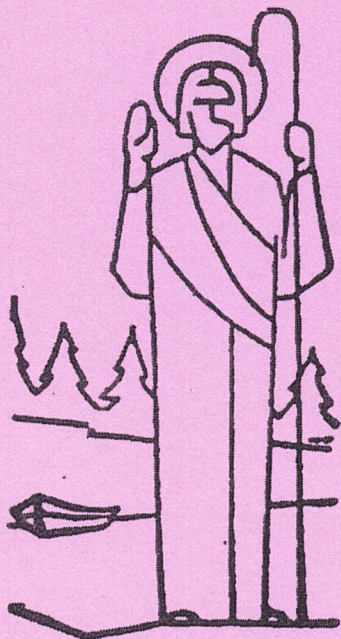


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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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 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)
December 2021	16 th	18 th
January 2022	13 th	15 th
February 2022	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 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

Giving Thanks Always "Give praise to the Lord, proclaim His name; make known among the nations what He has done." Isaiah 12:4

In the seventeenth century, Martin Rinkart served as pastor in Saxony, Germany, for more than thirty years during times of war and plague. One year he conducted over 4,000 funerals, including his wife's. At times food was so scarce that his family went hungry. Although he could have despaired, his faith in God remained strong, and he gave thanks continually. In fact, he poured his gratitude into "Nun danket alle Gott," the hymn known as "Now Thank We All our God."

Rinkart followed the example of the prophet Isaiah, who instructed God's people to give thanks at all times, including when they'd disappointed God or when enemies oppressed them. Even then they were to exalt God's name, making "known among the nations what He has done."

We might give thanks easily during harvest celebrations such as Thanksgiving, when we're enjoying an abundant feast with friends and family. But can we express our gratitude to God in difficult times, such as when we're missing someone from our table or when we're struggling with our finances or when we're locked in conflict with one close to us?

Let us echo Pastor Rinkart, joining hearts and voices as we give praise and thanks to "the eternal God, whom earth and Heaven adore." We can "sing to the Lord, for He has done glorious things."

Heavenly Father, I thank You for Your amazing work in my life. You love me unendingly, more than I can ever express. 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.

Hymns For All Things

The IRS Agent's Hymn:..... I Surrender All

The Gossip's Hymn:.. Pass It On

The Shopper's Hymn:..... Sweet By and By

The Realtor's Hymn:..... I've Got a Mansion, Just Over the Hilltop

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

The next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 19, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Approved Council Meeting Minutes for September 26, 2021

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

Absent: Tracey Ahlborn and Mike Pockat.

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am by President Bill Sima. Mission Statement read aloud by all. Bill Wendorf, LLM opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- 2 home visits
- 2 students in confirmation class
- New mixer for sound system installed

Treasurer's Report:

- Review of August and year-to-date financial statements.
- Monthly giving to NGLS at lower rate than asked for. If finances hold through end of year, balance to be sent.
- August checks reviewed by Lyn Hurbanis with no issues.

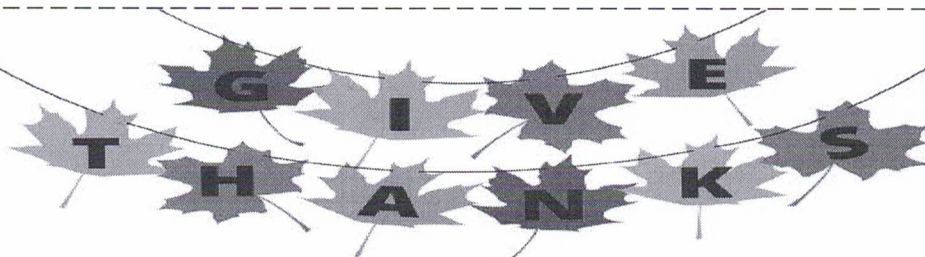
Old Business:

- Bell Refurbishment: Plans in place to work on after August 28 and before Sept. 25, 2021
- Report of Covid case, mask mandate continued through Sept. 30, 2021.
- Discussion of continuation of plans for Polka service and Oktoberfest. Determination to go ahead with event.

New Business:

- Discussion concerning moving prayer chain duties to volunteers. Determination to continue with secretary handling mission.
- Church pew repairs discussed and Mike Everson to be approached to take on task.
- New door discussed for back entry.
- Defibrillator training discussed and we will find trainer.
- Discussion concerning replacing volunteer technology team with contracted vendor. Determination to hire Chris Weber for Sunday technology needs.

Adjourned meeting with Lord's Prayer.



Approved Council Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2021

In Attendance: Jack Carlson, Joan Ebert, Sharon Geist, Lyn Hurbanis, Jean Maines, Bill Sima, and Bill Wendorf, LLM.

Absent: Tracey Ahlborn, Jeanne Kroll, and Mike Pockat.

Meeting called to order at 10:44 am by President Bill Sima. Mission Statement read aloud by all. Bill Wendorf, LLM opened with prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- 3 home visits
- 2 funerals
- Bill's vacation schedule

Treasurer's Report:

- Review of September and year-to-date financial statements.
- M Bank merger with Nicolet Bank reported, St. Germain branch to close Dec. 10, 2021. Possibility of looking for new bank
- September checks reviewed by Lyn Hurbanis with no issues.

Old Business:

- Lakeland sign has completed new wooden sign and it will be installed shortly.

New Business:

- Discussion concerning new ways to encourage on-line giving in light of increased expenses.
- Discussion of how to encourage bicyclists, motorcyclists, and snowmobilers to attend.
- Jack will begin planning Trivia Contest for spring.

Adjourned meeting with Lord's Prayer.

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

ALWM (Vital Links)	Fortune Lake
Caritas	Frederick House (NATH)
Community Food Pantry	Humane Society of Vilas
Vilas Food Pantry	

THANKSGIVING MEAL

Please join us for our annual Thanksgiving meal sponsored by Shepherd of the Lakes and St. Mary Catholic Church.

Serving from 11am to 2 pm on Thursday, November 25, 2021

Meals available for dine-in, take-out, and delivery upon request.

Menu:

Turkey and Dressing
Choice of vegetable

Mashed Potatoes and Gravy
Pie for dessert

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.

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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:

December 15, 2021

January 19, 2021

February 16, 2021

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



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RECIPE CORNER

Over the years when I wanted to make some cookies, I automatically mixed up a batch (or double) of the Toll House Chocolate Chip recipe. Then on a visit to my daughter, she made this recipe which she said was a favorite of my son-in-law. I also learned to leave the cookies on the baking sheet a couple of minutes before removing. They do not need to be baked as done, but stayed together better.

Peanut Butter Chocolate Chip Cookies

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/4 cup butter
*1/4 cup shortening
1 egg

1 1/4 cup flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon salt
chocolate chips (about 1/2 of 8 oz pkg of
chocolate chips or per preference)

I didn't bring home any mixing instructions, but put together as per usual for cookies. Bake at 375 degrees for 11 minutes. Cool on baking sheet for 2 minutes before removing to cooling rack.

*If you don't want to use shortening, use margarine. When using all butter cookies bake flatter and crisper.



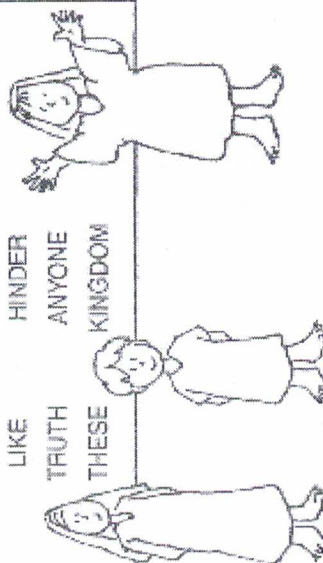
CHILDRENS CORNER

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.

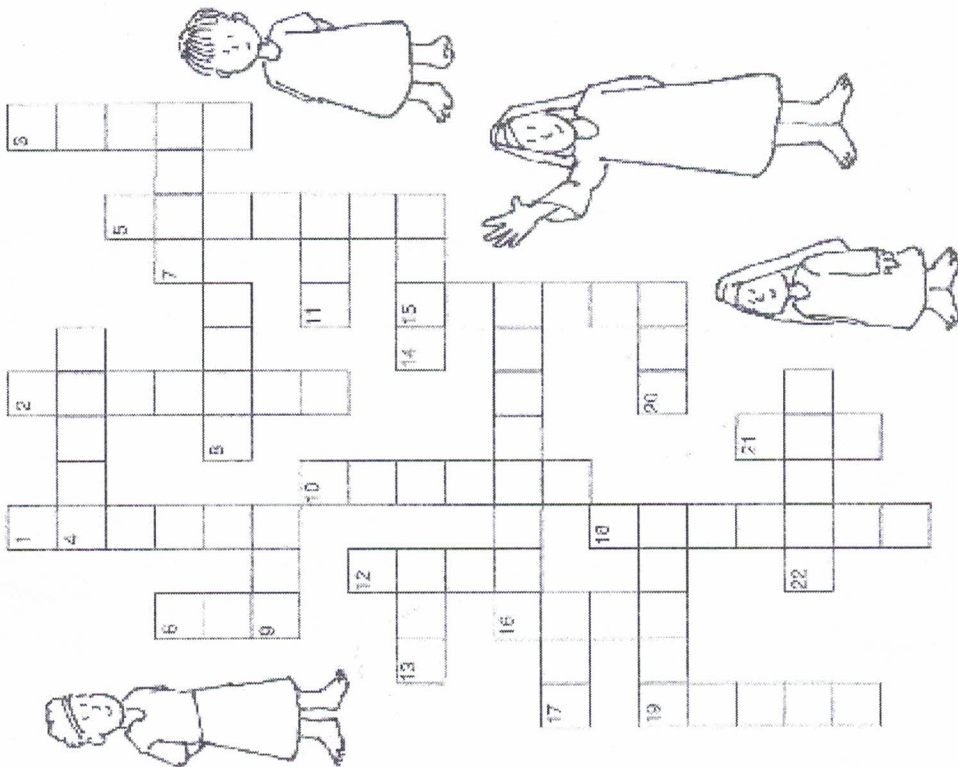
What did Jesus say about the children?

1. Fit the words into the puzzle.
2. Transfer the words to the lines.
3. Read the story.

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THE THEM CHILD RECEIVE
FOR SUCH ENTER CHILDREN
WHO WILL LITTLE
NOT LIKE HINDER
AND TRUTH ANYONE
YOU THESE KINGDOM



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HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH EVENT

We are pleased to include other area church events in our newsletters.

Holy Family Catholic Church
circleofcare@holyfamillywoodruff.org

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Seminar

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. Holy Family Catholic Church will be hosting this non-denominational seminar before the Christmas holidays on Saturday, December 4th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The session will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church, 8950 County Highway J, Woodruff. Pre-registration is encouraged at least one week prior to the seminar date. The cost is \$5.00 to cover the cost of the Survival Guide that accompanies the seminar. Child care is not available.

The seminar features video interviews with counselors, grief experts, and other people who have experienced the holidays after their loved one's death and who offer practical suggestions and reassurance. These people share honestly on these issues:

- Being prepared for surprising emotions that may hit over the holidays
- What to do about traditions and other coming changes
- How to handle holiday parties and invitations
- How to survive potentially awkward moments with other people
- Where to find comfort, strength, and hope in a seemingly hopeless time

Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

Social distancing will be practiced, and masks are required.

For more information and to register, call Holly Dionne (Extension 168) or Lyn Baumgartner (Extension 155) at 715-356-6284.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Gus, Mel, Shelle, Joel, Bob & Mary, Cassie, Carolynn, Jeanne, Henry, 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.

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.

UPCOMING FORTUNE LAKE LUTHERAN CAMP EVENTS

Winter Wonderland Retreat: January 14-16, 2022

Disconnect to Connect Jr/Sr High Retreat: February 4-5, 2022

Nurturing Wholeness Retreat for Young Adults: February 11-13, 2022

Building on Faith Youth Retreat for 3-6 Grades: February 25-26, 2022

Please see posters on bulletin board in front entry!



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
9 AM Worship Service			4 PM Church School	9 AM Text Study		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch			9 AM Quilting 4 PM Church School	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM Worship Service				THANKSGIVING MEAL 11AM – 2PM		
28	29	30				
9 AM Worship Service						




Food pantry 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.

November Birthdays:

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

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Pantry Needs <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of December Baking items including sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, brown sugar, powdered sugar, other spices, cookie cutters, cookie decorating items Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.		1	3:45 PM Children's Classes	2 9 AM Text Study	3 9 AM Text Study	4
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19 9 AM Worship Service	20	21	22 9 AM Text Study	23 9 AM Text Study	24 CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 4 PM	25
26 9 AM Worship Service	27	28	29	30 9 AM Text Study	31	

December Birthdays

9 th	Cheri Biedermann	15 th	Samantha Thompson
10 th	Mary Sutor	17 th	Ginger Eade
10 th	Michael Kriek		