

**February 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.*



Ministers: The People of the Parish  
Pastor: William Wendorf LLM 715-479-3114, Cell 715-617-6477  
Council President: Doug Tarkowski 715-479-1154, Cell 715-891-0094  
Church Telephone: 715-542-3701

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[www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
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*You are Cordially Invited to the Installation of*

*Licensed Lay Minister*

***Bill Wendorf***

*at*

*Shepherd of the Lakes*

*Lutheran Church*

*Sayner, Wisconsin*

*on*

*Sunday, January 22, 2017*

*at 2:00 P.M.*

*Reception*

*in the Community Room*

*to follow*

*Clergy are invited to process.*

*The color of the day is red.*

*Bishop Thomas Skrenes will preside.*

**Please RSVP to Joanne Pierce (715 891 2348), JoAnne Kehl (715 892 0413),  
or Karen Carter (715 542-4049) in order to get a reasonable count.**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

In this my first message as your congregation president I would like to thank Jon Erpenbach for his service during a time of transition at Shepherd. He did a great job and is now taking a well-deserved vacation.

I look forward, as president, to working with our soon to be installed licensed lay minister Bill Wendorf. Our ministry and outreach will surely benefit from his leadership.

As you may already know, Shepherd's Annual Meeting will take place after services on Sunday January 29<sup>th</sup>. I assure you that it will be much shorter than last year's meeting. The budget for 2017 will have to be reviewed and approved and we will have to select delegates to attend the Synod Assembly. Our Constitution requires us to do this. Other items, such as the status of our summer events, will also be listed on the agenda. I will have a preliminary agenda for the meeting posted on the bulletin board in the coat room by Sunday January 22<sup>nd</sup>. You may contact me after that time if you have any other topics you would like added to the final meeting agenda. I will be glad to discuss them with you.

Your church council met on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The main reason was to review and approve the budget for 2017 so that it could be presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. This was done along with a review of the plans for installation Sunday, website review and a review of Bill's plans for his work week. It was decided to hold our next meeting after church on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The meetings are open and I will have a preliminary agenda on the bulletin board on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me before the meeting if you may have anything to add to the agenda. Minutes of council meetings will again be posted on the board beginning with the February meeting.

See you in church,  
Doug Tarkowski

## **ANNUAL MEETING**

(Reprinted from January 2017 newsletter.)

As announced in last month's newsletter, the annual Congregational Meeting for Shepherd of the Lakes will be held following the worship service on Sunday, January 29, 2017. A preliminary annual report will be distributed one week prior to the meeting, on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

All ministries should be submitting an annual report for their ministry which can then be printed in the SOTL Annual Report which is distributed to everyone. If you lead a ministry, or if you are involved in a ministry which may not have a leader or which has lost a leader, please consider writing a short report for that ministry for the church's annual report. Your ministry report can be very short, but should include the major accomplishments of the ministry during the past year. Please email your ministry report to Barb Cashman. All reports that are received by Thursday, January 19 will be included in the preliminary annual report that is distributed on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Reports received after that date and before Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> will be distributed at the annual meeting as an Addendum. There should be as few Addendums as possible and most ministry reports should be included in the preliminary annual report.

If you have any questions regarding this, please contact Barb Cashman. Thank you.

## **BIRTHDAYS**

January birthdays:

Day	Name
1 <sup>st</sup>	Carolyn Maines
5 <sup>th</sup>	Ron Pockat
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Lundin
27 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Cashman

February birthdays:

Day	Name
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Brooker
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Brooker

March birthdays:

16 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Walters
16 <sup>th</sup>	Elaine Kuhlmann
17 <sup>th</sup>	Dianne Erpenbach

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The next blood drive at Shepherd of the Lakes will be held on Friday, February 24, 2017 from noon to 4 p.m. Please call 715-542-4049 to make a reservation or to sign up for cookies, which are always needed!

***Be a Hero - Save a live!***

## **GAME DAY**

**Game Day #2** - Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

**Game Day #3** - Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

Starting at noon and ending at ??? A light lunch will be served. There will be games available (cards, cribbage, dominoes) or bring your own. For questions, call Mary Sutor (715-356-1773) or Joan Ebert (238-910-3986). All are welcome!

## **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 email [jlbjlundin@gmail.com](mailto:jlbjlundin@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 Pastor, 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 weekly Sunday bulletin at church.*

- **Prayers requested since the last newsletter:** Darrell Smith, Corey Soberg, Elaine Johnson, Orville Green, Baby Oliver Helge, Hannah, Jan & Bob, Scott Inkley, Barb Maines.
- **Prayers for those who have passed into eternal life:** Jeannette Kuziej, especially her husband, Pastor John Kuziej of Pioneer Lutheran Church in Conover; Mark Brentlinger, especially his wife, LuAnn Brentlinger and their children.

- **Ongoing health issues:** Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, David Riesch, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Ramona Schaeffel, Jackie Larsen, Lisa Scheel, John Neuman, Betty Abraham, Linda Anderson, Rich Kysiak, Vern Wiggerhauser, Darlene Mursett, Tom & Carol Miles, Corey Soberg, Alice Grosskreuz, Tim Bonan, Mel Harvey.
- **Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes:** Lu Heeler, Ginny and Lovell Morris, Marilyn Sheldon, Pat Last, Jackie Larsen.
- **Prayers of comfort and hope for those in prisons and those struggling with addictions:** Larry (friend of the Brentlingers), Jamie Goodrum, Jim Erickson.
- **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, Chase Moad.

### **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 from the Pastor 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](mailto: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 Pastor, 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 me know by calling 715-891-2280. An updated list will be mailed to you with a further explanation of how this works.

Jan Lundin

This month, we removed a name from our prayer list of someone who has been needing our prayers for a very long time.... William DeWitt. I want to share with everyone the email that I received from William's grandparents:



*Please take William's name off the prayer list. William was just a week short of his 2nd birthday when the tumor was discovered.....13 months of everything, (surgery, 6 months of heavy duty chemo, 6 weeks of radiation, and 6 months of lesser chemo)...a very long haul! He has been in remission for the last 15 months and we pray that it always stays that way!*

*He and his twin brother Samuel are now 4, loving being at their Montessori school and at Sunday School class on Sundays!*

*On behalf of parents Bobby and Rachel, we want to thank everyone for all their prayers and positive thoughts; William would not be where he is today without them!*

*Hope you're surviving the winter up in God's country!*

*Regards, Jan and Roger DeWitt*

*In this picture, William is the police officer, twin Samuel is the fireman.*

*Praise God for bringing healing to this special little boy!*

Here is another letter from one of the people we have on our prayer list. Jackie Larsen is one of our homebound, now living in Eau Claire so that she can be close to one of her kids. For those of you who know Jackie I think you will appreciate this update from Jackie's daughter, Lynn Larsen Stoltz, along with the picture that she sent which follows the letter (see next page).

Hello!

I'm writing this letter on behalf of my Mom, Jackie Larsen. Just to keep in tradition with my parents over the years, this letter is going out after the holidays!

Mom is still at Grace Edgewood Memory Care, 2512 Spooner Avenue, Altoona, Wisconsin, 54720. Our family, as well as Mom, could not be happier with the facility and the care she receives there. The staff at Grace Edgewood treat Mom as if she is their family, as well as all of us when we visit. She continues to go to daily devotions and activities that include bingo, music, arts & crafts, etc. Mom has trouble communicating now, however, her personality still shines through, and she is loved by everyone. As you all know, Mom loves to eat, and her appetite has not changed at all. Dessert is still her favorite meal of the day!

Either Mark or Peg visit Mom every other day, Brad and Kelly (who live in De Pere) get over almost monthly, and I'm a bit more sporadic with living in Georgia these days, but still have managed to get over to Eau Claire to see Mom at least six or more times this year. Both Mark and Peg and Brad and Kelly will Skype with me when they are with Mom, and this helps me feel better being so far away. I know she is in very good hands, and having Mark and Peg right there is a Godsend.

The pictures on the card are of Mom with each of us kids, one of her during Christmas this year, and the other is of her room with the "Lean Mean Gift Giving Machine" on the wall that Mom made when she was quilting. Mom also made one of these Santas for each of us kids.

If you would like to mail Mom a card, letter, or picture, please feel free to do so. It would be better, however, if you addressed the letter to my brother's address. This way we can make sure that Mom gets the letter and we can read it to her. The address is: Jackie Larsen, c/o Mark Larsen, W330 Cedar Road, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, 54701. Also, please feel free to call me at any time if you would like to talk about Mom. My phone number is 920-475-0540; my email is [lvnn@stoltz2.com](mailto:lvnn@stoltz2.com).

I hope you all have a blessed 2017.

Lynn L. Stoltz (Larsen)



The upper left corner is Jackie with son Mark, the upper right is Jackie with daughter Lynn, and the bottom right is Jackie with son Brad.

## **TEXT STUDY**

**Text Study** will meet on a new day, same time...Text study will meet each **Thursday** (started January 18th) at 9 AM. All are welcome to attend, where we will study the texts for the following Sunday. Come, prepare to study God's Word, share, have a cup of coffee/tea, go in peace to serve the Lord.

## **THANK YOU'S**

**From The Community Food Pantry, Boulder Jct:** Again, your donation to the Food Pantry was WONDERFUL. Clients and volunteers are most grateful for your continued support. Thank you for being a part of the Pantry.

**From Vilas Food Pantry Inc:** The Vilas Food Pantry thanks you for your generous donation of 135 pounds of food. The Board of Directors, volunteers, and recipients want you to know that your kind gesture has changed lives. Sincerely, Carolyn Tesch, Volunteer.

**From Caritas:** Thank you for your recent donation of \$50.

**From Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp:** Thank you for your gift to support the mission of Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp of \$40.

**From Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Inc.:** ...I would like to personally thank you for your thoughtful donation to our TCC Office and shelter, Lily's House. Grocery bag pads, toiletries, and 16 quilts.

## **WORLD HUNGER COW**

The "World Hunger Cow" is now hanging above the piano in the Narthex. On top of the piano you will find (3) size squares of fabric that will be used to dress her as the fabric patches are "sold" through your donations. The squares will be sold for the following amounts (per the sample hanging next to the cow):

Smallest Square	\$ 1.00
Medium Square	\$ 5.00
Largest Square	\$10.00

Envelopes have been placed on the piano. Please complete the donation slip with your name and the amount of your donation and place the correct sized fabric patch along with your donation slip in the envelope.

The goal is to have the cow named and totally dressed by May so she can be taken to Synod Assembly in Marquette for the "Hunger Herd Parade" and the World Hunger collection!


### **Next scheduled printings of this newsletter below!**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date Articles are Due (Thursday)</b>	<b>Printing Date (Saturday)</b>
February 2017	9 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
March 2017	9 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
April 2017	6 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>
May 2017	11 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
June 2017	8 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup>
July 2017	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
August 2017	10 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>
September 2017	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
October 2017	12 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
November 2017	9 <sup>th</sup>	11 <sup>th</sup>
December 2017	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>


**Email** articles to Barb Cashman at [bacashman@gmail.com](mailto:bacashman@gmail.com). Thank you.



If you have an event, meeting, or anything that you would like on our calendar, please contact Barb Cashman with the date, name of the event, and any other information that might be important. Thank you.

<b>SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – January 2017</b>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	2  9 AM Quilting Group	3	3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	5  9 AM Text Study	6  10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	7
8  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service <b>Fellowship Brunch with Farewell to Pastor Marin</b>	9	10  9 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast	11  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	12  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study 6:30 PM Council Meeting	13	14
15  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service <b>Bill Wendorf's first day back in the pulpit!</b>	16	17	18  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	19  9 AM Text Study 6 PM Council Meeting	20  10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	21
22  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service <b>2 PM Installation Service for Bill Wendorf</b>	23	24  Game Day – 12 Noon	25  9 AM Text Study 3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	26  9 AM Text Study	27	28
29  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service  <b>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</b>	30	31	 <p><b>Food pantry</b> items needed for the month of January: Storage items including Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, kitchen size plastic garbage bags, disposable kitchen storage containers. Please place items in the appropriate bins in the coat room.</p>			

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – February 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	2  9 AM Text Study	3  10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	4
5  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	6  9 AM Quilting Group	7	8  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	9  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study	10	11
12  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	13	14  9 AM Men's Fellowship Breakfast	15  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	16  9 AM Text Study	17  10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	18
19  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	20	21	22  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	23  9 AM Text Study	24  Council Leadership Retreat -	25  <u>Fortune Lake Bible Camp</u>
26  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	27	28	 <b>Pantry Needs</b> <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of February: Cereal (hot or cold), powdered milk, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly.			

**Important dates in the future:**

- A. Fortune Lake Bible Camp:
  1. March 17-18, 2017 – Upper Elementary Retreat
  2. April 28-30, 2017 – Adoptive Family Retreat
- B. May 21-23, 2017 – Synod Assembly
- C. Ash Wednesday – March 1, 2017


**THE FAMILY CIRCUS, By Bil Keane**



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B.K.

Heaven is a great big hug that lasts forever.

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <b>Pantry Needs</b> <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of March: Boxed potatoes, canned vegetables, boxed rice, or boxed noodle dishes.			1  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class 7 PM Ash Wednesday Serv	2  9 AM Text Study	3  10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	4
5  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	6  9 AM Quilting Group	7	8  3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Service	9  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study	10	11
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## THE OYSTER:

There once was an oyster whose story I tell, who found that sand had got under his shell; just one little grain, but it gave him much pain. Now, did he berate the working of fate, which had led him to such a deplorable state? Did he curse out the Government, call for an election? Or cry that the sea should have given protection? No; as he lay on the shelf, he said to himself, "If I cannot remove it, I'll try to improve it." So as the years rolled by as the years always do, and he came to his ultimate destiny - stew, this small grain of sand which had bothered him so, was a beautiful pearl, all richly aglow. Now this tale has a moral – for isn't it grand, what an oyster can do if we'd only begin with all of the things that get under our skin.