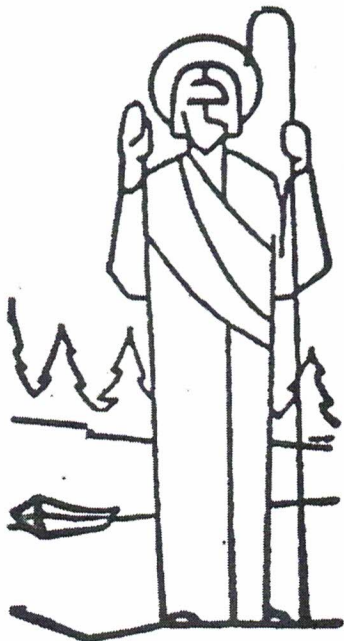


May 2021 Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 AM

*EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ROOTED IN THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE A LOVING
COMMUNITY THAT FOLLOWS JESUS, AND SEEKS TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD
AND PRACTICE IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.*

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www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:
Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Thursdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Fridays 9 AM to 12 noon
Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
June 2021	17 th	19 th
July 2021	15 th	17 th
August 2021	19 th	21 st
September 2021	16 th	18 th

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

Saturday Services: May 29 – August 28, 2021

RECORDED SERMONS: Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are Live-Streamed at 9:00 am. The services are also recorded and put on YouTube and will be available for viewing later on Sundays. Go to shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and on the Home Page, look for the YouTube link. Previously uploaded services are available on the link.

If you would like a copy of the current worship guide please look for the “**Bulletin**” page on the Church Website. You can open the files and print.

ONLINE GIVING: Also available on the Church website is a link to PayPal for online giving.

DEVOTION

Sunday, March 25, 2021

As a child growing up in the Shepherd congregation, I learned to serve the church by participating as an acolyte and singing in the children's choir. At Mom's side I helped with church functions and became very good at washing dishes. It was when I went through catechism classes and was confirmed, that our Pastor of that time began to introduce me to the ideology of what I had seen in Mom all along, how to serve others in and through our church.

As we were then, we are once again, a church who sees beyond our walls and ourselves, and believes in and practices service to others. We see our mission as more than just our congregation and our facility. While we try to put into practice our mission through serving others and our communities, we never really know if we are successful in our attempts. We may see more people attending our special events and the health of our congregation grow through the increase in numbers attending services both online and in person. We may see the stability of our finances from your generous contributions. We *may* see these things as signs of our success as a congregation. But are we really succeeding in our mission to serve Christ? Are we successful at sharing our faith and serving others?

Two things happened the weekend I sit to write this. Two things that helped me to see we are successful in working toward our mission of faith and service.

The first happened before our first funeral here at Shepherd in over a year. As Treasurer/Secretary I gather the church mail and distribute it. We received an envelope addressed to Shepherd which included a donation and note from someone who is not local. There is nothing unusual about that. What was unusual was the contents of the note. The note said "Enclosed please find a donation to the church to honor Bill Wendorf's service to the community". As Bill was in the church at the time, I went to him with this note. After he read it, he explained how he knew this couple outside of our church. Then he said something very typically Bill. He said that while the words humbled him, he really took them as a reflection of our congregation. He frequently says that he is only the shepherd of the flock, and he repeated it again. It is due to our faith, love, and service, guided by our shepherd, that others see and recognize that we are here to provide service as commanded.

The second thing to happen this weekend was a comment from a family member after the funeral held here that day. She offered her thanks for our help with the funeral and the gathering following the service. She then followed up with a comment that I have heard from others, but which really struck me this time. Someone here for such a solemn occasion as a funeral, had the time to tell me that she always feels so welcomed when visiting Shepherd. To me, this is yet another indication that we are serving Christ through service to others.

We heard many readings during the Easter season that speak to me. One of those that makes the biggest impact on me is as follows:

John 13:12-14

¹² When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you?" ¹³ You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. ¹⁴ If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

This particular day reminded me that we are making differences, large and small. We are living in service learned through the example set by Christ.

Thank you, Lord for all of the many Blessings you bring into our lives every day. Please help us to better serve you, our congregation, and our neighbors. Amen.

Jean

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are collecting pill bottles, DARK BROWN ONLY. Please remove the labels and put the bottles in the container in the coat room.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to save cancelled stamps throughout the year. There is a collection box on the coat room shelf.

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU'S
Thank you notes received from:

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| ALWM (Vital Links) | Caritas |
| Fortune Lake | Sons of Norway (stamp collection) |
| Vilas Food Pantry | |

Puns:

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference.
He acquired his size from too much pi.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

The next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Approved Council Meeting Minutes for March 28, 2021

In Attendance: Tracey Ahlborn, Jack Carlson, Joan Ebert, Sharon Geist, Lyn Hurbanis, Jeanne Kroll, Jean Maines, Mike Pockat, Bill Sima, and Bill Wendorf, LLM.

Meeting called to order at 10.50 am by President Bill Sima. Mission Statement read aloud by all. Tracey Ahlborn opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Three home visits made since last meeting. (Bill is available for home visits and communion distribution if he is asked to visit.)
- Attendance increasing as people are vaccinated for Covid and as people return from their winter homes.
- Multiple areas of seating for Easter Sunday Service.
- South entry interior safety railing on hold. Temporary measures taken.
- Technology team in training.
- All five Holy Week services will be held.
- Sofi to be confirmed. Bill setting up meetings to contact other families with children ready for confirmation education.
- Summer Saturday services to be held out door if possible.

Treasurer's Report:

- February council financial reports distributed and discussed
- Review of February 2021 checks completed by Lyn Hurbanis and no discrepancies found.
- Overall financial status good.

Old Business:

- South Entry Closure: discussed during Pastor's report.
- Tile Backsplash in Kitchen:
 - Will be installed after Easter
- Sign, Landscape Plan, and Side Entry:
 - Brad Brooker provided for bid for landscaping. Bryan Gitter will be asked to provide more inclusive bid.
 - Mike Everson to be contacted to discuss sign support and installation.
- Directory of Addresses to be worked on in April or May.
- Summer Events Schedule – will contact town for their summer plans before decisions to be made.
- Easter Breakfast: Mike Pockat promoted to cook. Jeanne Kroll to help.

New Business:

- SOTL Constitution Update: volunteers and possible changes discussed.

Adjourned meeting with Lord's Prayer.

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QUILTING

Please join us! The women of Shepherd of the Lakes will be quilting on the third Thursday of each month starting at 11:00 a.m. You do not have to be a quilter or own a sewing machine. If you can tie a knot, we want you. Everyone is welcome.

Dates:

May 19, 2021

June 16, 2021

July 21, 2021



Our quilting ministry is community oriented. Finished quilts are donated once a year to the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence in Rhinelander. We would like to increase our ministry and our sewing circle. Come and join the fun.

We have all the supplies,
We just need your smiling face.

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CHILDRENS CORNER

Church school was discussed during the December Council Meeting and the determination was made to not open in-person church school until the 2021-2022 school year begins. Weekly mailings will continue to all of the church school children.

You know when you're a Lutheran when:

- It's 100 degrees, with 90% humidity, and you still have coffee after the service.
- You hear something really funny during the sermon and smile as loudly as you can!
- When you watch a "Star Wars" movie and they say, "May the Force be with you" you respond, "and also with you".
- You actually understand those folks from Lake Wobegon, MN.
- It takes ten minutes to say good-bye.

What do you call a Protesting Catholic?

A Lutheran!

PRAYER CONCERNS

We are looking for someone to take over leadership of the Prayer Chain. Please let Bill or Sharon Geist know if you are interested.

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Rich, Gus, Dee, Ray, Joan, Lois, Lyn, Mike, and Tom & Carol Miles.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Mel & Barb and Elisabeth.

Pray for those who have passed:

Joanie and family who grieve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Your church family would like the opportunity to pray for you, make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion, or support you by other means. Please contact us:

- ...if you or someone in your family are ill at home or hospitalized.
- ...if you are anticipating surgery or another medical procedure.
- ...if you have a birth or death in your family.
- ...if you want to request prayers for someone else, ask their permission first.
- ...if you have any other significant event in your family.
- ...if you would like to schedule a visit with Bill Wendorf LLM or another church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify Bill Wendorf LLM at 715-617-6477 (pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or Jean Maines at 715-891-3344 (secretary@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

More Puns:

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.

Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication.

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

This month will be an easy recipe. My rhubarb is coming up, so maybe there will be some available in May. Best when served with whipped topping or ice cream

Easy Rhubarb Cake

- 4 cups rhubarb sliced – fresh or frozen
- 1 3oz package raspberry Jell-O (can be sugar-free)
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 package yellow or white cake mix
- 1 cup water
- 1/3 cup butter melted

Bake about 50 minutes or until rhubarb is tender

Serve warm or cooled.

*Don't be tempted to use strawberry gelatin



Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Grease a 9X13 pan

Sprinkle the rhubarb in bottom of baking pan

Sprinkle evenly with gelatin then the sugar, then the dry cake mix.

Pour the water over the dry ingredients and, then drizzle with the melted butter.

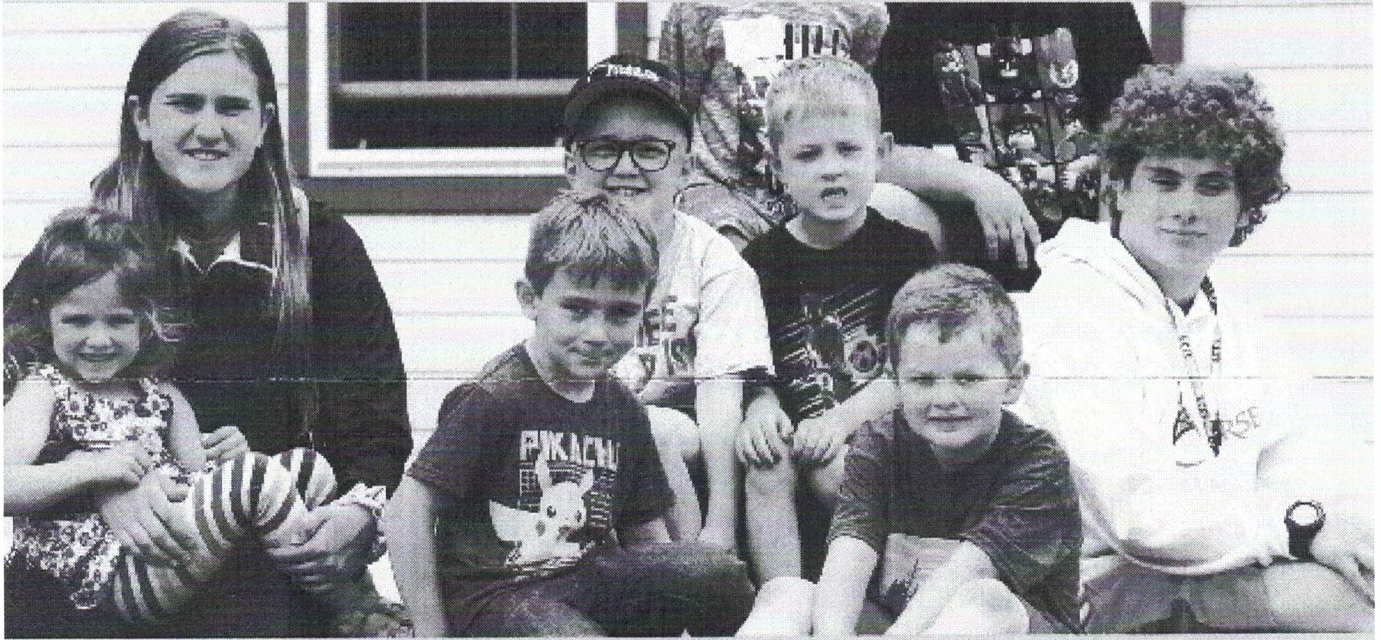
SUMMER SERVICES:

Saturday Evening services begin May 29, 2021. Services will be held at 5:30 pm and we hope to have most of them out door. Weather and circumstances permitting.

SUMMER EVENTS:

The town of Plum Lake will be holding the 4th of July parade and fireworks this year. This made the determination to hold our own summer events easy. We will be having the Popcorn Event for the 4th of July and will be holding the Pie and Ice Cream Social this year, date to be determined. Stay Tuned!

An Opportunity to Respond



Josh (far right) with a group of campers from Grandparent Camp, Summer 2019.

AN INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

Fortune Lake changes the lives of people like Josh Stachnik. When Josh first came to camp it was High School Week 2015, and he did not want to be here. His pastor had arranged for him to come, but Josh had his heart set on attending a different camp. Camp was overflowing with young people who all seemed to be having fun, but Josh wasn't convinced.

It was Wednesday, midway through the week. The high schoolers were participating in an all-camp activity. As was the pattern, everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves; everyone except Josh, who was letting his personal issues get him down. Two campers, Charlotte and Lillian, approached Josh and invited him to join in with the group. Josh recalls thinking, "Well, I might as well try to have at least one good memory from camp," so he began to let his guard down. In that moment, things shifted for Josh. He saw how openly the Fortune Lake community embraced him exactly as he was, personal issues and all. He felt loved and accepted and was able to experience the true joy that he had witnessed in the other campers.

Today, Josh acknowledges that the invitation from his fellow high school campers changed his life. God worked through that moment to allow him to begin to let his walls down. Thanks to that interaction and many that followed, Josh is striving to mature into the person God wants him to be. This summer, Josh will be serving on our staff for the second time as a Cabin Leader. He is committed to inviting all of his campers to be open to the experiences of Fortune Lake so that they too may grow in faith.

We invite you to help us provide life changing experiences for campers like Josh.

Support from donors like you allows us to invite people to experience true joy in this place of grace. This summer, due to Covid mitigation efforts and half-capacity lodging, it is more costly to run camp than it has ever been. However, we know that we all need camp more than ever before. We need to be together. We need to be affirmed in who we are as children of God. We need to experience the authentic Christian community. Will you help us create moments like these? How are you being called to respond to the invitation?

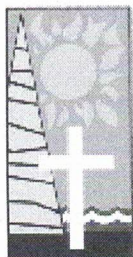
Grace & Peace,





Amanda Rasner

A donation envelope has been included for your convenience, or you may visit our website, fortunelake.org, and click on the "Support FLLC" tab to give electronically. Information is also available about our Tenacious 200 monthly electronic giving program. Visit our website for details, or call with questions.

Thank you for your response to this important invitation!

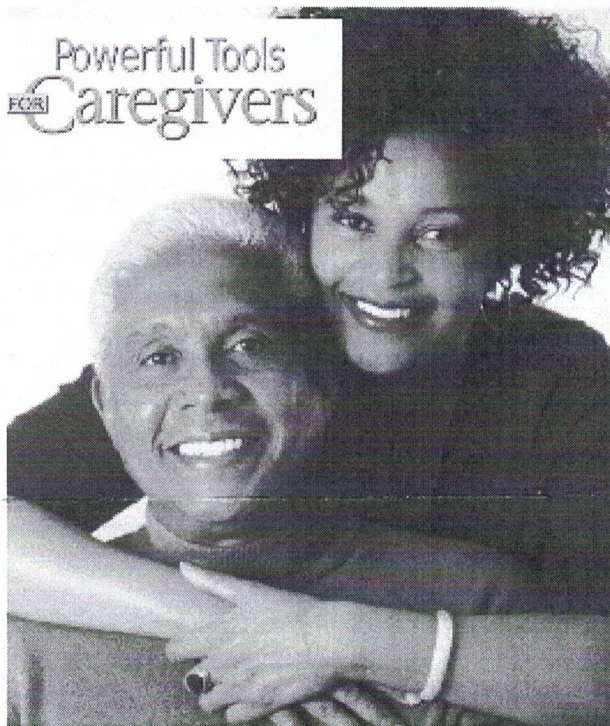


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*Seeking to connect God's
word with God's world.
Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp
is a place of grace
where all may grow in faith.*

Powerful Tools FOR Caregivers



I don't think of myself as a caregiver.
I'm his daughter. He needs me. And because he needs me, I know I need to take care of myself. Powerful Tools helped me do that.

There's a Powerful Tools for Caregivers workshop starting soon near you!

Dates: Wednesdays
June 9-July 14, 2021

Time: 10 a.m. - noon

Location: Online Virtual Workshop
(**MUST** have access or be able to get access to Webex via computer, tablet, or smart phone)

Suggested Donation of \$20
(Includes The Caregiver Helpbook)

To register call ADRC of Vilas County
at 715-479-3625
or 800-374-1123

Space is limited; register early!
*We can walk you through setting up
Zoom Account if needed*

Caregiving is rewarding.

But it can be challenging too.

Caring for someone with an injury or illness — such as dementia, cancer, heart disease, Parkinson's disease, stroke or others — can be physically, emotionally and financially demanding.

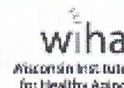
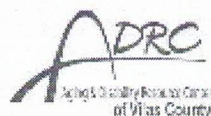
Taking care of yourself is important.

Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) can show you the way!


What is Powerful Tools for Caregivers? And why should I take it?

Powerful Tools focuses on **your** well-being. The class meets once a week for six weeks and has been studied and shown to help family caregivers:

- Reduce stress, guilt, anger, and depression and improve emotional well-being
- Manage time, set goals, and solve problems
- Master caregiving transitions and be part of decision-making
- Communicate effectively with the person needing care, family members, doctors, and other helpers
- Find and use community resources




SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of May include: Sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, brown sugar, powdered sugar. Please place your items in the appropriate containers in the cloak room.						
2	3	4	8	6	7	8
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch				9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 AM Worship Service			9 AM Quilting	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE		
23	24	25	26	9 AM Text Study	28	29
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
30	31					
9 AM Worship Service						

May Birthdays:

4 th	Jim Kriek	17 th	Judy Neitzel
5 th	Jan Specht	19 th	Rebecca Raabe
15 th	Kayla Penn	26 th	Dawson Penn
16 th	Landon Penn		

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
South Entrance Dedication 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch			9 AM Quilting	9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
27	28	29	30	 Food pantry items needed for the month of May include: Pasta, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, parmesan cheese, boxed pancake mixes.		
9 AM Worship Service						

June Birthdays:

3 rd	Bob Bernhardt	23 rd	Marie Penn
4 th	Karen Carter	25 th	Raleigh Thompson
11 th	Linda Heeler	25 th	Alex Penn
14 th	Jean Maines	27 th	Alycia Penn Camodeca
20 th	Katy Brooker	30 th	Tony Farrow
20 th	Laura Sima	30 th	Arlyce Farrow