

# 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.

## 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.



## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost

Saturday November 14, 2020  
Sunday November 15, 2020

<b>Giving Report November 13, 2020</b>		Attendance
General Funds	4,240.00	
ALWM	45.00	
Caritas	10.00	
Food Pantry	30.00	
Fortune Lake Camp	10.00	
Frederick House	35.00	
Holiday Discretionary Fund	10.00	
Weekend Backpack	45.00	
Building Funds	50.00	
General IRA Disbursement Donations	613.01	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,088.01</b>	

## 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:

Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Arlene Dreyfus, Rich Kysiak, Julie Smith, Meri, Ray, & Carolyn, Elaine Kuhlmann & Family, Chris & Ed (Evie's family), Sharon Brooker, Tracey Ahlborn family, 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](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

### Thanksgiving Dinner:


Due to the generosity of one of our congregation, individual Thanksgiving dinners will be available from Save More for curbside pick-up at church or by delivery to your home.

**Please contact** Jeanne Kroll by phone at 715-542-2797 or Jean Maines by email at [treasurer@sotlsayner.com](mailto:treasurer@sotlsayner.com) by 8:00 pm Sunday, November 22, 2020.

Meals consist of:

- Turkey, ham, or turkey and ham
- Homemade Stuffing
- Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
- Choice of baby carrots or sweet potatoes
- Cranberry-orange relish
- Pumpkin Pie with whipped cream
- Dinner roll and butter

**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.

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### **Awake to the Grace of God**

Linked with the reading from 1 Thessalonians and Psalm 90, Jesus' parable of the talents invites a full-hearted response to God's lavish gifts of faith and purpose: "Use 'em if you've got 'em!" The people of God are meant to be engaged, alert, and ready to share what we have received from our prodigally (wastefully) generous God. While the parable has sometimes been interpreted in the context of judgment, a careful reading also spotlights the beauty of the faith-generated response to God's lavish grace.

One word for this is *stewardship*. Presented in light of God's gift of faith and purpose, this "churchy" term can today be transformed to new understanding in the proclamation of the gospel text. Instead of the weight of obligation and duty we so often associate with religion, we are invited today to another way: What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?

On the surface Jesus' parable is a simple premise: the contrast of workers who please and workers who disappoint their master. Psalm 90 sings to us to carefully treasure our lifetimes, for there is something at stake. First Thessalonians is a letter reminding people they

have exactly what they need to survive and thrive.

What does it mean to be awake to the grace of God?

In a time in history when so many people are discouraged with work, home, life, and church, a word from Jesus' parables may be healing, enriching, and startlingly attractive. The gospel text today is an opportunity to remind the people of God that there is a depth to faith that is sustainable. In fact, beneath the parables of Jesus is a depth it will take a lifetime to unpack.

### **Readings for November 21 & 22, 2020**

First Reading: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 95: 1-7a  
Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 15-23  
Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46