November/December Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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NORTH AMERICAN 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.

Next Church Council Meeting:
Sunday, November 22 , 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.

A SAFE PLACE

My brothers and I grew up on a wooded hillside in West Virginia that provided a fertile landscape for our imaginations., Whether swinging from vines like Tarzan or building tree houses like the Swiss Family Robinson, we played out the scenarios we found in the stories we read and movies we watched. One of our favorites was building forts and then pretending we were safe from attack. Years later, my kids built forts out of blankets, sheets, and pillows – constructing their own "safe place" against imaginary enemies. It seems almost instinctive to want a hiding place where you can feel safe and secure.

When David, the singer-poet of Israel, sought out a safe place, he looked no further than God. Psalm 17:8 asserts, "[God,] keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." When you consider the Old Testament record of David's life and the almost constant threats he faced, these words reveal an amazing level of confidence in God (v.6). In spite of those threats, he was convinced his true safety was found in Him.

We can know that same confidence. The God who promises to never leave or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5) is the One we trust with our lives every day. Although we live in a dangerous world, our God gives us peace and assurance – both now and forever. He is our safe place.

From ***Our Daily Bread*** December, 2018

Father, the world around me can feel threatening, overwhelming, and dangerous; but You give me peace, strength, and help.

Give God thanks for being your hiding place today.

Psalm 17:6
I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.

Thank You!

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVE FROM:

Vilas County Food Pantry
NATH-Frederick Place

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 18, 2026
December 16, 2026

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"

PUMPKIN BARS

Joan McKay

2 Cups Flour
½ tsp. Salt
1 Cup Oil
1 Cup Chopped Nuts
¾ Stick Butter
1 ¾ Cup Powdered Sugar
2 Cups Sugar
1 tsp. Baking Soda
2 tsp Cinnamon
1 Cup Raisins (optional)
1 Tbsp. Cream or Milk
1 tsp. Baking Powder
4 eggs
1 (15 oz) Can Pumpkin
1 (3 oz.) pkg cream cheese
1 tsp. Vanilla

Mix, sugar, oil and eggs. Fold in pumpkin. Stir in mixture of flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Blend in nuts and raisins and mix well. Spread in a greased jellyroll pan. Bake at 350° for 20 minutes or until done. Cut in bars. Combine cream cheese, butter, cream or milk, vanilla and powdered sugar. Spread on top of cooled bars.

Perfect recipe for this time of the year!!

CONTACT INFO

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

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Office Hours on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

Karen Carter, Lay Minister
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ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person – NEW CONTACT: KARIN MCCORMICK: (715) 614-7670

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 Karin McCormick**, 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 Karin**

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
(1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).



Prayer Concerns

Pray for those dealing with current issues:
Dick, Teresa, Deb, Jim C., Lloyd A., Sue L., Gordon S., Joan E., Sharon G., Ken H., Paul S., and Evelyn A.

(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, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Bob B., Ron, Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Bonnie, John, Kim, Barb, Sharon B., Crystal L., Tom P., and Tom A.

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:

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.

CALL COMMITTEE

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

Lloyd Andersen	(715) 892-3513
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Shawn McCormick	(715) 605-2552
Joanne Pierce	(414) 477-5804
Charlie Rice – Chairman	(715) 617-1398 or (715) 479-9336

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CHURCH:

Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th
11 am – 2 pm

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!



SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9 AM Worship Service	2	3	4 3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	5 9 AM Text Study	6	7
8 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	9	10	11 3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	12 9 AM Text Study	13	14
15 9 AM Worship Service	16	17	18 3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	19 9 AM Text Study		
22 9 AM Worship Service	23	24	25 **NO CHURCH SCHOOL!!**	26 **THANKSGIVING DINNER!!** **11AM-2 PM**	27	28
29 9 AM Worship Service	30	31		***Food pantry*** items needed for this month : Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items. Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.		

Birthdays:

2	Jo Ann 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 Stephenson

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Food pantry items needed for this month: Baking items including sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, brown sugar, powdered sugar, other spices, cookie cutters, cookie decorating items		1	2 3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	3 9 AM Text Study	4	5
6 9 AM Worship Service	7	8	9 3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	10 9 AM Text Study	11	12
13 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Breakfast	14	15	16 Quilting 9 am 3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	17 9 AM Text Study	18	19
20 9 AM Worship Service	21	22	23 **NO CHURCH SCHOOL!** 5:30 Worship	24	25	26
27 9 AM Worship Service	28	29	30 **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** 5:30 Worship	31	*Please place pantry items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.*	

3	Jim Luebke	9	Cheri Biedermann	10	Michael Krieck
15	Samantha Thompson	16	Carolyn Becker	17	Ginger Eade
28	Deb Carlberg				

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Week of November 8, 2026

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 bordering the most other states? 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.

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Week of November 15, 2026

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday: Acts 27
Monday: Acts 28
Tuesday: Ephesians 4-5
Wednesday: Ephesians 6
Thursday: Colossians 1-2
Friday: Colossians 3-4
Saturday: Psalm 132

DOES IT ADD UP?

?	7	2
3	?	8
4	7	?

It's *N*-ovember! Can you name the answers to these geography questions where all answers begin with 'N'?

1. Its capital is Concord.
2. The tomb of this former resident of the isle of Elba is located in Paris.
3. It is bordered by California, Oregon, Utah, Arizona and Idaho.
4. The origin of this state's name derives from an Oto Indian word meaning "flat water."
5. It is the most densely populated city (of those over 100,000) in the United States.
6. At 4,130 miles, it is generally regarded as the world's longest river.
7. This notorious Roman emperor ruled in Rome during the lifetime of the apostle Paul.
8. It is the capital and largest city of Kenya in Africa.
9. It is called the country music capital of America.
10. It is often called Holland.
11. Jesus lived here as a boy.
12. This country is famous for its fjords.
13. These provinces are in eastern Canada.
14. This Massachusetts island used to be a whaling center.
15. The words "code talkers" are strongly associated with this Native American nation, and the bilingual speakers specially recruited during World War II to send tactical messages.

N-ovember: 1. New Hampshire; 2. Napoleon; 3. Nevada; 4. Nebraska; 5. New York City; 6. Nile; 7. Nero; 8. Nairobi; 9. Nashville; 10. Netherlands; 11. Nazareth; 12. Norway; 13. Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia; 14. Nantucket; 15. Navajo.

Does it add up? Solution: 672+398=470

NOVEMBER

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Week of November 22, 2026

DAILY BIBLE READINGS
Sunday: Hebrews 1-4
Monday: Hebrews 5-7
Tuesday: Hebrews 8-10
Wednesday: Hebrews 11-13
Thursday: Philemon; 1 Peter 1-2
Friday: 1 Peter 3-5
Saturday: Psalms 133-135

A POEM BY ANY OTHER NAME

Directions: The first letter of each line must begin with the letters of your name. Thus, if your name has only five letters, you will then have five lines in your poem. Here is an example: SUSAN =

S eventy years old —
U nique
S uper
A lways fun
N ice

Now write a poem using your name!

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

A	J	S
B	K	T
C	L	U
D	M	V
E	N	W
F	O	X
G	P	Y
H	Q	Z
I	R	

Directions: Can you think of a name that begins with each letter of the alphabet? Write your answers in the spaces provided.

FIVE & FOUR

Directions: Each line contains a five-letter word and a four-letter word whose letters have been mixed, *but the left-to-right order has not been changed.* Unmix the two words on each line and write them in the spaces provided. When you're done, unscramble the boxed and circled letters to reveal the mystery word. A clue is provided. We've also given you a head start.

S H A D E L T E D = **S H A □ T** + **D E E ○**

P A T G A X I A N = _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _ ○

V I P A S E T A W = _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _ ○

N O V A L U N I D = _ _ _ □ _ _ _ _ ○

Clue: A pilot's friend — □□□□ ○○○○

ANSWER TO: Five & Four: shalt/ deed, pagan/ taxi; paste/ view, valid/ noun. A pilot's friend: TAIL WIND



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