

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia!
Holy, Holy,
Holy is the
Lord of hosts;
The whole
earth is full
of his glory!
Alleluia!

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. Gift cards can be dropped off anytime before June 17th.

MIS Race Weekend Sunrise Service

The Michigan District is looking for volunteers to hand out info at the Fan Plaza on Friday, June 8, in shifts from 8am- 5pm, Saturday and June 9, 8am-2pm inviting race fans to the Sunday Sunrise Service on June 10th. The service will be led by the Michigan District of the LCMS. If you can help, contact Nancy Teets at 517-499-0786, nancy49253@gmail.com or sign up at the volunteer desk.

Youth Group Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 11:40 am

A new Youth Group is forming. Erika Kope is leading the group and would like to meet with the newly confirmed kids and High School students along with anyone who is interested in helping. The meeting will be held in the Youth Room upstairs in the Church. Call Erika Kope for more information 517-902-2345.

INTROIT*(or Psalm Prayer)***Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity.**

Let us give glory to him because he has shown his mercy to us.

I have set the Lord always before me;

Because he at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my whole being rejoices;

My flesh also dwells secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

Or let your holy one see corruption.

You make known to me the path of life;

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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 and everlasting God, You have given us grace to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity by the confession of a true faith and to worship the Unity in the power of the Divine Majesty. Keep us steadfast in this faith and defend us from all adversities; for You, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.****Isaiah 6:1-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: "Lo, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Acts 2:14a, 22-36

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. "Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. For David says concerning him, "'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "'The Lord said to my Lord, "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool.'" 'Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified."

John 3:1-17

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 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."

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Holy, Holy, Lord" # 168
- ✠ Opening Song "Rising"
- ✠ Psalm Prayer
- ◇ The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect

Around His Word...

- ◇ The Old Testament Isaiah 6:1-8
- Choir "Holy, We Worship You"
- ◇ Epistle Acts 2:14a, 22-36
- ✠ Scripture Song "Holy, Holy, Holy"
- ✠ The Gospel John 3:1-17
- ✠ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "Come, O King" # 169
- ✠ Sermon Song "We Believe"
- ◇ The Message Seeing God in 3-D
- ◇ The Creed

And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering
- Doxology
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- ✠ The Sacrament "On Bended Knee"
"Everything Glorious"
- The Closing Hymn "Holy God, We Praise" #171
- ◇ 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 & Clif Weber
Altar: 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
Choir: Cheryl Boner, Don & Joan Connell, Eileen Fry, Kay Helf, Helen Nichols, Stan Reiter, Karen Rose, Gordon & Nancy Stites, Chet & Jean Yarger
Multi Media: Rick Baker, Tim Snyder, Diane Knecht
Greeters: Tom & Jodie Fenstemacher, Wendy Chetkovich
Lay Readers: Kathy Schmidt & Mary Lou Wyman
Children's Message: Ken Pollack
Fellowship: Kathy Schmidt and Fellowship
Christ Connections: Andi Langenderfer & Jan Thomas

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

It's Spring! Denny DeMuth and Gordon Stites were in the process of opening the sprinkler system this week when the well stopped working. Thankfully they knew what caused it and were able to get the part and have Carl Connin fix it. LCOL is blessed to have so many knowledgeable people in her midst, to care of the grounds and inner workings of the church.

Celebration Planning The church is a buzz with activities geared towards the retirement of Pastor Mike and Rex along with Pastor Bentz's ordination and installation celebrations. It seems each of the ministries has a part they are working on. June is shaping up to be a very busy month.

Changes Can you imagine, graduating from the seminary, getting assigned to LCOL, purchasing a home, having a baby and moving all within a month! It's so amazing to see God's plan put into place right before our very eyes. There is something to be said about Faith and youth, Pastor Bentz and Heidi have both.

Thank You

"Thank you so much to our LCOL family for all of the prayers, cards, calls and support during the loss of our Mom. Each and every one of you is greatly appreciated."

Tom and Jodie Fenstemacher

CALENDAR

Sun. May 27	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. May 28		Office Closed	Memorial Day
Tue. May 29	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:45 am	Meals on Wheels	
Wed. May 30	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
Thurs. May 31	6:00 pm	Praise & Choir Practice	
Fri. June 1		LCMS Youth Gathering	Frankenmuth

Birthdays

5/26	Nathaniel Houghton
5/28	Dasia Mattson
5/29	Gary Moeller
5/30	Jean Yarger
6/1	Aurelia Bennett, Eileen Fry

Baptism Birthdays

5/21	Bridger Paul Bennett
5/30	Jennifer Kellk, David McCance, David Ruth
6/1	Don & Nicholas Houghton, Florence Witte

Charity of the Month

The door offering today will benefit Catherine Cobb Women's Safe House. Along with monetary donations, the shelter asks for: soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes and other personal care items.

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 9:30 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	5/20	178
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	5,681.00
Debt Retirement:	\$	950.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance as of 4/30/18	\$	63,930.23