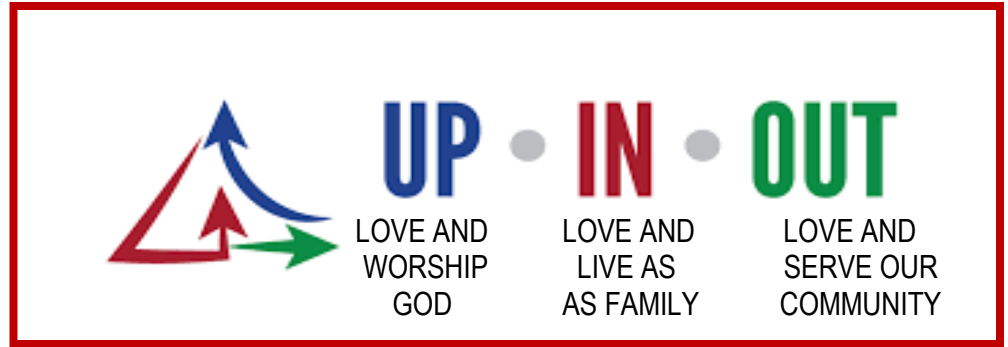


Outreach Newsletter

Winter, 2023

LCOL Outreach



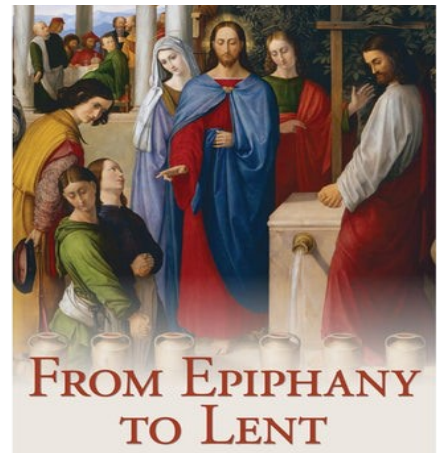
Winter Events

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| Epiphany | Jan. 6 |
| Sailing Solo | Jan. 8 |
| Martin Luther King | Jan. 17 |
| Life Sunday | Jan. 23 |
| Super Bowl | Feb. 13 |
| Valentines Day | Feb. 14 |
| Presidents' Day | Feb. 21 |
| Transfiguration | Feb. 27 |
| Ash Wednesday | Mar. 2 |
| St. Patrick's Day | Mar. 17 |

We have been through one year of the Outreach Quarterly Newsletter. As we begin our new year, I encourage each of you to grow in all three areas. Most are doing well in worship (UP) and relating with fellow Christians (IN). I hope we all take seriously the third part of reaching out. I have been reminded of the need to go OUT by two sources recently.

This winter quarter we worship in three church seasons: Christmas, Epiphany, and Lent. These seasons brings us from birth to death in the life of Jesus. We are reminded of how much God loves us and wants our love to grow in Him and our fellow community of Christian's and non-believers. As a song by Casting Crowns puts it: "But if we are the body, why aren't his arms reaching? Why aren't his hands healing? Why aren't his words teaching? And if we are the body, why aren't his feet going? Why is his love not showing them there is a way, there is a way?"

In the Red Letter Challenge by Pastor Zach Zender, we were challenged just as the disciples were challenged to feed 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish. "What do you do when Jesus is actually standing there telling you to do something you know you can't do? Apparently, you do what we do. You make excuses and tell Him things He already knows.....I am not smart enough. I'm not educated enough. I'm not resourced enough. Get somebody else! But Jesus says, 'just bring me what you do have and I'll work with that. Bring me your limited education, your lack of experience, along with your fear and insecurity, and watch what I can do if we or the people in our churches, ever get to the place where we are willing to make what we have available to God, amazing things will happen."



During this quarter, make time to worship and to have fellowship with your fellow Christians. There are plenty of opportunities to participate listed in this newsletter. These are two components of a growing faith. The third component is the "OUT". Pray about how you make yourself available to God. There are opportunities listed in this newsletter as a starting point. The community will be blessed as we all become the body of Christ and let God use what we have.

Richard Moran, Outreach Chairman

Worship Service Changes

Beginning Christmas Day, December 25, Lutheran Church of the Lakes will offer one worship service each Sunday at 9:30AM. Holy Communion will be celebrated every week. Beginning January 8, Donuts and Devos will follow the service.

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From Pastor Tyson

LCOL's theme verse for 2023 is a classic - Eph. 2:8-10, "8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

"It is a gift from God!" Each day, you are able to speak to, hear from, and depend on God, Himself. As Paul reminds us, this is not because of how great you are or how hard you want it. It's not because of the power of your faith or even the accuracy by which you follow God's Law. It is purely by God's grace you have been saved. I hope you make the time to enjoy that gift. Enjoy having a Heavenly Father who you get to pray to and know He hears you. Find peace in receiving His Word which has been kept in Scripture to this day for you. Embrace the UP relationship with your God!

As you thrive in that gift of grace, salvation, and faith, THEN comes the time for good works and doing God's will. Our UP relationship pours into our relationships IN and OUT, with Christians and with not-yet-Christians!

The Lord Bless and Keep You! Amen!

Pastor Tyson

On December 11th, Pastor Tyson accepted a call to St. Peters, Big Rapids. His last Sunday will be January 1. The Lord bless you and keep you, Pastor.

Deacon in Training ~ Meet Dave Hicks

I have finished my first semester of deacon studies by completing Doctrine I and Old Testament classes. As you can imagine, the Old Testament class was intense relative to the amount of material that we needed to cover in just 10 weeks. Our Pastor instructors assigned each of us a different theme for the entire semester which we reported to the class each week and used it as the focus of our writing assignments. I was assigned resurrection motifs (the reunion of the bodies and souls of men which have been separated by death; the undoing of death or perceived death). It was challenging but extremely rewarding to search our weekly scripture readings and find so many resurrection motifs in the Old Testament. Some of the other themes assigned to my classmates included law and gospel, oppression and deliverance, covenants and judgment. One of the themes that wasn't assigned was evangelism or what we refer to at LCOL as outreach.



Dave & Nancy Hicks

Outreach seems like one of those themes that one would find only in the New Testament, like Matthew 28:19, "Go and make disciples of all nations". In other words, go and be a witness to others about how God provided His one and only Son to die for our sins. One of the easiest ways we can be a Christian witness to others, including strangers and those outside our family, is in the way we treat them. "Love your neighbor as yourself" as Jesus states in Matthew 22:39. So where in the Old Testament can we find it written about how we should treat others? An obvious find is the Ten Commandments in Exodus chapter 20. With my scripture-searching skills honed from looking for resurrection motifs, I also came across others like: Exodus 12:48-49, Leviticus 19:33-34, Deuteronomy 31:12 and 1 Kings 8:41-43. Check them out! Treat others in the way you would like to be treated and you'll be witnessing to them about the love of Christ in you!

Dave Hicks, LCOL Chairman

Meet the Family

Beginning Dec.25 Lutheran Church of the Lakes will merge two services into one service at 9:30. With two services, it was often difficult to get to know many of our LCOL family members. To help us get to know one another better, this newsletter is highlighting a few of our members each quarter.

Sharon Miller—New chair of fellowship

My name is Sharon Miller. Walt and I moved here from metro Detroit in 2020. We are empty nesters with 4 grown kids between us. I'm looking forward to spending some time getting better at gardening over the next few years! I just signed up to be our new Fellowship Chair and am looking forward to meeting everyone and finding out what you do, if you want to keep doing it, or what ideas you have for some good fellowship. I'll be hanging around after service in January. Please introduce yourself and let's get to know one another.

Rick Scouten—Lay Reader

I became a Christian in my mid thirties, around 1985 when I was at a very low point in my life. Since then God has shown His love, grace and mercy to me over and over again. One of the best ways was when He brought Diane into my life. I married my bride in 1987 and we have had the most blessed and happy marriages one could hope for. I retired in 2018 after 40 years at Consumers Energy, Diane retired a second time in 2022 and we have lived on Lake Somerset for 17 years. I enjoy golfing, fishing, and puttering in my basement. We have six granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

Barbara and Lester Altevogt

We are Barb and Les Altevogt. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary two years ago. We moved from the Saginaw area to be close to our daughter in Grass Lake and our son in Saline. Our hobbies include woodworking and quilting. We enjoy the fellowship and worship at Lutheran Church of the Lakes.

Meet Our New Parish Assistant

Melissa Nofzinger loves to decorate. Her office reflects her love and passion in her life. The pictures were made for her by her daughters, who are 9 and 13 and attend Onsted Schools. There's nothing better than handicrafts by your children.

The vase on her table has peacock feathers because peacocks are her favorite animal. The bulletin board borders and the curtains are peacock blue, to showcase her favorite color.

Stop in and say "Hello" to Melissa.

PS She enjoys black, decaf coffee!



Reaching Our Community

Local Blood Drives



January 10, St. John's Lutheran Church, Adrian—12:15-5:45PM
 January 17, Hudson High School—9:30AM-2:15PM
 January 25, Brooklyn American Legion—12-5:45PM
 January 31, Onsted High School—7:30AM-1:15PM
 February 13, Adrian YMCA—12:15-5:45PM
 February 23, Addison High School—9:30AM-1:15PM
 March 23, Gateway Community Church, Onsted—10AM-3:45PM
 March 7, St. John's Lutheran Church, Adrian—12:15-5:45PM
 For other drives, see americanredcross.org

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.



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

Did You Know?

The Mother of Black Lutheranism

When most people hear the name “Rosa” in conjunction with Black history, they think of Rosa Parks, the famous Black activist who is rightly referred to as the “Mother of the Civil Rights Movement.” However, before Rosa Parks, another “Rosa” had a profound influence on Black culture. She became known as the “Mother of Black Lutheranism.”

Dr. Rosa J. Young, Black educator and missionary, worked tirelessly at the beginning of the 20th century to transform African American society through education and religious instruction. Her partnership with The Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri was initiated by Booker T. Washington after Rosa sought his financial help to keep her school running. He referred her to the Lutherans in St. Louis because they already supported missions and schools in the African American communities of Arkansas, Louisiana and North Carolina. After talking with Rosa, the Lutheran Church was very interested in working with her and provided her with the money she needed to keep her school going.

After this, other communities began to inquire about starting churches and schools in their areas. Over time, 20 churches and 30 Lutheran schools were created in Alabama by Dr. Young and the Lutheran Church. Additionally, with continued funding from LCMS, Rosa founded the Alabama Lutheran Academy, which is now known as Concordia College at Selma, Alabama. She served on its faculty for 14 years training Black missionaries and teachers and was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1961 from Concordia Seminary in Springfield, Illinois.

Rosa J. Young, who went to be with the Lord in 1971, was a pioneer Lutheran educator and missionary. She devoted her life to creating better lives and communities for Black Americans living in the United States through the Gospel, prayer and education.

**NATIONAL
LUTHERAN
SCHOOLS WEEK**

January 22-28

Reaching the World with Jesus

[Jesus said:] "I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 8:11

There have been lots of things happening these past few months. Even though some of it kept me on the edge of my seat, everything turned out well. Thanks be to God.

In this picture, you will see that the LCMS Regional Director for Asia Missions, Rev. Charles Ferry joined me in Sri Lanka to greet a prestigious group of Lutherans from Africa. We gathered around our Lord to Consecrate Rev. Arulchelvan as the new bishop of Sri Lanka, gave thanks to God and received His Word and Sacrament.



Your ongoing partnership, prayers, and financial support makes it possible for us to continue serving in the Lord's mission in Sri Lanka. I thank God for you, and I thank you.

Your Servant in Christ,
Steve Mahlburg, LCMS Missionary to Sri Lanka

Operation Christmas Child

The LCOL Outreach Board thanks you for your donations, prayers, and help in packing 115 shoeboxes in 2022. The BLESSED boxes were delivered to Cornerstone Church in Brooklyn. From there the shoeboxes were taken to a clearing house for inspection, labeling, etc. before being given to a child in need.

40 Things to Give Up for Lent

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| 1. Fear of Failure | 17. The Spirit of Poverty | 33. Pride |
| 2. Your Comfort Zone | 18. Going Through the Motions | 34. Small View of God |
| 3. Feelings of Unworthiness | 19. Complaint | 35. Envy |
| 4. Impatience | 20. The Pursuit of Happiness | 36. Ungratefulness |
| 5. Retirement | 21. Bitterness | 37. Selfish Ambition |
| 6. People Pleasing | 22. Distraction | 38. Self-Sufficiency |
| 7. Comparison | 23. Giving up | 39. Sorrow |
| 8. Blame | 24. Mediocrity | 40. My Life |
| 9. Guilt | 25. Destructive Speech | |
| 10. Overcommitment | 26. Busyness | |
| 11. Lack of Counsel | 27. Loneliness | |
| 12. Impurity | 28. Disunity | |
| 13. Entitlement | 29. The Quick Fix | |
| 14. Apathy | 30. Worry | |
| 15. Hatred | 31. Idolizing | |
| 16. Negativity | 32. Resistance to Change | |



From Our Elders

The duties of the Elders are to support the pastor of the church and to encourage all of our members in their relationship with Christ.

We also have responsibilities in conjunction with the services on Sunday, assisting where necessary at funerals at LCOL, participating in Bible study and maintaining our own personal relationship with Christ.



An elder is on duty at the church on Sunday mornings available to members for prayer and/or ask questions.

We would like to expand our board of elders in order to better serve our community at LCOL. If you would have an interest in joining this group, please contact me with any questions.

Our current board of elders at LCOL is listed below. Our goal is to have the opportunity for any church members to contact or approach any elder.

Mark Arledge. 517 202 4470.
Larry Crouch.
Bill Langenderfer 517 547 5545
Clif Weber 517 206 3441

Steve Bauer. 517 973 7121.
Jay Fernamberg 248 949 9142
Richard Rose 989 280 3438.

Thank you,
Clif Weber, Head Elder

From LCOL's Director of Worship

One of my favorite Lenten hymns (*Glory be to Jesus*, LW433) was the very first hymn I learned to play on the piano, because it's very simple. In fact, the very first "musical work" I ever wrote bears a striking—if not heavily borrowed from—reference to this melody. But although the melody and chord structure are simple, the lyrics are very powerful and rooted in the message of salvation through the blood of Jesus:



Verse 2 says, "Grace and life eternal/In that blood I find/Blest be his compassion/Infinitely kind!"

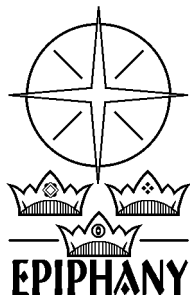
Verse 4 makes a contrast between the blood of Abel pleading for vengeance, and the blood of Jesus pleading for pardon.

And finally verses 5 and 6 describe the lifting of our voices in praise of that blood which poured out for us, and the angels making their "glad reply." If you ever want to learn to play hymnody on the piano, this is a perfect place to start. And if you want a simple melody and powerful words to praise the Savior who bled and died for our sins, then sing this hymn!

David Rains, Director of Worship

Special Celebrations

January Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays:

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|------|----------------|------|-----------------|
| 1/01 | Evelyn Draa | 1/19 | Don Connell |
| 1/02 | James Preovich | | Jocelyn Kope |
| 1/04 | Chet Yarger | 1/25 | Nancy Stites |
| 1/07 | Clif Weber | 1/26 | Jennifer Borton |
| 1/08 | Susie Bauer | | Chet Riley |
| 1/12 | Linda Krueger | 1/27 | Molly Schmitz |
| 1/12 | Lloyd Lash | 1/28 | Cindy Regalado |
| 1/13 | Sidney Arledge | | Barb Kulinski |
| 1/14 | Bev Dickerson | 1/29 | Lynn Pickford |
| 1/15 | Nancy LaVoy | | Carolyn Herman |
| | | 1/31 | Jeff Thompson |
| | | | Brenda Luma |

Anniversaries:

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| 1/04 | Ned & Shelley Steinman |
| 1/07 | Harry & Bev Dickerson |
| 1/11 | Clif & Sue Weber |
| 1/18 | Jim & Helen Nichols |
| 1/19 | Bob & Paula Daum |

February Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays

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|------|-----------------|------|-------------------|
| 2/08 | Erika Kope | 2/23 | Bob Daum |
| 2/10 | Renee Preovich | | Denny DeMuth |
| 2/11 | Karen Niswander | 2/24 | Jodi Fenstemacher |
| 2/16 | Kathy Morrison | | Sandy Croyle |
| | Liam Murray | | Helen Nichols |
| 2/20 | Lyle Angerer | 2/25 | Sue Thompson |
| 2/21 | Jennifer Kellk | | Audri Laharrague |
| 2/22 | Sharon Miller | | Elsie Murray |

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| 2/28 | Brent McMordie |
| | Joan Connell |
| | Carol Zuchowski |

Anniversaries

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| 2/04 | Gordon & Pam Brighton |
| 2/18 | Walt & Sharon Miller |
| 2/27 | Tom & Jodie Fenstemacher |

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



Birthdays:

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| 3/01 | Chris Morningstar | 3/10 | James Fernamberg |
| | Dick Rose | 3/13 | Felipe Siimes |
| 3/03 | Mike Zuchowski | 3/16 | Heidi Bentz |
| 3/04 | Linda Neitzel | 3/17 | Barb Altevogt |
| 3/05 | Paula Daum | 3/18 | Raquel Reiter |
| | Dennis Pickford | 3/234 | Joel Grimm |
| 3/07 | Jack Matteson | | Vicki Jacobs |
| | Tim Thomsen | 3/25 | Karen Rose |
| 3/09 | Dave Weaver | 3/27 | Alberta Pendley |

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| 3/29 | David Rohrback |
| 3/30 | Ida Snyder |

Anniversaries

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| 3/10 | Tim & Karrie Thompson |
| 3/20 | Richard & Carol Moran |
| 3/300 | Larry & Neva Warnke |

Nothing unites us like prayer. Why not take a minute or two to pray for these members of our family as they celebrate their special days! Perhaps send a card just reminding them that Jesus loves them, perhaps share a favorite Bible verse and/or let them know you are praying for them.

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Worship Times:

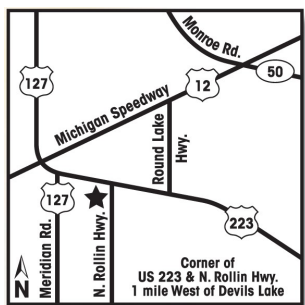
8:15 & 10:30 AM

9:30 AM Coffee/Bible Study/Youth/Sunday School

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Winter Events



WATCH THE ROSE PARADE, JANUARY 2nd

The 2023 Rose Parade "Turning the Corner" is the 72nd year that **Lutheran Hour Ministries** (LHM) has entered a float. A volunteer group of thousands called the Petal Pushers helps the Phoenix Decorating Company of Irwindale, California decorate the float. This year's LHM entry is titled "A New Day with Jesus" and is the only Christian float in the parade.

With this year's float, Lutheran Hour Ministries invites us to meet - or meet anew - the source of hope and joy that cannot be taken away by anything that the world throws at us. Tune into NBC at 11 AM on **January 2** to see it.

Christmas Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve—4:00PM & 10:00PM

Christmas Day—9:30AM

New Year's Day—9:30AM

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