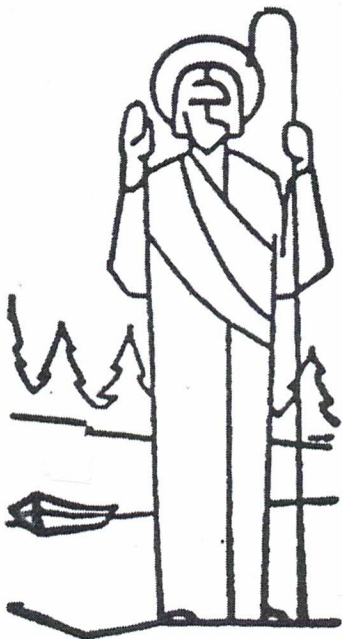


July 2021 Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 AM
Saturday 5:30 PM

*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.*

Ministers: The People of the Parish
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www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:
Wednesdays 9 AM to 2 PM
Fridays 9 AM to 2 PM
Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
August 2021	19 th	21 st
September 2021	16 th	18 th
October 2021	21 st	23 rd
November 2021	18 th	20 th

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

Saturday Services: May 29 – August 28, 2021 at 5:30 pm

RECORDED SERMONS: Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are Live-Streamed at 9:00 am. The services are also 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.

DEVOTION

Costly Joy

Matthew 13:44 "When a man found it, . . . he went and sold all he had and bought that field."

At the familiar summer sound, all of us sprang into action. One slipped shoes on: the others simply bolted for the door. Within seconds, we were all sprinting down the driveway chasing the ice cream truck. It was the first warm day of summer, and there was no better way to celebrate than with a cold, sweet treat! . . .

There are things we do simply because of the joy it brings us. In the pair of parables found in Matthew 13:44-46, Jesus' emphasis is "selling everything" to "gain something else. We might think the stories are about sacrifice. I don't think that is the point. In fact, the first story declares it was "joy" that led the man to sell everything and buy the field. Joy drives change . . . not guilt or duty.

Jesus isn't just one segment on our lives; His claims on us are total. Both men in the stories "sold all." But I think this is the best part: the result of selling everything is actually gain. We may not have guessed that. Isn't life in Christ about taking up your cross? Yes, it is. But when we die, we live; when we lose our life, we find it. When we "sell all," we gain the greatest treasure: Jesus! Joy is the reason, and surrender is the response. The treasure of knowing Jesus is the reward.

Dear Jesus, open my eyes to see the treasure that You are! Direct my heart to You as the source of true and unfailing joy. Let me ever be fixed on You. Grant me the grace to surrender all 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.

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

Caritas

Community Food Pantry

Fortune Lake

Frederick House (NATH)

Plum Lake Fire Department

Plum Lake Library

Humane Society of Vilas County

Vilas Food Pantry

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

The next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 25, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Approved Council Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2021

In Attendance: Tracey Ahlborn, Joan Ebert, Sharon Geist, Jeanne Kroll, Jean Maines, Mike Pockat, Bill Sima, and Bill Wendorf, LLM.

Absent: Jack Carlson & Lyn Hurbanis

Meeting called to order at 10:43 am by President Bill Sima. Mission Statement read aloud by all. Bill Wendorf, LLM opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Four home visits made since last meeting.
- Sofi confirmed May 9th.
- 1 funeral – Joannie
- Saturday services to be held out of doors
- Summer class confirmed – systematic theology (since then cancelled)

Treasurer's Report:

- April council financial reports distributed and discussed.
- Special gift received – benevolences chosen for tithe – local organizations
- Funds authorized to organize sacristy
- Funds authorized to purchase popcorn makers

Old Business:

- South Entry: Still waiting on fabrication of indoor railing
- Tile Backsplash in Kitchen:
 - Will be installed possibly in June.
- Sign, Landscape Plan, and Side Entry:
 - Rain delay in landscaping, posts to be installed with help of Mike Everson, wooden sign portion still being researched
- Directory of Addresses to be worked on in May.
- Summer Events Schedule: sign up sheets for donations of time and supplies to be prepared
- Constitution Update: copies of current forms handed out, Doug will call first meeting.
- Parking Barriers: Mike Pockat provided information about products. Motion made to authorize up to \$500.00 to purchase 3 removable bumpers.

New Business:

- Basketball hoop discussed – decision to request movable stand to prevent plowing issues.
- Brett & Frisk Fundraiser – Bill W to contact Brett Miller to determine if available.
- Polka Service and Oktoberfest – Joan to contact Don & Pepper to determine availability.
- Todd has completed spring spraying for insects.

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 9:00 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.

Our quilting ministry is community oriented. Finished quilts are donated once a year to the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence in Rhineland. We would like to increase our ministry and our sewing circle. Come and join the fun.

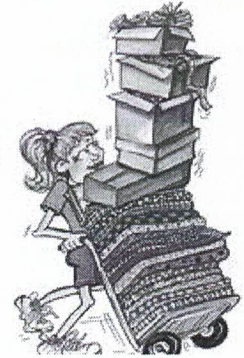
Dates:

July 21, 2021

August 18, 2021

September 15, 2021

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



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CHILDRENS CORNER

Church School is reopening on Wednesday, September 15th!! All children from the community (ages 4 to grade 6) are welcome. Come and see: Bible stories, activities, crafts, and songs are ready for you. Our first class will begin with the traditional Make-Your-Own-Ice-Cream-Sundae. Come and see!

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals

Scouts are saving aluminum cans, bottled, and other items to be recycled.
Proceeds will be used to crippled children.

The sermon this morning: "Jesus Walks on the Water." The sermon tonight:
"Searching for Jesus."

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

PRAYER CONCERNS

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

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Rich, Gus, Ray, Joan, Mike, Kress, Jim, Doreen, Mel, Shirley, 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 and Elisabeth.

Pray for those in mourning:

Family of Barb, especially Mel

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.

These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

Don't let worry kill you off --- let the church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang "I Will Not Pass this Way Again," giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

Irving Benson and Jessie Smith were married on October 24 in the church.
So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

Here is a refreshing drink for summer heat – perhaps it helps because of the tea. It can be served with or without alcohol. I have not made it with the alcohol, but could be added when serving if desired.

Frozen Slush

6 green tea bags

2 cups boiling water

Add tea bags to hot water and let steep then set aside.

*7 cups water

2 cups sugar

Add sugar to water and heat until sugar dissolves.

Add one 12 oz can frozen lemonade

Add one 12 oz can frozen orange juice.

Mix in the steeped tea and stir well.

Can add 2 cups brandy at this point if desired.

Pour into containers and put in freezer.

Stir occasionally while freezing

Remove container of slush from freezer before serving –enough time so you can scoop it out, but still mostly frozen.

To serve: Fill drinking glass 2/3 or 3/4 full of slush. Finish filling the glass with white soda of choice.

* I don't heat the entire 7 cups of water, but maybe 2 cups to dissolve the sugar and then add the other 5 cups of water. Makes enough to fill a 4 quart ice cream container. However, it is easier to serve if put into several smaller containers to make it easier to thaw some for serving

My favorite soda for mixing is 50/50 which is not always easy to find.

Jan is having so much fun with recipes, that we get two this month

Here is a salad for summer months. My daughter sent me this from Bon Appetit. Peach season is here.

Chicken Salad With Peaches and Walnuts

2 large peaches or nectarines

2 cups diced cooked chicken

1/2 cup thinly sliced red onion

1/3 to 1/2 cup (about) poppy seed salad dressing.

6 cups mixed baby lettuces

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Cut 1 peach into 1/3 inch pieces: place in large bowl.

Add chicken and onion. Toss with enough dressing to coat.

Cover and chill 15 minutes to 2 hours.

Add lettuces and walnuts to chicken mixture and toss to coat adding more dressing if desired.

Mound salad on large plate.

Cut remaining peach into thin wedges and garnish the salad.



Fall Walking Together Events

These events will include idea generating conversation, encourage creative solutions, and offer the blessing of being church together with other congregations in your area. You are welcome to attend an event in your or a neighboring Conference, and next year, Conferences 1, 2, 4 and 6 will host. Conference 3—Headwaters September 19 at 12:30 pm CT at Immanuel, Rhinelander

PASTOR MARIN:

June 24, 2021

Dear Bishop Finegan,

For the past several years, I have served Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church on behalf of the Northern Great Lakes Synod. First, as an interim Pastor and then as Supervisor of License Lay Minister Bill Wendorf. Bill has done an outstanding ministry with that congregation. He has also done good work in the greater Sayner community and beyond.

My mission in ministry over the years has been to love God, love others and to make a difference. There are so many blessings to give thanks for; many joys as well as challenges! I have appreciated the ministry of the congregation of Shepherd of the Lakes. They remember their past and have enthusiasm for whatever lies ahead, remembering that God will guide them.

But the time has come for me to conclude the ministry I have had with Bill and the good people of Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church, effective June 30, 2021.

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dean C. Marin

SUMMER SERVICES:

Saturday Evening services began May 29, 2021. Services are held at 5:30 pm and we hope to have most of them outdoors. Weather and circumstances permitting.

CHOIR PRACTICE:

Come one, Come All! The Shepherd Choir is back! We will be practicing at church on Wednesday, June 9th at 6:00 pm. Practice will also be held at 8:00 am Sunday mornings. If you know anyone who would like to sing with the choir, please pass this information along to them.

BELL & TOWER REFURBISHMENT:

We are looking for a few people to help sand, scrape, and paint the bell and tower in the front flower bed. Please let Bill know if you can help!

PASSING THIS ON...

NATH - Frederick Place desperately needs volunteers for its E-Cycle Event on July 30 and 31 at Schoeder's Marine as well as other fundraising events throughout the summer/fall months. It's a great opportunity to be green and dispose of unwanted electronics, computers or printers. Volunteers need to be able to heft a few pounds and will help customers unload their vehicles.

If you are able to post this in your bulletin and/or newsletter it would be greatly appreciated.

Frederick Place is a non-profit that exists to provide safe housing and basic needs to homeless families and individuals within an atmosphere of encouragement, respect, dignity, and hope; while nurturing and promoting self-sufficiency and independent living.

The link below is a flyer describing the event, and another link to the Sign Up Genius program where individuals can see all of the volunteer opportunities. Or, you may call me at (715) 482-7727 with any questions.

<https://www.nathnorthwoods.com/e-cycle-event>

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c49afab2aa6fd0-fundraising>

Thank you for taking the time to share this information. If you are aware of others who may be interested in volunteering please feel free to share this information.

To find out more about NATH - Frederick Place "like" Frederick Place on Facebook and request your email be added to our NATH Notes Newsletter.

Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing, Inc
204 West Frederick Street
PO Box 913
Rhinelander, WI 54501
(715) 482-7727 - cell
(715) 369-5174 - fax
nathnorthwoods@gmail.com

Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing Electronics Recycling

Friday July 30 from 12 – 5

Saturday July 31 from 9 – 12

Location: Schroeders' RV & Marine

223 N Stevens Street

Rhineland, WI

Safe & Easy

Drive-up/Drop-off service

Data Secure recycling

The cost to you is 45 cents per pound

Dehumidifiers flat rate of \$20.00

Smoke Detectors flat rate of \$15.00

Accepting:

Computers, monitors, speakers, mice,
keyboards, and parts

Printers, scanners, fax machines

Any size/type of television

VHS/DVD players, gaming systems

Cords and wires

Cell phones, laptops

Air conditioners and dehumidifiers

Microwaves, vacuums, stereos, etc

Just about any electronic device with a
cord or circuit board

100% of proceeds to support Nath, Good News Project, and the work we do locally in the
greater Rhineland and Wausau areas.

*NOTE: Bill W. is planning on bringing his trailer to church just before this event to collect
electronics to take to this event.*

4th of July Popcorn:

What a day! Popping started at 3:30 pm and 541 bags of popcorn were given away.
Donations for water and soda totaled \$791.50! These funds will be split between the Tri-
County Council for Domestic Abuse and Seminary Support. A very sincere and heart-felt
thank you to all who helped through all of the heat. Next year I hope we see twice the
number of volunteers we had this year.

You might be a Lutheran if...

...you forget to put water in the baptismal font but never forget to put water in the coffee pot.

...the pastor skips the last hymn to make sure church lasts exactly 60 minutes.

...you hesitate to clap for the church choir or special music because "it just wasn't done that
way in the old days"!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church Consolidated Statement of Revenue & Expense For the Six Months Ended, June 30, 2021

	<u>Jan - Jun 21</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Contribution Income	
4100 · General Fund Contributions	60,019.25
4145 · Special Gift Contributions	35,000.00
4190 · In-Kind Donations	124.00
4200 · Benevolence	5,183.00
4400 · Other Restricted Funds	1,886.54
4500 · Designated - Building Fund	420.00
4600 · Memorials	2,030.00
5000 · IRA Contributions	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	114,662.79
6000 · Other Income	972.07
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	<u>3,552.53</u>
Total Income	119,187.39
Expense	
6999 · Budgeted Expenses	77,047.01
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>13,635.86</u>
Total Expense	<u>90,682.87</u>
Net Ordinary Income	28,504.52
Other Income/Expense	
Other Expense	<u>28.75</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-28.75</u>
Net Income	<u>28,475.77</u>

As you can see, we are in good financial status. Please be aware there are more costs to be paid for the new church sign. This could be significant. Of more interest is our attendance numbers. During the past year, our on-line attendance was greater than our in-person attendance. Now that things have started to become more normal, that has reversed.


NOTE:

In-person Worship
Online Worship
Total

May 2021	YTD 2021
249	839
192	1139
441	1978

If anyone has questions concerning finances or donations, please contact me.
Respectfully submitted, Jean


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p><i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of July include: Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken etc), cake mixes, frosting mixes. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p> </div> </div>						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Popcorn Event			6 PM Choir Practice	9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch			6 PM Choir Practice	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study		Pie & Ice Cream Social 11 – 3 5:30 PM Worship Service
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service			9 AM Quilting	9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service			6 PM Choir Practice	9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship Service

July Birthdays:

7 th	Melody Kysiak	23 rd	Mark Helge
17 th	Lyn Hurbanis	24 th	Jennifer Will

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	2	3	4 6 PM Choir Practice	5 9 AM Text Study	6	7 5:30 PM Worship Service
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22 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	23	24	25 6 PM Choir Practice	26 9 AM Text Study	27	28 5:30 PM Worship Service
29 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	30	31	 <p>Food pantry items needed for the month of August: Paper products including feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, paper cups. Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>			

August Birthdays:

2 nd	Alyson Sima	21 st	Joanne Pierce
18 th	Nick Thompson	23 rd	Sharon Geist
20 th	Jon Erpenbach	29 th	Charlyne Perrine
20 th	Eric Eade	31 st	Shirley Shambo