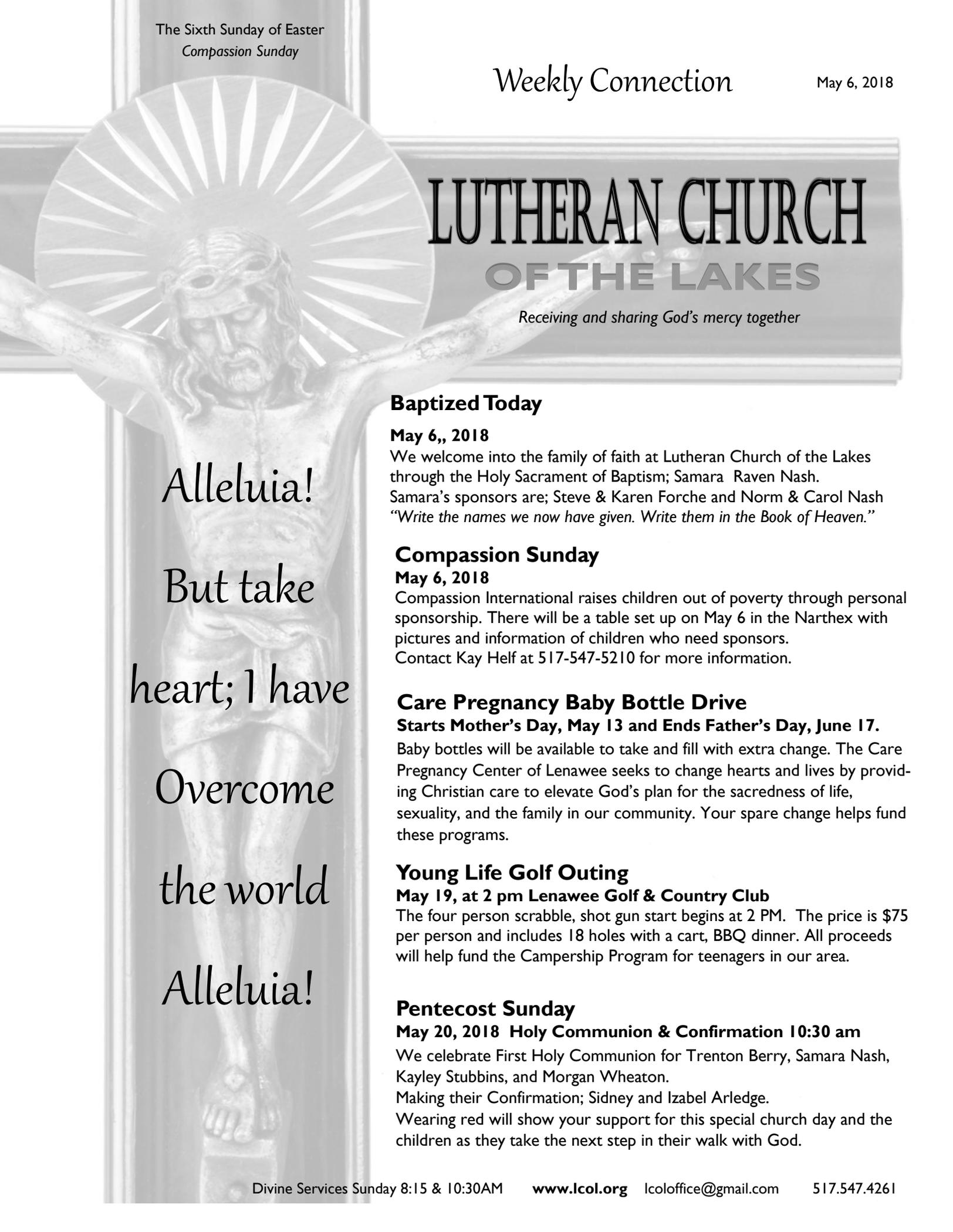


LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together



Alleluia!
But take
heart; I have
Overcome
the world
Alleluia!

Baptized Today

May 6,, 2018

We welcome into the family of faith at Lutheran Church of the Lakes through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism; Samara Raven Nash. Samara's sponsors are; Steve & Karen Forche and Norm & Carol Nash "Write the names we now have given. Write them in the Book of Heaven."

Compassion Sunday

May 6, 2018

Compassion International raises children out of poverty through personal sponsorship. There will be a table set up on May 6 in the Narthex with pictures and information of children who need sponsors. Contact Kay Helf at 517-547-5210 for more information.

Care Pregnancy Baby Bottle Drive

Starts Mother's Day, May 13 and Ends Father's Day, June 17.

Baby bottles will be available to take and fill with extra change. The Care Pregnancy Center of Lenawee seeks to change hearts and lives by providing Christian care to elevate God's plan for the sacredness of life, sexuality, and the family in our community. Your spare change helps fund these programs.

Young Life Golf Outing

May 19, at 2 pm Lenawee Golf & Country Club

The four person scrabble, shot gun start begins at 2 PM. The price is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes with a cart, BBQ dinner. All proceeds will help fund the Campership Program for teenagers in our area.

Pentecost Sunday

May 20, 2018 Holy Communion & Confirmation 10:30 am

We celebrate First Holy Communion for Trenton Berry, Samara Nash, Kayley Stubbins, and Morgan Wheaton.

Making their Confirmation; Sidney and Izabel Arledge.

Wearing red will show your support for this special church day and the children as they take the next step in their walk with God.

INTROIT*(or Psalm Prayer)***Come and hear, all who fear God,**

And I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

Bless our God, O peoples;

Let the sound of his praise be heard,

Who has kept our soul among the living

And has not let our feet slip.

Blessed be God,

Because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from me!

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, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them ; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.****Acts 10:34-48**

So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

1 John 5:1-8

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Alleluia, Hearts to Heaven" # 477
- ✝ Opening Song "Today is the Day"
- ◇ The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- ✝ Psalm Prayer
- ✝ Response Song "Mighty to Save"

✝ Around His Word...

- ◇ First Reading Acts 10:34-48
- The Gradual
- ◇ Epistle I John 5:1-8
- ✝ Scripture Song "Friend of God"
- ◇ The Gospel John 15:9-17
- ✝ Baptism Samara Nash
- Sermon Hymn "Spirit of the Living" # (GH) 247
- ✝ Sermon Song "Amazing Grace, My Chains"
- ◇ The Message The Love Relay

And Blesses Us!

- The Creed
- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering
- ✝ The Offering Song "Spirit of God"
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "What a Friend In Jesus" # 516
"Amazing Grace" # 509
- ◇ The Closing Prayer
- ✝ Closing Song "Go Tell It!"
- ◇ The Blessing

- **Indicates First Service Element**
- ✝ **Indicates Praise Service Element**
- ◇ **Indicates Both Services Element**
- **GH Gray Hymnal**

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: Kent Marcum
Elders: Steve Bauer & Clif Weber
Altar: Linda Krueger
Acolytes: Elders
Ushers: **Richard Rose**, Rick Gray, Harold Hunt, Ken Neitzel, Dan Kazup **Rick Riley**, Chris Wyman, Ron Wyman, Lloyd Lash, Ida Snyder
Praise Team: Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Bill Fetters
Multi Media: Rick Baker, Diane Knecht, Tim Snyder
Greeters: Steve & Julie Bauer, Doug Morningstar
Lay Readers: Donna Haas & Sonya Merrill
Fellowship: The Barth Family
Christ Connections: Andi Langenderfer & Jan Thomas

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

A Visit Pastor Tyson Bentz paid a visit to LCOL on Tuesday while he was overseeing an inspection on a house he and his wife, Heidi, are looking to purchase. Members of Council were able to spend a couple of hours getting to know him and asking questions. The general consensus is, God has sent us a very good and faithful servant. We are so excited to have Pastor Bentz leading us into the future.

Road Sign Has anyone asked you what the sign on US 223 means? Are we getting a dog? Ron Wyman has changed the sign for years and has come up with some pretty clever sayings. This one has a few people puzzled. The message delivered at the Call Service referred to the new pastors as dogs, meaning, a dog will always look up to his master for direction and guidance, so the new seminary grads are to remember to look to their Master to guide them and not be distracted with everything that goes on around them.

Mite Boxes This Monday, members from the Board of Christian Care and one little helper counted all the change from the Mite Boxes. What an impressive show of support from our membership. The boxes totaled \$320.60! It's amazing how tossing extra change in a little box adds up. Thank you for your generous hearts!

Health Care Sunday
Blood pressure check at 9:45- Room 3.

CALENDAR

Sun. May 6	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Adult Bible Study	
	9:30 am	Board of Christian Care Meeting	Parents Lounge
	9:30 am	Trustee Meeting	Room B
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. May 7			
Tue. May 8	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:45 am	Meals on Wheels	Harold & Helen Hunt
	5:30 pm	Stewardship Meeting	Room B
Wed. May 9	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
	12:00 pm	Evangelism Meeting	Room B
Thurs. May 10	9:00 am	Bible Babes	Library
	6:00 pm	Praise & Choir Practice	
Fri. May 11		Office Closed	

Birthdays

5/6	Jasmine Snyder
5/12	Dalton Brown

Baptism Birthdays

5/11	Madilyn Gahn
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Anniversaries

5/7	Bob & Vicki Jacobs
5/8	Lloyd & Tami Lash

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	4/29	172
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	5,563.00
Debt Retirement:	\$	165.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance as of 3/31/18	\$	71,231.99

Special Voters' Meeting

Sunday May 13, 2018 immediately following second (10:30) service in the Fellowship Hall.

1. Vote on financing through the Church Extension Fund (CEF) for Pastor Elect Tyson Bentz's mortgage.
2. Revise 2018 budget to reallocate salary to cover a full-time music minister. Details to be provided prior to meeting.