

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
A Congregation of the Evangelical
Lutheran Church in America

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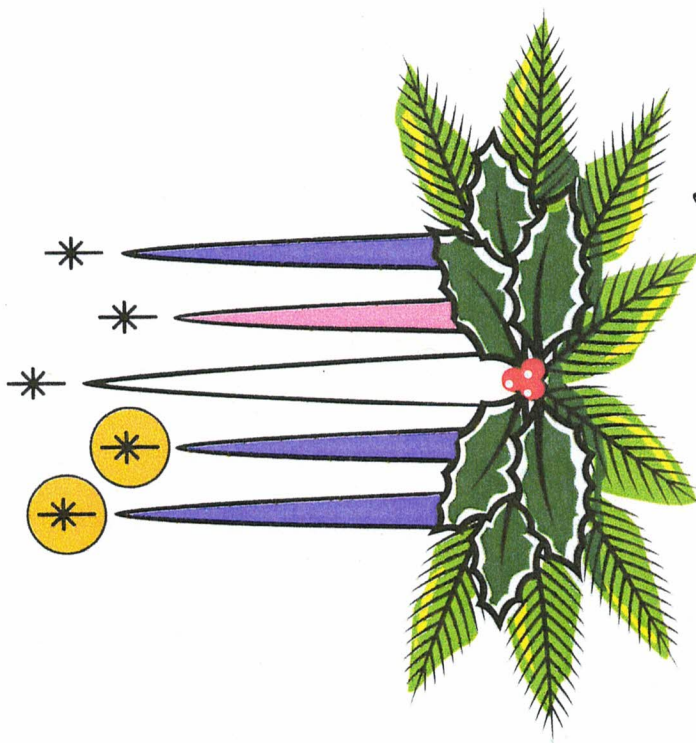
Church Services are held on Sundays at 9:00 am.
Services will be recorded and available for viewing on
YouTube later on Sundays.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. Everyone is welcome to Holy Communion at Shepherd of the Lakes. Come forward as ushers direct, receive the wafer in your hand and move to the wine which is served in individual portions. We offer grape juice as an alternative to wine. Gluten-free wafers are also available at your request from communion servers when you partake.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent

December 6, 2020

Giving Report November 27, 2020		Attendance
General Funds		1,385.00
ALWM		25.00
Food Pantry		25.00
Weekend Backpack		420.00
Community Dinners - Thanksgiving		700.00
Rental of Facilities		200.00
Total		\$2,755.00

Giving Report December 1, 2020		Attendance
General Funds		225.00
Building Funds		25.00
Total		\$250.00

Pastor's Discretionary Holiday Fund:

We are once again taking donations for the holiday gift card and supporting organizations donations. Please note either on your envelope or in the memo section on your check Pastor's Holiday Fund.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service:

The Christmas Eve service has been scheduled for 4:00 pm on December 24, 2020.

South Entrance Addition:

Great progress has been made. The south entrance is now enclosed and work is continuing on the interior.

Recorded Services: All Sunday services at

Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube, later on Sunday.

Go to the Church website at
shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

and look for the  symbol. Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

PRAYER REQUESTS



(Please note: "Current issue" listings remain in the bulletin for three weeks and then are removed unless instructions are received to move that listing to the "ongoing health issues" list.)

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Continue to pray for those in the world affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pray for our world leaders, church leaders, and Shepherd of the Lakes leaders so that they may help to meet the needs of those they serve as we move forward in these everchanging times.

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Arlene Dreyfus, Rich Kysiak, Julie Smith, Gus Tarre, Carolyn Brink, and Tom & Carol Miles.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Jeff Hammer, Brian Kriek, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Sgt. Keara Kangas, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Noah Storaasli, and Zachary Raatz.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Ramona Schaeffel, Mel & Barb Harvey, and Elisabeth Jacobsen.

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Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or Jean Maines at secretary@SOTLsayner.com if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email.

If anyone is interested in being the contact person for the prayer chain, please contact Bill Wendorf or Sharon Geist

Sunday, December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

Prophecy, Patience, and Promise

Advent is a season of expectation, the word itself meaning "coming." Many families spend these four weeks waiting for children to come home from college, or for grandparents to come for Christmas dinner. For young children, these days of waiting can seem like a thousand years. Others are amazed at how quickly time is flying. In the interval, stories from the past are told and retold as a way of remembering the significance of these waiting days.

The arrival scripture speaks of is both more profound and more sublime. It is the coming end of a way of being that has seemed like exile, like imprisonment. It is salvation from all that has torn us and our world apart. As we wait alongside the readers of Mark's gospel, we too hear voices from the past in the prophetic words of Isaiah (and Malachi and Exodus) that prepare us to receive the one who is coming into the world: Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mark 1:1). As with any long period of waiting, we know that the final days are the hardest to bear.

We struggle to understand why we ourselves, never mind the rest of creation, must wait any longer for the salvation and redemption God has promised. Our salvation is bound up with one another's though, and we are

reminded that God has been patient with us, "not wanting any to perish" (2 Peter 3:9). We therefore practice patience with God as we remain steadfast in hope and lead lives of holiness and godliness worthy of the new era that is coming (2 Peter 3:11-12).

Readings for December 13, 2020

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
Second Reading: Luke 1:46b-55
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28