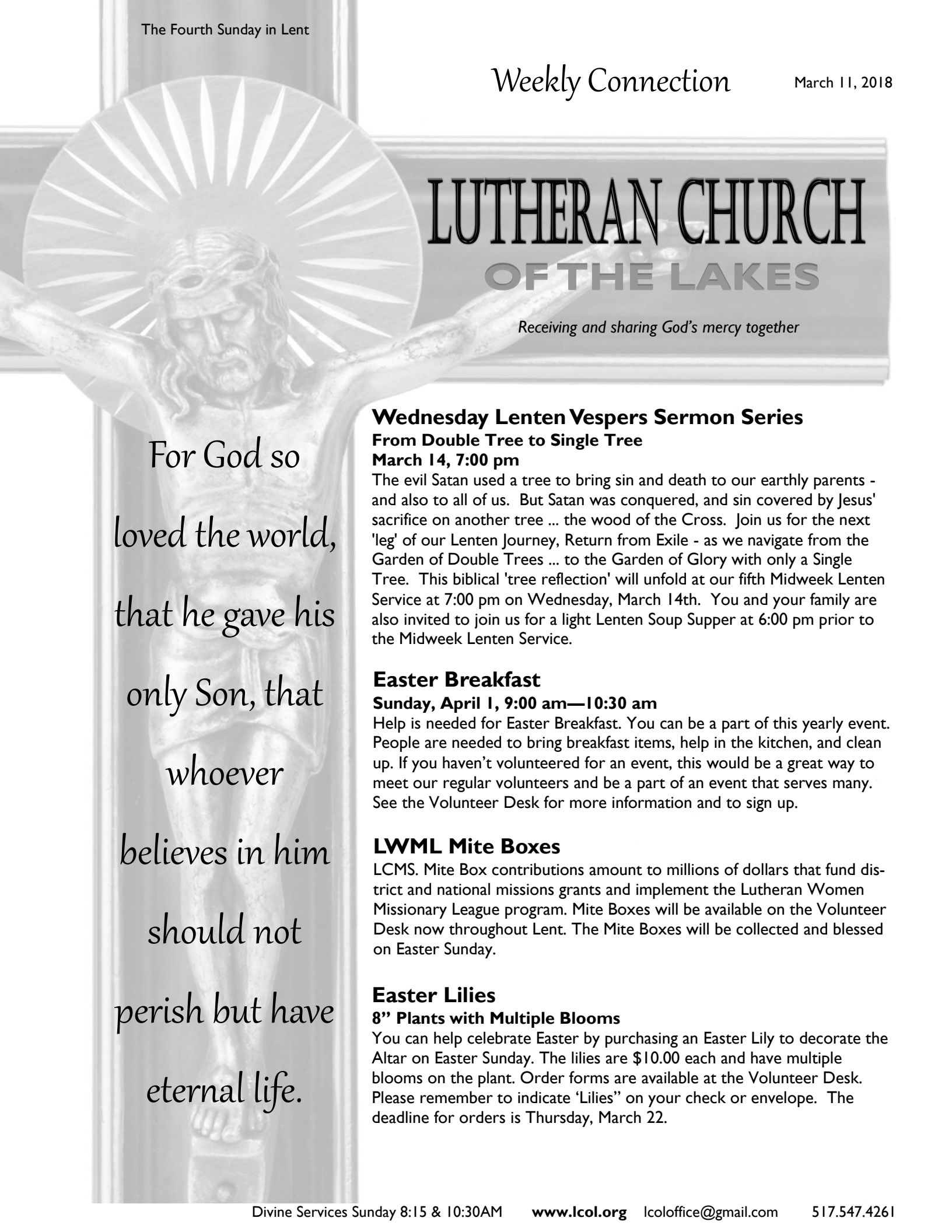


LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together



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Wednesday Lenten Vespers Sermon Series

From Double Tree to Single Tree

March 14, 7:00 pm

The evil Satan used a tree to bring sin and death to our earthly parents - and also to all of us. But Satan was conquered, and sin covered by Jesus' sacrifice on another tree ... the wood of the Cross. Join us for the next 'leg' of our Lenten Journey, Return from Exile - as we navigate from the Garden of Double Trees ... to the Garden of Glory with only a Single Tree. This biblical 'tree reflection' will unfold at our fifth Midweek Lenten Service at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 14th. You and your family are also invited to join us for a light Lenten Soup Supper at 6:00 pm prior to the Midweek Lenten Service.

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 1, 9:00 am—10:30 am

Help is needed for Easter Breakfast. You can be a part of this yearly event. People are needed to bring breakfast items, help in the kitchen, and clean up. If you haven't volunteered for an event, this would be a great way to meet our regular volunteers and be a part of an event that serves many. See the Volunteer Desk for more information and to sign up.

LWML Mite Boxes

LCMS. Mite Box contributions amount to millions of dollars that fund district and national missions grants and implement the Lutheran Women Missionary League program. Mite Boxes will be available on the Volunteer Desk now throughout Lent. The Mite Boxes will be collected and blessed on Easter Sunday.

Easter Lilies

8" Plants with Multiple Blooms

You can help celebrate Easter by purchasing an Easter Lily to decorate the Altar on Easter Sunday. The lilies are \$10.00 each and have multiple blooms on the plant. Order forms are available at the Volunteer Desk. Please remember to indicate 'Lilies' on your check or envelope. The deadline for orders is Thursday, March 22.

PRAYERS

INTROIT

(or Psalm Prayer)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Though an army encamped against me, my heart shall not fear;

Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after;

That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

He will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high on a rock.

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 God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD

Numbers 21:2-9

And Israel vowed a vow to the Lord and said, "If you will indeed give this people into my hand, then I will devote their cities to destruction." And the Lord heeded the voice of Israel and gave over the Canaanites, and they devoted them and their cities to destruction. So the name of the place was called Hormah. From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Ephesians 2:1-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

John 3:14-21

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God."

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Guide Me Redeemer" # 220
- ✝ Opening Song "I Will Stand"
- ✝ Psalm Prayer
- ◇ The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect

Around His Word...

- ◇ The Old Testament Numbers 21:2-9
- Choir "On the Cross of Calvary"

- ◇ Epistle Ephesians 2:1-10
- ✝ Scripture Song "Forgiven"
- ✝ The Gospel John 3:14-21
- ✝ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "My Faith Looks Up" # 410
- ✝ Sermon Song "I Walk By Faith"
- ◇ The Message Beyond Aspirin... To Actual Antidote
- ◇ The Creed

And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering
- Doxology
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- ✝ The Sacrament "Agnus Dei"
"We Love Your Name"
"Your Grace is Enough"
- The Closing Hymn "All Hail the Power" #272
- ◇ The Closing Prayer
- ◇ Benediction
- Choral Blessing

- **Indicates First Service Element**
- ✝ **Indicates Praise Service Element**
- ◇ **Indicates Both Services Element**

About Communion

It is the great joy of the confessing and believing Christian to celebrate the presence and power of Christ in our lives through the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Participation in this sacrament requires a shared understanding of its meaning, namely, that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine with His body and blood. Those who in true repentance have faith in these words, "give and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins," are urged to participate. If you agree with these belief statements, join us for the sacrament. Non-alcoholic wine is provided in the center of each tray for those who prefer not to consume alcoholic beverages. Gluten free wafers are also available.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Mike Ruhl
Music Minister: Rex Engle
Elders: Doug Morningstar & Jim Previch
Altar: Connie Barth
Acolytes: Sidney & Izabel Arledge
Ushers: **Tom Mrakitsch**, Dick Covell, Gordon Stites, Andi Langenderfer, Karl Kellk, **Mark Arledge**, Clif Weber, Ed Audet, Jay Fernamberg, Jeff Thompson
Praise Team: Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Bill Fetters
Choir: Cheryl Boner, Don & Joan Connell, Eileen Fry, Kay Helf, Helen Nichols, Stan Reiter, Karen Rose, Gordon & Nancy Stites, Chet & Jean Yarger
Fellowship: Andi Langenderfer & Sharon Moeller
Multi Media: Rick Baker
Greeters: Gordon & Nancy Stites, Jim & Renee Previch
Lay Readers: Betty Kipke & Sharon Moeller
Children's Message: Pastor Mike
Christ Connections: Mary Lou Wyman & Lynn Pollack

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Call Day April 24

This is the day we will learn if we have been assigned a Seminary Graduate. Please continue to pray God's will be done.

Thank you!

To an amazing team of volunteers who painted, put new light fixtures up, stained the molding, rehung the door and put new carpet in pastor's office. The office look great! You are a blessing!

Board Emphasis

This month there is a table set up in the Narthex with scripture and information from the Stewardship Board. You may recall the Stewardship Board is responsible for making sure members are good stewards of their time, talent, and treasures. Mike Helf leads this board and encourages anyone who would like more information about how you can use your gifts to serve God, to give him a call at 517-547-5210.

From the Stewardship board, please read:

I Peter 2:1-2

CALENDAR

Sun. March 11	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Christ Connections, Bible Study, Confirmation Classes	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. March 12	8:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast	Brooklyn Big Boy
Tue. March 13	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Chocolate Candy Making	Kitchen
	10:30 am	Meals on Wheels	The Herman's
Wed. March 14	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
	12:00 pm	Evangelism Meeting	Room B
	6:00 pm	Soup Supper & Lent Service	
Thurs. March 15	9:00 am	Bible Babes	Library
	6:00 pm	Praise & Choir Practice	
Fri. March 16		Office Closed	
	5:00 pm	Young Life Meeting	Fellowship Hall
Sat. March 17	9:00 am	Young Life Meeting	Fellowship Hall

Birthdays

3/11	Jerry Dart
3/14	Haiden Bennett, Cheri Knight, Florence Witte
3/16	Alison Kope

Baptism Birthdays

3/15	Nathan Horky
3/16	Savannah Brighton

Anniversaries

3/11	Rex & Paula Engle
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The Brennan Family would like to thank everyone who sent cards, prayers and helped during Dean's illness and passing. Your love and support means the world to us.
Steve & Sue Brennan

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 9:40 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

Worship	3/4	146
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	7,355.36
Debt Retirement:	\$	375.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance as of 1/31/18	\$	81,977.31

Operation Christmas Child Donations

This month's suggested donations: Plastic shoe boxes with lids, sewing kits, needles, spools of thread, measuring tapes, scissors etc. Please drop your donations off in the volunteer room (the office next to Rex's) in the red box. Thank you!