

**Edgetts Wesleyan Church – Fridays – Family Game Night, 6pm – When Finished
Bread of Life Food Pantry – Wednesdays – 11am-3pm**

Library News

- It's Dinovember at the library!! Stop in and participate in some FUN dinosaur related activities all month long.
- Former Luther resident, and author, Vincent Moyet is returning to town. He would LOVE to read to you from his new book, *RHYMING MICHIGAN*. Rescheduled for Saturday, November 4th, at 1pm with Meet & Greet, along with a Book Signing to follow. Hope to see you here!!
- Monthly Board meeting, Thursday, November 9th at 4:30pm. Public always welcome!!
- This month's FREE **Cinema Saturday** movie will be announced at a later date. Pop & Snacks will be available starting at 2pm, on November 18. Movies are funded by a grant from the Lake County Community Foundation.
- The Special *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* Story Hour continues on Wednesdays at 4pm, until the book is finished. Each week a new chapter from the book will be read out loud, followed by a special craft or activity. The story continues.

Luther Days Association

Come join us on November 11, 2023, in beautiful downtown Luther, for the **15th Annual "Tailgate" Chili Cook-Off**.

Cooking BEGINS @ 10:00 AM

Tasting BEGINS @ 1:00 PM

There is a \$20.00 entry fee to be paid at the time of sign-up.

To register, contact Melanie on Facebook or text @ 231-388-1082

Contestants check-in at the Ellsworth Township Hall.

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE PRIZES FOR BEST TASTING CHILI
SPECIAL PRIZES FOR MOST CREATIVE USE OF THE THEME

What you will need:

1. Everything to make at least 6-8 gallons of chili on your tailgate or street.
2. You will need to bring your own handwashing station.
3. Extra cooking and serving utensils. Meat thermometer for your Station.
4. List of ingredients. If you have wild game, please make everyone AWARE.
5. Theme decorations for your space. (Optional)
6. Bring your own overhead protection. (Ex. Easy up pop-up canopy)

Theme: **"VETERANS/MILITARY APPRECIATION"** Get creative and show your APPRECIATION!!

Luther Senior Center News

The Luther Senior Center is offering **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, so enough food for everyone will be provided. Menu attached.

***"The soul that gives thanks can find comfort in everything;
the soul that complains can find comfort in nothing."***

-Hannah Whitall Smith

Luther Lions Club

- The Luther Lions will host their monthly Breakfast on Sunday, November 5, from 8:30-10:30am. Adults \$10, children 6-12 yrs. \$5 and under the age of 5 are FREE. .
- Feeding America Food Truck will arrive on Thursday, November 9. Line begins at 3pm or earlier
- The Luther Lions Club is having a Craft Show on Saturday, November 11, from 10am to 4pm. Jewelry, Clothing, Crafts, Bake Sale and More. To sell at the show call Lynn Wert at 231-388-1769 or Jeanne Jarlock at 989-297-1987.
- The Hunter's Dinner will be held on Sunday, November 12, from 5-6:30pm. Dinner includes, Pork Loin, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, California Vegetables, and Applesauce. Includes coffee, or tea, or lemonade, or water. Dessert included. Dinner: \$12 for adults, children 6-12 is \$6 and under 5 FREE.

The Rustic Lily's Winter Giving Tree

If you, or your loved ones, are in need of warm gear, please visit the Winter Giving Tree outside The Rustic Lily at 201 State Street, in Luther (connected to the Lake-Osceola State Bank). Please only take what you need. If you have gently used items and would like to donate, reach out to Michelle at 231-388-2760. Let's keep everyone warm this season!!

Luther Church of Christ

Fudge will go on sale at the Lake Osceola State Bank – Luther Branch, Monday, November 20. Flavors include Chocolate, Chocolate with Walnuts, and Plain Peanut Butter for \$8. All proceeds to benefit the Luther Church of Christ.

Osceola-La County Toys for Tots

- The Osceola-Lake County Toys for Tots are collecting new, unopened toys. If you would like to donate drop boxes are located at most area businesses.
- If you would like help with Christmas gifts, register online by going at www.baldwin-mi.toysfortots.org from October 1 until December 11, with no one approved until December 11, 2023. Please bring a birth certificate for each child. If you have a child that you do not have a birth certificate for, you will need custody, placement, or DHS papers that have the child's name, birthdate, and your name on the paperwork. Something proving the child is placed with you. You will need a Current ID or Utility Bill to prove your Residency. Distribution will be December 16 at the Duane E. Dewey Amvets Post, 1959 W. 24th St., Baldwin, Michigan, from 10am to 9pm. For more information call Melody Newell, Coordinator, at 231-468-8409, or Karie Robinson, Assistant Coordinator, at 231-349-3151.

Edgetts Wesleyan Church

- Handful of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, November 8th and 22nd, from 9am – 11am.
Please note the different time from Feeding America Food Truck.
- No Food Truck during winter months.
- Family Game Night every Friday starting at 6pm until finished

Feeding America West Michigan Food Trucks

- Reed City Church of the Nazarene (Drive Thru) – Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5pm
5300 220th Ave., Reed City, MI 49677
- Luther Lions Club (Drive Thru) – Thursday, November 9, 2023 at 3pm
1003 N. State Rd., Luther, MI 49656
- Seniors Only, Lake County Meals (Drive Thru) – Friday, November 17, 2023 at 1pm
St. Ann's Lake County Senior Center
690 9th Street, Baldwin, MI 49304
- Cadillac/Feeding America WM at Wexford Co. Civic Arena – Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 2pm
1320 N. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601

Fellowship Baptist Church

- The Fellowship Baptist Church has a monthly Food Bank on November 15th, from 10am-12noon. For more information call the Church at 231-797-5281 and leave a message.

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!

Lake County Area Churches Charities, Bread of Life Food Pantry

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

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 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.

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>.

***"I will forever remain humble because I know I could have less.
I will always be grateful because I know I've had less."***

— Unknown

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