

# MLK Beloved Community of Northeast Michigan *presents* *Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Activities*

**Monday, January 20th, 2025**

Join us for a day full of events as we celebrate the legacy of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



## **Schedule of Events:**

***All Events are at Alpena Community College.***

**1:00 - 3:00** Crafts, Story time, and Activities *(Children through Middle School)*

**In ACC Park Arena and ACC Fletcher Library**

**3:00-4:00** Presentation and Discussion: Lenny Avery presenting "Love in Action"

*( High School Students - Adults)* ACC BTC Commons

**4:00-5:00** ACC Student Craft- BTC Commons. Supplies provided by Art in the Loft

**5:00-6:15** Community Chili Supper/Fundraiser **\$8.00 adults \$4.00 students**

Lumberjack Shack *(adjacent to BTC Commons)*

***Proceeds to benefit "Loads of Love" a project that provides free laundromat service for those in need.***

**6:30-8:00** Facilitated Community Discussion: "Building a Beloved Community"

Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis presenting ACC CTR 106 *(opposite Granum Theatre)*

***This is not an ACC Sponsored Event.***

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## Facilitated Community Discussion: "Building a Beloved Community"

ACC CTR 106 (opposite Granum Theatre)

Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis

Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. 's challenge of building a "beloved community" was not a call to remain in our comfort zone, or connect only with like minded people. The vision of a Beloved Community was/is a call to creating a brighter, better world sustained by global, national, local, and individual actions. We will come together in celebration of Dr. King to highlight the footprints and evidence of his actionable work toward building a beloved community here in Northeast Michigan. We will spend some time working in groups investigating the places where we see actionable evidence of northeast Michigan's beloved community.

Mother Teresa and Dr. King promoted a belief in a ripple effect: in the words of Mother Teresa

*"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."*

Building and sustaining a Beloved Community requires collective action, performing small acts of kindness. We will not end our time together but rather we will begin a new chapter in our commitments to a Beloved Community inspired by our shared experiences and time together.

*"If you can't fly, then run. If you can't run, then walk. If you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving."*

- Martin Luther King Jr

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## **Presentation and Discussion: "Love in Action" -ACC BTC Commons**

### **Pastor Lenny Avery**

Pastor Lenny Avery's thought-provoking presentation, "Love in Action," invites audiences to explore the true essence of love through a lens of compassion, inclusion, and social justice. The presentation highlights the relational nature of love, drawing on insights from renowned social psychologists and biblical teachings. With a focus on societal issues such as segregation in education, housing, and culture, Pastor Avery calls for actionable change—encouraging individuals to transform empathy into tangible deeds. Audiences will leave inspired to foster equity, protect human rights, and embody love through purposeful action. This dynamic and engaging discussion is a powerful reminder that love is not merely a feeling, but a commitment to uplifting others and addressing inequality head-on.