

Fall, 2022

Lutheran Church of the Lakes Outreach

Fall Events

- Oct. 09 Sailing Solo
- Oct. 10 Men's Bible Breakfast
- Oct. 30 Annual Voters' Assembly Dinner
- Nov. 01 OCC Packing
- Nov. 10 Martin Luther's Birthday
- Nov. 13 OCC Blessing Sailing Solo
- Nov. 14 Men's Breakfast
- Nov. 26 Church Decorating
- Nov. 27 Advent Begins Angel Tree Up
- Nov. 30 Advent Worship
- Dec. 11 Sailing Solo
- Dec. 12 Men's Breakfast
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day

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RED LETTER CHALLENGE



One of the reasons that many Christians experience little spiritual growth & live defeated lives is because they are trying to live the Christian life in isolation. God never intended anyone to live the Christian life alone.

You may be asking; Why small Groups during this Challenge? Two fundamental convictions explain why:

- ⊕ **Every Christian needs a spiritual family.** We all need a place where we can really know others and be known by others. We need a family where we are cared for, nurtured, challenged, guided and prayed for; where we can ask questions and share struggles.
- ⊕ **Every Christian needs a laboratory for life.** There are over 50 "one anothers" in the Bible. We are challenged in Scripture to love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, and stimulate one another to love and good deeds. The small group provides a place and a family where the "one anothers" can be lived out.

"I am amazed at what you have done. Lord, do great things once again in our time, make those things happen again in our own days."

Habakkuk 3:2

During the **"Red Letter Challenge"** we will be conducting small groups as a way to have fellowship and discuss the daily readings for each week. The small group sessions are occurring over a 6 week period. If you are not already involved in the Challenge, please call the church office (517.547.4261) for information about a group you might want to join.

Annual Voters' Assembly

Sunday, October 30

One service at 10:00AM followed by a Reformation Dinner

Up ~ Love and Worship God

October is Clergy Appreciation Month

Remember to express your appreciation to those in the ministry.

Be creative! You are only limited by your own imagination.

Music to a Pastor's ears:

1. We were just getting ready to leave for church when company came-so we brought them with us.
2. Of course I'll accept that responsibility. It will be a privilege.
3. I'm willing to help in any way I can.
4. God was really speaking to me through you during today's service.

Worship Every Sunday!

It is extremely important to be in church for all seven Sundays of the **Red Letter Challenge**. Each sermon will set the theme for the week and introduce one of the purposes for which God made us. As we set our priorities for the week, let's make worship #1.

Special Worship Opportunities

Reformation-October 30-One service at 10:00AM
Thanksgiving Worship-November 23-7:00PM
Mid-week Advent-Nov. 30, Dec. 7, Dec. 14-7:00PM
Christmas Eve-December 24-4:00PM & 10:00PM
December 25-One Service-10:00AM

The color **red** is used in the Church to celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit. Reformation is considered a **red** Sunday because the power of the Spirit worked through Martin Luther to reform the entire church. **Red** is a great color to wear on Reformation, October 30.

- ⊕ Sundays: Check out *Donuts & Devos* at 9:30AM in the parish hall. This is a great opportunity to meet and greet old and new friends, make sure you meet the national requirement for sugar and be inspired by a short devotion by Dave Hicks, LCOL congregational chairperson.
- ⊕ Pastor's Sunday Study—Judges and Kings of the Old Testament
- ⊕ Tuesdays: Weekly Bible Study is at 10:00AM every week. Contact Doug Morningstar at 517-403-3407 with questions.
- ⊕ Anytime: Check out the prayer tool at LCOL.org! Tap the “Take a Next Step” button and follow the prompts to see prayer requests, pray, or post your own prayer.

THANK YOU, DIANE!

After seven years of serving the family at Lutheran Church of the Lakes, Diane is retiring. Her last day is October 6. Thank you, Diane, for your devotion to God and His church. “Well done good and faithful servant.”

BibleProject.com



If you're interested in learning more about the Bible through videos, blogs, podcasts and more, check out bibleproject.com. As we learned in the **Red Letter Challenge**, LifeWay Research surveyed more than 2,900 Protestant churchgoer and found that while 90% “desire to please and honor Jesus in all I do”, only 19% personally read the Bible every day! Break the mold! Read the Bible.

In ~ Love and Live as Family

Bible Babes

This women's Bible study group meets every Thursday from 9:30-11:00AM. Currently the study is based on the **Red Letter Challenge**. Contact Nancy Teets, 517.499.0786 for information.

Wyman Small Group

For the next six weeks, this group is also discussing the **Red Letter Challenge**. During the Challenge they are meeting every Wednesday at 5:00PM in various homes. Contact Mary Lou Wyman at 517.918.7727 with questions.

Men's Bible Breakfast

Men's Bible Breakfast meets **Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12** at Shugar Creek Restaurant located at 104 S Main, Onsted MI. Time will be 10:00 am. All men are invited and encouraged to bring a friend.



Sailing Solo

This group, meets on the second Sunday of each month at 11:45AM at the church. This is a welcoming group for single men and women, whether single as a life choice, through divorce or through the death of a spouse. Good food, conversation and lots of laughs, what could be more fun? This group is not just for LCOL members, but for anyone looking for what this group offers. Have questions? Nancy Teets at 517.499.0786.

Memorial Garden

A new prayer bench has been installed in the Prayer Garden at LCOL. This special space for contemplation and prayer was established in 2019 by the Wyman Small Group to honor LCOL members who are now in Paradise. It's located at the far right corner. Stop in for some quiet time and say a prayer. Have ??? or want to add a name, Contact Susie Bauer 517.260.1844

Welcome Melissa Nofzinger!

Melissa is our new church administrative assistant. She is already on the job and you'll find her friendly smile very inviting. Stop in and welcome Melissa to the LCOL family soon. Her hours are Monday, 8:30AM-1:30PM ~ Tuesday-Thursday 9:30AM-2:30PM.



Out ~ Love and Serve Our Community

Prayer Shawl Ministry

There is a blessing that goes with each prayer shawl that is given out. It says:

"May this shawl be for you a sign of God's loving, healing presence. May it warm you when you are weary. May it surround you with encouragement when you are discouraged. May it assure you of God's care and comfort when you and loved ones are troubled. May it remind you that you are always safe in the arms of Jesus, and that you are surrounded by the prayers of others."

Contact Carol Moran with questions 517. 938.8246

Meals on Wheels



Many of our volunteers travel South for the winter. If you can help out with deliveries one Tuesday per month, please contact Julie Bauer 517.962.8853.

Once a month the Board of Outreach organizes 'goodie' bags with extra fun treats that gets delivered to each senior.

If you would like to help

collect and put together the extra bags once a month, contact Richard Moran at moran.engineering@gmail.com. Thank you!

Free Food Distribution

Once a month, free food is distributed from the parking lot of the church. If you know of anyone who is in need, please let them know Fall distribution dates are October 21 and November 18 from 3-5PM. There is no income or residence verification needed. To volunteer to help with the distribution, contact Diane Knecht at 734.341.2599.

Gifts of Love



Fourteen families and organizations were helped through the month of September by the Gifts of Love fund. From gas cards to utility bills, burial expenses, college funds and a special gift to Associated Charities following a fire to their building, the love of Christ has been shared with many people through funds you provide. A prayer bench was also donated to the Memorial Garden at the church.

Blessings Cupboard

With costs skyrocketing, local families are especially in need of help. Donations of non-perishable food items and paper products are constantly needed. Donations can be put right into the pantry (by the front door) or brought into the church. Thank you.

Blood Donation Opportunities



Appointments to donate blood can be made online at redcrossblood.org. Simply type in your zip code and find a location near you. Give the gift of life.

Missionaries Abroad

*David and Joyce Erber ~ Ghana
The Mahlberg Family ~ Sri Lanka*

These two missionary families are supported in part by a percentage of the offerings given to the general fund. If you would like to give an extra gift to either or both families, contact the church office (517.547.4261) to find out how this is done.

Operation Christmas Child

Throughout the year the Board of Outreach accepts small gifts and plastic shoe boxes to be sent around the world to children in need.

On Tuesday, November 1, the boxes will be packed with school supplies, small toys and hygiene items. Please stop in at the church

to help out. Contact Richard Moran at Moran.engineering@gmail.com for more details.



Thanksgiving Baskets

The Board of Christian Care will be having sign up sheets at the volunteer desk as you enter the church to give everyone an opportunity to adopt a family for a Thanksgiving Basket. The items to be donated are:

10 pounds of potatoes	2 Boxes of stuffing
2 Cans of corn	1# of butter
1 large or 2 small cans of gravy	1 package of rolls

The board will include a Walmart gift card to enable the families to purchase the meat. Watch for the opportunity to donate early in November. If you know of a family that could use help this Thanksgiving, contact Alberta Pendley at 517.812.5525.



Angel Tree

It's that wonderful time of the year!

The Angel tree will be available on the first Sunday in Advent, November 27th. It will be filled with names of disadvantaged children in our area. Take a name, purchase the gift listed on the tag, wrap it and attach the tag and return it to the church by December 15th. The Christian Care Board will sort the gifts and they will be picked up or delivered on December 19th. The names were received from My Place a foster home for girls who have aged out of normal foster care, Neighbors of Hope Women's and Children's Ministry and friends of the congregation.



Children & Youth Ministry

 Children are always welcome at Lutheran Church of the Lakes. During the services, we have a family room attached to the sanctuary if you need a private place to be with your kids. Don't worry about your kids during worship - kids can be loud and they can be quiet. We aren't sure which our own kids will be each Sunday. We just know that God loves children in worship to Him - and so do we! Between services 9:30-10:15AM we look forward to sharing God's love with your children:

- † **Ages 3 to 4th grade** - Meet in the kids room off of the Parish Hall (the large room) at 9:30am.
- † **5th to 12th grade** - Meet in the Upper Room in the Loft. The stairway is located near the entrance to the sanctuary. Head on up and take the door on the right. Starts at 9:30am.

*Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.
I Timothy 4:12*

Your Home ~ A Refuge

Life is hard. We all experience hurt and rejection. We all need a place to hide. In Psalm 32:7, our Heavenly Father reminds us that we can always hide in Him.

“You are my hiding place;
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.”

*“The Lord bless you and keep
you; the Lord make his face
shine upon you and be gracious
to you; the Lord turn his face
toward you and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6:24-26

Because our parenting mission is focused on the hearts of our children, we must do all we can to create safe relationships and to establish a safe home. Here are three principles for a safe environment:

- ♥ Unconditional Acceptance Creates Security-Why do I love my child? Because I love him and he/she is my child. It has nothing to do with what they look like or what they accomplish.
- ♥ Defending Your Child Creates Security-There are times when our children need defending. There are times when the battle against our children has already begun, and the question is, ‘are we going to fight.’

- ♥ Parental Blessing Creates Security and Peace in the Hearts of Children-God has pronounced a blessing on us in Numbers 6:24-26. Now it is our great honor to bless our children each night at bedtime and throughout the day with the same blessing.

Visionary Parenting by Dr. Rob Rienow



Invest and Invite

The best way to show your love for people is to invite them to come and meet Jesus. By establishing a relationship with someone, listening to them, and praying for them, it becomes natural at some point to invite your friend to come with you on Sunday.