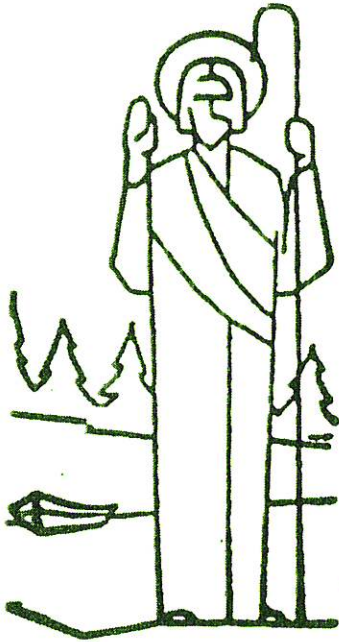


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### Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

Worship Service: Sunday 9:00 AM  
Wednesday 6:00 PM

*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 As Needed

Wednesdays 9 AM - Noon, 3 PM – 5 PM

Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM

Friday 9 AM - 1 PM

Or by Appointment

**Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!**

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
May 2023	18 <sup>th</sup>	20 <sup>th</sup>
June 2023	15 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
July 2023	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>

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

**WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

Wednesday Evening at 6:00 p.m.

**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](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 “**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**

### **An Easter Devotion: The Joy That Invades Our Hearts**

by Elizabeth Sherrill

<https://guideposts.org/prayer/bible-resources/>

*He is not here; for he has risen...—Matthew 28:6*

Only a week had passed since that triumphant Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem—but what a difference in the little procession that set out now! No cheering crowds, no waving branches.

Just a few silent women setting out in the gray dawn to perform the last sad rites at the tomb. The day that changed human history was not a public occasion but a private one. The day when everlasting life broke into earthly time began not with celebration but with tears.

This is still the way Easter breaks into our lives—when we least expect it, when all seems lost. That’s when the stone rolls away and the angel speaks and “death is **swallowed up in victory**” (**1 Corinthians 15:54**)

If it seems too good to be true, this joy that invades our hearts, it seemed so on the first Easter morning too. Mary Magdalene could not believe what her eyes were telling her; she took Jesus to be a gardener at work early among the graves. Preoccupied with her loss, she barely glanced at the figure standing before her on the path. She had a mournful task to fulfill and—

“Mary.”

There in the first light of dawn, Mary stood still. That voice...that tone of loving involvement. This was the moment, the moment when Jesus called her by name, that Easter broke like the sunrise into her heart. It is how we recognize Him still. The risen Jesus calls us so personally, comes into our lives to individually, that with Mary Magdalene, we cry out in glad recognition.

And then we do what the women did on that first Easter Sunday. Dropping their spices and ointments, the burdens of their sad errand, they rushed to tell the others. They set the pattern, these women who were first at the empty tomb, the two-fold pattern of the Christian faith newborn that Easter morning. They met the living Jesus. And they brought the good news to those who grieved.

That’s always our role, when it’s Easter in our lives; to tell someone else that He is risen.

### **POSTAGE STAMPS**

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

# Thank You!

## THANK YOU'S

### Thank you notes received from:

Caritas      Frederick Place  
Vilas Food Pantry

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## 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.

### Dates:

May 17, 2023  
June 21, 2023  
July 19, 2023

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



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.

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## FORTUNE LAKE

Victory Camp  
June 11<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023

See poster with additional info on window of church office.

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## WELCA

WELCA will meets 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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*I dialed a number and got the following recording:*

*'I am not available right now, but thank you for caring enough to call.  
I am making some changes in my life. Please leave a message after the beep.  
If I do not return your call you are one of the changes.'*

## **RECIPE CORNER**

We are looking for a volunteer to provide recipes now that Jan has moved.

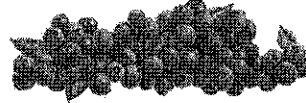
From "Feast at the Shepherd's Table: recipe from Barb Beard

### **Cake:**

4 c. Flour  
1 ½ c. Sugar  
5 tsp. Baking Powder  
1 ½ tsp. Salt  
½ c. Margarine  
1 ½ c. Milk  
4 c. fresh blueberries

### **Topping:**

1 c. Sugar  
2/3 c. Flour  
1 tsp. Cinnamon  
½ c. butter or margarine, soft



Combine first 7 ingredients. Beat with mixer until smooth. Stir in blueberries. Spread in a well-greased 12x17 pan. Sprinkle with topping. Bake at 350° for 50-60 minutes.

Topping: combine all ingredients until crumbly. Sprinkle on top of cake.

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A minister waited in line to have his car filled with gas just before a long holiday weekend. The attendant worked quickly, but there were many cars ahead of him. Finally, the attendant motioned him toward a vacant pump.

'Reverend,' said the young man, 'I'm so sorry about the delay. It seems as if everyone waits until the last minute to get ready for a long trip.'

The minister chuckled, 'I know what you mean. It's the same in my business.'

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## **Arlene**

Please remember to wish Arlene a very happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.



## **Prayer Concerns**

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

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

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

### **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:**

Barb's son & daughter-in-law, Brooks and Holli.

*Please email Bill at [pastor@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at [secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@SOTLsayner.com)) or Jean Maines at 715-542-4213 ([secretary@SOTLsayner.com](mailto:secretary@SOTLsayner.com)) if you need prayers for any reason.

## **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Council meeting April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

*Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.*

**God made man before woman so as to give him time to think of an answer for her first question.**



Week of April 16, 2023

### Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Luke 10-13
- Monday: Judges 9-12
- Tuesday: Judges 13-15
- Wednesday: Judges 16-18
- Thursday: Judges 19-21
- Friday: 1 Samuel 1-3
- Saturday: Psalms 40-42

### FISHY WORDS

There's something fishy about these words. What is it?  
See answer below.

CARPET    CODES    SPIKED    SOLEMN

## RUTH

Last week, we read the book of Ruth. Let's review. It is a very moving love story. The words to the right are in the Word Search, and they are all from the book of Ruth. Can you find them?

# He is RISEN

B A W O N N I W S L S Z D R V  
 D E B O T B A O M H X Q A I R  
 X W T Q Y R L M C X G G V O P  
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Barley, Bethlehem, Boaz, David, Elimelech, gleaning, grain, harvest, Jesse, Judah, Kilion, kinsman, Mahlon, Mara, Moab, Naomi, Obed, Orpah, Ruth, sandals, threshing, vinegar, winnow.

### RIDDLE

What is greater than God,  
more evil than the devil?  
The poor have it, the rich need it,  
and if you eat it, you'll die?

Fish: carp, cod, pike, sole; Riddle: **Nothing** is greater than God, and **nothing** is more evil than the devil. The poor have **nothing**, while the rich need **nothing**. Finally, if you eat **nothing**, you will die. This riddle is known as Paul Harvey's riddle.

## Easter Letter from Bishop Katherine:

Dear Northern Great Lakes Synod,

Two men are running. Their limbs are stiff in the chilly grey dawn, yet they do not notice. They do not pace themselves, rather, they cannot run fast enough. Adrenaline fuels their straining muscles; their breath comes in hoarse gasps. They run like crazy men, through the town streets, out beyond the city gate, and up a steep rocky slope. Their speed quickens as they get closer, and one gains on the other and he reaches the open tomb first. His heart is bursting with fear and spent energy, and he gasps for breath as he looks inside the low opening. But he hesitates. The other man rushes past him and scrambles into the tomb without pausing. He is bolder, acting more quickly than the others, sometimes too quickly. But now the other disciple is glad that Peter is bold, and he goes into the tomb after him. They both see the burial clothes that bound their dead friend, and the head cloth, in a place by itself. The other disciple sees and believes.

Mary has caught up to them at the tomb. Peter and the other disciple leave, but she stays at the tomb and cries. She meets who she thinks is the gardener, but then he says her name and she recognizes Jesus. In that moment she believes and understands that Jesus has risen from the dead. And she becomes the first witness to the resurrection, commanded by Jesus to go and tell.

Each of these disciples comes to faith differently. Peter, who only three days before had denied Jesus and wept bitter tears of shame, willingly rushes into the empty tomb. He sees the separate piles of burial wrappings and then goes home. But we know he eventually makes the connection between the empty tomb, the risen Lord and the forgiveness offered in Jesus Christ. Despite his lack of comprehension at the empty tomb, he eventually shares with others what he does understand.

The other disciple, who is never named in John's gospel, comes to faith another way. He hesitates to enter the tomb. He is more careful and reserved. Like Peter, he sees the empty tomb and the burial clothes. But unlike Peter, the other disciple sees with some understanding. He may not comprehend that Jesus is risen. But the other disciple has some insight into the activity of God. He believed that Jesus was the Son of God before he died, and he realizes at the sight of the empty tomb that God has been active. *How* exactly, he does not know, and it does not matter. He believed that God was at work in and through Jesus when Jesus was alive, and the other disciple now believes that God is at work in and through Jesus after his death.

And Mary Magdalene comes to faith yet another way. Believing that the body of Jesus has been stolen from its tomb, Mary is distraught with grief. It is only when Jesus calls her by name that she recognizes him as her beloved teacher. It is a beautiful moment of intimacy, deeply personal and emotional. And so, full of joy and wonder, and conviction borne of a personal and intimate encounter with the risen Lord, she shares what she has heard and seen with the other disciples.

Each disciple has a different experience of faith. Each responds to the empty tomb differently. Each has a different share of insight and a different degree of understanding, and yet each disciple is faithful and no less a disciple for their different experiences.





People come to faith in different ways. Like Peter, some of you are blessed with great enthusiasm. You are bold in your witness and often the first to volunteer to get something done. Like the other disciple, some of you have insight into how and where God is active. You can see God at work in the little things, the ordinary and the daily stuff of life. And like Mary, some of you have been blessed with remarkable experiences of personal and intimate encounters with God. Moments that have changed your faith and your life. And some of you are still seeking, wondering, doubting, reaching, longing for a connection to the divine. That too is a faith story.

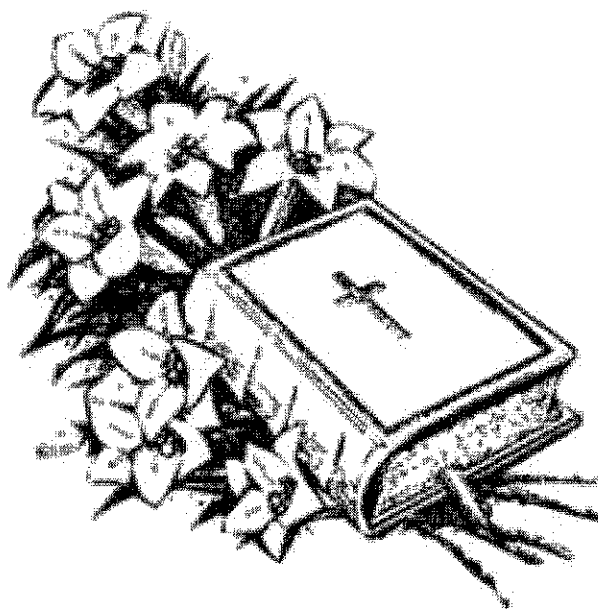
What is your faith story? How similar or different are you from Mary, Peter, and the other disciple? Whether your story is a story of an intimate and personal encounter with Jesus or a story of denial and forgiveness, or a story of seeing signs but not knowing what they mean, or a story of longing and need, your story is valuable. Each voice contributes to a fuller picture of God. Alone, our understanding of God is incomplete. God is so much bigger than our personal experience and so we need each other to share our stories and make our picture of God more full, more detailed, more colorful and textured.

Do not underestimate the power that your faith can have on others. And do not underestimate the power that the faith of others can have on you. Whether you are as bold as Peter, as thoughtful as the other disciple or as filled with Easter joy as Mary, you have something to contribute, something to learn, and something to tell.


Christ is risen! Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!!

May your Easter be filled with joy!

Yours in Christ,  
Bishop Katherine Finegan




# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Food pantry</b> items needed for the month of April include: Canned or boxed soups, crackers, canned spaghetti, mac 'n cheese, hash, etc. Please place your items in the appropriate containers in the cloak room.</p>						
2	3	4	8	6	7	8
<b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 9 AM Worship Service		5 PM Bible Study	6 PM Healing Service	9 AM Text Study 6 PM Maundy Thursday	6:00 PM Good Friday	7:00 PM Easter Vigil
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
<b>EASTER</b> 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch		5 PM Bible Study	3:45 PM Church School 6 PM Evening Service	<b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b> 9 AM Text Study 1 PM WELCA		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9 AM Worship Service		5 PM Bible Study	3:45 PM Church School 6 PM Evening Service	9 AM Text Study		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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30	31					
9 AM Worship Service						

<b>April Birthdays:</b>							
1 <sup>st</sup>	David Penn	7 <sup>th</sup>	Harper McKay	11 <sup>th</sup>	Richard VonEnde	20 <sup>th</sup>	Arlene Dreyfus
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dee Burlingame	9 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Steinhilber	12 <sup>th</sup>	Denise Simon	20 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Pierce
7 <sup>th</sup>	Jim Carter	9 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Sima	14 <sup>th</sup>	Evelyn Ahlborn	25 <sup>th</sup>	Jan DeWitt
7 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Horve	11 <sup>th</sup>	Megan Biedermann	15 <sup>th</sup>	Lisa Scheel		

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	5 PM Bible Study	3:45 PM Church School 6 PM Worship	9 AM Text Study			
7	9	10	11	12	13	
9 AM Worship Service	5 PM Bible Study	3:45 PM Church School 6 PM Worship	9 AM Text Study			
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9 AM Worship Service	5 PM Bible Study	3:45 PM Church School 6 PM Worship	9 AM Text Study			
28	30	31				
9 AM Worship Service		3:45 PM Church School 6 PM Worship	 <b>Food pantry</b> items needed for the month of May : Sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, brown sugar, powdered sugar.			
Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.						

## May Birthdays:

4 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>	26 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Krieck	Kayla Penn	Judy Neitzel	Dawson Penn
5 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>	31 <sup>st</sup>
Jan Specht	Landon Penn	Rebecca Raabe	Jim Last