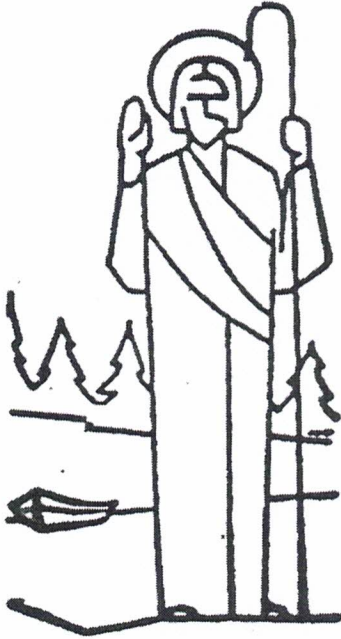


August 2020 Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Worship Service: Saturday 5:30 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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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) |
|----------------|---|---|
| August 2020 | 13 th | 15 th |
| September 2020 | 17 th | 19 th |
| October 2020 | 15 th | 17 th |
| November 2020 | 12 th | 14 th |
| December 2020 | 17 th | 19 th |

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

RECORDED SERMONS: All Saturday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are now recorded and put on YouTube and are usually available for viewing by 9 AM Sunday morning. 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 (Season After Pentecost) and the weekly supplemental guide with readings and hymns, and the weekly bulletin, 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.

DEVOTIONS

Something to think about.

Hebrews 1:3 “The Son is . . . the exact representation of God’s being.”

To celebrate a special occasion, my dad took me to a local art gallery and said I could choose a painting as a gift. After quite some time, I chose a small picture of a brook flowing through a forest. The streambed took up most of the canvas, and, because of this, much of the sky was excluded from the picture. However, the stream’s reflection revealed the location of the sun, the treetops, and the hazy atmosphere. The only way to “see” the sky was to look at the surface of the water.

Jesus is like the stream, in a spiritual sense. When we want to see what God is like, we look at Jesus. The writer of Hebrews said He is “the exact representation of God’s being.” Although we can learn facts about God through direct statements in the Bible such as “God is Love,” we can deepen our understanding by seeing the way God would act if He faced the same problems we have on Earth. Being God in human flesh, this is what Jesus has shown us.

In temptation, Jesus showed God’s holiness. Confronting spiritual darkness, He showed God’s authority. Wrestling with people problems, He showed us God’s wisdom. In His death, He showed God’s immense love.

Although we cannot grasp everything about God—He is limitless and we are limited in our thinking—we can be certain of His character when we look at Christ.

Dear God, thank You for making a way for us to know You. Help us to grow closer to You by looking at Jesus. Amen.

Submitted by Karen Carter

UPDATE ON CHURCH SERVICES

We are holding two services at church each week, following the CDC guidelines for your safety.

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| Saturday Evening | 5:30 pm (this service is recorded) |
| Sunday Morning | 9:00 am |

We hope to hold two more Sunday morning services outdoors (weather permitting):

August 16, 2020
August 30, 2020

Bulletins and worship guides are available on the Church website each week.

A recent tornado-like storm hit Rummel, Pennsylvania. The steeple at Grace Lutheran Church was toppled. As parishoners arrived for the service the next Sunday, they were surprised to learn the entrance hymn (selected many weeks before) was "Built on a rock the Church doth stand, even when steeples are falling."

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Items of note from the Church Council meeting on June 17, 2020:

- April giving is up from past year at the same time; balance of checking account looks good, weekly offerings are currently paying bills
- all church events cancelled until further notice; will consider planning for community Thanksgiving dinner, as well as Pet Blessing
- South entryway update: blueprints in office; once stamped "OK" in Madison, local necessary permits will be obtained; Mike Everson, contractor
- damage to front drive-through update: insurance will cover \$5400; will negotiate with insurance company to reconsider an increase
- sign, landscape plan: being pursued, having difficulty having phone calls returned, will focus on new sign, get in before the snow flies
- equipment update: current equipment needs more cloud space, router moved closer to sanctuary; possible streaming being considered in consultation with Bob Lindquist; \$1200 voted to cover necessary updates
- secretary position: looking for personnel; Jean Maines is handling worship guides and newsletter temporarily; considering 6-month time frame to find replacement
- Synod Stewardship Committee is offering coaching workshops for churches, fee involved; two Zoom workshops to be offered to any interested; time and dates will be in newsletter when they become available
- Fortune Lake Bible Camp, although closed for summer campers, considering small-group offerings in late summer and into fall

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.

ALTAR CHART

The current sign-up chart for altar flowers is on the bulletin board in the coat room. It lists weeks through the end of August 2020. Contact Melody Kysiak (715) 439-5726 with any questions.

Bulletin Bloopers

Our guest speaker is a prison minister who will talk about Christian felonship. Join us.

After eating Christmas dinner, join us in the church hall for a Christmas concert. The choir will open with "O Come All Ye Faceful."

Sunday worship will begin with personal medication.

Today's blessing of the pets will be followed by the "Sermon on the Mouse."

The pastor welcomes you to the blessing of the pets. He will greet you in the church barking lot.

Thank You!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| ALWM/Vital Links | \$ 130.00 |
| Caritas | \$ 42.00 |
| Community Food Pantry | \$72.50 |
| Northern Great Lakes Synod: | |
| Domestic Disaster Fund | \$ 305.00 |
| World Hunger | \$ 1,379.00 |

BLOOD DRIVE

Shepherd of the Lakes will again host the community blood drive on Friday, September 18th from 1-4 PM. At this time the staff will only accept donors with appointments. By all means, call Karen at (715)542-4049 for one. The Blood Center is sending out their brand-new van. It will be in there that blood will be drawn. Also, because of the COVID situation, we may not have our well-known home-baked cookies.

Blood is critically needed at this time; please consider donating.



Christ Lutheran Church in Marietta, Georgia, had just celebrated a joy-filled worship service in the style of a folk mass. A visitor from Hungary remarked, "It didn't seem like I was in a Lutheran church. I missed the lethargy."

You just might be Lutheran if . . . you think tuna casserole is a gourmet meal.

CHURCH SCHOOL

At this writing, it is unclear as to what Church School and Confirmation classes will "look" like. During this pandemic, the current Church School students have been receiving the Children's Bulletin activities via snail mail. This will continue until further notice. Should you have questions and/or suggestions, please contact Karen at (715)542-4049 or kcarter@nnex.net.

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.

Our quilting ministry is community oriented. Finished quilts are donated once a year to the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence in Rhineland.

We would like to increase our ministry and our sewing circle. Come and join the fun.

Dates:

August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th



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

A 4 year-old greeted me after worship during the Olympics games by saying, "Hi, Pastor. I see the cross around your neck is silver. You must be in second place." (reported by Paul Youngdahl of Minneapolis, Minnesota.)

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: Ray Burlingame-Goff, Carolyn, Carson Petersohn, Scott Stephens, John Dyke, Adrienne, and Doug Tarkowski.

Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes: Ramona Schaeffel, Mel & Barb Harvey, Elisabeth Jacobsen, Elsie Turner.

Prayers of comfort and hope for those in prisons and those struggling with addictions: Larry (friend of LuAnn Brentlinger), Jamie Goodrum.

Prayers for those who serve in our armed forces: Jeff Hammer, Brian Krieck, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Sgt. Keara Kangas, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Noah, Storaasli, Zachary Raatz.

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) if you need prayers for any reason.

Prayers can also be requested thru Barb Maines.

We also have a telephone calling tree with the prayer chain so those without a computer can participate in this ministry. If you would like to be included, please let Bill know by calling 715-617-6477. An updated list will be mailed to you with a further explanation of how this works.

Famous Lutheran: Lou Gehrig (1903-1941), famed baseball player whose life was cut short by the disease that now bears his name. He was raised in a very devout Lutheran household. Reportedly, Gehrig once was asked by a New York reporter if he was Jewish. Gehrig proudly replied that he was a Lutheran!

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

About 10 years ago my high school BFF's and I decided to get together annually. The second year, the five traveled up to spend a few days in the northwoods. We had some real togetherness in my small house, but a weekend full of laughs and fun. One of the girls brought this salad to share. It makes quite a bit, so good for pot luck or to share. I have made 1/2 of this for myself or smaller gatherings or just keep some of the dressing with marinated veggies for snacking. It also keeps very well.



Vegetable Pasta Salad

Dressing:

- *1 1/3 cup sugar
- 1 1/3 cup oil
- 1 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 packages Good Seasons Zesty Italian dressing mix

Mix ingredients until sugar is dissolved and pour over pasta of your choice. About 1 pound box cooked.

Add cut up vegetables of your choice. I use broccoli and carrots, which have been par-boiled, red and green pepper. Probably could use olives, but I don't like them. If using cherry tomatoes, do not add in until just before serving.

I have tried fresh mushrooms, but they did not hold up well.

*Can cut back pretty much on the sugar

Try to make 1 day ahead so flavors meld.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will be having a congregational meeting on August 16, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. after the Sunday worship service. This is one of our scheduled outdoor services and the meeting will be held outdoors as well, weather permitting.

There is only one item on the agenda – approval of the south entrance addition by the kitchen. A church-wide email has been sent out with the proposal of costs and the blueprints for the addition. This will be followed up with a mailing with the same.

Please plan to attend to let us know what you think.

CHILDRENS CORNER

Church School page

Dear Parents and Children,

We miss you all! It is too soon to tell how Church School will “look” in September. We are eager to tell Bible stories and have activities that would go along with them. Keep tuned.Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Carter

Here is a dandy snack for you to make:

This is an easy and fun way to get thinking about the difference between being lukewarm and being icy cold! God tells us in Revelation 3:16 not to be lukewarm, but instead to be hot or cold. He means we should have passion and really care. Eat this ice and, when you feel the cold on your tongue, think about how you can share God's love with someone else.

Materials:

- little cups
- ice
- Ziploc bag, gallon or larger
- hammer
- juice of your choice

Instructions:

1. Fill the bag 2/3 of the way with ice and zip it closed.
2. Using the side of the hammer, bang on the ice to break it into much smaller pieces.
3. Put on gloves just in case you touch the ice.
4. Pour the ice from the bag into the cups.
5. Pour juice over the top for flavor.

Enjoy and share!

TREASURER'S NOTES

Well.....I've not done a very good job of getting notes into the newsletters this year. Just as for all of you, life has become very busy and just a touch chaotic for me. There are several items that you should be made aware of that we have discussed in Council.

- The air conditioning unit for the north end of the building (offices end) has stopped working and is not worth repairing. The new unit will cost just over \$3,000.00 and will hopefully be ordered soon. It will take a bit for the HVAC company to get a new unit installed. The funds to pay for this replacement will come from the budgeted replacement fund for the building. This money is already in the bank in the reserve fund checking account.
- We will be deciding at the congregational meeting on August 16th if we go ahead with the enclosed entry for the south end of the building. This entry will offer a much safer entrance for several reasons. The steps and entry into the kitchen entrance will be free of ice and snow. There will be room to set things down and to turn around while trying to carry items into the church.
- The front portico is once again almost repaired. The damage to the portico from this latest accident was extensive. The hangers for the rafters and joists had to be refastened and other internal damage repaired as well as the cosmetic damage to the exterior. The driver's insurance company is working with us to finance the repairs. The total cost of the repairs may not be covered by the driver's insurance company, but we are working toward that goal. Painting and re-pointing the stone pillars is the only work yet to be done.
- One happy note – we finally received a check from the 2019 accident to the portico. The driver's company paid for the repairs in full – after only a year!
- We are still discussing ways to ensure that this type of accident does not happen again. You will notice bright yellow plastic chains strung across the drive way on either side of the portico as a temporary fix. This does seem to be working as I've seen many cars pull in and turn around in one of the parking areas to head back out to the road. We are considering other methods of protecting the portico.
- One of the requests from the council is to report where we are with the general funds verses the budget in place of or in addition to reporting the weekly count of donations. After consultation with a much more experienced accountant than myself, I've determined that in order to maintain the accuracy of the information I give you, this report can only be done once a month after the bank accounts are reconciled. For complete accuracy, the report is most reliable after completion of the quarterly financial statements, so the monthly reports may see some adjustments during the quarterly review. I'm going to try diligently to put this report in each newsletter.

That's all I have for now. As always, please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns. The best email for me is treasurer@SOTLsayner.com.

Respectfully,

Jean Maines


Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
General Funds
Budget verses Actual Report
For the Six Months Ended, June 30, 2020

| | <u>Jan - Jun 20</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>\$ Over Budget</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense | | | |
| Income | | | |
| 4000 · Contribution Income | 57,942.52 | 64,500.00 | -6,557.48 |
| 6000 · Other Income | 743.00 | | |
| 6900 · Investment Income (Loss) | -1,023.15 | | |
| Total Income | <u>57,662.37</u> | <u>64,500.00</u> | <u>-6,837.63</u> |
| Expense | | | |
| 6999 · Budgeted Expenses | | | |
| 7000 · Administrative Expenses | 19,348.35 | 21,775.82 | -2,427.47 |
| 7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted | 9,930.00 | 9,930.00 | |
| 7400 · Learning | 215.98 | 199.96 | 16.02 |
| 7600 · Pastoral Ministry | 45,051.47 | 46,033.04 | -981.57 |
| 7800 · Witness | 1,120.00 | 825.00 | 295.00 |
| 7900 · Worship | 1,525.65 | 2,637.46 | -1,111.81 |
| Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses | <u>77,191.45</u> | <u>81,401.28</u> | <u>-4,209.83</u> |
| 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses | | | |
| 8200 · Unbudgeted, Special Items | <u>405.62</u> | | |
| Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses | <u>405.62</u> | | |
| Total Expense | <u>77,597.07</u> | <u>81,401.28</u> | <u>-3,804.21</u> |
| Net Ordinary Income | <u>-19,934.70</u> | <u>16,901.28</u> | <u>-3,033.42</u> |
| Net Income | <u>-19,934.70</u> | <u>16,901.28</u> | <u>-3,033.42</u> |

NOTE:

This report concerns only the general operating funds and does not reflect any information concerning benevolence giving or donations.

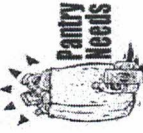
SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – July 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|--------|---------|-----------|---|--------|-------------------------------|
|  Pantry Needs <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of July: Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken etc), cake mixes, frosting mixes. | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 AM Text Study | 10 | 11 5:30 PM Worship Service |
| 9 AM Worship Service | | | | 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study | | |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE | 17 | 18 |
| 9 AM Worship Service | | | | 9 AM Text Study 11 AM Quilting Group | | 5:30 PM Worship Service |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 9 AM Worship Service | | | | 9 AM Text Study | | 5:30 PM Worship Service |
| 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | |
| OUTDOOR 9 AM Worship Service | | | | 9 AM Text Study | | |

July Birthdays:

| | |
|------------------|---------------|
| 7th | Melody Kysiak |
| 17 th | Lyn Hurbanis |
| 23 rd | Mark Helge |
| 24th | Jennifer Will |

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – August 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|---------|-----------|---|--------|-------------------------|
|  <p>August – Paper products including feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, paper cups.</p> | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 9 AM Worship Service | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 9 AM Text Study | 7 | 5:30 PM Worship Service |
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| 16 OUTDOOR 9 AM Worship Service | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 9 AM Text Study | 21 | 5:30 PM Worship Service |
| 23 9 AM Worship Service | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 9 AM Text Study 11 AM Quilting Group | 28 | 5:30 PM Worship Service |
| 30 OUTDOOR 9 AM Worship Service | 31 | | | 9 AM Text Study | | 5:30 PM Worship Service |

August Birthdays:

| | | | |
|------------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2 nd | Alyson Sima | 23 rd | Sharon Geist |
| 18 th | Nick Thompson | 29 th | Charlene Perrine |
| 20 th | Jon Erpenbach | 31 st | Shirley Shambo |
| 21 st | Joanne Pierce | | |