

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE LAKES

Receiving and sharing God's mercy together

Alleluia!
They were
astonished at
His teaching,
for He taught
them as one
who had
Authority.
Alleluia!

LERT Volunteer Training

Sat. Feb, 3, from 8:30 am—4:00pm

You can be part of the Michigan District Disaster Response Team by participating in a training through Lutheran Early Response Teams (LERT). This training session will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 3448 N. Adrian Hwy. Adrian, MI. The \$35. fee includes training materials, an LCMS volunteer vest, and lunch. Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran Church. There are registration forms and information at the Information Desk.

Secret Sister Party

February 11, 2018 at 9:30

The Secret Sisters will find out who their 2017 Secret Sister was and be able to sign up to be a Secret Sister for 2018. All women are invited to join. Simply fill out an information form located on the Volunteer Desk and drop it off in the Board of Christian Care mailbox or at the Church Office by February 4th. Contact; Molly Schmitz 517-920-1415 with any questions.

Kids Against Hunger—Food Packing Event

March 10, 2018 9:00 am—12:30 pm

This is a community event with the goal of packing up to 20,000 meals for people in need around the world. St John's in Adrian is hosting this event and needs more volunteers and money to pack the meals. Each meal costs .30 to make. Meals are made with raw ingredients that are measured, sealed in plastic bags and placed in buckets to be shipped. If you are interested in helping pack meals or if you would like to donate money for meals, see the Volunteer Desk for information or call Pam Brighton 517-547-8001. The deadline is Jan. 31, 2018.

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Deadline March 31, 2018

Eligible Thrivent Financial Members are encouraged to dedicate their Choice Dollars to the charity of their choice. Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through Thrivent Choice program can help support organizations you care about. Don't let your Choice Dollars expire. Contact Carol Moran at 517-938-8246 for answers to your questions about Action Dollars or Choice Dollars.

INTROIT

(or Psalm Prayer)

Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

But steadfast love surrounds the one who trust in the Lord.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

Whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,

And in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

Surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

You surround me with shouts of deliverance.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

COLLECT

(or Gathering Prayer)

Almighty God, You know we live in the midst of so many dangers that in our frailty we cannot stand upright. Grant strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

Mark 1:21-28

And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

ORDER OF GOD'S SERVICE

God brings us together...

- Invocation, Confession & Absolution
- Opening Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues" # 276
- ✚ Opening Song "Sing, Sing, Sing"
- ✚ Psalm Prayer
- The Introit, Kyrie, Hymn of Praise & Collect

Around His Word...

- The Old Testament Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Epistle I Corinthians 8:1-13
- ✚ Scripture Song "Hold Us Together"
- ✚ The Gospel Mark 1:21-28
- ✚ Children's Message
- Sermon Hymn "Jesus Comes With Healing" #620
- ✚ Sermon Song "Word of God Speak"
- ◇ The Message AMAZING, ABSOLUTE, AUTHORITY
- ◇ The Creed

And Blesses Us!

- ◇ The Prayers
- ◇ The Offering
- Doxology
- ◇ The Lord's Prayer
- ✚ The Sacrament "On Bended Knee"
"Amazing Grace, My Chains"
"Jesus Saves!"
- The Closing Hymn "Songs of Praise" #88
- ◇ The Closing Prayer
- ◇ Benediction
- ◇
- **Indicates First Service Element**
- ✚ **Indicates Praise Service Element**
- ◇ **Indicates Both Services Element**

About Holy Communion

"Though we must be reverent and must be appreciative of what Communion symbolizes, Communion also speaks of intimacy and fellowship. And so we look back. We look back to the cross. We remember what Christ accomplished for us. And we are reminded of His love for us. We are to look ahead. The Scriptures say to do this "until he comes again" (I Corinthians 11:26). The first time Jesus came to this earth, He came as the Suffering Servant. The next time, He will come as the Conquering King. Communion is an observance to remind us that Jesus will come again. Communion is a time to look within. We are to look within and ask the Holy Spirit to show us any areas of our lives that may not be pleasing to God. Once we acknowledge these areas, we are to repent of these sins. To fail to do so and then to take part in Communion is to eat and drink damnation to yourself, as the King James Version renders it. Or, it is to eat and drink, "not honoring the body of Christ" (verse 29). So come to the Communion table in joy. Come in reverence. Come in honesty. If there is something that isn't right, this is the time to deal with it. Communion is an ideal time to make a commitment or recommitment to Jesus Christ.

If you are still uncertain about receiving communion you can come forward and cross your hands over your chest to receive a blessing.

SERVING IN GOD'S HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Rev. Mike Ruhl

Music Minister: Rex Engle

Elders: Dick Covell & Jay Fernamberg

Altar: Connie Barth

Acolytes: Sidney & Izabel Arledge

Ushers: **Richard Rose**, Rick Gray, Harold Hunt, Ken Neitzel, Dan Kazup **Rick Riley**, Chris Wyman, Ron Wyman, Lloyd Lash, Ida Snyder

Praise Team: Sue Weber, Linda Baker, Cheryl Bias, Chris Morningstar, Laurie Connin, Christin Draa, Dennis Pickford, Bill Fethers

Multi Media: Rick Baker, James Fernamberg

Greeters: Larry & Neva Warncke, Jim & Renee Previch

Lay Readers: Richard Moran & Clif Weber

Children's Message: Pastor Mike

Christ Connections: Sharon Covell

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK

Year-end Offering Statements

The Stewardship Ministry has your 2017 offering statements on the Information Desk, along with the 2018 Offering Envelopes.

Church Council Retreat

Met last Saturday to discuss where LCOL is and where God is leading us in 2018 and beyond. One of the subjects discussed was the ministry board members whose terms will be up at the end of 2018. The Council wanted to make sure everyone knows all members are welcome and encouraged to lead a Board. Members are also encouraged to attend the Council meetings which fall on the third Wednesday after the third Monday of the month.

"To our LCOL church family---Thank you for the thoughtful cards, visits and love meals we have received since my back surgery. Most importantly, we thank you for your prayers .. I felt peace and comfort knowing God was there and continues to be.

Thank you for your support."

Cheryl Perry and her amazing "care-giver" Dave

CALENDAR

Sun.	Jan.	28	8:15 am	Divine Service	
			9:30 am	Christ Connections, Bible Study, Confirmation Classes	
			10:30 am	Praise Service	
Mon.	Jan.	29			
Tue.	Jan.	30	10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Parents Lounge
			10:00 am	Bible Study	Library
			10:30 am	Meals on Wheels	Harold & Helen Hunt
Wed.	Jan.	31	10:30 am	Staff Mtg/ Rehearsal	
			11:00 am	PHD Meeting	Library
Thurs.	Feb.	1	9:00 am	Bible Babes	Library
			6:00 pm	Praise Practice	
Fri.	Feb.	2		Office Closed	
Sat.	Feb.	3	8:30-4:00	LERT Training	St. John's

Birthdays

1/28	Mildred Bailey (105), Chloe & Peyton Decker, Cindy Regalado
1/29	Carolyn Herman, Lynn Pickford
1/30	Brenda Luma, Jeff Thompson
2/1	Rex Engle
2/2	Norm Fry

Baptism Birthdays

1/30	Cheri Knight
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Anniversaries

2/2	Tom & Jewel LaPointe
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Charity Sunday

Today's door offering will benefit
Share the Warmth of Adrian.

TO OUR GUESTS

Welcome! We know that visiting a new church for the first few times can be awkward. We hope you will discover there are many wonderful people here and there are opportunities for you to find good friends and feel like you are a part of something bigger. We offer Christ Centered worship and Christ Connections Sunday School, along with a fellowship hour every Sunday at 9:40 am. Feel free to leave your contact information in the red booklets in the pew so we can better serve you in your walk with Christ.

Helpful information

Restrooms and a water fountain are located in the hallway and fellowship hall. Changing tables are in both women's restrooms.

There are quiet rooms at the back of the Sanctuary. You can still see and hear the service and your child can play with the toys in the little bags just outside the quiet room door.

TIME & TREASURE

Last Week @ LCOL

Worship	1/21	151
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Our Treasure

General Fund	\$	5,303.00
Debt Retirement:	\$	250.00
General Fund Weekly Need:	\$	6,305.00
Mortgage Balance 12/31/17	\$	87,725.91