

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia!
We know that
Christ being
raised from
the dead will
never die
again.
Alleluia!

YMCA Storer Camp Preview Day (Today)

Sunday, April 15 and May 6

The YMCA Storer Camp offers programs for boys and girls entering 2-12 grades in a safe and healthy environment. Anyone, who is interested in sending their children to camp can attend one of the Free Camp Preview Days on April 15th or May 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Camp is located at 6941 Stony Lake Rd. Jackson, MI. 49201. Scholarships are available to any LCOL member or regular visitor. Visit storer@ymcastorer camps.org.

Addison Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

April 19, 5:00—7:00

LCOL will host the Addison Senior Dinner again this year. Volunteers are needed to help set-up, cook, serve and clean up. If you can help, sign up at the Volunteer Desk. Contact Julie Bauer 517-962-8853.

Adopt-a-Highway Clean up

Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am—12:00 Noon

LCOL has kept the two mile stretch of US223 clear of debris for over 20 years. Volunteers are needed, please see the sign up sheets on the Volunteer Desk or contact Donna Budde at 734-676-3374.

Church Bell Dedication

Sunday, April 29 at the 10:00 am Single Service

This beautiful bell is a memorial gift to Lutheran Church of the Lakes, donated by several family members of our congregation. During Sunday worship service on the 29th, the congregation will process outdoors and gather around the church entrance for a brief Rite of Dedication and Ringing of the Bell, commencing a ministry of calling God's People in our community to the worship of - and service to - Almighty God. We invite all of you to join us on April 29 for this significant moment in our congregation history.

If you have donated memorial funds toward the bell, please inform the office so we have a complete list of loved ones recognized 517-547-4261.

PRAYERS

INTROIT

(or Psalm Prayer)

In your presence there is fullness of joy;

At your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

And have not let my foes rejoice over me.

O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

And you have healed me.

O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,

And give thanks to his holy name.

For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

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)

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S WORD

Acts 3:11-21

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. "And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.

1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

Luke 24:36-49

As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Christ Has Risen" #142
- ✝ Opening Song "As for Me and My House"
- ◇ The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- ✝ Psalm Prayer
- ✝ Response Song "How Great is Our God"

✝ Around His Word...

- ◇ First Reading Acts 3:11-21
- The Gradual
- ◇ Epistle I John 3:1-7
- ✝ Scripture Song "Revelation Song"
- ◇ The Gospel Luke 24:36-49
- ✝ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "Children of the Heavenly Father" #725
- ✝ Sermon Song "My Soul Longs"
- ◇ The Message The Big Squeeze

And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering
- ✝ The Offering Song "Hallelujah"
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "Love Divine, Excelling" #286
"The Strife is Over" #143
- ◇ The Closing Prayer
- ✝ Closing Song "The Same Love"
- ◇ The 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, "given 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. Please contact the pastor after the service for private communion.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Pastor:** Rev. Mike Ruhl
- Music Minister:** Rex Engle
- Elders:** Hal Schmidt & Ken Pollack
- Altar:** Helen Hunt
- Acolytes:** Elders
- Ushers:** **Steve Bauer**, Tom Shoup, Denny DeMuth, Lucas Bennett, Julie Bauer **Doug Morningstar**, Bob Ressler, Ron Ferrell, Carl Connin
- Praise Team:** Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Bill Fetters
- Fellowship:** Donna Shoup & Kathy Schmidt
- Multi Media:** Rick Baker, Diane Knecht
- Greeters:** Hal & Kathy Schmidt, Ron & Mary Lou Wyman
- Lay Readers:** Donna Shoup & Lynn Pollack
- Christ Connections:** Mary Lou Wyman & Lynn Pollack

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

The Trustee team was hard at work last week. They painted, carpeted and re-stained the molding in the Blood Pressure Room. Thank you, good and faithful servants! The room looks great!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study. Apparently there is a lot of interest in the Book of Revelation. The group pretty much filled the Library. There are still a few seats available if anyone wants to join for week number two, next Tuesday.

Swallow Prevention

You may have noticed the windchimes hanging under the awning on the porch this week. We have them there to prevent the barn swallows from building nests in the corners. The chimes make sweet music to our ears that the swallows find annoying. It's defiantly a win for LCOL.

The Steeple Lights have been turning on and off at odd times. This week, with some intuitive thinking, one of our volunteers decided to take a look at the mechanics of the timer. He discovered a screw for the clock mechanism was ready to fall out. The clock in the timer was hitting or missing and not able to keep the correct time. It reminds us when we go to church off and on, we hit or miss; and when we miss, things don't go as well as we hope; when we hit, we have the reassurance that all things happen in God's time and for our own good.

CALENDAR

Sun. April 15	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Adult Bible Study	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. April 16	7:00 pm	HR Finance Meeting	
Tue. April 17	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:45 am	Meals on Wheels	Ron & ML Wyman
Wed. April 18	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
	6:15 pm	Cross Talk	Library
	7:00 pm	Church Council	Library
Thurs. April 19	9:00 am	Bible Babes	Library
	6:00 pm	Praise & Choir Practice	
	7:00 pm	Schmidt Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Fri. April 20		Office Closed	
Sat. April 21	9:00 am	Adopt -a-Highway	LCOL

Birthdays

4/15	Ron Griffith
4/17	Logan Cortez
4/18	Donna Shoup
4/20	Izabel Arledge, Margene Angerer (80), Katilyn Brighton

Baptism Birthdays

4/19	Mark, Sidney & Izabel Arledge
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Anniversaries

4/18	Larry & Jan Thomas
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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	4/8	153
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	5,627.00
Debt Retirement:	\$	540.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance as of 3/31/18	\$	71,231.99

**Today We Welcome into the membership at
Lutheran Church of the Lakes:
Janice Bollin**