

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America

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WELCOME GUESTS

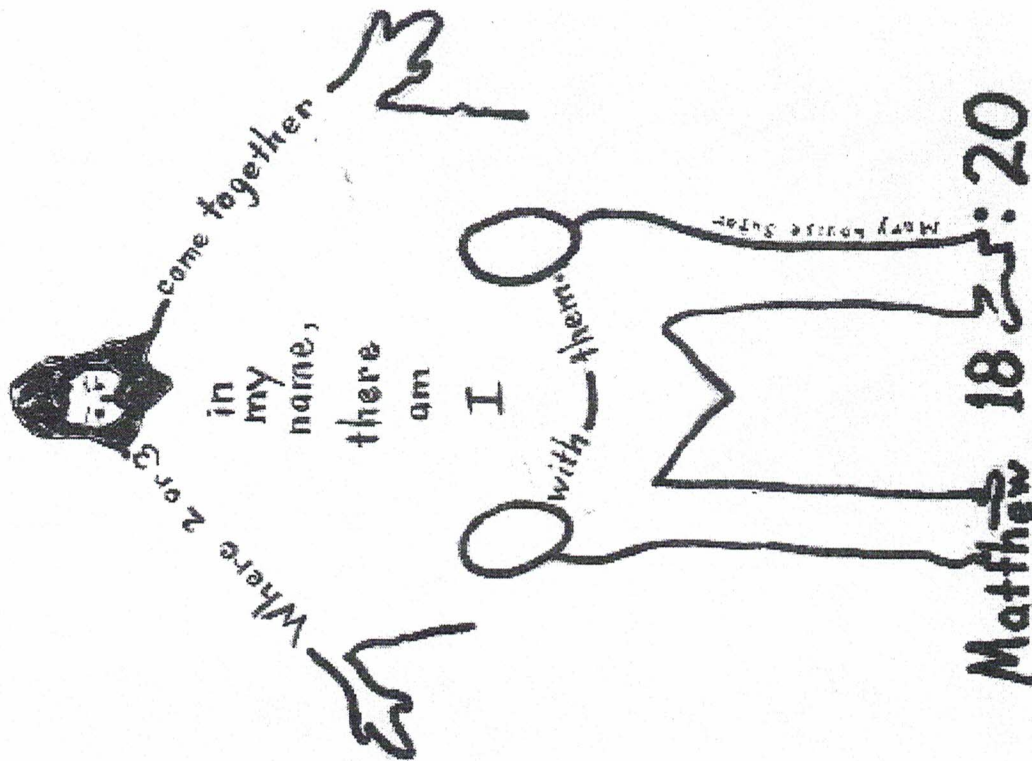
We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in individual portions. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

Worship services:
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Outdoor Service: Sunday September 20, 2020
9:00 (Weather Permitting)
Don't forget your lawn chairs!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.



14th Sunday After Pentecost
Saturday September 5, 2020
Sunday September 6, 2020

PRAYER REQUESTS



(Please note: "Current issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list.)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Continue to pray for those in the world affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for our world leaders, church leaders, and Shepherd of the Lakes leaders so that they may help to meet the needs of those they serve as we move forward in these everchanging times.

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Scott Stephens, John Dyke, Adrienne, Mary's son & daughter-in-law (friends of Pat VanAcker), Ray Burlingame-Goff, Kent & Carolyn (friends of Elaine Kuhlmann), Jim & Teresa Luebke, Brian, and Doug Tarkowski.

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.

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Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or Jean Maines at secretary@SOTLsayner.com if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

If anyone is interested in being the contact person for the prayer chain, please contact Bill Wendorf or Sharon Geist

Giving Report August 30, 2020	Attendance 64
General Funds	2,255.00
ALWM	10.00
ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief	100.00
Hospice	10.00
Weekend Backpack Program	100.00
World Hunger	505.00
Building Fund	15.00
Memorial Fund	25.00
Total	\$ 3,020.00

Giving Report September 1, 2020	Attendance
General Funds	225.00
Building Fund	25.00
Total	\$ 250.00


Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 6 PM

Children's bulletins are available in the narthex. These have been designed to assist children in worship. Each page is based on the Gospel lesson.

Pet Blessing Service:

This year the Pet Blessing Service will be held on

Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. before the Saturday evening service. Please bring your four-legged family members! See wish list in Worship Guide.

Recorded Services: All Saturday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on YouTube, usually by 9 AM Sunday morning.
Go to the Church website at shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the  symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

Sunday, September 6, 2020 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Readings for September 12 & 13, 2020

Called to Community

Jesus says, "For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matt. 18:20). In these Sundays after Pentecost, we are repeatedly reminded that God has not abandoned us and that Christ's resurrection and ascension are a beginning for us, not an end. The readings this week focus on the practical work of the gathered Christian community: turning from sin to repentance, from conflict to reconciliation. The question is as relevant today as it was for the disciples and the first Christians: how do we live together, work together, as the body of Christ? We have been saved by grace, liberated by God's love to love one another. What does it mean for us and for our community to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 13:14) and to clothe ourselves in love?

We keep asking these questions because the way we gather as Christians continues to be profoundly countercultural. We do not gather as a social club, drawn and kept together only by shared demographics and interests. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to continue to gather if conflict arises, if uncomfortable issues are raised, or if "the way it's always been" begins to change. If church is only a social club, there is no reason to do the hard work of reconciliation and forgiveness.

God calls us into community knowing that being in community is hard. In scripture we can find practical guidance for gathering through good and hard times. The Holy Spirit is always at work—in, through, and among us—to gather and regather us again. In community we meet and become Christ's body in ways that are impossible for us as individuals; all the commandments are fulfilled in this call to neighbor-love (Rom. 13:9).

First Reading: Genesis 50: 15-21
Psalm 103: 1-7, 8-13
Second Reading: Romans 14: 1-12
Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35