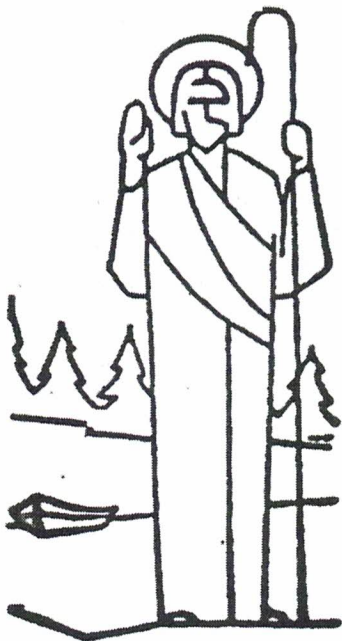


November 2020 Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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)
November 2020	12 th	14 th
December 2020	17 th	19 th
January 2021	14 th	16 th

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

TEMPORARY SHUT DOWN OF IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES:

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19 cases on the rise in Vilas County, we have temporarily closed the church for in-person worship services and all other church events. We will let you know when Bill and your Council reach the decision to re-open.

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.

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A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Sayner, Wisconsin



Reflections From Bill

Philippians 3: 13-14

¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,

¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ;

Like you, I sit and watch the change of the season, fall is upon us. We have to let summer go, and with it the warm weather we all enjoy, and look to the blessings (though different) of fall, and then winter.

Like the change of the seasons, our daily life, and worship life, has changed in many ways. In time, some of what was familiar and comfortable may return, but some things we will need to let go and look to the blessings (though different) of what is to come.

In Philippians 3, Paul tells us of all he had gained and all he had achieved in his life, but yet let them go, looking to the blessings of “knowing Christ Jesus my Lord”, being prepared to forget what lies in the past, and boldly push forward to what lies ahead in Christ.

Together, in the love of Christ, we will look to keep what can be kept that is familiar and comfortable, but to also be willing to let go of what we must, and look to the blessings of the Holy Spirit (knowing they will be different) to comfort us, protect us, fill us, and empower us as we press onward in the name of Christ.

Blessings,

Bill†

Emailed to Congregation Oct. 2, 2020

THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we have had to cancel our plans for the Thanksgiving Community Dinner. We have not been able to form a plan to keep everyone involved safe given the increase in number of confirmed cases in Vilas County.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Church Council Minutes

September 22, 2020

October Meeting cancelled therefore minutes from this meeting are not yet approved.

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.

DEVOTIONS

Hang in there!

Isaiah 41:10 "I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

My father-in-law, now in heaven, turned 85 many years ago. During our family gathering to honor him, someone asked him, "What's the most important thing you've learned in your life so far?" His answer? "Hang in there!"

Hang in there. It might be tempting to dismiss those words as simplistic. But my father-in-law wasn't promoting blind optimism or positive thinking. He'd endured tough times in his lifetime. His determination to press on wasn't grounded in some vague hope that things might get better, but it was a strong statement of Christ Jesus' work in his life.

"Hanging in there" (the Bible calls it perseverance) isn't possible through mere willpower. We persevere because God has promised over and over that He is with us, that He will give us strength, and that He will accomplish His purposes in our lives. That's the message He spoke to the Israelites through Isaiah: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

What does it take to "hang in there"? According to Isaiah, the foundation for hope is God's character. Knowing God's goodness allows us to release our grip on fear of the future so that we can cling to the Father and His promise that He will provide what we need for each day: strength, help, and His comforting, empowering, and upholding presence.

Father, Your love gives us everything we need to "hang in there." Help us to remember Your promise of strength and to rely upon it each day. Amen!

You might be Lutheran if . . . Commandment #11 is: If it's never been done that way before, don't do it.

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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:

Future Dates on Hold



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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**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

Awakening Lives to World Missions

Caritas

Community Food Pantry

Fortune Lake

NATH – Frederick House

St. Germain Fire & Ambulance Service

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A Special Thank You

Tim and Anna left this note:

Dear Bill and Shepherd of the Lake Church Parishioners –
Thank you for allowing us to work at the church this summer. Because of your generosity we were able to spend more time with our family and created memories we will forever cherish. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.

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:

Jim & Teresa Luebke, Brian Repenshek, Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Arlene Dreyfus, Tim Bowman, Michael Sosa (Joan Ebert's nephew), Rich Kysiak, Julie Smith of Saint Germain, and Tom & Carol Miles.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Jeff Hammer, Brian Kriek, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Sgt. Keara Kangas, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Noah Storaasli, and Zachary Raatz.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

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

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 (secretary@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason. ***Prayers can also be requested thru Barb Maines.***

During a long Confirmation service at Bethel Lutheran Church, Little Falls, Minnesota, our sports-minded 3-year-old leaned over and whispered quite loudly, "This is sure going into overtime!" (from Mary Jane Walters, Little Falls, MN)

At a worship service celebrating the beginning of the ELCA, the words printed in the bulletin for "A Mighty Fortress is Our God" brought new meaning to Martin Luther's admonition to sin boldly: "Let goods and kindred go, this moral life also..." (from Neil Schroeder, Cedar Rapids, Iowa)

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

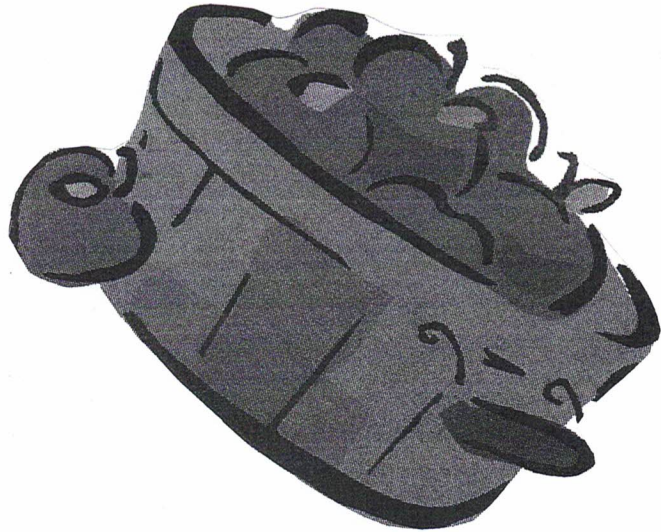
This is from my mother-in-law many years ago. The recipe is titled "Apple Danish", but bears no resemblance to my understanding of Danish. It is more like apple pie, but feeds more people. A friend who made this reports that her husband preferred it to apple pie. Well, you can still eat cheddar cheese with it if you like!

Apple Danish

3 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/3 cup shortening
1/2 cup milk
1 egg yolk

6 cups peeled, sliced apples
1 1/2 cups sugar
1 Tablespoon flour
1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 cup butter
1 egg white, lightly beaten



For crust: Mix flour, salt, shortening as for pie crust.
Combine milk and egg yolk and add to flour mixture.
Roll out 1/2 of dough to fit 11X16 pan I use a somewhat smaller pan and with this dough, you can piece it together.

Filling: Arrange apple slices on crust in pan.

*Combine sugar, flour, and cinnamon and sprinkle over apples, then dot with pieces of butter.

Roll out remaining pastry and place over all.

Brush with beaten egg white.

Bake @375 for 45 minutes.

Frost with powdered sugar glaze if desired.

I* mix the apples slices right in with the sugar mixture and then spread on the crust.

CHILDRENS CORNER

Dear Parents and Children,

Church School in-person will not happen until after the new year begins. There is too much uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 at this time. However, you will continue to receive the Gospel lesson activities in the mail. If you know someone who would like to have these lessons, please contact me at (715) 542-4049 or kcarter@nnex.net.

This is disappointing news for us, but these are strange times. We will continue to pray for you and will look forward to the time when we will once again be together on Wednesday afternoons. Remember: ice-cream sundaes will be our snack for the first time back!

God continue to bless you and your family with good health and peace.

Love,

Mrs. Schmidt

Mrs. Pierce

Mr. & Mrs. Carter

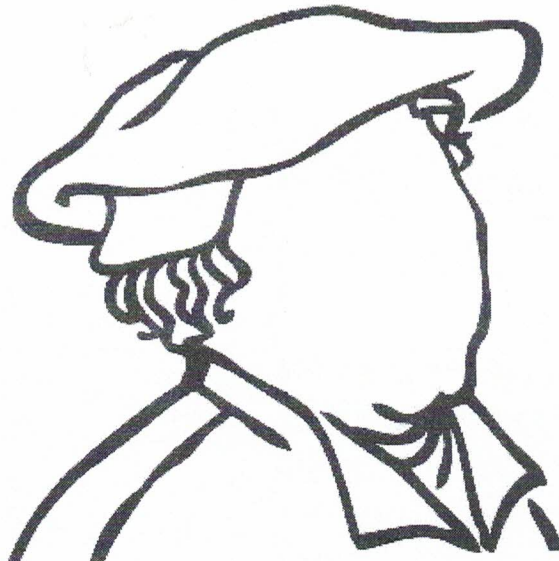
Church School page 1

Church School is not meeting in person yet, but packets of materials are sent each Tuesday to all enrolled students.

October 31st we remember Reformation Day.

The Face Behind Reformation Sunday

Today, we remember Martin Luther, the man who inspired the creation of the Lutheran Church. Look at the small image and try to draw Martin Luther's face on the picture below.



What's a Lutheran?

In the following weeks, ask your parents, your pastor, your grandparents, and your Godparents what it means to be Lutheran.

Write your answers below:

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There is no handwriting or other markings on the paper.

T.....Today
G.....God
I.....is
F.....first!

TREASURER'S NOTES

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

General Funds

Budget vs Actual Report

For the Nine Months Ended, September 30, 2020

	<u>Jan - Sep 20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Contribution Income			
4100 · General Fund Contributions	83,568.67	96,750.00	-13,181.33
4400 · Other Restricted Funds	-150.00		
5000 · IRA Contributions	<u>2,000.00</u>		
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	85,418.67	96,750.00	-11,331.33
6000 · Other Income			
6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income	<u>9,077.27</u>		
Total 6000 · Other Income	9,077.27		
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	<u>-425.89</u>		
Total Income	94,070.05	96,750.00	-2,679.95
Expense			
6999 · Budgeted Expenses			
7000 · Administrative Expenses	33,699.15	32,663.89	1,035.26
7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted	14,882.08	14,895.00	-12.92
7400 · Learning	366.90	299.98	66.92
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	67,541.73	69,049.52	-1,507.79
7800 · Witness	1,420.00	1,237.50	182.50
7900 · Worship	<u>2,641.74</u>	<u>3,956.23</u>	<u>-1,314.49</u>
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	120,551.60	122,102.12	-1,550.52
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses			
8200 · Unbudgeted, Special Items	<u>604.94</u>		
Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	604.94		
Total Expense	<u>121,156.54</u>	<u>122,102.12</u>	<u>-945.58</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-27,086.49</u>	<u>-25,352.12</u>	<u>-1,734.37</u>
Net Income	<u>-27,086.49</u>	<u>-25,352.12</u>	<u>-1,734.37</u>

NOTE:

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

Well.....

Even with all of the uncertainty in the world right now, and even with our decision to cancel services and Thanksgiving dinner, things are going well here at Shepherd.

Your generous giving has made it comfortable to pay bills in full and on time throughout all of the hardships of this year of the pandemic. Overall giving is very comparable to previous years and the bank balances are holding. If you notice the report on the prior page, expenses are below the budgeted amounts in three of six categories. We have been really trying to be good stewards of your money. Our benevolence giving is very comparable to last year.

We (me and the mouse in my pocket, actually it's the contractors) are making good progress on the entrance addition to the south end of the building. I'm sure the weather we are having in the second half of October has been of great help to them! Snow always makes construction go better, right! They do have it mostly closed in with the door and windows still on order, but expected soon. The addition may look small, but there is ample room in the entry for us to carry things in and I think you will all be happy with the final product.

If anyone wants to know the amount they have given year-to-date, please contact Judy Neitzel and she can send you a report showing your donations.

Please feel free to contact me with your questions or concerns. The best email for me is treasurer@SOTLsayner.com.


Respectfully,
Jean Maines



The pastor at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, High Point, North Carolina, asked the children, "Where do you think Martin Luther hung the 95 theses?" My grandson, 5, who always raises his hand (whether he knows the answer or not), said, "On a clothes line!"
(from Lois Harris, High Point, NC)

Something to think about: Martin Luther lived at an extraordinary time. Here is a list of some of his contemporaries: Christopher Columbus, Machiavelli, Michelangelo, Raphael, Leonardo da Vinci, Copernicus, and Henry VIII.


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Pantry Needs <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of October: Hair & Nails items including comb, brush, shampoo, hair spray, scrunchies, barrettes, toe nail clippers, emery boards.				1	2	3 5:30 PM Worship Service
4	5	6	7	8 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study	9	10
9 AM Worship Service	12	13	14	15 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 11 AM Quilting	16	17 5:30 PM Worship Service
9 AM Worship Service	19	20	21	22	23	24 5:30 PM Worship Service
18						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

October Birthdays

4 th	Bill Sima	16 th	Lolly Kloepfer
7 th	Don Dixon	25 th	Cheryl Kazda
7 th	Tina Wendorf	25 th	Jeanne Kroll
8 th	Carol Gebhardt	26 th	Dick Kloepfer
9 th	Frankie Will	27 th	Adelyn Thompson
10 th	Mel Harvey	29 th	Penny Zobel
12 th	Darrell Smith	29 th	Beth Von Ende

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
29	30	31	 November – Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items. Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.			
9 AM Worship Service						

November Birthdays:

2 nd	JoAnn Kehl	11 th	Bill Lundin
3 rd	Pepper Bauer	24 th	Dan Simcox
5 th	Barb Maines	28 th	Larry Stephenson