

April 28, 2024

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Lakes!



"COME FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN"

John 4:19

National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2nd. LCOL will be having a prayer gathering throughout the day, from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Come join us to pray for neighbor and nation! There are prayer cards on the table in the narthex to fill out so we can include your prayers. For more details contact Richard or Carol Moran, or Laurie Connin.

Ascension Day is May 9th. We will have a special service at 7:00pm.

Ushers Are Needed for May. Sign-up sheets are on the volunteer desk in the narthex. See Dick Rose if you have questions.

LCOL Outreach Supper and a Movie Night - May 15th at 6:15 featuring **"42 the Jackie Robinson Story"** A light supper will be served at 6:15 followed by the movie. Donations go to the Lenawee Humane Society.



Reasons for Praise and Thanksgiving - After sending out pleas for people to sign up to be ushers or serve on the Altar Guild, both are filling up with people who are willing to serve. It takes many hands from people with a variety of talents to keep this church moving forward. We are truly blessed at LCOL to have so many people in our congregation step up to fill these and other important positions!

There will be no one in the church office on Monday and Tuesday as Leslie will be attending a conference.

Weekly Bible Studies and Groups		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES		
GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	LOCATION
Sunday HS Youth - @ 9:45am	Learning Through Christ	The Youth Loft Upstairs
Sunday Middle School Confirmation Class @ 9:40 5 th through 8 th grade	Luther Small Catechism	Room 8
Sunday Children 10 yrs. and Under @ 9:45am	Learning Through Christ	Children's Classroom
Sunday Bible Study @ 9:45am	Book of 2 Corinthians	Adult Bible Study Room
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT		
GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	LOCATION
Tuesday AM Bible Study @10:30am	Book of Nehemiah	Library
Bible Babes: Thursdays at 9:30 am	Genesis	Room B (Rear of Sanctuary)
Sailing Solo: Second Sundays after second service	Support for Singles	Parish Hall
Men's Bible Breakfast: 2nd Mondays @ 10am	Various Studies	Big Boy Brooklyn
Prayer Gathering: Mondays, 5:00pm to		in the Sanctuary
SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE		
Greeting	Steve and Julie Bauer	Mike and Carol Zuchowski
Reading	Donna Shoup	Mary Lou Wyman
Elders	Steve Bauer	Larry Crouch
Altar		Judy and John Parros
Acolytes	The Bennetts	Xander Berry & Audry Laharrague
Ushers	Bob Daum	
Financial Overview		
	February 2024	YTD 2024
Income	\$29,080.11	\$54,069.87
Expense	\$24,300.73	\$56,166.68
Budget	\$26,666.67	\$53,333.34
Attendance Last Sunday	8:15 - 41	10:30 - 34

Acts 8:26-40

²⁶Now ^man angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south⁴ to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. ²⁷And he rose and went. And there was an ⁿEthiopian, a ^eeunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, ²⁸who was in charge of all her treasure. ²⁹He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ³⁰And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” ³¹So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³²And he said, ^r“How can I, unless someone ^sguides me?” And ^lhe invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³³Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: ^u“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. ³⁴In his ^vhumiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” ³⁵And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁶Then Philip opened his mouth, and ^wbeginning with this Scripture ^xhe told him the good news about Jesus. ³⁷And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! ^yWhat prevents me from being baptized?” ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, ^zthe Spirit of the Lord ^acarried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, ¹do not believe every spirit, but ²test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for ³many ⁴false prophets ⁵have gone out into the world. ⁶By this you know the Spirit of God: ⁷every spirit that confesses that ⁸Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ⁹and every spirit ¹⁰that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and ¹¹now is in the world already. ¹²Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for ¹³he who is in you is greater than ¹⁴he who is in the world. ¹⁵They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and ¹⁶the world listens to them. ¹⁷We are from God. ¹⁸Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know ¹⁹the Spirit of truth and ²⁰the spirit of error. ²¹Beloved, ²²let us love one another, for love is from God, and ²³whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ²⁴Anyone who does not love does not know God, because ²⁵God is love. ²⁶In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that ²⁷God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ²⁸In this is love, ²⁹not that we have loved God ³⁰but that he loved us and sent his Son to be ³¹the propitiation for our sins. ³²Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

John 15:1-8

“I am the ¹true vine, and my Father is ²the vinedresser. ³Every branch in me that does not bear fruit ⁴he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, ⁵that it may bear more fruit. ⁶Already ⁷you are clean ⁸because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁹Abide ¹⁰in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ¹¹I am the vine; ¹²you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that ¹³bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ¹⁴If anyone does not abide in me ¹⁵he is thrown away like a branch and withers; ¹⁶and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ¹⁷If ¹⁸you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ¹⁹ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ²⁰By this my Father is glorified, that you ²¹bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

<u>8:15am Service</u>	<u>10:30am Service</u>
#465 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”	“This is Our God”
Welcome / Confession & Absolution	Welcome / Confession & Absolution
Introit / Gloria / Collect	Psalm Prayer
Choir: “Come to Me”	“No Body”
Scripture Readings	Scripture Readings
Gospel	Gospel
#611 “Chief of Sinners”	“Jesus, Friend of Sinners”
Sermon	Sermon
Apostles’ Creed	Nicene Creed
Prayer/Lord’s Prayer	Prayer / Lord’s Prayer
Blessing	Communion
Ministry Moment / Invitation to Connect	• “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” (video)
#837 “Lift High the Cross”	• “Jesus”
.	• “Agnus Dei”
.	Blessing
.	Ministry Moment/Invitation to Connect



The Outreach Committee is sponsoring a “Create a Design for Our New T-shirts” contest. If you are interested in entering, entry forms are available on the table in the narthex and include contest rules. **Deadline to enter is May 19th.** Winners will receive a free T-shirt.