

September/October 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

Council President: Mike Pockat: Cell 715-892-4488
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On the World Wide Web:
www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
Member Congregation of the NALC & ALC
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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, September 20, 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.

LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

A wise friend advised me to avoid using the words “you always” or “you never” in an argument – especially with my family. How easy it is to criticize others around us and to feel unloving toward those we love. But there is never any variation in God’s enduring love for us all.

Psalm 145 overflows with the word *all*. “The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made” (v.9) “The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down” (vv. 13-14) “The Lord watches over all who love him” (v.20)

A dozen times in this psalm we are reminded that God’s love is without limit and favoritism. And the New Testament reveals that the greatest expression of it is seen in Jesus Christ: “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Psalm 145 declares that “the Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them” (vv. 18-19).

God’s love for us always endures, and it never fails!

David C. McCasland

From *Our Daily Bread* August, 2018

*Father in heaven, we are awed by Your love for us that never changes, never fails, and never ends.
We praise You for demonstrating Your limitless love for us through Jesus, our Savior and Lord.*

There is never any variation in God’s enduring love for us all.

Thank You!

THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVE FROM:

Institute of Lutheran Theology (ILT)
Vilas County Food Pantry
NATH-Frederick Place

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.

QUILTING

Dates:

September 16, 2026

October 21, 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"

CRANBERRY NUT BREAD

Carolynn Brink

2 ¼ Cups Flour	1 Cup Sugar	1 ½ tsp. Baking Powder
1 tsp. Salt	½ tsp. Baking Soda	1 large egg, beaten
2 tsp. Freshly Grated Orange Zest	2 ¾ Cup Fresh Orange Juice	
1 ½ Cup Coarsely Chopped Cranberries	½ Cup Coarsely Chopped Walnuts	
½ Cup Cold Butter, cut into pieces (use softened butter if blending by hand)		

Place rack in center of oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In food processor or in a bowl with a pastry blender, blend together flour, sugar, baking powder, salt, baking soda, and orange zest. With processor running, drop cold butter through food chute. Process to coarse meal stage and transfer to large bowl. In small bowl, whisk together egg and orange juice. Add to flour mixture, stirring just until combined. Stir in cranberries and walnuts. Pour into greased (bottom and ½" up sides only) 9 x 5 inch loaf pan. Bake in middle of preheated oven 1 hour and 15 minutes, or until tester inserted in center comes out clean. Let bread cool in pan on rack for 15 minutes. Turn out onto rack to cool completely.

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

Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049
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Office Hours on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons

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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



Prayer Concerns

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Dick, Teresa, Tracey, Bonnie, Jessica, Deb, Tom, Jim C., Lloyd, 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, Sharon B. 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:

Barb Steinhilber

Kendy, daughter of Dick and Lolly Kloefer

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.

Psalm 18:2: "The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold"

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
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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:

Church School begins on October 21st

Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 26th

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 – SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
FOOD PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED THIS MONTH: Oral health & cleanliness items, including band-aids, toothpaste, tooth brush, mouthwash, dental floss, hand soap, handi-wipes, deodorant		1	2	3	4	5
			3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	9 AM Text Study		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	9 AM Text Study		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Breakfast			Quilting 9 am 3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	9 AM Text Study		
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Council Meeting 10:30 9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship	9 AM Text Study		
27	28	29	30			
9 AM Worship Service			3:45 PM Church School 5:30 Worship			

Birthdays:

3	Susie Seehafer	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	12	Dixie Barber	20	Tammy Meissner
21	Roger DeWitt	24	John Near	25	Carol Lacharite

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – OCTOBER 2026

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

4	Bill Sima	7	Don Dixon	8	Carol Gebhardt
8	Kenneth Van Zeeland	9	Frankie Will	9	Ken Beier
10	Teresa Poole	12	Darrell Smith	16	Lolly Kloepfer
17	Lloyd Andersen	25	Wendy Brewer	25	Jeanne Kroll
26	Dick Kloepfer	27	Adelyn Thompson	27	Pat Lichter
29	Penny Zobel	29	Beth Von Ende		

