

July/August 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

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www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
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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 **and Wednesday Evening Services at 5:30 pm**

The Wednesday service is more informal and encourages the interaction of the smaller group with the lay minister, Karen Carter. We would love to see you join us!

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.

Sunday, July 26, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

POSTAGE STAMPS

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

TRAPPED IN CHOCOLATE

Two workers at a Mars candy factory in Pennsylvania fell into a large vat of chocolate. This might sound like the beginning of a joke – and perhaps a lovely predicament to chocolate lovers, but the men – though unhurt, were waist-deep in the confection and couldn't get out on their own. Firefighters ultimately had to cut a hole in the side of the vat to deliver them to safety.

When the prophet Jeremiah found himself at the bottom of a mud-filled cistern, the story was anything but sweet. As a messenger to God's people in Jerusalem, he'd proclaimed the urgency for them to leave the city because it would soon "be given into the hands of the army of the king of Babylon" [Jeremiah 38:3]. Some of King Zedekiah's officials demanded Jeremiah be "put to death" because they claimed his words were "discouraging the soldiers" (v.4). The king consented and they "lowered Jeremiah by ropes into the cistern" where he "sank down into the mud"(v.6).

When another of the king's officials – a foreigner, no less – advocated for Jeremiah's well-being, saying the others had "acted wickedly", Zedekiah realized he'd made a mistake and ordered Ebed-Melek to lift Jeremiah "out of the cistern" (vv 9-10)

Even when we are doing the right thing – as Jeremiah was – we might sometimes feel like we're stuck in the mud. Let's ask God to lift our spirits as we wait for His help in the troubles we face.

Kirsten Holmberg

***When have you been wronged for doing what's right?
How has God sustained you?***

Father God, please sustain me as I seek to obey you.

Hebrews 6:10

God is not unjust; He will not forget your work and the love you have shown him.

From ***Our Daily Bread*** July 2024

Thank You!

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVE FROM:

Humane Society of Vilas County
Vilas County Food Pantry
Tri-County Council

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:

July 15

August 19

Our quilting ministry is community oriented. Finished quilts are donated once a year to the Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence in Rhineland. 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!

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

RECIPE CORNER

From “Feast at the Shepherd’s Table”

HAM & CHEESE TORTILLA ROLL-UPS

Trey Brooks

2 (8 oz) pkg. Cream Cheese	1 pkg. Buddig Ham, Chopped (small package)
½ Cup Sour Cream	1 small onion, chopped (optional)
1 pkg. Hidden Valley Fiesta Ranch dressing mix, dry	
1 (4 oz) can black olives, chopped	Green & Red pepper, diced (optional)

Combine all ingredients and spread on 6 large tortilla shells; roll up. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Slice and serve.

CONTACT INFO

We are also available anytime by phone!

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344
Email: treasurer@sotlsayner.com or jmaines2012@gmail.com

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049
Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com
Office Hours on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

Karen Carter, Lay Minister
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LTAR 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

Prayer Concerns



Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Dick, Teresa, Tracey, Bonnie, Jessica, Deb, Tom, Jim C., Lloyd, Kendy, Sharon B., Ken B., Sue L., Gordon S. and Sharon G.

(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, Graham, Holli, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Bob B., Ron, Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim, Barb, and Crystal L.

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

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

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

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

Family of Alyce (Behn) Bailey

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.

Please or email Jean Maines at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com or text her at 715-891-3344 or contact Sharon Brooker at plclerk@gmail.com or text her at 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 from 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 (jamaines2012@gmail.com) or Sharon Brooker at plclerk@gmail.com or text or call (Sharon) at 715-892-7049 if you need prayers for any reason or would like to be added to the routing for prayer chain emails.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours."

Mark 11:24

CALL COMMITTEE

Here are the Call Committee members. Please feel free to contact them if you have any questions.

Lloyd Andersen	(715) 892-3513
Karen Carter	(715) 542-4049 or (715) 525-1733
Ginger Eade	(608) 317-9563
Shawn McCormick	(715) 605-2552
Joanne Pierce	(414) 477-5804
Charlie Rice – Chairman	(715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336

“The Chosen” Bible study and Church School are both on hiatus now until fall.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CHURCH:

August 1 Community Picnic:

**Contact Barb Steinhilber for more information
or if you are able to help
(either at the event or providing food)**

CHOIR PRACTICE

Choir practice meets on Sunday after church (10:30 am).
Please join us – we would love to have lots of new voices!!
We look forward to seeing you there!



SPECIAL “MUSIC SERMON”

On Sunday, August 30th, in lieu of the sermon, we will be having a “Congregational Hymn Sermon”. Congregants will be asked for their favorite hymns, and some or all of those hymns will replace the sermon for that day. Stay tuned for more on this!!

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of July: Canned meats (tuna, salmon, chicken etc.), cake mixes, frosting mixes. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.			1 Evening Service 5:30 PM	2 9 AM Text Study	3	4
5 9 AM Worship Service	6	7	8 Evening Service 5:30 PM	9 9 AM Text Study	10	11
12 Fellowship Breakfast 9 AM Worship Service	13	14	15 Quilting 9 Am Evening Service 5:30 PM	16 9 AM Text Study	17	18 Private Family Reunion
19 9 AM Worship Service	20	21	22 Evening Service 5:30 PM	23 9 AM Text Study	24	25
26 (Pastor Rich Little) 9 AM Worship Service	27	28	29 Evening Service 5:30 PM	30 9 AM Text Study	31	

2	Dawn Puetz	24	Jennifer Will	28	Cayden Peterson	29	Karin McCormick
30	Bill Brewer						

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 <i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of August include: Paper products including feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, Kleenex, paper towels, napkins, paper plates, paper cups. Please place your items in the appropriate containers in the cloak room.						1
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2	Alyson Sima	18	Nick Thompson	19	Sharon Gust	20	Eric Eade
21	Joanne Pierce	23	Sharon Geist	29	Charlyne Perrine		

