

## Weekly Bible Studies and Groups

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	LOCATION
Sunday HS Youth - @ 9:45am	Learning Through Christ	The Youth Loft Upstairs
Sunday Middle School Confirmation Class @ 9:40 5 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	Off starting December 24th, Resumes January 7th	Room 8
Sunday Children 10 yrs. and Under @ 9:45am	Learning Through Christ	Children's Classroom
Sunday Bible Study @ 9:45am	Book of 2 Corinthians	Adult Study Room (off the lobby)

### OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT

GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	LOCATION
Tuesday AM Bible Study @10.00am	Off until January	Library
Bible Babes: Thursdays at 9:30am	Lutheranism 101	Room B (Rear of Sanctuary)
Sailing Solo: Second Sundays after second service	Support for Singles	Parish Hall
Men's Bible Breakfast: 2nd Mondays @ 10 am	Various Studies	Big Boy Brooklyn
Prayer Gathering: Mondays: 4:30 to 5:30		in the Sanctuary

### SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE

	8:15 Service	10:30 Service
Greeting	Jan Bollin	Terry Bias
Reading	Donna Shoup	Nancy Teets
Elders	Bill Langenderfer	Jay Fernamberg
Altar		Mary Lou Wyman
Acolyte	Kayley Stubbins	Audri Laharrague
Attendance Last Sunday	45	64
Financial Overview		
	September, 2023	YTD Jan-Sept 2023
Income	\$23,065.90	\$221,952.91
Expense	\$19,053.94	\$218,740.17
Budget Need	\$30,207.94	\$271,871.46

December 10th, 2023

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Lakes!



*Christmas Eve Services*  
Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

**10am** – Unified Communion Worship Service  
**7pm** – Christmas Candlelight W/Communion  
**11pm** – Christmas Lessons and Carols  
Candlelight with Communion

**During the season of Advent, services continue on the following Wednesdays:**

*December 13<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>*

A soup & salad supper will be served between services. The times for the services and supper are: **4:30 Worship - 5:00 Supper - 6:00 Worship**

Please plan to join us as we celebrate the season, and the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, together.

## **Isaiah 40:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that <sup>3</sup>her warfare<sup>1</sup> is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries:<sup>2</sup> <sup>4</sup>"In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; <sup>5</sup>make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. <sup>5</sup> And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, <sup>6</sup>for the mouth of the LORD has spoken."<sup>6</sup> A voice says, "Cry!" And I said,<sup>3</sup> "What shall I cry?" <sup>7</sup> All flesh is grass, and all its beauty<sup>4</sup> is like the flower of the field. <sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. <sup>9</sup> Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, <sup>5</sup>herald of good news;<sup>5</sup> lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news;<sup>6</sup> lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "Behold your God!" <sup>10</sup> Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; <sup>11</sup>behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. <sup>11</sup> He will tend his flock like a shepherd; <sup>12</sup>he will gather the lambs in his arms; <sup>13</sup>he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

## **2 Peter 3:8-14**

<sup>8</sup> But do not overlook this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and <sup>9</sup>a thousand years as one day. <sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise <sup>10</sup>as some count slowness, but <sup>11</sup>is patient toward you, <sup>12</sup>not wishing that any should perish, but <sup>13</sup>that all should reach repentance. <sup>10</sup> But <sup>11</sup>the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then <sup>12</sup>the heavens will pass away with a roar, and <sup>13</sup>the heavenly bodies<sup>2</sup> will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.<sup>3</sup> <sup>14</sup> Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, <sup>15</sup>what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, <sup>16</sup>waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and <sup>17</sup>the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn! <sup>18</sup> But according to his promise we are waiting for <sup>19</sup>new heavens and a new earth <sup>20</sup>in which righteousness dwells.<sup>14</sup> <sup>21</sup> Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him <sup>22</sup>without spot or <sup>23</sup>blemish, and <sup>24</sup>at peace.



Gifts of Love is a program here at LCOL that helps members of our community in need of assistance. But funds are running low and requests are high. Please consider making a donation to GOL this Christmas season, and bring joy to someone in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

## **Mark 1:1-8**

The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, <sup>1</sup>the Son of God.<sup>12</sup> <sup>2</sup>As it is written in Isaiah the prophet,<sup>2c</sup> "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, <sup>3</sup> <sup>4</sup>the voice of one crying in the wilderness: <sup>5</sup>"Prepare<sup>3</sup> the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," <sup>4</sup> John appeared, baptizing in <sup>6</sup>the wilderness and proclaiming <sup>7</sup> <sup>8</sup>a baptism of <sup>9</sup>repentance <sup>10</sup>for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And all the country of Judea and all Jerusalem were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, <sup>11</sup>confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was <sup>7</sup>clothed with camel's hair and <sup>8</sup>wore a leather belt around his waist and ate <sup>9</sup>locusts and <sup>10</sup>wild honey. <sup>7</sup> And he preached, saying, <sup>11</sup>"After me comes he who is mightier than I, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>12</sup> <sup>13</sup>I have baptized you with water, but <sup>14</sup>he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

### **8:15am Service**

Confession & Absolution  
Opening Song: #349 "Hark the Glad Sound"  
Introit/Gloria/Collect  
Scripture Readings  
Choir: "Rejoice"  
Gospel  
#344 "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"  
Sermon  
Apostles' Creed  
Prayer / Lord's Prayer  
#711 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"  
Ministry Moment/Invitation to Connect

### **10:30am Service**

Confession & Absolution  
"This is Our God"  
Psalm Prayer  
"Holy Forever"  
Scripture Readings  
Gospel  
"Days of Elijah"  
Sermon  
Nicene Creed  
Prayer / Lord's Prayer  
Communion  
• "Not All the Blood of Beasts" (video)  
• "Hymn of Heaven"  
• "Agnus Dei"  
Blessing  
Ministry Moment/Invitation to Connect

*Please continue to pray for Jennifer Berry and her family as they mourn the loss of Kirt Stubbins. If you would like to help the family during this difficult time with a monetary donation, please write "Jennifer Berry and Family" in the memo section of your check. Special donation envelopes are available at the back of the sanctuary. Many Thanks!*