

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia!
Grow in the
grace and
knowledge
of our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.
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Retirement and Farewell Party -Today

Sunday, June 17, 2018 at 11:30 am following the 10:30 service.
Everyone is welcome to join in celebrating Pastor Mike's farewell and Rex's retirement. The Fellowship team has prepared a great meal so let's gather and show our appreciation for each of these gifted men.

Ordination and Installation Service

Sunday, June 24, 2018 at 3:00 pm

Pastor Tyson Vaughn Bentz will be ordained and installed as pastor of Lutheran Church of the Lakes. There will be a celebratory dinner and reception following the service. Please sign the reservation sheet on the Volunteer Desk in the narthex if you plan to attend the dinner after the ceremony.

Prepare the Way Ministries Event

Monday, June 25 at 6:30 pm.

Stephen Williams, Founder and Director of Prepare the Way ministries in Bend, OR (and the Pollack's son-in-law), will speak at LCOL on Monday, June 25th from 6:30 to approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Library. His topic, "America at a Crossroads," examines the ways in which our Biblical worldview is under attack today and what Christians can do to uphold it in an increasingly secular society. Stephen speaks nationwide on worldview, apologetics and cultural issues.

VBS Splash Canyon

Monday, July 9, - Friday, July 13. 5:50—7:30 pm

VBS 2018 is coming soon! Children are invited to have fun at LCOL with crafts, games, storytelling and much more. You can register your children by going to lcol.org under the Education tab, or contacting Nancy Teets at 517-499-0786.

INTROIT*(or Psalm Prayer)***It is good to give thanks to the Lord,**

To sing praises to your name. O Most High.

The righteous flourish like the palm tree

And grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

They are planted in the house of the Lord;

They flourish in the courts of our God.

They still bear fruit in old age;

They are ever full of sap and green,

To declare that the Lord is upright;

He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

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)***Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life;; through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.****Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God: "I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of the cedar and will set it out. I will break off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel will I plant it, that it may bear branches and produce fruit and become a noble cedar. And under it will dwell every kind of bird; in the shade of its branches birds of every sort will nest. And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord; I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree, dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it."

2 Corinthians 5:1-10

For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling, if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.

Mark 4:26-34

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

And he said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable shall we use for it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when sown on the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and puts out large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it. He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything.

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Oh Worship the King" #458
- ✠ Opening Song "All the People Said Amen"
- ◇ The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- ✠ Psalm Prayer
- ✠ Response Song "I Will Rise Up"

- ✠ **Around His Word...**
- ◇ First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24
- The Gradual
- ◇ Epistle 2 Corinthians 5:1-10
- ✠ Scripture Song "How Majestic"
- ◇ The Gospel Mark 4:26-34
- ✠ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "Take My Life" #784
- ✠ Sermon Song "God You Reign"
- ◇ The Message The Mystery of the Mustard Seed

And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering
- ✠ The Offering Song "Lord I Need You"
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "Lord Jesus We Pray" # 250
"Thine the Amen, Praise" #680
- ◇ The Closing Prayer
- ✠ Closing Song "Made New"
- ◇ 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.

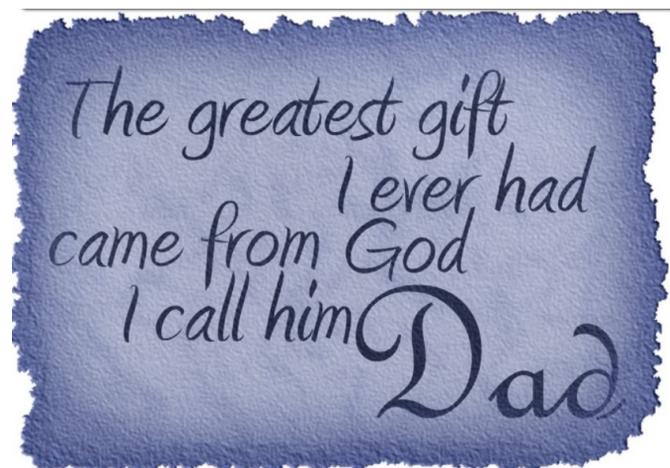
SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

- Pastor:** Rev. Mike Ruhl
- Music Minister:** Rex Engle
- Elders:** Dick Covell & Jay Fernamberg
- Altar:** Mary Lou Wyman
- Acolytes:** Elders
- Ushers:** Tom Fenstermacher, Norm Fry, Art Pendley, Bob Gilstroff, Phil Bauer **Brent McMordie**, Jim Previch, Mark Luma, Brenda Luma, Mark Thomas
- Praise Team:** Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Mike Blackmar
- Children's Message:** Pastor Mike
- Multi Media:** Rick Baker, Tim Snyder, Diane Knecht
- Greeters:** Rick & Donna Gray, Rick & Angie Riley
- Lay Readers:** Donna Shoup & Tami Lash
- Fellowship:** Fellowship
- Christ Connections:** Andi Langenderfer & Jan Thomas

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

The Move With the help of many people the Bentz family took possession of their new home this week. There was a buzz of activity with people cleaning, moving furniture and unpacking. For the most part things are in the house. Now the job of figuring out where to put everything begins.

Christ Connection- Sunday School Takes on a new program for the summer. The kids will continue to meet at 9:30 in the Children's Worship Center, but each week they will have a different project to do, for example; crafts, science projects, woodworking and puppets and plays. Each of the projects is biblically based and led by different leaders. Having fun learning new things with Jesus at the center, it's a win-win.



Happy Father's Day!

CALENDAR

Sun. June 17	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Sunday School, Adult Bible Study Sunday School Youth Group	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
	11:40 am	Pastor Mike's and Rex's Farewell Party	Fellowship Hall
Mon. June 18	8:00 am	Men's Bible Breakfast	Brooklyn Big Boy
	7:00 pm	HR Finance Meeting	Room B
Tue. June 19	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:45 am	Meals on Wheels	Ed & Pat Audet
Wed. June 20	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
	6:15 pm	Cross Talk & Council	Library
Thurs. June 21	6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
	7:00 pm	Schmidt Small Group	Fellowship Hall
Fri. June 22		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 9:30 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.

Birthdays

6/17	Abby Price
6/18	Bill Langenderfer
6/19	Karl Kellk
6/19	Matt Pogoreski
6/20	Kayley Stubbins
6/22	Sharon Blackmar, Melissa Snyder

Baptism Birthdays

6/20	John Boehk, Harrison Moore
6/22	Christin Draa

Anniversaries

6/22	Dick & Pat Rupli
6/23	Chet & Wendy Chetkovich

TIME & TREASURE

Worship	6/10	184
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	7,158.02
Debt Retirement:	\$	350.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance as of 4/30/18	\$	63,930.23