

December 2018 News Flyer

Lutheran Church of the Lakes

Note from Pastor Tyson

December Greetings!

Pastors can be a little weird (sometimes more than a little, too) and one of those weird things is the season of Advent. I love Christmas time and I love the lights, too. But I also love the time in December that we as a church set aside for the season of Advent. Advent means "arrival" and it is when we look at the two arrivals of Jesus Christ- first, as a miraculous baby and His second coming in the future. Most of us are used to seeing the manger and the creches, but I appreciate the attention we give to the WHOLE story of Christ, from His birth to His victorious return for us!

I hope that December will be a blessing for you, through the snow and its beauty to the events and gatherings. I hope also that you will enjoy the focus given to Our Lord, Jesus Christ, this month as we look to Him who was, and is, and is to come. We will be meeting for worship on Wednesdays in December, including the 5th, 12th, and 19th, as well as two services on Christmas Eve, all focusing on the child born to us, who would be the Son of God who died and rose for us.

Blessings to you this month,

Pastor Tyson Bentz

Board of Christian Care

Thanksgiving Baskets: 28 baskets were assembled and picked up or delivered this year. Thank you for your generosity!

Angel Tree is up and decorated with ornaments and tags for children in our area. The total is up quite a bit from last year. Each child is assigned two gift tags, one need and one want gift. Please take a tag and purchase the gift on the tag, return the wrapped gift with the tag attached to church by December 16.

Secret Sister Reveal Party Sunday, January 27th between services. Women have the opportunity to sign up to become a secret sister and find out who their sister was in 2018.

Christian Education

Children's Christmas Program December 16 between services in the sanctuary. There will be coffee and cookies in the Narthex for the coffee hour that week. The children will signal the start of the program by ringing bells and leading the way into the Sanctuary. Hope to see you there.

Storer Holiday Camp Reunite with your summer camp friends at YMCA Storer Camp December 7th—9th 2018. All meals lodging, and activities are included in the \$114. per person registration fee. The registration deadline is December 3. Call 517-536-8607 or go to ymcastorer camps.org

Finance

November Giving:

	10/28/18	11/4/18	11/11/18	11/18/18
General Fund:	\$5165.67	\$6643.00	\$6983.75	\$8119.00
Cap. Maintenance	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00	\$.00
Attendance:	161	189	157	173

For those of you blessed with treasure and thinking of a year end gift to LCOL, we could use your help. As we wrap up 2018, we currently have a \$26,000 shortfall in overall giving for the year. If you can help in any way, please have your year-end gift to LCOL by Sunday, December 30th. This will ensure it gets added to your 2018-year end statement. A little from a lot goes a long way! Thank you.

Steve Bauer and the Finance Team

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Happening in December

- 12/2 Blessing New Church Officers
- 12/5, 12, 19 Advent Evening Prayer
- 12/16 Children's Christmas Program
- 12/24 Christmas Eve Service 7 & 11pm
- 12/25 Christmas Day (No service)
- 12/30 Unified Service 10am



Baptism Birthdays

- 12/1 Nancy Teets
- 12/2 Jennifer Brighton
- 12/4 Bud & Teresa LaCoe
- 12/9 Jan Thomas
- 12/11 Carol Moran
- 12/16 Alberta Pendley
- 12/22 Jerry Dart
- 12/24 Jim Preovich, Gordon Stites,
Josh Weber

Dec. Birthdays

- 12/3 Russ Elder
- 12/5 Kirt Stubbins
- 12/10 Elise McMordie
- 12/11 Donna Budde,
Andrew Wyman
- 12/12 Travis Fernamberg,
Kathy Schmidt, Mary Sundin
- 12/13 Mary Lou Ellis, Ken Pollack
- 12/14 Susan Hammerling,
Tom Shoup

- 12/16 Gloria Lowe, Ruth McCance
- 12/17 Tim Snyder
- 12/19 Ellen Jodway, Kathy Lampe
Dave Perry
- 12/25 Chet Chetkovich, Mark Thomas
- 12/26 Xander Berry
- 12/27 Annette Wegman,
Mary Lou Wyman
- 12/30 Mary Dellabona,
Amber Niles

Dec. Anniversaries

- 12/4 Bud & Teresa LaCoe
- 12/5 Elmer & Jeannie Hehl
- 12/7 Dick & Sharon Covell
- 12/8 Ed & Fran Holden
- 12/18 John & Mary Lou Ellis
Dave & Brook Rains
- 12/22 Mike & Sharon Blackmar
David & Kathy Ruth

LCOL MINISTRY BOARD INFORMATION

Fellowship

Coffee Connection: There are opportunities to serve your fellow members by helping in the kitchen or bringing snacks for the coffee hour. Please see the schedule of Sundays on the wall just outside of the kitchen, where you can sign up to help or bring something on a given Sunday.

Advent Suppers & Worship: Wednesday evenings at 6pm December 5, 12, & 19. Advent service follows at 7:00 pm. Groups and families are needed to host suppers. See the sign-up sheets on the Volunteer Desk.

Music Notes

The Christmas Carols are ringing out in every store and market (and have been since Halloween), but I'm never tired of them. There's something about the songs and the memories that are triggered of opening a present on Christmas Eve, and then heading to the midnight service at Redford Lutheran Church in Detroit, where I grew up. Another reason I'm excited to be back at LCOL is to be a part of a late-night Christmas Eve service again. I love the 7pm service too, but it just feels like Christmas getting home around the time the clock strikes midnight. Another thing I'm looking forward to in December is our special guest flutist (or flautist, if you prefer) performing at the 8:15am service on December 9th. My good friend Jann Battersby will be playing a piece with the choir, and then performing a special offertory with me – please make her feel welcome and come and hear the beautiful sound of the flute!

~ Dave