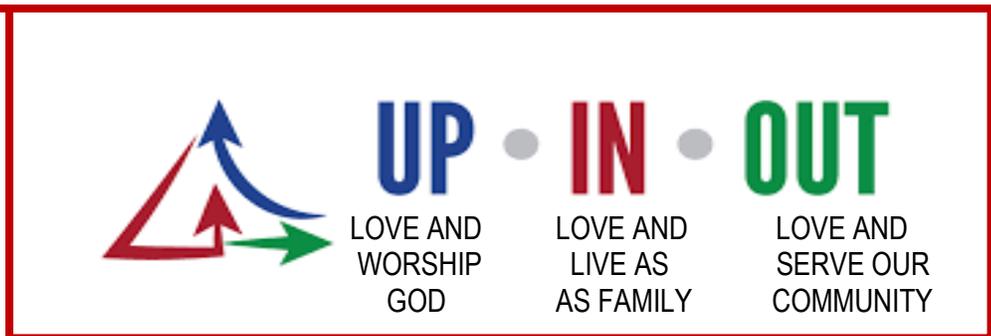


Summer Events

- July 04 Independence Day
- July 8-13 Youth Gathering
- Aug. 08 Men's Bible Breakfast
- Aug. 25 School Begins Jackson County
- Aug. 29 School Begins Lenawee County
- Sept. 06 Labor Day
- Sept. 08 Bible Babes Begins
- Sept. 11 Sailing Solo Begins



What is unique about a three-legged stool? Is it possible to set it on the ground without all three legs equally supporting the stool? What happens if one leg is weak?

The purpose of the quarterly outreach newsletter is to help us grow in faith and become disciples in our community. There are three areas of development to help us truly grow. This was introduced to the congregation in the Sunday morning Bible study a few months ago. It is called the **UP-IN-OUT** triangle. **UP** represents the time we spend with the Lord each day. The **IN** represents the time we spend with other Christians each day. **OUT** is the time we spend with non-believers each day.

If we concentrate on only spending time with the Lord, we neglect each other and neighbors/coworkers. If we spend all of our time with believers and neglect time with the Lord and with non-believers, we become stagnant in our faith. If we devote all our time to reaching non-believers, we isolate ourselves from Christians and the Lord.



Each quarterly newsletter will remind us of the balance we need on the **UP-IN-OUT** triangle. Just like the three-legged stool, we need to have all three areas strengthened for growth in ourselves and the church. Suggestions will be made in each category to help you along the path.

I am reminded in Luke 6: 12-19 how Jesus spent equal time with His Father, his disciples, and with non-believers. In the 12th verse He spends the night in prayer with His Father. This is the **UP** time. In verses 13-16 he spends time with his apostles. This is the **IN** time. Verses 17-19 is the **OUT** time spent with the crowd. As we see His ministry described, He always started with time spent with the Father. I encourage each of you to develop a habit of spending time with the Father each day.

Richard Moran,
Chairperson, Board of Christian Outreach

Ways to Implement 'Up'

Sunday Worship

Each Sunday LCOL offers two distinct worship experiences. Both services give worshippers an opportunity to draw closer to God by receiving His forgiveness, singing His praises, and listening to His Word.

8:15AM ~ Traditional Lutheran Worship

10:30AM ~ Praise Worship

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Up ~ Love and Worship God



New Member classes embrace all three legs of the Discipleship Triangle:

UP: We draw ourselves closer to Jesus Christ through Christ-centered worship and study.

IN: We embrace people as they become a part of our faith community.

OUT: Through relationships we reach out to people with Christ's love and invite them in.

As the family of Christ at LCOL, you are encouraged to attend these membership classes, refresh your catechism knowledge and get to know those who are looking at the possibility of becoming a part of the LCOL community.

Other 'UP' Options

- † 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 will begin again in September. Watch for details or contact Doug Morningstar at 517-403-3407 with questions.
- † Anytime: Check out the new 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.

Got a Student Attending College?

The Michigan District has a great tool that will connect your student to the closest Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod church to any college or university. Just go to michigandistrict.org/campusconnect. You may also contact that church and let them know your student is in the area.

Got a Student Attending a Christian College?

It is our intent to help support students attending a Christian college or university. Please contact Nancy Teets, nancy49253@gmail.com for an application.

In ~ Love and Live as Family

Bible Babes

Although on hiatus for the summer, this group will begin again on September 8 and continue to meet every Thursday from 9:30-11:00AM. Contact Nancy Teets, 517.499.0786 for information.

Wyman Small Group

Sometimes called 'The Martini Group', this group focuses on fellowship and sharing as well as a brief study of God's Word. They meet in different homes, enjoy pot-luck appetizers and Donna Shoup's famous pies! Who wouldn't want to join this group? Contact Mary Lou Wyman at 517.918.7727 with questions. The next meeting is July 5th at 5PM.

Men's Bible Breakfast

Men's Bible Breakfast will resume on August 8th, and meet on the second Monday of each month. They will meet 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.



Table for One aka Sailing Solo

This group, soon to be renamed '**Sailing Solo**' in honor of Lutheran Church of the Lakes, will begin meeting monthly on Sunday, September 11 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. 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

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

Out~

Mites for Missions

Mite Boxes are always available in the foyer of the church. Pick one up, fill it with loose change and return it to the church anytime. In this way you can support mission projects around the world. Where do these mites go? lwml.org/mission-grants



Out ~ Love and Serve Our Community

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Do you like to knit or crochet? Wow! Have we got a place for you! Every Tuesday from Noon to 2:00PM several women meet at the church to knit, crochet, or use a loom to prepare prayer shawls, and other items to be given to those in need of comfort. Bring a snack and enjoy the conversation. Contact Carol Moran with questions 517. 938.8246

Meals on Wheels

The Board of Christian Care schedules the delivery of free meals through the Addison Senior Center on Tuesdays to senior citizens in the Addison area. There is always a need for drivers.



If this seems like something God as called and equipped you to do, contact Julie Bauer at 517.962.8853. She will schedule you for the Tuesday that works best for you.

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 Carol Moran at 517.938.8246.

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 summer distribution dates are July 15, August 19, and September 16, from 3-5PM. There is no income or residence verification needed. To volunteer to help with the distribution, contact Diane Knecht at 517.547.4261.

Hosting a Baby Shower

The Board of Christian Care is hosting a baby shower for St. Mark's Lutheran Church's Baby Pantry Ministry August 7-21. Please collect items such as diapers, wipes, and baby clothing and leave them in the volunteer room [2nd right-hand room in the hall] .

Blessings Cupboard

LCOL hosts an on-going food pantry. It is located just to the right of the front doors of the church. Donations of non-perishable food items and paper products are constantly needed. Donations can be put right into the pantry or brought into the church. Thank you.

Loving and Serving the World

David and Joyce Erber ~ Ghana

I am serving 'on the ground in Africa' as a coordinator to help African pastors receive their Master of Arts in Theology degree. It is a team effort.



Sixteen pastors from Ghana (4), Kenya (4), South Sudan (1) and Uganda (7) have been working on the application process including an Online English exam.

Steven and Martha Mahlburg ~ Sri Lanka

We serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) as missionaries in Sri Lanka. I partner with the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC) in Sri Lanka to share the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Part of mission work is building relationships with people: to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep. This year I have been honored to baptize a baby, preach at a wedding, give a prayer at a funeral, and host an all-church leaders' meeting.

After nearly five years, my affection for the people in Colombo, Sri Lanka has grown. As we grow closer, we are better able to serve the Lord's mission in Sri Lanka.



These two missionaries are supported in part by your gifts to Lutheran Church of the Lakes. Each year, ten per cent of all general fund offerings are set aside for work outside LCOL. It is also used for scholarships to Christian colleges/universities, camps, and work through the Michigan District.

Operation Christmas Child

Each month the Outreach Team collects items to be assembled in plastic boxes and sent to children in need around the world at Christmas. Items being collected are:

July: Christmas in July! The OCC Christmas tree will be up at the church. Take a

tag from the tree, buy the items listed and return the unwrapped gift to the church.

August & September: Plastic shoe boxes with lids, crayons, erasers, chalk, glue sticks, pencil sharpeners, marker, colored pencils...

Donations can be brought to the church any Sunday or Monday-Thursday during the day.

Watch for the dates the boxes will be filled in the Fall. They will be sent to children in need in our country and abroad.



Gifts of Love

The Christian Care Board dispenses funds for people in need of rent, utilities, gas, etc. They also organize the Angel Tree each year. Names of children not taken from the tree are given gifts purchased with Gifts of Love money. If you would like to contribute to this fund, just mark your gift 'GOL'. Thank you.

Youth Ministry



Every three years the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod provides an opportunity for youth and adult leaders to come together to learn more about Jesus, the Christian faith, and their Lutheran identity. The theme of the Gathering is “In All Things” based on Colossians 1:15-20, “All things were created through him [Jesus] and for him. And He is before all things, and in him all things hold together...For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell.”

This year’s event will be held in Houston, Texas, July 9-13. Three youth from Lutheran Church of the Lakes will be attending and we ask that you keep them in prayer. They are Sidney, Izabel, and Collin. Pastor Tyson and youth leader, Erika will be attending with them. They are currently preparing each Sunday for this event through Bible study, prayer, and discussion.

The Gathering provides young people a vision for the vastness of Christ’s Church and equips them for vocational service as they continue their walk with Jesus.



Invite Someone

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.

Invest and Invite

Red Cross Blood Drives in our Area



July 21—St. Joseph’s Shrine, Brooklyn 12:00PM-4:45PM

July 27—Heart of the Lakes, Brooklyn 12:00PM-5:45PM

Aug 31—American Legion, Brooklyn, 11AM-4:45PM

Sept 15—St. Joseph’s Shrine, 11:00AM-4:45PM

Donating blood is safe, simple and makes a difference to patients and their families.

Sing Praise to the Lord

LCOL is blessed with two outstanding music groups:

The choir which contributes inspirational music at the 8:15AM service on the second and fourth Sundays each month

The Praise Teams who lead worshipers in praise every Sunday at 10:30AM

If you love to sing and would like to join the choir, come any Thursday at 4:00PM

If contemporary Christian music is your love, contact Music Minister Dave Rains at 517.270.0752 or at musicministerlcol@gmail.com.

