

Nov/Dec Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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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

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On the World Wide Web:
www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Council President Mike Pockat at 715-892-4488 or Council Vice-President Sharon Rice at 715-891-0259.

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 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.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, December 7, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.
No Council meeting in November!

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

Generous Givers

After reviewing all God had already done throughout our church's history, leaders presented the congregation with a proposal for a new gym to help us better serve our community. The leadership team announced they'd be the first to sign pledge notes to fund this construction. I initially prayed with a heart soured by selfishness, not wanting to offer more money than we had already committed to give. Still, my husband and I agreed to pray for the ongoing project. While considering all God continued providing for us, we eventually decided on a monthly offering. The combined gifts of our church family paid for the entire building.

Grateful for the many ways God's used that gym for community events since we celebrated opening its doors for ministry, I'm reminded of another generous giver – King David. Though the Lord didn't choose him to build his temple, David invested all his resources to the project (*1 Chronicles 29: 1-5*) The leaders under him and the people they served gave generously too. The king acknowledged all they'd contributed had first been given to them by God – the Creator, Sustainer and Owner of everything.

When we recognize God owns it all, we can commit to grateful, generous, and faithful giving for the benefit of others. And we can trust the Lord will provide – and may even use the generosity of others to help us when we're in need.

***Lord, please help us remember You own it all as we commit to giving
You our all, willingly and selflessly.***

God gives first, and he always outgives His most generous givers.

Our Daily Bread, August 2018

This devotion reminds me of the Community Room and the many times it is used by church members and others. We are blessed to have this facility! Sharon B.

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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:

**November 19**

**December 17**

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

For more information, please contact  
Sharon Rice at 715-479-9336 or 715-891-0259

## RECIPE CORNER

From "Feast at the Shepherd's Table"

### **POPPY SEED CAKE**

Barb Maines

$\frac{3}{4}$  Cups Poppy Seeds  
4 tsps. Baking Powder  
3 lg. egg whites

$\frac{3}{4}$  Cup Milk  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  tsp Salt

2  $\frac{1}{4}$  Cup Flour  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Shortening

1  $\frac{1}{2}$  Cup Sugar  
2 tsps. Vanilla

Soak poppy seeds in  $\frac{3}{4}$  Cup Milk for 2 hours. Sift flour, baking powder and salt. Gradually blend in sugar into shortening. Stir in vanilla. Add flour mixture, alternating with milk and poppy seed. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into batter. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes in greased pan.

### Frosting

6 egg yolks

$\frac{3}{4}$  cup sugar

3 Tablespoons Cornstarch

2  $\frac{1}{4}$  Cups Milk

Mix cornstarch and sugar in saucepan. Add milk. Beat egg yolks and stir in. Heat over medium heat, stirring constantly until thick, approximately 10 minutes. Refrigerate.

## **ROCK MINISTRIES**

*From Jack Carlson:*

As Treasurer of Northwoods Share in Eagle River, I work at community dinners at The Rock Ministry in Eagle River every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening at 4:30. SOTL members are welcome to volunteer and attend as we support this mission as part of our benevolence funding at SOTL.

### **ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP**

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

#### **STEP ONE:**

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

#### **STEP TWO:**

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
  2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as Altar Flower Donation.
- Any questions? Contact Jo Ann

# **Thank You!**

#### **THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVE FROM:**

Lutheran World Relief  
ILT (Institute of Lutheran Theology)  
Vilas County Food Pantry  
Matthew Ministries (Pill Bottles)  
Caritas of Eagle River



## **Prayer Concerns**

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

Doug, Graham, Jim C., Dick K, Mary, Brian and, Kamala.

*(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this “current issues” list or moved to “ongoing list”)*

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

Larry, Mary Lou, Ericka, Shelle, Sharon G, Brian, and Ron

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

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Dylan, and David.

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

Elisabeth

### **Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:**

Family of Harold, father of Sharon Geist

Family of Mike Brink, son of Carolynn Brink

Family of Steve Carlberg, husband of Deb Carlberg

Family of Phyllis Andersen, wife of Lloyd Andersen

Family of Sally Vredenburg, sister of Bob Hermanson

### **Special Prayers:**

Please keep our Church Council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we search for a new Shepherd for our Congregation.

*Please email Jean Maines at [jmaines2012@gmail.com](mailto:jmaines2012@gmail.com) or text her at 715-891-3344  
or contact Sharon at [plclerk@gmail.com](mailto:plclerk@gmail.com) or text to 715-892-7049  
if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.*

### **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 a church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify Jean Maines at 715-542-4213 ([jmaines2012@gmail.com](mailto:jmaines2012@gmail.com)) if you need prayers for any reason.

## THANKSGIVING MEAL

Our annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Thursday, November 27, 2025 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. As always, we are working with St. Mary Catholic Church and St. Germain Community Church to present this dinner. We'll let you know how planning goes and may ask for volunteers to peel potatoes this year! Sign-up sheets for helping with the dinner will be put out the first part of November.

*Let love and faithfulness never leave you;  
bind them around your neck,  
write them on the tablet of your heart.  
Then you will win favor and a good name  
in the sight of God and man.*

Proverbs 3:3-4 - NIV

## CONTACT INFO

*In addition to the listed office hours, we are also available anytime by phone!*

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344

Email: [treasurer@sotlsayner.com](mailto:treasurer@sotlsayner.com) or [jmaines2012@gmail.com](mailto:jmaines2012@gmail.com)

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### Office Hours on

**Tuesday from 3 pm – 6 pm**

**Wednesday from Noon – 4**

**Thursday from Noon – 4 pm**

### **PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:**

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Council President Mike Pockat at 715-892-4488 or

Council Vice-President Sharon Rice at 715-891-0259.

## CHURCH SCHOOL

Church school is every Wednesday from 3:45-5 p.m. We would love to see your children – or grandchildren! – join us. The bus will drop them off right here at church. For more information, please contact Karen Carter.

## SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX CAMPAIGN:

The partially filled boxes are available in the Narthex or Chapel area for you to pick up and complete filling. If you choose, there are also empty boxes available in the same area. National Collection Week is November 17-24!

## CALL COMMITTEE

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

|                         |                                  |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Lloyd Andersen          | (715) 892-3513                   |
| Karen Carter            | (715) 542-4049 or (715) 525-1733 |
| Ginger Eade             | (608) 317-9563                   |
| Shawn McCormick         | (715) 605-2552                   |
| Joanne Pierce           | (414) 477-5804                   |
| Charlie Rice – Chairman | (715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336 |

## LOOKING FOR HELP

We continue a search for financial positions here at Shepherd. If you are interested in volunteering for a position as Head Counter or Treasurer, please contact Jean at 715-891-3344 for more information.

- Head Counter would be responsible for supervising the counting team and preparing records for the Financial Secretary.
- Treasurer would need to be comfortable with QuickBooks and accounting. This position is a paid position.

All position applicants need to be able to pass a background check and sign a confidentiality contract.

## CONGREGATIONAL WORKSHOP

**All in the congregation are invited to be a part of a congregational workshop on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is part of the NALC call process, and it will be led by Pastor Tom Reiff. A light lunch will be served.**

## **PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

The Pastor's Discretionary Fund collection has started. There are pink envelopes on the table in the narthex. This program has helped many local individuals and families in the past we are pleased to continue this year. Please contact Council President Mike Pockat with questions.

## **BIBLE STUDY FEATURING "THE CHOSEN" VIDEOS**

Bible study featuring "The Chosen" has started back up on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at 10:00 am – please note the time change.

## **DOUG TARKOWSKI**

We have a request from Doug and his family. Tammy and Kristi have requested privacy at this time, and they ask for no visits or calls. They also want to thank all of you for your many prayers and help in the past few months. Please keep the family in your prayers.



Please extend a warm welcome to the supply ministers who are helping to lead worship while we seek a new pastor.

- Reverend Tom Reiff, Arbor Vitae
- Reverend Glenn Sokolowski, Ladysmith, WI
- Reverend Richard Little, Covington, MI

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – NOV. 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Monday | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                            | Thursday                                                            | Friday | Saturday                                        |
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|  <b>Food pantry</b> items needed for the month of November: Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items. Please place your items in the appropriate containers in the cloak room. |        |                                             |                                                      |                                                                     |        | 1                                               |
| 2<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 3      | 4                                           | 8<br><br>3:45 PM Children's Classes                  | 6<br><br>9 AM Text Study                                            | 7      | 8                                               |
| 9<br><br>9 AM Worship Service<br>Fellowship Brunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 10     | 11<br><br>Bible Study 10 AM<br>"The Chosen" | 12<br><br>3:45 PM Children's Classes                 | 13<br><br>9 AM Text Study                                           | 14     | 15<br><br><b>Workshop with<br/>Pastor Reiff</b> |
| 16<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 17     | 18                                          | 19<br>Quilting 9AM<br><br>3:45 PM Children's Classes | 20<br><br>9 AM Text Study                                           | 21     | 22                                              |
| 23<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 24     | 25<br><br>Bible Study 10 AM<br>"The Chosen" | 26                                                   | 27<br><br><b>Thanksgiving<br/>Community Dinner<br/>11 am – 2 pm</b> | 28     | 29                                              |
| 30<br><br>9 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 31     |                                             |                                                      |                                                                     |        |                                                 |

Birthdays this month:

|    |             |    |                   |    |            |    |                 |
|----|-------------|----|-------------------|----|------------|----|-----------------|
| 2  | Jo Ann Kehl | 5  | Barb Maines       | 6  | Tom Adsit  | 11 | Bill Lundin     |
| 12 | Tom Simon   | 20 | Ellen Van Zeeland | 24 | Dan Simcox | 28 | Larry Stevenson |

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – DEC. 2025

| Sunday                                          | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday                          | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Friday | Saturday |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
|                                                 | 1      | 2       | 3<br>Church School 3:45            | 4<br>9 AM Text Study                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 5      | 6        |
| 7<br>9 AM Worship Service                       | 8      | 9       | 10<br>Church School 3:45           | 11<br>9 AM Text Study                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 12     | 13       |
| 14<br>9 AM Worship Service<br>Fellowship Brunch | 15     | 16      | 17<br>Church School 3:45           | 18<br>9 AM Text Study                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 19     | 20       |
| 21<br>9 AM Worship Service                      | 22     | 23      | 24<br><b>Christmas Eve Service</b> | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 26     | 27       |
| 28<br>9 AM Worship Service                      | 29     | 30      | 31                                 |  <b>Pantry Needs</b><br><i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of Dec:<br>Baking items including sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, brown sugar, powdered sugar, other spices, cookie cutters, cookie decorating items.<br>Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room. |        |          |

Birthdays this month:

|    |                |    |                  |    |               |    |                   |
|----|----------------|----|------------------|----|---------------|----|-------------------|
| 3  | Jim Luebke     | 9  | Cheri Biedermann | 10 | Michael Kriek | 15 | Samantha Thompson |
| 16 | Carolyn Becker | 17 | Ginger Eade      | 28 | Deb Carlberg  |    |                   |