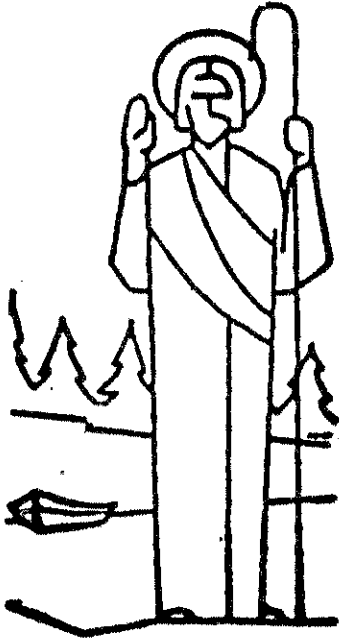


Oct/Nov Newsletter
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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.*

Ministers: The People of the Parish
William Wendorf LLM: Cell 715-617-6477
Council President: Mike Pockat: Home 715-892-4488
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On the World Wide Web:
www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
www.nglsynod.org
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Sharon Rice, Home 715-479-9336 Bill Sima, Cell 847-987-9291

Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:

Tuesdays As Needed
Wednesdays 9 AM – Noon and 3 PM – 5 PM
(Worship Services at 6 p.m.)
Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM
Friday 9 AM - 1 PM
Or by Appointment

Upcoming scheduled printings of this newsletter:

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Friday)
December	21 st	22 nd
January	18 th	19 th
February	15 th	16 th

Please E-mail articles to:
secretary@sotlsayner.com

Thank you.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am year-round and Wednesday Evening at 6:00 p.m. from Ash Wednesday to Thanksgiving Eve. There will be no Wednesday evenings service from Thanksgiving to Ash Wednesday!

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 www.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

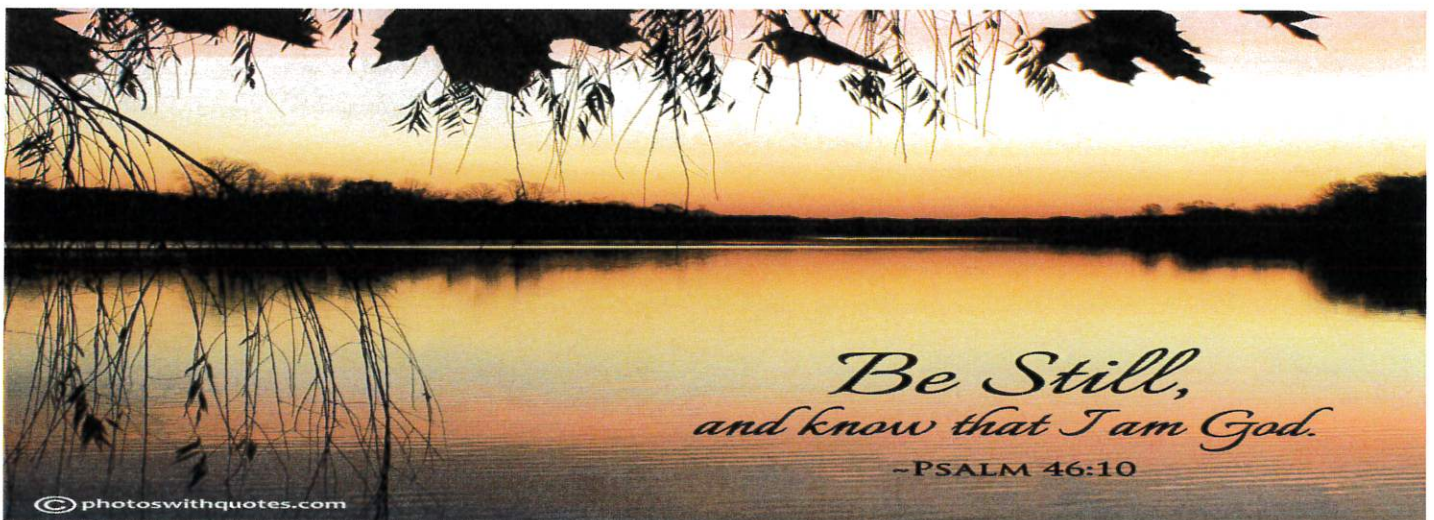
God Holds UsIsaiah 41:10 "I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

South African Freddie Blom turned 114 in 2018, widely recognized as the oldest living man. Born in 1904 (the year before the Wright Brothers built their Flyer II), he's lived through both World Wars, apartheid, and the Great Depression. When asked for his secret to long life, he shrugged. He admitted to not having always made the best choices of foods and practices that promote wellness. However, Blom did offer one reason for his good health: "There's only one thing, and it is God; He's got all the power...He holds me."

Blom echoes the words similar to what God spoke to Israel, as the nation wilted under the oppression of fierce enemies. "I will strengthen you and help you," God promised. "I will uphold you with My righteous right hand." No matter how desperate their situation, how impossible the odds that they would ever find relief, God assured His people that they were held in His tender care. "Do not fear, for I am with with you," He insisted. "Do not be dismayed, for I am your God."

No matter how many years we are given, life's hardships will come knocking at our door:...a troubled marriage...a child abandoning the family...terrifying news from the doctor...even persecution. However, our God reaches out to us and holds us firmly. He gathers us and holds us in His strong, tender hand. Believe it; He is faithful.

Lord God, assure me that You're holding me because I feel like I'm only hanging on by a thread.
I trust that You'll help me and uphold me.
Amen.



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:

Lutheran World Relief
Humane Society of Vilas County
Vilas Food Pantry
Caritas

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:

November 15, 2023
December 20, 2023

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

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Results of Special Congregational Meeting Held on Sept. 10th

Many people spoke both for and against beginning the process to withdraw from the ELCA at this meeting.

The ballot read as follows:

Should Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church take the steps required to terminate our relationship with the ELCA in accordance with the procedure outlined in Chapter 6 and Chapter 7 of our Constitution that was approved by the Northern Great Lakes Synod on April 1, 1996.

YES to Terminate

NO Do not terminate

Results of the voting were 74 YES votes and 10 NO votes.

What this vote does is open the door to discussion and research on whether or not to leave the ELCA and do research on which other Lutheran Synod the church would affiliate with if the decision is made to leave the ELCA. These are the steps that our constitution requires us to take to begin the process. There will be more Question & Answer Sessions and monthly updates from the Church Council on what is happening in the process. Stay tuned for more information.

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RECIPE CORNER

From "Feast at the Shepherd's Table": recipe from Joan Ebert

Chicken Casserole

1 Cup Rice	1 pkg. dry onion soup mix
1 (10 ¾ oz.) Can Cream of Chicken Soup	1 can water
1 (10 ¾ oz.) Can Cream of Celery Soup	1 chicken, cut into pieces

Mix dry soup with rice; add chicken soup, celery soup, and water and mix well. Pour into casserole dish. Lay uncooked chicken pieces on top of rice mixture. Cover and bake at 325° for 2 hours.



God is talking to one of his angels and says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created a 24-hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"

The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do now?"

God says, "I think I'll call it a day."

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School meets every Wednesday, from 3:45 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is for children ages 4 to Grade 8. For more information, please call (715) 542-4049

NEW BOOKSHELF

We now have a bookshelf in the south entrance with books free for the taking.
Feel free to contribute any you may have so that others may enjoy them.
Take one, leave one!

ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY NEEDED

The church is looking for someone to step forward to take over the altar flower ministry.
Please contact Betsy Tarkowski if you might be interested.

Q & A SESSIONS ON POSSIBLY LEAVING THE ELCA

The previously scheduled Q & A Session was set for Thursday, November 16th. This meeting has been changed to after church service **this Sunday**, November 12. Christian Huntley, a representative for the Lutheran Church in Mission to Christ will be here to speak on behalf of the LCMC. Please join us to learn more about this synod.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

We will be hosting a Thanksgiving Dinner, serving from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 23. Three churches will be involved in the event this year – St. Mary Catholic Church, Shepherd of the Lakes and also the UCC church in St. Germain. Please join us for a full Thanksgiving feast with all the trimmings – and no mess to clean up!



Prayer Concerns



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Graham, Phyllis, Bob, Beth, Craig, David, Elaine, John, Ericka, Jon, Lloyd, Tina, Deb, Brian, Fred, Shelle, Barb, Bob, and Terry.

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Gus, Larry, Mary Lou, Brian, Melody

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

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

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Please email Bill at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Sharon 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, you must 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 (treasurer@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

*Have you heard about the first baseball game in the Bible?
In the big inning, Eve stole first, Adam stole second. Cain struck out Abel.
The Giants and the Angels were rained out.*



PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING

Beginning in November, envelopes will be available for donations to the Pastors Discretionary Fund. Please consider contributing.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, November 26 at 10:30 a.m.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Bible Study Sessions will be held twice monthly, on the second and fourth Tuesdays, at 3:00 p.m. Please contact Jack Carlson at 612-889-1250 if you have any questions. Dates for November are the 14th and the 28th.

The Hand of God

Little Philip was walking home in the rain with his mother following Sunday worship. It finally stopped raining as they rounded the corner, where to their surprise and delight appeared a vivid double rainbow in the sky.

"Doesn't it look like an artist painted this rainbow?" his mother exclaimed. "I bet God painted this just for you!"

"Yes," replied Philip, "God did it and he did it left-handed."

Confused, his mother asked him, "What makes you say God did this with his left hand?"

"Well," said Philip, "we learned in Sunday School that Jesus sits on God's right hand."

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
Comparative Statement of Revenue & Expense
For the Nine Months Ended, September 30, 2023 & 2022

	<u>Jan - Sep 23</u>	<u>Jan - Sep 22</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Contribution Income		
4100 · General Fund Contributions	122,031.96	74,595.40
4190 · In-Kind Donations	3,235.95	
4200 · Benevolence	15,282.90	14,023.88
4400 · Other Restricted Funds	2,217.72	9,177.75
4500 · Designated - Building Fund		
4510 · Building Fund	410.00	463.00
Total 4500 · Designated - Building Fund	410.00	463.00
5000 · IRA Contributions	6,400.00	
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	149,578.53	98,260.03
6000 · Other Income		
6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income	761.00	910.61
Total 6000 · Other Income	761.00	910.61
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	755.78	-5,492.71
Total Income	151,095.31	93,677.93
Expense		
6999 · Budgeted Expenses		
7000 · Administrative Expenses	30,915.56	35,213.17
7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted	7,950.00	11,864.00
7400 · Learning	38.65	
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	71,181.43	68,629.16
7800 · Witness	1,123.01	1,036.00
7900 · Worship	6,560.32	8,510.46
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	117,768.97	125,252.79
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses		
8100 · Unbudgeted, Benevolence	19,423.84	31,226.60
8200 · Unbudgeted, Special Items	5,094.06	6,623.20
Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	24,517.90	37,849.80
Total Expense	142,286.87	163,102.59
Net Ordinary Income	8,808.44	-69,424.66
Other Income/Expense		
Other Expense		157.61
Net Other Income		-157.61
Net Income	<u>8,808.44</u>	<u>-69,582.27</u>

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
Budget vs. Actual Income & Expense
For the Nine Months Ended, September 30, 2023

	<u>Jan - Sep 23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
4000 · Contribution Income	131,267.91	90,000.00	41,267.91
6000 · Other Income	761.00		
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	348.00		
Total Income	<u>132,376.91</u>	<u>90,000.00</u>	<u>42,376.91</u>
Expense			
6999 · Budgeted Expenses			
7000 · Administrative Expenses	30,795.41	34,427.80	-3,632.39
7300 · Benevolence, Budgeted	7,950.00	7,650.00	300.00
7400 · Learning	38.65	149.99	-111.34
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	71,181.43	71,303.90	-122.47
7800 · Witness	1,123.01	862.48	260.53
7900 · Worship	6,560.32	7,556.23	-995.91
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	<u>117,648.82</u>	<u>121,950.40</u>	<u>-4,301.58</u>
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses			
8100 · Unbudgeted, Benevolence	1,775.00		
8200 · Unbudgeted, Special Items	4,011.38		
Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>5,786.38</u>		
Total Expense	<u>123,435.20</u>	<u>121,950.40</u>	<u>1,484.80</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>8,941.71</u>	<u>-31,950.40</u>	<u>40,892.11</u>
Net Income	<u>8,941.71</u>	<u>-31,950.40</u>	<u>40,892.11</u>

Dear Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

As you can see on the first report, comparative 2023 – 2022, you have been very generous this year. Giving this year is \$57,000 + over where we were last year at this time. And because we do not take your generosity for granted, we have also been very careful in spending and have spent over \$20,000 less than last year. The combination of your generosity and our care in spending has resulted in a positive net income of close to \$9,000 as of September 30, 2023. I can honestly say that since we are not a business, but a church with benevolences, I have never seen a positive net income in the 11 years that I have been involved in your finances. Given how many churches are closing and in financial trouble, this is extraordinary! You are to be congratulated in your care of our church.

The budget vs actual report as of September 30, 2023 shows that your giving is \$42,000+ over budgeted (every accountant's dream!) and we are \$4,300 under budget in spending. This really is unheard of. I cannot thank you all enough. Quite a difference from last year.

I am calling a ***budget meeting for Friday, November 10, 2023 at 1:00 pm here in the church office.*** This is a vital part of planning our finances for next year and where we are sending our budgeted benevolence funds for 2024. *So I ask, plead, beg, and urge you to find the time to attend and help plan for next year.* No sign-up sheet or need to contact me unless you have questions, just plan to attend the meeting on the 10th. As a minor bribe for your attendance, I do provide snacks!!

Also along that line, we really do need to have an audit committee review both the 2022 and 2023 bookkeeping. We have a guideline to follow and it usually only takes a couple of hours at most. You do not need a financial background, just the ability to ask questions. I am setting an ***audit meeting for that purpose on Sunday, November 12th after church.*** Please consider volunteering for this once a year committee. Contact me at treasurer@sotlsayner.com to let me know you would be available for this vital service.

As always, thank you all for your generosity in time, talents, and financial giving.

With Deep Respect,
Jean Maines
Treasurer

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 9-12

Monday: Daniel 7-9

Tuesday: Daniel 10-12

Wednesday: Esther 1-3

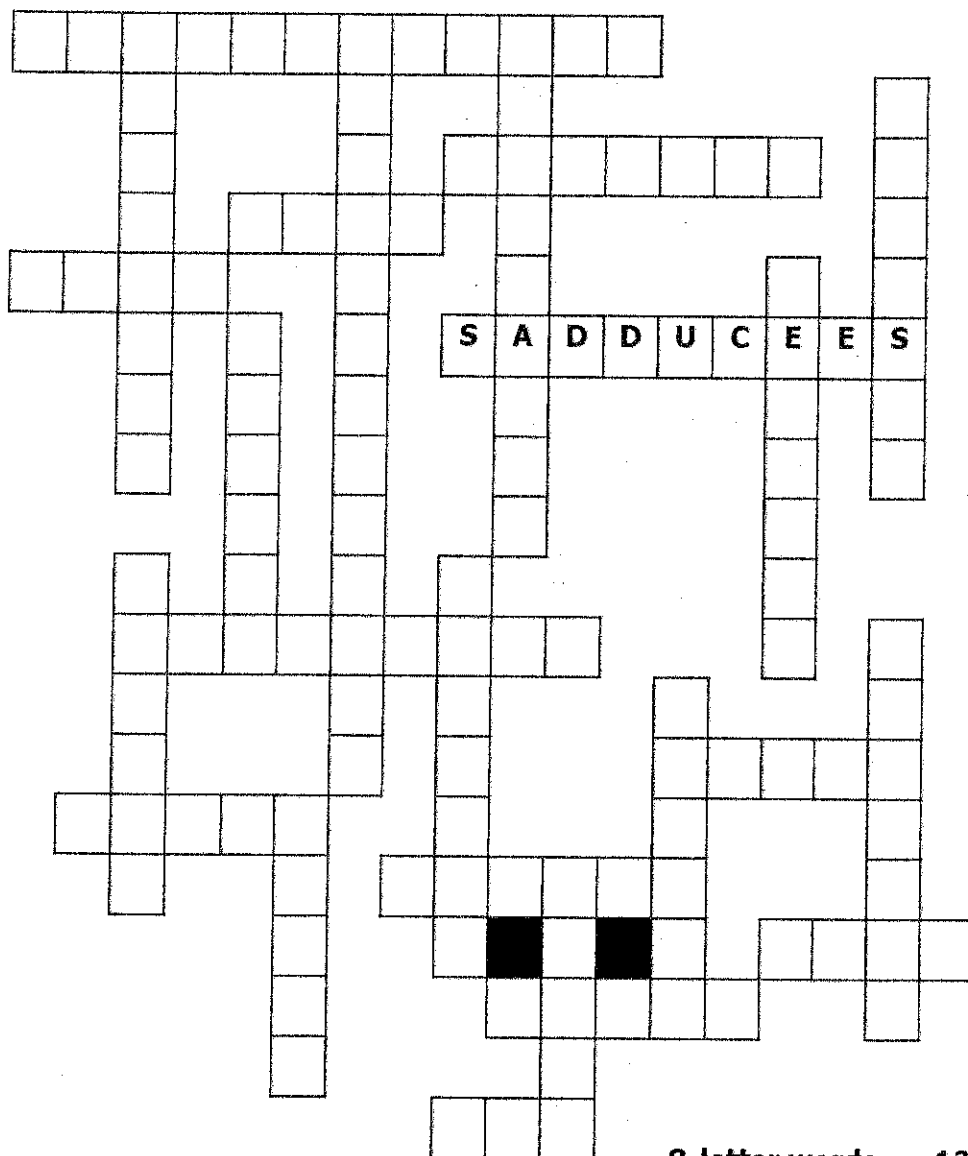
Thursday: Esther 4-7

Friday: Esther 8-10

Saturday: Psalm 119

CLUELESS CROSSWORD

This crossword has no clues! Fill in the squares according to the length of the words. We've filled in one word to get you started.



3-letter words

God

4-letter words

holy

John

plot

5-letter words

faith

guard

Jesus

Peter

Satan

6-letter words

beggar

Israel

nation

Spirit

7-letter words

Ananias

miracle

priests

prophet

servant

8-letter words

Sapphira

12-letter words

resurrection

9-letter words

ignorance

Sanhedrin

13-letter words

encouragement

**"Autumn is a second spring
when every leaf is a flower."
—Albert Camus**

Week of October 15, 2023

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Corinthians 13-16

Monday: Ezra 1-4

Tuesday: Haggai 1-2; Zechariah 1-2

Wednesday: Zechariah 3-6

Thursday: Zechariah 7-10

Friday: Zechariah 11-14

Saturday: Psalms 120-123

Verse to Remember

*And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three;
and the greatest of these is love.*

—1 Corinthians 13:13

WORD CHAIN

DIRECTIONS: Work with the words below to get from the first to the last by changing just one letter in each step. Each word must be a real word! Give it a try!

Example:

Change Diver to Major

DIVER

DINER

MINER

MINOR

MANOR

MAJOR

RIDER

HOPES

RIPEN

LONER

Which statement is false?

1. Isaiah was a prophet to the southern kingdom.
2. Isaiah served in the court of King Hezekiah.
3. Before going to the court of the king, Isaiah was a shepherd.
4. When Isaiah's king was dying, the king prayed, and God added 15 more years to his life.

Answers to Word Chain:

Rider, riser, rises, roses,
hoses, hopes; ripen, ripen,
river, liver, lover, loner.
Statement 3 is false.



Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 19:11-41,

2 Corinthians 1-3

Monday: Ezra 5-7

Tuesday: Ezra 8-10

Wednesday: Nehemiah 1-3

Thursday: Nehemiah 4-6

Friday: Nehemiah 7-9

Saturday: Psalms 124-126

Verse to Remember

*May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.*

—Psalm 126:5-6

MYSTERY WORD!

	A	B	C	D	E
1	J	O	X	V	N
2	T	L	W	U	D
3	A	N	S	T	G
4	F	I	K	C	B
5	E	M	P	O	R

- Use the box to the left to fill in the letters in the grid below.
- There are 7 letters in the mystery word corresponding to the 7 columns in the grid below.
- In the grid, the correct letter may be the bottom one or the top one. Hint: Fill out all the boxes. Then see if you can find the word.

What is the word?

B5	D2	C3	B1	D5	D4	E2
A1	A5	E5	D3	B4	A3	A5

RIDDLE: I am round on both ends and high in the middle. I have two friends that have the same first initial. What U.S. state am I?

Answer to
Mystery
Word:
Justice.
Answer to
Riddle:
Ohio.

Week of November 5, 2023

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 23-24

Monday: Acts 25-26

Tuesday: Ephesians 1-2

Wednesday: Ephesians 3

Thursday: Philippians 1-2

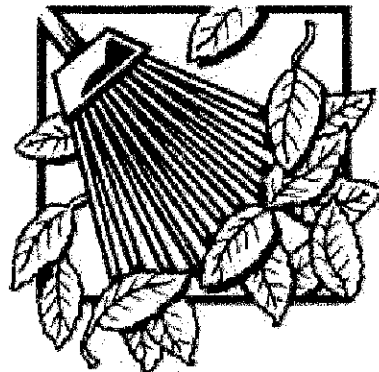
Friday: Philippians 3-4

Saturday: Psalms 130-131

VERSE TO REMEMBER

*For to me, living is
Christ and dying is
gain.*

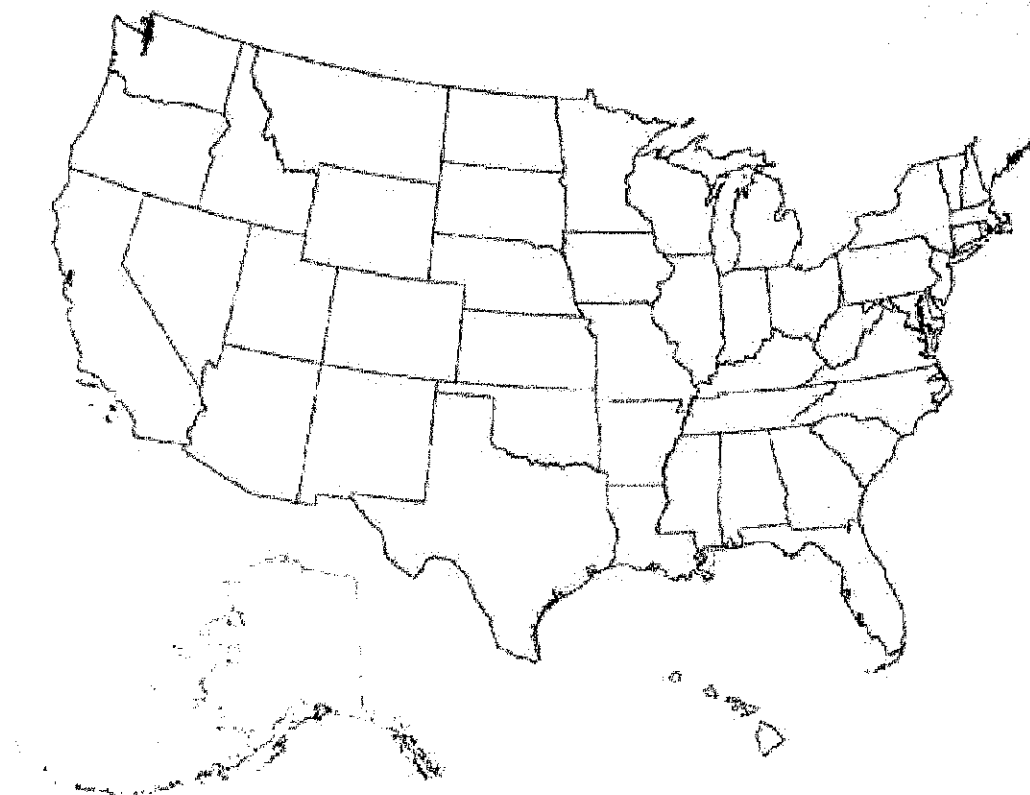
—Philippians 1:21



Can You Name the Neighbors?


Directions: What two states are tied for the most borders they share?

Can you name the neighboring states? Try not to look at the answers below. Use this area for notes.



Answers: Tie. First: what state borders Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Missouri? Answer: Tennessee. Second, what state borders Iowa, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska? Answer: Missouri.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – NOV. 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of November: Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items.			1 3:45 PM Church School Worship Service 6 pm	2 9 AM Text Study	3 4	
5 9 AM Worship Service	6 7		8 3:45 PM Church School Worship Service 6 pm	9 10 11		
12 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	13 14		15 Quilting 9 am 3:45 PM Church School Worship Service 6 pm	16 17 18 9 AM Text Study NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study		
19 9 AM Worship Service	20 21		22 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 6 pm (Last one until Ash Wed)	23 24 25 Thanksgiving! Dinner served 11-3		
26 9 AM Worship Service	27 28		29 30 31 3:45 PM Church School			
		Bible Study 3 pm		9 AM Text Study		

Birthdays this month:

2	JoAnn Kehl	5	Barb Maines
6	Tom Adsit	11	Bill Lundin
12	Tom Simon	20	Ellen Van Zeeland
24	Dan Simcox	24	Tess Luce
28	Larry Stevenson		