

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:

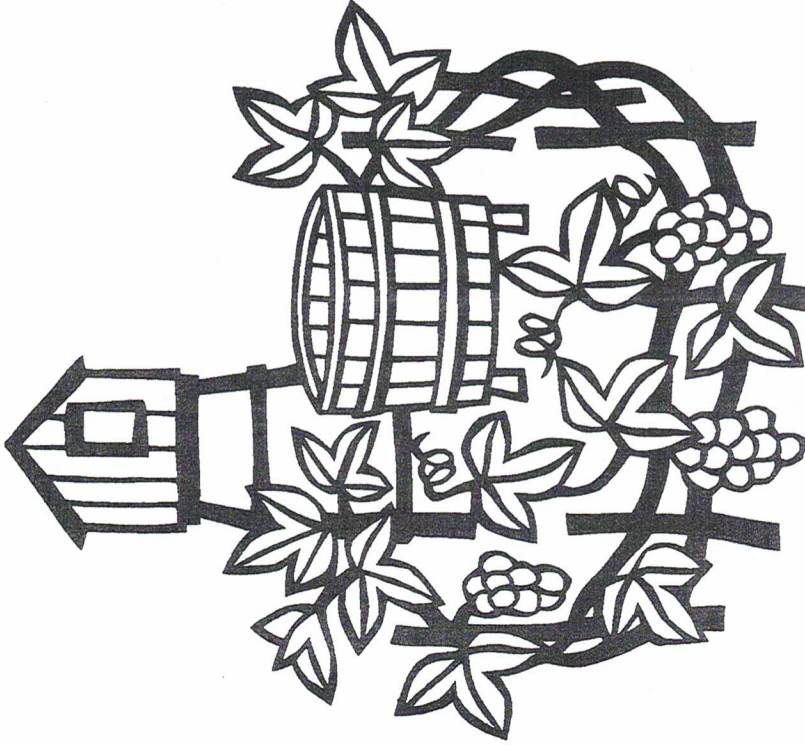
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

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.

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



18th Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday October 3, 2020

Sunday October 4, 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:

Jim & Teresa Luebke, Brian Repenshek, Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Barb Cashman, Arlene Dreyfus, Tim Bowman, Michael Sosa (Joan Ebert's nephew) 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.

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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 Sept. 19 & 20, 2020	Attendance 43
General Funds	3,805.00
Food Pantry	10.00
Weekend Backpack	100.00
Humane Soc. Of Vilas County	214.00
Building Fund	20.00
Memorials	250.00
Insurance Settlement – Portico Columns	850.00
Total	\$5,249.00

Next Council Meeting: Sunday Oct. 18, 2020 10:30 AM

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.

Flu Shots:

Flu shots will be available here at church on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 9:00 am and 10:00 am.

Quilting Group:

Will be meeting on the third **Wednesday** of each month at 9:00 AM beginning in October.

Thank You Received From:

Tina Wendorf for flowers
Tim Carlson & Anna for use of the office space

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.

Saturday, October 4, 2020 &
Sunday, October 3, 2020

18th Sunday After Pentecost

Jesus, Cornerstone of Our Faith

God has showered humanity with gifts and blessings, but humanity continues to abuse those gifts. We have been entrusted with a creation to care for, and in our short sightedness we abuse and pollute the earth, even bringing about the extinction of entire species. We abuse the gift of our bodies when we overindulge in food or alcohol or drugs. We have been given the ability to create so many wonderful things, and even this gift we abuse as we gather and keep as much as we can for ourselves.

This is nothing new. Even in the days of Isaiah it was clear the people turned away from God's gifts. God expected righteousness and justice. Instead the people responded with bloodshed and suffering, turning away from God.

Even if you can think of all the ways you have not turned from God and all the ways you have been faithful, it does no good. As Paul reminds us in the reading from Philipians, "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ" (Phil. 3:7). Even all of Paul's good and faithful acts add up to nothing. For Paul, and for us, all that matters is Jesus.

As Christ himself reminds us, he is our rock, our cornerstone. Jesus is the foundation for our faith and the foundation for our lives. Even as we turn from Jesus, even as we reject Jesus, he returns to us with love and forgiveness. This is the grace of God, the love of God coming into our world and into our lives. To our joy we discover the open arms of Jesus on the cross, bringing life into this world even where there is death; bringing hope where there is despair; and bringing resurrection to all creation.

Readings for October 10 & 11, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9
Psalm 23
Second Reading: Philipians 4:1-9
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14