

Luther Community Newsletter



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Library Winter Hours
Monday 10:30am-6:00pm
Wednesday 10:30am-6:00pm
Friday 10:30am-6:00pm
Saturday 10:30am-1:30pm

DECEMBER 2023

Community Calendar

- Dec. 3 Lions Breakfast featuring SANTA and his Helper, Luther Lions Club, 8:30-10:30am
Dec. 4 **National Cookie Day**
Dec. 7 **Happy Hanukkah**
-Dec. 15
Dec. 7 Fire Board Meeting, Fire Hall, 7pm
Dec. 9 Luther Lions Club Christmas Social, 7-10pm
Dec. 11 Sauble Township Board Meeting, 6pm
Dec. 11 Ellsworth Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Dec. 12 Feeding America Food Truck, Lake Township Fire Hall, Baldwin, 11am
Dec. 12 Luther Village Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Dec. 12 Elk Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Dec. 13 Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 9-11am
Dec. 13 Dover Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Dec. 14 Library Board Meeting, Luther Library, 4:30pm
Dec. 15 Feeding America Food Truck, St. Ann’s Lake County Senior Center, Baldwin, 1pm
Dec. 19 Newkirk Township Board Meeting, 6pm
Dec. 20 Peacock Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Dec. 21 **First Day of Winter**
Dec. 20 Fellowship Baptist Church Food Pantry, 10am-12noon
Dec. 21 Feeding America Food Truck, Luther Lions Club Hall, 3pm
Dec. 21 Eden Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Dec. 25 **Merry Christmas**
-Jan. 6
Dec. 25 Luther Library Closed for all Holidays
Dec. 26 **Happy Kwanzaa**
-Jan. 1
Dec. 27 Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 9-11am
Dec. 28 Feeding America Food Truck, Wexford Co. Civic Arena, Cadillac, 2pm
Jan. 1 **Happy New Year**
Jan. 1 Luther Library Closed for New Year’s Day

WEEKLY: **Senior Citizens Center** – Mon.-Thurs. – Salad 11am, Lunch 11:30
Wednesdays – Bingo 9:30am-11am
North Bar – Sundays – Queen of Hearts Drawing at 7pm
Edgetts Wesleyan Church – Fridays – Family Game Night, 6pm – When Finished
Bread of Life Food Pantry – Wednesdays – 11am-3pm

Please note, this Community Newsletter is accurate to the best of our ability and knowledge.

Library News

- Yellow Trash Bags may be purchased at the Luther Library.
- Free COVID-19 Tests from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services are available at the Library.
- Monthly Board meeting, Thursday, December 14th, at 4:30pm. Public always welcome!!
- The Library will be closed December 25th for the three holidays, and January 1st in observance of the New Year.
- Come to the library every day in December and hunt for Crystal, our Elf on the Shelf. Find Crystal and write down your name, the Title of the book she is reading that day, and the date. Each day's entry will go into a drawing. Come into the library often to increase your chances of winning a prize as she will be reading a different book each day.
- Many other activities are also planned throughout the month. Stop by the library to check things out!!
- The Special *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* Story Hour continues on Wednesdays at 4pm, until the book is finished, which should be later this month. Each week a new chapter from the book will be read out loud, followed by a special craft or activity. The regular Story Hour will start back up in January.
- Our Hotspot Grant will end December 31, 2023; however, we are planning on continuing with some of our Hotspots. With a library card in good standing, you are able to check out a Hotspot for 3 weeks. If you would be interested in sponsoring the service for one of our devices, please contact the library. It will cost \$39.99 per month, per Hotspot.
- Do you know about **Libby**? Libby is a free app that allows you to borrow e-books, magazines, and audiobooks. With a library card in good standing, items may be read through an internet browser or downloaded onto a computer or digital device (Kindles, iPads, smartphones, etc.) Come to the library to get started today!

Luther Lions Club News

- The Luther Lions will host their monthly Breakfast on Sunday, December 3, from 8:30-10:30am. Adults \$10, children 6-12 yrs. \$5 and under the age of 5 are FREE. This year SANTA AND HIS HELPER will be stopping by to visit with the children. Hope to see all the children there!
- The Luther Lions will be holding a Christmas Social on Saturday, December 9, from 7-10pm. Live DJ, dancing, hors d'oeuvres, light desserts, BYOB. Cost is \$10 per person. THIS IS OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY. ADULTS ONLY. Dress: Christmas casual.
- Feeding America Food Truck will arrive on Thursday, December 21st. Line begins at 3pm or earlier.
- LIONS CLUB OF LUTHER IS COLLECTING CANNED GOODS AND NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE FOOD PANTRY IN BALDWIN. Food items may be dropped off in the lobby of the Lions Club when opened. Thanking you in advance of your help.

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.

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

*“A cookie a day keeps the sadness away.
An entire jar of cookies a day brings it back.”*

—Anonymous

Lake Osceola State Bank

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

Edgetts Wesleyan Church

- Handful of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, December 13th and 27nd, from 9am – 11am.
Please note the different time from Feeding America Food Truck.
- No Feeding America Food Truck during winter months.
- Family Game Night every Friday starting at 6pm until finished

Feeding America West Michigan Food Trucks

- Seniors Only, Lake County Meals (Drive Thru) – Friday, December 15, 2023 at 1pm
St. Ann's Lake County Senior Center
690 9th Street, Baldwin, MI 49304
- Luther Lions Club (Drive Thru) – Thursday, December 21, 2023 at 3pm
1003 N. State Rd., Luther, MI 49656
- Lake Township Fire Hall (Drive Thru)/Grace Lutheran Church – Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 11am
15580 South Star Lake Drive, Baldwin, MI 49304
- Feeding America West Michigan at Wexford Co. Civic Arena – Thursday, December 28, 2023 at 2pm
1320 N. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601

Fellowship Baptist Church

- The Fellowship Baptist Church has a monthly Food Bank on December 20, 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. 9th St., in Baldwin, is open every Wednesday from 11am-3pm. For more information call (231) 287-4869 and leave a message.

Luther United Methodist Church

The Luther United Methodist Church will be holding a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5pm, December 24. Everyone is invited.

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.

*“A lot of people like snow. I find it to be
an unnecessary freezing of water.”*

–Carl Reiner

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>.

*"There always were two ways to live in a world
that is often dark and full of tears.*

*We can curse the darkness or we can light a light,
and as the Chassidim say, a little light drives out much darkness.
May we all help light up the world."*

–Rabbi Jonathan Sacks z"l

*"Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the
light of love to those who need it most."*

–Ruth Carter Stapleton

*"If you want to go quickly, go alone.
If you want to go far, go together."*

–African Proverb

DECEMBER 2023

MONDAY 12/04/23	TUESDAY 12/05/23	WEDNESDAY 12/06/23	THURSDAY 12/07/23	FRIDAY
SAUSAGE GRAVY BISCUIT/EGGS CHICKEN WINGS HASHBROWN BAKED BEANS FRUIT SALAD	SPAGHETTI W/SAUCE MEATBALLS VENETIAN BLEND GARLIC BISCUIT PEACHES	BAKED HAM SWEET POTATO SPINACH CORNBREAD PINEAPPLE	TURKEY & SWISS ON RYE PASTA SALAD MUFFIN/COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 12/11/23	TUESDAY 12/12/23	WEDNESDAY 12/13/23	THURSDAY 12/14/23	FRIDAY
CHICKEN STRIPS AUGRATN POTATO CHALET BLEND MUFFIN/PINEAPPLE	GOULASH MALIBU BLEND GARLIC TOAST PEARS	FISH STICKS MAC & CHEESE STEWED TOMATOES PEACHES	CHRISTMAS DINNER AT ST ANNS IN BALDWIN	CLOSED
MONDAY 12/18/23	TUESDAY 12/19/23	WEDNESDAY 12/13/23	THURSDAY 12/14/23	FRIDAY
MEATBALL SUB SANDWICH HASH BROWNS COLESLAW PEACHES	CHEICKEN ALFREDO OVER NOODLES BRUSSELL SPROUTS MIXED FRUIT	CHICKEN CORDON BLEU MASHED POTATO PEAS WHEAT BREAD PEARS	CHICKEN ENCHILADAS W/ SAUCE GREEN BEANS COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 12/25/23	TUESDAY 12/26/23	WEDNESDAY 12/27/23	THURSDAY 12/28/23	FRIDAY
Closed CHRISTMAS	SLOPPY JOES W/BUN FRIES COLESLAW PEACHES	PORK LOIN BABY BAKERS PEAS & CARROTS WHEAT BREAD MANDARIN ORANGE	HAMBURGERS POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS CAKE	CLOSED
MONDAY 01/01/24	TUESDAY 01/02/24	WEDNESDAY 01/03/24	THURSDAY 01/24/23	FRIDAY
				CLOSED

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