

December 2019 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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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:
Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Thursdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Fridays 9 AM to 12 noon

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
December 2019	12 th	14 th
January 2020	16 th	18 th
February 2020	13 th	15 th
March 2020	12 th	14 th
April 2020	16 th	18 th
May 2020	14 th	16 th
June 2020	11 th	13 th
July 2020	16 th	18 th
August 2020	13 th	15 th
September 2020	17 th	19 th
October 2020	15 th	17 th
November 2020	12 th	14 th
December 2020	17 th	19 th

Email articles to Barb Cashman at secretary@SOTLSayner.com.
Thank you.

RECORDED SERMONS: All sermons at Shepherd of the Lakes are now recorded and are available shortly after the service. Go to shepherdofthelakeschurch.org to listen to them at any time.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Reach Out This Christmas
With the
Christmas Poinsettia Ministry

What better way to pay tribute to those we love
than by honoring them with a gift that will help others.

This Christmas season, you can once again make a "poinsettia donation" in memory of, or in honor of, a loved one. Your donation (not the dollar amount) will be acknowledged in the bulletin on Christmas Eve.



All donations will go to:

***Seasons of Life Hospice House and
NATH/Fredrick House (Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing)***

I would like to make a donation of \$ _____ (any amount is welcome)

___ In honor of _____

___ In memory of _____

My Name _____

Please attach a check (payable to Shepherd of the Lakes) or cash to this form and return to the offering plate or church office by December 21. Mailing address for the church is 2903 State Hwy 155, Sayner, WI 54560.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Church Council Notes
Sunday, October 13, 2019

- Ministry report (Bill): 8 visits, 1 Avanti service, Pet Blessing service. Council strongly encouraged to note and greet visitors; in coffee hour, no one should sit alone
- Treasurer's report: attendance up, offerings up. Portico health insurance has increased by 6%; Polka service/fest funds to be reported at next Council meeting
- Pet Blessing service: 21 people, 15 dogs; Karen Petersohn took care of all equipment. Poor weather, little advertising. Sharon to take charge of this event for next year; date for next year to be changed to September 20, 2020 at 4 PM; \$207 donated
- Parish House: sale proceeding, buyers in process of financing; hope to close at end of October; inspection called for new well cap, contractor to do next week; did not pass septic inspection, buyers to take care of, \$1000 credit toward purchase price
- Jeanne Kroll to pursue finding service for total facility deep cleaning
- Sign, landscape plan, new entryways for side doors: actively pursue once Parish House is sold
- Security plan information from Church Mutual: alarm behind altar on hold, to be further discussed at next meeting
- Baptismal font: Mike Everson to have it finished in time for Oct. 20 Baptism, will add wheels for easy mobility
- Sale of hymnals: on hold
- Shelter shingles: Mike Pockat to do in spring
- Snowmobile trail update: Town Board in agreement, Snowmobile club will purchase and install necessary signage as per club president
- Mitten Tree: point person Karen Carter to work with principal at St. Germain Elementary for "wish list", to start immediately after Thanksgiving
- Screens for service: will not proceed until and if technical personnel are in place
- On-line giving: in process, Barb Cashman to have details at next Council meeting
- Bret and Frisk recap: slightly less attendance and offerings; \$1738 donated for youth ministry services; Bet and Frisk contracted for August 30, 2020
- Eagle Scout project: Bill Sima asked for possible projects for candidate in his troop. Suggestions include: Mitten Tree, January Chili supper (to benefit Vilas County Humane Society).
Note: project must be candidate's from start to finish
- Worship time/addition of weekday service: culled information from congregation members, keep Sunday service at 9 AM, midweek service first and third Wednesdays to start January 15, 2020 at 6 PM, use With One Voice hymnals
- Polka service: 102 attended, many stayed for Oktoberfest (proceeds to be announced at next Council meeting)
- secretary to send emails to alert congregation members of up-coming events (in addition to newsletter, bulletin, flyers, newspaper)

Luther discusses attributes of a good preacher: "It is commonly said that these are the three qualifications which mark a good preacher: first, that they stand straight; secondly, that they speak up and say something worthwhile; thirdly, that they know when to stop."

COVERS NEEDED FOR WORSHIP GUIDES

We are in need of more covers for our worship guides, as listed below:

Christ the King Sunday (Nov 24)

Thanksgiving Eve (Nov 27)

Advent (Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 – need one cover only that will be used for all services)

Christmas Eve (Dec 24)

Please turn in any covers you design to Barb Cashman or Bill Wendorf for consideration.

DESK NEEDED

We are in need of a decent lockable desk for the church office. If you have one or know of one available, please contact Barb Cashman.

DEVOTIONS

God's Love

by Elaine Kuhlmann, NGLSWO Board Member

Psalm 100:4 - *For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.*

Learning to cope with life without the one you love can be very hard at times. People say give it time, things will get better, he's in a better place, it was God's will.

I know that God decides when he wants us. My faith gets me through each day, knowing God needed him more than me. My humanness in me is asking why now? Why not later? I need him too, but God knows more than I and knows my faith in him will get me through. So when I question why things happen, I turn to prayers and guidance from God. The faith I have in God and I know his love will endure forever.

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A Sincere "Thank You"

by Karen Carter

Psalm 9:1 "I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of Your wonderful deeds."

In preparation for his son Evan's first job interview, John handed his son a package of thank you cards, for him to send out after he'd met with prospective employers. He then pretended to be a hiring interviewer, using his decades of experience as a manager to ask Evan questions. After the role-playing, his son tucked several copies of his resume into a folder. He smiled when his dad reminded him about the cards. "I know," he smiled. "A sincere thank you note will set me apart from all the other applicants."

When the manager called to hire Evan, he expressed appreciation for the first hand-written note he'd received in many years.

Saying “thank you” can make a lasting impact. The psalmist’s heartfelt prayers and grateful worship were preserved in the book of Psalms. Though there are one hundred fifty Psalms, these two verses reflect a strong message of thankfulness: “I will give thanks to You, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of Your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing the praises of Your name, O Most High.” We will never be able to finish expressing our gratitude for all of God’s wonderful deeds. But we can start with a sincere “thank you” through our prayers. We can develop a lifestyle of grateful worship, praising God and speaking of all He promises to do.

Suggestion: get in the habit of writing down prayers of thanks; doodle symbols of things for which you are thankful. These can help you cultivate a spirit of gratitude in all circumstances.

Generous and loving God, help us to recognize the countless and wonderful ways You work in our lives each day. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

DISCIPLESHIP

Worshiping God is the third mark of discipleship

Worshiping God strengthens and builds a disciple’s connection to and relationship with God and the community of faith. This lesson will reflect on the importance of true worship.

Sometimes true worship is confused with the habit of “going to church.” There is also the popular belief that an individual can worship sufficiently alone. However, Jesus, the Son of God, made worship central in his life and ministry (Luke 4:19). Jesus’ example makes any rational excuse for not coming to worship meaningless or self-serving. Worshiping God in community was a regular in the lives of Jesus’ disciples. Read John 4:19-26. This story picks up in the middle of Jesus’ conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. After a rousing round of riddles about water, the conversation shifts to an even deeper subject - worship. The Samaritan woman brings it up in an attempt to change the subject and move the spotlight away from her, but Jesus tells her that “the hour is coming” when worshiping God will not be focused on a particular location but centered in the way in which we worship God, in spirit and truth. Worshiping God with a genuine and sincere heart is what is most important.

Reflect on how the Holy Spirit inspires you to worship.

Next, review verses 17-20. Think about the phrase “in spirit and truth.” What happens when your deepest hurts or needs connect with worship? Just like the Samaritan woman, you may have strong beliefs about worship. What are some common worship practices in your congregation that may cause tension or bring healing?

Practice worshiping God in spirit and truth. It will help you to discern the meaning of worship in your daily life. Read again John: 19-26 and Hebrews 12:28b. Remember that through worship we experience God’s love and grow in appreciating the amazing gifts that God has given to us.

“Lessons for Today’s Disciples” was written by Valora K Starr, director for discipleship for Women of the ELCA. You can find the resource by visiting welca.org/resources and searching for its title.

Submitted by Elaine Kuhlmann, SWO Board Member

FOUND

Did you lose a small bottle of Nitrostat tablets? A bottle was found in the church, expiration date 10/21. If you have lost yours, please contact Barb Cashman. NOTE: The bottle of pills has been placed in the locked safe, so either Doug or Betsy Tarkowski will also be able to access them.

LIVING LUTHERAN MAGAZINE

Every year at this time we re-new your subscriptions for the Lutheran magazine. In the past, there has been an automatic renewal for every Shepherd member, unless individuals have notified our secretary that they do not wish to receive the magazine. We know that some of you enjoy receiving this subscription and others do not read it. This year as a part of our watching costs, we want to change how we handle the renewals. We will only renew your subscription if you indicate you want to have this benefit.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex which lists member names and we ask you to indicate on the list if you would like to “keep” or “cancel” your subscription. Your other option is to send an email to Barb indicating you want your subscription renewed. Please use the sign-up sheet or an email to make it easier for us to compile a list. We’re aware that a lot of our summer members are already gone for the winter and will not necessarily have time to let us know before the renewal deadline, so we will automatically renew for them.

We can cancel subscriptions at any time. If you do not want to receive the magazine after the renewal deadline, please let Barb know and we will notify the publisher whenever we have multiple cancellations to process.

Thank you for your help.
Barb & Jean

From the 1935 Farmer's Almanac: Thanksgiving weather folklore:

- Turkeys perched on trees and refusing to descend indicates snow.
- If the first snow sticks to the trees, it foretells a bountiful harvest.
- If sheep feed facing downhill, watch for a snowstorm.
- Thunder and November indicates a fertile year to come.
- If there be ice in November that will bear a duck, there will be nothing thereafter but sleet and muck.
- As November 21st is, so the winter.
- When the winter is early, it will not be late. (Honest, that's a direct quote!)

MITTEN TREE

Mitten Tree.....coming!!

...will be placed in the narthex within the next week.

Mittens will have a Christmas “wish”

from someone residing at the Lily House,

the temporary shelter

for families working with the Tri-County Council

on Domestic Violence

to become stable enough to live on their own.

If you wish to help, please take

a mitten of your choice.

Wrap it and attach the mitten to the package.

All gifts need to be below the Mitten Tree

no later than December 18th.

POLKA FEST

We have celebrated at Shepherd of the Lakes with a Polka service for multiple years now and October 6, 2019 was our 2nd annual Oktoberfest celebration after the Polka service. Our thanks to Don and Pepper Bauer for favoring us once again with their musical abilities. This has become a very well attended event, with 102 people in the congregation at this year’s service. Additional thanks go out to Darrell Smith for his very well-crafted beer and to all of you who grilled, cooked, served, and cleaned up after the meal.

Donations of \$122.00 were collected in the kitchen basket and have been distributed to local food pantries. Next October, please watch for sign-up sheets for cooking and kitchen duty if you would like to help.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers requested since the last newsletter: Karl Eric Jacobsen, Terry Knitt, Judi Scheel, Barb Cashman.

Pray for the families who lost loved ones:

1. Family of Rev Russell Scheel.
2. Ginny Morris & her family for the loss of Ginny’s twin sister (6 weeks ago), and her sister-in-law (last week).

Ongoing health issues: Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Lisa Scheel, Betty Abraham, Linda Anderson, Tom Miles, Corey Soberg, Rich Kysiak, Tim

Boman, Jessica, Charles Webb, Shelle Blair, Jessica, Debbie Kroll, Alair Peck, Sean Gabriel, Dave Tarkowski, Willow Boman, John Raby, Clark (Snooker) DeWitt Jr., Jessie Buck, Paul, Rick, Mike.

Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes: Ramona Schaeffel, Herb Mursett, Mel & Barb Harvey, Elisabeth Jacobsen.

Prayers of comfort and hope for those in prisons and those struggling with addictions: Larry (friend of LuAnn Brentlinger), Jamie Goodrum.

Prayers for those who serve in our armed forces: Jeff Hammer, Brian Kriek, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Sgt. Keara Kangas, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Noah, Storaasli, Zachary Raatz.

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 Barb Cashman at 715-892-2166 or email bacashman@gmail.com if you need prayers for any reason. *Prayers can also be requested thru Bill Wendorf LLM or Barb Maines.*

We also 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, please let Barb know by calling 715-892-2166. An updated list will be mailed to you with a further explanation of how this works.

READERS

I will be preparing a list of readers for 2020 within the next few weeks. If you have been on the list of readers in the past and wish to remain on it, you need do nothing at all. If you would like to be removed from the reader's list, please let me know. If you have not been a reader in the past and you would like to participate in reading the lessons at worship services (remember, the more readers we have, the less often each has to read), please contact me and I will add you to the list. We simply rotate names and add a few extra during the summer months.

Thanks much... Barb Cashman

When you do squats, are your knees supposed to sound like a goat chewing on an aluminum can stuffed with celery?

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

Some years ago I decided to give up on the frantic baking of multiple types of cookies at the holiday season. There are, however, a couple of favorites I need to make. This is one of those that has been in our family traditions since I was a child.

Toffee Squares

1 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar (light or dark will be OK)
1 large egg yolk
1 teaspoon vanilla
2 cups flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/2-pound chocolate (or more)
(I use Nestle's semi-sweet chips)
1/2 cup chopped nuts

*Cream butter, add sugar and beat well.

Add egg yolk and vanilla and blend

Add flour and salt and mix

Spread on cookie sheet

Bake @ 350 for 20 min.

After cooling 5-10 minutes, spread with *melted chocolate, sprinkle with nuts.

*Notes: This is a very dry recipe. Since I do not have a stand mixer with a strong motor, I work it all in by hand, especially the flour. I do not melt the chocolate, but rather just sprinkle on the chocolate chips and let them melt. When melted, spread evenly, sprinkle with nuts. While the chocolate is still warm, I like to press the nuts down in the chocolate a little so they adhere better.

Recently I have started baking this in a large cake pan. Watch time carefully – do not overbake. Our tradition is to cut them into diamond shapes.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Financial Reports

I've had several conversations in recent weeks that have indicated an interest in providing the congregation as a whole more general financial information. As your Treasurer, I do provide several reports to your Council every month and this information is available to anyone who requests it or who attends Council meetings (and I do encourage you all to attend whenever possible). As always, the financial statements are open to anyone who requests to see them. Please do not hesitate to ask if you are interested. We do try to list donations every week in the bulletin as our schedules allow. Please remember, your counters, Financial Secretary, and Treasurer are all volunteer positions and we do sometimes take a week or two off.

All of the general financial information (excluding individual donation information) is open to anyone who is interested. But that doesn't solve the issue of a way to give the congregation a general overview of finances on a routine schedule, so this is what we've come up with. Each month as timing of statements allow, I'll try to provide an income statement for the past month and a chart showing the year-to-date income and expenses, budgeted expenses, and a comparison to last year. As most of you know, tax season is a busy time for me, and I can't promise this comparison report every month for January through May. I will do my best.

Donations

Giving for general funds is considerably below what it was last year, even if we do have more people attending services. The numbers are contribution Income for the period of January 1st through October 31st, 2019 at \$92,021.49 vs. the same period of 2018 at \$103,637.63. There are several reasons for this and we've been assured that we are not the only church facing this issue. It is a widespread issue with churches across the nation. Our response to this is to cut general fund costs wherever we can. We will no longer have any costs associated with the Parish house and that will help a little. We are meeting all of our expenses and obligations and have money in the bank that can be used if needed. Currently we are doing well. Our benevolence giving is comparable to last year and we are more involved in community outreach, which is our mission.

Pay Pal for Donations

Just as technology has increased in our daily lives from home to work, we are working on increasing our use of technology here at our church. The website has been updated greatly over the past two years and now we are adding another layer.

As of December (if not yet in November) we will have the ability to accept on-line donations for Shepherd through Pay Pal on the church website. This increases the methods of giving to cash and checks, automatic payments through Vanco Services, and now Pay Pal. Automatic giving through Vanco Services can be arranged at any time just by asking me for a form and we have a minimal monthly fee for using this service. Pay Pal, just as any online payments, will have a service charge attached to each donation.

Parish House

The Parish house is no longer owned by Shepherd of the Lakes; the closing date for the sale of the property was October 31, 2019. The property had a recently assessed value of \$155,000.00, but the property did need to be updated and therefore the listing price on the property was \$149,000.00. We received a full listing price offer. The home inspection showed two areas needing repair: the well cap needed to be replaced, which we did, and the house failed the radon inspection. The buyers offered to take care of the radon issue if we gave them a credit for it, which we did with a credit of \$1,000.00 on the purchase price. So – list price of \$149,000.00 with a credit of \$1,000.00, closing costs, and realtor commissions left us with a check for the sale of \$137,555.00 which has been deposited into our Money Market savings account. Bill as listing agent received a commission for the sale. Bill and Tina have very generously donated their portion of the commission back to Shepherd which went into our general funds to cover the costs of the sale.

Your Council will be discussing what to do with the proceeds from the sale (you are once again welcome to attend the council meetings). They will hopefully have information to share with you at the annual meeting in January for any proposed expenditures and will be asking for your approval before allocating any funds to specific projects.

Budget Meeting

I held the annual Budget Meeting on Saturday, November 2nd. Having had that awful cold virus for the week and a half prior to the meeting, organization was not my strong suit. I called and invited various congregation members the week of the meeting and had 8 people attend. After reviewing and amending the preliminary figures, the budget for 2020 will next go to your Council for review and further adjustments, and finally on to you at the annual meeting.

Next year, I hope to put notices in the newsletter and bulletin announcements to invite any and all who are interested in the budget process to attend the meeting. I would love to have all of you take part in this process.

Income Tax Law and Charitable Donations

My last item is one of your favorites – income tax law! Due to the changes in income tax law over the last two years, a great many of you who once claimed your charitable donation deduction through itemizing deductions are no longer able to do so due to the substantial increase in the individual standard deduction. I know this affects me. I recently found an article that directly addresses this situation for those of you who are 70 ½ years of age and have traditional IRAs.

Kiplinger Tax Letter Volume 94, Number 22

Charitable donations made directly from a traditional IRA can save taxes. People 70 ½ and older can transfer up to \$100,000.00 from IRAs directly to charity. If married, you and your spouse can give up to \$100,000.00 each from your separate IRAs. Qualified charitable distributions (QCD) can count as required minimum distributions, but they are not taxable and they are not added to your adjusted gross income, so they won't trigger a Medicare premium surcharge. You can't deduct the donation. The IRA-to-charity strategy can be a good way to get tax savings from charitable gifts for taxpayers not taking charitable write-offs because of higher standard deductions. The money from the IRA must go directly to a charitable organization.

This information is only intended to bring this tax savings option to your attention. Shepherd of the Lakes nor myself are in no way qualified to give tax advice. Please consult your tax preparer for advice and information.

The End – Finally!

It has been a busy autumn with a lot going on. Even though the next six months are my busiest, I will try to make time for more, shorter newsletter articles in order to avoid notes as long as this one. The January newsletter will contain an article from me listing all of your benevolence giving in 2019.

Respectfully yours,
Jean A. Maines, Treasurer

OCTOBER 2019 INCOME STATEMENT

	<u>Oct 19</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 - Contribution Income	
4100 - General Fund Contributions	
4110 - Current Envelope Offering	14,590.00

4120 · Loose Offering	1,049.79
Total 4100 · General Fund Contributions	15,639.79
4200 · Benevolence	
4201 · Benevolence Contributions	
4222 · Food Pantry	220.00
4228 · Frederick House	35.00
4245 · Holiday Discretionary Fund	10.00
4288 · Vital Links	
4288.2 · Vital Links Medical	15.00
4288.4 · Vital Links Gospel House	20.00
Total 4288 · Vital Links	35.00
4289 · Weekend Backpack Project	275.00
4290 · World Hunger	200.00
Total 4201 · Benevolence Contributions	775.00
4350 · Benevolence Events	
4355 · Pet Blessing	217.00
Total 4350 · Benevolence Events	217.00
Total 4200 · Benevolence	992.00
4400 · Other Restricted Funds	
4490 · WELCA	27.50
Total 4400 · Other Restricted Funds	27.50
4500 · Designated - Building Fund	
4510 · Building Fund	
4510.1 · Building Fund - General	65.00
Total 4510 · Building Fund	65.00
Total 4500 · Designated - Building Fund	65.00
4600 · Memorials	
4620 · Undesignated	50.00
Total 4600 · Memorials	50.00
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	16,774.29
6000 · Other Income	
6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income	
6735 · Grocery Receipts	202.76
6798 · Thrivent Choice Dollars	333.00
Total 6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income	535.76
Total 6000 · Other Income	535.76
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	
6908 · Dividend Income	
6908.1 · General	57.06
6908.5 · Memorial	12.95
6908.8 · Sabbatical	16.59
6908.9 · Scholarship	33.82
Total 6908 · Dividend Income	120.42

6910 - Interest Income	
6910.1 - General	0.88
6910.3 - Church School	2.87
Total 6910 - Interest Income	<u>3.75</u>
6960 - Unrealized Gains & Losses	
6960.1 - General	24.14
6960.5 - Memorial	0.11
6960.9 - Scholarship	34.25
Total 6960 - Unrealized Gains & Losses	<u>58.50</u>
Total 6900 - Investment Income (Loss)	<u>182.67</u>
Total Income	<u>17,492.72</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>17,492.72</u>
Net Income	<u><u>17,492.72</u></u>

**Comparative Income & Expense Report
For General & Special Gift Funds
January through October 2019**

	General Income	Special Gifts	Expenses	Budgeted Expenses
2018	\$108,016.82	\$25,000.00	\$118,638.03	\$148,926.00
2019	\$98,814.83	\$25,000.00	\$134,601.52	\$165,386.00
Difference	<u>\$(9,201.99)</u>	\$ -	\$15,963.49	\$16,460.00

Note: Major portion of difference in budgeted expenses between 2018 & 2019 is full time salary for Pastoral position and increase in medical insurance.

VITAL LINKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your continued support and prayers going into this Fall season. Sally and I would appreciate your prayers as we complete ministry travel to IA, IL, MN, and SD! Below, you will find more information regarding the short-term mission trips ALWM will be offering next summer, so please feel free to share and pass along to anyone who may be interested. We are thankful for all that God has been doing through ALWM and are excited for all He may have planned for the future!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Bill Moberly, Founder & Director of ALWM

Apply today for a Summer 2020 mission trip!

ALWM/Vital Links Vietnam Mission Team - Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam - June 10-24, 2020 - Join us for a life changing short term mission trip to Vietnam with Vital Links where you will experience orphan ministry, medical - evangelism outreaches with our partner churches in the Mekong Delta & Hill Country, special college outreach in partnership with IFES Vietnam (IFES is Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship in the US), and teaching conversational English to nurses! Questions? Contact Pastor Bill Moberly at pastorbill@alwm.org.

YAMI (Young Adult Missionary Internship) - Cape Town, Western Province, South Africa - June 15-August 3, 2020 - ALWM is partnering with the Bible Institute of South Africa to provide young adults an in-depth cross-cultural experience as they seek to understand God's call on their lives. This trip will last roughly 6-8 weeks with a time of orientation in country, an opportunity to take a class at the institute, serve in local congregations, experience daily life in South Africa, learn about the culture and history of South Africa, and live on campus with the students studying at the Bible Institute. Questions? Contact Pastor Matt Shields at pastormatt@alwm.org.

Thank You's

From Karen Carter: Dear Shepherd Family, Thank you for your encouragement and support as I enter Lay School in Chippewa Falls. This opens a new chapter in this one's life. Sincerely, Karen Carter

From Bobbee Rux: To the Shepherd Flock, Thank you so very much for the beautiful card and kind words. It was an incredible shock, but I know Jim is in really good hands now. The Lord has blessed me with 14 years with Him and by extension I gained an awesome mother-in-law. Please include Judy in your prayers as she is not handling this easily. Jim and Judy were very close. Thanks again. Bobbee Rux

From Ryan Muench: Shepherd Congregation, Thank you for the gifts you gave me. I appreciate them very much.

Thank you notes also received from:

Caritas: \$42 and \$42

Catholic Charities: 12 plastic mats for Wausau Warming Center guests.

Community Food Pantry: \$27.50


Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: \$58 and \$58

The older I get, the earlier it gets late.

These drawings are from students in our Church School following our study of the Great Flood. In the next two weeks, all of the Church School and Confirmation students will be making Thanksgiving table centerpieces for the residents' dining room at Avanti Rehabilitation Center.

NOTE: This will not be available to those viewing the newsletter on the SOTL website.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 2019


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of November: Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items. Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.					1 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	2
3 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	4	5	6 3:45 PM Children's Classes	7 9 AM Text Study	8	9 9 AM Men's Breakfast
10 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	11	12	13 3:45 PM Children's Classes	14 9 AM Text Study	15 10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	16
17 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	18	19	20 9 AM Quilting Group 3:45 PM Children's Classes	21 9 AM Text Study	22	23
24 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	25	26	27 6 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	28 Thanksgiving Dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.	29	30

November Birthdays:

Jo Ann Kehl	2 nd	Pepper Bauer	3 rd
Barb Maines	5 th	Bill Lundin	11 th
Dan Simcox	24 th	Larry Stephenson	28 th

John Wesley: "Sour godliness is the Devil's religion."

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8 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	9	10	11 3:45 PM Children's Classes	12 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study	13	14 9 AM Men's Breakfast 4 PM Christmas Caroling
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22 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	23	24 Christmas Eve Service 4 PM	25 Merry Christmas	26 9 AM Text Study	27	28
29 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	30	31	 Food pantry items needed for the month of December: Baking items including sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, brown sugar, powdered sugar, other spices, cookie cutters, cookie decorating items. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.			

December Birthdays:

Joanie Stephenson	6 th	Cheryl Biedermann	9 th
Mary Sutor	10 th	Barb Harvey	11 th
Samantha Thompson	15 th		

Rev. Vincent Heier, of the Catholic Archdiocese of St. Louis, recently welcomed a large group of Lutherans meeting in the St. Louis Cathedral with these words: "We are pleased to provide the cathedral. Please don't nail anything to the doors."