

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

*Receiving and sharing God's mercy together*

Alleluia!  
Blessed are  
those who are  
persecuted for  
righteousness'  
sake, for theirs  
is the kingdom  
of heaven.  
Alleluia!

## **Baptized Today**

**July 15, 2018**

We welcome into the family of faith at Lutheran Church of the Lakes through the Holy Sacrament of Baptism: Amber Niles and her children; Damien, Kourtnie and Michael.

Mike and Kay Helf are sponsors for the Niles family.

*"Write the names we now have given. Write them in the Book of Heaven."*

## **Youth Meeting**

**Each Sunday 9:40 in the Youth Loft**

The Youth Group continues to meet throughout the summer. The group consists of Kaleigh Amador, Izabel & Sidney Arledge, Daniel Merrill, Samara Nash, Kayley Stubbins, Morgan Wheaton. If you know of any other Jr. high to high school students who would like to get involved, contact Erika Kope: 517-902-2345.

## **LCOL Summer Camp**

**August 6-10 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

The theme for Summer Camp is Splash Canyon. Children are invited to spend the day at LCOL and enjoy games, skits, crafts and music. This is the perfect opportunity to meet up with your VBS friends. Weekly registration fees are: \$10. for 1/2 day and \$20. for the full day. Register online at [lcol.org](http://lcol.org) under the Education tab. Or call Nancy Teets 517-499-0786.

**INTROIT***(or Psalm Prayer)***For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!**

In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!

**Hear my prayer. O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy!**

In you faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

**Enter not into judgment with your servant.,**

For no one living is righteous before you.

**Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love,**

For in you I trust.

**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 Lord, You granted Your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.****Amos 7:7-15**

This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

**Ephesians 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**Mark 6:7-13**

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some said, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead. That is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." But others said, "He is Elijah." And others said, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For it was Herod who had sent and seized John and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because he had married her. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to put him to death. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he kept him safe. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he heard him gladly. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his nobles and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. For when Herodias's daughter came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests. And the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it to you." And he vowed to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half of my kingdom." And she went out and said to her mother, "For what should I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist." And she came in immediately with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." And the king was exceedingly sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he did not want to break his word to her. And immediately the king sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison and brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard of it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

## ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

### God brings us together...

- ◇ Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Praise My Soul" # 793
- ✚ Opening Song "You Are Good"
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- ✚ Psalm Prayer
- ✚ Response Song "The Wonderful Cross"
  
- ✚ **Around His Word...**
- ◇ First Reading Amos 7:7-15
- The Gradual
- ◇ Epistle Ephesians 1:3-14
- ✚ Scripture Song "Better is One Day"
- ◇ The Gospel Mark 6:14-29
- ✚ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn / Song "Come, Thou Fount" # 6
- ◇ The Message

### And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Creed
- ◇ The Offering
- ✚ The Offering Song "Breathe in Me"
- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "Alas and Did My Savior" # 437  
"Amazing Grace" #744  
"Lord Keep Us Steadfast" # 655
- ◇ The Closing Prayer
- ✚ Closing Song "Beautiful One"
- ◇ The Blessing
  
- **Indicates First Service Element**
- ✚ **Indicates Praise Service Element**
- ◇ **Indicates Both Services Element**

## SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

**Pastor:** Rev. Tyson Bentz  
**Music Minister:** Dave Rains  
**Elders:** Bill Langenderfer & Gordon Brighton  
**Altar:** Julie Bauer  
**Acolytes:** Elders  
**Ushers:** Tom Mrakitsch, Dick Covell, Gordon Stites, Andi Langenderfer, Karl Kellk, **Mark Arledge**, Clif Weber, Chris Wyman, Jay Fernamberg, Jeff Thompsen  
**Praise Team:** Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Mike Blackmar  
**Children's Message:** Pastor Tyson  
**Multi Media:** Rick Baker, Tim Snyder, Diane Knecht  
**Greeters:** Hal & Kathy Schmidt, Ron & M.L. Wyman  
**Lay Readers:** Betty Kipke & Tim Wegman  
**Fellowship:** Betty Kipke & Karen Matteson  
**Christ Connections:** Special Summer Projects

## IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

**Changing Table** This week a new baby changing table was installed in the men's restroom. Having young parents in the church is making us realize many things are different than they used to be. We are baby steps in keeping up with the needs of our people.

**VBS** What a week it has been for everyone involved with Vacation Bible School. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with the Splash Canyon theme, great Bible stories were told, dinner was served each night and the kids had a blast with games, crafts, and Bible stories. Summer fun at it's best! All because we have a great group of volunteers!

**AC Unit** The air conditioning unit that cools the staff offices went out last week. A replacement unit has been ordered and should be installed sometime next week. We are thankful the humidity has been low this week.

## About Communion

God's Word tells us that Communion is more than just a symbol or a statement - it is a "means of grace". In this Sacrament, Christ promises Himself, His Body and His Blood. It is an intimate moment where God himself is with us and should never be taken lightly. The Bible tells us: "A person ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup." ( 1 Cor. 11:28). At LCOL, we gather as a community of faith with one, united proclamation: the fearful cost of our salvation, the depth of our Savior's love, and the trust we have because of Jesus' death and resurrection. *If you would like to commune with us, please keep in mind that Holy Communion is both a sacrament and an expression of Christ's kingdom here. While God is with us, He binds us together as a single family, healing our sins with Jesus own Body and Blood. For this reason, we ask all visitors wishing to commune to meet with our Pastor before service. We reserve communion for members of our faith community and others who share our united confession. If you would like to begin communing regularly with us, we would love to have you as part of our family here! Please take some time to pray about committing yourself to this congregation and let our Pastor know that you'd like to begin taking communion. Please speak with our Pastor if you have any questions or wish to become a part of the LCOL family of faith. All people are welcome to come forward for a blessing - simply cross your arms when the bread is offered.*

## CALENDAR

<b>Sun. July 15</b>	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Sunday School, Youth Group	
	9:30 am	Board of Christian Care Mtg.	Parents Lounge
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
<b>Mon. July 16</b>	10:00 am	Weekly Staff Mtg.	Room B
	7:00 pm	HR & Finance Mtg.	
<b>Tue. July 17</b>	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:45 am	Meals on Wheels	Harold & Helen Hunt
<b>Wed. July 18</b>	11:00 am	PHD Group	Library
	6:15 pm	Crosstalk & Council	Library
<b>Thurs. July 19</b>	6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
	7:00 pm	Schmidt Small Group	
<b>Fri. July 20</b>		Office Closed	

### Birthdays

7/16	Daimien Rhoden
7/17	Nathan Horky
7/19	Dane Harger, Lisa Houghton
7/20	Norma Judson
7/21	Caleb Ballard

### Baptism Birthdays

7/15	Amber Niles, Damien Rhoden, Kourtne Rhoden, Michael McLaren
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### Anniversaries

7/15	Bob & Myrt Gilstorff
7/17	Phil & Susie Bauer, John & Stephanie Denney
7/19	Russ & Mary Elder

## 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

<b>Worship</b>	7/8	212
		<b>Our Treasure</b>
General Fund	\$	5,719.90
Debt Retirement:	\$	500.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00

### Operation Christmas Child

This month's suggested donations: Plastic shoe boxes with lids, small toys, cars, jump ropes, balls, balloons, harmonicas and kazoo's. Please drop your donations off in the red box in the narthex by the TV. Thank you!