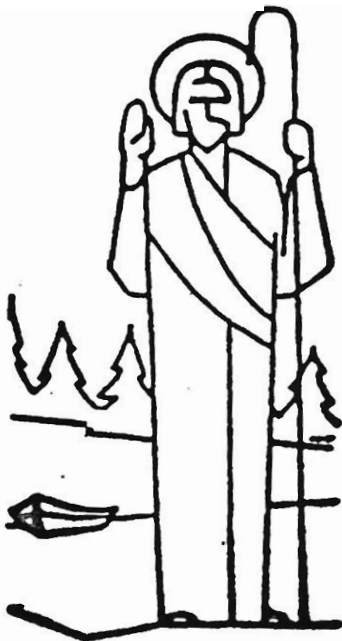


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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
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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 12 noon to 4 PM
Thursdays 12 noon to 4 PM
Fridays 12 noon to 4 PM

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
February 2019	14 th	16 th
March 2019	14 th	16 th
April 2019	11 th	13 th
May 2019	16 th	18 th
June 2019	13 th	15 th

Email articles to Barb Cashman at bacashman@gmail.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.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I end my third, and last, year as your Congregation/Council president I'd like to take this opportunity to again thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve all of you, and our Lord, in this position. We have gone through good and bad times in these years but as I look ahead I see more good than bad. We have a congregation that is growing and serving the Lord in ways that were only a dream three years ago. We are blessed each Sunday to hear God's word in a way that touches many people and encourages them to come back to hear more. We served the community with our Thanksgiving Day dinner, Pie and Ice Cream/Picnic Social, Fourth of July popcorn event, and blood collection drives to name a few. The sermons we hear on Sunday are now available on our website for our shut-ins and others to hear. Our sanctuary has been brightened with a fresh coat of paint and other decorations that make it inviting and a pleasant place to worship in. Because of the retirement of our organist, Karen Carter, we are in the process of revising our music program to meet our present needs. I think you will be pleasantly surprised when you hear the results of our efforts.

As I did in my message in the last newsletter I encourage you to attend our annual meeting on January 27th. We now have five candidates who will run for a position on the church council. If desired, other candidates can be nominated from the floor. The treasurer will give her report and will present the 2019 budget for your approval. We also need to discuss other matters that the council has dealt with this past year such as facility safety, possible building and ground improvements and thoughts on "screens" instead of paper service guides.

We will need to select our congregation's official delegates to Synod Assembly which will take place in Escanaba MI in May. I encourage anyone who has not attended an assembly in the past to consider this. You will not be disappointed.

Chairpersons may be needed for the various events that take place during the year and some of our on-going services such as ushering and Sunday morning coffee may need to be structured differently. Please come to the meeting so that we can get your feelings on these matters.

I hope you haven't minded my ramblings in these paragraphs. I wish you the Lord's peace and my hope that He continues to bless our church in the future as He has done so often in the past.

Doug Tarkowski

ANNUAL REPORTS

The last week of January, on Sunday, 01/27/2019, is the annual congregational meeting. This means that the annual report will need to be ready at that time. If you headed up a committee during the year for any ministry at Shepherd, please write a report on the event for the annual report and email it to Barb Cashman by January 20, 2019. The report does not need to be lengthy, but should include the outcome of the event and, if available to you, the amount that was given to one or more of our outreach ministries from it. Thanks very much.

OFFERING ENVELOPES

If you need new Offering Envelopes for 2019, they are located on the shelf in the Narthex. Please be sure to add your name and number of your envelope pack to the sign-up sheet.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers requested since the last newsletter: Jim Carter, Ayla Brooker, Trudy, Emily.

Praise God for the blessing of a little girl, Rosalyn Joyce (named after her 2 grandmas) Flores, born on December 16 to proud parents Jeff & Alison Flores. Grandparents are Doug & Joan McKay, Lori, Mickie, Willow Boman & family.

Pray for the family of Delores Riege, who went to her eternal home this past week. Please sign the card in the narthex for the family of Delores... even if you did not know her as this is meant to be an expression of sympathy from this entire faith community.

Ongoing health issues: Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Lisa Scheel, John Neuman, 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, Rick Troyer.

Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes: Ginny & Lovell Morris, Jackie Larsen, Ramona Schaeffel.

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.

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.

THANK YOU'S

From Jim Carter: *Dear Friends, Thank you very much for your many prayers, cards, and phone calls as I recover. These have meant a great deal. I am anxious to see you all at worship. Sincerely, Jim Carter*

From Karen Carter: *Dear Shepherd family, Together we have been making "a joyful noise unto the Lord" for many years! Thank you for your wonderful gift as I retire. May our joyful noises continue in many different ways. Sincerely, Karen Carter*

From Tom & Carol Miles: *Dear Friends in Christ, As we celebrate the birth of our savior, please know you are loved. While missing our friends and family back home, we are enjoying time here in AZ. We want to thank you all for many years of support and prayers for Vitals Links missions in Vietnam. Now we are joined to Awakening Lives to World Missions as their medical wing for both Vietnam and new in Cambodia. The needs are great and we are trying to meet those needs with your help! We will ask for your ongoing support for 2019. We hope to support the efforts of a Cambodian pastor Sam. He has 35 house churches and growing. We are building churches. We have been digging wells, teaching health care, and providing health care needs to the poor and the children. Dr Hangs Gospel Houses now number 5 with the possibility of 45 orphans by the end of the year. God's Peace and our love, Tom & Carol.*

Thank you notes received from:

ALWM (Vital Links): \$225 on 11/28/2018

Ascension at Home (Ministry Home Care): \$104.16 on December 6, 2018

Caritas: \$41.67 on December 14; \$41.67 on December 20; \$700 on December 28.

Community Food Pantry: \$46 on December 17.

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp - \$41.67 on November 20; \$41.67 on December 10.

NATH: \$25 on December 12; \$1,300 on December 17.

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Inc.

TREASURER'S REPORT ON 2018 EVENTS

Greetings to All,

As the year came to a close, I realized that I hadn't put out any reports for our fundraising events in 2018. As always, you have been very generous in your support of our benevolence ministries.

- The Easter Butterfly campaign took in \$135.00 which was sent to the Frederick House in Rhineland.
- Even with the torrential rain, the 4th of July Popcorn event took in \$517.25 and had costs of only \$10.55 as we had supplies left over from 2017. We sent \$253.35 each to Northern Great Lakes Synod Seminary Support and to the Tri-County Domestic Violence Commission.
- The Pie and Ice Cream Social was very successful this year. We took in \$2,156.00 and spent \$346.17 to prepare the feast! Sight for Children received \$904.91 and Vital Links received \$904.92 from this event.
- Brett & Frisk joined with us again for the fundraiser in August. We had a larger attendance this year and all seemed to have a wonderful time. Pastor Marin and Bishop Katherine stopped in and appeared to have fun. The collections for this event were \$1,963.00 and the funds were designated for youth programs. The Mikuza Girls School vehicle fundraiser received \$445.00 from this event.

The balance of \$1,518.00 is being held for areas to benefit the youth in our community. Suggestions have been for a basketball hoop and designated play areas around the church. As other needs for youth come to our attention, this fund will be used.

- The Thanksgiving Community Dinner was very successful for a first-time venture. We took in \$627.00 in donations and spent \$277.78 to prepare the meal. Donations of time and supplies reduced our costs. The remaining \$349.22 plus a balance of \$165.62 from prior community dinners leaves us with funds of \$514.84 to use for 2019. The feedback heard was really positive and we will continue this event. If you missed it in 2018, please think about joining us as volunteers or for your Thanksgiving meal.
- The Christmas Poinsettia Campaign raised \$345.00 in donations this year. The money has been sent to Dr. Kate Hospice.
- And finally, after our success in a very short period of time raising money for the Pastor's Holiday Fund in 2018, we continued the program this year. You could say it was successful this year, but that would be a real understatement! In a month we collected \$12,277.00 and had an additional \$1,000.00 from a large special fund donation earlier in the year. A total of \$13,200.00 was dispensed to:
 - Walmart & Sentry Gift cards for 30 families and 16 individuals - \$9,200.00
 - Vilas County Assistance for Needy Veterans - \$1,300.00
 - Frederick House - \$1,300.00
 - Caritas of Eagle River - \$700.00
 - Caritas of Minocqua - \$700.00
 - We were left with a balance of \$77.00 which will be put in restricted funds until needed next year. Your extreme generosity and a matching donation made this an astounding success. Imagine what will happen in 2019.

You have made a difference in many lives with your generosity. All of these events produce funds that are gifted to benevolence missions and change lives for the better. Thank you again for your generosity and dedication in volunteering at these events.

Your Treasurer,
Jean Maines

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Keep your words soft and sweet in case you have to eat them.</i>		1	2	3	4	5
			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study	10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Council Mtg			9 AM Quilting Group 3:45 PM Children's Classes	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study		9 AM Men's Breakfast
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Breakfast			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study	10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		
27	28	29	30	31	<i>Life is God's novel. Let Him write it.</i>	
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service With Baptism Annual Cong. Mtg.			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		




Food pantry 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.

January Birthdays:

Jan Lundin	25 th	Amanda Farrow	25 th
Barb Cashman	27 th		

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of February: Cereal (hot or cold), powdered milk, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.					1	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 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	9 9 AM Men's Breakfast
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24 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	25	26	27 3:45 PM Children's Classes	28 9 AM Text Study	<i>Feed your faith, and your fears will starve to death.</i>	

February Birthdays:

Emma Sima	3 rd	Richard Gebhardt	4 th
Sharon Brooker	8 th	Bob Brooker	18 th
Charlie Seehafer	26 th	Hannah Scheel	26 th
Gregg Biedermann	28 th	McKenna Will	28 th