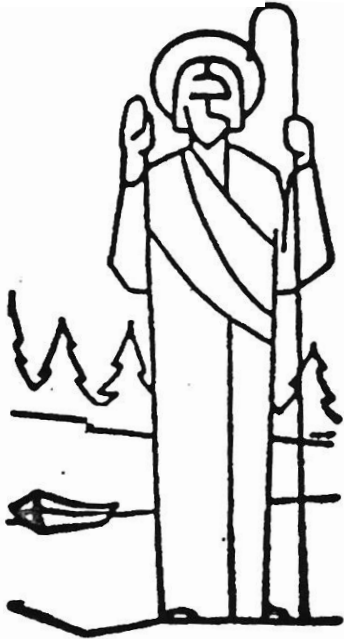


September Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Worship Service:
Sunday 9:00 AM
Wednesday 6:00 PM

*EMPOWERED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND ROOTED IN THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE A LOVING
COMMUNITY THAT FOLLOWS JESUS, AND SEEKS TO HEAR THE WORD OF GOD
AND PRACTICE IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.*

Ministers: The People of the Parish
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Council President: Mike Pockat: Home 715-892-4488
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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:

Tuesdays As Needed

Wednesdays 9 AM – Noon and 3 PM – 5 PM

(Worship Services at 6 p.m.)

Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM

Friday 9 AM - 1 PM

Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Friday)
Oct 2023	12 th	13 th
Nov 2023	16 th	17 th
Dec 2023	14 th	15 th

Please E-mail articles to:

secretary@sotlsayner.com

Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am and Wednesday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

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 www.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

A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.
—Luke 2:32

If we could look through mighty telescopes or listen to electronic soundings, we could hear and see the metallic stars which both Russia and America have put into space in the past years. None of these synthetic stars have brought peace to the world. But God's star promised peace to the whole world, if man would believe and trust.

Too often man's synthetic stars bring fear and anxiety. Our gadget-filled paradise, suspended in a hell of international insecurity, certainly does not offer us the happiness of which the last century dreamed.

But there is still a star in the sky. There is still a song in the air. And Jesus Christ is alive. He is with us, a living presence, to conquer despair, to impart hope, to forgive sins, and to take away our loneliness and reconcile us to God.

<https://billygraham.org/devotion/a-living-presence/>



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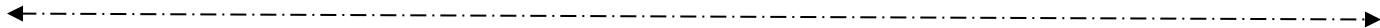
Please continue to save cancelled stamps throughout the year.
There is a collection box on the coat room shelf.

Thank You!

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

Lutheran World Relief NATH
Humane Society of Vilas County
Vilas Co. Food Pantry Caritas
Benjamin & Adelyn Braunel – Fortune Lake Scholarships



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.

Dates:

October 18, 2023
November 15, 2023

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

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.



Results of Special Congregational Meeting Held on Sept. 10th

Many people spoke both for and against beginning the process to withdraw from the ELCA at this meeting.

The ballot read as follows:

Should Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church take the steps required to terminate our relationship with the ELCA in accordance with the procedure outlined in Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 of our Constitution that was approved by the Northern Great Lakes Synod on April 1, 1996.

YES to Terminate

NO Do not terminate

Results of the voting were 74 YES votes and 10 NO votes.

What this vote does is open the door to discussion and research on whether or not to leave the ELCA and do research on which other Lutheran Synod the church would affiliate with if the decision is made to leave the ELCA. These are the steps that our constitution requires us to take to begin the process. There will be more Question & Answer Sessions and monthly updates from the Church Council on what is happening in the process. Stay tuned for more information.

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RECIPE CORNER

From “Feast at the Shepherd’s Table”: recipe from Florence Brooker

Angie’s Hot Dish

1 lb. Hamburger
1 small Onion, diced
1 Tbsp. Soy Sauce
½ Cup Regular Rice

1 (10 ¾ oz) Can Cr. Of Mushroom Soup
1 Can (Soup can) of Water
Salt & Pepper

Brown Meat & onion, adding salt and pepper to taste. Add remaining ingredients. Bake in a casserole at 400° for 1 hour.



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**A kindergarten teacher** was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

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## CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School meets every Wednesday, from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is for children ages 4 to Grade 8. If there is interest, there will be a light dinner available after church school, before our Wednesday evening service, beginning at 6 p.m. We invite you all to join us!  
For more information, please call (715) 542-4049



### Prayer Concerns

#### **Pray for those dealing with current issues:**

LuAnn, Graham, Phyllis, Bob, Beth, Craig, David, Marcia, John, Ericka, Jon, and Lloyd

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

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody

#### **Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, and Noah

#### **Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:**

Elisabeth

#### **Pray for the families of those who have passed:**

*Please email Bill at [pastor@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or text to 715-617-6477 or email Sharon at [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto: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, you must 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 (treasurer@SOTLSayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

*Mrs. Smart was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.*

*The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"*

*"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."*



### **CARITAS URGENT DONATION PLEA:**

Caritas-Minocqua, serves Vilas and Oneida counties by distributing funds to those in urgent and immediate need of assistance. They are currently experiencing a very high level of need and are in urgent need of donations to continue their work in assisting our community members that are desperate for help. They have two anonymous donors that have offered to match donations, each matching up to \$5,000. Donate now and have your gift matched dollar for dollar! There are pink envelopes available in the Narthex for your donations.

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

### **WELCA**

WELCA meets 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.

### **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES BEGINS IN OCTOBER**

Tuesday Bible Study will begin on October 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3 p.m. Sessions will be held twice monthly, on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Please contact Jack Carlson at 612-889-1250 if you have any questions.

*A mother was concerned about her kindergarten son, Timmy, walking to school. He didn't want his mother to walk with him. She wanted to give him the feeling that he had some independence, yet know that he was safe.*

*Her neighbor learned about the mother's dilemma and offered to follow the young boy to school in the mornings, staying at a distance, so he probably wouldn't notice her.*

*"I'm up early with my toddler anyway; it will be a good way for us to get some exercise as well," said the neighbor. The relieved mother agreed.*

*The next school day, the neighbor and her little girl set out following behind Timmy as he walked to school with another neighbor boy he knew. She did this for the whole week.*

*As the boys walked and chatted, kicking stones and twigs, Timmy's little friend noticed the same lady was following them as she seemed to do every day all week. Finally, he said to Timmy, "Have you noticed that lady following us to school all week? Do you know her"?*

*Timmy nonchalantly replied, "Yeah, I know who she is."*

*The friend said, "Well, who is she"?*

*"That's just Shirley Goodnest," Timmy replied. "And her daughter Marcy."*

*"Shirley Goodnest? Who the heck is she and why is she following us"?*

*"Well," Timmy explained. "Every night, my mom makes me say the 23rd Psalm with my prayers, because she worries about me so much. And in the Psalm, it says, 'Shirley Goodnest and Marcy shall follow me all the days of my life,' so I guess I'll just have to get used to it!"*



# **Information on Augsburg Lutheran Churches (ALC)**

## **HISTORY:**

- ALC is a 501c3 tax exempt organization classified as a church and allows its congregational members to use its tax-exempt number.
- ALC was formed in the aftermath of the 1999 vote of the ELCA Churchwide Assembly which capitulated to the demands of the Episcopal Church USA that required the historic episcopate (the ordination of bishops in direct succession to the Apostle Peter) as a stipulation of church unity. Said requirement is in direct violation of Article Seven of the Augsburg Confession.
- ALC has modeled itself after the American Lutheran Church, which was one of the three church bodies that merged into the ELCA in 1989.
- While ALC was initially part of Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), it has always maintained a separate corporate structure and tax-exempt number.
- ALC parted ways with LCMC in 2006. Many of ALC's members remained with LCMC and ALC has remained small – a “micro-synod,” if you will.

## **STRUCTURE:**

- ALC has a nearly flat structure, no hierarchy. Based on the 28<sup>th</sup> Article of the Augsburg Confession, which distinguishes between civil government (the power of the sword) and church government (the authority of the word), Augsburg has two officers: an Executive Director and a Presiding Pastor. They are assisted and advised by an executive council that may expand or contract as needs be. Ultimately, the final authority on legislative matters rests with the membership, and on church matters rests with the word of God.
- The Executive Director deals with the administrative matters of the body, decides on membership and various qualifications, and presides at the various gatherings of the body when it handles legislative matters. The Executive Director wields the power of the sword – that is, the power to coerce behavior through temporal punishments or rewards.
- The Presiding Pastor deals with other pastors, essentially functioning as a pastor to Augsburg's pastors. In this role, the Presiding Pastor offers the counsel and comfort of the Word of God and the advice and wisdom of personal or shared experience. The Presiding Pastor wields the authority of the Word – that is, the Office of the Keys to loosen or to bind sin.

## **MEMBERSHIP:**

- ALC has three sorts of membership: 1) congregational; 2) chapter; 3) individual. ALC does not demand exclusive membership, e.g., all three sorts of membership are permitted (even encouraged) to join other church bodies, congregations, etc. ALC does not require loyalty oaths.
- ALC's congregational membership hovers between five and ten congregations which move in and out of ALC membership as congregational leadership and congregational pastors come and go.
- ALC's chapter membership numbers a dozen or so. Chapters are groups of people who gather, commit to one another, and apply to Augsburg for recognition as a chapter. This group of people may be part of a single congregation, dispersed among several congregations, or separated by various amounts of geographic distance. The chapter's essential purpose is to support one another in the preaching of Jesus Christ and to enjoy the fellowship opportunities available within Augsburg.
- To be an individual member of ALC, you simply ask. As an individual member, you agree with the distinctiveness of being a theologian of the cross and enjoy fellowship with the people of Augsburg. Pastors and preachers, brought into membership through colloquy, are the most prevalent as individual members.

## **ACTIVITIES:**

- ALC has made several commitments: 1) theological education; 2) chaplains; 3) promotion of the historic faith; 4) promotion of fellowship opportunities.
- The Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT) is Augsburg's designated seminary. ALC was critically involved in ILT's formation, it provides several faculty members, financial and prayer support, and it recruits students to ILT's educational programs.
- Many of the students ALC recruits enter the military chaplaincy program. Augsburg provides the director for ILT's chaplaincy program, and it provides an endorsing agent for the graduates of that program.
- In promoting the historic faith, ALC supports the German-Lutheran Ministerium (a group that preserves German language worship and preaching). ALC has recently begun investigating and promoting the Nordic Lutheran tradition.
- ALC provides fellowship opportunities; two formal and several informal. ALC's formal fellowship opportunities are its Chaplaincy Training event in January and its Pastor's Conference in September. Several informal events occur when its members come together to enjoy one another's company while they attend gatherings of other church bodies or organizations. ALC is also the organizing force behind "*Societas Crucis*," a fellowship of theologians of the cross (TOC); this fellowship gathers TOC without regard to their church body status or membership.

## **BENEFITS:**

- There are two primary benefits in becoming a member of Augsburg Lutheran Churches: its people and its theology. ALC provides its members with fellowship on a regional and national level. This fellowship is that deep sort of community that comes when people know the truth about themselves: they are sinners yet nevertheless redeemed by Jesus Christ. Augsburg's theological commitments are singly and alone to the sole supremacy of Jesus Christ – that is to say, "Jesus plus nothing equals everything." Recognizing the ultimacy of Jesus Christ relegates all other things to penultimacy. In this recognition, the people of Christ are set free to tend and nurture one another in their families, communities, and creation itself.
- Existing in this freedom, Augsburg members are left to seek out whatever other associations or memberships prove useful to them. Consequently, members of ALC may or may not be members of congregations belonging to other church bodies that offer a different set of benefits, such as pension and medical plans. Some Augsburg members are also members of two or even three other church bodies or organizations.

(Information provided by Pastor Tim Swenson)


# **CHILDRENS CORNER**







# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – SEPT 2023


| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                            | Tuesday | Wednesday                                                         | Thursday                                                               | Friday                        | Saturday |
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|  <b><i>Food pantry</i></b> items needed for this month include: Oral health & cleanliness items, including band-aids, toothpaste, tooth brush, mouthwash, dental floss, hand soap, handi-wipes, deodorant. |                                                                   |         |                                                                   |                                                                        | 1                             | 2        |
| 3<br>9 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 4<br>LABOR DAY                                                    | 5       | 6<br>Worship Service 6 PM                                         | 7<br>9 AM Text Study                                                   | 8                             | 9        |
| 10<br>9 AM Worship Service<br>Fellowship Brunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 11<br>Bible Study 5:30-8:30                                       | 12      | 13<br>Church School 3:45<br>Worship Service 6 PM                  | 14 <b>NEWSLETTER<br/>ARTICLES DUE</b><br>WELCA 1 pm<br>9 AM Text Study | 15                            | 16       |
| 17<br>9 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 18<br>Bible Study 5:30-8:30                                       | 19      | 20<br>Quilting 9 am<br>Church School 3:45<br>Worship Service 6 PM | 21<br>9 AM Text Study                                                  | 22<br>Blood Drive Noon – 4 pm | 23       |
| 24<br>9 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 25<br>Canceled due to Illness<br><del>Bible Study 5:30-8:30</del> | 26      | 27<br>Church School 3:45<br>Worship Service 6 PM                  | 28<br>9 AM Text Study                                                  | 29                            | 30       |

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** 9/2 Dixie Barber  
 9/5 Will Maines  
 9/20 Tammy Meissner  
 9/25 Carol LaCharite  
 9/6 Bruce Gust  
 9/21 Roger DeWitt  
 9/26 LuAnn Brentlinger

9/3 Susie Seehafer and Gary Heeler  
 9/7 Kathy Helge, Jack Carlson and  
 Judy Bernhardt

9/4 Carolynn Brink  
 9/8 Graham McKay & Andy McKay  
 9/24 George LaCharite

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – OCT 2023

| Sunday                                             | Monday | Tuesday                    | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Thursday                                                            | Friday | Saturday |
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| 1<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                      | 2      | 3                          | 4<br><br>3:45 PM Children's Classes<br>6 pm Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 5<br><br>9 AM Text Study                                            | 6      | 7        |
| 8<br><br>9 AM Worship Service<br>Fellowship Brunch | 9      | 10<br><br>Bible Study 3 pm | 11<br><br>3:45 PM Children's Classes<br>6 pm Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 12<br><br><b>NEWSLETTER<br/>ARTICLES DUE</b><br><br>9 AM Text Study | 13     | 14       |
| 15<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                     | 16     | 17                         | 18<br><br>3:45 PM Children's Classes<br>6 pm Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 19<br><br>9 AM Text Study                                           | 20     | 21       |
| 22<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                     | 23     | 24<br><br>Bible Study 3 pm | 25<br><br>3:45 PM Children's Classes<br>6 pm Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 26<br><br>9 AM Text Study                                           | 27     | 28       |
| 29<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                     | 30     | 31                         |  <p><b><i>Food pantry</i></b> items needed for the month of October:<br/>Hair &amp; Nails items including comb, brush, shampoo, hair spray,<br/>scrunches, barrettes, toenail clippers, emery boards.<br/>Please place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p> |                                                                     |        |          |

**Birthdays this month:**

|   |                     |    |                |    |                 |    |               |
|---|---------------------|----|----------------|----|-----------------|----|---------------|
| 1 | Don Bauer           | 9  | Frankie Will   | 25 | Wendy Brewer    | 29 | Penny Zobel   |
| 4 | Bill Sima           | 9  | Ken Beier      | 25 | Cheryl Kazda    | 29 | Beth Von Ende |
| 7 | Don Dixon           | 10 | Teresa Poole   | 25 | Jeanne Kroll    |    |               |
| 7 | Tina Wendorf        | 12 | Darrell Smith  | 26 | Dick Kloepfer   |    |               |
| 8 | Carol Gebhardt      | 16 | Lolly Kloepfer | 27 | Adelyn Thompson |    |               |
| 8 | Kenneth Van Zeeland | 17 | Lloyd Andersen | 27 | Pat Lichter     |    |               |