mailto:Elizabeth.staniforth@yahoo.com) Go to our church youth page at [LakeMillsUMC.org](http://LakeMillsUMC.org) to download and complete the registration form. **Deadline is January 15th.**

*Thank you to everyone who bought Luminaries to support the Youth!*  
Beth

**P.S. - Beginning January 8th • High School Sunday School  
at 9:15 am in the Youth Room**

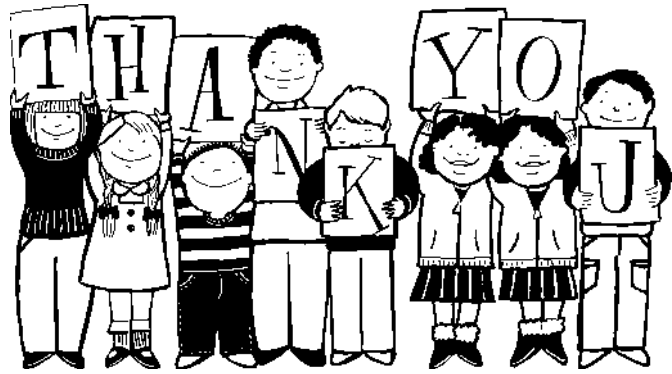
**Dear Beth and LMUMC Youth,**

**Kudos to you for your thoughtful Christmas greeting cards. Although I have been gone for over a year, I still consider the LMUMC to be my "church family". Having watched many of the teens now involved actually grow up in the church, I have many fond memories of them and their families. Thanks for taking me down Memory Lane as I read the cards I received. Keep up the good work.**

**Blessings,  
Norma Larson**

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

Kenzie Vanderheyden	b.1/1
Prestin Vanderheyden	b.1/1
Bailey Wallace	b.1/1
Billy Wallace	b.1/1
Jenna Fincutter	b.1/2
Rick Sapp	b.1/2
Ian Saylor	b.1/2
Dan & Robin Wolff	w.1/3
June Hawkes	b.1/4
Becky Meyer	b.1/4
Sasha Zekoff	b.1/4
Bud & Noel Lincks	w.1/5
Isabella Smith	b.1/7
Cliff Hagedorn III	b.1/10
Michelle Hagedorn	b.1/10
Connie Hesse	b.1/10
Gary Jacobson	b.1/10
Gerard Saylor	b.1/10
Justin Christian	b.1/11
Patty Hoggatt	b.1/11
Jonathan Christian	b.1/12
Greg & Connie Hesse	w.1/12
Taylor Streng	b.1/13
K.C. Hagedorn IV	b.1/14
Wendy Anderson	b.1/15
Donna Ludeman	b.1/17
Dick Whisler	b.1/17
Gregg Seljan	b.1/18
Heidi Jantzi	b.1/19
Jordan Littaritz	b.1/19
Alyson Steffan	b.1/20
Timothy Walton	b.1/20
Sam Bollig	b.1/21
Noah Mock	b.1/21
Hunter Buechel	b.1/22
Tom & Jane Byington	w.1/22
Margaret Gallup	b.1/22
Jason Lund	b.1/24
John & Mary Neupert	w.1/24
Cal Porter	b.1/25
Quentin Saylor	b.1/25
Jonathan Schroeder	b.1/26
Emily Lund	b.1/27
Laura & John Wethall	w.1/28
Jasmine Steigerwald	b.1/29
Bonnie Roglitz	b.1/30
Debbie Aumann	b.1/31
Ellen Luthanen	b.1/31



*To Everyone at the Methodist Church,  
Thank you for all of the food and monetary  
donations you have made to the Lake Mills  
Food Pantry this holiday season. We are  
so grateful for your continued support.  
Your gifts went to many needy families in  
our community and helped to insure a  
Merry Christmas to those in need.  
Sincerely, The Lake Mills Food Pantry*



*When the world says  
Give up.  
Hope whispers...  
Try it one more time*



DATE	JAN 4	JAN 8	JAN 15	JAN 22	JAN 29
FELLOWSHIP HOST	DeBoom family	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED	NEEDED
NURSERY	NEEDED Loretta McBride	Emily Hoggatt Loretta McBride	NEEDED Loretta McBride	NEEDED Loretta McBride	NEEDED Loretta McBride
WELCOME HOST	Dan & Martha Hornickel	The Schmidt/ Luthanen Family	Sandy & Dick Whisler	Bill Dierksmeier & Lois Kuhl	Kyle Dixon Charles Hail
USHER	John & Martha Pearson, Mary Neupert	Holly & Eric Swain Sarah Heussner	Kris & Christa Walter Lois Kuhl & Jon Erb	Chris & Debra Galstad Lois Kuhl	Ruth Deppe, Lois Kuhl & LeRoy Nelson
ACOLYTE	Davis Otto	Heidi Jantzi	<b>Schedule will be out shortly</b>		
LITURGIST	Stan Bond	Ellen Luthanen	Donna Ludeman	Mark Hoggatt	NEEDED
COMMUNION STEWARD	Jenny Litartz				

*Weekly reminders will be made by mail, email, or phone.  
 Fellowship Hosts, Ushers & Welcome Hosts: If unable to serve,  
 Please contact coordinator before noon Thursday.  
 Acolytes & Communion Stewards: If unable to serve, please find a  
 substitute & contact church office before noon on Wednesday.*

**WELCOME HOSTS:** Martha & Dan Hornickel (608-846-0855)  
**USHERS:** John Neupert (648-2264)  
**ACOLYTES:** Laura Wethall (648-8532)  
**LITURGISTS:** Donna Ludeman (648-3515)  
**COMMUNION STEWARDS:** Jenny Litartz (648-6563)



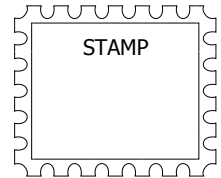
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 Communion Sunday 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 9:15 pm HS Sun Sch 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm BSA troop 148</p>	2	3	<p>4 9 am Reaching Out 3:30 pm Youth Drop In 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Confirmation</p>	5	6	7
<p>8 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 9:15 pm HS Sun Sch 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship</p>	9	10 6:30pm Interior Design	<p>11 9 am Reaching Out 3:30 pm Youth Drop In 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12 1:30 pm Prayer Shawl @ Trinity Pines 7:00 pm Trustees</p>	13	14
<p>15 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 9:15 pm HS Sun Sch 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm merit badge Bowling (Time TBD)</p>	16	17 7:00 pm Dartball	<p>18 9 am Reaching Out 3:30 pm Youth Drop In 7pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm Confirmation</p>	<p>19 6:00 pm Finance 7:00 pm Council</p>	20	21
<p>22 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 9:15 pm HS Sun Sch 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship 6:00pm BSA troop 148</p>	23	24	<p>25 9 am Reaching Out 3:30 pm Youth Drop In 7pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	26	27 5:00 pm Youth Retreat @ Pine Lake——>	28
<p>29 8am Fireside Worship 9am Sunday School 9:15 pm HS Sun Sch 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Worship Pine Lk Youth Retreat——&gt;</p>	30	31				



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**R**EMEMBER TO STUDY

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SERVE

**W**ITNESS AS DISCIPLES  
OF CHRIST

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**WE'RE ON THE WEB AT**

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**Email: [lmumc@wisconsinumc.org](mailto:lmumc@wisconsinumc.org)**

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**Pastors Cell Ph: (262) 370-6101**

**Parsonage: (920) 945-0107**

**Office Hours:**

Mon.— Closed

Tues. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Wed. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thurs. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fri. 8:00 am - 3:00 pm