

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia!

Lift up
your heads,

O gates!

And be

lifted up,

O ancient

doors,

Alleluia!

Special Voters' Assembly Meeting

Monday, December 4th at 7:00 pm, Fellowship Hall

The Call Committee is holding a special voters' meeting to extend a divine call for a new pastor. It is important that our members vote at this meeting. Contact the office if you have any questions: 517-547-4261.

Advent Evening Worship 7:00 pm.

Wednesday Evenings - December 6, 13, 20

Supper will be served at 6:00 pm. Service is at 7:00 pm. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we prepare for the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Red Cross Defibrillator and CPR Training

Friday, December 8th, 10:00 am — 1:00 pm.

Please join us to learn how to use the defibrillator and learn basic CPR. Each of these skills can save a life.

Children's Christmas Play Dec. 17th at 9:40 am

"The Birth of Jesus"

The children of Christ Connections Sunday School will preform "The Birth of Jesus" between services on December 17th. The Fellowship team will provide cookies, coffee and milk after the performance.

Christmas Eve Sunday Morning Worship

Please note that the *Sunday Morning Christmas Eve Worship Service* will be a **single service at 10:00 am on Sunday, December 24th**. This service will have a different format and a different message than the *Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service* on Christmas Eve that same day.

Christmas Eve Evening Worship Candlelight Service

Be sure to consider bringing your entire family to the special *Christmas Eve Candlelight Service* at Lutheran Church of the Lakes on Sunday, December 24th at 7:00 pm. In addition to the traditional lighting of Christmas Candles and singing of *Silent Night, Holy Night*, the sermon that evening will be the fourth and final message in our Advent Sermon Series: *The Miracle of the Manger*.

INTROIT

*(or Psalm Prayer)***Behold, your king is coming to you;**

Righteous and having salvation.

To you, O Lord,

I lift my soul.

**O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;**

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;

They shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**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)***Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.****Isaiah 64:1-9**

Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Be not so terribly angry, O Lord, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

I Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 11:1-10

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying the colt?” And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "Savior of the Nations Come" #13
- ✠ Opening Song "JOY"
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect
- ✠ Psalm Prayer
- ✠ Response Song "Glorious is Our God"

✠ Around His Word...

- First Reading Isaiah 64:1-9
- The Gradual
- Epistle I Corinthians 1:3-9
- ✠ Scripture Song "We Shall See the Glory"
- The Gospel Mark 11:1-10
- ✠ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "The King Shall Come" #26
- ✠ Sermon Song "Born That We May Have Life"
- The Message God Has a Face

And Blesses Us!

- The Prayers
- The Offering
- ✠ The Offering Song "God of Wonders"

- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament "Lo, He Comes in Clouds" #15
"Angels From the Realm" #50

- The Closing Prayer
- ✠ Closing Song "Angels We Have Heard"
- The Blessing

- ✠ Indicates Praise Service Element
- ◇ Indicates Both Services Element
- Indicates First Service Element

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" (I 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. When 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.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Mike Ruhl

Music Minister: Rex Engle

Elders: Bill Langenderfer & Doug Morningstar

Altar: Nancy Stites

Acolytes: Sidney & Izabel Arledge

Ushers: Steve Bauer, Tom Shoup, Denny Demuth, Lucas Bennett, Julie Bauer **Doug Morningstar**, Bob Ressler, Ron Ferrell, Carl (Coffee) Connin, Bill Decker

Praise Team: Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Dennis Pickford, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Bill Fetters

Multi Media: Rick Baker, Mr. Fernamberg

Greeters: Gordon & Nancy Stites, Bob & Connie Barth

Lay Readers: Dan Kazup & Michelle Fernamberg

Fellowship: Team Shepherd's Pie

Children's Message: Pastor Mike

Christ Connections: Mike Helf & Jan Thomas

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

The Mortgage

If you look on the last page of this bulletin, you will see the mortgage balance is almost under One Hundred Thousand Dollars! What a testament to your dedication in serving God and our church. Bless your generous hearts.

November Ushers

There was a shortage of Ushers in November. Hearing the call to help, we had no less than 5 people step up to help. We are so blessed! Thank you!

Angel Tree

The Angel Tree has been set up by the window in the Narthex. Each ornament is linked to a child in need in our area. Please take an ornament, purchase the gift, wrap the gift, and attach the ornament to it, and bring it back to church by Dec. 17. The gifts will be distributed the week before Christmas.

A Note from the Finance Board

2017 has been a good year at LCOL from a financial perspective. For those of you planning a year-end "gift", please be sure to have it to the church by 12/31/2017 in order for it to be credited to your 2017 giving statement.

Thanks so much for your generosity!

Tom Fenstemacher

CALENDAR

Sun. Dec. 3	8:15 am	Divine Service	
	9:30 am	Christ Connections, Adult Bible Study, Confirmation Classes	
	9:30 am	Trustee Meeting	Room B
	10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon. Dec. 4	7:00 pm	Special Voters' Assembly	Fellowship Hall
Tue. Dec. 5	10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
	10:30 am	Meals on Wheels	Bill & Andi L.
	5:30pm	Stewardship Meeting	
Wed. Dec. 6	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
	11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
	6:00 pm	Supper & Advent Evening Prayer	
Thurs. Dec. 7	9:00 am	Bible Babes	Library
	6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Fri. Dec. 8		Defibrillator & CPR Training	Fellowship Hall

Birthdays

12/3	Russ Elder
12/5	Catherine Galazin
12/7	Macallan Elder, Ian Henson/ Dart

Baptism Birthdays

12/4	Bud & Teresa LaCoe
12/7	Blake Zaroslinski

Anniversaries

12/4	Bud & Teresa LaCoe
12/5	Elmer & Jeannie Hehl
12/7	Dick & Sharon Covell
12/8	Ed & Fran Holden

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	11/26	162
		Our Treasure
General Fund	\$	4,811.75
Debt Retirement:	\$	185.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance 10/31/17	\$	101,14.41

Health Care Sunday blood pressure check at 9:45- Room 3.