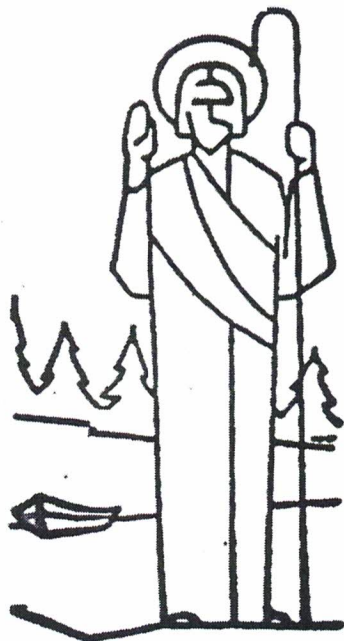


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### **Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church**

A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod  
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Worship Service: Saturday 5:30 AM

*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.*

Ministers: The People of the Parish  
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Church Telephone: 715-542-3701

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[www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
[www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)



### **Council Members:**

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Joan Ebert, Cell 239-910-3986  
Tracey Ahlborn, Cell 612-716-6008

### **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  
Or by Appointment

## **Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!**

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
January 2021	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
February 2021	18 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
March 2021	18 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>

Email articles to [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:secretary@SOTLsayner.com)  
Thank you.

February newsletter possibly will not be sent due to  
time constraints

### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

**RECORDED SERMONS:** Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on YouTube and will be available for viewing later on Sundays. Go to [shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) and on the Home Page, look for the YouTube link. Previously uploaded services are available on the link.

If you would like a copy of the current worship guide please look for the “**Bulletin**” page on the Church Website. You can open the files and print.

**ONLINE GIVING:** Also available on the Church website is a link to PayPal for online giving.

## **DEVOTION**

### **The City of God**

"There shall be no night there . . . and they shall reign forever and ever." Revelation 22:5

Many years ago, Billy Graham was visiting the United States Senate dining room. One of the senators came up to him and asked, "Billy, we're having a discussion at our table. Are you a pessimist or an optimist?" He smiled and replied, "I am an optimist." The senator asked, "Why?" Billy answered, "I've read the last page of the Bible."

The Bible speaks about a heavenly city whose builder and maker is God, where those who have been redeemed will be superior to the angels. It speaks of "a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding from the throne of God and of the Lamb." (Rev.22:1)

It says, "There shall be no night there: they need no lamp nor light of the sun, for the Lord God gives them light. And they shall reign forever and ever."

As another year ends, no doubt you have had your share of joys and disappointments. Don't live in the past, but "be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near."

We pray: "Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Amen!"

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## **2021 BUDGET MEETING**

The budget meeting was held Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 1:00 pm. Draft of proposed budget for 2021 presented to Church Council on Sunday, December 13, 2020 and approved for presentation to congregation at annual meeting.

### **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.



## **CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 17, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Approved Council Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2020

In Attendance: Sharon Giest, Bill Wendorf LLM, Lyn Hurbanis, Jack Carlson, Tracey Ahlborn (via phone), Jeanne Kroll, Mike Pockat, Jean Maines.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm.

Pastor's Report:

- Phone calls being made to members (no visiting allowed due to Covid)
- 16 individuals receiving meals from Weekend Backpack Program
- Pet Blessing had attendance of 25 people and many dogs
- Bill attended Pastor Sherry Van Lishout's installation ceremony at Ascension

Treasurer's Report:

- Discussion concerning purchase of new copier – approved color copier purchase
- Insurance check for tuck pointing of front pillars received for damage repair
- Currently under budget for expenses year-to-date
- Requested and approved for Betsy Tarkowski to help with general accounting during tax season

Old Business:

- Discussion of waiting until January to open Church School, in the meantime weekly mailings are being sent to students with lessons and activities.
- Decision to not hold Thanksgiving Eve service
- South entry addition discussed, waiting for state architect to inform us of state approval of plans.
- Shingles stocked for pavilion roof will be used for addition to ensure color match
- Doug Tarkowski to help Mike Everson when needed.
- Memorial plaque to be purchased by congregation member for addition.

New Business:

- Appreciation bonus for Beth Von Ende for music all summer.
- Permission for St. Germain Lionesses use of dining room for meetings in October and November.
- Ambry purchased and fully funded by congregation member. Approved Lutheran service is available for distribution of consecrated sacraments.
- Compensation for secretarial work approved.

Adjourned meeting at 7:30 pm with Lord's Prayer.

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"Religion will disappear." (Karl Marx)  
"Karl Marx has disappeared." (God)

## 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.

### Dates:

Future Dates on Hold  
We hope to begin  
Meetings at church in  
January.



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

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# Thank You!

## THANK YOU'S

### Thank you notes received from:

Awakening Lives to World Missions

Caritas

Community Food Pantry

Fortune Lake

Dr. Kate Hospice

NATH (Frederick House) Plum Lake Ambulance Service

Tri-County Council

Vilas Food Pantry

Vilas County Humane Society

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said comedian Red Skelton," "I live by this credo: Have a little laugh at life and look around you for happiness instead of sadness. Laughter has always brought me out of unhappy situations. Even in your darkest moment, you usually can find something to laugh about, if you try hard enough. If I can make people laugh, then I have served my purpose to God."



## **PRAYER CONCERNS**

*We are looking for someone to take over leadership of the Prayer Chain. Please let Bill or Sharon Geist know if you are interested.*

### **Pray for those with ongoing health issues:**

Larry & Joannie Stephenson, Arlene Dreyfus, Rich Kysiak, Julie Smith, Gus Tarre, Carolynn Brink, Elaine's son-in-law Rodney, and Tom & Carol Miles.

**Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:** Jeff Hammer, Brian Krieck, 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:**

Mel & Barb Harvey, and Elisabeth Jacobsen.

### **Pray for those who have passed:**

Ramona Schaeffel and her family who grieve.

### **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 Bill Wendorf LLM at 715-617-6477 ([pastor@SOTLSayner.com](mailto:pastor@SOTLSayner.com)) or Jean Maines at 715-891-3344 ([secretary@SOTLSayner.com](mailto:secretary@SOTLSayner.com)) if you need prayers for any reason.

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The place to be happy is here;  
The time to be happy is now;  
The way to be happy is to make others so."  
... via Pastor John J. Walker  
First Lutheran Church  
Post, Texas

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## **RECIPE CORNER**

by Jan Specht

Cold weather – thinking soup. When eating out at supper clubs I would always order the French onion soup. One day I made this recipe and decided it was better than that served while eating out.

It was also a popular item when we were doing the Souper Care” ministry. Now, while eating out is curtailed, you may want to make it for yourself.

### French Onion Soup

1/4 cup butter (or more as needed)

\*2 cups onion thinly sliced

1 Tablespoon flour

\*4 cups beef stock

1 teaspoon salt

1/8 teaspoon pepper

1 teaspoon brown sugar

1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce

1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

In large kettle, melt butter and fry the onion until golden brown

Add flour and stir until blended

Add beef stock and seasonings

Cover and simmer 45 minutes.

\* I used 4 cups of onion, not 2

For best flavor fry the onions slow and until nicely browned

\*Again, for best flavor, use at least 1 can beef consomme’, much better than regular beef stock.

Of course, adjust the other seasonings per preference

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said one young man as he arose from sleep on New Year's morning: "Here I am, Lord. A New Year! A fresh awakening; ready to serve You with all my strength; ready to wrestle with Satan; ready to serve others and fight for right; ready to win the lottery. . ." (Ed Sullivan, 1992)

"Never clutch the past so tightly that it leaves your arms unable to embrace the present. Happy New Year!" (from St. Rocco's Church newsletter, Martins Creek, Pennsylvania)

## CHILDRENS CORNER

Church school was discussed during the December Council Meeting and the determination was made to not open in-person church school until the 2021-2022 school year begins. Weekly mailings will continue to all of the church school children.

### *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*

R M M N V D T N G T N Z L G  
E E I D E N B L J A Z K J B  
C H A L V W O T T L S L D L  
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E B I A Y I U R B R D D T D  
D E C P N L X N A T T W Z Q  
S E L G X V Y V Z H N M G G

*Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations rise  
Join the triumph of the skies  
With the angelic host proclaim:  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing  
"Glory to the newborn King!"*

HARK	RECONCILED
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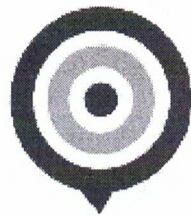
# Do You Know the Song?

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Do you know the song that the angels  
sang  
 On that night in the long ago?  
 When the heav'ns above with their music  
rang,  
 Till it echoed in the earth below?

KNOW	ABOVE
SONG	MUSIC
ANGELS	RANG
SANG	ECHOED
NIGHT	EARTH
LONG	BELOW
AGO	

"If you're not allowed to laugh in heaven, I don't want to go there." (Martin Luther)



## AWAKENING LIVES TO WORLD MISSIONS

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church  
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Nov. 18, 2020

Dear Friends of Vital Links and ALWM,

We are deeply grateful for your prayers & support for the work of Vital Links in Vietnam! This work would not be possible without your faithful gifts to ALWM designated for Vital Links.

As you know, the heart of the ongoing ministry is carried on through the year by Dr Hang, Van and the large volunteer team. This means that the work doesn't stop when there is a moratorium on international travel, even during the pandemic! Yes, the team honored all Covid 19 restrictions issued by their government. Yet, within these limitations, they served thousands of people through our medical / evangelistic outreaches, including the most recent Hue outreach. Van wrote recently that "Dr. Hang visited Hue Church and Dakrong Church, the Quang Tri Province in the central of Vietnam. They are suffering from flooding and storm." (below)



Also, some key clean water projects were completed this year, including new restrooms and a water filtration system. Funds for these projects were given to ALWM by a partner US church, with local volunteer labor from local churches. In addition, of course, The important Gospel House Kids orphan ministry continues 24/7!

In addition, our Vital links team is now launching a new, ongoing outreach to the leper colony in Nha Trang City. It has taken some months due to Covid 19, and to develop a plan that could involve local churches there. Now the first visit will be in December, and then continue quarterly.



We won't be having a mission team in Ho Chi Minh City to work with the hospitals again in 2021, just as we were unable to serve this year due to the pandemic. So this makes our new ESL Ministry – **E Learning Friendship English Conversation (EFEC)** - even more timely. In this we engage English speaking volunteers here with medical professionals in Vietnam that want to improve their conversational English skills. Meeting via zoom or similar platform weekly, both volunteers and students are enjoying the time together and learning a lot as well! We need more volunteers for the next semester that begins in mid February, as we have students waiting to take part. Can you pass the word to your church and your circles of friends? Maybe you can consider volunteering yourself! It is very rewarding and a great way to grow cross-culturally. Visit [alwm.org/efec](http://alwm.org/efec) to see our intro video and to learn more.

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**Financially, this year end is an especially critical time for Vital Links.** One of the churches that sends money regularly has cut back this year, and another is a month behind. We have a very small reserve. We have continued our regularly monthly budget to this point, possible because we generate some limited funds for the ministry with donations from nurses / students taking part in EFEC. We want to maintain the outreach budget for Dr Hang and Van, and not cut back! We also would like to expand our small monthly support for the Gospel house kids, and add some for our new home in Hieu Liem that was recently completed. Dr. Hang has a growing list of clean water projects we can undertake in partnership with local churches. All of this requires prayer and regular financial support.

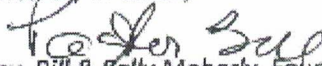
Please pray with us for a strong year end financially. Will you continue your support of Vital Links in 2021? Regular gifts of any size are a blessing, especially with a ministry like VL that does so much with so little!

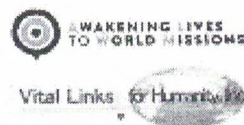
Hudson Taylor, pioneer missionary to China in the mid 19th century, said it well: *"God's work, done in God's way, will have God's supply"*! That has been our experience, too, through more than 17 years of full-time global mission work, and one that fits the ministry of Vital Links through the years.

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Please let me know how we can be of service to you in the coming year. Have a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas! Thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.


Sincerely in Christ,

  
Rev. Bill & Sally Moberly, Founder & Director  
[www.alwm.org](http://www.alwm.org)  
[www.vitallinksforhumanity.org](http://www.vitallinksforhumanity.org)





# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – January 2021

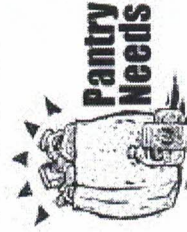
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9 AM Worship Service						

## January Birthdays

18 <sup>th</sup>	Marney Mann	25 <sup>th</sup>	Amanda Farrow
25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Lundin	27 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Cashman

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**Food pantry** items needed for the month of February:

Cereal (hot or cold), powdered milk, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly.

Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.

## February Birthdays

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma Sima	26 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Seehafer
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Brooker	26 <sup>th</sup>	Hannah Scheel
18 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Brooker	28 <sup>th</sup>	McKenna Will