



# Luther Community Newsletter

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## Library Hours

Monday	10:30am-6:00pm
Wednesday	10:30am-6:00pm
Thursday	2:00pm-6:00pm
Friday	10:30am-6:00pm
Saturday	10:30am-1:30pm

## AUGUST 2023

### Community Calendar

- Aug. 2 Luther Library Summer Reading Program Grand Finale, Luther Library, 2pm
- Aug. 2 Music at Purchase Pavilion, To Be Determined, 6pm
- Aug. 3 Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, 4-8pm
- Aug. 3 Fire Board Meeting, Fire Hall, 7pm
- Aug. 5 Tire and Electronic Collection, Recycle of Osceola County, 9am-noon
- Aug. 6 Lions Breakfast, Luther Club Lions, 8:30-10:30am
- Aug. 8 Luther Village Council Meeting, 6pm
- Aug. 8 Elk Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 9 Feeding America Food Truck, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 9-11am
- Aug. 9 Dover Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 9 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Karaoke w/ Jen, 6pm
- Aug. 10 Feeding America Food Truck, Lions Club Hall Parking Lot, 3pm or earlier
- Aug. 10 Library Board Meeting, 4:30pm
- Aug. 14 Sauble Township Board Meeting, 6pm
- Aug. 14 Ellsworth Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 15 Feeding America Food Truck, Reed City Church of the Nazarene, 4pm
- Aug. 15 Newkirk Township Board Meeting, 6pm
- Aug. 16 Food Bank, Fellowship Baptist Church in Luther, 10am-12noon
- Aug. 16 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Suzi & Friends, 6pm
- Aug. 17 Eden Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 17 Luther Days Association Meeting, Ellsworth Township Hall, 6:30pm
- Aug. 18 Feeding America Food Truck, St. Ann's Lake County Senior Center, Baldwin, 1pm
- Aug. 22 Feeding America Food Truck, Grace Lutheran Church, Baldwin, 11am
- Aug. 23 Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm
- Aug. 23 Lions Dinner, Luther Lions Club, 5-6:30pm
- Aug. 23 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Oak Grove Company Band, 6pm
- Aug. 23 Peacock Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Aug. 24 Feeding America Food Truck, Wexford Co. Civic Arena, Cadillac, 2pm
- Aug. 24 Ilyasah Shabazz, Mid-Michigan Idlewilders Event Center, Idlewild, 6-7:30pm
- Aug. 30 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Guitar Group, 6pm

**WEEKLY: Senior Citizens Center – Mon.-Thurs. – Salad 11am, Lunch 11:30am**

**Wednesdays – Bingo, 9:30am-11am**

**Edgetts Wesleyan Church – Fridays – Family Game Night, 6pm – When Finished**

**North Bar – Sundays – Queen of Hearts Drawing, 7pm**

**Bread of Life Food Pantry – Wednesdays – 11am-3pm**

## Library News

- The Annual Book Sale was held at the Library during Luther Days. This year we made \$812.73. A Special THANK YOU to Everyone who made this year's Book Sale so successful!!
- Library Board meeting Thursday, August 10, 2023, at the Library. All are welcome!!
- Yellow Trash Bags may be purchased at the Luther Library.
- This year's Summer Reading Program theme is **All Together Now**. Come join in the fun as we CELEBRATE our Heroes on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2pm. ! Music, Food, Games and much more!
- An **Adventure** is waiting for you just around the corner this summer!! The **Michigan Activity Pass Program** offers library cardholders **FREE** or **discounted** passes to hundreds of attractions and cultural destinations all over Michigan. Some destinations include museums, art exhibits, farms, gardens, lighthouses, and historical sites, just to name a few. All you need is a **library card** and go online to <http://michiganactivitypass.org> to reserve your pass today. Patrons can check out one pass, per library card, every 7 days. An Adventure can start today!!

## Luther Days Association

- Association will be having their monthly meeting on Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, at the Ellsworth Township Hall starting at 6:30pm. Anyone is Welcome!
- Queen of Hearts Drawing for Luther Days Association is held every Sunday at 7:00pm at North Bar. Tickets may be purchased at any time during the week.

## Luther Lions Club

- Luther Lions Club will host their Monthly Breakfast on August 6, from 8:30-10:30am. Adults \$10, children 6-12y/o \$5 and under the age of 6 are FREE.
- Feeding America Food Truck will arrive on August 10<sup>th</sup>. Line begins around 3pm or earlier.
- Lions Club Dinner will be held on August 23, from 5-6:30pm. Dinner TBD but includes entrée, dessert and non-alcoholic beverages. Adults \$12, children 6-12y/o \$6, and under the age of 6 are FREE.

## Luther Senior Center News

The Luther Senior Center will offer daily luncheons for seniors on Monday through Thursday. Salads are served at 11am with lunch starting at 11:30am. Please call Lorraine at 989-289-2023, a day in advance, and so enough food is made available for everyone. Bingo will be held on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11am until further notice. **Please note change: Meals are now being served on Mondays.**

## Lake County Dog Licenses

If you need to get a dog license and live in Lake County, it is now being done online. Visit [midoglicense.org/lake](http://midoglicense.org/lake) to obtain your dog license, today.

## Northern Michigan News

The Northern Michigan News is now available in a Blue Box in front of the Luther and LeRoy Post Offices, if you want your FREE copy.

## Downtown Baldwin Vision

The Village of Baldwin, thanks in part to an ARPA grant from Lake County, is in the process of creating a vision for the future of its downtown! The Baldwin DDA is inviting residents, visitors, area businesses – all stakeholders – to share input throughout the process – *What does downtown need? What changes would you like to see? What should stay just as it is?* To make it easy, Baldwin DDA has set up a Facebook page called LET'S TALK BALDWIN. Go check it out!

*“Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else’s shoes for a while.”*

–Malorie Black

### Osceola-Lake Conservation District Tire and Electronic Collection

The Osceola-Lake Conservation District is having a Tire and Electronic Collection on Saturday, August 5, 2023, from 9am to 12 noon at **Recycle of Osceola County** on 531 E. Lincoln Ave. in Reed City

#### **Tires:**

For NO CHARGE:

Passenger tires on or off the rim

- Limit to ten (10) tires, please
- Semi tires - \$15 each
- No tires over 12" wide
- No tires over 4 feet tall
- Tires must be dry and free of debris

#### **Electronics:**

For NO CHARGE: Office and household electronics

Items with a cord (TV's, computers, monitors, keyboards, microwaves, phones, stereos, game systems, printers, etc.)

- No units containing Freon
- No large appliances (refrigerators, washers, etc.)

For additional information call 231-465-8012 or email [mark.sweppenheiser@macd.org](mailto:mark.sweppenheiser@macd.org).

### Clean Sweep and Household Hazardous Waste Disposal in Lake, Mecosta & Osceola Counties

- Disposal of Hazardous Waste is Thursday, August 3, 2023, from 4pm to 8pm. Locations are available in Mecosta and Osceola Counties. In Osceola County, it will be at the Road Commission South Facility at 4737 Makwa Dr., Hersey. In Mecosta County, it will be at the Mecosta County Fairgrounds at 540 West Ave., Big Rapids. For more information, please visit the Mecosta/Osceola-Lake Conservation District website at [www.mecostaed.org/hazardous-waste-collection](http://www.mecostaed.org/hazardous-waste-collection). A brochure is available for download with more specifics at their website and Luther Library.
- Last year, 37,434 pounds of household hazardous waste in the three counties, from 631 households was collected. If you would like to volunteer, call 231-796-0909, ext. 3.

### Edgetts Wesleyan Church

- Edgetts Wesleyan Church is giving out a truck load of food! A Feeding America food truck will be coming to the church on August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12noon. **Please note the time difference from the food pantry time.** For more information call 231-797-5124.
- Handful of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, August 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 9am – 11am. **Please note the different times.**
- Family Game Night every Friday starting at 6pm until finished

### Feeding America West Michigan Food Trucks

- Edgetts Wesleyan Church (Drive Thru) – Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 10am  
3446 Raymond Rd., Luther, MI 49656
- Luther Lions Club (Drive Thru) – Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 3pm  
1003 N. State Rd., Luther, MI 49656
- Reed City Church of the Nazarene (Walk Up) – Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 5pm  
5300 220<sup>th</sup> Ave., Reed City, MI 49677
- Seniors Only, Lake County Meals (Drive Thru) – Friday, August 18, 2023 at 1pm  
St. Ann's Lake County Senior Center  
690 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Baldwin, MI 49304
- Grace Lutheran Church (Drive Thru) – Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 11am  
8636 M-37 South, Baldwin, MI 49304  
**(NOTE: Change of address during the warmer months is at the Church)**
- Cadillac/Feeding America WM at Wexford Co. Civic Arena – Thursday, August 24, 2023 at 2pm  
1320 N. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601

### **Fellowship Baptist Church**

- The Fellowship Baptist Church has a monthly Food Bank on August 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12noon. For more information call the Church at 231-797-5281 and leave a message.

### **Lake County Area Churches Charities, Bread of Life Food Pantry**

The Lake County Area Churches Charities, Bread of Life Food Pantry at 740 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., in Baldwin, is open every Wednesday from 11am-3pm. For more information call (231) 287-4869 and leave a message.

### **Mid-Michigan Idlewilders Event Center**

The Fremont Area Community Foundation is excited to present **Dr. Ilyasah Shabazz** at the Mid-Michigan Idlewilders Event Center, on Thursday, August 24, from 6-7:30pm. The Event Center is located at 19 Joy, in Idlewild, Michigan. While Ilyasah is frequently asked to speak about the legacy of Malcolm X, her father, she shares that it is her mother, Dr. Betty Shabazz's wisdom, courage, and compassion that guides her. Join Dr. Shabazz, on August 24, as she shares her journey and her new book: "***Growing Up X.***"

### **988 Crisis Line Helping Michigan Residents provided by MDHHS**

Michiganders in crisis now have an easy-to-remember three-digit number to call for help – 988. Michigan has joined the nation in transitioning to the 988-dialing code, which will operate through the existing National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's network of more than 200 locally operated and funded crisis centers across the country.

Anyone with these concerns can call:

- Mental health-related distress
- Thoughts of suicide
- Substance use crisis
- Emotional distress
- There are specialized services available for veterans, LGBTQ individuals and other groups.
- People who are worried about a loved one who may need support also can help.

The 988-dialing code does not replace the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline or other locally operated crisis lines. Instead, it serves as a universal entry point to connect individuals in need to trained crisis counselors who can help.

For more information, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/keep-mi-healthy/mentalhealth/crisis-and-access-line>.

### **FREE COVID-19 Tests from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services**

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has procured a limited number of COVID-19 at-home (Over the counter/self-test) tests to partner with agencies who can assist in increasing access to COVID-19 testing resources. This program aims to increase access to free COVID-19 testing resources for individuals, families and communities who may otherwise struggle with access to healthcare resources, be hesitant to visit a COVID-19 testing location or may lack the funds necessary to purchase at-home test kits for themselves or their families. The **Luther Area Public Library** is one of those agencies.

*That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet. – Jhumpa Lahiri*

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MONDAY 08/07/23	TUESDAY 08/08/23	WEDNESDAY 08/09/23	THURSDAY 08/10/23	FRIDAY 08/11/23
CHICKEN STRIPS AUGRATIN POT CHALET BLEND MUFFIN PINEAPPLE	GOULASH MALIBU BLEND GARLIC TOAST PEARS	MEATLOAF MASHED POT/GRAVY SQUASH WHEAT BREAD PEACHES	FISH WICH W/BUN MAC & CHEESE STEWED TOMATOES ORANGE CREAM CAKE	CLOSED
MONDAY 08/14/23	TUESDAY 08/15/23	WEDNESDAY 08/16/23	THURSDAY 08/17/23	FRIDAY 08/18/23
HAM & SWISS SANDWICH HASH BROWNS COLE SLAW PEACHES	CHICKEN W/ALFREDO SAUCE & CNOCCHI BRUSSELL SPROUTS WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT	LASAGNA W MEAT&SAUCE MIXED VEGETABLES GARLIC BISCUIT PEARS	CHICKEN ENCHLADAS W/SAUCE GREEN BEANS COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 08/21/23	TUESDAY 08/22/23	WEDNESDAY 08/23/23	THURSDAY 08/24/23	FRIDAY 08/25/23
SLOPPY JOES W/BUN FRIES COELSLAW PEACHES	CHICKEN W/WHITE MUSHROOM SAUCE MASHED POTATOES CARROTS MIXED FRUIT	SWEDISH MEATBALLS OVER NOODLES/GRAVY MIXED VEGIES WHEAT BREAD PEARS	HAMBURGERS W/BUN POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS CHOCOLATE CAKE	CLOSED
MONDAY 08/28/23	TUESDAY 08/29/23	WEDNESDAY 08/30/23	THURSDAY 08/31/23	FRIDAY 09/01/23
CHILI CHEESE DOG W/BUN HASH BROWNS BAKED BEANS PEACHES	BAKED FISH SCALLOPED POTATO GREEN BEANS WHEAT BREAD PEARS	PORK LOIN BABY BAKER POTATOES PEAS & CARROTS WHEAT BREAD MANDARIN ORANGES	BEEF SLIDERS W/BUN. MAC & CHEESE STEWED TOMATOES COOKIES	CLOSED
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				CLOSED

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