



Lake City Union Church
February Newsletter

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Lake City Union Church is to praise and uplift God in all that we do.

From Pastor Randy

“In this is love; not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins”

(1 John 4:10)

Defining Love

This is one time of the year when love and those we love seem to receive more of our attention. It might be something as simple as saying, “I love you”, or buying a card or gift. You might even go so far as to spend 6 month’s salary on something very expensive! (Jewelry stores are counting on some people doing this!)

How do we begin to define love? Try as we might with letters, words, gifts, or songs, it is still never quite complete. We can never have the final word. With each time we say, “I love you”, we know this is an unending process of expressing our love. We find each day that love requires something new because it continues to grow.

Maybe the definition begins with remembering how it started. One of my favorite questions to ask a couple, especially if they have been together many years, is: “How did you meet?” The response quite often tells a lot about what brought them together and strengthened their love. It also gives a glimpse of what allows love to grow.

In John’s first letter, we read that the beginning of love is not that we loved God, but that God loved each of us enough to fill our deepest need through the giving of his Son. This might be the very definition we seek. May our Lord continue to bless the Church as we grow in love together and share this with a world that desperately needs to experience the healing power of God’s love.

In Christ,

Randy

Lake City Union Church
Administrative Session
January 16, 2025

Session of Lake City Union Church was held at Fireside Room in the Church at 7: pm. Meeting was called to order by Reverend Randy. Attendance: Rev Randy, Kay Streeter Clerk, Kevin Berry, Mike Best, Paul Jesse, Brittany Krause, Barb Linn, Becky O'Tool, Mary Reiter, Barry Stevens, Kendall Von Glan Excused: Absent Also, present Janelle Nesbitt

Rev Randy

The Session minutes of December 19 were reviewed. They were approved on December 22,2024. There being no corrections, they stand as approved.

Report Clerk's: The Clerk's Report was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk's report. Approved.

Christian Education: New semester is beginning again. Signups are coming in.

Missions: The offering from Gift of Hope gathered \$1060. Mission Committee is putting \$530 with this and also \$530 to the Food Pantry. The mitten tree produced a nice collection that went to the SCC schools.

Parish Life:

Buildings and Grounds: A meeting with Mid Iowa was productive. The premium will remain the same but the deductible will be going up.

Support: The committee presented a budget for 2025. There was discussion and questions about what some of the line items meant. The budget will be presented to the congregation.

Memorial and Bequest:

Staff Pastor Parish:

Worship and Music: The committee has met and has been making plans for the coming months when Erin will be on maternity leave.

Nominating: Kendall Von Glan has agreed to be on session for another three years. The others going on are Dana Morris, Jon Myers, and Kay Streeter

A motion was made and seconded to approve all the committee reports. Approved

Treasurer's Report: We reviewed the report given to us. There is \$ 24,242.05 in our account as of December 31, 2024. Full reports are in the office of the church. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report. Approved.

Pastor's Report

Visits: 12/16 Al Hight at SMCH, 12/17 Chapel service at Accura with Elder Kendall Von Glan and Rebecca Brown, 12/17 Al Hight & family at SMCH (the day he entered Hospice), 12/18 Al Hight at SMCH, 12/23 Marilyn Lau er w/ Cathy, 1/2/25 Jake Janssen, 1/8/ Chapel at Opportunity Living

Books Read: The Real Lincoln, From a Wooden Canoe, Daily Power, Do Fish Drink Water?

Funerals: Al Hight 12/21/24

Wedding:

Committee: 1/7/25 Worship and Music

Denominational: 12/24/24 Led worship at Trinity Wall Lake, 12/29/24 Led worship at First Odebolt, 1/2/25 Led worship at First Odebolt, 1/6/25 Session meeting at First Odebolt

For discussion/requiring action: We need to appoint an elder to attend the Presbytery Meeting on 2/11/25 (5 PM via Zoom) and 3/01 9AM in Battle Creek;

Kendall Von Glan will do the zoom meeting 2/11 and Mike Best with Kendall as alternate will do the March meeting. Sign up for communion/counters/ prayer at the meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Approved

Mary gave the closing prayer 8: 20 pm

Next meeting will be March 20, 2025 Approved 1/19/25

Kay Streeter, Clerk of Session

Mission:

Our church annual meeting was held on January 26. Our church is made up of a wide variety of committees, where each committee has certain duties and responsibilities. Yet, all our efforts come together to make LCUC what it is. One committee cannot do it all themselves and one committee cannot do anything unless it has support from the rest of the church committees and the entire church congregation.

We are also so blessed to be a collection of individuals with talents, skills and spiritual gifts. Musical gifts, administrative talents and financial skills, just to name a few. Our church session is comprised of 12 church elders. Three session members are new this year. Along with that change will be changes in makeup of our various committees. I would encourage all of you to serve on a committee or even two committees where you can put your talents, skills and gifts to work. We need several new members on our Mission Committee. Our goal is to meet on the first Thursday of each month. We would be glad to have you serve with us.

By the time you get this newsletter, I will be in the State of Mississippi for a week. A group from Iowa is going down to do construction and repairs following a tornado in 2023. Keep me in your prayers that I can travel and work safely.

God's blessing to all of you and may you be a blessing to others,
Kendall Von Glan



Food Bank pick up is from 2:30 - 5:30 on the day listed below. If you are unable to make it on the scheduled day, you can pick up from 11:30 to 12:30 on the following Sunday.

The upcoming schedule is : Feb 13 March 13

Thank You,

Mike & Kristi Jacobs and Paige & Mary Reiter

Note: The Food Bank is held at LCUC with \$ donations needed to help maintain the program. Helpers are also needed on the days clients are served, so don't hesitate to volunteer \$ or time.

The Lake City Food Pantry is in dire need. Any monetary donation would be greatly appreciated.

There has been a great increase of people in need of food assistance.

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX-DEDUCTABLE

Please send donations to
Lake City Food Pantry
200 N. Woodlawn Ave.
Lake City, IA 51449

You can also drop off donations at the
Lake City Public Library or the City Office
Lake City Food Pantry services Lake City, Lohrville, Yetter,
Farnhamville, Lanesboro and surrounding rural areas.

The Pantry is not associated with any religious organization.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



Recent requests for filling Food Pantry shelves include: Taco shells, flour tortillos, ketchup, mustard, spaghetti, saltine crackers, instant pudding, and oatmeal.

February Sermon Schedule

February 2nd Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10

New Testament: Luke 4:21-30

Sermon Title: “*Are You Talking To Me?*”

February 9th Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

New Testament: Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Title: “*If You Say So...*”

February 16th Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament: Jeremiah 17:5-10

New Testament: Luke 6:17-26

Sermon Title: “*Blessed....IF*”

February 23rd Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

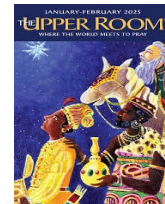
Old Testament: Psalm 37:3-11

New Testament: Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Title: “*Listen, Here It Is!*”

Upper Room Devotional

The January / February Upper Room devotional guide is available to all. These devotionals are located in the hallway across from the office. You may donate toward cost— place \$1 in the display or in the church office.



Scripture In the bulletin each Sunday, page numbers are included for where to find the reading. There are 3 different Bible versions available. In the bulletin: (P.541/C.P.603/L.P.730)

P = blue cover C.P. = black with cover jacket

L.P. = Large Print (available in the back, don't hesitate to ask the usher)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105



UCW/Ruth Circle



The Union Church Women are starting another year in fulfilling our pledge to our faith and to this church. May we grow in knowledge of Jesus Christ and support the programs of our church. Ruth Circle will meet on Thursday, February 6th at 1:30 p.m. at the church. Marilyn

Collis is the hostess and Pat Carroll has the Program.

Jeanne Devine and Patti Daisy shared God's word with the residents of Accura on January 8th. Thank you to John and Maurine Thieszen for the accompanying. Jeanne Devine and Marilyn Collis will conduct services at Accura on February 12th.

Patti Daisy



Church Service
Church Attendance

January 5	86
January 12	79
January 19	66
January 26	111

Facebook/You Tube
Households viewing

January 5	244
January 12	151
January 19	232
January 26	204

For February

Kevin Berry
Mike Best



Church
Office Hours

Mon. 7:30— 11:30
Tue. 7:30— 11:30
Wed. 7:30— 11:30
Thur. 8:00—11:00
Fri. Closed

\$\$\$ FINANCIAL NEWS \$\$\$

Offering - Jan 5, 2025	\$1,862.00
Offering - Jan 12, 2025	\$7,579.25
Offering - Jan 19, 2025	\$2,580.63
Offering - Jan 26, 2025	\$1,745.00
Total Offering for Month	\$13,766.88
2024 Investment Income— 12/31/2024	\$108,485
2024 Contribution Income—12/31/2024	\$217,520
2024 Total Income thru— 12/31/2024	\$326,005
2024 Expenses thru – 12/31/2024	\$309,723
Income less expenses	16,282

*Note: For further financial information, contact Paul Jesse or stop in the church office during office hours.

Tithe and offering options include the website for online donations. This utilizes PayPal, ABS with the QR code that takes you to the giving page, or using the weblink (below) as well as the traditional option of the offering plate on Sunday morning.

<https://lakecityunion.org/give/>



It All Belongs To God
FINDING FREEDOM IN GIVING AWAY



Administrative Session / Committees 2025

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Mike Best	Kevin Berry	Dana Morris
Barb Linn	Paul Jesse	Jon Myers
Becky O'Tool	Brittany Krause	Kay Streeter
Mary Reiter	Barry Stevens	Kendall Von Glan

Committees & Chairperson:

Buildings & Grounds – Kendall Von Glan	Nomination - ?
Calling & Caring – Susan Steig	Parish Life – Barry Stevens
Christian Ed – Mike Best	Staff / Pastor / Parish – Barb Linn
Investment – David Willis	Support (Financial) – Paul Jesse
Memorial & Bequest – Kay Streeter	Union Church Women – Patti Daisy
	Worship & Music – Erin Blair

As the body of Christ, each of us has gifts to bring for God’s work here at LCUC. If there is a committee you would like to serve on, please contact the chairperson or the church office.

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

Buildings and Grounds

Reading this report, you may be surprised to learn that I am now the Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee at Lake City Union Church (LCUC). I love working with my hands and using the electrical, mechanical and construction skills God has given me. Although, at this stage in my life I find it just as fulfilling to preach, lead a Bible Study or serve God in other ways, Yet, here I am in this role that God has called me to do. Randy Kent served six years of the LCUC session. Randy chaired the buildings and grounds committee. Thanks to Randy for all the time and effort he dedicated to LCUC serving as chairman of Buildings and Grounds.

I know many of you have similar mechanical and construction skills. I will call on you to help from time to time as the need arises. If you see something in our building that seems amiss and needs attention, let me know. I can't promise you we can have everything in top working condition all the time. But, we will do the best with can with the resources we have.

God calls all of us to do the best we can with the resources he has provided us. In all that we do, may be bring honor and glory to God and His Kingdom.

May God's grace and peace be with you all,
Kendall Von Glan

Youth / Gathering



Youth Group

Our new semester started January 8 and it was wonderful to see the hallway busy again!

K thru 6 th grades studied the Magi and how God chooses us all to come see Him and do His works!

7th-12th grades have had some deep discussions as they looked behind at their 2024 year and ahead to 2025.

MaeLaan continues planning and creating lessons for Children's Church.

Thank you to Erin and Georgia for helping teach on Sunday's also!

Children's Church is a great addition to each weeks' services !

Youth Group Fundraiser Dinner : February 9

We are very grateful for all of the support that is given to our youth!

Janelle Nesbitt, Youth Coordinator

We
LOVE KIDS

**Youth Group
lunch**

Take home to eat during the big game
OR
Eat at church

**February 9
Super Bowl
(following service)**

**Box Lunch
FREE WILL
OFFERING**

The poster features several cartoon hearts with faces and limbs. One heart is holding a football, another is wearing sunglasses and giving a thumbs up, and another is holding a football. There are also small hearts and stars scattered around the text.



Prayer Page



Prayers for Healing / Recovery

Jim Potts
Cyndi Arnold
Mary Ellen Seufferlein
Marsha Berry
Sharon Staley

Hymn: I Love to Tell the Story

Verse 1

I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.

Verse 7

7 The Savior of all people
has brought his peace to you;
now go and tell the story,
for others need it too.
To ev'ry land and nation
ring out the gospel call;
proclaim that Christ is risen
and grants his peace to all. [Refrain]

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

ACCURA RESIDENTS

*Marj Baumann
Eileen McCuen
Mary Ellen Seufferlein*

GARDEN VIEW-CARROLL, IA

Carol Eichhorn

AT HOME-PASADENA, MD

Daryl Crandall

ST. ANTHONY'S MEM.

CARE CENTER

Linda Yttredahl

TWILIGHT ACRES

Brenda Russom

MADRID, IA

Jan Schubert

AT HOME

*Bev Lamberty
Bonnie Stone*

PRAYERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

As the new month of February
dawns, I come before You,
Almighty God, with a heart full of
gratitude and expectation.

This month, known for love,
warmth, and renewal, is a
reminder of Your constant care
and unchanging love for me.

I ask for Your blessings, guidance,
and protection over every aspect
of my life and loved ones.

In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen!

Read the full prayer at ChristiansTT.com

February 2025

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2 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship	3	4	5 Youth / REACH 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	6 1:30 pm Ruth Circle	7	8
9 8:30 am Bells 9:30 am Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Youth Group Lunch	10	11 5:00 pm Called Presbytery Meeting zoom	12 10:00 Op Living Youth / REACH 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	13 FOOD BANK	14  John 3:16	15
16 8:30 am Bells 9:30 am Choir 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Fellowship 11:30-12:30 Food Bank	17	18 10:30 am Accura— Pastor Randy 7:00 pm Worship & Music @ Union 215	19 Youth / REACH 5:30 pm Women's Bible Study 7:00 pm Choir	20	21	22
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For God
so loVed the world
that He gave His
only
begotten
Son,
that whoever
believes in Him should
not perish but
have everlasting life.

~ John 3:16

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