



LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia!
Come,
Holy Spirit,
fill the
hearts of
the
faithful,
Alleluia!

First Holy Communion

May 20, 2018 at 10:30 am

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

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for special breakfast honoring our Catechumens.

May this Body and Blood strengthen you in the true faith to life everlasting.

Rite of Confirmation

May 20, 2018 at 10:30 am

Sidney Arledge and Izabel Arledge will make their confirmation today.

Please join them in the Fellowship Hall for a special breakfast honoring our Catechumens.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Care Pregnancy Baby Bottle Drive

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

Baby bottles are available on the Information Table in the narthex 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 families in our community. Your spare change helps fund these programs.

Celebration Gift Card Shower

It's an exciting time at LCOL. Pastor Mike and Rex are retiring and Tyson Bentz is joining us. In celebration, the Worship, Music and Arts Ministry has decided to throw all three men a gift card shower. There are three gift boxes on the Volunteer Desk with each of the men's names on them. Gifts cards can be dropped off anytime before June 17th.

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord."

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: "'And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

John 15:26-27

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" # 347
- ✠ Opening Song "Fill This Place"
- ✠ Psalm Prayer
- ◇ The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect

Around His Word...

- ◇ The Old Testament Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Gradual
- ◇ Epistle Acts 2:1-21
- ✠ Scripture Song "Holy Fire"
- ✠ The Gospel John 15:26-27
- ✠ Rite of Confirmation
- Sermon Hymn "Spirit of God Descend" # 249
- ✠ Sermon Song "What the Lord Has Done in Us"
- ◇ The Message Them Bones! Them Bones!

And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering
- Doxology
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- ✠ First Holy Communion
- ◇ The Sacrament "Come Down, Love Divine" # 162
"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling # 164"
- ✠ The Sacrament "Here in Your Presence"
"The Spirit of the Lord"
"Wonder Working God"
- The Closing Hymn
- ◇ The Closing Prayer
- ◇ Benediction
- **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: Steve Bauer & Cliff Weber
Altar: Kathy Schmidt & Connie Barth
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, Mike Blackmar
Multi Media: Rick Baker, Tim Snyder, Diane Knecht
Greeters: Fred Miller, Donna Haas, & Connie & Bob Barth
Lay Readers: Betty Kipke & Wendy Chetkocvich
Fellowship: Cheryl Perry & Betty Kipke
Christ Connections: Andi Langenderfer & Jan Thomas

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Compassion Children We had one child sponsored this week for Compassion Sunday. As a whole LCOL sponsors about 25 children all over the world. Some families sponsor more than one child. We can't help every child but we make a huge impact on the lives of the children we do help. God has blessed LCOL with generous hearts.

Power Surge It was evident last Sunday at the early service that something electronically happened in the church over the weekend. The first service was a little up in the air because the screens originally put into the program were mixed in with Good Shepherd Sunday from a couple of weeks ago. Thanks to Pastor Mike and the media team upstairs the service was corrected and we were able to receive the Word.

It's a Girl! Pastor Elect Tyson and his wife Heidi welcomed Adelaide Hannah Bentz into the world just after midnight on May 16, Mom and baby are doing great. Praise God!

Thank You

"It's hard to find the right words to express our gratitude for all the prayers, cards, and hugs sent our way due to dad's passing. We are truly grateful and blessed by God through all of you, our family at LCOL."

Together in Christ,

Hal, Kathy Schmidt & Family

CALENDAR

Sun. May 20	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Sunday School, Confirmation Class, Adult Bible Study	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. May 21	7:00 pm	HR Finance Meeting	
Tue. May 22	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:45 am	Meals on Wheels	Bill & Andi L.
Wed. May 23	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. May 24	6:00 pm	Praise & Choir Practice	
Fri. May 25		Office Closed	

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.

Birthdays

5/20	Adam Draa, David McCance
5/21	Bill Dodds, Kannan Mattson, Kevin Murray
5/22	Bob Jacobs
5/23	Sara Barth, Terry Bias
5/24	Sue Brennan, Mary Brown
5/26	Karrie Thompsen

Baptism Birthdays

5/21	Bridger Paul Bennett
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Anniversaries

2/20	Bill & Sandy Dodds
5/23	Rick & Linda Baker

TIME & TREASURE

Worship	5/13	190
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Our Treasure

General Fund	\$	5,257.25
Debt Retirement:	\$	590.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance as of 4/30/18	\$	63,930.23