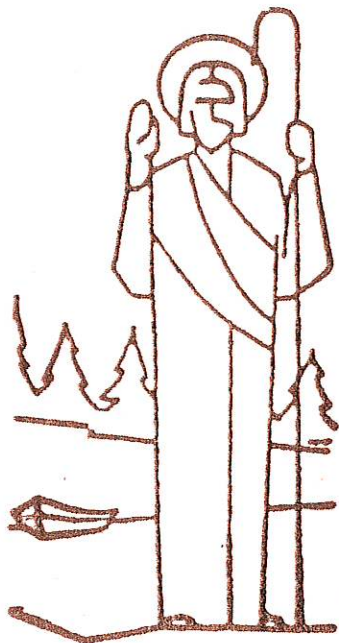


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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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

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COMMUNITY THAT FOLLOWS JESUS, AND SEEKS TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD
AND PRACTICE IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.*

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Wednesdays 9 AM to 3 PM
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Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
August 2022	18 th	20 th
September 2022	15 th	17 th
October 2022	20 th	22 nd

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

Saturday 5:30 pm (May 27 – August 27)

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

God Pause – <https://www.luthersem.edu/godpause/>
Friday July 15, 2022

Luke 10:38-42 (NRSV)

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Devotion

I learned how to be a Bible student in the mid 1960's when I joined my girlfriend at a Bible School in Seattle WA. We learned much over two years, sitting at Jesus' feet, as it were, like Mary did in today's reading from Luke. She knew that she was in the presence of a master teacher and she took advantage of the opportunity even when her sister asked her for help in their kitchen. One of my Bible school teachers would often say to us students "Observe the text!" She meant that we should read the passage before us, read it a second time, meditate on it, ask questions about it, read other versions of it, etc. The more we would explore it, the more God's Holy Spirit would bring other insights to mind. No wonder Mary chose to sit at Jesus' feet in order to listen and learn and be inspired even more. Lay person or pastor, choose to continue to be a Bible student and be blessed by the Lord's instruction.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, as we hear your Word through Bible reading, worship, and general study may your Spirit continue to stretch and deepen our faith in you. We pray in your Name. Amen.

Donald C. Torala '75 M.Div.Retired, Cave Junction, OR

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are no longer collecting pill bottles. Dick reports he can no longer find an organization to use them.

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

While the church street address remains the same, we have finally given in and gotten a post office box. The new mailing address for Shepherd of the Lakes is:

***PO Box 130
Sayner, WI 54560***

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.
 'Is there anything breakable in here?' asked the postal clerk.
 'Only the Ten Commandments.' answered the lady.

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Thank You!

THANK YOU'S **Thank you notes received from:**

ALWM (Vital Links) Caritas
 Howard Young Foundation Marywood
 NATH (Frederick House)
 Vilas Food Pantry

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

Dates:
 July 20, 2022
 August 17, 2022
 September 21, 2022

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



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'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.
 There are those who wake up in the morning and say,
 'Good morning, Lord,'
 and there are those who wake up in the morning and say,
 'Good Lord, it's morning.'

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RECIPE CORNER

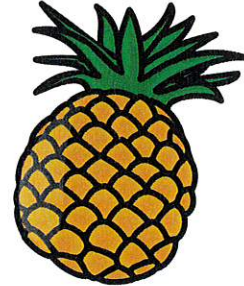
This is a quick and easy dessert to put together for warm weather. You may already keep these ingredients on hand. It calls for a shortbread pie crust, but I have made it with a Graham Cracker crust.

Hawaiian Pie 2 Minute

20 oz can crushed pineapple
(undrained)
6 oz instant vanilla pudding mix
8 oz sour cream
9" shortbread pie crust

Mix pineapple, pudding mix, and sour cream together. Pour into pie crust and refrigerate for 2 hours.

For extra interest you can top pie with pieces of sliced pineapple, chopped maraschino cherry, and coconut.



PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Shelle, Don, Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Ray & Louise, Pat, Daniel, and Melody

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:

Elisabeth

Pray for those who have passed:

Family of Pat VanAcker

Dee's canine companion Sadie

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 715-542-4213 (secretary@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

LETTERS

The following were sent out to everyone on the Church email list. For those of you who already received them, please skip over. We are including them so all have a chance to read and discuss them.

We received the following letter from Kathy who asked that it be included in the next newsletter. I had finished the June newsletter just prior to receiving Kathy's email. We discussed waiting until I could get the July newsletter ready and decided an all church email would be more timely (with Kathy's approval). I will also be including the letter in the July newsletter for those who do not receive the emails.

We promised all of you to be transparent in our actions and also to hear and value everyone's opinions. We will keep those promises to you and publishing this letter is in the interest of hearing everyone. I have only one note in response to the letter - the letters announcing the meeting were mailed a full 14 days before the meeting date and I am sorry that the Helge's did not receive the letter more timely.

To the people of God at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church,

The letter explaining the purpose for the congregational meeting on June 19 arrived at our home on the very same day that the congregational meeting was held. It gave both of us pause as we read the letter.

First of all, since its inception the E.L.C.A. has been a church body with a strong social justice emphasis. We have often referred to Bishop Eaton's remarks and some pastors' sermon's as "the Democratic party talking points." It is unfortunate but we doubt that it will change. Most of academia which educated church staff and pastors has had a strong liberal bend for a long time.

It seems to me that this letter was a long time in coming. We are not sure when it started but there have been inklings of considering leaving the Lutheran church for some time. I had a lengthy discussion with Bill about a recent council meeting that proposed that "the lawyers look at the Constitution of the congregation to see how property is handled is the congregation leaves the synod".

The social statements listed in the letter are NOT BINDING on the congregation. They are simply the statements of the social ministry committees. These have been politically one-sided for over 30 years. There is not much new here except specifics.

What are the options? Withholding money in our view is not the best response and leaving the synod is even worse.

Is it not possible to ignore these statements after an objection is made to the church-wide office and then continue with the work of the Church? The E.L.C.A. is not perfect. No church is perfect. We are not always 'happy' with the church but WE ARE LUTHERANS. We believe in the writings in the Book of Concord. Mark said it best while we discussed the situation. The Church (we) is not about politics but about God's grace.

I find this action by the congregation of SOTL to be unfortunate. It is my understanding that this was initiated by one who does not even worship at all with the congregation. It is a very sad situation and it makes me more than just sad.

Kathy Helge

Seasonal member

The following is from the latest email to the congregation July 14, 2022) and contains an additional email from Kathy and Bill's response to everything that has happened over the last six weeks.

Please find attached a letter from Bill in both Word doc form and in pdf.

This letter is in response to all of the feedback (phone, email, and personal) in regard to the recent congregational meeting and the related subjects.

Please see below for an addition or p.s. from Kathy to her earlier letter.

YOU CAN JUST ADD THIS TO THE PREVIOUS LETTER AS A P.S. It is only two short paragraphs. It is important to me that people know I am pro-life and I did not make that clear initially. Thanks, Kathy

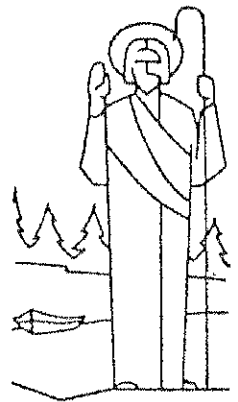
Let me be clear, I am pro-life. If you read the Social Statement of the E.L.C.A. from 1991 it states that **abortion is only acceptable as a last resort**. Late term abortions are not supported by the church. The reaction of the press was to stir people up in regard to the woke and cancel culture of our society today. In many ways Bishop Eaton is trying to speak out of both sides of her mouth.

Yet, I can support a church that is bigger than the abortion issue or any other social justice issue. We all need to set our priorities and perhaps agree to disagree. And that can also make us sad.

And Bill's letter follows:

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
Sayner, Wisconsin



Dear friends in Christ,

Growing up in a small town much like Sayner, and attending a small church much like Shepherd, it does not surprise me that at times things that are done and said in a small community are easily misquoted, taken out of context, or just simply made up to fit someone's narrative. So, being the one who really knows how we as a community have come to this point, I felt it important to get out ahead of any confusion, misunderstandings, or misinformation by simply clearing a few things up.

Coming through a pandemic as strong or stronger than many other churches our size or larger, we have a lot to be thankful for, and (by God's grace) to be proud of. But if there is one thing that stands out to me, it is how well we function as a Christian family with so many different backgrounds, opinions, and political views, we are truly a melting pot. And it continues to work in part because for the last 5 ½ years I have asked, requested, and at times even demanded that our politics be left in the car, and that when we enter the church, we are all

here to serve Christ in and through the needs of our neighbors. Having very strong opinions myself I know this is not easy and not always successful. I have done my human best to lead by example. And everyone has responded positively. There are church politics that exist within the church and among its members (family squabbles) that will always be there. But the politics outside the church such as town, county, state, federal etc. that affects our daily lives, has no place in the church, and never has. If you don't agree, let me remind everyone it was just 7+ years ago that politics in this little church almost brought it to its knees. So, for those that think that the recent actions taken by the council and congregation were politically motivated from within the church are sadly mistaken. These actions were taken to keep politics out.

Tensions created by various statements out of ELCA Church Wide have been continuous over the last 5 ½ years and have created their own issues. The straw that broke the camel's back as they say, was an unnecessary and ill-conceived pastoral letter by Bishop Eaton following the leaked Supreme Court draft on Roe vs. Wade before the final draft was made public. For reasons only she knows, she pulled out the ELCA 1991 Social Statement on abortion, a statement many including myself, did not know existed, dusted it off and waived it in the face of the church, much to the cheers of some, and to the chagrin of others. This was not started by any one person within the congregation, or for any political reasons. But, out of frustration. Questions then were raised as to how and on what our benevolence was being spent. As it was stated, if Church Wide supports these views verbally, then are they doing so monetarily? Many attempts were made to contact Bishop Eaton's office on many issues with not one response, not even a form letter or auto reply. Attempts were made to investigate online where our benevolence was going specifically with no success. And not even our own Bishop Katherine could tell us definitively whether or not our funds were supporting such a controversial issue. This makes the ELCA Church Wide non-transparent and accountable to no one. Why is this important you may ask? Well for starters, as I stated at the meeting, we don't work for the ELCA, they work for us, and if we don't hold them accountable who will? Second, we live in a world where Satan is alive and well and has created great need all over the world, and in our own communities. With so many in need there is absolutely no good reason or excuse for a church such as ours to donate one controversial dollar, creating tension within our Christian family. That is why your church council voted unanimously to freeze our benevolence funds until a congregational meeting could be called to discuss and vote on whether to continue supporting ELCA Church Wide, or to redirect our benevolence to organizations that are both transparent and accountable.

To be clear, everyone, and I mean everyone outside the walls of church, have a right to their own opinions on such matters as abortion, immigration and so on. That is what America is all about, freedom of choice, opinion, and speech to name a few. And to support these various positions one only need google say "Planned Parenthood" and you will be shown multiple sites that all have a great big donate button, allowing you as an individual, to support this organization monetarily, or any other organization you choose. But there are simply things that a church should not be supporting as a family, where the monetary resources are pooled together, and thereby creating controversy and turmoil in the church (Our church). That quite frankly would be political and biased. And again, let me re-state that with so much need in our communities and around the world there is absolutely no need, reason, or excuse to donate one

controversial dollar. In this day and age, we have the ability right from our church office to support ministries that we ALL can agree are good causes.

Now, although ELCA Church Wide is not accountable or transparent, the same cannot be said for our partners in ministry in the NGLS (Northern Great Lakes Synod). They have not only been transparent and accountable with our funding but have also been great partners in ministry and extremely supportive of our ministry at SOTL. Bishop Katherine has allowed us the independence due a congregation to grow and become the servant of Christ (a loving, caring, generous community), that I believe the Holy Spirit intended. Yet when in need she has never failed to take my call or respond to the needs of this church. So, it is my personal and professional opinion that we should not make the NGLS a casualty of our decision concerning ELCA Church Wide. Having shared my opinion on this matter with our newly formed benevolence committee and a number of council members, it is my hope that at our upcoming council meeting (Sunday July 24th following worship) that the benevolence committee will recommend, and the council will vote to continue our financial support of the NGLS. Which means sending the remaining amount of our committed benevolence for 2022 that would have been retained by the NGLS, to be used as the NGLS deems fit and proper, but with the restriction to used only for ministry in and for the NGLS!

Regarding the remaining benevolence for 2022, our newly formed benevolence committee will consider a number of possible organizations to support, three of which at this time being Lutheran organizations, with the possibility of modestly increasing our local benevolence as well. Guided by the simple parameters of being transparent, accountable, with financials and a list of ministries supported provided, they will then make recommendations to the council as to which organizations they feel we should support. If you wish to share your thoughts with the committee, we will provide the contact information of the committee members in our weekly service guide that is posted on our website prior to worship each Sunday. But the full pledged amount of the remaining benevolence for 2022 will be redirected and distributed for ministry, with not ONE penny being withheld or diverted to any other budget item. Still, I know this will not sit well with some as ELCA Church Wide does support some wonderful ministries, but it is no longer necessary to put up with the controversial issues of the church just to support the non-controversial ministries. Remember when you were little, and mom made you eat all the things you didn't like before you could have desert? Well thanks to technology we can agree on all of our ministry support without having to choke down the things that divide us.

Now that I addressed the meeting regarding benevolence and how it came about, at this time I will address those things I listed in my opening paragraph, as it seems there is a quite a bit of all three floating around as they say. Please note that this letter is addressing a number of responses to the meeting. Some were verbal, some were by email, and one that has been shared in the form of a letter. Although I do not agree with a number of things verbal, emailed, or shared in the letter, the person who wrote the letter was the only response willing to put their views out publicly, for which I am very thankful. Thank you K.H..

To begin with, I was contacted pertaining to the retaining of a lawyer to review the most recently proposed constitution from the ELCA. I must confess I was a bit unprepared to answer that question simply because I am not part of the constitution committee and was receiving

what information I had in bits and pieces. After making some inquiries, I can address that question more directly. So, simply put, the proposed ELCA constitution, compared to the constitution we are currently operating under, more than doubled the language of that particular section of the constitution pertaining to a congregation wishing to leave the ELCA. Although our committee is made up of very competent, well-educated, and trustworthy people, no one was comfortable stating they understood the changes and the reasons for them, or what consequences these changes might impose on future parishioners and pastors of SOTL. So, it for this reason an attorney was retained. They were simply doing what they believed was due diligence, in order to, when finished, deliver to the council and then to the congregation, as clear and understandable a constitution as possible. Leaving the ELCA now, or in the foreseeable future was NOT part of their motivation. I will address this concern further in a moment.

But before I do, I would like to address a couple of statements that I feel might be a bit misleading. First it was stated in the letter we all received that there had been inklings of considering leaving “the Lutheran Church” for some time. When I first read that I was confused, then slightly angry (confession), but then simply had to giggle. Because the phrase “the Lutheran Church” as it is used in this context, would tend to imply that unless you are a member of the ELCA, one is not Lutheran. This would be like telling someone that unless you own a piece of stock in the Green Bay Packers, you are not a true Packer fan. Try floating that around the community this fall and see how that flies. My point being, and as it is also stated in the letter, it is our confessions, our theology, and our understanding of Holy Scripture as the sole authority in the church, which defines who we are, not Synod affiliation. We are Lutheran and shall remain so, regardless of synod affiliation.

From another response, it has been implied either intentionally or unintentionally, that only ELCA churches are loving, caring, and welcoming to all. This is like saying that only Willy Wonka can make chocolate. Wrong answer! Loving, caring, and welcoming congregations such as this one are God’s creation, called by the Holy Spirit through the Gospel, to serve Christ in and through the needs of our neighbors. Again, Synod affiliation has little, if anything, to do with what is a pure act of the Holy Spirit, which compels us to follow and serve Christ.

Now we come to that point in my letter where I need to address these quietly circulating rumors that SOTL is moving to leave the ELCA. After retaining an attorney to review constitutional language, and most recently voting to re-direct our benevolence to accountable and transparent organizations, it comes as no surprise that people would be talking about these things. So, allow me to be very clear. As of this writing and for the foreseeable future as I see it, I myself can say, WE ARE NOT LEAVING THE ELCA! As the ELCA itself is one of the most rapidly declining synod/denominations in the country, it may be necessary for many churches, including ours, to revisit this issue in the coming years. But as of today, leaving the ELCA, in my opinion at this point, would do more harm than good. Furthermore, it is a far more personal issue to me than many of you may know. Please, allow me to give two personal reasons why I am not in favor of leaving the ELCA at this time.

I have realized for a long time that with or behind each commandment there lies a promise. The second command says, “You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain”. Luther goes on to explain that “We are to fear and love God so that we do not use His

name superstitiously, or use it to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, but call on Him in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving". God makes it clear that His name and word is to be honored above all else, and He wishes for our name and word to be trusted as well. The four words that stand out the most today are the words "curse, swear, lie, or deceive". One's name and reputation are important, as is one's word. When people around us see us doing our level best to obey this commandment, they begin to trust and have confidence in our words as well, being able to trust what we say and that we will follow through. Well, it goes without saying I am not a perfect man, just the opposite, I have many faults. But breaking promises is not one of them. At the start of my ministry here serving as your Pastor, I made a promise to a dear friend that I would not take part in or be the one to lead this church out of the ELCA. And I will Not break that promise!

My second reason for not advocating to leave the ELCA is a much more passionate one, and that is "Because it is my church"! Growing up I was part of an ALC (American Lutheran Church) church and still identify with the ALC. But I was there and actively involved when the three synods merged to create the ELCA, so this makes it my church for as long as anyone else in this congregation, or for that matter anyone else in the ELCA. And I simply will not stand idly by while my synod puts out unnecessary and irresponsible letters and social statements that are not grounded in our confessions or Holy Scripture, creating division that threatens the very existence of SOTL and others like it. As stated in the emailed letter you received, the ELCA has been drifting away from orthodoxy to a "social justice emphasis" since its creation and relies almost exclusively on its social statements when publishing letters and opinions, with little use of Holy Scripture to support them. I cannot and will not speak for anyone but myself, but my father and mother taught me that anything worth belonging to, is worth fighting for, and if you remove yourself from the situation, you also eliminate your ability to affect change. So, that is what I am prepared to do for the health and harmony of SOTL, and in doing so, for my synod as well. And wanting to be very clear, I am not looking for a fight or any involvement with ELCA Church Wide if possible. I am called first and foremost to care for this community that I have been entrusted with, to preach the gospel to your needs, administer the sacraments beneficially, and care for you as needed and as appropriate. But when I hear and read things put out by the leaders of this church that threaten the very existence of this parish, with little or no basis in scripture, but only referring to *social statements*, then I am called through the Gospel, appropriately and faithfully, to speak out and hold accountable those that have been set aside and entrusted to minister to and lead this church. Furthermore, ignoring these issues is no longer an option as well, as if you ignore something long enough, you become part of the problem. Yes, this is my church/synod too, and when appropriate, I am prepared to fight for it, in spite of itself.

These are my two very personal and passionate reasons for staying in the ELCA. But I would be negligent serving as your Pastor if I did not remind you of this. Lutheran polity starts from the ground up. In other words, you (Parishioners) are in charge. I am set aside to serve you, so in the end, my reasons for staying are just that, mine. Should the congregation in the future deem it necessary to leave the ELCA for the wellbeing and long-term stability of SOTL, as a congregation that would be your right, and I would not stand in the way, but remain neutral in the matter providing pastoral counseling only.

And that leads me to the final and hardest thing to address and that is how one's opinions are prioritized in this church. Reading the last two sentences of the published opinion (again for which I am very thankful) I was extremely disappointed. As I made very clear earlier in this letter, the actions taken by the council and by the congregation were not initiated by any one person, or group of individuals within the church, but was a long time in coming. However, what truly concerns me is that it seems there are those in this church that are of the opinion that one's voice at a congregational meeting as we have just had, are rated by how often they attend worship. And this is what makes me more than just sad. This is simply not the case, has never been, and never will be on my watch. Although worshiping together should be a priority, there are many, many other ways of serving Christ and your church, than simply showing up for worship on Sunday morning. Worship is a very important part of Christian life, but only one part. After having a number of people ask if the comment was referring to "them" and having a good measure of time to think this through, the only pastoral advice I can give to "everyone" would be to vet any first or secondhand information multiple times (Maybe call your Pastor) before committing to it as fact. Because in this case, our good friend who penned the letter, was simply duped. And the results were neither accurate nor helpful but were most certainly hurtful.

Knowing that this type of information came from a second party, I speak now to the source of the information. These are the types of comments that foster mistrust and turmoil in a parish, much like a cancer in the body. Falling at best under the category of personal opinion, and at worst simply made up to fit someone's personal narrative. In either case harmful and destructive, and I pray in Christ, that this type of destructive behavior will cease. Most of us have known one another for a long time, and communication within this family has always been our gift, let's continue to do that in loving truth. Serving as your Pastor I have always tried to be open and honest, have nothing to hide and even if I did, this town is just too small to keep secrets. So, unless the information you seek would border on the fringe of betraying a pastoral confidence, call me, and I will do my honest and level best to always give you the straight story.

So, in closing, I would like to point out something quite ironic pertaining again to the last two sentences of our only published opinion, which in an unintended way is actually 100% accurate. That all the long conversations in the last 5 weeks, the meetings, the votes, the outcome of those votes, the lost sleep, and all the wasted energy on an issue we just did not need, energy that could have been used to further our ministry, actually was initiated by one, and only "one" person who "does not" worship with us. Now some of you may already know to whom I am referring, but for those that don't, and not wanting to name names, I will give you a hint..... You need only look to Chicago!

Yours in Christ,

Bill †
William Wendorf, LLM

As always, if you have comments or concerns, please contact your Council members and/or Bill.



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Week of July 3, 2022

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 1-2

Monday: Isaiah 25-27

Tuesday: Isaiah 28-30

Wednesday: Isaiah 31-33

Thursday: Isaiah 34-36

Friday: Isaiah 37-39

Saturday: Psalms 70-72



INDEPENDENCE DAY

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"I before E except after C"

This is a spelling rule we learned when we were children. Yet, there are many exceptions to this rule. Unscramble the words below to reveal words that are exceptions to the "I before E except after C" rule.

1. In the following words, the I is before the E even though it follows a C. Unscramble the words to reveal the exceptions to the rule.

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lrcaige _____ fniedtice _____ cfiutsefn _____

nictnea _____ ionccens _____

2. In these examples, the I is NOT before the E, but there's no C involved whatsoever! Unscramble the words to reveal these exceptions to the rule.

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tighwe _____ szrieu _____ fecenfai _____

rehite _____ geithh _____ ienr _____



ANSWERS: 1. nseecci=science;
ffeitecn=efficient;
octsyie=society; lrcaige=glacier;
fniedtice=deficient;
cfiutsefn=sufficient;
nictnea=ancient;
ionccens=conscience.
2. ehibnorg=neighbor;
wighe=weigh; iydte=deity;
tetsiha=atheist; gieeb=beige;
roifeng=foreign; tighwe=weight;
szrieu=seizure;
fecenfai=caffeine; rehite=either;
geithh=height; ienr=rein.

Six things seniors can do to improve memory

1. Get better organized.
2. Make a special effort to pay attention, concentrate.
3. Eat well. Make certain you have a balanced diet.
4. Exercise the body.
5. Exercise the memory.
6. Get plenty of sleep.

—Adapted from "Six things seniors can do to improve memory," by William Klemm, Ph.D., a senior professor of Neuroscience at Texas A&M University. (*Psychology Today*, November 26, 2010).

Week of July 10, 2022

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 3-5
Monday: Isaiah 40-42
Tuesday: Isaiah 43-45
Wednesday: Isaiah 46-48
Thursday: Isaiah 49-51
Friday: Isaiah 52-54
Saturday: Psalms 73-75

Verse to Remember

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned ... for I am the LORD, your God. —Isaiah 43:2-3a

BRAIN STUMPERS

DIRECTIONS: We get requests from time to time for harder puzzles. Your prayers have been answered. Here are a couple of stumpers for which some basic knowledge of mathematics is required. In each puzzle, you are given a number that you must construct out of several other numbers. You do this by taking the numbers and performing **addition, subtraction, multiplication, and/or division** operations on them. Each number must be used in the calculations **exactly once**, and **only the four operations** listed may be used. You may parenthesize your expression however you wish. For example, 5 may be obtained from 1, 2 and 3, with the expression $(3 + 2) \times 1$.

PROBLEM ONE: Make 12 out of 1, 4, 7 and 7.

PROBLEM TWO: Make 32 out of 4, 7, 7 and 9.
(Solutions below)

WORD MAZE: In the Isaiah readings above, we find Isaiah 53:6: *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.* Now, to reinforce this message, find the same verse in the maze below by following the words forward, backward, up or down. Not all letters in the maze will be used, and some words may be split. Start at the A in "All" and end at the period. *You do not need to lift your pencil off the page.*

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Solution: Problem One: $((7 \times 7) - 1) \div 4$; Problem Two: $4 \times (9 - (7 \div 7))$

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 6-9
Monday: Isaiah 55-57
Tuesday: Isaiah 58-60
Wednesday: Isaiah 61-63
Thursday: Isaiah 64-66
Friday: Micah 1-4
Saturday: Psalms 76-78

Verse to Remember

*"Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters
... come, buy and eat!" —Isaiah 55:1*

SPELLING ALERT: Vowels Missing from Bible Verse!

Please look at the Scripture verses below and replace the missing vowels to reveal the verses.

Th_r_f_r_, _s G_d's ch_s_n p_ _pl_, h_ly _nd d_ _rly
l_v_d, cl_th_ y_ _rs_lv_s w_th c_mp_ss_ _n, k_ndn_ss,
h_m_l_ty, g_ntl_n_ss _nd p_t_ _nc_. —C_l_ss_ _ns 3:12

F_r by gr_c_ y__ h_v_ b__n s_v_d thr_ _gh f_ _th, _nd
th_s _s n_t y__r _wn d_ _ng; _t _s th_ g_ft _f G_d —
n_t th_ r_s_lt _f w_rks, s_ th_t n_ _n_ m_y b_ _st.
—_ph_s_ _ns 2:8-9

FAMOUS FEMALES: Which of these women were born in the U.S. and which were born in the U.K.?

Missing Vowels: Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. —Colossians 3:12; For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast. —Ephesians 2:8-9. **Famous Females:** 1. UK, 2. US, 3. US, 4. UK, 5. UK, 6. US, 7. UK, 8. US, 9. US, 10. UK, 11. US, 12. UK, 13. UK, 14. US, 15. UK, 16. US.

NAME	U.S. or U.K.?	NAME	U.S. or U.K.?
1. Agatha Christie		2. Geraldine Ferraro	
3. Chris Evert		4. J.K. Rowling	
5. Theresa May		6. Harriet Tubman	
7. Julie Andrews		8. Elizabeth Taylor	
9. Joan Didion		10. Jane Austen	
11. Sally Ride		12. Beatrix Potter	
13. Kate Winslet		14. Rosa Parks	
15. Diana Spencer		16. Wallis Simpson	

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SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – July 2022


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of July include: Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken etc), cake mixes, frosting mixes. Please place your items in the appropriate containers in the cloak room.					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9 AM Worship Service	4 th of July Parade 6 PM Popcorn Event			9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice		5:30 PM Worship
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	5:30 PM Bible Study			NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA 6 PM Choir Practice		5:30 PM Worship
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9 AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Bible Study		9 AM Quilting	9 AM Text Study		5:30 PM Worship
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
9 AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Bible Study			9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice		5:30 PM Worship
31						
9 AM Worship Service						

NOTE: Summer Picnic Scheduled for August 6, 2022!

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 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	
	5:30 PM Bible Study			9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice		11 AM Summer Picnic 5:30 PM Worship
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Bible Study			9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice 6 PM WELCA		5:30 PM Worship
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	5:30 PM Bible Study		9 AM Quilting	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice		5:30 PM Worship
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Bible Study			9 AM Text Study 6 PM Choir Practice		5:30 PM Worship
28	29	30	31	 <p>Pantry Needs 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 the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>		
9 AM Worship Service	5:30 PM Bible Study					

August Birthdays:

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