November 2018 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 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!

	Date		
Month	Articles	<b>Printing</b>	
Monu	are Due	Date	
	(Thursday)	(Saturday)	
November 2018	15 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	
December 2018	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	
January 2019	17 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	
February 2019	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	
March 2019	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	
April 2019	11 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>	
May 2019	16 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>	
June 2019	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	

**Email** articles to Barb Cashman at <u>bacashman@gmail.com</u>. Thank you.

**RECORDED SERMONS**: All sermons at Shepherd of the Lakes are now recorded and are available shortly after the service on the Shepherd of the Lakes Church's website. Go to shepherdofthelakeschurch.org to listen to them at any time.

## Special Events at Shepherd of the Lakes In September 2018

Watching our church grow!

New Members Welcomed	<u>Baptisms</u>
None	October 28, 2018 – Harper McKay
<u>Confirmations</u>	<u>Marriages</u>
None	None

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

#### What Discipleship is Not!

This is an article from the Northwester, the newsletter for the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin, submitted by Gloria Rolstad, Apple River Conference Representative.

Discipleship is a popular word, often used vaguely and ambiguously and gets thrown around at church. People have described classes, courses, programs, Bible studies, accountability groups, mission trips and even fellowship as discipleship.

Some people think making disciples is a specific call or spiritual gift, something only meant for the pastors, missionaries and "super-Christians." This thinking is wrong!

Discipleship is not an optional course. It is not a twelve-step program. It is not intended for only a select few to carry out. Christ's mandate to make disciples is meant for every one of His followers.

So, What is Discipleship?

It is quite simple. Discipleship is the relationships between a teacher (disciple-r) and student (disciple). "Disciple" comes from the Greek word that means "to learn." Historically, the word recognizes a pupil-teacher relationship. This is a cyclical process-meaning once we are discipled, we disciple others, & so on.

One of the most important characteristics of being a disciple (a student or pupil), is to develop an intimate relationship with God through Christ rather than just learning about Him. Discipleship equips the Christian with God's Word, prayer, doctrine, worship, encouragement, and service.

Why We Should Disciple?

Word, Relationship and Ministry work together to model discipleship principles taught by Jesus. The goal of discipleship is to develop healthy believers that walk by faith, share their faith, and multiply their faith. To walk by faith means to be living as a Christian in obedience to Jesus.

To share faith means retelling God's story and how He has worked in your life and in redemptive history. To multiply faith means to bring others into God's fold and make disciples of their own.

Why should we make disciples? For starters, it is a direct command from Jesus (Mathew 28:18-20). Also, it is because we, as Christians, are the sent people of God. As the Father sent Jesus, so Jesus is sending us (John 20:21). We are sent by Him to continue as His representatives on earth and participate in the narrative of redemptive history that He authors. Jesus told us that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few (Luke 10:2). He has made us laborers.

Every Christian should be helping unbelievers become believers by showing them Christ. And every Christian should be helping other believers grow to more and more maturity. Both of these are making disciples. And every Christian should be seeking to get help for themselves from others to keep on growing. That is our discipleship.

Thank you Gloria Rolstad for your wisdom. Submitted by Elaine Kuhlmann SWO Board Member

## PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

The second annual Pastor's Discretionary Holiday Fund will take place this year. Donations are collected for this fund up until the week before Christmas. **ALL DONATIONS MUST BE IN BY TUESDAY DECEMBER 18**<sup>TH</sup>. Anything received after that date will go into the fund for next year, 2019!

Bill Wendorf LLM contacts those who may know of families in need including schools, town officials, and other organizations. Anyone can contact Bill with the name(s) of families or persons that they feel are in need and could benefit from this fund. All money stays within the community. All funds are distributed before Christmas by Bill and other church members chosen by him. The funds are given to the person or organization who provided the name(s) and they are responsible for delivering them to the families. No one at church, including Bill, knows the names of the recipients.

If you would like to contribute to this fund, please place your donation in an envelope, mark it as Holiday Discretionary Fund, and place in the offering plate, turn it in to the church office, or mail to the church address. If you have any questions, please talk to Bill Wendorf.

## POLKA FEST

A very successful Polka Fest and a wonderful time was had by all!





## PRAYER CONCERNS

We are currently seeking a volunteer to assume the duties of the Prayer Chain Leader. This would involve receiving and sending out prayer requests as needed. Please prayerfully consider this and, if you feel a calling to this ministry, please contact Doug Tarkowski or Bill Wendorf.

<u>Prayers requested since the last newsletter</u>: Anthony Mann, Rick Troyer, Tom Miles, JoAnn Kehl, Kathy Helge, Gary Pockat.

**Pray for the family of Marilyn Sheldon**, who passed to her eternal home in October.

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.

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

<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.

#### 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

<u>From Carol Miles</u>: Thanks for the wonderful prayer ministry. We feel the prayers. Tom is having a procedure today (Thursday 10/25) in Tucson to clear his airway stent.

#### **Thank you notes received from:**

Caritas - \$41.67 x2 NATH - \$25

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Inc. - \$33.83 and \$25.00 Community Food Pantry

# THANKSGIVING COMMUNITY DINNER

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church will be hosting a Thanksgiving Community Dinner on Thanksgiving day, Thursday, November 22, 2018, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Community Room.

This meal will be free to all, but Good Will donations will be accepted at that time. If you would like to sign up for this meal, please call the church at 715-542-3701 or call Barb Cashman at 715-892-2166.

Jeanne Kroll has taken the lead for this ministry so you may contact her with any questions.

## THRIVENT



## VITAL LINKS

Carol Miles will be leaving November 8-19, 2018 for a Needs Assessment mission to Cambodia and then to meetings for VLH future mission planning. She will be traveling with the new director, Pastor Bill Moberly of ALWM, and VLH board members. They will attend an LCMC youth conference in Siem Reip, Cambodia, where 100 people from age 18-30 will be in attendance. They will also visit island community churches and schools on the Mekong River to determine how they can help in the future. Please pray for the Lord to show them the plan He has.

The summer team will depart June 19 - July 3, 2018. All have gifts to share and they are seeking up to 15 team members. Carol herself will be going along.

Special thanks and apologies to all for your patience with the lateness of the November newsletter. Due to mechanical problems with the church copier, it is being published two weeks later than normal. The copier is now repaired and should be good to go for a long time!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Love is not a feeling,	1	2	3	4	5	6 Pot Plessing
it is a behavior.	8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service		5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study	10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	Pet Blessing 5 PM
AM Choir Rehearsal AM <b>Polka Fest</b> <b>Vorship Service</b>	8	9	5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE  9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study	12	9 AM Men's Breakfast
4	15	16	17	18	19	20
AM Choir Rehearsal AM Worship Service Fellowship Breakfast			5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study	10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	
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AM Choir Rehearsal AM Worship Service			5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		
8  AM Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31 5 PM Choir Rehearsal	Pantry ha	d pantry items needed for & nails items including ir spray, scrunches, barrery boards. Please place	comb, brush, shampe ettes, toe nail clippers items in the appropria

5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes

## **October Birthdays**:

8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service

Don Bauer	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Sima	4 <sup>th</sup>
Don Dixon	$7^{\text{th}}$	Tina Wendorf	$7^{\text{th}}$
Carol Gebhardt	8 <sup>th</sup>	Frankie Will	9 <sup>th</sup>
Darrell Smith	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lolly Kloepfer	16 <sup>th</sup>
Mel Harvey	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Kazda	25 <sup>th</sup>
Jeanne Kroll	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Kloepfer	26 <sup>th</sup>

bins in the coat room.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 2018							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Feed your f	aith, and you	ır fears will s	tarve to death.	1 9 AM Text Study	2 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	3	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
3 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service			9 AM Quilting Group 5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study		9 AM Men's Breakfast	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch Council Meeting			5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE  9 AM Text Study	10 AM Bingo @ Avanti		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service			Thanksgiving Eve Service 7 PM	Thanksgiving Community Dinner 11 AM – 2 PM			
25	26	27	28	29	30		
3 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service			5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study			



*Food pantry* items needed for the month of November: Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.

#### **November Birthdays:**

Jo Anne Kehl	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Lundin	$11^{\rm th}$
Pepper Bauer	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dan Simcox	24 <sup>th</sup>
Barb Maines	5 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Stephenson	$28^{th}$

## SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH - December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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AM Choir Rehearsal AM Worship Service	17	18	5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	20 9 AM Text Study	21 <b>Blood Drive</b> 12:30 – 4:30 PM 10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	22
AM Choir Rehearsal AM Worship Service	24 4 PM Christmas Eve Service	25	5 PM Choir Rehearsal 3:45 PM Children's Classes	27 9 AM Text Study	28	29
AM Choir Rehearsal AM Worship Service	31	Forget	your problem	s by helping	g others sol	ve theirs.

## December Birthdays:

Joanie Stephenson	5 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Krieck	10 <sup>th</sup>
Cheri Biedermann	9 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Harvey	$11^{th}$
Mary Sutor	10 <sup>th</sup>	Samantha Thompson	15th