



Luther Community Newsletter

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<u>Library Hours</u>	
Monday	10:30am-6:00pm
Tuesday	2:00pm-6:00pm
Wednesday	10:30am-6:00pm
Thursday	2:00pm-6:00pm
Friday	10:30am-6:00pm
Saturday	10:30am-1:30pm

AUGUST 2022

Community Calendar

- Aug. 3 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Buck & Carolyn Purchase, 6pm
- Aug. 3 Lions Club General Membership Meeting for members, Luther Lions Club, 6:30pm
- Aug. 4 Fire Board Meeting, Fire Hall, 7pm
- Aug. 6 O-LCD Tire and Electronic Collection, Recycle of Osceola County, 9am-12noon
- Aug. 7 Lions Breakfast, Luther Club Lions, 9-11am
- Aug. 8 Ellsworth Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 8 Sauble Township Board Meeting, 6pm
- Aug. 9 Luther Village Council Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 9 Elk Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 10 Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm
- Aug. 10 Dover Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 10 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Karaoke w/ Jen, 6pm
- Aug. 11 Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm
- Aug. 11 Library Board Meeting, Luther Library, 4:30pm
- Aug. 13 Luther Church of Christ Free Ice Cream Social, Purchase Pavilion, 2-4pm
- Aug. 13 Luther Library Summer Reading Program Bloc Party Finale, Luther Library, 11am-3pm
- Aug. 14 Library Board Meeting, 4:30pm
- Aug. 16 Feeding America Food Truck, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12noon
- Aug. 16 Newkirk Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 17 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Oak Grove Company Band, 6pm
- Aug. 18 Eden Township Board Meeting, 7pm
- Aug. 20 Annual Trash Clean-Up, Luther/Newkirk Twp. Hall, 8am-12noon
- Aug. 24 Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm
- Aug. 24 Lions Supper, Luther Lions Club, 5-6:30pm
- Aug. 24 Music at Purchase Pavilion, Brian Payne Band, 6pm
- Aug. 24 Peacock Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm
- Aug. 25 Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm
- Aug. 25 Feeding America Food Truck, Lions Club Hall, 3:30pm or earlier
- Aug. 31 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 at 7pm

Purchase Pavilion – Wednesdays – Music Concerts, 6-8pm

Library News

- Library Board meeting Thursday, August 14, 2022, at the Library. All are welcome!!
- This year's Summer Reading Program theme is **Oceans of Possibilities**. From July 5th through August 13th, come join in the fun by taking a few minutes each day to slow down and READ. Bring in & show us your reading log weekly for a chance win a prize from our **GRAB BAG of FUN**, or wait until the end and turn it in. Complete and return the **Activity Sheets** for a chance to win sweet treats. Complete a **Reading Challenge** and turn it in for **EXTRA** entries into the **GRAND PRIZE** drawings, along with a prize from the **GRAB BAG of FUN**. For children under the age of 7, join us on **Mondays for Oceans of Possibilities Storytime** from 2-4pm, where you will hear a story, do a craft and enjoy a snack. On **Wednesdays**, students, ages 8 to teens, can come to our **Oceans of Possibilities Wednesdays** from 2-4pm. Join us to learn about topics like diving, pirates and sharks, to just name a few. Snacks and crafts will also be available. Children and students are welcome to come for our **Read & Eats on Fridays**. Arrive at the library at 11am and settle into reading for half hour. At noon, everyone will be fed. Come into the Library to sign-up today, if you haven't already done so, to participate in this years Oceans of Possibilities Summer Reading Program.
- The Luther Area Public Library invites you to our first ever Community Party to honor of our Summer Reading Program participants on Saturday, August 13th, from 11am-3pm. Face Painting, Inflatables by Rose Wetherell, Games, Pie the Librarians Drawing, Food, Drink and More. Help us celebrate the achievements of our children in the Summer Reading Program.
- Next month's FREE Cinema Saturday movie will be *Sonic the Hedgehog 2*, Rated PG. Pop and snacks will be available starting at 2pm, on Saturday, September 3rd, 2022. All movies are funded by a grant from the Lake County Community Foundation.
- 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.info>** to reserve your pass today. Patrons can check out one pass, per library card, every 7 days. An Adventure can start today!!
- Starting in late August, we will be starting **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**. Contact Theresa at the library for more information.

New Library Services

The library is now offering 6 new Verizon Hotspots for patron checkout. A hotspot is a small device you can use to connect a wireless enabled device, such as a laptop, smartphone or tablet to the internet. Hotspots are portable, so you can connect your device to the internet almost anywhere you are, like at a home, in town or in the park. The hotspot device works in any area covered by the Verizon network.

To be eligible to check out a hotspot from the library, a user must:

- Be a library card holder in good standing with no outstanding charges, or missing items, and have a current account.
- Be at least 18 years of age with a valid driver's license or state ID with current name and address.
- Read, understand, and sign the Hotspot Lending/Borrower Agreement.
- The hotspots are funded by the federal Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) and can only be provided to patrons who declare they do not have access to the equipment or services sufficient to access the internet.

If you feel that you meet the eligibility requirements for checking out a device, please come to the library to check one out. Hotspots will be checked out on a first come, first serve basis for a period of 3 weeks, with up to one renewal if there is **not** a waiting list.

"The Library is a wilderness of books". – Henry David Thoreau

Luther Lions Club

- On Wednesday, August 3rd, at 6:30pm is a General Membership Meeting at the Luther Lions Club Hall.
- Luther Lions Club will host their Monthly Breakfast on August 7, from 9-11am – adults \$10, children 6-12y/o \$5 and under the age of 6 are FREE.
- THE AUCTION FOR AUGUST HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 22ND.
- Lions Club Dinner will be held on August 24, from 5-6:30pm – adults \$12, children 6-12y/o \$6, and under the age of 6 are FREE. Dinner includes pork chops, vegetable, salad, baked potato and dessert.
- Feeding America Food Truck will arrive on August 25th. Line begins around 2:30-3pm.

Luther Church of Christ

The Luther Church of Christ will be Celebrating 125 years as a church in the Luther community. Please join us on August 13th from 2pm to 4 pm for a Free Ice Cream Social at the Purchase Pavilion. Memorabilia and church records from that time will be on display. In case of rain, the celebration will be held at the church.

Edgetts Wesleyan Church

- Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, August 10th and 24th, from 10am – 12pm. Please note the change in time.
- A Feeding America food truck will be coming to the Church on August 16th from 10am – 12noon. This is in addition to their Community Food Pantry. For more information call 231-797-5124
- Family Game Night every Friday starting at 6pm until finished.

Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Ministry

This interfaith ministry has starting back up and meeting on August 11th and 25th at the Edgetts Wesleyan Church from 10am – 12pm. All are Welcome to join. Material donations accepted. For more information contact Barb at 231-253-4522.

Luther Area Family Nature Club

The Luther Area Family Nature Club is meeting on Thursdays starting at 5:30pm at different places in the area. Featuring: Hikes, Art, Observation, Books, Identification, Community Service Projects, Fundraising, Games and Snacks. For more information, call Sierra at 231-388-1558.

Osceola-Lake Conservation District Tire and Electronic Collection

The Osceola-Lake Conservation District is having a Tire and Electronic Collection on Saturday, August 6, 2022, 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 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.

“Clean your space, clear your mind.” – Unknown

Annual Trash Clean-Up

The Annual Trash Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 8am to 12noon near the Luther/Newkirk Township Hall, subject to change due to Grocery Store Clean-up. Please bring your tax bill or receipt for township or village resident identification purposes. **Be prepared to unload your vehicle.** (Volunteers are always welcomed.)

All items must be bagged, bundled or boxed.

Accepted items: Scrap Iron, Empty burn barrels, Refrigeration units with Freon already removed, Auto batteries, Open paint cans with dried up paints. Items must be bagged, bundled, or boxed. If items are not bagged, bundled, or boxed you will be asked to go to the end of the line and not make others wait.

Items Not Accepted: Chemicals, hazardous waste, motor oil, liquid paint, paint thinners, yard waste and household trash, unbundled shingles, trailers, or vehicles with scrap building materials.

If there is a line, please try not to block entrances to businesses or property owner's driveways.

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

Disposal of Hazardous Waste is October, 8, 2022, from 9am to 12 noon. Lake County's collection site is at the Wenger Pavilion (behind Jones Ice Cream Parlor) in Baldwin. Other locations are available in Mecosta and Osceola Counties. For more information, please visit the Mecosta/Osceola-Lake Conservation District website at www.mecostacd.org/hazardous-waste-collection. A brochure is available for download with more specifics at their website.

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>.

Attention Great Lakes Energy Customers

Great Lakes Energy customers in the Reed City service area are coming closer to having Trustream fiber internet service available. If you are interested in this service follow the instructions below. The more interest there is in the service, the quicker it might get here. Internet service has been slow coming to the area for most of us, but right now this appears to be the most likely reliable service in the near future.

- Phase 1 fielding is anticipated to begin later this summer. Phone and email notifications will be sent prior to our fielders working in your area.
- Members are encouraged to share their interest by visiting <https://www.trustreamfiber.com/check-eligibility/> to help determine where we go next! Click on "My Account" to login to your account or register as a "New User" if you haven't done so already.
- Several factors go into the decision, including demand, funding availability, and constructability of an area.

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.

1. Who can receive a test?

Tests may be provided to anyone interested in receiving a free test kit. Library will ask for address only for distribution purposes only. This information will not be kept nor shared with anyone.

2. How many tests can one person receive?

Library staff may provide one test kit per person in a household **daily**, up to 5 people.

Ex. 1: Mary states that they have 4 individuals in their household; therefore library staff can provide Mary with 4 COVID-19 at-home test kits for her household.

Ex. 2: Mark states that he has 8 people in his household. Library staff will be limited in providing only 5 test kits to Mark for his household due to supply limitations.

3. Does the library staff have trained individuals on how to use these tests?

No. MDHHS has provided written documentation explaining how to use, when to use, and what to do when receiving a positive or negative test result. Library staff **CANNOT** administer tests, nor provide any further directions for their use. Patrons are responsible for self-reporting and will be provided with the information on the handout sheet and the QR code on the kits.

Affordable Connectivity Program for Internet Service

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program of the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

Affordable Connectivity Program enrollment opened on December 31, 2021. Eligible households can enroll through a two-step enrollment process. (1.) Going to [ACPBenefit.org](https://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers) to submit an application or print out a mail-in application and (2.) Contact your preferred participating broadband provider

(<https://www.fcc.gov/affordable-connectivity-program-providers>) to select an eligible plan to have the discount applied to your bill.

To learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program call **877-384-2575**, or visit the website at [fcc.gov/acp](https://www.fcc.gov/acp).

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MONDAY 08/01/22	TUESDAY 08/02/22	WEDNESDAY 08/03/22	THURSDAY 08/04/22	FRIDAY 08/05/22
FISHWICH W/BUN MAC & CHEESE STEWED TOM MANDARIN ORANGES	CHICKEN CORDON BLEU W/SAUCE MASHED POT/GRAVY CARIBBEAN BLEND WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT	HAMBURGERS W/BUN POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS JELLO W/FRUIT	SOUP OF THE DAY TUNA SALAD SANDWICH COLESLAW BLUEBERRY CRISP	CLOSED
MONDAY 08/08/22	TUESDAY 08/09/22	WEDNESDAY 08/10/22	THURSDAY 08/11/22	FRIDAY 08/12/22
PORK RIBLET W/BUN HASH BROWNS GREEN BEANS MIXED FRUIT	CHICKIEN STRIPS AUGRATIN POTATOES CHALET BLEND MUFFIN PINEAPPLE	SWEDISH MEATBALLS MASHED POT/GRAVY MIXED VEGETABLES ROLL PEARS	SOUP OF THE DAY CHIXKEN SALAD SANDWICH POTATO SALAD COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 08/15/22	TUESDAY 08/16/22	WEDNESDAY 08/17/22	THURSDAY 08/18/22	FRIDAY 08/19/22
BEEF SLIDERS W/BUN MAC & CHEESE STEWED TOMATOES PEACHES	HOT TURKEY SANDWICH/MASHED PPT/PEAS & CARROTS WHEAT BREAD MANADRIN ORANGES	BAKED HAM SWEET POTOTES SPINACH CORN BREAD PINEAPPLE	SOUP OF THE DAY GRILLED CHIX SANDWICH PASTA SALAD PEACH CRISP	CLOSED
MONDAY 08/22/22	TUESDAY 08/23/22	WEDNESDAY 08/24/22	THURSDAY 08/25/22	FRIDAY 08/26/22
SIZZLE STEAK/BUN BREADED FRIES GREEN BEANS JELLO W/FRUIT	GOULASH MALIBU BLEND GARLIC BISCUIT MIXED FRUIT	SALSIBURY STEAK MASHED POT/GRAVY CARROTS WHEAT BREAD MANDARIN ORANGES	SOUP OF THE DAY SLOPPY JOES W/BUN COLESLAW COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 08/29/22	TUESDAY 08/30/22	WEDNESDAY 08/31/22	THURSDAY 09/01/22	FRIDAY 09/02/22
CHEESE OR PEPPORINI PIZZA COLESLAW APPLESAUCE	COUNTRY FRIED ST MASHED POT/GRAVY PEAS WHEAT BREAD PEACHES	SPAGHETTI W/MEAT BALLS/SAUCE VENETIAN BLEND GARLIC BISCUITS TROPICAL FRUIT	SOUP OF THE DAY HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH MACARONI SALAD APPLE CRISP	CLOSED

Please contact Lorraine at 989-289-2023, a day in advance, so we can have enough food for everyone.

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