September 2020 Newsletter Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State Hwy. 155 Sayner, WI 54560-9698



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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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Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 noon
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Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
September 2020	17 th	19 th
October 2020	15 th	17 th
November 2020	12 th	14 th
December 2020	17 th	19th

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.

<u>AFTER SERVICE COMMUNION:</u> Starting the first Sunday in September – Sept. 6th, Bill will be staying for an hour after the Sunday service instead of after the Saturday service for those of you who want communion but do not feel comfortable attending services.

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Matthew 14: 28-33

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

In the story above, Peter sees Jesus walking on the water in the midst of a storm. Instead of asking for the storm to cease, Peter sees safety and security in Jesus, and asks to come to him, and Jesus replies "Come". But after getting out of the boat and walking towards Jesus, Peter is distracted by the wind and the waves and begins to sink, only to be saved by Jesus.

As the summer progresses, I look back at the last 6 months and reflect on where we were on March 8th, and where we have come today as church and as a community. Many things have changed, and what the future has to bring is a bit uncertain as well. It seems as though far too many days are like being in the midst of some type of storm, from being bombarded by an overwhelming amount of negative news, or struggles in our personal lives, or health issues of our own or a loved one, or the loss of someone very special to us. And at times, like Peter, we cannot help but be distracted by these things, and loose our focus on the one in whom there is safety, security, hope, and from whom all blessings flow.

It is in our Lord Jesus that we look to sustain ourselves living in these extraordinary times, looking to him as our ever-present strength and shield. Being always thankful for the many blessings we enjoy such as the health of our church family, and a ministry that continues, in the name of Christ, to positively impact the lives of many.

Know that the wind and waves of life will continue to try and distract us. And although we pray for a world at peace and the return to some type of normalcy, we know that true peace lies in the love of our Lord and Savior, and our focus on him. And rest assured that if we should be distracted, and lose focus, like Peter, Jesus will always be there to comfort, reassure, and save us as well.

Blessings,

Bill

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

Our last scheduled outdoor service (weather permitting) is August 30, 2020, Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. If the weather holds out for September, we may schedule one more.

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

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Church Council met on Tuesday, July 21, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Two worship services will continue as long as both are attended. Congregation encourages to spread the word that we are holding services.
- Pastor Gran Vanleshout will be our supply pastor for the September 12 & 13, 2020 services.
- Bill begins new school course August 24, 2020.
- Treasurer's report: bank balances look good. Suggestion was made to include Budget vs. Actual Income and Expense be published regularly.
- Secretarial Position: Samantha Thompson will be helping to organize and computerize secretarial records.
- Barb Cashman to be presented a gift card and retirement greeting card by Sharon Geist.
- Thanksgiving dinner discussed and will be held with the help of St. Marys congregation.
- Pet Blessing set for September 19 at 3:00 p.m. Sharon and Karen Seehafer-Petersohn are point persons.
- Council approved south entrance enclosure addition proposal from Mike Everson and to call Congregational meeting to approve expenditure on August 16th.
- Air Conditioning system on north end of building out of service. Replacement to be ordered and paid for from Building Fund.
- Bids for new copier for office to be obtained from Clermont.
- New church sign being researched.
- Landscaping bids being sought.
- Endowment Fund financial statements presented.

The minutes for the August 18, 2020 Council Meeting have not yet been approved. The next Council Meeting will be Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Thank

THANK YOU'S

You!

Thank you notes received from:

ALWM/Vital Links

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Caritas

Fortune Lake

One sentence sermons:

- The wages of sin don't change with inflation.
- My way is the high way --- God
- Sin takes us where we want to go, keeps us there, and charges too much.
- If Christ has dominion over you, nothing else will. --- E. Stanley Jones
- Only a fool tests the water with both feet. --- Colin Powell
- Life is a test; life is a trust; life is a temporary assignment.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

At the Congregational meeting on August 16, 2020 it was a unanimous vote to move ahead with the south entrance addition.

A further development in this area was revealed at the August 18th Church Council meeting.

The cost of the addition will be paid for as a gift in memory of Gerry and Marilyn Walters from the Walters Family. Please take a moment to thank the family in your cards or if you see them.

DEVOTIONS

Taking on the Sting of Death

"The sting of death is sin, and the power of the sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

I Corinthians 15:56, 57

I have come face to face with a rattlesnake, and it's terrifying. So, when I heard about Sandy Newman and her six-month-old golden retriever, Sammy, stumbling upon a rattler in the walking path, my stomach dropped. Not paying attention, Sandy nearly stepped on it.

But Sammy was paying attention. He sprang into action, jumping in front of Sandy as the snake struck out. Though he saved his owner, Sammy received a vicious bite on the face. The swelling began immediately.

Knowing the puppy didn't have much time to survive, Sandy rushed him to a nearby animal hospital where they administered anti-venom medication and monitored him for the next twelve hours. When she went to get him, she breathed a huge sigh of relief to see that Sammy had made a full recovery. "This is what a true hero looks like," she said.

What a beautiful picture of bravery, loyalty, and sacrifice. Even at such an early age, that puppy knew the snake was an enemy and chose to take on himself the danger in order to save his master.

How much more powerful and moving when I think about the brave, loyal, and sacrificial Savior Who has done the very same for you and me. He took on the sting of death—the venom of our sin—and saved us from its deadly effects. When we were in danger of death, He too sprang into action to protect us and save us. How amazing was Sammy; how much **more** amazing is our hero, Jesus!

Jesus, thank You for stepping in to save me by taking upon Yourself what the evil one meant for me. Because of what You have done, I no longer have to fear the power of sin in my life. Amen.

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 Rhinelander.

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



September 17th October 15th November 19th December 17th



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

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Comedian Steve Allen sent the following story to Reader's Digest:

During an ecumenical gathering, someone rushed in shouting, "The building is on fire!"

- The Methodists at once gathered in a corner and prayed.
- The Baptists cried, "Everyone into the water."
- The Congregationalists shouted, "Every man for himself!"
- The Seventh-Day Adventists proclaimed, "It's the vengeance of an angry God!"
- The Christian Scientists agreed among themselves that there really was not a fire.
- The Presbyterians appointed a chairperson, who was to appoint a committee to look into the matter and make a written report to the next session.
- The Episcopalians formed a procession and marched out in good order.
- The Unitarian-Universalists concluded that the fire had as much right to be there as anyone else.
- The Catholics passed a collection plate to cover the damages.
- The Lutherans posted a notice on the door declaring fire was evil because it was the natural abode of the devil.

"You want to make God laugh? ... Tell Him your plans." --- John Chancellor

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.

<u>Pray for those with ongoing health issues</u>: Ray Burlingame-Goff, Scott Stephens, John Dyke, Adrienne, Mary's son & daughter-in-law (friends of Pat VanAcker) and Doug Tarkowski.

Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes:

Ramona Schaeffel, Mel & Barb Harvey, and Elisabeth Jacobsen.

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

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

Prayers for the families of the recently departed:

Elsie Turner and Marilyn Walters.

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.

The caption beneath a photograph of the St. Olaf College Choir in the *Sun Cities* (AZ)Independent described the choir as "internationally renounced."



Fun and Interesting Classes for Adults Begin via Zoom in September 2020

www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation

The Northern Great Lakes Synod is launching a new series of classes for those who want to grow in spirituality, faith, and knowledge.

In these challenging and uncertain times, our Synod is offering online classes this fall and winter. While discussions through computer screens are not ideal, online learning presents an opportunity to connect people from across the synod — people who share a love of learning and have discovered that adult studies help them to grow in faith. "Lifelong Faith Formation" evolved from our Synod's Lay School for Mission.

Classes will meet weekly for 60 to 90 minutes for four to eight weeks. A complete schedule of classes, times, and dates is available on the synod website along with the registration form. See www.nglsvnod.org/lifelong-fath-formation

Classes offered this fall are:

- Ecclesiastes Bible Study
 with Pastor Tormmy Richter of Zion, Manistique
- "FREEDOM"- A Study in Galatians
 with Reverend Thomas A. Skrenes, Bishop Emeritus
- Introduction to Biblical Greek with Pastor Nicole Hanson-Lynn of Zion/Salem, Ironwood.
- Bias in our Communities: Addressing Race in Rural America with Pastor Christina Forsythe of Porterfield/Beaver.

Classes are FREE. "Greek" requires the purchase of the textbook *A Primer of Biblical Greek* by N. Clayton Croy. Materials are available for optional purchase for "Bias in our Communities." Students will receive ZOOM links from their instructor.

This new effort is not driven by an end result such as graduation from a program. It is not a certification program to become a Licensed Lay Minister. "Lifelong Faith Formation" is designed for curious adults who want to become better equipped to serve the work of Christ in their congregations.

For more information visit www.nglsynod.org/lifelong-faith-formation or contact Sister Lori Ward at 615-519-1969 or lori.ward@nglsynod.org



RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

Here is another seasonal recipe I feel compelled to make annually. Not a big fan of pickles, but I like these and got this recipe from another high school friends as a result of our annual get-togethers. A good dish for summer cook-outs or sharing.

Refrigerator pickles

3 pounds cucumbers including peel, sliced thin

1 pound onions, sliced thin

1 red pepper sliced

1 green pepper sliced

2 cups vinegar

3 cups sugar

1/4 cup salt

In large bowl combine sliced vegetables

Mix together vinegar, sugar and salt and pour over vegetables.

Refrigerate at least overnight

Use in 4-6 weeks.

Do not cook or heat.

Warning: I used a mandolin to achieve thin slices and once cut a chunk out of my thumb, so while the thumb healed, there is still a little hollow of flesh missing. I am just not safe around sharp objects.



Pet Blessing Service

Pet Blessing Service to be held outside under the Pavilion on September 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. before the regular service.

Bring your four-footed family to be blessed!

Thanksgiving Dinner:

We need your input! Please contact Jeanne Kroll or Bill to let them know your opinion about how we serve this year - take out only, delivery, or limited indoor seating. RSVPs will be very important to determine the amount of food.

Jan sent the recipe below before she decided to replace it with the pickle recipe. It sounded so good that it had to be included as well!

A little late in the season, but hopefully we will still have summery weather later in Aug. or for over Labor Day weekend. I just made this for a birthday treat for a friend who loves creamsicles.

Creamsicle Cake

- 1 package yellow cake mix
- 2 packages orange Jell-O (3 oz size)
- 1 package vanilla instant pudding (small size)
- 1 cup 2% milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 18 oz container frozen whipped topping

Bake the cake as box directs in a 9X13 pan. Let cool completely Poke holes in cooled cake. Dissolve 1 package orange gelatin with 1 cup boiling water. Add 1 cup cold water and pour this over cake. Cover and refrigerate this for 4 hours. Meanwhile mix the pudding with cold milk the other package of orange gelatin and vanilla. Beat by hand with a wire whisk until thickened. Then fold in the thawed whipped topping and frost the cake.

This needs to be a little more "orange-y" so I add some orange zest or some frozen orange juice concentrate. I just use a regular silverware fork for poking holes — a lot of little ones rather than larger holes.

Question: "What do you get if you cross a praying mantis with a termite?" Answer: "An insect that says grace before he eats your house."

CHILDRENS CORNER

Church School page

Dear Children,

School will soon be starting! So will Church School, but it will "look" different. Watch the mail for a letter explaining how it will look. We miss each one of you; we keep you close in heart and in prayer.

Love, Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Carter

WORD SEARCH



Find the Great Bible Women

Instructions

Below are the names of some great women in the Bible. Get used to hearing them. In a few more years, you ought to be able to say what each of them did!

Abigail, BlessedMother, Deborah, Esther, Hagar, Jael, Hannah, Martha, MaryMadgalene, Miriam, Rahab, Rebekah, Ruth, Sarah, Anna

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CRYPTOGRAM



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Find the excerpts from Matthew 5:14-16 NIV by solving the cryptogram below. Unscramble each of the clue words. Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.

Write Matthew 5:16 out here to help learn it:

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GAME

Not-So-Straight Obstacle Race

Students will complete a silly obstacle course where, instead of running straight to the finish line, they will have to hop, skip, jump, and do whatever else the course tells them! As they lose the simple freedom of running to the end, they will be reminded to appreciate what they have today.

Materials

Objective

▶ Chalk

Get through the obstacle course the fastest.

Preparation

This game is best played outdoors. In a large area, make an obstacle course with chalk. Draw a long squiggle line, a hopscotch court, circles, anything you can think of to keep students on course. Make sure the course twists and turns and is not in a straight line.

Introduction

As we celebrate the Fourth of July, we are reminded that freedom is a gift. Today we are going to play a game that will help us remember our freedom with gratitude.

Instructions

- Explain what each part of the obstacle course means (i.e. students may not take their feet off the squiggle line, they must hop from one circle to the next, they must skip down the dotted line, etc.) and choose one student to go first.
- $oldsymbol{\mathbb{Z}}_{*}$ If they mess up, they must go back to the beginning and start over.
- $\overline{\mathbf{3}}_{\mathbf{a}}$ Time the student.
- Repeat until everyone has had a chance to go.
- 5. The student with the fastest time wins.

TREASURER'S NOTES

- The air conditioning unit for the north end of the building (offices end) has been 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.
- The memorial gift from the Walter's family will free up the funds planned for that to be put toward the landscaping. More to follow on that as we get information.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church General Funds Budget vs Actual Report For the Seven Months Ended, July 31, 2020

	Jan - Jul 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Contribution Income	66,968.77	75,250.00	-8,281.23
6000 · Other Income	2,706.00		
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	-560.69		
Total Income	69,114.08	75,250.00	-6,135.92
Expense			
6999 · Budgeted Expenses			
7000 · Administrative Expenses	27,564.60	25,405.17	2,159.43
7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted	11,585.00	11,585.00	
7400 · Learning	215.98	233.30	-17.32
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	52,476.82	53,705.20	-1,228.38
7800 · Witness	1,270.00	962.50	307.50
7900 · Worship	961.62	3,077.05	-2,115.43
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	94,074.02	94,968.22	-894.20
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses 8200 · Unbudgeted, Special			
Items	439.33		
Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	439.33		
Total Expense	94,513.35	94,968.22	454.87_
Net Ordinary Income	-25,399.27	19,718.22	-5,681.05
Net Income	-25,399.27	19,718.22	-5,681.05

NOTE:

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

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 – August 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Panty naj	August – Paper products including feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, paper cups.	s including feminine aper cups.	hygiene products, t	oilet paper, Kleenex,	paper towels,	1 5:30 PM Worship Service
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9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
5	10		12	13 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study	14	15 5:30 PM Worshin Service
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OUTDOOR 9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study 11 AM Quilting Group		5:30 PM Worship Service
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
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OUTDOOR 9 AM Worship Service						

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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			2	3 9 AM Text Study	4	5 5:30 PM Worship Service
6 9 AM Worship Service	7	8	6	10 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study		12 5:30 PM Worship Service
13 9 AM Worship Service	14	15	16	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 11 AM Quilting	81	19 5:30 PM Worship Service
20 9 AM Worship Service	21	22	23	24 9 AM Text Study	25	26 5:30 PM Worship Service
27 9 AM Worship Service	28	29	30	Pantry	September – Oral health & cleanliness items, including band-aids, toothpaste, tooth brush, mouthwash, dental floss, hand soap, handi-wipes, deodorant.	alth & cleanliness laids, toothpaste, ash, dental floss, es, deodorant.

September Birthdays

14 th Jack Carlson	23 rd John Eliason	24 th George LaCharite	25 th Carol LaCharite	26 th LuAnn Brentlinger	
14 th	23^{rc}	24^{th}	25 th	26^{th}	
Susie Seehafer	Gary Heeler	Carolynn Brink	Will Maines	Kathy Helge	Judy Bernhardt
3^{rd}	3rd	4 th	5th	7 th	7 th