May 2020 Newsletter Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State Hwy. 155 Sayner, WI 54560-9698



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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
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.

D OF GOD

Ministers: The People of the Parish

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Council Members:

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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)
May 2020	14 th	16 th
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	19th

Email articles to Barb Cashman at secretary@SOTLSayner.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.

UPDATE ON CHURCH SERVICES

The following is a copy of an email that was sent out yesterday 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.

Good Evening,

We deeply apologize for the late notice of this information; it took time to come up with all the details so that we could pass this along to all of you.

As he has been doing for the past month, tomorrow, Sunday, April 19, 2020, Bill Wendorf LLM, will be leading a church service at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church. Starting this week, Bill will also be available immediately following the service for two hours (until 12:00 noon) to provide communion to anyone who would like to drive to the church and enter for such purpose. One person or one family will be allowed in at a time. You should feel free to wear face masks and gloves if you would feel more comfortable.

During the service, we will use the guidelines imposed by the state, specifically adhering to "social distancing" and also the number of people allowed to gather at one time. The service will be held as normal, at 9 a.m., in the sanctuary. Each Sunday, the service will be recorded and will then immediately be uploaded to the church website, www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org. There will be no fellowship time following the service.

Due to the number of people restriction (must be <u>under</u> 10), we will need to monitor who attends each week so that everyone gets a chance to attend if they so wish. If you would like to attend the first live service on 04/26/2020, please contact myself, Barb Cashman, either via email or telephone call, to let me know. I will keep a list of names. Since Bill and probably two helpers will be a constant each week, 6 others will be allowed to attend. We will rotate names so that everyone who would like to attend has a chance to do so. The first 6 people to contact me who express interest in attending the service on Sunday April 26, will be allowed to do so. The following week, it will be the first 6 different people, and so on. Anytime there are not 6 <u>different</u> people interested, those who have already attended a service who call or email to express an interest in attending again, will be invited to do so.

If you have any questions regarding any of this, please call either myself or Bill. We strongly encourage you to pass this information on to anyone who may not have an email address. We would like to make sure that everyone who has any interest in attending Shepherd of the Lakes has the info that allows them to do so. As always, if you are not one of the 6 who are attending the service, please go the church website as listed above and watch/listen to the recorded service.

May you all remain blessed with good health, good friends, and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ's Love, Barb

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

This page and the following 3 pages are for children... projects and learning information.

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake,

or watch, or weep tonight,
and give your angels and saints

charge over those who sleep.

Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ.

Rest your weary ones.

Bless your dying ones.

Soothe your suffering ones.

Pity your afflicted ones.

Shield your joyous ones,

and all for your name's sake. Amen

APRIL 19, 2020 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



Faith in Jesus includes a relationship with Jesus.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	John 20:19-31	Thomas sees and believes
Monday	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Peter addresses the crowd
Tuesday	1 Peter 1:3-9	A living hope
Wednesday	Mark 10:46-52	The healing of blind Bartimaeus
Thursday	John 4:1-30	Woman at the well with Jesus
Friday	John 4:46-54	Jesus heals an official's son
Saturday	Psalm 16	Song of trust in God
Sunday	Luke 24:13-35	Road to Emmaus

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:28-29 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Everlasting God, strengthen us in faith; give us the desire to know you more day by day that we may live with love and hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, may we receive this food with joy, knowing that all good gifts come from you. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May God show you the path of life and give you joy through Christ our Lord. (Psalm 16:11)



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APRIL 19, 2020

HYMN OF THE WEEK

We Walk by Faith



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WEEKLY MILESTONES



Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS



Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Who is someone you wish you knew or knew better?
- How does having a personal, trusted relationship with someone impact your life?
- How do you grow in your relationship with Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

DEVOTIONS 🐸



Read: John 20:19-31.

It is hard to read this text and not be influenced by the title "doubting Thomas." However, it is only Thomas in the whole Gospel of John who makes the confession of faith that Jesus is God and more specifically, "My God" (v. 28). In this passage at least two important points about the Christian faith are revealed: 1) faith is relational (Thomas personalizes Jesus as "My God"), and 2) faith is a lifelong journey. Jesus blessed those who "come to believe." The Greek text denotes a continuous process, not just believing at a certain point in time, but continuing to believe. And, isn't that what is needed to have a real relationship to someone: an ongoing development—even being challenged by—that relationship. What Jesus means for us and to us will continue to develop for a lifetime. As we age and as we have new experiences and challenges, the meaning of Jesus for our lives and our world evolves, even as we evolve and "have life in his name" (v. 31). Our relationship with Jesus grows and develops over time. Describe your relationship with Jesus.

Pray: Come, Lord Jesus, into my life this day, that I may confess you as my God and have life through you each and every day. Amen.

SERVICE &



Thomas had to see Jesus to believe. Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe" (John 20:29). It is through our service that the world "sees" Jesus. We are his voice, hands, and feet in the world. List ways others have seen Jesus and his love through your actions and words.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



When Jesus appeared to the disciples after the resurrection, he said, "Peace be with you" (John 20:19b). This has become a traditional greeting among Christians as a reminder of Christ's presence. Practice greeting friends and family in your home using these words this week.

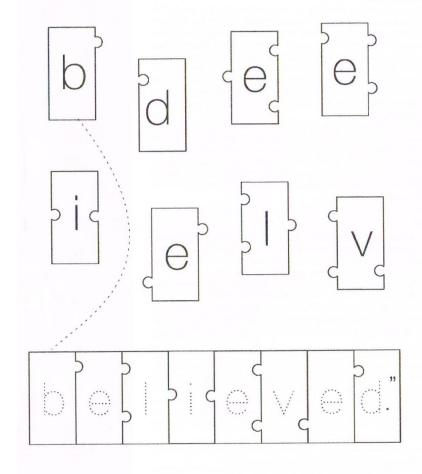


In addition to Taking Faith Home, celebrate milestones in your daily life as an effective faith formation tool. Go to: www.milestonesministry.org

Now Thomas believed.

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have ...

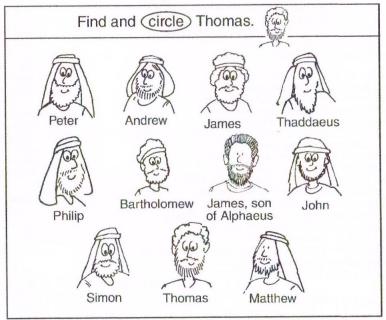
Match the puzzle letters. Write each letter.



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Jesus Appears to His Disciples

After Jesus rose from the dead,
His disciples — except for 1 — were
together in a room with the doors locked.
Which disciple was not there?







Then Thomas said,
"My Lord and my God!" What did
Jesus say back to him?

Unscramble the names below. Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks.



1. VIDAD

6 2

2. LAPU

12 9

3. RAMY

10 5 14

4. BOCAJ

17 13

5. PHOSEJ

15 18

6. REWAND

16

7. BELITHEZA

8 3

8. ONHJ

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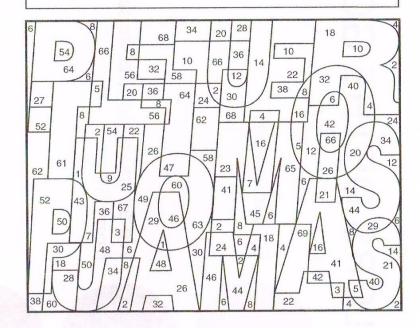
Ages 7+

April 19, 2020 • John 20:19-31

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

After Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to the disciples. But one of them was not with them when Jesus came. Which disciple was missing?

Shade in all the areas with an ODD number. Find the answer.



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CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Church Council has just met via Skype, and the minutes are yet to be approved. There will be a recap in the next newsletter.

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.

Top 10 Nations with the Highest Proportion of Lutherans

Iceland94%Norway90%Denmark90%Sweden90%Finland86%Greenland80%Namibia50%Germany30%Estonia26%USA6%

You might be Lutheran if the church is on fire, and you rush in to save the coffee pot.

DEVOTION

Breath of God

John 20:20 "...Then were His disciples glad when they saw the Lord."

This year Easter Sunday fell during the COVID-19 pandemic. It is a time when we are secluded in our homes and told to wrap our faces in cloth if we dare to go out for groceries or supplies. Walk into the grocery store, and you'll see people wandering quietly through the aisles with gloved hands and masked faces. Get too close, and you'll register a wide-eyed look of alarm on the face of that passer-by. We are hiding from an invisible beast.

"The Beast" is what people are naming the virus. It attacks ferociously in the night with spiked fevers, aches, lung-binding, and hallucinations. COVID-19 is a "breath-taking" virus. It steals the breath from peoples' bodies in a particularly terrifying way. It strikes suddenly, leaving us frightened and breathless. With no cure in sight, the only thing we can do is hide away, covering our noses and faces with cloth, hoping to keep this aggressive beast from our lungs. It is a death threat that has already made good on so many lives.

This brutal beast makes us feel that we are locked up in a dark tomb for an impossibly long time, as though the darkness of Good Friday might go on forever.. with no hope in sight.

Have you ever wondered what it must have felt like for Jesus those three days in the tomb? I have. He knew resurrection was imminent, yet was waiting for the dawn to come on that magnificent morning when the stone was rolled away, and the sun streamed through. He was waiting for an angel of the Lord to remove the funerary cloth from His face, and the Holy Spirit breathed again the holy breath of life into His stricken body, making it rise like Ezekiel's bones from the valley of the shadow of death. . . . three days of darkness . . . Then, new and restored life, not the same life, but a restored, resurrected life!

We, too, dear friends in Christ, are resurrection people. Watch and wait, people of God: be expectant. Dawn is coming. When it comes, your face cloths will be removed, and you will breathe again. The spring you see around you will show up in all kinds of ways; new life will start again. You'll again eat together, sing together, worship together, and love together. In a word: Resurrection!

Resurrection is coming. The signs are all around us. Watch. Wait. Listen for the breath. Long for the change. Celebrate the Lord Who gives life and restores life, now and always.

Amen; may it be so!

PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Prayers requested since the last newsletter</u>: Shirley Shambo, Betsy Tarkowski, Alair Peck, Katie (Carolynn Brink's sister-in-law), Elizabeth Jacobsen, Kristi Tarkowski, George Lacharite.

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

<u>Praise God:</u> We have received a Praise God for answering prayers from Carol & George Lacharite. George had a procedure and came through it quite well. He is now home and resting. Carol & George are very grateful for our prayer warriors and wanted to thank everyone.

Pray for families affected by deaths this month:

- 1. The family of Snooker DeWitt, who passed to his heavenly home on Easter morning.
- 2. The family of Lewie Behn, who passed this last week. He is the uncle of Barb Cashman, Sharon Brooker, and Will Maines.

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.

<u>Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes</u>: Ramona Schaeffel, Mel & Barb Harvey, Elisabeth Jacobsen.

<u>Prayers of comfort and hope for those in prisons and those struggling with addictions</u>: Larry (friend of LuAnn Brentlinger), Jamie Goodrum.

<u>Prayers for those who serve in our armed forces</u>: Jeff Hammer, Brian Krieck, 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.

A woman brought an old book into a store specializing in old volumes. The dealer studied the book and said, "This is a rare find, a Gutenberg Bible. It's worth a fortune!" The woman answered, "I had two of them, but I threw the other one out. Some guy, named Martin Luther, had written all over it."

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:
March 19th
April 16th
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

Thinking spring and lighter eating, this is a good transition from winter fare. You can make a single recipe for family, or double or triple for company and/or pot luck. I have purchased this type of salad from both Save More and Trig's, but this one is better – especially at \$6-7 per pound. It has always been received well. This is the recipe as I originally received it, but I find I like to make about 1 1/2 of the dressing per head of broccoli.

Broccoli Raisin Salad

1 bunch fresh broccoli

3/4 cup raisins

1/4 cup dry-roasted sunflower kernels

or chopped walnuts

1/2 cup red onion diced

6 slices bacon, cooked crisp and crumbled

(I use the bottled purchased bacon bits or flakes for this)

1/2 cup mayonnaise

1 Tablespoon sugar

1 1/2 Tablespoon white wine vinegar

Separate broccoli into small florets and dice stem to yield about 4 cups.

Combine broccoli with raisins, sunflower kernels, onion and bacon.

In small bowl, mix mayonnaise, sugar and vinegar until smooth. I like to do this first so the sugar has time to dissolve.

Add to salad mixture and stir to combine. Cover and refrigerate at least 2 hours or overnight.

This actually keeps pretty well for a couple of days. Now that we're restricted to our homes, you will have time to cut up the broccoli (3)

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

Community Food Pantry: \$61.50

Dr Kate Hospice: \$10

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: \$68

NATH: \$35 on 02/09/2020

VITAL LINKS

Dear friends of Vital Links,

This Holy Week, in the midst of the Covid 19 pandemic, our eyes are lifted to the cross where Jesus died – "the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". Then soon we will celebrate the empty tomb with the Glorious news of Jesus' Resurrection.

This is the ground of our living hope for today and the future, and is the reason Vital Links and ALWM exist: "We are ministering to the rural poor and orphans, through our staff and volunteers, and in partnership with local Vietnamese congregations and our staff. We provide medical help and clean water projects now for physical needs, and hope for eternity as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ!"

The ministry there continues carefully, as they are in a time of limited movement and social distancing. This note came just last week from Van, our project manager:

"Dr.Hang and Mr. Hai visited Phi Sar Church on Mar 11th for personal hygiene health training and giving some gifts like soaps, masks, gel hand sanitizer, cereal packs, cookies and candies for children. This Church is poor in a mountainous area near Da Lat City. Most of people are Chauro hill tribe." (They are not taking the whole team right now).

ALWM / Vital Links is providing Phi Sar church also with a water filtration system from a special donation from one of our partner churches here in the US. The water is not drinkable right now.

We are just finishing construction of our fourth Gospel House in Hieu Liem Village, Dong Nai Province. Mr & Mrs Ho Minh Man (pictured here) have a vision for helping unwed mothers and orphaned children rescued from abortion. They are being mentored by one of our other pro life leaders, Ms Bao. Much of the funding to build is provided locally by this couple and others. We are providing 25% of the budget with a designated gift from a partner church here in the US.

We have a critical need for funds for the ministry in Vietnam as designated contributions for Vital Links are down due to the corona virus. We need additional donations also to help fund our \$250 a month commitment to Gospel Houses to provide milk and basic help for the 35+ orphan children who live in these homes. We want to increase support as the Lord provides so we can help Mr & Mrs Man in the same way with milk and staples for the up to 7 unwed mothers and orphans that can live with them.

Would you pray for protection and provision for Van, Dr Hang & Mr Hai, our team of volunteers, and for the partner churches that host our outreaches and do the relationship building and follow up? Please send your gifts to **ALWM, PO Box 67432, Albuquerque, NM 87193-7432** and designate for Vital Links. If your gift is specifically for the "Gospel Kids", simply indicate that as well. **You can also visit** https://www.alwm.org/support.

It is no exaggeration to say that your prayers and support are <u>VITAL</u> to the ongoing work of "Vital Links" in Vietnam!

Have a blessed Holy Week!

In Christ,

Pastor Bill

Rev. Bill Moberly, Founder & Director of ALWM

At income tax time, remember what the Bible says: Beware of false profits!

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April Birthdays:

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Jim Carter	7^{th}	Ken Horve	7^{th}
Barb Steinhilber	9 th	Adam Sima	9 th
Megan Biedermann	11 th	Evelyn Ahlborn	14 th
Lisa Scheel	15 th	Arlene Dreyfus	20 th
Tom Pierce	20 th		

Luther called the printing press "God's last and greatest gift."

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May Birthdays:

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15 th	Kayla I Cilii	16 th	Landon Penn
$17^{\rm th}$	Judy Neitzel	19 th	Rebecca Raabe
26 th	Dawson Penn		