

Luther Community Newsletter



Happy 4th of July!

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Library Hours
Monday 11:00am-6:00pm
Wednesday 11:00am-6:00pm
Friday 11:00am-6:00pm
Saturday 11:00am-1:30pm

July 2021

Community Calendar

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| July 1 | Fire Board Meeting, 7pm |
| July 2 | Annual Book Sale (No Craft Show), Luther Library, 11am – 6pm |
| July 2 | Fireworks Show, Mill Pond at Dusk |
| July 3 | Lions Breakfast, Luther Lions, 8-11am |
| July 3 | Grand Parade, 11am |
| July 3 | Craft Show, Luther Lions Club, 12pm – 4pm |
| July 3 | Annual Book Sale (No Craft Show), Luther Library, 11am – 4pm |
| July 4 | INDEPENDENCE DAY!! |
| July 4 | Lions Breakfast, Luther Lions, 8-11am |
| July 5 | Library Closed in observance of INDEPENDENCE DAY!! |
| July 7 | Whale of a Time Wednesday, Luther Library, 2pm |
| July 8 | Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry,
Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm |
| July 8 | Library Board Meeting, 4:30pm |
| July 12 | Ellsworth Township Board Meeting, 7pm |
| July 12 | Sauble Township Board Meeting, 7pm |
| July 13 | Luther Village Council Meeting, 7pm |
| July 13 | Elk Township Board Meeting, 7pm |
| July 14 | Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 8-11am |
| July 14 | Whale of a Time Wednesday, Luther Library, 2pm |
| July 14 | Dover Township Board Meeting, 7pm |
| July 15 | Feeding America Food Truck, Luther Lions Club, 3:30pm or earlier |
| July 15 | Eden Township Board Meeting, 7pm |
| July 20 | Newkirk Township Board Meeting, 7pm |
| July 21 | Whale of a Time Wednesday, Luther Library, 2pm |
| July 22 | Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Quilting Ministry,
Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 10am-12pm |
| July 22 | Lions Supper, Luther Lions Hall, 5-7pm |
| July 28 | Handfuls of Purpose – Community Food Pantry, Edgetts Wesleyan Church, 8-11am |
| July 28 | Whale of a Time Wednesday, Luther Library, 2pm |
| July 28 | Peacock Township Board Meeting, 6:30pm |

WEEKLY: Purchase Pavilion – Wednesdays – Music Concerts, 6-8pm
Edgetts Wesleyan Church – Family Game Night, Fridays 6-8pm
Senior Citizens Center – Lunch, Monday – Thursday at 11:30am, Salad 11:00am
Wednesdays – Bingo – 9:30 – 11:00am

Library News

- In observance of Independence Day, the Library will be closed July 5.
- Annual Book Sale to be held at the Library during Luther Days. Craft Show is at the Luther Lions Club.
- Our Monthly Board Meeting will be held July 8th at 4:30pm. Public always welcome!!
- **Thank you to Great Lakes Energy and our patrons**, who support the **People Fund** by voluntarily rounding up your bills to the next highest dollar!! The rounded up amount is distributed to non-profit organizations and charitable activities, through grants, that benefit people in communities served by Great Lakes Energy. The Library recently received one of those grants for **\$1,000**, which we have used to purchase a **Disc Repair Machine** to help us preserve our movie, music CD, and audiobook collections. Please contact **Great Lakes Energy, 1-888-485-2537**, or visit **gtlakes.com** for more details about their **People Fund Grants** or how to contribute to this worthy endeavor. Thank YOU!!
- This year's Summer Reading Program theme is **Tales & Tails**. 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**. Join us on **"Whale of a Time" Wednesdays** for snacks, crafts, and a whale of a good time!! Come into the Library to sign-up now, if you haven't already done so.
- The Library is participating in **MiLibraryQuest: Summer Edition 2021**. **MiLibraryQuest** is a digital scavenger hunt put on by the libraries across Michigan for teens across the state. Teens, Grades 6-12, will have an opportunity to learn about unique animals and Michigan libraries in conjunction with this summer's theme for the Summer Reading Program, **Tails and Tales!** Teens will find descriptions of a variety of animals spread across the websites of about 170 participating libraries. Teens could also win a **prize** from their library! For further information ask a librarian or check out the website at **<https://milibraryquest.wixsite.com/quest1>** to register for the Current Quest. The adventure begins June 1st and continues until July 31st!!
- Are you looking for something to do? The Library Boosters are looking for a few good people to help to support the needs of the library. Contact the library, if interested.
- 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 starts today!!

If you would like your events posted in next month's community newsletter, please contact the Library by the last Monday of the month to have your event advertised!

Luther Senior Center News

The Luther Senior Center will open for **lunch** beginning July 6th 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 we can have enough food for everyone. Bingo will start on Wednesday, July 7th from 9:30am – 11:00am.

Luther United Methodist Church News

The Luther United Methodist Church will be getting a new minister. Pastor Cori Clevenger will be starting July 11 at Sunday service.

Luther Lions Club

- Craft Show to be held at the Lions Club on Saturday, July 3, from 12-4pm
- Luther Lions will host their Monthly Breakfast on both Saturday, July 3rd, and Sunday, July 4th, from 8-11am – adults \$8, children \$4 and under the age of 6 are FREE.
- The Feeding America Food Truck will arrive on July 15. Line begins 3:30pm or earlier.
- Lions Club Dinner will be held on July 22, from 5-7 pm. It's a free will donation.

Pine River Area Prayers & Squares Ministry

This ministry will be starting back up and meeting on July 8th and 22nd 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.

Advanced Child Tax Credit Payments in 2021

Important changes to the Child Tax Credit will help many families get advanced payments of the credit starting this summer. The IRS will pay half the total credit amount in advance monthly payments beginning July 15, 2021. You will claim the other half when you file your 2021 income tax returns. These changes apply to tax year 2021 only. To see if you qualify and/or for more information, visit the IRS website at www.irs.gov/credits-deductions/advance-child-tax-credit-payments-in-2021.

Lake County Economic Development Alliance

The Lake County Economic Development Alliance continues to work with Connect Michigan to bring better broadband service to Lake County. One of the potential providers to our area is Great Lakes Energy (GLE) that is beginning to provide Truestream Service to its customers. It is important for GLE customers to register their interest with them by going online to their website or calling them at **888-485-2537**. This does not commit you to their service and only indicates your interest if it becomes available in your area. For basic service of 100 mbps the cost is \$59.99/month; 200 mbps service is \$69.99/month.

Discounts for broadband service may become available for GLE or service by other providers in the near future. Check out www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit for a **Consumer FAQ** about this FCC program and other program resources.

GetSetUp

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) has partnered with GetSetUp to provide free virtual classes for older adults taught by peers – ask questions, make friends, learn new things, and have fun. Use **MICHIGANHEALTH** coupon code. GetSetUp is an interactive learning platform providing health and learning benefits for older adults. Now more than ever, older adults in Michigan need access to virtual services to not only learn new skills but to socialize in order to help alleviate anxiety, depression, and isolation. Sponsored by the Michigan Health Endowment Fund, these classes are **FREE** to all older Michiganders, age 60 and over. Michigan's e-learning channel is at <https://www.getsetup.io/partner/michigan>. For help, contact GetSetUp at 1-888-559-1614 or by email info@getsetup.io.

Young Adult Services – Michigan Works!

If you are between 17 to 24 years of age 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 available by appointment, curbside from 1pm to 4pm, Monday – Friday, or visit their website at michworkswc.org/youth.

***“Freedom is not the right to do what we want,
But what we ought.”***

~ Abraham Lincoln