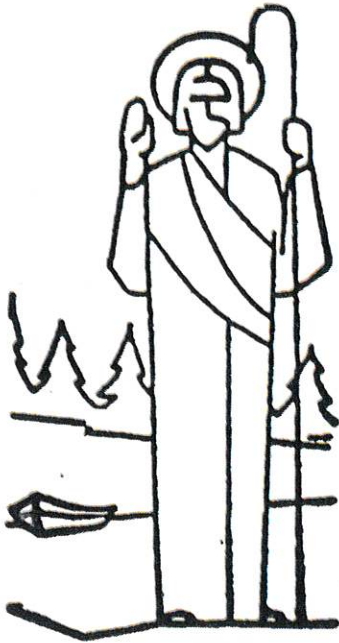


Sept/Oct Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Worship Service:
Sunday 9:00 AM

*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

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On the World Wide Web:
www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
Member Congregation of the NALC & ALC
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Church – Sayner, WI

Devotion

Dear Father, help me to choose to invest my life in things that are eternal.

Our real wealth is what we invest for eternity.

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

When I was growing up, my two sisters and I liked to sit side-by-side on top of my mother's large cedar-lined chest. My mom kept our wool sweaters in it and handiwork that was embroidered or crocheted by my grandmother. She valued the contents of the chest and relied on the pungent odor of the cedar wood to discourage moths from destroying what was inside.

Most earthly possessions can easily be destroyed by insects or rust or can even be stolen. Matthew 6 encourages us to place a special focus, not on things that have a limited lifespan, but on those that have eternal value. When my mom died at fifty-seven, she had not accumulated a lot of earthly possessions, but I like to think about the treasure she stored up in heaven.

I recall how much she loved God and served Him in quiet ways: caring faithfully for her family, teaching children in Sunday School, befriending a woman abandoned by her husband, comforting a young mother who had lost her baby. And she *prayed*.....even after she lost her sight and became confined to a wheelchair, she continued to love and pray for others.

Our real treasure isn't measured in what we accumulate – but in what or whom we invest our time and our passions. What “treasures” are we storing up in heaven by serving and following Jesus?

Taken from “Our Daily Bread”, May 2018

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PASTORAL EMERGENCIES:

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Council President Mike Pockat at 715-892-4488 or Council Vice-President Sharon Rice at 715-891-0259.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am, with coffee and fellowship to follow. Every second Sunday after the service, please join us for a fellowship brunch. You are welcome to bring a dish to share.

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.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, September 28, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH PHONE

Any calls to the church telephone number are now being forwarded to Sharon Brooker, Church Secretary. This will enable almost all calls to that number to be answered. The message has also been updated in the event that Sharon is not able to take a call.

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

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:
Sept. 17
Oct. 15

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

For more information, please contact
Sharon Rice at 715-479-9336 or 715-891-0259

RECIPE CORNER

Banana-Blueberry Muffins

from Dee Burlingame

2-3 Bananas
1 Cup Washed Blueberries
1 egg

1/3 Cup Sugar
3 Tablespoons Vegetable Oil
2 Cups Bisquick

Heat oven to 400°. Line a 12-cup muffin pan with baking cups. Mash bananas with a fork. Add egg and mix. Stir in remaining ingredients, just until moistened. Divide batter evenly among cups. Bake until golden brown – about 15 minutes.



ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

STEP ONE:

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets

STEP TWO:

You can provide flowers in two ways:

1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
 2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as Altar Flower Donation.
- Any questions? Contact Jo Ann



Thank You!

Thank you notes received from:

Camp Luther Lutheran World Relief
Pastor Tim Swenson & wife Dale
Caritas of Eagle River
Vilas County Food Pantry
Humane Society of Vilas County

Prayer Concerns



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Doug, Graham, Jim C., Dick K, Mike and Mary (mother of Ahlborn Equipment employee).

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G, Brian, and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Dylan, and David.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Special Prayers:

Please keep our Church Council, the Call Committee and every member of this congregation in your prayers as we search for a new Shepherd for our Congregation.

*Please email Jean Maines at jmaines2012@gmail.com or text her at 715-891-3344
or contact Sharon at plclerk@gmail.com or text to 715-892-7049
if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list or if you are in need of prayers.*

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 a church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify Jean Maines at 715-542-4213, (jmaines2012@gmail.com), or text her at 715-891-3344 if you need prayers for any reason.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.
Proverbs 3: 5-6

ROCK MINISTRIES

From Jack Carlson:

As Treasurer of Northwoods Share in Eagle River, I work at community dinners at The Rock ministry in Eagle River every 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening at 4:30. SOTL members are welcome to volunteer and attend as we support this mission as part of our benevolence funding at SOTL.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

At the Council meeting held on August 24th, there was discussion on some of the areas that we are in need of volunteers. Please let one of the council members know if you would be interested in being a member of the Budget Committee. They are looking for four congregational members to work with the Treasurer to create the Budget for 2026. There may be additional opportunities to share your talents in the future. Thank you for considering this!

CONTACT INFO

In addition to the listed office hours, we are also available anytime by phone!

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344
Email: treasurer@sotlsayner.com or jamaines2012@gmail.com
Office Hours on Monday and Friday, 10 am – 2 pm

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049
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Office Hours on
Tuesday from 3 pm – 6 pm
Wednesday from Noon – 4
Thursday from Noon – 4 pm

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Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: Acts 15:1–18:11

Monday: 1 Chronicles 20-23

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 24-26

Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 27-29

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 1-3

Friday: 2 Chronicles 4-6

Saturday: Psalms 97-99

TRIVIA:

Test your general knowledge of rather unimportant facts from history and culture.

FUN WITH ROMAN NUMERALS

I After teaching his class all about Roman numerals ($X = 10$, $IX = 9$ and so on), the teacher asked his class how the following equation could be true. Can you solve it?

$$I + XI = X$$

II The teacher now asked her students to write 1, 1000, 51, 6 and 500 in Roman numerals. They were surprised when they read the answer!

III Finally, the teacher asked the class to draw a single, continuous line and turn IX into 6. The only stipulation the teacher made was that the pen could not be lifted from the paper until the line was complete.

1. Which chess piece may only move along diagonals on the board?
2. What term for a non-rigid floating airship can be seen above sporting events, often sponsored by Goodyear?
3. What common condiment, often used on burgers, is made from seasoned puréed tomatoes?
4. What late 1950s fad supposedly got its name from the hip motions used in a Hawaiian dance?
5. What actress has more Oscar acting nominations than any other, but only won three times, most recently for "The Iron Lady"?
6. What is the common name of the human bone called the patella?
7. What five-letter acronymed American civil rights group was founded in 1909 by people including W.E.B. Du Bois and Ida B. Wells?
8. What bourbon-based cocktail is considered to be the official drink of the Kentucky Derby?
9. By what name was the Duke of Edinburgh, aka Queen Elizabeth's husband, better known as?

ANSWERS TO TRIVIA:

1. Bishop,
2. Blimp,
3. Ketchup,
4. Hula hoop,
5. Meryl Streep,
6. Kneecap,
7. NAACP,
8. Mint Julep,
9. Prince Phillip.

Solution to Fun

with Roman

Numerals:

I. Turn the equation upside down.

II. I M LVID.

III. The letter S (one squiggly line) turns IX into SIX.

September 2025

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				

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 1 Thessalonians 1-5

Monday: 2 Chronicles 7-9

Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 10-13

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 14-16

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 17-19

Friday: 2 Chronicles 20-22

Saturday: Psalms 100-102



Global Awareness

Directions: This is a rearrangement or unscrambling exercise. Each set of letters when rearranged will spell out the name of a country. Answers below.



1. A D E K M R N

2. G R B A A I L U

3. H P E I T I A O

4. D A U R O H N S

5. O A N M A R I

6. G L E D A N N

7. S H I N I N E C L T E E T

8. H F N N A A S T G A I

9. Y N G A R M E

10. S A T N K P I A

BRAIN TEASERS

Forrest left home running. He ran a ways and then turned left, ran the same distance and turned left again, ran the same distance and turned left again. When he got home, there were two masked men. Who were they?

A man stands on one side of a river, his dog on the other. The man calls his dog, who immediately crosses the river without getting wet and without using a bridge or a boat. How did the dog do it?

ANSWERS to Global Awareness:

1. Denmark, 2. Bulgaria, 3. Ethiopia, 4. Honduras, 5. Romania, 6. England, 7. Liechtenstein, 8. Afghanistan, 9. Germany, 10. Pakistan. **BRAIN TEASER:** The river catcher and the umpire. The river was frozen.

Week of September 21, 2025

Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Monday: 2 Chronicles 23-25

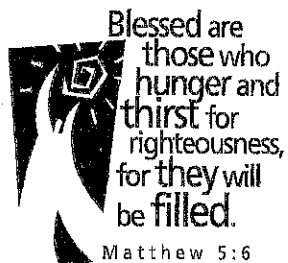
Tuesday: 2 Chronicles 26-29

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 30-32

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 33-36

Friday: Ezekiel 1-3

Saturday: Psalms 103-105



ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.

6. Blessed are those who _____ after righteousness.

7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.

8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.

9. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be filled.



BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, New International Version.

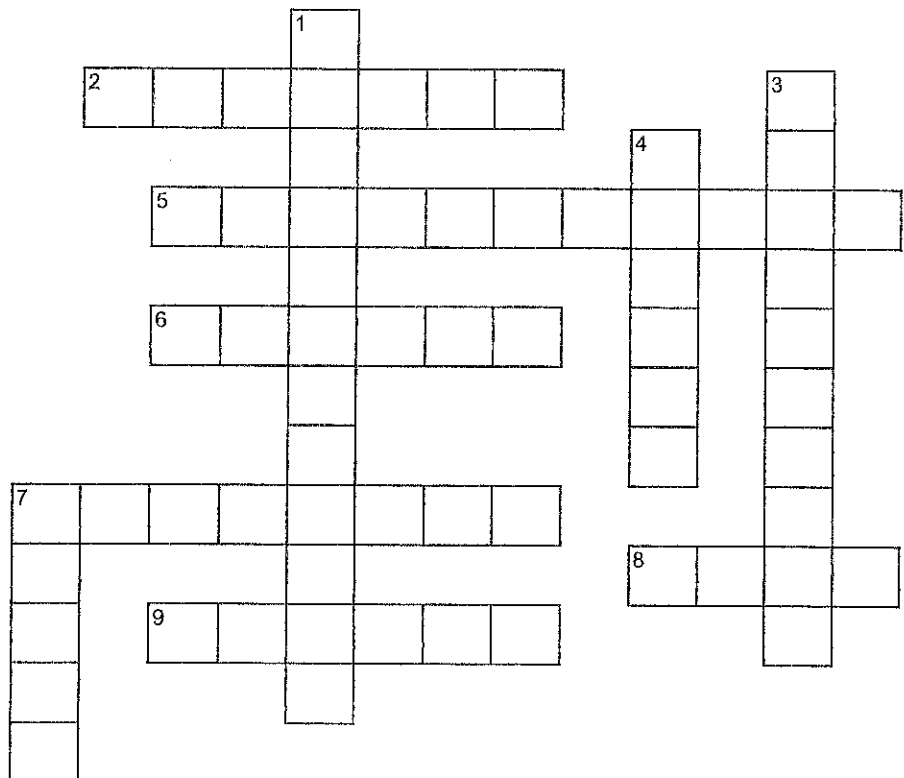
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1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.

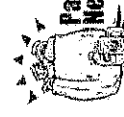
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.

7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.



SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – SEPT 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch			Quilting 9 AM	9 AM Text Study		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study		
28	29	30	31			
9 AM Worship Service						




Food pantry items needed for this month: Oral health & cleanliness items, including band-aids, toothpaste, toothbrush, mouthwash, dental floss, hand soap, handi-wipes, deodorant.
Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.

Birthdays this month:

2	Dixie Barber	3	Susie Sechafer	3	Gary Heeler	4	Carolynn Brink
5	Will Maines	6	Bruce Gust	7	Kathy Helge	7	Jack Carlson
7	Judy Bernhardt	8	Andy McKay	8	Graham McKay	20	Tammy Meissner
21	Roger DeWitt	24	John Near	25	Carol Lacharite		

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Pantry Needs <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for this month: Hair & Nails items including comb, brush, shampoo, hair spray, scrunches, barrettes, toenail clippers, emery boards. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9 AM Worship Service				9 AM Text Study	9 AM Text Study	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Breakfast				9 AM Text Study		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Children's Classes	9 AM Text Study		

	4	Bill Sima	7	Don Dixon	7	Tina Wendorf
8	8	Kenneth Van Zeeland	9	Frankie Will	9	Ken Beier
10	12	Darrell Smith	16	Lolly Kloepfer	17	Lloyd Andersen
25	25	Jeanne Kroll	26	Dick Kloepfer	27	Adelyn Thompson
27	29	Penny Zobel	29	Beth Von Ende		