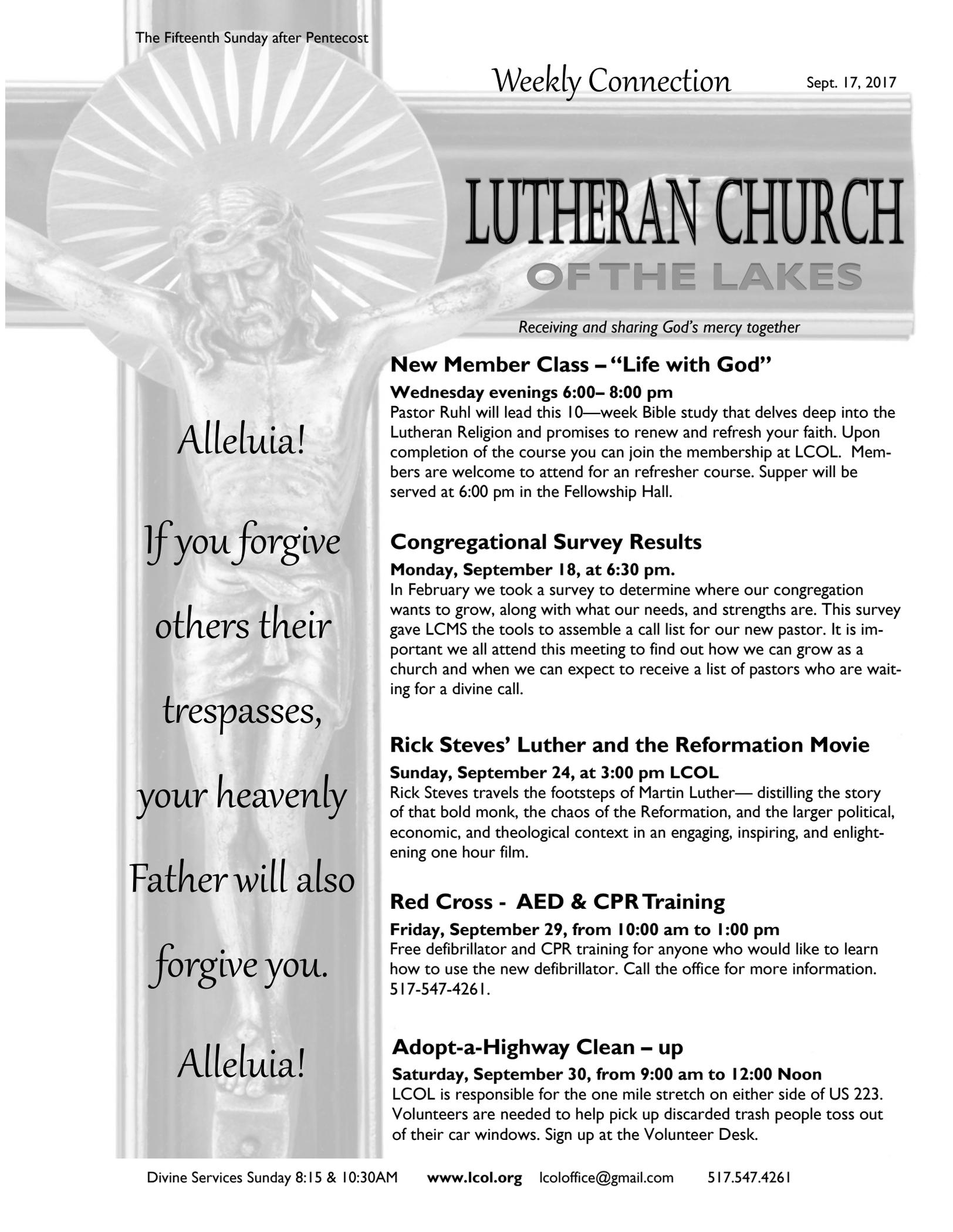


LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together



Alleluia!

If you forgive
others their
trespasses,
your heavenly
Father will also
forgive you.

Alleluia!

New Member Class – “Life with God”

Wednesday evenings 6:00– 8:00 pm

Pastor Ruhl will lead this 10—week Bible study that delves deep into the Lutheran Religion and promises to renew and refresh your faith. Upon completion of the course you can join the membership at LCOL. Members are welcome to attend for an refresher course. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Congregational Survey Results

Monday, September 18, at 6:30 pm.

In February we took a survey to determine where our congregation wants to grow, along with what our needs, and strengths are. This survey gave LCMS the tools to assemble a call list for our new pastor. It is important we all attend this meeting to find out how we can grow as a church and when we can expect to receive a list of pastors who are waiting for a divine call.

Rick Steves’ Luther and the Reformation Movie

Sunday, September 24, at 3:00 pm LCOL

Rick Steves travels the footsteps of Martin Luther— distilling the story of that bold monk, the chaos of the Reformation, and the larger political, economic, and theological context in an engaging, inspiring, and enlightening one hour film.

Red Cross - AED & CPR Training

Friday, September 29, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Free defibrillator and CPR training for anyone who would like to learn how to use the new defibrillator. Call the office for more information. 517-547-4261.

Adopt-a-Highway Clean – up

Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

LCOL is responsible for the one mile stretch on either side of US 223. Volunteers are needed to help pick up discarded trash people toss out of their car windows. Sign up at the Volunteer Desk.

INTROIT

*(or Psalm Prayer)***Deliver me from my enemies O Lord!**

I have fled to you for refuge!

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

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

For no one living is righteous before you.

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, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness, hear the devout prayers of Your Church, especially in times of persecution, and grant that what we ask in faith we may obtain; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.****Genesis 50:15-21**

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: 'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Praise to the Lord" #444
- ✠ Opening Song "Burning in My Soul"
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- ✠ Psalm Prayer
- ✠ Response Song "Great is the Lord"

✠ Around His Word...

- First Reading Genesis 50:15-21
- The Gradual
- Epistle Romans 14:1-12
- ✠ Scripture Song "Take My Life"
- The Gospel Matthew 18:21-35
- ✠ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "God Moves in Ways" #426
- ✠ Sermon Song "Eye of the Storm"
- The Message From Victim to Victor

And Blesses Us!

- The Prayers
- The Offering
- ◇ The Offering Song "Instruments of Peace"
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "Lord Jesus Think on Me" #231
"Now Thank We All Our God" #443
- The Closing Prayer
- ✠ Closing Song "Sing to the King"
- The Blessing
- ✠ **Indicates Praise Service element only**
- ◇ **Indicates Both Services**

About Holy Communion

"Though we must be reverent and must be appreciative of what Communion symbolizes, Communion also speaks of intimacy and fellowship. And so we look back. We look back to the cross. We remember what Christ accomplished for us. And we are reminded of His love for us. We are to look ahead. The Scriptures say to do this "until he comes again" (1 Corinthians 11:26). The first time Jesus came to this earth, He came as the Suffering Servant. The next time, He will come as the Conquering King. Communion is an observance to remind us that Jesus will come again. Communion is a time to look within. We are to look within and ask the Holy Spirit to show us any areas of our lives that may not be pleasing to God. Once we acknowledge these areas, we are to repent of these sins. To fail to do so and then to take part in Communion is to eat and drink damnation to yourself, as the King James Version renders it. Or, it is to eat and drink, "not honoring the body of Christ" (verse 29).

So come to the Communion table in joy. Come in reverence. Come in honesty. If there is something that isn't right, this is the time to deal with it. Communion is an ideal time to make a commitment or recommitment to Jesus Christ.

If you are still uncertain about receiving communion you can come forward and cross your hands over your chest to receive a blessing.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Mike Ruhl

Music Minister: Rex Engle

Elders: Hal Schmidt & Ken Pollack

Altar: Nancy Stites

Ushers: **Richard Rose**, Rick Gray, Harold Hunt, Ken Neitzel, Dan Kazup, **Rick Riley**, Chris Wyman, Ron Wyman, Ida Snyder

Men's Praise Team: Adam Draa, Rex Engle, Richard Moran, Dennis Pickford, Ron Wyman, Clif Weber, Mike Blackmar

Multi Media: Rick Baker, James Fernamberg

Greeters: Gordon & Nancy Stites, Ron & M.L. Wyman

Lay Readers: Dan Kazup & Dennis Pickford

Fellowship: Team David

Children's Message: Pastor Mike

Christ Connections: Mike Helf, Ken & Lynn Pollack, Pastor Ruhl, Nancy Teets, Jan Thomas, Clif Weber, Mary Lou Wyman

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Little Garden

The little raised garden the Summer Camp children helped plant is producing spinach, herbs and peas, and weeds. Stop and pull a couple of weeds and pick what you want. God provides for us, always.

Defibrillator

Thanks to the trustee ministry we have the defibrillator in place above the drinking fountain in the hallway leading to the Fellowship Hall. Please take note of it's location so we can be better prepared for an emergency. We now have the tools to save lives and souls.

The Nativity Scene

Has been reworked and repaired. This week a team of volunteers painted the pieces. We are blessed to have such talented and hard working members in our church who have the forethought and insight to get this beautiful display ready for the Advent season.

Disaster Response (LERT) Training

A disaster may happen anywhere at any time. Are you prepared? Join the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) volunteer training program. The 6-hour program provided by the LCMS Office of National Mission will help you serve as a trained Christian volunteer during a disaster or emergency in your community and beyond. Register online at michigandistrict.org/lert17. Deadline to register is Sept. 17, 2017.

CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 17	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:40 am	Christ Connections & Confirmation Classes	
	9:45 am	Board of Christian Care Meeting	
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. Sept. 18	6:30 pm	Congregational Self Study Meeting	
	7:00 pm	HR & Finance Meeting	
Tue. Sept. 19	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Group	Parent's Lounge
	10:30 am	Meals on Wheels	Herman Family
	6:15 pm	Cross Talk	
	7:00 pm	Council	Library
Wed. Sept. 20	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
	6:00 pm	Life with God Class	Fellowship Hall
Thur. Sept. 21	9:00 am	Bible Babes	Library
	6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice	
	7:00 pm	Schmidt Small Group	LCOL

Birthdays

9/17	Ryan Metz
9/18	Larry Hooks
9/19	Jewel LaPointe
9/21	Bob Barth, Christin Draa, Alaina Gravitt, Betty Kipke
9/22	Donna Klinger

Baptism Birthdays

9/19	Kane VanTatenhove
9/23	Quinn McMordie
9/27	Grace Francoeur
9/28	Carol Bowski, Rebecca Sarles

Anniversaries

9/17	Tom & Leslie Brown
9/18	Don & Joan Connell
9/21	Jim & Donna Budde
9/22	Lyle & Margene Angerer, Dennis & Michelle Henning
9/23	Bill & Alicia Decker

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

Last Week @ LCOL

Worship	9/17	169
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	4,908.50
Debt Retirement:	\$	180.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance 8/31/17	\$	112,913.91

Stewardship message: I Corinthians 16:14