

May 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 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)
May 2019	16 th	18 th
June 2019	13 th	15 th
July 2019	11 th	13 th
August 2019	15 th	17 th
September 2019	12 th	14 th
October 2019	17 th	19 th
November 2019	14 th	16 th
December 2019	12 th	14 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.

~From the Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write this, the snow banks have almost disappeared. My office window is open, and I can smell Spring in the warming soil and leaf decay that wafts up from the ground on the cool breeze that stirs the curtains.

It wasn't so long ago that March and April felt endless. I had grown up with snow melt in March and April daffodils not far behind. It was a difficult transition to enduring Spring by U.P. standards. It literally took me years to figure out that Spring in the U.P. is frozen mud and dirty snowbanks. But once I redefined what I expected of Spring, I found March and April to be less distressing and disappointing. Once I knew what the signs of Spring actually were, rather than what I wanted them to be, I found March and April to be hopeful rather than depressing.

As I write this, I feel hopeful. But there is also sadness as the world wakes up to the news of the Notre Dame fire. Like so many other tourists, I too have climbed the tower, marveled at the beautiful windows, took pictures of the gargoyles, and stood in that sanctuary awed by how that structure conveyed the majesty and mystery of God. I am not alone in my grief and sadness over the damage done to such an iconic witness to the faith of so many believers who participated in building this cathedral that took centuries. Generation after generation played a part even as they would never live to see its completion; such sacrifice and dedication, and certainly a very long view of history. They trusted that the community of faith would still need and value that Cathedral long after the workers and the builders and the present-day worshippers were years in the ground.

It's no wonder that we love our church buildings so. While none of our congregations in the Northern Great Lakes Synod have been in existence for 800+ years, most have spanned several generations. Immigrant families founded communities of faith and buildings where they would gather, that they expected to last.

But as Notre Dame burned, the faithful gathered outside it. And in the light of the flames, they sang hymns and prayed prayers. The Church gathered while their church burned.

The fire at Notre Dame is a stark reminder that buildings, while so very important and cherished, are not the Church. The Church, by definition, is the gathered faithful, those who offer their prayers and praise, those who seek the face of God and the presence of Christ in each other, those who together, proclaim Christ to their communities. I believe there is value in redefining church, or even rediscovering the actual definition of Church.

If we define Church as the building, then our vision for what God calls us to do and be is limited by the physicality of stone and carpet and pews. And if we feel that our church building is threatened, maybe by fire but more likely by the financial challenges of upkeep, then our priorities can also be challenged as we consider whether to put money towards ministry or some new building project. It is easy to improve a building. It is much more difficult to be a missionary to your own community. And the light bill is a far more pressing and defined need than a ministry vision that can be put off until there are funds for it. While we value and cherish our church buildings, the Church is the people who gather in Christ's name; be it at the coffee house, in someone's home, at the park, anywhere. Where two or three are gathered...but of course, we always hope for more.

Yours in Christ,
Bishop Katherine Finegan

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers requested since the last newsletter: Bob Brooker, Willow Boman, John Raby, Jon Erpenbach, Graham McKay.

Pray for the family of Jerry Walters, who passed into his eternal rest this week. Pray for his wife, Marilyn, and their children and families, as they grieve this huge loss for their family.

Pray for the family of 10-yr-old Dravin Justice Larson, who is now in the arms of Jesus, especially his parents. This is Barb Maines' nephew so include Barb & Will & Barb's family in your prayers.

Pray for the family of Lovell Morris, who has gone to his eternal home, especially his wife, Ginny.

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, Willow Boman, John Raby.

Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes: Ginny Morris, 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, Noah, Storaasli.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Praying the Lord's Prayer is the first mark of discipleship

Christian Discipleship is a lifelong journey of living out and spreading the good news of Jesus Christ so that others may believe. There are seven marks of discipleship - praying, studying, worshiping, inviting, encouraging, serving, and giving - found in our downloadable, free resource: "Lessons for Today's Disciples."

The first lesson of discipleship is Praying the Lord's Prayer.

We are continually called to be in communion with God through prayer. Prayer is both talking and listening to God. Our relationship with God and others grows deeper when we make these conversations part of our daily devotion. As our relationship with God deepens, we also come to know others in Christian love and grow in our understanding of our faith.

Jesus' ministry was centered in a life of prayer. He constantly prayed to God (Luke 5:16; 16:12). When one of the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, he taught the disciples how to be in communion with God.

Read Luke 11:1-13. Notice how Jesus arranged the prayer. First is an introduction that gives God all honor and praise. This statement of praise sets the tone before we continue with our requests. Without praising God first, our prayers can be a laundry list of needs and woes.

Second, this prayer reminds us that God provides for all our needs. In our daily conversations with God, we also witness God's blessing in our lives. Third, the Lord's Prayer teaches us about God's forgiveness. This is the foundation of our relationships with God, others and ourselves. God's forgiveness enables us to release to God our unresolved issues and hurts.

Reflect on and make a list of the different ways that God cares for you as you praise God's name.

"Lessons for Today's Disciple" was written by Valora K Starr, director for discipleship for Women of the ELCA. You can find the resource by visiting welc.org/resources and searching for its title.

Submitted by Elaine Kuhlmann, SWO Board Member Exhibit "A"

SPRING DINNER

Here are a few more details on the Spring Dinner to be held May 11, 2019 (see announcement on page 7). We will be having a meal of baked chicken (donated by Barb Cashman), ham (donated by Arlene Dreyfus), baked potato, rolls, veggie plate, fruit plate, and dessert. If you would like to donate any of these last three items, please sign up on the list in the narthex.

THANK YOU'S

From Barb Cashman & Bob Brooker: Thank you so much for the cards and prayers when Bob had his stroke. Words cannot say how blessed we are to have this family at Shepherd... your prayers were heard and Bob has now fully recovered. God bless you all.

Thank you notes also received from:

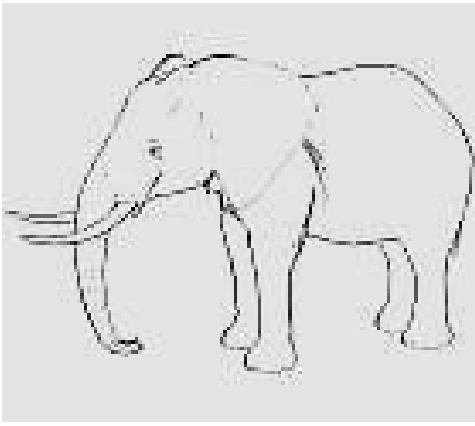
Caritas: \$42

Community Food Pantry: \$27

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: \$58

NATH: \$25

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Inc: \$15



Spring Dinner and White Elephant Gift Exchange

Saturday, **May 11, 2019** – 5:00 p.m.

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
Community Room


Take a break from spring cleaning to enjoy a delicious,
fabulous meal with many friends!

Plus a White Elephant Exchange ...
don't forget to bring a wrapped "treasure" with you!



Call 715-542-3701 to let us know you're coming!
Leave a message if you receive Voice Mail.
We hope you'll join us!


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9 AM Quilting Group 3:45 PM Children's Classes 5:30 PM Soup Supper 6:30 PM Lenten Service	4	5 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	6
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21 7:30 AM Easter Breakfast 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM EASTER Worship Service	22	23	24 3:45 PM Children's Classes	25 9 AM Text Study	26	27
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April Birthdays:

David Penn	1	Dee Burlingame	2
Jim Carter	7	Ken Horve	7
Barb Steinhilber	9	Adam Sima	9
Megan Biedermann	11	Evelyn Ahlborn	14
Lisa Scheel	15	Jenna Sima	16
Arlene Dreyfus	20	Tom Pierce	20

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May Birthdays:

Jim Krieck	4 th	Jan Specht	5 th
Judy Neitzel	17 th	Rebecca Raabe	17 th