November Newsletter Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State Hwy. 155 PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560-9698



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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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 William Wendorf LLM: Cell 715-617-6477 Council President: Sharon Geist 715-892-7486

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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:

Tuesdays 1 PM to 4 PM
Wednesdays 9 AM to Noon
Fridays 1 PM to 4 PM
Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
December 2022	15 th	17 th
January 2023	19th	21st
February 2023	16 th	18 th

Email articles to secretary@SOTLsayner.com Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

RECORDED SERVICES: 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 "Worship Guide" 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

"Thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us.

Thank you that you are Able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes.

Thank you for your great love and care.

Thank you for your mercy and grace.

Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us.

Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life.

Forgive us for when we don't thank you enough, for who you are, for all that you do, for all that you've given.

Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh.

Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy.

We love you and we need you, this day and every day.

We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy!

In Jesus' Name, Amen."

- Debbie McDaniel

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

Thank

You!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

Caritas

Fortune Lake

Dr. Kate Hospice

Lutheran World Relief

Sayner-Star Lake Lions

Vilas Food Pantry

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 21, 2022 January 18, 2023 February 15, 2023

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



FORTUNE LAKE

Winter Wonderland Retreat – January 13-15/16, 2023 – families and youth See poster in entryway and on office window.

We received a letter from Fortune Lake announcing that they have been selected as the recipient for the 2022 CoVantage Cares Foundation's Giving Tuesday Campaign. CoVantage will match a portion of the funds raised from November 29 – Dec.13, 2022.

The money will be used to update their highest use buildings.

Please make your check payable to "CoVantage Cares Foundation" with Fortune Lake noted in the memo section of the check. Please see the envelopes and flyer on the small table in the Narthex.

HOMETOWN HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Sayner Star Lake Chamber of Commerce is planning a "Hometown Holiday Celebration" and is asking for all clubs, organizations and churches to unite for a community Christmas Party for the Town of Plum Lake.

The date is Saturday, December 3, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Hopefully, this would be done in conjunction with Christmas caroling. We have been asked to provider carolers. The carolers are open for ANYONE who likes to sing and have some fun and fellowship along with food!

The Planning Committee is looking to have ice skating provided it is cold enough to have ice.

- There will be fire pits in the park for s'mores and keeping warm and Santa will be under the Lions Pavilion near the ice rink.
- There will be hot chocolate, hot coffee and hot cider along with hot dogs, chili and mac and cheese.
- There will be a tent that will have chocolate, graham crackers and marshmallows so you can make your own s'mores.
- There will be pinecone birdfeeders and cookie decorating and possibly Christmas tree decorating (in planning stage yet).
- There will be luminaries along the road while a horse drawn carriage provides sleigh rides around town.

This is open to the community to celebrate our town so please save the date and plan to attend this wonderful event. Questions, please contact Barb Maines, 715-542-3501

<u>WELCA</u>

WELCA will now meet monthly at 1 PM on the second Thursday. All women attending Shepherd are welcome and invited to come! The next study guide is on the table in the Chapel.

PASTORAL HOLIDAY DISCRETIONARY FUND

It is one again time to start collecting for the gift cards for families in need at Christmas and for supporting the organizations that provide a helping hand. Please mark in the memo of your check that the funds are for the Pastor's Holiday Fund.

ADDRESS FOR LYN

Address for cards to Lyn: 4281 Anissa Avenue, Unit 101 Orlando, Florida 32814

RECIPE CORNER

This one comes to you from the "Feast at the Shepherd's Table" cook book.

Cream of Potato Soup

Diane Schalinske

Potatoes

3 Carrots

2 stalks Celery

1 med. Onion

2 cubes Chicken Bouillon

1 lb. cubed Ham

1 (16 oz) carton Half and Half

1 (16 oz) carton Sour Cream

1 stick Butter

Cornstarch & Water



In a 5-quart pan, fill ½ full with cubed potatoes, carrots, onions, and celery. Add just enough water to cover veggies. Add bouillon cubes and simmer until veggies are tender. In a separate pan, cook half-and-half, sour cream, and butter with a little water and cornstarch until thick and bubbly. Slowly add veggies and ham. Salt and pepper to taste.

SAFETY INSPECTOR

Doug and your Church Council are asking for a volunteer for safety inspections. This consists of monthly inspections of all exit and safety lights, the defibrillator, fire extinguishers, etc. It will only take a short amount of time once a month to run the checks. Please see Doug for more information.

And please be reminded that the interior doors in the church must be kept shut when not in use. In order to qualify for an exemption from putting in a very expensive sprinkler system throughout the church building, we have in place fire doors which do no good if not kept shut. It is very important that you keep in mind to shut all interior doors unless the space is being used.

While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign... 'Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.'

PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Lyn, Melody, Sharon B., Sharon G., Trish, Courtney, and Rhett.

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:

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Please email Bill at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or 715-542-4213 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email

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.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Council meeting November 27, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

The quote of the month is from Jay Leno:

'With hurricanes, tornados, fires out of control, mud slides, flooding, severe thunderstorms tearing up the country from one end to another, and with the threat of bird flu and terrorist attacks, 'Are we sure this is a good time to take God out of the Pledge of Allegiance?'

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Week of October 23, 2022



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 13-16

Monday: Ezra 1-4

Tuesday: Haggai 1-2; Zech. 1-2 Wednesday: Zechariah 3-6 Thursday: Zechariah 7-10 Friday: Zechariah 11-14 Saturday: Psalms 120-123

Germany Scramble

Here is the alphabet with some letters omitted. When you find all the missing letters, unscramble them to spell the name of a well-known German city. Write your answer on the line provided.

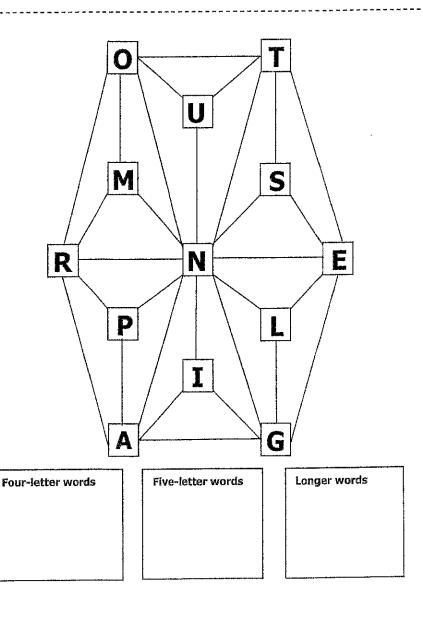
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routes, giants, mounts, promote. German Scramble:
Hamburg. 5-letter words: giant, paint, words: morning, raging motor, mount; **Longer** tents, notes, stone, stout, 4-letter words: gain, pain est, sent, rant, rain, pant;

WORD MAZE

Directions: Spell as many words as possible by starting anywhere in the maze and moving along the connecting lines. Do not skip letters. For example, you cannot form the word must since to get from m to uyou would need to skip either o or n. You may return to use the same letter twice as when you form the word noun, but you cannot use the

same letter twice in succession.



Week of October 30, 2022



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 19:11–41; 2 Corinthians 1-3 Monday: Ezra 5-7 Tuesday: Ezra 8-10

Wednesday: Nehemiah 1-3 Thursday: Nehemiah 4-6 Friday: Nehemiah 7-9 Saturday: Psalms 124-126

Verse to Remember

May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their

sheaves.
—Psalm 126:5-6



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WORD SHUFFLE

Notice that the diagonal letters in the box to the left spell SUMMER. Shuffle the order of the words so the same diagonal spells WARMER.

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Solution to Pyramid Puzzle: ORANGE, range, rang, ran, an, a. O, on, one, tone, stone.

PYRAMID PUZZLE

Reduce the six-letter word "orange" to the left by one letter at each descending step so each step makes a new word.

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To the **right**, descend the stairs by adding one letter to the "O" at each step to make a new

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Solution to Word Shuffle: waiter, camera, sorely, flames, stolen, muster

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word.

Week of November 13, 2022



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 23-25 Monday: Acts 26-28 Tuesday: Ephesians 1-3 Wednesday: Ephesians 4-6 Thursday: Philippians 1-4 Friday: Colossians 1-4 Saturday: Psalms 130-132

CAPITAL CROSSING:

Directions: Place the capitals listed below in the correct spaces to complete the crossword.

4 Letters

5 Letters

6 Letters

Lima Oslo Hanoi, Paris Seoul, Tokyo

Athens, Boston, Havana, London,

Lisbon, Moscow, Pierre, Saigon, Topeka

7 Letters

Caracas Jackson Raleigh

8 Letters

Belgrade Bismarck Brussels Capetown Santiago

9 Letters

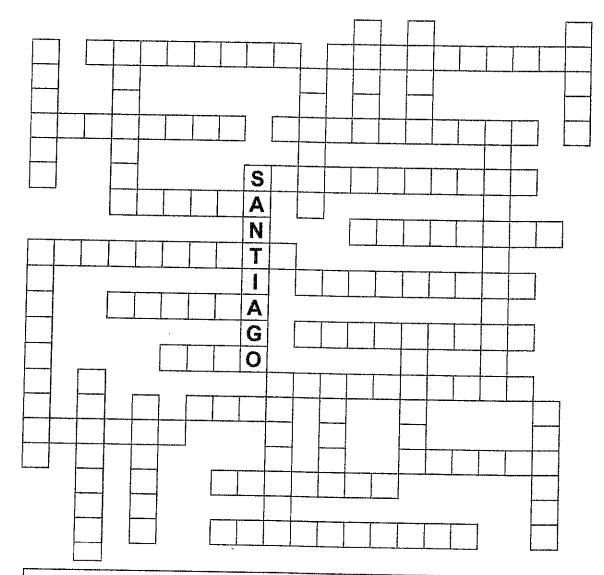
Amsterdam Bucharest Stockholm

10 Letters

Sacramento BatonRouge Washington Copenhagen MexicoCity

11 Letters

Springfield Tallahassee





VETERANS DAY WAS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11. "It's about how we treat our veterans every single day of the year. It's about making sure they have the care they need and the benefits that they've earned when they come home. It's about serving all of you as well as you've served the United States of America." —President Barack Obama.

Week of November 20, 2022



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Hebrews 1-4 Monday: Hebrews 5-7 Tuesday: Hebrews 8-10 Wednesday: Hebrews 11-13 Thursday: Philemon; 1 Peter 1-2

Friday: 1 Peter 3-5 Saturday: Psalms 133-135

PROVERBIAL ANIMALS

Many expressions in our language use animals as metaphors. Consider, for example, "Wise as an owl," or "To take the bull by the horns." Below are more of these expressions. Unscramble the words to find the animals in the proverbs.

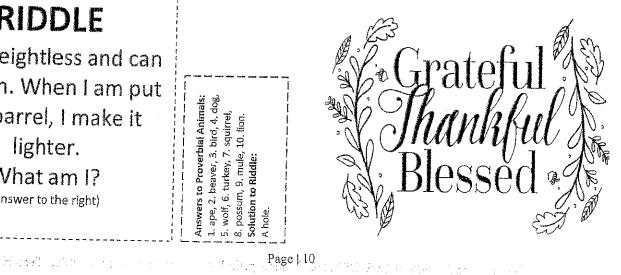
PAE 1. To go _____ over something. **EBRAEV** 2. An eager ______. **RDIB** 3. To sing like a ______ GOD 4. To be in the _____ house. FOWL. 5. To be a _____ in sheep's clothing. RUYTEK 6. To talk _______ RUILQSER 7. To ______away your money. **SMUPOS** 8. To play _____ (pretend to be dead). LEMU 9. Stubborn as a ______ NOLI 10. _____-hearted.

RIDDLE

I am weightless and can be seen. When I am put in a barrel, I make it lighter.

What am 1?

(Answer to the right)



Week of November 27, 2022



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 2 Peter 1-3 Monday: 1 Timothy 1-3 Tuesday: 1 Timothy 4-6 Wednesday: 2 Timothy 1-4

Thursday: Titus 1-3 Friday: 1 John 1-2

Saturday: Psalms 136-138

Circle **Scramble**



DIRECTIONS: In the circles of letters below are 10-letter words. Each circle has the letters of the word in the correct order. But you must determine where each word begins and in which direction the word is reading. Write your answer in the space provided.

D 1. R E D E

E

7. R E R N I

2. R E 0

U 5. E R E

8, T 1

D 3. R E M

E 6. E

9. E R U E J

Solution: 1. eradicated, 2. apostrophe, 3. memorandum, 4. crescendos, 5. remunerate, 6. yesteryear

INFORMATION FROM YOUR TREASURER

Greetings Shepherd of the Lakes Family:

Just as the rest of our country has suffered the economic costs of Covid, inflation, disruption of supply chains, increased costs of everything including utilities, and just general financial uncertainty, so too have Shepherd's finances been a struggle. The reason why you are just now hearing about this is that while we were slow on donations through June, it was not a large decrease from last year and as usually happens, I expected things to get better during the summer months. It was not until I ran the 3rd quarter reports that the full scope of the shortages became apparent.

We have the reserves to keep us current on all of our bills and donations. Everything is paid in full. In March I had to pull \$30,000 from our Money Market account to pay bills after very light donations during the winter. In July I pulled an additional \$5,000 to keep us current on our donations to other benevolence organizations. In October I had to pull \$20,000.

The issue this year is the economy. When people have to spend the extraordinary amounts for gas and groceries that we are paying now, there is not as much left over for donations. We do recognize this and are making plans accordingly. The general funds donations this year as of September 30th are \$74,595 compared to last year at this time of \$137,806. That is a difference of -\$63,211 which explains the need to draw \$55,000 from Money Market.

We are, as of September 30th, operating under our budgeted amount by over \$6,000.

For most people right now, there is just not a lot to give. We have more funds in the Money Market account and in the general funds investment account. We will use them as sparingly as we can because they are not bottomless.

We are moving slowly and carefully into social media to attempt to let more people know that we are here and would love to have them visit (thank you Robert). We (thank you Ginger) are keeping our Facebook page up to date with current information. Eric is keeping the sign up to date (thank you Eric).

So many of you are so generous, not only financially but with your time and talents as well. This church has always thrived on service and community. That does not change due to the economy, even if it has to be scaled back. Thank you to all of you on Altar Guild, Doug for all he does to maintain our facility, Jim and Karen for their help in the kitchen and with pulpit, Jack for pulpit and bible studies, and all of the rest of you who do so much for our events and the everyday operations of our church. A sincere thank you for your service.

So here is what we are doing in addition to trying to expand our exposure to the public. The budget for 2023 is going to be based on the fact that donations are decreased.

- Salaries are remaining the same as they have been.
- Expenses are being cut drastically and any budgeted items that are not strictly necessary are going to be dropped.
- In this new reality of finances, we need to drastically cut our budgeted benevolence donations. We will not forget them, we are just not going to be budgeting general funds for most of them.

• We will continue to support the Northern Great Lakes Synod, Lutheran World Relief, and Lutheran Disaster, as promised.

I will be adding a chart to the bulletin portion of the worship guides to keep you better informed as to where we are financially.

- It will list weekly donations as they occur and as I get the reports.
- There will be a monthly report after I close the books for each month.
- This report will be listed in the bulletin and the newsletters.
- The newsletter will also contain more reports and a status update on a quarterly basis as I finish the quarterly financial statements.

We do have several methods of giving:

- The envelope books are in a basket on the counter in the narthex. There is a list next to them for you to record your number and name. And thank you Judy and all of the counters for all you do.
- Weekly passing of the offering plate
- Vanco monthly automatic payments available (see me if interested)
- IRA direct donation. If you donate from your IRA, please make sure the investment company lists on the check or check stub that it is from an IRA. There is an income tax benefit to giving that way.

Budget Comparison Statement (General Fund) For the Nine Months Ended, September 30, 2022

	Jan - Sep 22	Budget	\$ Over Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Contribution Income			
4100 · General Fund Contributions	74,595.40	104,999.99	-30,404.59
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	74,595.40	104,999.99	-30,404.59
6000 · Other Income 6700 · Reimbursements & Other			
Income	910.61		
Total 6000 · Other Income	910.61		
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	-3,353.01		
Total Income	72,153.00	104,999.99	-32,846.99
Expense			
6999 · Budgeted Expenses			
7000 · Administrative Expenses	34,814.73	35,830.46	-1,015.73
7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted	11,864.00	15,374.98	-3,510.98
7400 · Learning	•	862.51	-862.51
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	68,629.16	69,082.51	-453.35
7800 · Witness	1,036.00	1,125.00	-89.00
7900 · Worship	8,570.22	8,681.23	-111.01
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	124,914.11	130,956.69	-6,042.58

And the overall revenue and expense, including general funds and restricted funds report showing January through September 2020 vs 2021.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church Comparative Statement of Revenues & Expense for All Funds For the Nine Months Ended, September 30, 2022 & 2021

	Jan - Sep 22	Jan - Sep 21
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Contribution Income	98,260.03	158,691.52
6000 · Other Income	910.61	1,021.07
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	-5,492.71	3,528.70
Total Income	93,677.93	163,241.29
Expense		
6999 · Budgeted Expenses		
7000 · Administrative Expenses	35,213.17	34,053.90
7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted	11,864.00	13,874.00
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	68,629.16	67,528.81
7800 · Witness	1,036.00	1,142.00
7900 · Worship	8,510.46	3,979.84
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	125,252.79	120,578.55
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses		
8100 · Unbudgeted, Benevolence	31,226.60	23,584.82
8200 · Unbudgeted, Special Items	6,623.20	3,381.43_
Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	37,849.80	26,966.25
Total Expense	163,102.59	147,544.80
Net Ordinary Income	-69,424.66	15,696.49
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense	157.61	28.75
Net Other Income	-157.61	-28.75
Net Income	-69,582.27	15,667.74

This year more than the past several years, it is extremely important for as many of you as possible to attend the annual meeting on January 29, 2023. We will be reviewing the budget and the end-of-year financials as always. But I want to stress that we need your input on the budget.

So there we are. It's not all bad and yet not all good. Again, thank you for your generosity both financial and in service.

Respectfully submitted, Jean Maines Treasurer

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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
9 AM Worship Service		5 pm Bible Study		Thanksgiving Dinner 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM		
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irthdays this month:	

2^{nd}	JoAnn Kehl	12 th	12 th Tom Simon
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 5 th	Barb Maines	24 th	24 th Dan Simcox
e^{th}	Tom Adsit	28 th	Larry Stephenson
 11th	11th Bill Lundin		

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			9 AM Quilting			Christmas Eve Worship Service
9 AM Worship Service		5 PM Bible Study	3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		4 PM
25	26	27		29	30	31
9 AM Worship Service			3.45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		

December Birthdays

15th				
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10th Michael Krieck	10^{th}	Mary Sutor	17 th	Ginger Eade
	10^{th}	Michael Krieck		