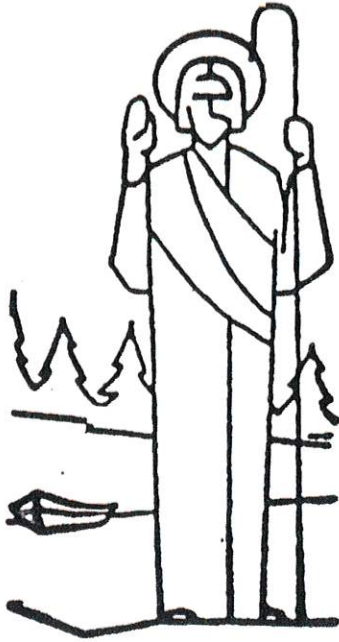


January Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

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.*

Ministers: The People of the Parish
Pastor William Wendorf: Cell 715-617-6477
Council President: Mike Pockat: Cell 715-892-4488
Church Telephone: 715-542-3701

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

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Office Hours

Pastor Bill's office hours:

Tuesdays As Needed

Wednesdays 9 AM – Noon and 3 PM – 5 PM

Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM

Friday 9 AM - 1 PM

Or by Appointment

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 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.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES

Tuesday Bible Study will begin again every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 pm, beginning on October 8th. Studies will continue with the series “The Chosen”.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, January 12, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

The Coffee Bean Bowl

"We are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ."

II Corinthians 2:15

Most of you know I am married to a true lover of coffee. So was my son. When Mikkel was in high school, his bedroom always had a pottery bowl filled with whole coffee beans. It permeated his room with a warm, pleasant scent; to me even now that provides me with both a sense of wonderful times and wistfulness.

Scripture also uses fragrances as a reminder. In Hosea, God's forgiveness of Israel is said to be "fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon." And Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet, which caused the house of Mary and her siblings to be filled with the fragrance of the perfume," pointed ahead to Jesus' death.

The idea of fragrance can also help us be mindful of our testimony of faith to those around us. Paul explained it this way: "We are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing."

Just as the scent of coffee beans remind me of two men whom I dearly love, may our lives produce a scent of Jesus and His love that reminds others of their need of Him.

Heavenly Father, help me to pass along an aroma of life that makes others know I represent You. Amen.

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church Consolidated Statement of Revenue & Expense For the Nine Months Ended, September 30, 2024

	<u>Jan - Sep 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Contribution Income	
4100 · General Fund Contributions	123,371.67
4200 · Benevolence	6,035.01
4400 · Other Restricted Funds	
4410 · Choir & Music	50.00
4427 · Endowment Fund	1,367.25
4430 · Flowers	595.00
4482 · Special Designated	50.00
Total 4400 · Other Restricted Funds	<u>2,062.25</u>
4500 · Designated - Building Fund	27,035.00
4600 · Memorials	2,400.00
Total 4000 · Contribution Income	<u>160,903.93</u>
6000 · Other Income	
6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income	
6798 · Thrivent Choice Dollars	802.00
Total 6700 · Reimbursements & Other Income	<u>802.00</u>
Total 6000 · Other Income	802.00
6900 · Investment Income (Loss)	5,211.39
Total Income	<u>166,917.32</u>
Expense	
6999 · Budgeted Expenses	
7000 · Administrative Expenses	
7010 · Bank Service Charges	129.79
7012 · Brokerage Fees	140.15
7015 · Dues, Permits & Licenses	238.00
7020 · Education/Conferences	235.00
7025 · Insurance	262.53
7030 · Supply Pastor	700.00
7034 · Internet Expense	1,175.10
7045 · Office Supplies & Expense	2,239.27
7048 · Postage Expense	319.80
7150 · Repairs & Maint Equipment)	2,158.66
7160 · Salaries and Related Tax	21,529.13
7180 · Supplies	734.60
7190 · Travel Expense	
7250 · Occupancy Expense - Church	10,476.91

Total 7000 · Administrative Expenses	40,338.94
7400 · Learning	108.24
7600 · Pastoral Ministry	76,875.36
7800 · Witness	2,648.90
7900 · Worship	10,102.81
Total 6999 · Budgeted Expenses	<u>130,074.25</u>
8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	
8100 · Unbudgeted, Benevolence	13,979.63
8200 · Unbudgeted, Special Items	2,730.19
Total 8000 · Unbudgeted Expenses	<u>16,709.82</u>
Total Expense	<u>146,784.07</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>20,133.25</u>
Net Income	<u><u>20,133.25</u></u>

A couple of notes on this report – this is our financial status as of September 30, 2024. You can see that we had \$123,372 in general giving at this point and we had budgeted for \$140,000 for the year. While the numbers are not finalized yet, as of now we show \$152,000 for the year. As always, your generosity amazes me.

At the same time, the expense report compared to budget (which is not included here) shows that as of September 30th we were \$12,000 under budget and again, while not finalized, the reports show we should end up the year about \$10,000 under budget.

I have called a budget meeting for January 10th which will most likely be completed when you receive this newsletter to set up the budget for 2025.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Faithfully,

Jean

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:
January 15
February 19
March 19

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!

RECIPE CORNER

Taken from "*Feast at the Shepherd's Table*", this recipe comes from Evelyn Ahlborn.

SWEET POTATO CASSEROLE

2/3 Stick of butter, divided	2 eggs
3 Cups sweet potato, cooked & mashed	1/2 Cup milk
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 Cup walnuts or pecans, chopped
1 teaspoon vanilla	1/3 cup flour
1/2 Cup sugar	1 Cup brown sugar

Melt 1/3 stick of butter; combine with sweet potatoes, vanilla, eggs, sugar and milk. Pour into a buttered casserole dish. Combine 1/3 stick of butter, nuts, flour and brown sugar and crumble over the top of the potatoes. Bake at 350° for one hour.

I was in the bathroom, putting on my makeup, under the watchful eyes of my young granddaughter, as I'd done many times before. After I applied my lipstick and started to leave, the little one said, "But Grandma, you forgot to kiss the toilet paper good-bye!" I will probably never put lipstick on again without thinking about kissing the toilet paper good-bye....

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:

Lutheran World Relief Family of Jim Mulleady
Caritas of Eagle River Vilas Food Pantry
Mitzi Pockat

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.

Come in and have your faith lifted.



KIT PACKING LIST

* REVISED JULY 2024

IMPORTANT — PLEASE READ FIRST HOW TO PACK YOUR DISASTER KITS:

- Please send **COMPLETE** kits as outlined here. Incomplete kits must be completed before they can be distributed.
- Pack them, in **STURDY, WELL-TAPED** boxes (not too large).
- Label contents and quantity in **LARGE BLOCK LETTERS** and place labels on at least one end and one side of the box so the contents will be visible regardless of how box is stacked.
- Include the name and address of your group or congregation on each box with a label that says:

"A GIFT FROM [name & address of your church or group]"

**We recommend including a small pocket-sized devotional in your completed box.*

Financial donations designated for NALC Disaster Response*

should be made payable and mailed to:

**North American Lutheran Church
2113 Harwood Road, Suite 309, PMB 409
Bedford, Texas 76021-4703**

***Indicate "NALC Disaster Response" on the memo line of your check.**

NALC Disaster Warehouse,
16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, Ohio 43724

*For more information, please email Mary Bates,
disasterresponse@thenalc.org or visit
thenalc.org/nalc-disaster-response/*

Bibles

(We encourage you to write messages of hope in the front pages of donated Bibles)

- o new or used (highlighted & underlined text is acceptable)
- o child, teen or adult
- o Bible stories for children
- o Spanish, or any language
- o large print
- o prayer books

Cleaning Buckets

- o 1 five-gallon bucket with lid
- o 1 jug bleach (1/2 gal. or smaller)
- o 2 large trash bags (Contractor 3 mil)
- o 1 roll paper towels
- o 2 rags
- o Comet or scouring cleanser
- o Pine Sol or liquid cleaner
- o scrub brush
- o gloves, 1 pair each, size L preferred
 - rubber (reusable, i.e. Platex, dishwashing type)
 - leather
 - cotton

Health Care Kit

(Pack in 2-gallon plastic storage bag or tote bag)

- o 1 bath towel
- o 1 wash cloth (optional)
- o 1 shampoo (2 if travel size)
- o 1 bar of soap (2 if travel size)
- o 1 toothbrush (individually sealed)
- o 1 pack of floss (optional)
- o 1 toothpaste (2 if travel size)
- o 1 comb
- o 1 deodorant
- o 1 nail clippers (optional)

School Kit - Elementary

- o 1 backpack or duffle bag
- o 4 notebooks
- o 4 pocket folders
- o 1 blunt scissors
- o 1 ruler
- o 1 pencil sharpener
- o 4 pencils
- o 2 pens
- o 1 eraser
- o 1 box of crayons, colored pencils, or markers

School Kit – High School

- o 1 backpack or duffle bag
- o 4 notebooks
- o 4 pocket folders
- o 4 pencils, 1 pencil sharpener & 1 eraser
- or- 4 mechanical pencils
- o 4 pens

Miscellaneous Items

(Pack like items together)

- o Masks (bundle/pack each type separately)
 - painting
 - sanding
 - N95
- o disposable diapers, baby or adult in assorted sizes
- o feminine hygiene items
- o any school supply item can be donated in bulk.
- o mops, brooms & dustpans
- o leaf and garden rakes, flat bottom shovels, spades

Kitchen Kits

(Pack kits in a 2-gallon plastic storage bag or drawstring backpack)

- o can opener
- o cookbook
- o dish cloths
- o dish towel
- o hot pad
- o spatula (turner)
- o measuring cups
- o measuring spoons
- o another helpful kitchen item of your choice (i.e., mini cutting board, peeler, tongs, etc.)
- o storage container (2-cup w/lid)
- o garbage bags (a few, mixed sizes)

Quilts and Blankets

- o any size including baby
- o any fabric including religious, patriotic/military theme, seasonal

Gift Cards*

****Please write the date purchased on each card***

- o Home Depot
- o Lowes
- o Walmart

NALC Disaster Response

Needs YOUR Help!



"Serve one another humbly in love"
GALATIANS 5:13b



Prayer Concerns

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Chandler, John, Kim, Dick, Lynn C., Mary H., Evie

(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, Brian, Melody, Graham, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Amy L., Sharon G., Bob B., and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

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

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Ron Pockat and Family of Jim Mulleady

Please email Bill at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com or call 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 Pastor Bill or another church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify

Pastor Bill at 715-617-6477 (pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or Jean Maines at 715-542-4213

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

Treasurer's Office Hours:

Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m.

You can always reach me on my cell 715-891-3344.

Jean Maines

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD RESULTS

Shoeboxes – Every box is important! Samaritan's Purse donates prayerfully packed shoeboxes that lead to evangelism, discipleship, and the multiplication of believers and churches around the world. This year, our church filled approximately 40 shoeboxes for this program! Congratulations to everyone!

QUILTERS FINAL REPORT

In 2024, the quilting group at church donated 45 adult quilts, 9 Baptismal quilts, 10 youth quilts, and 4 confirmation quilts for a total of 68 quilts!! They delivered 11 adult quilts and 3 baptismal quilts and the remaining quilts will go to Northwoods Share, Tri-County Council on Domestic Abuse and Lily House.

Shepherd of the Lakes Quilting Circle meets the first and third Wednesday of each month beginning at 9 a.m. You do not need sewing skills to join the fun! Our quilts are distributed locally to those in need and this year that need has been great. We are doing our best to keep up, but we are in need of sheets to back our quilts. King and queen work best but we will take all sizes. If you have questions, please feel free to ask.

**IF YOUR PROBLEM IS BIGGER THAN YOUR GOD,
THEN YOU ARE SERVING THE WRONG GOD.**

CONTACT INFO:

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Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049
Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com

Pastor Bill Wendorf (715) 542-3701 (Church) or 715-617-6477
Email: wendorfw@gmail.com or pastor@sotlsayner.com

Daily Bible Readings

- Sunday: Genesis 37-39
- Monday: Genesis 40-42
- Tuesday: Genesis 43-46
- Wednesday: Genesis 47-50
- Thursday: Matthew 1-4
- Friday: Matthew 5-7
- Saturday: Psalms 1-3

Verse to Remember

Happy are those ... [whose] delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night. They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. —Psalm 1:1-3

FILL IN THE BLANKS

In Matthew 5 (see the reading above) we have the "Beatitudes," a series of "blessed" statements made by Jesus. Complete the sentence by following the directions. **DIRECTIONS:** Write a word to fit each definition. Then, transfer the letters to the numbered boxes to read one of these Beatitudes.

The color of coal

1 2 8 17 21

Red flower with thorns

9 — 4 3

Woman's garment

7 23 6 5 24

Small, round, green vegetable in a pod

14 10 16

One hikes on this, also known as a trail

— 20 11 12

An electric fish

13 15 —

Very dark green gemstone

18 19 22 — — — —



Answers:
 black
 rose
 dress
 pea
 path
 eel
 emerald
 Blessed are
 the peace-
 makers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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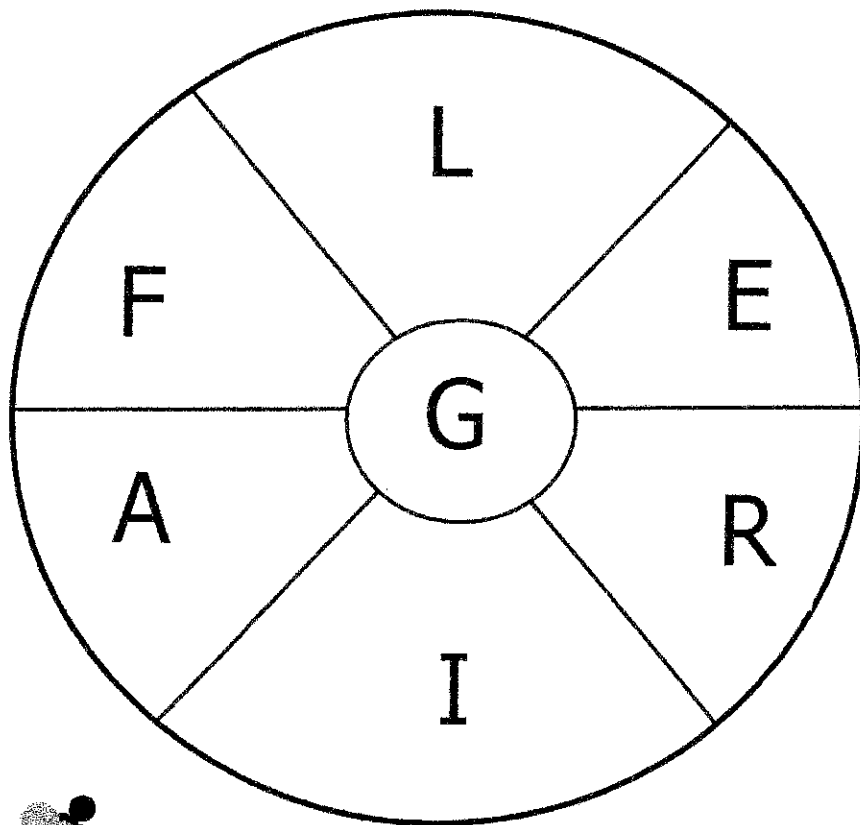
Week of January 5, 2025

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!



SPELLING WHEEL

DIRECTIONS: How many words of three or more letters can you form using the letters in the wheel to the left? Each letter may only be used once.

EACH WORD MUST CONTAIN THE LETTER G.

Can you find the word that has seven letters in it? Suggested answers are below.

- 10 words = Good
- 14 words = Excellent
- 17+ words = Genius!



VERSE TO REMEMBER

I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

—Genesis 12:2 (NIV)

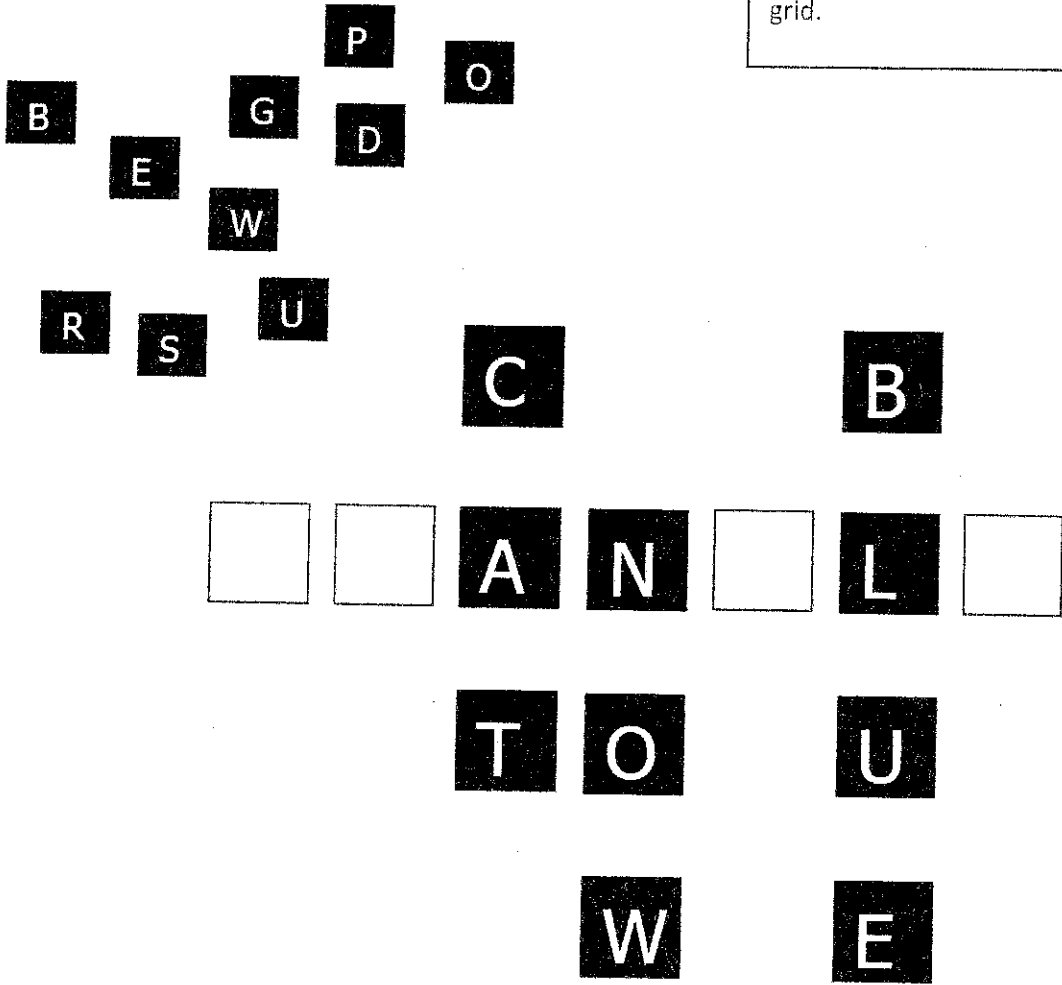
ANSWERS: glare, lager, agile, grail, large, regal, grief, girl, rage, gale, flag, gag, fig, age, gal, rag, leg, lag. The seven-letter word is: fragile.

January 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	31	

MAKE A WORD

Directions: Using four of the letters in the "pile" to the left, fill in the boxes below to make a seven-letter word that connects the grid.



Good resolutions are ones that are measurable and realistic. What changes do you want to make starting this week?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____


Daily Bible Readings
Sunday: Song of Solomon 3-4
Monday: Song of Solomon 5-6
Tuesday: Song of Solomon 7-8
Wednesday: Revelation 19

Thursday: Revelation 20
Friday: Revelation 21
Saturday: Revelation 22

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

Answer:
 (spelled
 backwards)
 ELUNARG or
 EUGNAPS


SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – JANUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
 Food pantry items needed for this month: Storage items including Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, kitchen size plastic garbage bags, disposable kitchen storage containers.			Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		
9 AM Worship Service	13	14	15	16	17	18
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Breakfast Council Meeting 10:30 a.m.		Bible Study "The Chosen" 3-5 p.m.	<i>Quilting 9 a.m.</i>	Church School 3:45 pm	2025 Annual Budget Meeting 1p.m.	
9 AM Worship Service	20	21	22	23	24	25
9 AM Worship Service			Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		
26	27	28	29	30	31	
9 AM Worship Service SOTL ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:30 a.m.		Bible Study "The Chosen" 3-5 p.m.	Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		

Birthdays this month:

2	Terrie Beier	9	Elaine Last	18	Marney Mann	18	Skip Luce
25	Sofi Tranberg	25	Jan Lundin	25	Amanda Farrow	26	Anna Kessrow
7	Judy Bernhardt	8	Graham McKay	8	Andy McKay	20	Tammy Meissner
27	Barb Cashman	30	Bob Wagner				

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – FEBRUARY 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of include: Cereal (hot or cold), powdered milk, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly.</p>						
2	3	4	8	6	8	1
9 AM Worship Service			Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		
9	10	11	12	13	15	
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch		Bible Study "The Chosen" 3-5 p.m.	Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		
16	17	18	19	20	22	
9 AM Worship Service			Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		Humane Soc. Fundraiser 11am-2pm
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
9 AM Worship Service		Bible Study "The Chosen" 3-5 p.m.	Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		
30	31					
9 AM Worship Service			Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study		

Birthdays in October:

2	Emma Sima	6	Dean Meissner	8	Sharon Brooker	18	Bob Brooker
20	Jennie Saltzger	26	Charlie Seehafer	26	Hannah Scheel	28	McKenna Will
28	Brandi McKay						