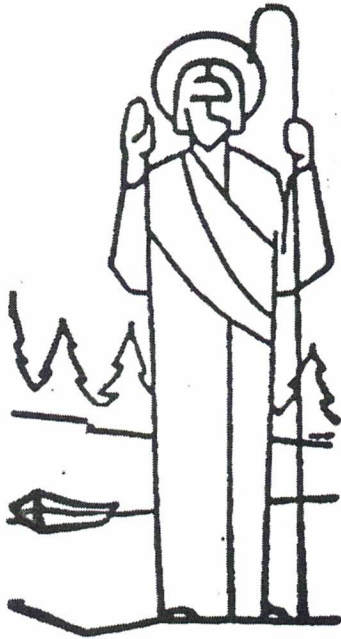


March 2021 Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 AM

*EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ROOTED IN THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE A LOVING
COMMUNITY THAT FOLLOWS JESUS, AND SEEKS TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD
AND PRACTICE IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.*

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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:
Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Thursdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Fridays 9 AM to 12 noon
Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
April 2021	15 th	17 th
May 2021	20 th	22 th
June 2021	17 th	19 th

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

RECORDED SERMONS: Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on YouTube and will be available for viewing later on Sundays. Go to shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and on the Home Page, look for the YouTube link. Previously uploaded services are available on the link.

If you would like a copy of the current worship guide please look for the “**Bulletin**” page on the Church Website. You can open the files and print.

ONLINE GIVING: Also available on the Church website is a link to PayPal for online giving.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Wednesday	March 31, 2021	Healing Service	6:00 pm
Thursday	April 1, 2021	Maundy Thursday	6:00 pm
Friday	April 2, 2021	Good Friday	6:00 pm
Saturday	April 3, 2021	Easter Vigil	5:30 pm
Sunday	April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday	9:00 am

DEVOTION

Reunion: Revelation 21:3: "Look! God's dwelling place
is now among the people."

The little boy excitedly ripped open a big box from his serviceman daddy, whom he believed wouldn't be home to celebrate his birthday. Inside that box was yet another gift-wrapped box, and inside that box was another that simply held a piece of paper saying, "Surprise!" Confused, the boy looked up --- just as his dad entered the room. Tearfully, this little boy leapt into his father's arms, exclaiming, "Daddy, I missed you" and "I love you" over and over again.

That tearful yet joyful reunion captures the heart of Revelation 21's description of the glorious moment when God's children see their loving Father face to face. --- There, (God) will wipe every tear from (our) eyes." No longer we will feel pain or sorrow, because we will be with our Heavenly Father. As the "loud voice" in Revelation 21 declares, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He dwells with them."

There's a tender love and joy that followers of Jesus already enjoy with God. I Peter 1:8 describes: "Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressive and glorious joy." Yet, imagine our incredible and overflowing joy when we see the one we have loved and longed for welcoming us into His open arms!

Lord Jesus, thank You for the great love You have shown us in the suffering and dying in our place. We look to You as we experience the death of loved ones coming home to You. Amen.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are collecting pill bottles, DARK BROWN ONLY. Please remove the labels and put the bottles in the container in the coat room.

POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to save cancelled stamps throughout the year. There is a collection box on the coat room shelf.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

The next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 28, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Approved Council Meeting Minutes for January 24, 2021

In Attendance: Jack Carlson, Joan Ebert, Sharon Geist, Lyn Hurbanis, Jeanne Kroll, Jean Maines, Mike Pockat, Bill Sima and Bill Wendorf, LLM. Tracey Ahlborn joined the meeting via phone.

Meeting called to order at 10.27 am by Vice President Bill Sima. Mission Statement read aloud by all. Lyn Hurbanis opened with a devotion and prayer

Pastor's Report:

- One home visit made. Will begin home visits with communion again if invited to do so.
- Discussion about the service of distribution when Bill or a supply pastor is not available.
- Bill not taking class in the spring upon advice of advisors.
- All services will be held during Holy Week.
- Technology team being set up to run music and camera for services.
- Return of choir discussed. Will not be possible yet.

Treasurer's Report:

- Budget Comparison statement for general fund reviewed.
- Council financial reports for June – December were reviewed.
- Discussion concerning Endowment Fund Board recommendations for dispersal of 2020 earnings. Checks will be sent to Hospice, ELCS Seminary, Backpack Program, and Pastor's Holiday fund.
- November bank statements and check copies were reviewed by Lyn Hurbanis and no discrepancies were found.

Old Business:

- South entry update – construction nearly completed.
- Entry will be dedicated in June when Walter's family will be in residence.
- Kitchen backsplash will be installed.
- North entrance to church will have small entry room built as soon as possible.

- New church sign will be purchased in spring and Mike Everson will build wooden frame.
- Landscape plan – contractor will be emailed to ask about progress on plan.
- Offering has been removed from services due to Covid. Language to be placed in worship guides for offerings.
- Two council members terms expire and both are willing to take on second term.

New Business:

- Final announcement of annual congregational meeting has been made. Email to be sent church-wide to remind all of time and date.

Adjourned meeting with Lord's Prayer.

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QUILTING

Please join us! The women of Shepherd of the Lakes will be quilting on the third Thursday of each month starting at 11:00 a.m. You do not have to be a quilter or own a sewing machine. If you can tie a knot, we want you. Everyone is welcome.

Dates:

April 21, 2021
May 19, 2021
June 16, 2021



Our quilting ministry is community oriented. Finished quilts are donated once a year to the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence in Rhinelander.

We would like to increase our ministry and our sewing circle. Come and join the fun.

We have all the supplies,
We just need your
smiling face.

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THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

**Thank
You!**

Caritas

Community Food Pantry

Fortune Lake

Dr. Kate Hospice

NATH (Frederick House) Tri-County Council

Vilas Food Pantry

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I thank God for those who know me so well, and still love me so much.

If you're struggling to keep an even keel, let Him take over the oars for a while.

PRAYER CONCERNS

We are looking for someone to take over leadership of the Prayer Chain. Please let Bill or Sharon Geist know if you are interested.

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry & Joannie, Rich, Julie, Gus, Mitzi, Mike, and Tom & Carol Miles.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Jeff, Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Mel & Barb Harvey, and Elisabeth Jacobsen.

Pray for those who have passed:

Ginny Morris and her family who grieve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Your church family would like the opportunity to pray for you, make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion, or support you by other means. Please contact us:

- ...if you or someone in your family are ill at home or hospitalized.
- ...if you are anticipating surgery or another medical procedure.
- ...if you have a birth or death in your family.
- ...if you want to request prayers for someone else, ask their permission first.
- ...if you have any other significant event in your family.
- ...if you would like to schedule a visit with Bill Wendorf LLM or another church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify Bill Wendorf LLM at 715-617-6477 (pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or Jean Maines at 715-891-3344 (secretary@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

Gracious...is what He is.

Goodness...is in all He does.

Gracious Goodness... Aren't you glad to know Him?

CHILDRENS CORNER

Church school was discussed during the December Council Meeting and the determination was made to not open in-person church school until the 2021-2022 school year begins. Weekly mailings will continue to all of the church school children.

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

This would have been a good recipe for Mardi Gras, but the brownie recipe won out for Valentine's day. Well, it is still good for chilly March weather.

I have made this with more chicken broth and eaten it as a soup. I did not use the okra, but substituted broccoli instead

The original recipe says 8 servings and has a notation of 190 calories per serving.

Gumbo

3 Tablespoons vegetable oil
1/4 cup flour
1 1/2 cups chopped onion
1 cup chopped celery
1 cup chopped green pepper
2 cloves garlic
3 cups chicken broth
1 16 ounce can tomatoes with juice
*1 10 ounce package frozen sliced okra (or broccoli)
1 bay leaf
1 teaspoon tabasco
3/4 pound cooked chicken shredded
*1/2 pound shelled and deveined shrimp
3 cups hot rice

In large pot, heat oil. Add the flour. Cook over low heat stirring frequently until dark brown. Add onion, celery, green pepper and garlic. Cook stirring often until vegetables are tender. Gradually stir in chicken broth until mixture is smooth. Stir in the tomatoes with juice, okra, bay leaf and tabasco. Bring to a boil, then add chicken and shrimp. Cook 3-5 minutes until shrimp have turned pink and cooked through. Discard bay leaf and serve over hot rice.

Makes about 10 cups.

* If using raw broccoli, it will need to be slightly pre-cooked.

* I use pre-cooked shrimp.

It's been a while – think I will make a batch.



A place of grace...
**Fortune Lake
Lutheran Camp**

February 12, 2021

Greetings from Fortune Lake!

You have likely heard that we are moving forward with limited programming for Summer 2021. Our classic youth programs will be happening at half capacity. Our intergenerational programs have been adapted. Unfortunately, we need to pause Congregational Day Camps, Victory Camp, and Specialty Youth Camps for another season.

Online registrations opened on February 1, and registrations have been flowing in steadily. We have communicated with previous camper families via email encouraging them to visit fortunelake.org for a full description of the programs offered as well as our COVID-19 Policies. We want all participants to make informed decisions about their participation.

We opted not to print our large brochure. Instead, we have created the enclosed tri-fold to inform people of the 2021 program options and point them to our website. Each camper family and donor on our mailing list will receive this brochure in the mail. These additional copies are for you to distribute as you see fit. Perhaps there are new families in your congregation or community? Maybe your congregation has campership funds available, and you could reach out to a family from your local school district? Regardless, please share and invite. A personal invitation always has the most impact.

Here's a heads up on the three different types of programs offered; see fortunelake.org for full info:

- **Our Youth Programs** are filling quickly. If there are campers within your congregation who have not yet registered, please encourage them to do so soon. Unlike previous years, we anticipate that most—if not all—of our youth programs will be filled before the end of April.
- **Intergenerational Ala Carte Camp:** This all-inclusive program will most closely resemble Family Camp, Women & Kids Week, and Grandparents Camp. Families will lodge and eat together and participate in staff-led programs. It is a very vacation-y, faith-filled week to build memories!
- **Staff Supported Rentals:** In response to our congregation and camper survey, we are offering 3- and 5-night rentals in August. Families and/or small groups will stay in the lodging of their choice, prepare their own meals, and set their own schedules (think of Airbnb Fortune Lake style). Staff will be available to provide hospitality, lifeguard, drive the pontoon boat, and meet guests' needs. If your congregation would like to talk about creative options for taking advantage of this safe vacation option, please let me know.

Here are a few deadlines to keep in mind:

- **April 1—Early Bird T-Shirt Deadline**
 - Provides the best price on camp (\$25 off of full week and \$15 off of ½ week) PLUS a free Fortune Lake 2021 Camp Shirt
- **April 22—Early Bird Deadline**
 - Provides the best price on camp (\$25 off of full week and \$15 off of ½ week)
- **June 1—Camper Payments Due**
 - All camper payments due to the Fortune Lake office including church scholarships

You and your congregations remain in our prayers as together we seek to share the hope and light of Christ in a weary world.

Grace & Peace,

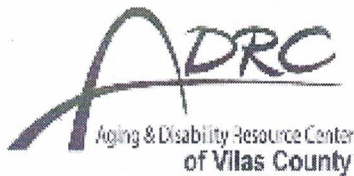
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and grow in faith*

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March 1, 2021

Dear Community Partners,

PLEASE help us get the word out!!!

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Vilas County is pleased to announce that we are offering the Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop online.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop is an educational series designed to increase self-management skills and enhance quality of life. Participants will learn to manage pain, communicate feelings better, work with health care professionals, and problem-solving skills. It can make a genuine difference for those struggling with a chronic health condition. This is a six-week series that will meet for two and a half hours each week online. Two experienced Class Leaders conduct the series which will help participants take the "tools" they choose and put them into action for their lives. Class size is limited and pre-registration is required.

Please help us support our community caregivers by sharing the enclosed flyer. We would be happy to send more flyers as needed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and making a difference in our communities.

Sincerely,

Annie Rein
ADRC Specialist
ADRC of Vilas County
(715) 479-3625 or (800) 374-1123



There's a Living Well with Chronic Conditions workshop starting soon near you!

Starting on Wednesday
April 7-May 12, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Location: Online Virtual Workshop
(MUST have access or be able to get access to WebEx via computer or tablet. We can walk you through setting up WebEx Account if needed.)

Suggested Donation:
\$20 includes Healthy Living Book

Registration: ADRC of Vilas County
at (715) 479-3625

Workshop Size is Limited

Help Yourself to Better Health

Living with a chronic condition such as arthritis, cancer, heart disease, or another on-going health problem can be physically, emotionally and financially draining.

Taking care of yourself is important. And you can! But you need the tools and knowledge to help you.

Living Well with Chronic Conditions can show you the way!

What is Living Well with Chronic Conditions? And why should I take it?

Living Well is focused on teaching you the skills to better manage your health and well-being. The workshop meets once a week for six weeks and has been studied and shown to help family caregivers:


- Short-term goal setting
- Healthy eating and nutrition: food label reading and meal planning
- Relaxation techniques
- Planning for the future
- Partnering with health provider
- Fitness for exercise & fun!
- Feedback and problem-solving
- Stress and depression management
- Communicating effectively with friends, family, and your medical team



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter and Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against the Christian and Jewish observances of their Holy Days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the passionate presentation by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel and declared: "Case dismissed." The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling, saying, "Your Honor, how can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas and Easter; the Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur, and Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays. . . . The judge leaned forward in his chair, saying, "But you do. Your client is woefully ignorant." . . . The lawyer said, "Your Honor, we are unaware of any such observance or holiday for atheists." . . . The judge continued, "The calendar says April 1st is April Fool's Day. Psalm 14:1 states: 'The fool says in his heart there is no God.' . . . Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court adjourned."


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
		6:00 pm Bible Study	5:15 pm Soup Supper 6:00 pm Lenten Service	9 AM Text Study		
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28	29	30	31	 Food pantry items needed for the month of March : Boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxed rice, or boxed noodle dishes. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.		
9 AM Worship Service Palm Sunday		6:00 pm Bible Study	6:00 pm Healing Service			

March Birthdays:

3 rd	Nancy Horve	28 th	Dick Neitzel
16 th	Elaine Kuhlmann	28 th	Marsha Kriek
17 th	Diane Erpenbach		

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of April.: Canned or boxed soups, crackers, canned spaghetti, mac 'n cheese, hash, etc. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.				1 6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service 9 AM Text Study	2 6:00 pm Good Friday	3 5:30 pm Easter Vigil
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				9 AM Text Study		

April Birthdays:

2 nd	Dee Burlingame	11 th	Megan Biedermann
7 th	Jim Carter	14 th	Evelyn Ahlborn
7 th	Ken Horve	15 th	Lisa Scheel
9 th	Barb Steinhilber	20 th	Arlene Dreyfus
9 th	Adam Sima	20 th	Tom Pierce