

August 2017 Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America
Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM
June thru August, Saturday Service: 5:30 PM
Fellowship/Coffee: 10:15 AM
Weekday Church School (preschool-grade 5): Wednesdays 4 PM
(Weekday Church School runs from Labor Day to Memorial Day)

*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 DO IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.*



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BILL'S MESSAGE

Growing up in a small farming town, it seemed appropriate that the stained glass windows of the little red brick church we attended had the parable of the sower etched into them.

As I grew older, that parable took on a deeper meaning. Like many churches that were once the center of the community, ours too began to struggle in numbers. People's lives, needs, and priorities were changing, but the church's understanding of mission and ministry wasn't changing fast enough to meet those needs. And I remember people that I had known all my life being frustrated and confused as to why this was all happening. After all, they were doing the same things they did last year, and the year before that, and the year before that... well, you get the picture. All wonderful, good, well-meaning people, but like so many others, struggled to understand the meaning or intent of the very parable that decorated their sanctuary.

Sowing seeds of faith is an activity that requires us to get up and go out, not build it and wait. To walk a path, wherever it may lead, to those in need. To cast the seeds of faith through our own words of hope and encouragement and our acts of love. Trusting that where God chooses, these seeds of faith will grow, and forever change the lives of those blessed with the gift we know as faith, and together with them, yield a hundredfold.

Blessings,

Bill

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First and foremost, I'd like to thank the members of the church council for the excellent work they have been doing this year. Some difficult decisions have been made after thoughtful and prayerful consideration and I personally appreciate their service more than they know!

While on the topic of the church council I'd like to mention that the formation of a nominating committee was brought up at our last meeting. This group would seek members who are willing to share their time and talents by serving on the council. We also discussed the formation of a stewardship committee. More discussion is needed regarding these committees and we will follow through with this in the coming months.

As many of you know, I have made several short presentations recently regarding our support of the ELCA World Hunger Campaign and other missions. Your council has struggled many times to balance the needs of our church (our annual budget) and the many requests for mission support that come to us on a regular basis. This is not an easy task since most of the causes are worthy of our support. Please consider each request prayerfully and contribute to our missions according to your means.

Thank you to all who attended Synod Assembly. This is the first year I attended and I found it to be a very moving experience. I highly recommend that any member who can possibly volunteer to represent Shepherd of the Lakes at this annual event do so at least once. Our representatives are chosen at the annual meeting held in January.

As I close, I'd like to remind you that council meetings are open to the congregation except when personnel matters are discussed and at other times, as determined by the council president. If you are interested in presenting something to the council please contact me in advance so that you can be added to the agenda. The date of the next scheduled meeting now appears in the Sunday bulletin, generally just below the list of the week's events.

Prayerfully yours,
Doug Tarkowski



CIRCLE OF PRAYER

Thursday, July 27th, we will host the annual meeting of the SPP's (Secret Prayer Pals). This is where you will find out who has been praying faithfully for you every day for the past year. You will also draw a new name for whom to pray for the next year. If you have not participated in the past, please consider joining, as it is such a rewarding program! There is no cost; there is but one meeting per year. Join us at 6:30 in the Community Room. If you are so moved, please bring a dish to share.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

Our last community blood drive was a great success! 13 usable pints were collected. Judy Thomas' name was drawn for the gas card. Special thanks to faithful cookie bakers Jan Specht, Elsie Turner, Joan Ebert, and Dee Burlingame! Our next drive here will be on October 6th.

CONCERT

SAVE THE DATE: Bret and Fisk will be performing at a concert for the community on Sunday, August 27, 2017, at 3 PM at The Sayner Pub. Shepherd will be the host for this event. Free-will offerings will be sent to Fortune Lake Lutheran Bible Camp in Crystal Falls, Michigan. A buffet and drinks will be available for a reasonable cost. Invite friends and neighbors to come and enjoy a wonderful Sunday afternoon concert! (Will be held rain or shine.)

PRAYER CONCERNS

Do you or someone you know need prayers? The very first thing you need to do is obtain permission to put the name on our prayer list. Then call Jan Lundin 715-891-2280, 715-337-0458 or jlblundin@gmail.com. (NOTE: January-late April, please use only the 715-891-2280 number or the email address, not the 337 number. Prayers can also be requested thru Bill Wendorf, Barb Cashman or Barb Maines.) We don't need a lot of details but if you provide details to Jan, be assured that they remain confidential. She will pass on the request for prayers without details and all on the prayer chain will pray for that person. The request will also appear in the Sunday bulletin.

- **Prayers requested since the last newsletter:** Evie Ahlborn, Marilyn Walters, Mark & Kathy Helge, Candy Victoria, Susan & Jessica, Tim Tarkowski.
- **Ongoing health issues:** Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Ramona Schaeffel, Lisa Scheel, John Neuman, Betty Abraham, Linda Anderson, Darlene Mursett, Tom Miles, Corey Soberg, Mel Harvey, Alice Grosskreuz, Rich Kysiak, Tim Boman, Darrell Smith, Jessica, Charles Webb, Tim Nampel, Jerry Walters, Barb Maines, Tiffany Boman, Cassie Wiley, Lillian Crall.
- **Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes:** Ginny & Lovell Morris, Marilyn Sheldon, Jackie Larsen, Mel Harvey.
- **Prayers of comfort and hope for those in prisons and those struggling with addictions:** Larry (friend of the Brentlingers), Jamie Goodrum.
- **Prayers for those who serve in our armed forces:** Jeff Hammer, Jeremy Vail, Brian Kriek, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Lance Kangas, Jason Henke, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Mark Wolf.

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 Jan Lundin at 715-891-2280, 715-337-0458 or email jlblundin@gmail.com if you need prayers for any reason. (NOTE: January-late April, please use only the 715-891-2280 number or the email address, not the 337 number. Prayers can also be requested thru Bill Wendorf LLM, Barb Cashman or Barb Maines.)

We have a telephone calling tree with the prayer chain so those without a computer can participate in this ministry. If you would like to be included, your name will be added. Please let Jan know by calling 715-891-2280. An updated list will be mailed to you with a further explanation of how this works.

⦿. Look for ⦿...a Prayer Post at the flower bed 🌸 beneath the bell. If this interests you, join me in this outreach through the summer months. Thank you. Jan Lundin

THANK YOU'S

From Dick & Judy Neitzel: Many thanks to all who helped in any way with this year's Pie and Ice Cream Social. Whether you helped serve, worked in the kitchen, helped with set up or take down, baked pies, or stopped in to enjoy a delicious meal and homemade pie - it is much appreciated. All proceeds will be split between Vital Links and Sight for Children.

From Larry & Elaine Kuhlmann: Thank you to all who donated their time and supplies for this event. We do not have the total dollar amount as of this time. We popped 800 bags of popcorn and only had 163 bags left. The weather was great but the 4th being on a Tuesday, and the weather being great participation was lower. The pretzels all sold thank you ladies who put their time and effort into making them. Thank you again for all the many hands. God's Blessing.

From Margaret Mead at NATH (Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing): Thank you for the \$320 contribution dated May 5, 2017. We appreciate your willingness to support the work we are doing at NATH. Your gift will provide needed support to our mission which is a commitment to ending and preventing homelessness.

From the Anna Kazda family: Sending a big thank you to Pastor Bill and everyone at Shepherd of the Lakes for taking care of our Aunt Anna's funeral and luncheon. You are blessedly amazing! Jaci, Steph, Sarah, and Kendra.

From Anna & Victoria Kessro: Victoria and I would like to thank everyone for their much needed prayers, thoughts, and help during our time of loss. We sincerely appreciate your love and support during this time. Thank you for helping at his service, we appreciate all of your hard work. God Bless.

From Norman & Sue Kessro: Please accept our thanks and gratitude for all that you did for our family. You stepped forward and took care of everything to make this easier for us during this sad time. We will be forever grateful. God Bless!

From the family of Paul Lofy: Your thoughtfulness at this time means more than words can say. Thank you for your kindness.

From Sange Rudell: Greetings, On behalf of the WHC (World Hunger Committee), we would like to thank you for your contribution of \$842.15. It helped to make for a record breaking year of giving.

Thank you's also received from:

From Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp for \$41.67
Caritas for \$41.67

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter below!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
August 2017	10 th	12 th
September 2017	14 th	16 th
October 2017	12 th	14 th
November 2017	9 th	11 th
December 2017	14 th	16 th

Email articles to Barb Cashman at bacashman@gmail.com. Thank you.

You might be Lutheran if . . . you're watching "Star Wars" and when they say, "May the force be with you," you reply, "And also with you."

Noah's Top Ten Quotes (while on the Ark)

10. "Strange! We haven't seen another boat for weeks."
9. "If only I'd brought more rhino litter."
8. "How many times around this place makes a mile?"
7. "I never want to sleep in a waterbed again."
6. "I wonder what my friends are doing now?"
5. "An outboard motor would have made this more exciting."
4. "Fish for supper...again?"
3. "Does anyone have more Dramamine?"
2. "What? You don't have film to photograph that rainbow?"
- #1: "I should have smacked those darn mosquitoes when I had the chance!"

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SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – July 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday								
 Food pantry items needed for the month of July: Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken etc), cake mixes, frosting mixes. Please place items in the appropriate bins in the coat room.						1 5:30 PM Worship Service								
2 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	3	4 Popcorn Give-Away & Soda Sales before and during fireworks	5 9 AM Quilting Group	6 9 AM Text Study	7 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	8 Pie & Ice Cream Social/Picnic 5:30 PM Worship Service								
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** There is no charge for this concert and no ticket required; there will be a free will offering. The concert features the "Madrigal Court Singers" from Holcombe United Methodist Church. A reception will follow the concert.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>A church bulletin announced the coffee hour: "Thirst after righteousness."</i>		1	2	3 9 AM Text Study	4 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	5 5:30 PM Worship Service
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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.

August Birthdays:

Nick Thompson	8 th	Jon Erpenbach	20 th
Joann Pierce	21 st	Sharon Geist	23 rd
Charlyne Perrine	29 th	Shirley Shambo	31 st

Famous Lutherans: Norman Schwartzkopf ---In 1991, Schwartzkopf commanded the successful allied invasion of Iraq in the Persian Gulf War. He retired from the U.S. Army in 1992 as a four-star general.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – September 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of June: Pasta, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, parmesan cheese, boxed pancake mixes.					1 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	2 5:30 PM Worship Service
3 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	4 Labor Day	5	6 9 AM Quilting Group	7 9 AM Text Study	8	9 9 AM Men's Breakfast
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September Birthdays:

3 rd -Susie Seehafer	3 rd – Gary Heeler
4 th - Carolynn Brink	7 th – Kathy Helge
7 th – Judy Bernhardt	16 th – Louise Stroz
23 rd – John Eliason	24 th – George Lacharite
25 th – Carol Lacharite	26 th - LuAnn Brentlinger

*Child's Prayer: "God, make me like my daddy...big and strong and smart."
 Daddy's Prayer: "Lord, make me like my child...obedient, faithful, and trusting."*