

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

Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM

Fellowship/Coffee: 10:15 AM

June thru August, Saturday Service: 5:30 PM (**Cancelled for 2020**)

September thru May: Evening service 1st & 3rd Wednesday 6 PM

(excluding Lent, when services are every week with Soup Supper @ 5:15 PM, service 6 PM)

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 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

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
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 services at Shepherd of the Lakes are now recorded and are available shortly after the service. Go to shepherdofthelakeschurch.org to view them at any time.

UPDATE ON CHURCH SERVICES

The following is a copy of an email that was sent out May 7, 2020 on the all-church email listing. If you have an email address and did not receive this, please notify me of your email address and I will immediately add you.

Greetings To my Shepherd Family; March 8th marked the first Sunday we did not gather for worship. And in that time between now and then, our lives have changed dramatically, and we are most certainly living in extraordinary times. We have done many things in the past weeks out of fear of something we cannot see, do not fully understand, and were very much unprepared for, in an effort to slow the spread of this unseen enemy. And I believe our efforts were successful, and worth it. But for many, this was done at great cost. I am not solely referring to monetary loss, but loss of contact with family, friends, neighbors, and our worship life that is important to so many, and that Christ calls us to. Seeing and talking with many of you, and many others in our community, I have come to the conclusion that the cure has become more of a burden than the virus. So, after gathering opinions from our church council, I will be removing the closed sign from the marquee tomorrow morning, and on Sunday the doors of the church will be open.

Attending worship, or a Lions meeting, or a Chamber meeting, and any other meeting or gathering, has been and still is a choice, and that choice has always been yours. Sunday morning worship will be no different, it will be your choice. If you choose to attend worship in the morning and every worship service hereafter, I ask that you follow a few simple guidelines.

1. If you choose to enter church, please be respectful of others already in church by maintaining a minimum distance of 6 feet from anyone that is not family or a companion. (if you rode to church with someone, that is considered a companion).
2. Wearing masks will not be mandatory, but if wearing one makes you, or others with you, more comfortable, then wearing one is strongly recommended. Wearing gloves falls into the same category.
3. If you are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, please do not attend worship until your symptoms are gone, and you are confident you are no longer contagious.

Also understand there will be no formal fellowship in the community room for the foreseeable future, but we are discussing other options as the weather warms. The sanctuary has been modified to video record services, which we shall do for the foreseeable future as well, as some will not feel comfortable gathering for some time yet, if ever. We will celebrate Holy Communion, but how we do that has changed a bit as well, but all will be explained prior to the start of the service. For those who do not wish to attend the service, but would like to receive the sacrament, I will be available following the service until 11 AM to serve sacrament to any and all who wish to come after the service has concluded.

I have come to this decision through much prayer and discernment, out of need for those I have been called to serve.

May God bless us all in the days, weeks, months, and years to come.

Bill †

This email was sent out Friday, May 15, 2020:

Good Afternoon to my Shepherd Family;

Due to recent events here in Wisconsin, specifically the decision handed down by the Wisconsin Supreme Court this week, many business will be opening this weekend in advance of the Labor Day weekend. I had been asked by a number of parishioners if this changes anything at Shepherd, and the answer is no.

The doors of the church were open last week, as they will be this week, and every Sunday for the foreseeable future. However, just as we did last Sunday, for the foreseeable future we will be taking every precaution to make worship as safe and as comfortable for people as we can. We will social distance (6 feet) whenever possible. I encourage individuals to wear a masks if it makes them, or others around them feel more secure, or if you have loved one at home that is compromised. And please, if you are experiencing any cold or flu symptoms, stay home until you are confident you are not contagious.

I have also been asked about the sanitation of the church between worship services, and we have taken the following steps. All doors, inside and out, will be sanitized after worship, and again Saturday evening prior to worship. The bathrooms will be treated the same, sanitized prior to and after worship, with only one person allowed in a bathroom at a time on Sundays. There are signs posted to that affect. The sanctuary being used only once a week, is actually self-sanitizing, as my research indicates the virus only survives for 4 days on furniture. Being used only on Sundays, we should be just fine.

But this also leads to another unfortunate change in our worship life. **Saturday evening worship has been cancelled** until further notice. We simply could not come up with a workable situation allowing one group in the church Saturday evening, and another on Sunday morning, and assuring everyone the worship space was sanitary. So for now, our worship life will be Sunday Morning only.

If anyone has any questions regarding worship going forward, or suggestions for that matter, please feel free to email, or call me direct. I am always open to concerns or different ideas.

Yours in Christ,

Bill †

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

To parents of children who participate in Church School, please share this letter from Mrs Carter with them. Thanks so much.

May 14, 2020

Dear Children,

You have been receiving activities in the mail to help keep you in God's Word; these go along with the Gospel reading for each coming Sunday. If you have any questions about them, please email Mrs. Carter at kcarter@nnex.net.

Know that Mrs. Schmidt and I miss you and that our normal ending of Church School in May (making ice-cream sundaes) will not happen right now, **but** when we next are able to gather for Church School (hopefully in September), **we will have it!**

In the meantime, we ask you to do the following:

1. Pray to our Heavenly Father, thanking Him for His protection over your family and friends. Ask for whatever help you and your family may need.
2. Know that Mrs. Schmidt and I hold each of you in prayer, as well.
3. Continue to follow the safety guidelines: as much as possible, stay at home, keep 6 feet of distance when possible, wear face masks when out and about, and wash hands very frequently.
4. Keep in touch with your family and friends: use the phone, text, email, use snail mail. It will encourage them (because you thought to do this) and it will encourage you in many ways, too!
5. Look for ways to help keep things go smoothly at home: help with dishes, pick up your own stuff, draw cheerful pictures and put them around the house for everyone to enjoy (and bring a smile to their faces).
6. Know that God is walking with each of us as we live in these very unusual and strange times.

Thank you to each of you who have sent cheerful notes!

Until we may gather again in person for Church School, may God hold you in His care.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Carter

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Church Council will meet later this month, so the minutes of the last Council meeting have not yet been approved. As soon as that happens, a summary of those minutes will be published in the next Shepherd newsletter.

She hurried to the pharmacy to get medication, got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys inside. The woman found an old rusty coat hanger left on the ground.

She looked at it and said, "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her some Help.

Within 5 minutes a beat up old motorcycle pulled up, driven by a bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag. He got off of his cycle and asked, if she needed help.

She said: "Yes, my daughter is sick. I've locked my keys in the car. I must get home. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure."

He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was open. She hugged the man and through tears said, "Thank You God, for sending me such a very nice man."

The Biker heard her little prayer and replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison yesterday; I was in prison for car theft."

The woman hugged the man again, sobbing, "Oh, thank you, God! You even sent me a professional!"

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.

DEVOTIONS

Encouraging one another is the fifth mark of discipleship

Christian discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and the good news of Jesus Christ so that others may believe. Over several issues, we have and will describe the seven marks of discipleship found in “Lessons for Today’s Disciples” written by Valora K Starr. You can find the resource by visiting welca.org/resources and searching for its title.

Encouraging others is work disciples can only do in community. This lesson will examine Jesus’ example of encouragement as a natural part of teamwork and motivation to get the job done.

Encouragement from others at just the right moment speaks volumes. It can mean the difference between giving up and knowing you’re okay. The receiver knows someone cares and feels that she matters. Just as Jesus encouraged Peter to walk on water, we also are called to encourage others to stretch beyond what they think they can do. Encouragement in the faith community is not just a pep talk; it is an affirmation and blessed assurance of what God can do in our lives.

Read 1 Thessalonians 5: 11-24. Jesus left a trail of “encouraging” accounts for the disciples and the early church. This mark of encouraging is meant to be practiced in community. The practice appears to be about how we treat others, but less to do with others than it does with the change that occurs in ourselves. The act of encouraging another places the encourager in the other’s shoes. A deep sensitivity for the other’s situation and circumstance is important, and you make a conscious decision to let your actions be guided by the Holy Spirit. Your words of encouragement have a two-fold effect - they are affirming for the other and faith-building for you.

Reflect on the ways we are called to encourage others. Make a list and explain how you would carry out each one. Hint: There are 11 more directives in verses 12-18.

Respond: Describe how you are encouraging others.

Personal Reflection

This reflection will help you assess your practice of encouraging others. Be honest and open as you can so that you get an accurate picture of where you are and where you want to go with this practice.

Assess the basics. Take a quick read of your practice of encouraging others.

When do I encourage others?

What prompts me to encourage others?

Whom do I encourage?

How do I encourage others?

Remember that when we encourage others, we are ourselves encouraged. Our faith grows and the community benefits.

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Submitted by:

Elaine Kuhlmann, SWO Board Member

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers requested since the last newsletter: Dick Neitzel, travels by Dee Burlingame and daughter Becky, Steve VanAcker.

Prayers for the COVID-19 pandemic should continue, for our country leaders and for all those in the world affected by this virus outbreak.

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.

Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes: Ramona Schaeffel, 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.

The best mathematical equation I have ever seen:

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given

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 Rhineland.

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

If you have any questions, please call

Dates:

May 21st
June 18th
July 16th
August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th



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

NOTE: As with all other activities at SOTL, Quilting has been cancelled until further notice.

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

Seems like everyone likes lemon bars – including me. I think I came across this recipe in Taste Of Home or some magazine. I was surprised to see the addition of vinegar in the pudding layer, but it really adds a lot of zip to the lemon flavor. So, here is a great alternative to the usual lemon bars (which I also love).

Layered Lemon Dessert

Crust:

6 Tablespoons butter

1 cup flour

1/2 cup pecans finely chopped

Cut flour into butter until crumbly. Stir in the pecans, press into bottom of ungreased 9 x 13 pan. Bake this at 350 for 15 minutes.

Next layer:

8 ounce cream cheese softened

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

1 1/2 cup whipped topping (like Cool Whip)

Beat cream cheese and powdered sugar until fluffy, then fold in the whipped topping.

Spread over cooled crust and refrigerate.

Lemon layer:

2 cups sugar

1/3 cups cornstarch

1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups water divided
3 eggs
1/4 cup vinegar
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 Tablespoon butter
1 teaspoon lemon extract

In saucepan combine sugar, cornstarch and salt.
Add 1/2 cup water and stir until smooth.
Add eggs and mix well.
Add vinegar, lemon juice and remaining water.
Bring to a boil over medium heat and cook 1 minute.
Remove from heat and stir in the butter and lemon extract.
Cool.
Spread over the cream cheese layer
Refrigerate for 2 hours before serving.

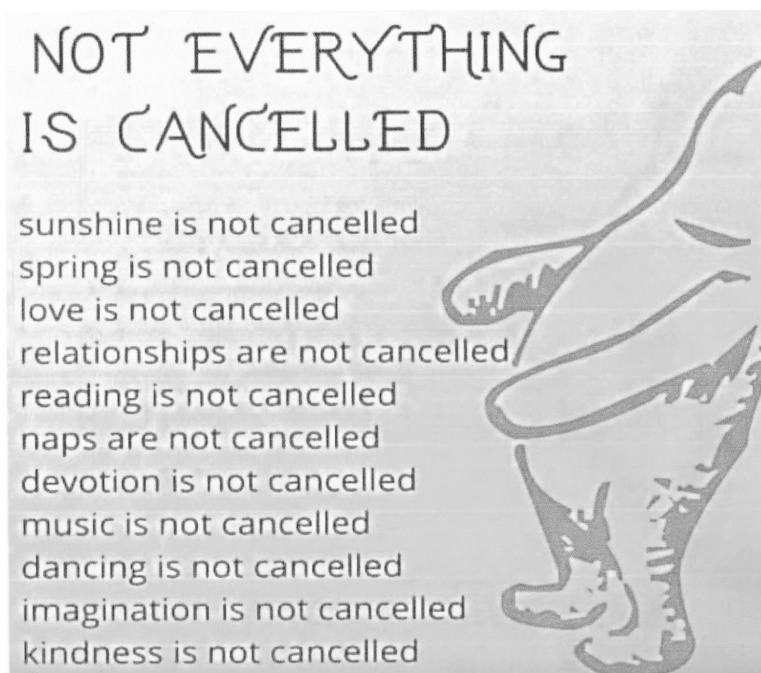
THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:


Community Food Pantry: \$39.50

NATH: \$25 on 02/14/2020 and \$25 on 04/19/2020

ALWM/Vital Links: \$25 and \$105




SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of May: Sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, brown sugar, powdered sugar. Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.					1	2
3 9 AM Worship Service	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9 AM Worship Service	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9 AM Worship Service	18	19 Blood Drive 1-4 PM	20	21	22	23
24 9 AM Worship Service	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 9 AM Worship Service	<i>You might be Lutheran if your five-year-old recites the Old Testament books of the Bible as: "Genesis, Exodus, Lute-fisk . . ."</i>					

May Birthdays:

4 th	Jim Krieck	5 th	Jan Specht
15 th	Kayla Penn	16 th	Landon Penn
17 th	Judy Neitzel	19 th	Rebecca Raabe
26 th	Dawson Penn		

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	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 9 AM Worship Service	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 9 AM Worship Service	15	16	17	18 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE	19	20
21 9 AM Worship Service	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9 AM Worship Service	29	30	 Pantry Needs <i>Food pantry</i> 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

Don't worry about getting older; you're still going to do dumb stuff, only slower.