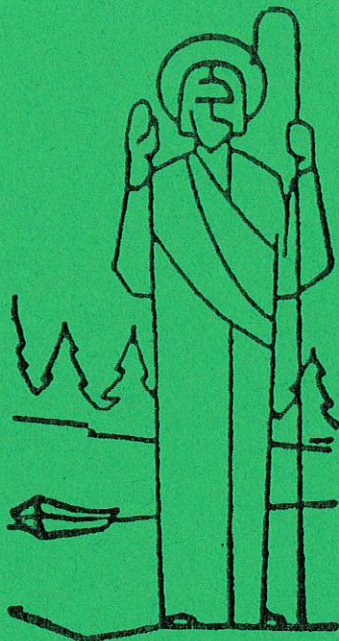


December Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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:

Tuesdays 1 PM to 4 PM
Wednesdays 9 AM to Noon
Fridays 1 PM to 4 PM
Or by Appointment

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
February 2023	16 th	18 th
March 2023	16 th	18 th
April 2023	13 th	15 th

Email articles to secretary@SOTLSayner.com
Thank you.

**You will notice there are no dates for January.
While I will attempt to put out a January
Newsletter, it will most likely not happen.**

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

RECORDED SERVICES: 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 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 “**Worship Guide**” 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

Luke 2:1-20

The Birth of Jesus

2 In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. **2** (This was the first census that took place while^{qu} Quirinius was governor of Syria.) **3** And everyone went to their own town to register.

4 So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. **5** He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. **6** While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, **7** and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. **9** An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. **10** But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. **11** Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. **12** This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

13 Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

16 So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. **17** When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, **18** and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. **19** But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. **20** The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.



POSTAGE STAMPS

Please continue to save cancelled stamps throughout the year. There is a collection box on the coat room shelf.

CHURCH MAILING ADDRESS

While the church street address remains the same, we have finally given in and gotten a post office box. The new mailing address for Shepherd of the Lakes is:

*PO Box 130
Sayner, WI 54560*

**Thank
You!**

THANK YOU'S

Thank you notes received from:

AWLM (Vital Links
Fortune Lake

Caritas
Humane Society of Vilas County

QUILTING

Please join us! The women of Shepherd of the Lakes will be quilting on the third Wednesday of each month starting at 9:00 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:

January 18, 2023
February 15, 2023
March 15, 2023

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



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FORTUNE LAKE

Winter Wonderland Retreat – January 13-15/16, 2023 – families and youth
See poster in entryway and on office window.

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WELCA

WELCA will now meet monthly at 1 PM on the second Thursday. All women attending Shepherd are welcome and invited to come! The next study guide is on the table in the Chapel.

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PASTORAL HOLIDAY DISCRETIONARY FUND

We have purchased and distributed the grocery gift cards for Christmas. We will be collecting funds through the month of January to send to the organizations in our communities who provide a helping hand. Please mark in the memo of your check that the funds are for the Pastor's Holiday Fund.

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ADDRESS FOR LYN

Address for cards to Lyn:
4281 Anissa Avenue, Unit 101
Orlando, Florida 32814

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MITTEN TREE UPDATE

15 gift cards and 35 pairs of mittens were brought to the two shelter homes in Rhinelander in time for distribution for residents. Thank you for your generosity!

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'Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world.
There are those who wake up in the morning and say, 'Good morning, Lord,'
and there are those who wake up in the morning and say,
'Good Lord, it's morning.'

RECIPE CORNER

From Jan:

This month I will share two special recipes I only make in December. The Pecan Snacks are made with pecans purchased from the Plum Lake Library's fall sale with nuts from Georgia. They work well for little "thank you" gifts.

English Toffee is one of my favorites. A friend who has a commercial candy making business has used this recipe since trying them. I no longer make it since I do not have a talking candy thermometer. I hope you can also enjoy these annually.

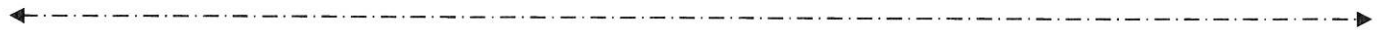
Pecan Snacks

2 Tablespoons butter
½ cup sugar
1 ½ cups pecan halves
½ Tablespoon vanilla



Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil or parchment paper. In heavy skillet, combine butter, sugar and nuts. Heat, stirring, at low-medium heat until sugar is melted (it will get deep brown and liquid). Do not overheat – burns easily. Stir well to coat nuts.

Remove from heat and carefully stir in vanilla. Spread on prepared baking sheet, let cool, and break into pieces. (I always make a double batch – it doesn't pay to do all this for one recipe.)



English Toffee



8 oz butter (name brand)
1 cup sugar
5 Tablespoons water
¼ Teaspoon salt
1/3 cup almonds (optional)
Chocolate

With a candy thermometer, cook this mixture to 300 degrees.

Add 1/3 cup browned, sliced almonds (optional).

Pour into pans (11x7) or two (8x8).

While still hot, spread with chocolate (milk or dark). I sprinkle with chocolate chips and let them melt. When slightly cooled, turn out and spread reverse side with chocolate. I have enough chocolate on top that I don't spread the other side. When cool, break into pieces.

Bill's Christmas Letter for 2022



As I write this it is still dark outside, the fireplace is burning brightly as the temperature has fallen and of course, it snowed last night. It is funny that when I get to this time of year, one of the first things I do in the morning is to light the Christmas tree and then with a cup of coffee in hand, to simply sit and reflect on Christmas past, and Christmas present as well.

Coming from what now would be considered a large family, I can remember Christmases with many gifts under the tree. But I can also remember Christmases when there was only but a few gifts under the tree as well. As a child we are all excited about the glittering lights, the brightly wrapped presents, with a children's Christmas program and church on Christmas Day, a mere interruption of these other wonderful things. But as I grew older like many of you, I realized that the gifts, the lights, and the glitter is not what made Christmas, but Christ in Christmas. The times being plentiful or times being lean Christmas came nonetheless because, "Christ" came. Like many of you, I cannot imagine my life today if Christ had not come. I can't imagine what the world would look like, and I'm very thankful that he did. And yet there are those today, like an unreformed Grinch or Ebenezer Scrooge, that would do everything they can to see to it that Christmas went away. No more glittering lights, no more Christmas trees with presents beneath them, no more nativity scenes, no church bells, no candlelight services, no Emmanuel, and most importantly "no baby Jesus." But what these folks don't understand is that without Jesus our world would still be in darkness with no light, no hope, relying on the abilities and reason of a broken humanity, which left to its own devices can do nothing but fail, and fall short of the glory of God.

But Christ did come, and with him and in him we see the glory of God, the love of God to all the earth. A Savior, that all the world may live in hope. So yes, because he came Christmas will come again. It will come to the mighty and the lowly, the young and the not so young, it will come to those near and far off, from the highest mountain to the lowest valley, to those places at peace and to those places at war, but it will come. And to the faithful it will bring hope, peace, and joy regardless of the times, with the call to share this wonderful gift, the promise and hope the Christ child brings, to all the earth.

I truly do enjoy simply sitting and looking at our Christmas tree early in the morning and before I go to bed at night, and I always will. But it is what I think of first when I see a decorated

Christmas tree that has changed, because without Christ in Christmas, there would be nothing to celebrate. Far off are the thoughts of presents and food, now the first thing I think of is:

And then an Angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round about them and they were filled with fear. But the Angel said unto them, fear not for I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall come to all people: for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: you will find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the Angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts, praising God and saying, Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased.

Thanks be to God!
Merry Christmas,
Bill†

SAFETY INSPECTOR

Will someone please volunteer for this. Doug has not heard from anyone.

Doug and your Church Council are asking for a volunteer for safety inspections. This consists of monthly inspections of all exit and safety lights, the defibrillator, fire extinguishers, etc. It will only take a short amount of time once a month to run the checks. Please see Doug for more information.

And please be reminded that the interior doors in the church must be kept shut when not in use. In order to qualify for an exemption from putting in a very expensive sprinkler system throughout the church building, we have in place fire doors which do no good if not kept shut. It is very important that you keep in mind to shut all interior doors unless the space is being used.

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The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute.

The substitute wanted to know what to play.

'Here's a copy of the service,' he said impatiently. 'But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.'

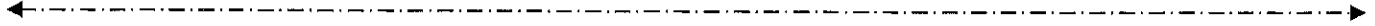
During the service, the minister paused and said, 'Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up'.

At that moment, the substitute organist played 'The Star Spangled Banner.'
And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

THANK YOU!!!!

I do believe that our congregation and friends are some of the most wonderful and generous people I have ever met. You will see from the financial report included later in this newsletter that our financial situation is looking so much better.

THANK YOU!



PRAYER CONCERNS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Lyn, Melody, and Sharon B.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, and Zachary.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for those who have passed:

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Please email Bill at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at secretary@SOTLsayner.com or 715-542-4213 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email

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) or Jean Maines at 715-542-4213

(secretary@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Council meeting January 8, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Week of December 11, 2022

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Psalms 142-145

Monday: Psalms 146-147

Tuesday: Psalms 148-150

Wednesday: Revelation 13-14

Thursday: Revelation 15-18

Friday: Proverbs 8-11

Saturday: Proverbs 12-14



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3	3	3	3

THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT!

Strike out four 3s so that there are only three 3s in each row and three 3s in each column. Find two different ways to do it. Two solutions are below.

COMPOUND WORDS

Combine the 3-letter words on the top with the 3-letter words on the bottom to form 20 new words. You can use each word only one time. For example: teapot.

tea	bat	boo	car	out
for	nap	man	fat	but
box	cot	dim	tip	arm
tip	red	car	bed	see

ton	ton	top	kin	her
pit	eye	car	wit	pet
toe	wit	boo	age	bid
saw	ten	ton	pot	pan

COMPOUND

WORDS: teapot, forbid, boxcar, tiptop, bather, napkin, cotton, redeye, booboo, manage, dimwit, carpet, carton, fatten, tiptoe, bedpan, outwit, button, armpit, seesaw.



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Proverbs 15-18
Monday: Proverbs 19-21
Tuesday: Proverbs 22-24
Wednesday: Proverbs 25-28
Thursday: Proverbs 29-31
Friday: Ecclesiastes 1-3
Saturday: Ecclesiastes 4-6

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



DASH TO THE FINISH!

Directions: Complete the dashes to make five words. Clues for these words — in no particular order — are: baby, flower, Monday, total breakdown, indicator.

— — L T D — — —

— — G N P — — —

— — X G L — — —

— — F S P — — — —

— — E K D — —

FIND THE WORD!

If you start at the correct square, and move from square to adjoining square, and using all the letters, you will find a musical instrument.

G	C	E	N
O	L	K	S
L	E	I	P

Answers: Dash
to the Finish.

meltdown,
signpost,
foxglove,
offspring,
weekday.

Find the Word!

Glockenspiel

"For unto us is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!" —Luke 2:11

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Ecclesiastes 7-9

Monday: Ecclesiastes 10-12

Tuesday: Song of Solomon 1-2

Wednesday: Song of Solomon 3-4

Thursday: Song of Solomon 5-6

Friday: Song of Solomon 7-8

Saturday: Revelation 19-22

Congratulations on reading the Bible from cover to cover in one year!

VERSE TO REMEMBER

Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

Christmas Trivia

Directions: Find the answers to the six categories in the group of words below.

1. Santa's reindeer

2. Things that are alive in the carol "The 12 Days of Christmas"

3. Names, according to myth, of the giver of Christmas gifts

4. Gifts of the Magi

5. Fanciful Christmas snowman

6. Christmas plants

Santa Claus					
Calling birds	Kris Kringle	Comet	Partridge	Rudolph	French hens
Frankincense	Dasher	Saint Nicholas	Pelznickel	Myrrh	Pipers
Frosty	Holly	Prancer	Ivy	Geese	Blitzen
Father Christmas	Swan	Poinsettia	Vixen	Mistletoe	Gold



Answers: 1. Comet, Rudolph, Dasher, Prancer, Blitzen, Vixen; 2. French hens, partridge, geese, swan, calling birds, pipers; 3. Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Pelznickel; 4. myrrh, frankincense, gold; 5. Frosty; 6. poinsettia, holly, ivy, mistletoe.

HOME TOUCH® Activity Page

Week of January 1, 2023

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Genesis 1-5
Monday: Genesis 6-12
Tuesday: Genesis 13-18
Wednesday: Genesis 19-23
Thursday: Genesis 24-28
Friday: Genesis 29-32
Saturday: Genesis 33-36

**READ
THROUGH
THE BIBLE
IN ONE
YEAR!**

Each week, *HomeTouch* will provide daily readings from the Bible that will take you through the Bible in one year. Sometimes, we will suggest a **Verse to Remember**. Many *HomeTouch* readers try to memorize these verses; memorization stimulates both the mind and the heart!

Find the missing words using the code below:

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

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

"As a _____ looks after his _____
 flock when he is _____ them, so will I look after my
 sheep. I will _____ them and _____ them. I
 will _____ for the lost and bring back the _____.
 I will bind up the _____ and strengthen the _____.
 You are my _____, the sheep of my pasture, and I am your
 God, says the Lord God." —Based on Ezekiel 34

January 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				



INFORMATION FROM YOUR TREASURER


As I mentioned on an earlier page, our financial situation is looking much better as we go into the new year. Thank you for your generosity to our church! The following report is for November and for the year to date as of November 30, 2022.

	<u>Nov 22</u>	<u>Jan - Nov 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Contribution Income		
4100 · General Fund Contributions	6,227.00	93,201.40
4200 · Benevolence	1,087.00	17,762.88
4400 · Other Restricted Funds	1,096.00	10,336.75
4500 · Designated - Building Fund	35.00	553.00
4600 · Memorials		105.00
5000 · IRA Contributions	828.02	828.02
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	<u>9,273.02</u>	<u>122,787.05</u>
6000 · Other Income		
6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income		910.61
Total 6000 · Other Income		<u>910.61</u>
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	1,756.76	-2,527.17
Total Income	<u>11,029.78</u>	<u>121,170.49</u>
Expense		
6999 · Budgeted Expenses		
7000 · Administrative Expenses	2,408.26	42,007.26
7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted	1,042.00	13,948.00
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	7,489.41	83,607.98
7800 · Witness		1,036.00
7900 · Worship	69.30	8,591.71
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	<u>11,008.97</u>	<u>149,190.95</u>
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses		
8100 · Unbudgeted, Benevolence	762.00	33,345.60
8200 · Unbudgeted, Special Items	473.00	7,236.20
Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>1,235.00</u>	<u>40,581.80</u>
Total Expense	<u>12,243.97</u>	<u>189,772.75</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-1,214.19</u>	<u>-68,602.26</u>
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		157.61
Net Other Income		<u>-157.61</u>
Net Income	<u>-1,214.19</u>	<u>-68,759.87</u>

This year more than the past several years, it is extremely important for as many of you as possible to attend the annual meeting on January 29, 2023. We will be reviewing the budget and the end-of-year financials as always. But I want to stress that we need your input on the budget.

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Maines
Treasurer


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study 1 PM WELCA		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9 AM Worship Service			9 AM Quilting 3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		
29	30	31	 <p>Food pantry items needed for the month of January:</p> <p>Storage items including Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, kitchen size plastic garbage bags, disposable kitchen storage containers.</p> <p>Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>			
9 AM Worship Service						

January Birthdays

2 nd	Terrie Beier	25 th	Jan Lundin
18 th	Marney Mann	25 th	Amanda Farrow
25 th	Sofi Tamberb	27 th	Barb Cashman

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – February 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>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.</p>			1 3:45 PM Children's Classes	2 9 AM Text Study	3 4	
5 9 AM Worship Service	6 9 AM Worship Service	7 5 PM Bible Study	8 3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 9 AM Text Study 1 PM WELCA	10 11	
12 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Breakfast	13 9 AM Worship Service	14 5 PM Bible Study	15 9 AM Quilting 3:45 PM Children's Classes	16 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study	17 18	Chili Dinner
19 9 AM Worship Service	20 9 AM Worship Service	21 5 PM Bible Study	22 3:45 PM Children's Classes	23 9 AM Text Study	24 25	
26 9 AM Worship Service	27 9 AM Worship Service	28 5 PM Bible Study	29 3:45 PM Children's Classes	30 9 AM Text Study	31	
			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		

February Birthdays:

2 nd	Emma Sima	26 th	Hannah Scheel
8 th	Sharon Brooker	28 th	McKenna Will
18 th	Bob Brooker	28 th	Brandi McKay
26 th	Charlie Seehafer		