

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia.
Behold, the
Lamb of God,
who takes
away the sin of
the world!
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Sanctity of Life Sunday

January 15, 2017

God so loves us, our children, He came down from Heaven and suffered on our behalf. He called us to love Him, and love our neighbor as we do ourselves— whether our neighbor is as close as our own body, or far along the road of life near the end— for we are all created in the image of God.

Single Service Celebration

January 29, 2017 -10:00 am.

Share the Warmth

January 30, thru Feb 5, 2017

Each year LCOL volunteers to help at the Salvation Army Homeless Shelter in Adrian. You can help by providing an evening meal that feeds 25 guests, taking bedding to the laundromat, hosting an evening from 6:00pm to 12:00am or spending the night as a host to supervise the guests from 6:30 pm to 8:00 am. Sign up sheets are on the volunteer desk or call Mike Helf for more information 517-547-5210.

Sweet Tooth Auction

February 5, 2017, Super Bowl Sunday

Donations of cookies, cakes, and snacks are needed for the auction. Please sign up at the volunteer desk. Proceeds from the Super Bowl edition of the Sweet Tooth Auction will fund the Gifts of Love ministry to be used in our community.

INTROIT

(or Psalm Prayer)

Let the words of my mouth
and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable on your
sight,

**O Lord, my rock and my
redeemer.**

The heavens declare the glo-
ry of God,

**and the sky above pro-
claims his handiwork.**

Day to day ours out speech,

**And night to night reveals
knowledge.**

There is no speech, nor are
there words,

Whose voice is not heard.

Their measuring line goes out
through all the earth, and
their words to the ends of
the world.

**In them he has set a tent
for the sun.**

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son and to the
Holy Spirit. as it was in
the beginning, is now, and
will be forever.**

Amen.

COLLECT

(or Gathering Prayer)

**Almighty and everlasting
God, who governs all
things in heaven and on
earth, mercifully hear
the prayers of Your peo-
ple and grant us Your
peace through all our
days; through Jesus
Christ Our Lord who
lives and reigns with the
Holy Spirit, one God
now and forever. Amen.**

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of he LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

I Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes,
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

VERSE: Alleluia. Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! Alleluia.

John 6:25-40

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."



ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "God Whose Almighty Word #317
- † Opening Song "Go Forth!"
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- † Psalm Prayer
- † Response Song "Blessed Be Your Name"
- † **Around His Word...**
- First Reading Isaiah 49:1-7
- The Gradual
- † Scripture Song "Morning Prayer"
- Epistle I Corinthians 1:1-9
- The Gospel John 6:25-40
- † Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "In Christ No East/West" #653
- † Sermon Songs "Shout to the North/South"
- The Message
- Nicene Creed

And Blesses Us!

- The Prayers
- The Offering
- † The Offering Song
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "Lift High the Cross" #311
"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" (GH) #410
- The Closing Prayer
- † Closing Song "He Shall Reign, Forever"
- The Blessing
- † **Indicates Praise Service element only**
(GH) Gray Hymnal

What about Holy Communion?

We understand Communion to be more than just a symbol or a statement--it is a "means of grace." Like the Bible, it proclaims the fearful cost of our salvation, the depth of our Savior's love, and the perfect trust we can have because of Jesus' death and resurrection. It is an intimate moment where God himself is with us, bringing us together, and blessing us. It should never be taken lightly. So, the Bible tells us: "*A person ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup.*" (1 Corinthians 11:28).

If you are unsure about Holy Communion, please come forward and simply fold your arms across your chest as a signal to Pastor that you would like to receive a blessing.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Rev. David Erber

Music Minister: Rex Engle

Elders: Dick Covell & Jay Fernamberg

Altar: Nancy Stites & Sandy Croyle

Acolyte: Brady Suchman

Praise Team: Sue Weber, Christin Draa, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Bill Fetters

Ushers: **Richard Rose**, Rick Gray, Harold Hunt, Ken Neitzel, Dan Kazup, **Rick Riley**, Chris Wyman, Ron Wyman, Ida Snyder

Multi Media: Rick Baker, Sonja Merrill

Greeters: Tom M. & Carol S., Bob & Connie Barth

Lay Readers: Kathy Schmidt & Tami Lash

Coffee Connection: Team Joshua

Children's Message: Ken Pollack

Christ Connection: Cheryl Boner & Laura Suchman

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Last Sunday Was a challenge that seemed like it would be overwhelming, at first. But with imagination and spiritual insight, the Elders, Rex and multimedia pulled it together proving God will never abandon us, and He will lead us on His chosen path to the cross. We just need to let Him.

The Doors After much ado, the door hardware has been installed. It looks great, neat and secure. Thank you trustees for keeping God's house in order. Keys are available through ministry board leaders.

Summer Project The wind damaged part of the Nativity Scene this week. This weekend the display will be taken down and hopefully repaired during warmer weather. It's been a busy week for the trustee's.

The church office will have limited hours. Jan 8, — Jan 14th., due to vacation. Pam Brighton will be filling in on Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm. The Afternoon Prayer email will be on hiatus until Jan. 17th. LCOL at Prayer is available on the volunteer desk. Please leave prayer requests with the church by calling 517-547-4261.

CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 15	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30am	Christian Care Mtg	
	9:45 am	Christ Connections	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. Jan. 16	7:00 pm	HR, Finance Mtg	
Tue. Jan. 17	10:00am	Bible Study	
	10:45am	Meals on Wheels	Mike & Kay
	5:00 pm	Stewardship Mtg.	
	6:00 pm	Teachers Mtg	
	6:15 pm	Crosstalk	
	7:00 pm	Council	Library
	Wed. Jan. 18	10:00am	Staff Meeting
	11:00am	PHD Meeting	Library
	7:00 pm	Westsidiers Group	
Thur. Jan 19	9:00 am	Bible Babes	
	11:00 am	Service Rehearsal	
	6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
	7:00 pm	No Choir Practice	
	7:00 pm	Schmidt Group	LCOL

Birthdays

1/15	Zack Cramer, Nancy Lavoy, Shannon Witt
1/16	Stephanie Denny, Joe Libey
1/17	Lucille Heindricks
1/19	Lillian Atwood, Don Connell, Susan Douglas, Nichole Henson, Joslyn Kope,
1/21	Charles Skeels III

Baptism Birthdays for January

1/4	Lalana Berry, Xander Berry
1/30	Ryan Metz

Anniversaries

1/18	Jim & Helen Nichols
1/19	Bob & Paula Daum
1/21	Jon & Mary Dellabona

TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome! We know that visiting a new church for the first few times can be awkward. We hope you will discover there are many wonderful people here and there are opportunities for you to find good friends and feel like you are a part of something bigger. We offer Christ Centered worship and Christ Connections Sunday School, along with a fellowship hour every Sunday at 9:30 am. Feel free to leave your contact information in the red booklets in the pew so we can better serve you in your walk with Christ.

Helpful information

Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway and fellowship hall. Changing tables are in both women's restrooms.

There are quiet rooms at the back of the Sanctuary. You can still see and hear the service and your child can play with the toys in the little bags just outside the quiet room door.

TIME & TREASURE

Last Week @ LCOL

Worship	1/8	154
Our Treasure		
General Fund	\$	4108.60
Debt Retirement:	\$	790.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance	\$	168,031.59

Trustee Meeting Sunday January 22nd
between Services in Room B