

# 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

## JANUARY 2023

### Community Calendar

- Jan. 1 **Happy New Year!!**  
Jan. 1 Luther Library Closed for New Years  
-Jan. 2  
Jan. 5 Fire Board Meeting, Fire Hall, 7pm  
Jan. 7 Cinema Saturday, Movie: *Lyle, Lyle Crocodile*, Luther Library, 2pm  
Jan. 8 Lions Breakfast, Lions Hall, 8:30-10:30am  
Jan. 9 Ellsworth Township Board Meeting, 7pm  
Jan. 9 Sauble Township Board Meeting, 6pm  
Jan. 10 Luther Village Council Meeting, 6:30pm  
Jan. 10 Elk Township Board Meeting, 7pm  
Jan. 11 Handful of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 9am-11am  
Jan. 11 Dover Township Board Meeting, 7pm  
Jan. 12 Prayers & Squares Ministry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm  
Jan. 12 Library Board Meeting, Luther Library, 4:30pm  
Jan. 16 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!!**  
Jan. 17 Newkirk Township Board Meeting, 6pm  
Jan. 19 Eden Township Board Meeting, 7pm  
Jan. 25 Handful of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 9am-11am  
Jan. 25 Lions Soup & Salad Bar Scholarship Fundraiser, Lions Hall, 5-6:30pm  
Jan. 25 Peacock Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm  
Jan. 26 Prayers & Squares Ministry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm

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

Note: This Community Newsletter is accurate to the best of our ability and knowledge. If you, or your organization, would like an event posted, please contact the Library by the last week of each month. Please feel free to pass along contact information for reminders.

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### Library News

- The Library will be closed January 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in observance of the New Year.
- Starting January 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Library will be open for their **Winter Hours**, which will include Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. We will open again on Tuesdays and Thursdays in warmer weather.
- A Belated THANK YOU goes out to Debbie Lakatos and her family for all of the help with the Library's Gardens in preparing them for the Spring. All of their help was greatly appreciated!!
- Looking for someone to shovel snow when we are open, as needed. Come to the Library if you are interested in the job.
- Our Hotspots Lending Program is on **hold** as our federal funding source has ended. We are currently looking to find other ways to pay for service to our hotspots.
- The Library will be having a Paperback Book Sale throughout the month of January. Paperbacks will be \$0.25 each. Come to the library to check out the selection.
- This month's Cinema Saturday movie will be **LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE**, Rated PG. Pop and snacks will be available starting a 2pm, on January 7. Movies are funded by a grant from the Lake County Community Foundation.
- Monthly Board meeting, Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30pm. Public always welcome!!

Do you know about **Libby**? Libby is a free app that allows you to borrow e-books, magazines, and audiobooks from the Up North Digital Collection. 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, January 8, from 8:30-10:30am. Adults \$10, children 6-12 yrs. \$5 and under the age of 5 are FREE.
- A Soup & Salad Bar will be held on Wednesday, January 25, from 5-6:30pm at the Lions Club. Adults \$10, children 6-12 yrs. \$5 and under the age of 5 are FREE. All proceeds go towards College Scholarships for Pine River Area Students.

### Luther Senior Center

The Senior Center lunches will continue throughout the winter with a modified schedule. Daily Lunches will be held Tuesdays through Thursdays. 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. Bingo will be held on Wednesdays only from 9:30am to 11am until further notice.

### Best Buy Recycle Program

Recycle or trade-in your used electronics and appliances regardless of where you bought it, how old it is or who made it. Limited to 3 items, per household, per day at Best Buy. Check out their website at [www.bestbuy.com](http://www.bestbuy.com).

### 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](http://midoglicense.org/lake) to obtain your dog license, today.

*“Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.”*

- George Bernard Shaw

### Edgetts Wesleyan Church

- Handful of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, January 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, from 9am – 11pm. **Please note the change in time.**
- No Feeding America Food Truck until March.

### Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Ministry

This interfaith quilt ministry is meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Fellowship Baptist Church

The Fellowship Baptist Church has a monthly Food Pantry on January 18<sup>th</sup>, from 10am-12noon. For more information call the Church at 231-797-5281 and leave a message.

### Feeding America Food Trucks

- Seniors Only, Lake County Meals (Drive Thru) – Friday, January 20, 2023 at 1pm  
St. Ann's Lake County Senior Center  
690 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Baldwin, MI 49304
- Lake Township Fire Hall (Drive Thru)/Grace Lutheran Church – Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 11am  
15580 South Star Lake Drive, Baldwin, MI 49304
- Cadillac/Feeding America WM at Weford Co. Civic Arena – Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 2pm  
1320 N. Mitchell Street, Cadillac, MI 49601

### Pine River Preschools

Are you looking for a Preschool? Pine River Preschools are still accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year, over the phone and in person. These programs are offered at NO COST for families that qualify. Call Heather Peffer at 231-349-9420 to schedule an appointment, over the phone or in person.

### Lake County Economic Development Alliance: Action Needed!

The Lake County Economic Development Alliance and the Lake County Board of Commissioners are encouraging all Lake County residents and businesses to confirm or challenge their access to high-speed internet by visiting <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov> by January 13, 2023.

The Federal Communication Commission (FCC) has released a new map of broadband service for the nation. Unlike previous maps, this new data collection provides information at the address level. For the first time, the FCC is accepting challenges to the data shown on the maps, and encourages consumers and communities to examine the map's accuracy.

For more information check out the following website, <https://www.fcc.gov/BroadbandData/consumers>. or visit your local library during regular hours to make a challenge. It is critical that everyone in our community do so because this process will help determine the allocation of over \$42 BILLION in funding to unserved and underserved areas based on the information on the map.

*“Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.”*

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

## **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 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.

***“Keep on beginning and failing. Each time you fail, start all over again, and you will grow stronger until you have accomplished a purpose – not the one you began with perhaps, but one you’ll be glad to remember.”***

**–Anne Sullivan**

# JANUARY 2023

MONDAY 01/02/23	TUESDAY 01/03/23	WEDNESDAY 01/04/23	THURSDAY 01/05/23	FRIDAY 01/06/23
CLOSED	SPAGHETTI W/ MEAT BALLS/SAUCE VENETIAN BLEND GARLIC BISCUITS TROPICAL FRUIT	HOT TURKEY SANDWICH MASHED POT/GRAVY PEAS WHEAT BREAD PEACHES	SOUP OF THE DAY HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH MACARONI SALAD COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 01/09/23	TUESDAY 01/10/23	WEDNESDAY 01/11/23	THURSDAY 01/12/23	FRIDAY 01/13/23
CLOSED	BAKED CHICKEN CHEESEY POTATOES MIXED VEGETABLES WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT	MEATLOAF MASHED POT/GRAVY FAR EAST BLEND ROLL PEACHES	SOUP OF THE DAY TURKEY & SWISS SANDWICH POTATO SALAD COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 01/16/23	TUESDAY 01/17/23	WEDNESDAY 01/18/23	THURSDAY 01/19/23	FRIDAY 01/20/23
CLOSED	CHICKEN STRIPS AUGRATIN POTATOES CHALET BLEND MUFFIN PINEAPPLE	CHIX CORDON BLEU MASHED POT/GRAVY CARIBBEAN BLEND WHEAT BREAD MIXED FRUIT	SOUP OF THE DAY TUNA SALAD SANDWICH COLESLAW COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 01/23/23	TUESDAY 01/24/23	WEDNESDAY 01/25/23	THURSDAY 01/26/23	FRIDAY 01/27/23
CLOSED	HAMBURGERS W/BUN POTATO SALAD BAKED BEANS MANDARIN ORANGES	SWEDISH MEATBALLS MASHED POT/GRAVY MIXED VEGETABLES ROLL PEARS	SOUP OF THE DAY CHICKEN SALAD SANDWICH POTATO SALAD COOKIES	CLOSED
MONDAY 01/30/23	TUESDAY 01/31/23	WEDNESDAY 02/01/23	THURSDAY 02/02/23	FRIDAY 02/03/23
CLOSED	BAKED FISH SCALLOPED POTATO GREEN BEANS WHEAT BREAD PEARS	PORK LOIN MASHED POT/GRAVY PEAS & CARROTS WHEAT BREAD PEACHES	SOUP OF THE DAY GRILLED CHIX SANDWICH PASTA SALAD COOKIES	CLOSED

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