

**Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**  
A Congregation of the Evangelical  
Lutheran Church in America

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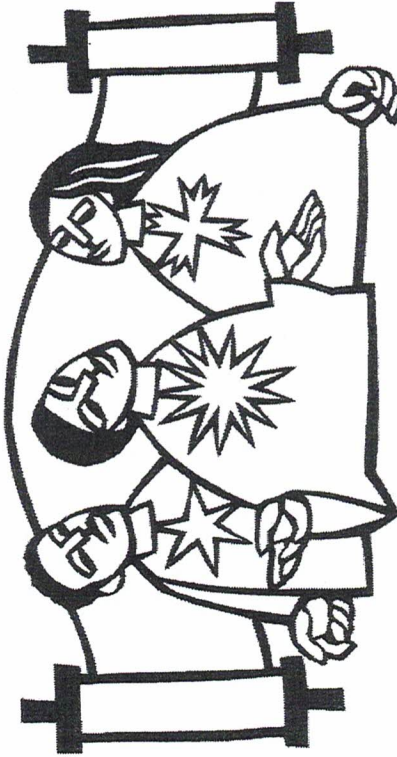
**WELCOME GUESTS**

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.

**Reformation Sunday**  
Saturday October 24, 2020  
Sunday October 25, 2020

**Church Services:**

**Church services are temporarily cancelled.**  
**The Saturday evening service will be recorded**  
**and available for viewing on YouTube**  
**for Sunday morning worship.**



## 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.



(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.)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### 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, 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.

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Please email Bill Wendorf at [pastor@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or Jean Maines at [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto: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*

Next Council Meeting: postponed


All church activities postponed due to Covid-19

2021 Budget meeting postponed until November

**Thanksgiving Dinner:** We have made the difficult decision to cancel the dinner this year due to concerns about the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area.

### 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](http://shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and look for the  symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

Saturday, October 24, 2020 &  
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## Reformation Sunday

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### **Jesus Is Really into Relationships!**

Love God, love neighbor, and love self. Jesus is really into relationships! Oftentimes, even if unintentionally, we put loving self first, and because “we are bound to sin and cannot free ourselves” we usually do a poor job of actually loving ourselves. This means we have less love to give to neighbor and even less for God. Jesus puts relationship with God first. He doesn’t do this to make us last but so that we can fully understand love and relationship the way God desires it for us.

Today’s readings give us insight into the ways God desires us to be in relationship: by being just in all our dealings with others, by not being lead astray by the wicked, by sharing the gospel with humility and tender care, and by loving God and neighbor. It might sound simple, but relationships are far from simple. Relationships are complex creatures with complex issues. Even the best relationships include struggle.

People in our congregations struggle with relationships each and every day. Love should be an easy thing, but it takes work and effort to love God, love others, and love oneself. The psalmist uses the image of trees planted by streams of water to describe people who “delight in the law of the LORD.” These are not weak, brittle, or dying

trees; these are strong trees that prosper. Our faith plants us, nourishes us, and strengthens us to love.

How can we be like trees planted by streams of water? In what ways can the church help people to make and maintain healthy relationships? How do we encourage self-worth and humility? This is an excellent day to ask these questions, to create forums where answers can be discussed, and to remind one another how much God truly loves us.

### **Readings for October 31, 2020 & November 1, 2020**

First Reading: Micah 3:5-12  
Psalm 43

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Gospel: Matthew 23:1-12