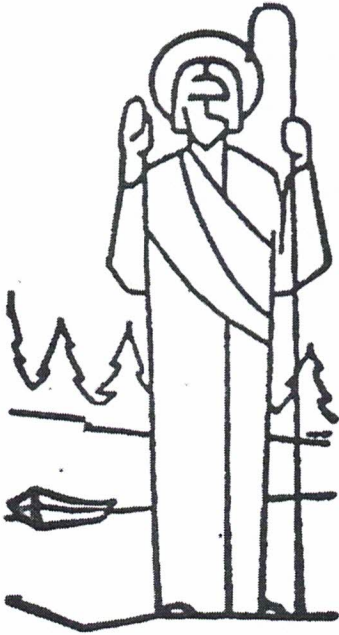


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**Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**  
A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 AM

*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.*

Ministers: The People of the Parish  
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Church Telephone: 715-542-3701

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[www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
[www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)



### **Council Members:**

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Joan Ebert, Cell 239-910-3986  
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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!**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date Articles are Due (Thursday)</b>	<b>Printing Date (Saturday)</b>
November 2021	18 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
December 2021	16 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
January 2022	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>

Email articles to [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:secretary@SOTLsayner.com)  
Thank you.

### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

**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](http://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**

## Luther Seminary: God Pause Daily Devotions

My great grandfather was a pastor at a large church in Richmond, VA, as well as a beloved bishop for many years. He was well known throughout the community. One day as he was working outside in his old worn-out gardening clothes, without his clerical collar, an elderly neighbor asked if he would help her weed her gardens. He said he would love to. After he was bent down on one knee toiling away for several hours, the woman walked over to him more closely to thank him. As she got closer, she realized who it was and was mortified. "I am so sorry" she apologized. My great grandfather told her that there was nothing that gave him more joy in life than serving his neighbors. He was a follower of the One who came not to be served but to serve others. May each of us serve others today with passion and joy.

### ***Prayer***

Jesus, you are the great gardener who plants seeds of hope in each of our lives. Give us courage to serve the way that you serve, forsaking power and privilege for self-giving love. Remind us of our baptism, whose waters provide life-giving nourishment for all of your creation. Amen.

David Scherer '15 M.A. Contextual Learning Associate, Luther Seminary

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### **Quote from one of your Council Members:**

*Don't be AFRAID, be AWARE!*

We need to be aware not only of our surroundings during this latest Covid outbreak, but to also be aware of who needs encouragement and help to cope with the changes to our world, daily lives, and the way we worship.

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### **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.

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### Hymns For All Things

The Dentist's Hymn:..... Crown Him with Many Crowns

The Golfer's Hymn:..... There's a Green Hill Far Away

The Politician's Hymn:..... Standing on the Promises



## **CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 17, 2021 at 10:30 am.

### **Approved Council Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2021**

In Attendance: Joan Ebert, Lyn Hurbanis, Jeanne Kroll, Jean Maines, Bill Sima, and Bill Wendorf, LLM.

Absent: Tracey Ahlborn, Jack Carlson, Sharon Geist, and Mike Pockat.

Meeting called to order at 10:52 am by President Bill Sima. Mission Statement read aloud by all. Bill Wendorf, LLM opened with prayer.

#### **Pastor's Report:**

- Thanked all for prayers and well wishes during illness for Bill and Tina.
- Contingency plans for absence worked as planned.
- Electronics recycling with NATH was full trailer and expense of \$324.00.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Review of July and year-to-date financial statements.
- Northwoods Share to be included in 2022 budgeted benevolences.
- Event revenue for summer events resulted in donations of \$358.70 each to Seminary support and to Tri-County Council on Domestic Abuse, and \$925.07 each to ALWM and Sight for Children.
- Decision reached in August to make change of cleaning contractor. Jeanne Kroll to be added as employee.
- July checks reviewed by Lyn Hurbanis with no issues.

#### **Old Business:**

- Bell Refurbishment: Plans in place to work on after August 28 and before Sept. 25, 2021
- Parking Barriers: Mike Pockat has ordered and expects delivery soon.
- Gazebo (shelter building): Mike Everson waiting on estimate of supplies before completing bid.

#### **New Business:**

- Discussion concerning decision to change cleaning services.
- Discussion concerning CDC recommendations and two emails with congregant concerns discussed.
- Bill to get antibody test.
- Notification of positive Covid test procedures discussed.
- Bill S. to put Covid procedures in policy form. (*see next page*)
- Computer issues discussed concerning streaming and recording.
- Amplifier to be replaced at estimated cost of \$2,383.25. Purchase authorized.

Adjourned meeting with Lord's Prayer.

## COVID Policy

*SOTL will strive to establish a safe environment for all parishioners to worship following our mission statement. We will respect the feedback and opinions of **all** our members, visitors, parishioners, and SOTL council members while we work through the evolving situation. We will use CDC guidelines, local health board recommendations, and community feedback, but most importantly provide the opportunity for each parishioner to choose how they will participate and protect themselves.*

### COVID Guidelines: “Be aware, but not afraid” to quote a SOTL Council Member

- Vaccinations for our SOTL parishioners and staff are voluntary. It is a personal choice depending upon each own healthcare plan.
- Masking guidelines will be reviewed and approved by the SOTL council based upon CDC guidelines, local health boards, community practices, and members/visitor feedback.
  - Privacy issues surround this issue. Medical privacy is a serious consideration.
  - As of this revision, CDC guidelines recommend masks for various individuals, and we are allowing each parishioner and staff to decide if masking is appropriate for themselves.
  - If the time comes to require masks to be worn, **all** will be asked to wear masks.
- Communion
  - Masks and hand sanitizing are required to be worn while presenting communion and for those preparing the sacraments before service.
  - We will not allow an individual to hand-select their communion wafer since it could expose other wafers during the process.
  - Offer the choice of dipping the communion wafer or use of individual disposable glass.
- Changes to our plan taken in August 2021 to prevent COVID transmissions:
  - Improvement to cleaning services.
    - Deep cleaning of restrooms, community room, kitchen, chapel, and high touch/use surfaces.
    - Plans for cleaning if Saturday services or community use of rooms without 4 days of non-use.
  - Building HVAC “constant on” while being used, auto during non-use time.
  - Restroom exhaust fans checked and working normally.
  - MERV 13 air filters to be installed by end of September to help provide additional filtering.
  - Recommend social distancing and frequent hand washing/sanitizing.
  - Remind covering cough and sneezes.
  - Offertory baskets once again out in Narthex. No plate passing.
  - Passing of Peace from seats.
  - Hand sanitizer was placed throughout the church.
- We have made great improvements to allow our parishioners and visitors to participate in our services through 5 different options based upon the individual’s personal choice:
  - In-person services inside the chapel.
  - In-person services outside (during summer months weather permitting).
  - 2 SOTL inside locations outside of the chapel via TV live broadcast.
  - Remotely via YouTube Live.
  - Remotely via recorded YouTube playback.
- The congregation will be asked to notify the executive council of any confirmed cases where SOTL parishioners or visitors may have been exposed.
  - Executive Council determination will be made with individual's written permission to release information to:
    - Only those potentially exposed or Congregation wide.
    - With or without an individual's name being released.
- SOTL Council will review monthly during council meetings and revise this Policy and Guidelines as needed.



# Thank You!

## **THANK YOU'S**

### **Thank you notes received from:**

ALWM (Vital Links)

Caritas

Community Food Pantry

Vilas Food Pantry

Fortune Lake

Frederick House (NATH)

Dr. Kate Hospice

*You might be a Lutheran if...*

...you make spaghetti at your house with the little macaroni noodles because they're not so messy then.

...you don't make eye contact when passing someone in the hall because you think it's impolite.

...in response to someone jumping up and shouting "Praise the Lord!", you politely remind him or her that we don't do that around here.

...someone asks you after church if there's any "decaf coffee" and you laugh because you KNOW that if it doesn't have caffeine, it can't be coffee!

## **QUILTING**

Please join us! The women of Shepherd of the Lakes will be quilting on the third Wednesday 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 Rhinelander.

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

### **Dates:**

October 20, 2021

November 17, 2021

December 15, 2021

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



## **CHILDRENS CORNER**

Church School is open! 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.

## Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Monday: 2 Chronicles 23-25

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 26-29

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 30-32

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 33-36

Friday: Ezekiel 1-3

Saturday: Psalm 103-105

## WORD JUMBLE

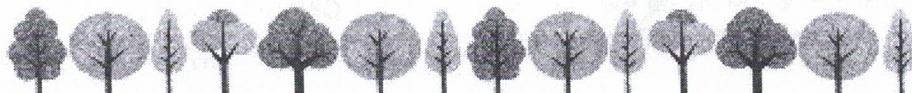
**Directions:** Cross out the answer to each definition. Write the remaining words on the lines below to discover this well-known saying of Jesus.  
One clue is not used.

1. Expression of remorse	A	P	O	L	O	G	Y	T	H	E
2. Terror	L	I	F	E	H	O	R	R	O	R
3. Warrior	A	N	D	S	O	L	D	I	E	R
4. Article of clothing	G	A	R	M	E	N	T	T	H	E
5. Equine	N	O	O	N	E	H	O	R	S	E
6. Holds water	W	A	Y	C	I	S	T	E	R	N
7. Australian animal	K	A	N	G	A	R	O	O	M	E
8. To decide	I	D	E	T	E	R	M	I	N	E
9. Document of an arrest	W	A	R	R	A	N	T	W	A	Y
10. Music genre	E	X	C	E	P	T	J	A	Z	Z
11. Computer screen	M	O	N	I	T	O	R	A	N	D
12. Sarcasm	C	O	M	E	S	I	R	O	N	Y
13. Disciple	A	P	O	S	T	L	E	T	H	E
14. Domestic pet	T	H	R	O	U	G	H	C	A	T
15. Not true	F	A	L	S	E	T	R	U	T	H
16. Abode	T	O	T	H	E	H	O	U	S	E
17. Used to tie things	F	A	T	H	E	R	R	O	P	E
18. Used to open a door	D	O	O	R	K	N	O	B	A	M

8. \_\_\_\_\_ 18. \_\_\_\_\_ 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 9. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 15. \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_ 13. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_ 12. \_\_\_\_\_ 16. \_\_\_\_\_

17. \_\_\_\_\_ 10. \_\_\_\_\_ 14. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_





# **HOME TOUCH® Activity Page** Week of September 26, 2021

## Daily Bible Readings

**Sunday:** Acts 18:12–19:10  
**Monday:** Ezekiel 4–7  
**Tuesday:** Ezekiel 8–11  
**Wednesday:** Ezekiel 12–14  
**Thursday:** Ezekiel 15–18  
**Friday:** Ezekiel 19–21  
**Saturday:** Psalms 106–108

## VERSE TO REMEMBER

*O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever. —Psalm 107:1*

## SUM RUN

**DIRECTIONS:** Below you see three boxes in which are 12 numbers. Each set of numbers is a different puzzle. The object is to look at the numbers and find the **THREE** numbers that add up to your **TARGET NUMBER**. There is only one right answer. **TIME YOURSELF** and record your time on the line provided. Then do the middle puzzle. Same rules apply. Time yourself again. Did your time improve? Finally, do the puzzle on the right and time yourself. Did you get any better?

Target #: 103

24	33	52	76
75	72	36	20
88	47	49	16

MY NUMBERS:

\_\_\_\_\_

MY TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Target #: 109

34	23	62	46
85	72	37	21
87	43	39	14

MY NUMBERS:

\_\_\_\_\_

MY TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

Target #: 142

26	44	32	75
71	68	39	22
88	38	41	13

MY NUMBERS:

\_\_\_\_\_

MY TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

# S

Starting with the letter S (for September) name a:

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. girl's name         | 5. body part        |
| 2. vegetable           | 6. country          |
| 3. tree                | 7. chemical element |
| 4. animal              | 8. occupation       |
| 9. make of car         | 14. book            |
| 10. tool               | 15. fish            |
| 11. piece of furniture | 16. type of boat    |
| 12. planet             | 17. sport           |
| 13. food               | 18. footwear        |
|                        | 19. spice           |
|                        | 20. color           |
|                        | 21. abbreviation    |
|                        | 22. movie title     |
|                        | 23. School subject  |

ANSWERS TO SUM RUN:

100: 20, 36, 47

109: 14, 29, 77

142: 22, 32, 88

SUGGESTED RESPONSES TO

EXERCISE: 1. Sarah, 2. scabbard,

3. spruce, 4. snake, 5. sculpin, 6. Syria,

7. sodium, 8. uranium, 9. Sean, 10. seal,

11. sofa, 12. Saturn, 13. spaghetti,

14. Serene and Sensitivity, 15. salmon,

16. sailboat, 17. soccer, 18. sandal,

19. singer, 20. angeline, 21. SL,

22. Saving Private Ryan, 23. social

studies. Your answers may vary.



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

### **Pray for those with ongoing health issues:**

Larry, Gus, Mel, Shelle, Arlene, Margaret, Cathy & Kress, Bob & Mary, Cassie, Carolynn, and Tom & Carol Miles.

**Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:** 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 suffering trials:**

Lyn on the loss of her home and belongings.

### **Pray for those in mourning:**

Family of Jerry, especially JoAnn.

Family of Jesse, especially Elaine.

### **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.

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### **E-mail from beyond**

A businessman from Wisconsin went on a business trip to Louisiana, and his wife was joining him later for vacation. Upon arrival, he immediately plugged his laptop into the hotel room port and sent a short E-mail back home to his wife, Jennifer Johnson, at her address, JennJohn@world.net.

Unfortunately, in his haste, he mistyped a letter and the E-mail ended up going to JeanJohn@world.net, a Jean Johnson in Duluth, the wife of a preacher who had just passed away and was buried that day.

The preacher's wife took one look at the E-mail and promptly fainted. It read, "Arrived safely. It sure is hot down here! Can't wait for you to join me."

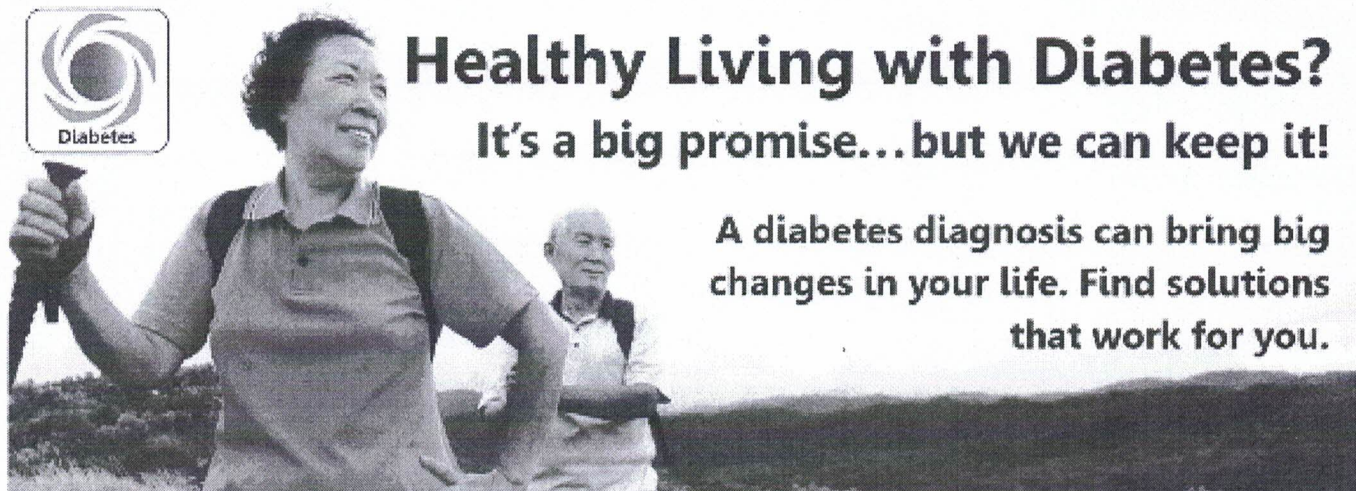




# Healthy Living with Diabetes?

**It's a big promise...but we can keep it!**

**A diabetes diagnosis can bring big changes in your life. Find solutions that work for you.**



Healthy Living with Diabetes is proven to make a big difference in your health — and your life. In just 6 weeks, you can learn to take charge of your health and get back to doing the things that matter to you.

## What is Healthy Living with Diabetes?

It's an evidence-based, six-week workshop for adults of all ages who have type 2 diabetes, pre-diabetes, or who live with someone who does.

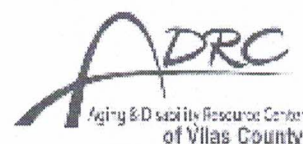
Healthy Living with Diabetes participants are shown to have a **53% reduction in emergency department visits.**

### Take a Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop and get information and advice for:

- Healthy eating and nutrition: food label reading and meal planning
- Relaxation techniques
- Partnering with your health care provider
- Short-term goal setting
- Exercise for fitness and fun
- Feedback and problem-solving
- Stress and depression management
- Communicating effectively with friends, family, and your medical team

Starting on Mondays October 18 – November 22, 2021

Time: 9:30 a.m. - Noon  
Location: Peace Lutheran Church  
10868 Old Hwy 51 North  
Arbor Vitae, WI 54568  
Cost: \$20 donation, which includes all materials  
Registration: Call Amie at (715) 479-3625 or (800) 374-1123  
Class Size is Limited



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ADRC of Vilas County



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six-year-olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honor' thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, 'Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?' From the back, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, 'Thou shall not kill.'

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The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note and posted on the apple tray: 'Take only ONE. God is watching.'


Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, 'Take all you want. God is watching the apples...'

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*You might be a Lutheran if...*

- ...you have more than five flavors of Jell-O in your pantry.
- ...someone asks you after church if there's any "decaf coffee" and you laugh because you KNOW that if it doesn't have caffeine, it can't be coffee!
- ...you think you're paying your pastor too much if he gets a new car for the first time in eight years.
- ...they have to rope off the last pews in church so the front isn't empty.
- ...you can say the meal prayer all in one breath.
- ...Bach is your favorite composer just because he was Lutheran, too.
- ...your church library has three Jell-O cookbooks.
- ...you actually think the pastor's jokes are funny.
- ...requests you hear are preceded or followed by the phrase, "If it's not too much trouble then..."
- ...you know all the words to the first verse of "Silent Night" in German but can't speak a word of it.
- ...you have an uncontrollable urge to sit in the back of any room.
- ...Folgers has you on their Christmas list.

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 2021


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Food pantry</b> items needed for the month of October include: Hair & Nails items including comb, brush, shampoo, hair spray, scrunchies, barrettes, toe nail clippers, emery boards. Please place your items in the appropriate containers in the cloak room.					1	2
3 9 AM Worship Service	4	5	6 4 PM Church School	7 9 AM Text Study	8	9
10 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	11	12	13 4 PM Church School	14 <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA	15	16
17 9 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM Council	18	19	20 9 AM Quilting 4 PM Church School	21 9 AM Text Study	22	23
24 9 AM Worship Service	25	26	27 4 PM Church School	28 9 AM Text Study	29	30
31 9 AM Worship Service						

## October Birthdays:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Bauer	9 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Beier	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Kloepper
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Sima	10 <sup>th</sup>	Mel Harvey	27 <sup>th</sup>	Adelyn Thompson
7 <sup>th</sup>	Don Dixon	10 <sup>th</sup>	Teresa Poole-Schwoch	29 <sup>th</sup>	Penny Zobel
7 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Wendorf	16 <sup>th</sup>	Lolly Kloepper	29 <sup>th</sup>	Beth Von Ende
8 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Gebhardt	25 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Kazda		
9 <sup>th</sup>	Franke Will	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanne Kroll		



# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
			4 PM Church School	9 AM Text Study		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM Worship Service			4 PM Church School	9 AM Text Study		
28	29	30		 <p><b>Food pantry</b> items needed for the month of November Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>		
9 AM Worship Service						

## November Birthdays:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	JoAnn Kehl	12 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Simon
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pepper Bauer	24 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Simcox
5 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Maines	28 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Stephenson
11 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Lundin		