



Luther Community Newsletter

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Library Hours	
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

September 2022

Community Calendar

- Sept. 1 Fire Board Meeting, Fire Hall, 7pm
Sept. 3 Cinema Saturday Movie, Sonic the Hedgehog 2, Rated PG, Luther Library, 2pm
Sept. 4 Lions Breakfast, Luther Lions Hall, 8:30-10:30am
Sept. 5 LABOR DAY!!
Sept. 5 Library closed in observance of LABOR DAY!!
Sept. 8 Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm
Sept. 8 Library Board Meeting, Luther Library, 4:30pm
Sept. 11 PATRIOT DAY!!
Sept. 11 GRANDPARENTS DAY!!
Sept. 12 NATIONAL DAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT!!
Sept. 12 Ellsworth Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Sept. 12 Sauble Township Board Meeting, 6pm
Sept. 13 Elk Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Sept. 13 Luther Village Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Sept. 14 Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12noon
Sept. 14 Dover Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Sept. 15 Feeding America Food Truck, Lions Club Hall, 2:30pm or earlier
Sept. 15 Eden Township Board Meeting, 7pm
Sept. 20 Newkirk Township Board Meeting, 6pm
Sept. 22 FIRST DAY OF FALL!!
Sept. 22 Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm
Sept. 28 Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12noon
Sept. 28 Lion's Supper, Lion's Hall 5-6:30pm
Sept. 28 Peacock Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm
Oct. 1 Luther Area Museum Annual Tea, Watch for flyers

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

Library News

- Cinema Saturday movie for this month will be *Sonic the Hedgehog 2*, Rated PG. Pop and snacks will be available starting at 2 pm, on September 3rd. Movies are funded by a grant from the Lake County Community Foundation.
- Library is CLOSED September 5th in observance of Labor Day.
- Monthly Board meeting, Thursday, September 8th at 4:30pm. Public always welcome!!

- Thanks to contributions in the name of Dr. Barry Campbell, the library has purchased a new reader board attached to the front of the building to announce upcoming events. It was recently installed. Stop by the library and take a look!!
- If you receive a notice that your library card is about to expire, DO NOT FRET. We recently changed our Circulation System. This is the way our new system helps us to keep track of any changes to your account. It will happen every year. The next time you come to the library, we can update your information. You will NOT lose your library card. Sorry for any confusion!!
- Our 6 new Verizon hotspots are enjoying lots of use. If you are a library card holder in good standing and are interested in seeing if you are eligible to check one out, then come to the library. Hotspots are 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.
- An **Adventure** is waiting for you just around the corner and throughout the year!! 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!!
- In August, we started **1,000 Books Before Kindergarten**. It can be as simple as reading one book a night. Contact Theresa at the library for more information and to get your child enrolled in this wonderful program that will help your child become a lifelong learner!!

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.

FiveCAP, Inc. Head Start

FiveCAPs, a comprehensive child development and school readiness program for 3 to 5 year olds, is enrolling children for the upcoming year. Children must be 3 years old by September 1st. If you qualify, free transportation and free breakfast and lunch are available. For more information, contact the Robert F. Williams Community & Family Service Center in Baldwin at (231) 745-6254 from 9am-4pm or call (231) 757-3785 from 8:30am-5pm.

Luther Lions Club

- Luther Lions Club will host their Monthly Breakfast on September 4, from 8:30-10:30am – adults \$10, children 6-12y/o \$5 and under the age of 6 are FREE. PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME.
- THE AUCTION HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL OCTOBER 22ND.
- Lions Club Dinner will be held on September 28th, from 5-6:30pm – adults \$12, children 6-12y/o \$6, and under the age of 6 are FREE. Dinner will be a home cooked meal.
- Feeding America Food Truck will arrive on September 15th. Line begins around 2:30-3pm or earlier.

Edgetts Wesleyan Church

- Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, September 14th and 28th, from 10am – 12pm.
- No Feeding America food truck will be coming to the Church in September. Will be back next month.
- Family Game Night every Friday starting at 6pm until finished.

Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Ministry

This interfaith ministry is meeting on September 8th and 22rd 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.

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).

Young Adult Services – Michigan Works!

If you are between 16 to 24 years of age, about to graduate from high school, and are looking for employment, Michigan Works! West Central's Young Adult Services Program can help you gain the skills necessary to succeed. On-the-job training and work experience are a few of the opportunities available. For more information, contact your local Michigan Works West Central office or stop by the library for their brochure. The Baldwin office is open from 8am to 5pm, Monday – Friday, or visit their website at [mwwc.org/youth](https://www.mwwc.org/youth).

***There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate's loot on Treasure Island.
-Walt Disney***

SEPTEMBER 2022

MONDAY 09/5/22	TUESDAY 09/6/22	WEDNESDAY 09/7/22	THURSDAY 09/8/22	FRIDAY 09/9/22
CLOSED LABOR DAY	CHICKEN POT PIE SQUASH WHEAT BREAD PINEAPPLE	MEATLOAF MASHED POT/GRAVY FAR EAST BLEND ROLL PEACHES	SOUP OF THE DAY TURKEY & SWISS POTATO SALAD COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 09/12/22	TUESDAY 09/13/22	WEDNESDAY 09/14/22	THURSDAY 09/15/22	FRIDAY 09/16/22
FISH WICH W/BUN MAC & CHEESE STEWED TOMATOES MANDARIN ORANGES	HAMBURGERS W/BUN POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS JELLO W/FRUIT	CIX CORDON BLEU MASHED POTATOES GRAVY CARJBBEAN BLEND WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT	SOUP OF THE DAY TUNA SALAD SANDWICH COLESLAW BLUEBERRY CRISP	CLOSED
MONDAY 09/19/22	TUESDAY 09/20/22	WEDNESDAY 09/21/22	THURSDAY 09/22/22	FRIDAY 09/23/22
PORK RIBLET W/BUN HASH BROWNS GREEN BEANS MIXED FRUIT	CHICKEN STRIPS AUGRATIN POTATOES CHALET BLEND MUFFIN PINEAPPLE	SWEDISH MEATBALLS MASHED POT/GRAVY MIXED VEGETABLES ROLL PEARS	SOUP OF THE DAY CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH POTATO SALAD COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 09/26/22	TUESDAY 09/27/22	WEDNESDAY 09/28/22	THURSDAY 09/29/22	FRIDAY 09/30/22
BEEF SLIDERS W/BUN MAC & CHEESE STEWED TOMATO PEACHES	BAKED HAM SWEET POTATOES SP8INACH CORN BREAD PINEAPPLE	HOT TURKEY SANDWICH/MASHED POT/GRAVY PEAS & CARROTS WHEAT BREAD MANDARIN ORANGES	SOUP OF THE DAY GRILLED CHIX SANDWICH PASTA SALAD PEACHES CRISP	CLOSED
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