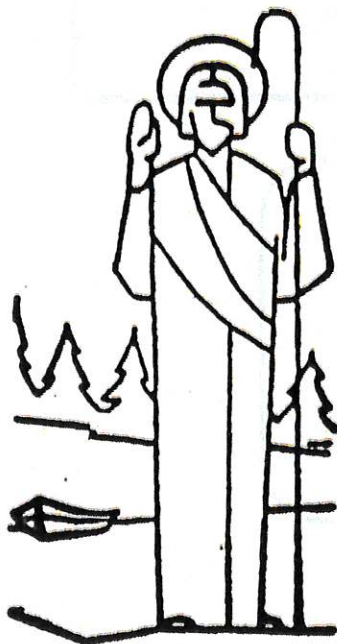


March Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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
Pastor William Wendorf: Cell 715-617-6477
Council President: Mike Pockat: Home 715-892-4488
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On the World Wide Web:
www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
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Office Hours

Pastor Bill'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

Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Friday)
April 2024	11 th	12 th
May 2024	9 th	10 th
June 2024	13 th	14 th

Please E-mail articles or information on
upcoming events to:
secretary@sotlsayner.com

Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am and Wednesday Evening at 6:00 p.m.
Lenten Soup Suppers begin at 5:15, followed by Service at 6 pm

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/>



POSTAGE STAMPS

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

*There was a teacher who was helping one of her kindergarten students put his boots on.
He asked for help and she could see why.
With her pulling and him pushing, the boots still didn't want to go on.
When the second boot was finally on, she had worked up a sweat.
She almost whimpered when the little boy said, "Teacher, they're on the wrong feet."
She looked, and sure enough, they were.
It wasn't any easier pulling the boots off than it was putting them on.
She managed to keep her cool as together they worked to get the boots back on -- this time
on the right feet.
He then announced, "These aren't my boots."
She bit her tongue rather than get right in his face and scream,
"Why didn't you say so?" like she wanted to.
Once again, she struggled to help him pull the ill-fitting boots off.
He then said, "They're my brother's boots. My Mom made me wear them."
The teacher didn't know if she should laugh or cry.
She mustered up the grace to wrestle the boots on his feet again.
She said, "Now, where are your mittens?"
He said, "I stuffed them in the toes of my boots."*

**Thank
You!**

Thank you notes received from:
Lutheran World Relief NATH
Humane Society of Vilas County
Vilas Co. Food Pantry Caritas

←-----→
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.

QUILTING

Dates:

March 20th
April 17th
May 15th

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

Update on Disaffiliation from the ELCA

After much discussion, many committee meetings, two Special Congregational Meetings and two votes by the congregation, Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church has now separated from the ELCA. A vote was taken at another Special Congregation Meeting and the decision was made to immediately align with both:

Augsburg Lutheran Churches - <https://www.augsburglutheranchurches.org/>

AND

Lutheran Congregations in Mission to Christ (LCMC).

As of today, we have been accepted, and are currently members of Augsburg Lutheran Churches. However, our membership request to join Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC) has been declined without any reason given. Therefore, it is the council's unanimous recommendation that we move forward and hold a special congregational meeting to vote on joining North American Lutheran Church (NALC) on Sunday March 17th following worship. Brochures and other constitutional and confessional information will be printed out and available to pick up on Sunday March 10th. Please plan on attending this meeting.

You are also encouraged to visit their website at: <https://thenalc.org>

RECIPE CORNER

From "Feast at the Shepherd's Table": recipe from Jill Lemke (Linda Orth)

CREAM CHEESE BARS

2 pkgs Pillsbury Crescent Rolls
1 cup sugar
1 egg, separated

2 (8 oz) pkgs cream cheese
1 tsp vanilla

Line a 9 x 13 pan with one package of crescent rolls. Mix together the cream cheese, sugar, vanilla and egg yolk. Spread on top of crescent rolls in pan. Top with second package of crescent rolls. Brush egg white on top and sprinkle with sugar. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.



Prayer Concerns



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Deb, Brian, Jim & Wendy, Tom & Nancy, Ruth, Judy & Bob, Brooks, and Emma

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody, Ericka, Bob B., Graham

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:

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 Pastor Bill or another church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family.

Please notify Pastor Bill at 715-617-6477 pastor@SOTLsayner.com or
Email Jean Maines at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com if you need prayers for any reason.

The Wise Men were truly wise men. They stopped and asked for directions.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, March 17th at 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Bible Study will be held at 3 p.m. Sessions will be held twice monthly, on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Discussions and videos will be based on the series "*The Chosen*". Please contact Jack Carlson at 612-889-1250 if you have any questions.

A little boy was afraid of the dark. One night his mother told him to go out to the back porch and bring her the broom.

The little boy turned to his mother and said, "Mama, I don't want to go out there. It's dark."

The mother smiled reassuringly at her son.

"You don't have to be afraid of the dark," she explained.

"Jesus is out there. He will look after you and protect you."

The little boy looked at his mother real hard and asked, "Are you sure he's out there?"

"Yes, I'm sure. He is everywhere, and he is always ready to help you when you need him," she said.

The little boy thought about that for a minute and then went to the back door and cracked it a little. Peering out into the darkness, he called, "Jesus? If you're out there, would you please hand

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School meets every Wednesday, from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m.

This is for children ages 4 to Grade 7. We invite you all to join us for our

Wednesday Evening Mid-week service at 6:00 p.m.!

For more information, please call (715) 542-4049

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Following is the schedule for Holy Week Services:

Wednesday, March 27th (No soup supper)

Community Healing Service at 6 pm

Thursday, March 28th

Maundy Thursday Service at 6 pm

Friday, March 29th

Good Friday Service at 6 pm

Saturday, March 30th

Easter Vigil, 5:30 pm

Sunday, March 31st

Easter Breakfast at 7:30 am

Easter Service at 9 am

Fellowship to follow

TREASURER'S NOTES:

A warm hello to all of you. It has really been a strange winter.

For those of you who were not at the annual meeting in January, I wanted to give you a brief review of where we ended 2023 financially. It was a most extraordinary year for Shepherd. I've never seen a positive net income for our end-of-year numbers. Your generosity once again humbles me. The first report shows just the numbers for the budgeted general fund monies. The second includes all funds in addition to the general funds.

Note: The "Net Ordinary Income" is the actual net of income and expense and for the first time ever we ended up taking in more than we spent. As you can see in the Total Expense number, even though we spent \$6,182.41 of general funds that were not budgeted, we were still within a few thousand dollars of budgeted funds.

Budget Comparison Statement (General Fund) For the Twelve Months Ended, December 31, 2023

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Contribution Income	182,324.25	120,000.00
6000 · Other Income	817.00	
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	<u>2,127.16</u>	
Total Income	185,268.41	120,000.00
Expense		
6999 · Budgeted Expenses	158,929.68	162,601.00
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>6,182.41</u>	
Total Expense	<u>165,112.09</u>	<u>162,601.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	20,156.32	-42,601.00
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense	<u>46,455.26</u>	
Net Other Income	<u>-46,455.26</u>	
Net Income	<u><u>-26,298.94</u></u>	<u><u>-42,601.00</u></u>

This next report of income and expense comparison between 2023 and 2022 shows that it was a whole new story in 2023. There is a difference in the Net Ordinary Income between the first report and the second. This is due to the fact that the second report includes all of the restricted benevolence and building funds in addition to the general funds and again the other expense is depreciation.

**Comparative Statement of Revenues & Expense for All Funds
For the Twelve Months Ended, December 31, 2023**

	<u>Jan - Dec 23</u>	<u>Jan - Dec 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Contribution Income		
4100 · General Fund Contributions	172,292.96	141,556.40
4190 · In-Kind Donations	4,031.29	
4200 · Benevolence	25,041.90	20,886.88
4400 · Other Restricted Funds	12,180.72	10,676.75
4500 · Designated - Building Fund	490.00	578.00
4600 · Memorials	735.00	105.00
5000 · IRA Contributions	6,400.00	3,328.02
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	<u>221,171.87</u>	<u>177,131.05</u>
6000 · Other Income		
6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income	817.00	1,064.61
Total 6000 · Other Income	<u>817.00</u>	<u>1,064.61</u>
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	<u>3,868.00</u>	<u>-3,066.02</u>
Total Income	<u>225,856.87</u>	<u>175,129.64</u>
Expense		
6999 · Budgeted Expenses	159,050.53	162,116.94
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>32,927.66</u>	<u>43,650.80</u>
Total Expense	<u>191,978.19</u>	<u>205,767.74</u>
Net Ordinary Income	33,878.68	-30,638.10
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense	<u>46,455.26</u>	<u>47,012.24</u>
Net Other Income	<u>-46,455.26</u>	<u>-47,012.24</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-12,576.58</u></u>	<u><u>-77,650.34</u></u>

A lot slower in this past January. This is typical for this time of year when we are all paying off Christmas costs and have a little less to give. It is also typical for the winter months when a lot of our members and friends are staying somewhere a little warmer!

**Consolidated Statement of Revenue & Expense, All Funds
For the One Month Ended, January 31, 2024**

	<u>Jan 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Contribution Income	
4100 · General Fund Contributions	7,557.00
4200 · Benevolence	708.00
4500 · Designated - Building Fund	<u>25.00</u>
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	8,290.00
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	<u>-39.86</u>
Total Income	8,250.14
Expense	
6999 · Budgeted Expenses	13,203.23
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>708.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>13,911.23</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-5,661.09</u>
Net Income	<u><u>-5,661.09</u></u>

Now that I'm through the busiest part of tax season at work, I will try to put a monthly report in the newsletters and the bulletins. In case you are counting with me.....13 weeks yet to go until my retirement. That will certainly free up some time to keep you up to date on church financial matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Maines
Treasurer

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Romans 1-4

Monday: Romans 5-8

Tuesday: Romans 9-11

Wednesday: Romans 12-16

Thursday: Proverbs 1-3

Friday: Proverbs 4-7

Saturday: Psalms 19-21

Verse to Remember

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, ... nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

—Romans 8:38-39 NIV

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PLEASANT
POVERTY
PROTECT
REBUKE
SLEEP
SON
TEACHING
TONGUE
WALK
WISDOM
YOUTH

PROVERBIAL WORDS

Find and circle the words listed in the column to the left in the WORD SEARCH grid to the far left. These words are all taken from Proverbs 1-7 of the readings this week. Remember to look for words vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward and backward.

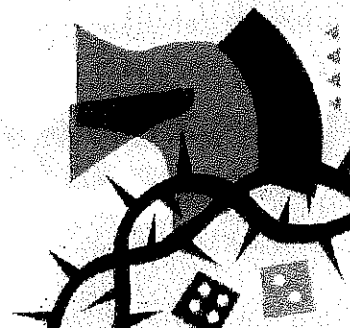
BUSINESS CARD

Can you match the name and job title that might have appeared on the business card of these people in the Bible? For example, Peter/ Fisherman.

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| 1. Nehemiah | A. Priest |
| 2. Luke | B. Carpenter |
| 3. Amos | C. Cupbearer |
| 4. Matthew | D. Cloth seller |
| 5. Lydia | E. Physician |
| 6. Joseph | F. Shepherd |
| 7. Paul | G. Tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. Tailor |
| 9. Tabitha | I. Silversmith |
| 10. Demetrius | J. Soldier |
| 11. Eli | K. Tentmaker |

ANSWERS:
1C, 2E, 3F,
4G, 5D, 6B,
7K, 8J, 9H,
10I, 11A

SECOND SUNDAY



IN LENT

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Leviticus 1-4

Monday: Leviticus 5-7

Tuesday: Leviticus 8-10

Wednesday: Leviticus 11-13

Thursday: Leviticus 14-16

Friday: Leviticus 17-19

Saturday: Psalms 22-24

Verse to Remember

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house
of the LORD my whole life long. —Psalm 23:6*

1. thumb, hornet, earth _____
2. little, leg, casserole _____
3. rites, straw, word _____
4. hat, elephant, knight _____
5. arrest, plant, fly _____
6. frame, perfect, this _____
7. jacket, fever, journalism _____
8. weight, tiger, mache _____
9. picker, bomb, tomato _____
10. ahead, line, away _____
11. saucer, buttress, squirrel _____
12. association, fall, born _____
13. friend, scout, Friday _____
14. eye, house, blower _____
15. digger, dust, coast _____

ADD a WORD

Directions: Add one word to the beginning of each word in the series to create a phrase. For example, to the words **alert**, **carpet** and **herring**, you could insert the word **red** to create **red alert**, **red carpet** and **red herring**. Write the word that is common to all in the space provided.

MATH SHAPES

Directions: Determine the value of each shape.

$$\bigcirc \times \square = 12$$

$$\square + \square = 8$$

$$\bigcirc + \diamond = 10$$

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$$\square = ? \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\diamond = ? \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



Answers

1. green
2. chicken
3. last
4. white
5. house
6. picture
7. yellow
8. paper
9. cherry
10. straight
11. flying
12. free
13. girl
14. glass
15. gold

MATH

SHAPES:

$\bigcirc = 3$; $\square = 4$;
 $\diamond = 7$

Sunday: Leviticus 20-23
Monday: Leviticus 24-27
Tuesday: Mark 1-3
Wednesday: Mark 4-6
Thursday: Mark 7-10
Friday: Mark 11-13
Saturday: Psalms 25-28

VOW TO FIND A VOWEL!

Directions: We'll not only give you a vowel, but we'll give you a lot of them. The words in this brain-cruncher have vowels in unusual arrangements. See if you can guess the words from the clues provided. Find the secret message by transferring the circled letters to the appropriate spaces. Remember that the circled letter may be a vowel.

1. Brave: E O U
2. A dark profile: O U E
3. Circular: O U
4. Running away: E E
5. Savage, fierce: I O U
6. Strange, odd: U A I
7. A person from the 50th state: A I A
8. Compress, push together: U E E
9. A large tree in California: U I A
10. Paddling in a small, narrow boat: O E I
11. Upright, moral and righteous: U O U
12. Lining up in a row: U E U
13. Gorgeous: E A U E U
14. Precipitation: A I

Secret Message:
Write here in the
space provided.


March 2024						
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RIDDLE

A family lives in a large tower apartment building, 10 floors high. Every day, their son takes the elevator from the family's apartment on the 10th floor to the ground floor and goes to school. When he returns in the afternoon, he uses the elevator to get to the fifth floor, and then uses the stairs for the remaining five floors. Why?

ANSWERS: 1. courageous; 2. silhouette; 3. round; 4. fleeing; 5. vicious; 6. quaint; 7. Hawaiian; 8. queue-ze; 9. sequoia; 10. canoing; 11. virtuous; 12. queuing; 13. beauteous; 14. rain. **Secret Message:** CHRIST IS SAVIOR. Riddle: Because the little kid cannot reach buttons higher than 5.


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – MARCH 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of March: Boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxed rice, or boxed noodle dishes. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.						
3 9 AM Worship Service	4	5	6 3:45 PM Church School 5:15 Soup Supper 6 pm Worship Service	7 9 AM Text Study	8	9
10 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	11	12	13 3:45 PM Church School 5:15 Soup Supper 6 pm Worship Service	14 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study	15	16
17 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	18	19	20 3:45 PM Church School 5:15 Soup Supper 6 pm Worship Service	21 9 AM Text Study	22	23
24 10:30 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Palm Sunday Worship Service	24	26	27 Community Healing Worship Service 6 pm	28 9 AM Text Study Maundy Thursday Worship Service 6 pm	29 Good Friday Worship Service 6 pm	30 Easter Vigil 5:30 pm
31 Easter Breakfast 7:30 am Easter Sunday Service 9 am Fellowship to Follow						

Birthdays:

1	Alison Pieters	3	Nancy Horve	8	Perie Villani
14	Cathy Williamson	16	Elaine Kuhlman	17	Diane Erpenbach
20	Roxanne Gruenwald	21	Nancy Adsit	28	Dick Neitzel
28	Marsha Kriek				

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – APRIL 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	Betsy Tarkowski Celebration of Life Visitation 10 am Service 11 am
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Church School	9 AM Text Study		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch			3:45 PM Church School	9 AM Text Study		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM Worship Service			Quilting 9 am 3:45 PM Church School	9 AM Text Study		
28	29	30	31	9 AM Text Study		
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Church School			
<div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Food pantry items needed for the month of April: Canned or boxed soups, crackers, canned spaghetti, mac 'n cheese, hash, etc.</p> <p>Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p> </div> </div>						

Birthdays this month:

1	David Penn	2	Dee Burlingame	7	Jim Carter	7	Ken Horve
7	Harper McKay	9	Barb Steinhilber	9	Adam Sima	11	Megan Biedermann
11	Richard Von Ende	12	Denise Simon	14	Evelyn Ahlborn	15	Lisa Scheel
20	Arlene Dreyfus	20	Tom Pierce	25	Jan DeWitt		

