

January 12, 2025

Welcome to Lutheran Church of the Lakes!



**"COME FOLLOW ME," JESUS SAID, "AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN"**  
John 4:19

Weekly Bible Studies and Groups		
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES		
GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	LOCATION
Sunday HS Youth	The Gospels	The Youth Loft Upstairs
Sunday Middle School Confirmation Class 5 <sup>th</sup> through 8 <sup>th</sup> grade	The Gospels	Room 8
Sunday School 10 yrs. and under	Learning Through Christ	Room 9
Sunday Bible Study @9:45am		Library
OTHER OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT		
GROUP AND TIME	LESSON	LOCATION
Tuesday AM Bible Study @10:30am	2nd Peter	Library
Bible Babes	The Gospels	Room B
Men's Bible Breakfast: 2nd Mondays @ 10am	Various Studies	Big Boy in Brooklyn
Prayer Gathering: Mondays 5:00pm to 6:00pm		in the Sanctuary

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE		
Greeting	Pam Guthrie	Doug & Chris Morningstar
Reading	Rick Scouten	Dennis Pickford
Elders	Steve Bauer	Carl Connin
Altar		Cheryl Bias
Acolytes	The Bennett Family	Audri Laharrague & Elsie McMordie
Ushers	Bob Daum & Barry Archer	Lloyd Lash
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW		
	November, 2024	YTD 2024
Income	\$23,372.00	\$277,023.65
Expense	\$22,558.98	\$291,495.94
Budget	\$27,696.44	\$248,255.25
Attendance	41	81

Sunday School and Confirmation Classes will resume today at 9:40am.

Tuesday Bible Study resumes this week at 10:30am with Pastor Jim leading the study.

The Sunday School room is getting a facelift! Therefore Sunday School has temporarily been moved to room 9.

Photo Directory update, we have taken over 110 member photos so far. We will be printing all pages of the directory in the next 2 weeks and display them in the Narthex for viewing by the congregation. We are continuing to take pictures each Sunday to the end of January after which we will be printing our first photo directory to be distributed to the members in early February. If you need your picture taken see Clif Weber or Dick Rose.

Used DVD Drive - Donate your discs, honor our heroes. DVDs are for veterans' hospitals in Detroit and Battle Creek. Deadline for bringing in your DVDs is January 24th. Sponsored by Napoleon High School.

There will be no movie night in January. The next one will be on February 19th.

Year end giving statements were emailed to everyone with an email address. Copies are in the narthex for those who don't have emails. Contact Hal Schmidt if you have any questions.

Thank You to everyone who came in Tuesday to help "un-decorate" the church.

The Outreach Team will meet this Wednesday, January 15th, at 10:00am. Join us and share your input for events for this coming year!

**Isaiah 43:1-7**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my eyes, and honored, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

**Romans 6:1-11**

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**Luke 3:15-22**

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reproved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended

on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

<b><u>8:15am Service</u></b>	<b><u>10:30am Service</u></b>
<p>#394 "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"  Welcome / Confession &amp; Absolution  Introit / Gloria / Collect  Readings / Gospel Reading  <i>"To Jordan's River Came Our Lord"</i>  Sermon  Apostles' Creed  Prayer / Lord's Prayer  Blessing  Ministry Moment / Invitation to Connect  #605 "Father Welcomes"</p>	<p><i>"Come to the Water"</i>  Welcome / Confession / Absolution  Responsive Psalm  <i>"Glory (Let There Be Peace)"</i>  Prayer of the Day  Readings / Gospel Reading  <i>"Alive In Us"</i>  Sermon  Prayer  Communion  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>"Abide With Me"</i> (video)</li> <li>• <i>"In Christ Alone"</i></li> </ul> Blessing  Ministry Moment / Invitation to Connect</p>



**January:**

Clothing ( can be homemade) like shirts, leggings, dresses, socks gloves, scarves, hats, mittens

**February:**

Jump ropes, dolls, kazoos, balls, harmonicas, small cars, recorders, card games, handmade games and toys

*Please leave your donations in the red tote in the narthex*

