

April 2021 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 in America  
Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 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.*

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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  
Or by Appointment

**Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!**

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
May 2021	20 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>th</sup>
June 2021	17 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
July 2021	15 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
August 2021	19 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>

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

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am  
Saturday Services: May 29 – August 28, 2021

**RECORDED SERMONS:** Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are Live-Streamed at 9:00 am. The services are also 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**

### **Peace-filled Hearts**

"Jesus said, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:21a

"A heart at peace gives life to the body, but envy rots the bones." Proverbs 14:30

For forty-five years after his career as a professional athlete ended, Jerry Kramer was not inducted into his sport's Hall of Fame. He enjoyed many other honors and awards, but this one eluded him. While he had been nominated for this honor ten times, it had never been bestowed. Despite having his hopes dashed so many times, Kramer was very gracious, saying, "I felt like the National Football League had given me 100 presents in my lifetime, and to be upset about one I didn't get was kind of stupid."

Where others might have grown bitter after being denied so many times in favor of other players, Kramer wasn't. His attitude illustrates the way we can safeguard our hearts against the very corrosive nature of envy, which "rots our bones." When we become preoccupied with what we don't have---and fail to recognize the many things we do---the peace of God will elude us.

After an eleventh nomination, Jerry Kramer was ultimately inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame in February, 2018. Our earthly desires may not be realized as his finally were. Yet we can still have a "heart at peace" when we instead focus our attention on the many ways God has been generous toward us. No matter what we want but do not have, we can always enjoy the life-giving peace He brings to our lives.

Heavenly Father, help me to focus on what You have provided.

Give me a heart of peace.

Amen.

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### **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.

## **APRIL FUNERALS**

Saturday April 17, 2021 – John Eliason Sr

To be held at Sayner Community Building – Visitation 11:00 am to 1:00 pm followed by service.

Saturday April 24, 2021 – Ginny Morris

To be held at Shepherd of the Lakes – No visitation – Service at 11:00 am followed by cake and coffee fellowship



## **CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY**

The next council meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 25, 2021 at 10:30 am.

Approved Council Meeting Minutes for February 28, 2021

In Attendance: Jack Carlson, Joan Ebert, Sharon Geist, Lyn Hurbanis, Jeanne Kroll, Jean Maines, Mike Pockat, and Bill Wendorf, LLM. Absent were Bill Sima and Tracey Ahlborn.

Meeting called to order at 10.40 am by Vice President Jack Carlson. Mission Statement read aloud by all. Lyn Hurbanis opened with a devotion and prayer.

Pastor's Report:

- Two home visits made since last meeting. (Bill is available for home visits and communion distribution if he is asked to visit.)
- Wednesday night Lenten services well attended
- Preparing for Holy Week

Treasurer's Report:

- January council financial reports distributed and discussed
- Review of January 2021 checks completed by Lyn Hurbanis and no discrepancies found
- Balance of Pastor's Holiday Discretionary Fund of \$2,880.00 to be distributed to Caritas Eagle River, Caritas Minocqua, Frederick House (NATH), Vilas County Veterans Fund, and Fortune Lake. Checks will be printed and distributed by Bill

Old Business:

- South Entry Closure:
  - Visitor fall discussed. Recovering well from minor injuries. Church Mutual insurance company informed of accident
  - Railing commissioned for center of landing step leading from top of step to floor level. Black contrasting tape to be added to edge of landing
- Tile Backsplash in Kitchen:
  - Will be installed after Easter
- Sign, Landscape Plan, and Side Entry:
  - Brad Brooker contacted for bid for landscaping

New Business:

- New church address and phone number directory will be produced, hopefully in March (delayed until May)
- Installation of council members during March 14<sup>th</sup> service
- Picture Directory – will hold off for another year until things become more normal
- Summer events – will check with Town of Plum Lake to learn their plans
- List Council members in worship guides
- Technology team – discussion of current members

- Update technology in meeting room and community room to allow for connection of computers for presentations at minimal cost
- Decision reached to hold Easter breakfast
- Summer Saturday services to be held outdoors
- At least one week per month Sunday service will be held outdoors

Adjourned meeting with Lord's Prayer.



## 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.

**Dates:**

- April 21, 2021
- May 19, 2021
- June 16, 2021

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.

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



Thank  
  
You!

**THANK YOU'S**  
**Thank you notes received from:**

Caritas  
Fortune Lake

Community Food Pantry  
Vilas Food Pantry



"The Christian should be an Alleluia from head to foot. --- St. Augustine (430 A.D.)

## 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.



# **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 & Joanie and Family, Rich, Gus, Dee, Ray, Joan, and Tom & Carol Miles.

**Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:** Jeff, Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

## **Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:**

Mel & Barb and Elisabeth.

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

Ginny Morris and family who grieve.

John Eliason and 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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Jeanne and Owen Welles, editors of the Florence Presbyterian Church, wrote an article about Easter. "Do you know how the date for Easter was set?" they asked their readers. One clever reader responded, "Easter is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring (vernal) equinox. Obviously, that was the work of a committee."

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Emily was having a little difficulty with the Lord's Prayer:

"Our Father, who does art in heaven..."

# **RECIPE CORNER**

by Jan Specht

Here is an old-fashioned recipe gleaned from my mother's cookbook, put together by the Ladies Aid. "Back in the day" when the recipes were mimeographed, cut and put together with hole punchers and yarn. They even cut up old wallpaper books for the covers. And, remember ladies, we did not have first names at that time.

I made this one time when the family visited and it became my grandson's favorite. Later his sister called for the recipe to enter in a baking contest in her home-school group. She took first place – at least that's how I remember it!

These kinds of recipes were popular since living on the farm, we had plenty milk, butter, and eggs.

## **Poppy Seed Torte**

### **\*1 Crust:**

1/2 pound graham crackers rolled fine.

1/2 cup butter melted

1/4 cup sugar

Mix together and line a 9X13 pan.

### **\*2 Filling:**

3 cups milk

1 cup sugar

3 Tablespoons cornstarch

1 Tablespoon butter

4 egg yolks

1/4 cup poppy seeds

1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix sugar, cornstarch, milk and egg yolks. Slowly bring to a boil and cook about 1 minute.

Add the butter and vanilla and poppy seeds. Pour mixture over crust in pan.

### **Meringue topping**

4 egg whites

4 Tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon cream of tartar.

Beat the egg whites until almost stiff.

Gradually add the sugar and cream of tartar continuing to beat until stiff peaks form.

Spread this over pudding mixture. Sprinkle with chopped nuts if desired.

Bake in 350 degree oven until meringue is browned. 10 minutes ??? Watch closely

\*1 Of course, now I use packaged graham cracker crumbs and follow their recipe

\*2 Better to start the pudding without the egg yolks and temper them before adding to the mixture.

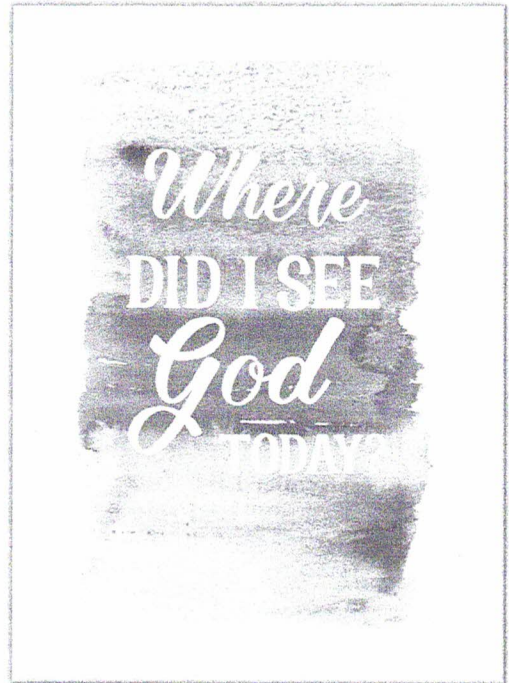


## Where I've Seen God Today

A good question to ask yourself is, "Where have I seen God today?" And if you haven't been intentionally asking yourself that question, perhaps the corollary would be, "Where have I seen God in the past week, or months?" I think that most of us understand this question not as a literal seeing of God but as a spiritual question. The assumption in this question is that God is "seeable" and "knowable" on some level. Sometimes God seems quite hidden and not seeable. But, perhaps, by even asking ourselves that question, we might grow in our faith and better "see" God.

So, "Where have I seen God lately?"

- I've seen God in people making phone calls to check in on neighbors and family members during this pandemic.
- I've seen God challenging us to think about hard issues of social justice around race and economic inequalities.
- I've seen God working through the many unnamed researchers who developed vaccines for COVID-19.
- I've seen God in pastors and lay leaders digging deep into their bag of resiliency and trying out new things in their congregations.
- I've seen God in people who had never heard of Zoom joining Bible and book studies through their church and Lifelong Faith Formation classes offered through our synod.
- I've seen God in the generosity of people supporting their local businesses, donating blood, and delivering meals.
- I've seen God surrounding those who grieve many losses including the death of loved ones in recent months.
- I've seen God challenging us to reevaluate what church truly is as more than a building.
- I've seen God in people gathering outside in a church parking lot in lawn chairs and social distancing to find joy in the presence of others.
- I've seen God in pastors and parishioners who gather for worship in parking lots even in bitter cold weather.
- I've seen people spending more time outdoors and appreciating the beauty of God's creation.



If I truly stop to think about it, I've seen God many times!

Sometimes as a pastor, I would ask people before the start of a committee meeting, "Where have you seen God today or this week?" Some people without hesitation would speak up and name something. Others would be silent. I didn't push people to say something. Perhaps they had never considered that question. Perhaps they didn't want to say the wrong thing. Perhaps they didn't have words for how they "saw" God at work.

I'm convinced that as individuals we benefit from asking ourselves that question about "God sightings." God is. And God can be known through Christ, our neighbor, and this created world.

Thank you, Lord, for being present, even when we do not "see" you!

Pastor Jim Duehring  
Assistant to the Bishop, DEM





# Have You Heard About Advance Care Planning?

## Planning for your future health care wishes

- In a medical emergency if you couldn't speak for yourself, who would speak for you and make decisions for your care?
- Would they know what to do?
- Advance Care Planning helps with conversations that matter.
- For all adults over 18 years of age.

### About the Speaker

Colette Zunk is a social worker with the Marshfield Clinic Health System. She has experience working with families to provide education and tools for end of life care.

### Workshop Date

April 20, 2021 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Location: Online Virtual Workshop

(MUST have access or be able to get access to Zoom via computer, tablet, or smart phone)

**There is no charge for this program**

Register by April 15, 2021

Online at [adrc.co.oneida.wi.us](http://adrc.co.oneida.wi.us) under Activities & Events

or

call the ADRC of Oneida County at 715-369-6170



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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are calling a congregational meeting after the Sunday worship service on May 2, 2021. The purpose of this meeting will be to inform all members of the landscaping project.

## HOLY WEEK

We want to welcome you all back to in-person worship services. With more and more people receiving their Covid vaccine, we are seeing many more of you back in church. We are still taking all precautions to prevent illness and will continue our online ministry.

Attendance:

- Healing Service – 14
- Maundy Thursday – 26
- Good Friday – 30
- Easter Vigil – 31
- Easter Sunday – 93

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The Meteorologist's Hymn: "There Shall be Showers of Blessings."  
The Optometrist's Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I Might see Thee."  
The Dentist's Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns."  
The Golfer's Hymn: "There is a Green Hill Far Away."


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You might be a Lutheran if . . .it takes 10 minutes longer to say good-bye.

You might be a Lutheran if . .doughnuts are in the official budget.




# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Pantry Needs</b>  <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of April:                      Canned or boxed soups, crackers, canned spaghetti, mac 'n cheese, hash, etc.                      Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>				1 6 PM Maundy Thursday Service 9 AM Text Study	2 6 PM Good Friday	3 5:30 PM Easter Vigil
4 Easter Breakfast 9 AM Worship Service Easter Sunday	5 6	6 6 PM Bible Study	7 8 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study	9 10		
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25 9 AM Worship Service	26 6 PM Bible Study	27 6 PM Bible Study	28 9 AM Quilting	29 9 AM Text Study	30	31

April Birthdays:

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dee Burlingame	11 <sup>th</sup>	Megan Biedermann
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Carter	14 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Ahlborn
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Horve	15 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Scheel
9 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Steinhilber	20 <sup>th</sup>	Arlene Dreyfus
9 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Sima	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Pierce

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b><i>Food pantry</i></b> items needed for the month of May include: Sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, brown sugar, powdered sugar. Please place your items in the appropriate containers in the cloak room.</p>						1
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9 AM Worship Service		6 PM Bible Study		9 AM Text Study		
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		
30	31			9 AM Text Study		
9 AM Worship Service						

4 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Kriek	17 <sup>th</sup>	Judy Neitzel
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Specht	19 <sup>th</sup>	Rebecca Raabe
15 <sup>th</sup>	Kayla Penn	26 <sup>th</sup>	Dawson Penn
16 <sup>th</sup>	Landon Penn		

May Birthdays: