

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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Lutheran Church in America

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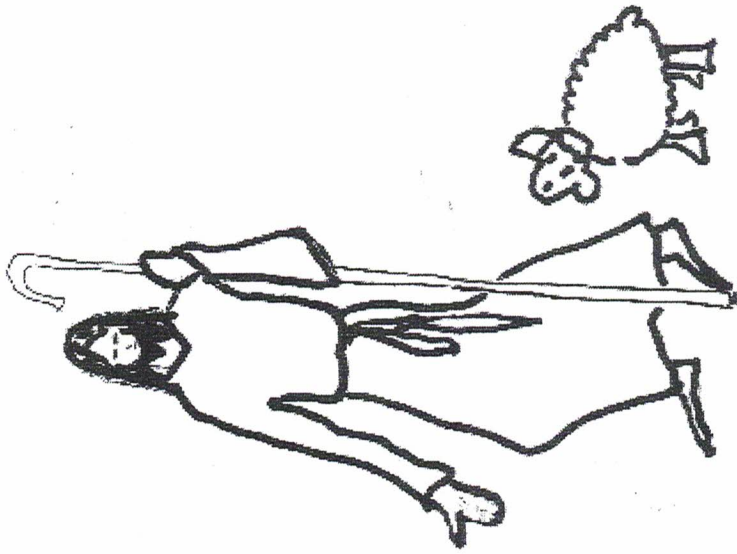
WELCOME GUESTS

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.



The Lord

is my

Shepherd,

I shall not be in want.

Psalm 23:1

19th Sunday After Pentecost
Saturday October 10, 2020
Sunday October 11, 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, Arlene Dreyfus, Tim Bowman, Michael Sosa (Joan Ebert's nephew), Rich Kysiak, and Tom & Carol Miles.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Jeff Hammer, Brian Krieck, 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. 27, 2020		Attendance 43
General Funds	610.00	
ALWM	250.00	
Frederick House	10.00	
Weekend Backpack	10.00	
Building Fund	5.00	
Total	\$885.00	

Giving Report October 4, 2020		Attendance 49
General Funds	1060.00	
ALWM	10.00	
Food Pantry	5.00	
Frederick House	25.00	
Weekend Backpack	10.00	
Flowers	100.00	
Building Fund	15.00	
Total	\$1,225.00	

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.

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.

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Expensive Wedding. Expensive Grace.

On a recent reality TV show entitled *Wedding Wars*, engaged couples competed for a complete wedding wardrobe. The winning couple received the bride's dress and the groom's tuxedo as well as proper attire for their entire wedding party. The estimated cash value was \$30,000. Getting married is not cheap.

In today's gospel Jesus tells a parable about a wedding invitation, a banquet, and God's grace. Jesus teaches about a king who ultimately invites all people to a wedding banquet. At first this parable seems to portray a wide open and gracious invitation to a wedding celebration. However, by the end it is hard not to feel sorry for the poor guy who gets a last-minute invitation but gets thrown out for not wearing the correct wedding duds! He apparently wasn't a winner on that era's counterpart of that reality TV show! Again, getting married is not cheap—but neither is grace.

Jesus tells this parable as a way of teaching us that receiving God's grace changes people. As Dietrich Bonhoeffer taught, God's grace is not cheap, it comes at a great cost upon the cross. Once we receive this costly grace, our lives are never the same. This grace compels

us to act and calls us to bear fruit with our lives. Ultimately we are led to share this grace with others. To continue to live in the same way after receiving this gracious invitation is not an option. So what are we to do? We simply receive the gracious invitation to the banquet and find a changing room—it's time to live a new life.

Readings for October 17 & 18, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7
Psalm 96:1-9, 10-13
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22