

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.



Christ the King Sunday

Saturday November 21, 2020
Sunday November 22, 2020

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 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

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, Elaine Kuhlmann & Family, 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 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

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, November 21, 2020 &
Sunday, November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

We Embody the Presence of Christ

It is possible that the biggest barrier to accepting this as our lifelong vocation is not a lack of faith but a lack of imagination.

On this final Sunday of the liturgical year, we receive a parable from Jesus challenging and inspiring our imaginations to grasp our whole vocation that is celebrated in baptism: to embody Christ in every moment and to engage every part of our world as Christ's redeemed creation.

The parable of the sheep and the goats has sometimes been used to instill fear of God's judgment. However, it is possible that Jesus' point here is to urge his disciples to share God's generous saving grace with all. Jesus' parables consistently offer a simple setting and story, but behind them lie a world of rich meaning that takes a lifetime to unpack. For this reason, Jesus' parables are important texts for the postmodern church, which is hungry for story, for connection, and for meaning for our faithful lifelong questions.

With shepherding texts from Ezekiel and the Psalms as well as Ephesians, an epistle written to build faith, we have a constellation of texts that make the shape of God's intimate—even incarnational—love of creation. The parable

even suggests that being merely intentional about ministry in the name of Jesus is not the point. After all, both "sheep" and "goats" groups are equally shocked at the news that Jesus was present in those relationships involving thirst, imprisonment, and so forth. Instead, Jesus seems to invite us to wonder what's at the deepest foundation of our presence and purpose—and perhaps even walk away faithfully bewildered at the possibilities of God's kingdom being practiced on earth as it is in heaven.

What if we really do embody the presence of Christ?

Readings for November 28 & 29, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Gospel: Mark 13: 24-37