

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia.

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Confirmation Class

All 5th-8th grade students and parents will meet with Pastor Steve at 9:40am in the Confirmation Room (Room 2 off the Fellowship Hall).

Germany Trip

Oct. 18-28, 2017 celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
On Wednesday, September 28th at 2:30pm, a representative from Collette Travel will be at LCOL to explain all the aspects of the trip. Brochures and pricing are available at the Volunteer Desk. Members and non-members interested in taking this trip are encouraged to attend. Contact Nancy Teets at [517.499.0786](tel:517.499.0786).

Concordia Sunday

Today, Pastor John Rathje preaches God's word and shares some of the exciting things going on at our local Lutheran college. Pastor Rathje is the Dean of Students at Concordia University in Ann Arbor. Welcome Pastor Rathje!

New Member Sunday

October 2, 2016

Be a part of welcoming our new member candidates during Sunday Morning Services. There will be a dessert reception at 9:30 to celebrate.

Pumpkin Fest Planning

There will be a planning meeting between services this Sunday, Sept. 25th. in room 8. Everyone is invited. Volunteers are needed. The Pumpkin Fest is Saturday, Oct. 29th. It is one of the best attended outreach events of the year.

INTROIT

(or Psalm Prayer)

Let your steadfast love comfort me

According to your promise to your servant.

Your hands have made and fashioned me;

give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.

Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,

because I have hoped in your word.

I know, O Lord, that your just decrees are righteous,

and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.

Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;

For your law is my delight.

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, You are the strength of all who trust in You, and without Your aid we can do no good thing. Grant us the help of Your grace that we may please You in both will and deed; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Deuteronomy 7:6-13

God sets His People apart and promises to bless their faithfulness.

“For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.

“And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers. He will love you, bless you, and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground, your grain and your wine and your oil, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock, in the land that he swore to your fathers to give you.

I John 5:9-15

In Jesus, God gives us to have all things and forever.

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

VERSE: Alleluia. If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead. Alleluia.

John 17:17-21

Jesus prays for His followers, that they become one by believing in Him.

Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Lord, Be Present" #201
- ✠ Opening Song "Today is the Day"
- Psalm Prayer
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect

Around His Word...

- The Old Testament Deuteronomy 7:6-13
- Choir "Let the Praise"
- Epistle I John 5:9-15
- ✠ Scripture Song "Morning Prayer"
- ✠ The Gospel John 17:17-21
- ✠ Children's Message
- Message Hymn "Children of the Father" #725
- ✠ Sermon Song "Jesus Friend of Sinners"
- The Message

And Blesses Us!

- The Prayers
- The Offering, Announcements & Offertory
- The Lord's Prayer
- ✠ The Sacrament "Only by Grace"
"Break Through"
"We Will Dance"
- The Closing Prayer
- Closing Hymn "Praise My Soul the King" #793
- The Choral Blessing

✠ Indicates Praise Service element only

What about Holy Communion?

We understand Communion to be more than just a symbol or a statement--it is a "means of grace." Like the Bible, it proclaims the fearful cost of our salvation, the depth of our Savior's love, and the perfect trust we can have because of Jesus' death and resurrection. It is an intimate moment where God himself is with us, bringing us together, and blessing us. It should never be taken lightly. So, the Bible tells us: "A person ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28).

If you are unsure about Holy Communion, please come forward and simply fold your arms across your chest as a signal to Pastor that you would like to receive a blessing.

Charity Sunday

The door offering today will go to Hospice of Lenawee.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Steven Newberg

Music Minister: Rex Engle

Elders: Bill Langenderfer & Jim Previch

Altar: Barbara Parker

Acolyte: Brady Suchman

Praise Team: Sue Weber, Christin Draa, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Mike Blackmar

Choir: Mike Coe, Don & Joan Connell, Eileen Fry, Kay Helf, Helen Nichols, Stan Reiter, Karen Rose, Gordon & Nancy Stites

Ushers: Steve Bauer, Bob Jacobs, Tom Shoup, Gordon Stites, Denny Demuth, Lucas Bennett, Ellen Jodway.

Doug Morningstar, Jeff Thompson, Jay Fernamberg, Bill Decker, Dwayne Graves

Multi Media: Rick Baker, James Fernamberg

Greeters: Dave & Nancy Reynolds, Ron & M.L. Wyman

Lay Readers: Betty Kipke & Tim Wegman

Coffee Connection: Team David

Children's Message Ken Pollack

Christ Connection: Jan Thomas, Phil & Laura Suchman

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Well Problem: We opened the church for business as usual on Tuesday of this week only to find there wasn't any water. A quick call to the trustees and pretty soon the well company was here. It turned out to be only a faulty switch and not a well replacement. Thank God!

Church Grounds: US 223 looks neater and cleaner, thanks to the Adopt-A-Highway volunteers. The marquee sign was repaired and the trees were trimmed, and the grass was cut. What a great week for outdoor chores.

Sanctuary Adornment: More and more pieces of the scene are showing up in the Children's Worship Center. The latest is a beautiful dove done by Phil Bauer. The craftsmanship that it takes to create one of these pieces is over the top. What a blessing it is for our church to be given the talent and time of these gifted craftsmen.

Elston - VanHemert Wedding: Congratulations Courtney & Brad who celebrated their wedding Saturday, September 24th. God Bless your marriage!

CALENDAR

- Sun. Sept. 25** 8:15am Divine Service
 9:40am Christ Connections Confirmation Class
 10:30am Praise Service
 12:00pm New Member Class
- Mon. Sept. 26** 8:30am Men's Breakfast *Brooklyn Big Boy*
 6:30pm Covell Sm Group
- Tue. Sept. 27** 10:00am Pastor's Bible Study
 10:45am Meals on Wheels Bill & Andi
- Wed. Sept. 28** 10:00am Staff Meeting
 11:00am PHD Meeting Library
 2:30pm Reformation Trip Meeting Library
- Thur. Sept. 29** 9:00am Bible Babes Library
 11:00am Service Rehearsal
 6:00pm Praise Practice
 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal
- Fri. Sept. 30** Office Closed

Birthdays

- 9/25 Enid Newman (92), Kevin Pond
 9/26 Phillip Suchman
 9/27 Carl Connin, James Shinneman
 9/29 Jon Dellabona
 9/30 Michelle Henning, Helen Hunt
 10/1 Mary Elder

Baptism Birthdays for September

- 9/27 Grace Kay-Louise Francoeur
 9/28 Carol Bowski, Rebecca Sarles

Anniversaries

- 9/25 Marcus & Julia Teets
 9/27 Josh & Saddy Turner

Operation Christmas Child

This months suggested items for the boxes are; small battery operated toys, batteries, (ends must be taped if unpackaged) and plastic shoe boxes. Please drop donations in the box by the door of the Children's Worship Center.

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. Pastor Steve is available to talk with you if you have questions. 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 9/18 202

Our Treasure

General Fund \$ 4,995.50
 Debt Retirement: \$ 255.00

General Fund Weekly Need: \$ 6,305.00

Mortgage Balance \$ 187,435.20

"General giving has seen a slight decrease recently. If you are willing and able, please consider a small increase. Thank you!"