



2025

Lyndonville United Methodist News

Upcoming Ministries, Meetings & Programs

May 3	Office is Closed	
May 4	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
May 11	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
	Mother's Day	All Day!
May 13	Ad Council	6:00 PM
May 18	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM
	Worship Service-Online & in Sanctuary	11 AM
May 19	Hope Resales Meeting	6:00 PM
May 26	Memorial Day	All day!
May 27	Adult Sunday School	9:45 AM
	Youth Sunday School	10 AM



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Administrative Assistant Office Hours

Tues & Thurs

8am to 12pm

Service Times

Worship in the Sanctuary & Online
11:00 am

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On Facebook



On April 27 we celebrated Holy Humor Sunday. Our task was to create a hat and wear it during worship. Prizes were awarded for: Most Creative—to Elijah Kingdollar Most Elegant—to Colleen Gooding and Least Effort: To Rick Boyle Thanks to everyone for participating!



Pastor Pam Klotzbach

May 2025

Greetings post Easter to friends and family in Lyndonville,

“Come, follow me,’ he said, ‘and I’ll show you how to fish for people.” – Matthew 4:19
(CEB) The sad, slow moving wheels of Lent have ended for another year. The summer months are almost here! This wonderful time invites us to enjoy the great outdoors and visit places we have never been.

As some folks prepare for a vacation, we ponder whether we will “tour” or “travel.” Kathryn Walsh, a writer for the USA Today, says that tourists stay in comfort zones and focus on the attractions. They expect others to do the heavy lifting. Travelers, on the other hand, immerse themselves in the local culture and do activities others don’t do. They don’t go to places everyone else visits. A quote from G.K. Chesterton brings perspective. He writes, “The tourist sees what he or she has come to see. The traveler sees what he or she sees.” The tourist embraces the path laid out. The traveler is open to adventure.

When it comes to our Christian faith, some of us tour and some of us travel. Tourists come to worship and hope to be amused. Travelers polish up their strengths and use them for the good of the church. They don’t wait for things to happen. Travelers don’t just go to church, they work with others to “be” the church. Travelers worship, but they also work to deepen their spiritual life and serve others. They embrace a Worship Plus life.

Now there are valid reasons why some of us approach faith life in the manner we do. Depending on our season in life and family situation, we may not be in a position to do as much as we wish. This is understandable. As much as possible though, it is important to embrace a traveler mindset when it comes to our walk with the Lord. Life is short. We want each day to count. I hope and pray we see the benefits of being a traveler. May we open ourselves to the wonders of each new day!

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Heavenly Father,

On this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops, and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. We pray through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Did You Know?

You already have everything you need!

Did you know that? You lack nothing! Nothing that you need to be equipped for loving and serving God, which is the true source of happiness for each of us.

Jesus, through the work of the Holy Spirit, does it all. We cannot equip ourselves. It's heartening to know that we're not supposed to make ourselves useful to God. We only need to follow the leading of the One (Holy Spirit) who lives and works inside of us.

³ His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2Peter 1:3

Jesus did it all, giving everything so that we could spend eternity by His side as children of God. Jesus did it.... You receive it.

May Birthdays!

- 1 Rebecca Botsford & Elijah Kingdollar
- 6 Matt Barry & Marge Houseman
- 9 Adam Gawne, Mike Wells & Alexa Miles
- 10 Brian Gawne
- 12 Genevieve Breed & Dan Barry
- 15 Robert Barry
- 20 Steve Wadford
- 22 Grace Kenyon & Emily Quinter Blanar
- 26 Chris Urbanik & Dan Miles
- 27 GaryHousel
- 28 Cathie Barry & Rick Miles
- 29 Greg Stanton

What's happening in Adult Sunday School?

Our study of basic Christianity using Chuck Swindoll's book Growing Deep in the Christian Life continues through May and will conclude on or about the first Sunday in June. The class then

The Adult Sunday School class meets at 9:45 am in the church library.

Arise!

Free Concert!

Featuring:

The Middleport Community Choir and

The Middleport Bell Tones

Songs of Spring and Renewal

May 4, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

At

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

133 Telegraph Rd Middleport

Donations gratefully accepted.

Disciple Profile: Matthew the Tax Collector

Adapted from Twelve Ordinary Men—John D MacArthur

It's quite possible that none of the Twelve was a more notorious sinner than Matthew. Also known by his Jewish name, "Levi—the son of Alphaeus." Matthew was a tax collector, a publican when Jesus called him. Tax collectors were the most despised people in Israel. His were likely the last credentials for an apostle, a leader in the church and a preacher of the Gospel.

Matthew is the author of the Gospel that bears his name. Given that, we might expect to have a lot of details about him. But, we really know very little. What we know for sure is that Matthew was a humble, self-effacing man, content to stay in the background of his lengthy account of Jesus' life.

In Matthew 9:9 we find his call.⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. He responded immediately.

In the next few verses we find that Matthew then threw a big banquet at his house for Jesus and invited all of his friends. Matthew's first impulse after encountering Jesus was to gather his closest friends and introduce them to the Savior. Jesus sat and ate with them... much to the chagrin of the religious elite of the day.

We don't know Matthew's spiritual condition or what moved him to follow Jesus so easily. In his book, the author suggests that because of Levi's chosen profession he may have experienced a certain amount of soul angst that he could not resolve on his own. We can surmise that Levi's Jewish roots ran deep and that his love for the scriptures left him with a raw spiritual hunger. Matthew quotes the Old Testament 99 times in his gospel. Of course, God was seeking him and drawing him to Himself. The draw was irresistible.

Matthew believed in the promise of the Messiah. With humility he embraced the outcasts of society and gave no standing to religious hypocrisy. He was a man of great faith and complete surrender. When Jesus looked at him and said to him, "Follow Me" he knew there was an inherent promise of forgiveness and purpose.

Expand your learning!

After reading the profile – dig deeper into the Bible find the verses that reveal the personalities and the activities of each disciple.

When You Want a Guarantee: 10 Promises of God for Moms

1. He will be with you:

- Joshua 1:9
- Psalm 145: 18-19
- Isaiah 41:10

2. He will guide you:

- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Psalm 32:8
- Psalm 119:105
- James 1:5-6

3. He is always working:

- John 13:7
- Philippians 2:13
- John 5:17

4. He will accomplish his purposes:

- Psalm 138:8
- Ephesians 1:11-12
- Psalm 57:2

5. He will provide all that you need:

- Philippians 4:19
- 2 Corinthians 9:8
- Psalm 37:25

6. He is always faithful:

- Psalm 25:8-10
- Psalm 26:1-3
- Psalm 119:89-90
- Lamentations 3:22-23

7. He gives us grace in time of need:

- 1 John 1:9
- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- 2 Corinthians 12:9
- 2 Corinthians 9:8.
- 2 Corinthians 8:9

8. He gives grace to the humble:

- 1 Peter 5:5-6
- James 4:6-10

9. He will work in the hearts of your children:

- Jeremiah 24:7:
- Ezekiel 36:26

10. He will hear your prayers:

- 1 Peter 3:12
- 1 John 5:15
- Hebrews 4:16
- Proverbs 15:29

"Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."
Ephesians 3:20,21

<https://www.millionprayingmoms.com/10-promises-of-god-for-moms/>



“My Sheep Hear My Voice”

A couple of days ago I received an e mail that appeared to be from Pastor Pam. It asked for a response to an “urgent” request. I was immediately suspicious... it wasn’t from Pam’s regular e mail address... but that wasn’t the thing that really made me doubt its authenticity... it wasn’t written in Pam’s “voice”. It was too formal and just didn’t sound like her. It was a scam designed to make the recipient of the e mail go out and “purchase an Appe Card worth \$300 in \$100 or \$50 denominations”. Obviously, I didn’t do that. But I wonder how many people, receiving a scam like that, get caught in the lie...? Your, pastor, a trusted friend, asks you for help... you want to respond with some urgency... that’s what they’re counting on.

While telling a friend about the e mail... her response was that it would make a good newsletter article. I told her that it might but I’d have to wait to hear the words that make it so... (There is almost always a phrase that when I hear it or when I read it, it triggers the inspiration.) The next thing she said was... “My sheep know My voice.” That was the trigger.

In the parable of the Good Shepherd (John 10:1-18) Jesus declares “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.” In his book; A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm Philip Keller explains that sheep recognize and respond to their shepherd’s voice. The shepherd’s voice conveys instruction, intent, fondness, encouragement, and at times warning. This involves tone and timbre, volume and pitch, articulation and not simply words. These are the dynamics that transform a voice into a trusted influence. The LIFE Application Bible states that Ancient Middle Eastern shepherds were known for calling each of their sheep by name, and each sheep would respond to its own name. This is the message of Jesus when he states; “I am the good shepherd; I know my own sheep, and they know me.”

The importance of knowing Jesus’ voice cannot, in any size, shape or form, be overstated. Especially in the world today. We live in a time where many voices clamor for your attention, your allegiance, your trust and your time and money. Some of those voices aren’t even real... they’re digitally created to confound and confuse you make you choose temporary things over eternal things. To make you focus on problems rather than God. To make you feel like a failure unless you eat the “right foods”, wear the “right” clothes, and conform to the world’s idea of good and right To make you so apathetic that you won’t even try. To make you questions God’s goodness and the truth of His Word. What’s the saying...? “If you don’t stand for something, you’ll fall for anything.” How about we restate that saying instead... “If don’t know your shepherd’s voice, you may follow anyone, anywhere.”

Learning to recognize your shepherd’s voice involves spending time with Him in prayer, reading and studying His word, sharing your questions and experiences with other believers. Asking questions, seeking enlightenment, listening for His answers. As with any relationship – building it takes time and effort. But the reward is worth it!

Jesus says; “²⁷ My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all [c] ; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

John 10:27-29

Faithfully,
Anne



**With Honor & Gratitude
We Remember**

May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office Hours 8—Noon Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	2 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	3 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
4 Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM	5	6 Office Hours 8—Noon	7 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	8 Office Hours 8—Noon Hope Resales 5-8 PM	9 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	10 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
11 <i>HAPPY Mother's DAY</i>  Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM	12	13 Office Hours 8—Noon Ad Council 6PM	14 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	15 Office Hours 8—Noon Hope Resales 5-8 PM	16 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	17 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
18 Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM	19 Hope Resales Meeting 6:00 PM	20 Office Hours 8—Noon	21 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	22 Office Hours 8—Noon Hope Resales 5-8 PM	23 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	24 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM
25 Sunday School 10am Worship at 11 AM	26 <i>MEMORIAL DAY</i> 	27 Office Hours 8—Noon	28 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	29 Office Hours 8—Noon	30 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM	31 Hope Resales 10AM-1PM

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