

June 2020 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 in America
Worship Service: Saturday 5:30 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.*

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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
Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
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 secretary@SOTLsayner.com
Thank you.

RECORDED SERMONS: All Saturday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are now recorded and put on YouTube and are usually available for viewing by 9 AM Sunday morning. Go to 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 (Season After Pentecost) please send your request to secretary@SOTLsayner.com. Bulletins, hymns, and readings for each week are available upon request as well.

ONLINE GIVING: Also available on the Church website is a link to PayPal for online giving.

UPDATE ON CHURCH SERVICES

It was determined at the regularly scheduled Council Meeting on May 21, 2020 to move our primary worship service to Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. for the foreseeable future. There are several reasons for this decision which include the greater ease of attending a Saturday service during the summer for many people and the ability to record and post the worship service to the Church website for Sunday morning viewing.

All of the CDC guidelines for Covid-19 have been taken into account when determining the maximum number of people the sanctuary can hold for a service including social distancing and sanitization. The maximum number for safety is 40 – 45 people.

When we reach that number at the Saturday service, we will begin holding a second service on Sunday morning at 9:00 am. When a Saturday service has 40 – 45 people attending, an email will be sent to all that we have email addresses for to notify you of the second service scheduling.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Church Council met on Wednesday, May 21, 2020. The highlights of the meeting are as follows:

- Bags of food are available for anyone who needs them.
- We are continuing to learn the technology we need to put the services online. Services will be recorded for the foreseeable future.
- The church is sanitized weekly before services.
- Text Study and the Quilting Group are once again meeting as scheduled.
- Primary Worship service has been moved to Saturday at 5:30 p.m.
- Beth Von Ende is available as our musician until this fall.
- Financial reports through March were presented. Financially we are doing well.
- South Building Entry addition blueprints have been approved. Plans need to be submitted to a state certified architect and approved by Madison. The contractor, Mike Everson, will be submitting a final bid when material costs are determined. At that time the congregation will be contacted, likely by mail if our Constitution allows that method, and asked for their permission to proceed. The contractor hopes to begin in July.
- The portico was once again damaged by a drive through vehicle. The driver's insurance has been contacted. Discussion of how to prevent these events resulted in the determination to attach plastic chains to each set of stone pillars by the front door and to place "No Turn Around" or "Private Property" signs at either end of the drive.
- Roofing of the pavilion will be done this summer.
- Summer events will be cancelled. These include Pie & Ice Cream Social, 4th of July Popcorn Event, Brett & Frisk Concert, and most likely October Fest.

The minutes for the June 17, 2020 Council Meeting have not yet been approved.

The next Council Meeting will be Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are collecting pill bottles, DARK BROWN ONLY. Please remove the labels and put the bottles in the container in the coat room.

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

We are sad to report that Barb Cashman has resigned as Church Secretary as of June 1, 2020. We will truly miss having her in the office. In the short-term, we will be filling in her duties with volunteers. If you would like to help with the bulletins, worship guides, and newsletters, please let Bill know. At this time, we are not actively looking for a replacement secretary, but are giving serious thought about how to go about filling this vacancy.

DEVOTIONS

Every Story

Luke 24:27: Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself."

I opened the whimsically-illustrated children's Bible and began to read it to my grandson. Immediately we were enthralled as the story of God's love and provision was shown in prose. Marking our place, I turned the book over and read the title once again: The Jesus Storybook: Every Story Whispers His name.

Every story whispers His name.

To be honest, sometimes the Bible, especially the Old Testament, is hard to understand. Why do those who don't know God seem to triumph over God's own? How can God permit such cruelty when we know that His character is pure and that His purposes are for our good?

After His resurrection, Jesus met two of His followers on the road to Emmaus who didn't recognize Him and were struggling with disappointment over the death of their hoped-for Messiah. They had "hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel. Luke then records how Jesus reassured them: "Beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He (Jesus) explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself."

Every story whispers His name, even the hard stories, because they reveal the complete brokenness of our world and our need for a Rescuer. Every act, every event, every intervention points to the redemption God Himself designed for His wayward loved ones: to bring us back to Himself.

Dear Father, help me to listen as You whisper Your name through the stories of Scripture...every story. Amen.

Church Online
Not cancelled

quiet time with god
not cancelled

praying for the sick
not cancelled

**checking on a
friend**
not cancelled

helping others
not cancelled

being the church
now more than ever

Mickey told his mom he was afraid the pastor would throw an egg at him because he said in the sermon, "Take my yoke upon you."

Dear God,

Is it true my father won't get into heaven if he uses his bowling words in the house?

Jennifer, age 8

The old church pipe organ had seen better days. After one particularly out-of-tune hymn, the pastor turned to his assistant and said, "I don't know if we need an organ tuner or a plumber."

After attending Sunday School, Sarah informed her mother that Solomon had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

ALTAR CHART

The current sign-up chart for altar flowers is on the bulletin board in the coat room. It lists weeks through the end of August 2020. Contact Melody Kysiak (715) 439-5726 with any questions.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

Community Food Pantry	\$60.00	ALWM/Vital Links	\$265.00
Vilas Food Pantry	\$121.50	HYF/Dr. Kate Hospice	\$20.00
NATH	\$145.00	Caritas and Fortune Lake Camp	

PRAYER CONCERNS

We are looking for someone to take over leadership of the Prayer Chain. Please let Bill or Sharon Geist know if you are interested.

Prayers requested since the last newsletter: Dick Neitzel, Steve VanAcker. Scott Stephens, and renew prayers for Alair Peck.

Ongoing health issues: Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Lisa Scheel, Betty Abraham, Tom Miles, Corey Soberg, Rich Kysiak, Tim Boman, Jessica, Charles Webb, Shelle Blair, Jessica, Debbie Kroll, Alair Peck, Sean Gabriel, Dave Tarkowski, Willow Boman, Jessie Buck, Paul, Rick, Mike, Jerry Kehl, Ray Burlingame-Goff, Carolyn, and Carson Petersohn.

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

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.

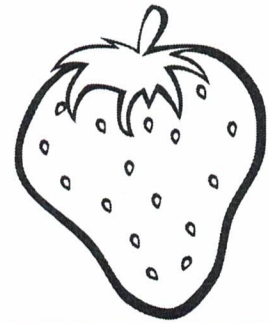
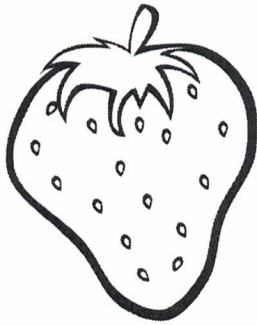
PRAYER REQUESTS

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 Bill Wendorf LLM at 715-617-6477 (pastor@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason. ***Prayers can also be requested thru 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 Bill know by calling 715-617-6477. An updated list will be mailed to you with a further explanation of how this works.



RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

This recipe can be made with fresh or frozen strawberries, but the fresh tastes best. I have a grandson with a 4th of July birthday. When they were visiting one summer at that time I made this and it is now his request each year for his birthday. That also meant his mother had to learn to make it! When the July newsletter comes out it should be just about right for strawberry season. The nice part is, it is a frozen dessert so can be made, frozen and be ready to serve anytime.

Frosty Strawberry Squares

1 cup flour
1/4 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup walnuts chopped
1/2 cup butter

2 egg whites
1 cup sugar, 2/3 cup if using frozen berries
2 cups strawberries, fresh or frozen – if frozen, 10 oz partially thawed
2 Tablespoon lemon juice
1 cup whipping cream

Mix together flour and brown sugar, cut in butter, and walnuts.

Spread into 9X13 pan

Bake @ 350 for 20 minutes, stirring several times. (I bake in 7 minute increments)

Cool – remove some of crust crumbs for garnishing top.

*In large bowl combine egg whites, sugar, berries and lemon juice.

*Whip at high speed until soft peaks form (about 10 minutes)

7-8 minutes usually does it.

*Fold in Whipped cream

Spread onto crumb crust and sprinkle with reserved crumbs.

Cover and freeze at least 6 hours.

Notes: I cut the sugar by about 1/4 cup.

*Cut the strawberries small or crush, otherwise when the beaters hit them you will have strawberry-sprinkled walls.

I also use Cool Whip instead of whipped cream – about 2 cups.

QUILTING

Please join us! The women of Shepherd of the Lakes will be quilting on the third Thursday of each month starting at 11:00 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 Rhinelander.

We would like to increase our ministry and our sewing circle. Come and join the fun.

If you have any questions, please call

Dates:

July 16th
August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th



We have all the supplies, we just need your smiling face.

CHILDRENS CORNER

Science Experiment How cold and heat work together

The Bible says that God would rather we be hot or cold than lukewarm. He wants us to be hot as the summer sun or cold as the ice we use to cool ourselves. Being hot or cold helps us share the love of Jesus in a world that tends to be lukewarm, as this mini-message and demonstration show.

Materials: large glass bowl or container, water, 12-inch piece of string, salt, spoon, ice

Instructions:

1. Fill the bowl with water.
2. Drop some ice cubes in the water,
3. Try to pick up the ice using only the string.
4. Then lay the string over the ice cubes and spoon some salt over the top.
5. Pull on the string. (The ice should be stuck to it and lift out of the water.)

Explanation: Salt lowers the freezing point of water. When we poured the salt over the ice cube, it lowered the melting point of the ice. The salt melted a thin layer of the ice cube. Then the water cooled very quickly and re-froze, making the string freeze to the ice cube.

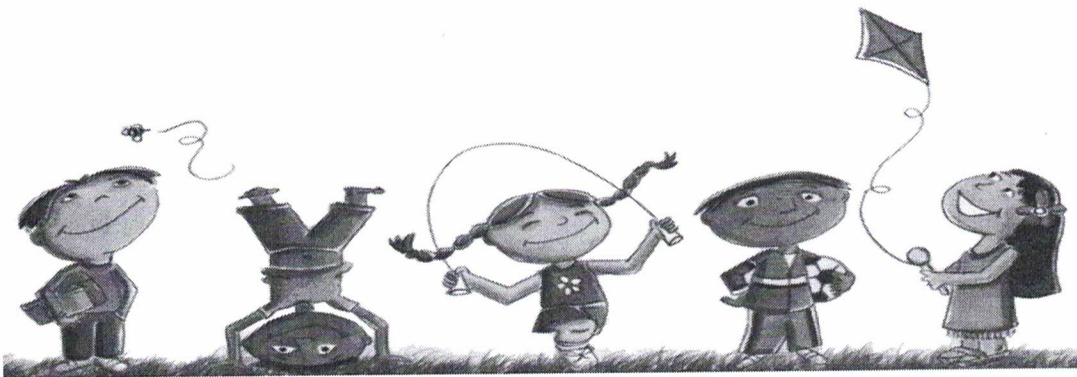
What does this mean? Sometimes it can seem like some people will never believe Jesus is God's Son and our Savior. Our friends who seem "too tough" for Jesus are like the ice cubes. The string is faith. It can seem like the two will never stick together. But if you add some prayer – the salt – you can see even the coldest person be lifted up to Jesus. In the heat of summer, let's remember to be salt; let's pray for people to be "caught up" by Jesus!

Freedom fill-in-the blanks

Instructions: Look up the Scriptures below that are about freedom. Find the missing words.
Input: (first word is the answer; the rest of the line is the clue.)

1. Psalm 118:5 – “When hard-pressed, I cried to the Lord; He brought me into a _____ place.
2. I Peter 2:16 – “Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for _____.”
3. ii Corinthians 3:17 – “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is _____.”
4. Galatians 5:1 – “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of _____.”
5. Galatians 5:13 – “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the _____.”
6. I Corinthians 6:12 – “I have the right to do anything—but I will not be _____ by anything.”
7. John 8:32 – “Then you will know the _____, and the _____ will set you free.”
8. John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free _____.”

ANSWERS ON BOTTOM OF PAGE 10



Game

Not-So-Straight Obstacle Race

Students will complete a silly obstacle course where, instead of running straight to the finish line, they will have to hop, skip, jump, and do whatever else the course tells them! As they lose the simple freedom of running to the end, they will be reminded (by adult present, of course) to appreciate what freedoms they have today.

Materials: sidewalk chalk

Objective: Get through the obstacle course the fastest.

Preparation: This game is best played outdoors. In a large area, make an obstacle course with sidewalk chalk. Draw a long squiggly line, a hopscotch court, circles, and anything else you can think of to keep students on course. Make sure the course twists and turns and is definitely NOT in a straight line.

Introduction: "As we celebrate the Fourth of July, we are reminded that freedom is a gift. Today we are going to play a game that will help us remember our freedom with thanksgiving.

Instructions

1. Explain what each part of the obstacle course means (i.e., students may not take their feet off the squiggle line. They must hop from one circle to the next. They must skip on the dotted line, etc.) Choose one child to start.
2. If they mess up, they must go back to the beginning and start over.
3. Time the child.
4. Repeat until everyone has had a chance to go.
5. The student with the fastest time wins.

Mention to children once the obstacle course is finished: Freedom in America was not a sure-shot, was not a straight line of fighting and winning from start to finish. It was a little like this obstacle course. Sometimes the freedom fighters did not know if they would get out of the complicated messes that are found in war! Let's be grateful for our freedom today! Though it's harder, celebrate by making a good choice that helps someone else today, even though you are free not to do that.

ANSWERS TO WORD BLANK: slavery, flesh, freedom, evil, truth, indeed, spacious, mastered

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	5:30 PM Worship Service
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				




Food pantry items needed for the month of June: Pasta, canned tomatoes, spaghetti sauce, parmesan cheese, boxed pancake mixes. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.

June Birthdays:

Bob Bernhardt	3 rd	Karen Carter	4 th
Linda Heeler	11 th	Jean Maines	14 th
Katy Brooker	20 th	Laura Sima	20 th
Maria Penn	23 rd	Raleigh Thompson	25 th
Alex Penn	25 th	Alycia Penn	27 th
Tony Farrow	30 th	Arlyce Farrow	30 th

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – July 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Pantry Needs <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of July: Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken etc), cake mixes, frosting mixes.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 AM Text Study 9 PM Text Study	10	11 5:30 PM Worship Service
12	13	14	15	9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study	17	18 5:30 PM Worship Service
19	20	21	22	9 AM Text Study 11 AM Quilting Group	24	25 5:30 PM Worship Service
26	27	28	29	9 AM Text Study	31	5:30 PM Worship Service
				9 AM Text Study		

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July Birthdays:

Melody Kysiak	7th
Lyn Hurbanis	17th
Mark Helge	23rd
Jennifer Will	24th