

February 2020 Newsletter
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
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Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A member congregation of the Northern Great Lakes Synod
of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM
June thru August, Saturday Service: 5:30 PM
September thru May evening service every other week 6 PM
Fellowship/Coffee: 10:15 AM
Weekday Church School (preschool-grade 5): Wednesdays 4 PM
(Weekday Church School runs from Labor Day to Memorial Day)

*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.*



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Office Hours

Bill Wendorf LLM's office hours:
Wednesdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Thursdays 9 AM to 12 noon
Fridays 9 AM to 12 noon

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
February 2020	13 th	15 th
March 2020	12 th	14 th
April 2020	16 th	18 th
May 2020	14 th	16 th
June 2020	11 th	13 th
July 2020	16 th	18 th
August 2020	13 th	15 th
September 2020	17 th	19 th
October 2020	15 th	17 th
November 2020	12 th	14 th
December 2020	17 th	19 th

Email articles to Barb Cashman at secretary@SOTLSayner.com.
Thank you.

RECORDED SERMONS: All sermons at Shepherd of the Lakes are now recorded and are available shortly after the service. Go to shepherdofthelakeschurch.org to listen to them at any time.

"Dear God, I hope to get to heaven someday, but later rather than sooner." Logan, age 5



AWAKENING LIVES TO WORLD MISSIONS

Dear friends of ALWM and Vital Links,

May peace and joy come to you in abundance this season from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who was born in a manger and is still reigning over all creation! We pray, too, that the grace and love of Jesus will surround you in the New Year!

Please remember the ministry of ALWM in your year-end giving. We are amazed at what God has done through ALWM in 2019 and are eager to see what He will do in 2020.

On Behalf our board, our team in Vietnam (Dr Hang, Van and our volunteers), and Pastor Sam and his team in Cambodia, thank you for your prayers, donations, and faithful support throughout this year.

In Christ for the nations,

Bill and Sally

Rev. Bill and Sally Moberly, Founder & Director of ALWM

BRUNCH SUNDAYS

Brunch Sundays are the second Sunday of each month. The purpose of this is to spend a little extra time fellowshiping and to also invite friends and neighbors to join us. Please watch the bulletin for that announcement each month. If you are able and willing to do so, please bring a dish to pass for any of these brunches. Please do not bring any condiments unless specifically asked to do so. We will have packets of ketchup, mustard, and mayo, if needed. It seems we now have 3-4 bottles of mustard in the refrigerator 😊 so if you have brought one of those, feel free to take it home with you.

CHURCH COUNCIL SUMMARY

Council items from November 10, 2019 (just approved at January 5th Council meeting):

- Everything is now approved for snowmobilers to ride up and park at church; will put an ad in snowmobile map next year; this year posters for local merchants

- Online giving is being set up; PayPal will be used, separate checking account to be set up as per PayPal stipulation
- Banked amount for sale of Parish House was \$137,555. The part of commission paid to Bill was returned to the church by the Wendorf's for specified general fund use
- Landscaping plan (Pastor Marin, the Tarkowski's, Hanson's in Rhinelander, and Michael Everson involved) to hopefully be presented to congregation at annual meeting in January
- Electronic sign still being pursued
- Budget for 2020 received by all present; approved with only change to Licensed Lay Minister cell phone expenses (decrease from \$400 to \$280); total budget is \$167,922 with a final shortfall of \$38,802.
- Thanksgiving dinner: Almost everything is covered, including what people from St. Mary's will contribute
- Deep cleaning of church: Bids still being received
- Mitten Tree: Wished-for items will come from Tri-County Council through Shellie Holmes, director
- Scholarship Committee to have a Trivia Contest fundraiser in early spring
- Chili dinner fundraiser for Vilas County Animal Shelter, date to be later announced

PILL BOTTLE COLLECTION

We are collecting pill bottles, DARK BROWN ONLY. Please remove the labels and put the bottles in the container in the coat room.

POSTAGE STAMPS Please

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

DEVOTION

by Karen Carter

Expect the Holy

I John 4:9: "By this the love of God was revealed to us: God sent His only begotten Son into the world, so that we might have life through Him."

John the Baptist had been waiting for the Spirit to make Itself known. John did not know when, or upon whom, but he knew the Holy Spirit would eventually show him the Chosen One. Once John saw the sign at Jesus' baptism, he responded fully in faith.

That the Holy Spirit is present in everyone believing is at the heart of "The Rabbi's Gift," a well-known and variously-told story about a community under strife and in conflict. Then a stranger arrives and declares that a Holy Person lives among them. This leaves the community dumbfounded. Each wonders who it could be. "Is it Bob whom I find irritating? ... Or Sally who makes a lot of mistakes? I have seen glimpses of holiness among them. I suppose it could be him or her." ... The relationships in this community transform as they see others (and themselves) in a new light. The community begins to thrive and becomes known for its kindness and godliness.

What would it be like if we were expecting the Holy Spirit to alight on our family members, our co-workers, our congregation members, or even strangers at any moment? How might it change the way we see them and treat them?

In this season of Epiphany we celebrate the ways Christ is born anew in each of our lives. The Spirit is revealed in often unexpected and hidden ways ... and can be easily missed if we don't open our eyes and our hearts to perceive it.

Let us pray for the grace to be like John the Baptist, expecting the Holy Spirit in the most unexpected among us and responding fully with joy.

May it be so!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Prayers requested since the last newsletter: Larry Stephenson, Joanie Stephenson, Sally Vredenburgh, Ann.

Pray for the families who lost loved ones:

1. Family of Maurine Biedermann.
2. Family of Harold Goretske.

Ongoing health issues: Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Lisa Scheel, Betty Abraham, Tom Miles, Corey Soberg, Rich Kysiak, Tim Boman, Jessica, Charles Webb, Shelle Blair, Jessica, Debbie Kroll, Alair Peck, Sean Gabriel, Dave Tarkowski, Willow Boman, John Raby, Clark (Snooker) DeWitt Jr., Jessie Buck, Paul, Rick, Mike.

Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes: Ramona Schaeffel, Mel & Barb Harvey, Elisabeth Jacobsen.

Prayers of comfort and hope for those in prisons and those struggling with addictions: Larry (friend of LuAnn Brentlinger), Jamie Goodrum.

Prayers for those who serve in our armed forces: Jeff Hammer, Brian Krieck, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Sgt. Keara Kangas, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Noah, Storaasli, Zachary Raatz.

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, ask their permission first.
- ...if you have any other significant event in your family.
- ...if you would like to schedule a visit with Bill Wendorf LLM or another church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify Barb Cashman at 715-892-2166 or email bacashman@gmail.com if you need prayers for any reason. ***Prayers can also be requested thru Bill Wendorf LLM or Barb Maines.***

We also have a telephone calling tree with the prayer chain so those without a computer can participate in this ministry. If you would like to be included, please let Barb know by calling 715-892-2166. An updated list will be mailed to you with a further explanation of how this works.

RECIPE CORNER

by Jan Specht

Well, February – what do you do with that? Thought of Cherries for Washington birthday or chocolate for Valentine’s day. Of course, the chocolate won out. When I was working, it was routine for the birthday person to bring in a treat. Kind of backwards I thought, but once I took in this cake it was requested every year.

Death by Chocolate Cake

- 2 large eggs
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup warm water
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1 package devil’s food cake mix
- 1 package instant chocolate fudge pudding mix
- 1 12-ounce package semisweet chocolate chips

In large bowl, combine eggs, oil, water and sour cream. Mix well.
Add cake mix and pudding mix. Beat until smooth.
Fold in chocolate chips.
Pour into greased bundt pan.
Bake in 350 degree oven for 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean.
Let cool in pan on rack for 15 minutes.
Invert onto rack and let cool completely.
Remove to serving plate and dust with powdered sugar if desired.

When I made this, I used a German Chocolate cake mix.

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And a special recipe from Sharon Geist this month:

*Kindness is hard to give away
because it keeps coming back!*

Homemade Valentine Dog Treats

- Ingredients:
- 1 cup strawberries
 - 1 banana
 - 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt (no added natural or artificial sweeteners)
 - 1 tbsp coconut oil, melted (organic cold pressed, virgin, unrefined is best)

Instructions:
Blend all ingredients in a blender. Pour into a silicone heart mold pan and place in the freezer until frozen.

I love how versatile this recipe is, you can use any dog friendly fruit you have on hand. Strawberries are a great source of fiber and antioxidants, bananas contain potassium, and the yogurt is good for your dog’s digestion. Coconut oil has antifungal, antibiotic and antiviral properties. These little hearts are like a super nutrient-packed smoothie, perfect for your furry Valentine!

As with all treats, everything in moderation!

Thank You's

From Karen Carter: The Mitten Tree: 43 gifts were brought to the Tri-County Council for Lily House residents! What a wonderful first time for this Tree! Thank you all so much!

From Cheri, Meg, & Cassie Biedermann: We thank you all for your love and support during this very difficult time. And thank you to the ladies that prepared and served the luncheon. God bless you all!

Thank you notes also received from:

Ascension at Home Dr Kate Hospice Service: \$10

Caritas: \$42

Community Food Pantry: \$58, Total donations for 2019 = \$478

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: \$72

NATH: \$25

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Inc. (Lily House): Gift not specified

Vilas Food Pantry: 167 pounds of food

Bring sunshine to
others and you
will never live in
the shadows.

February





St Germain Senior Café

Serving Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 12:00 Noon
The St. Germain Community Center

Join us for food, fellowship and fun. For reservations or cancellations, please call

Nancy Moser at 715-617-2795 (MUST Call 24 hours in advance)

*Lighter Substitute available in place of Main Entrée: Grilled Chicken Salad (or Healthy Salad)


Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5	6	7
Egg Salad Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread Romaine Leaf & Tomato Slice Beef Barley Soup & Crackers Peach Slices, Cookie	Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Romaine Lettuce Salad, Dressing Whole Wheat Bread Diced Pears Pineapple Birthday Cake	Beef Stroganoff Mashed Potatoes Broccoli & Cauliflower Biscuit Fresh Grapes
12	13	14
Chicken Wild Rice Casserole Garlic Green Beans Sliced Pickled Beets Rye Bread Beetnik Chocolate Cake	Roast Beef Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Squash Multi Grain Bread Valentine Dessert	Sloppy Joe on a Bun Roasted Potatoes Baked Beans Grape Salad
19 BINGO	20	21
Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Peas Whole Wheat Bread Pumpkin Bar	Lasagna Carrots Tossed Romaine Lettuce Salad w/Dressing, Garlic Breadstick Fruit Jell-O Dessert	Chicken Broccoli Casserole Pacific Veggie Blend Whole Wheat Bread Grape Juice Bananas & Vanilla Pudding
26	27	28
Cheese Manicotti w/ Marinara Sauce Tossed Romaine & Spinach Salad w/ Dressing Sliced Peaches & Spice Cake	Oven Baked Rosemary Chicken Sweet Potato Cauliflower Cornbread Grapes	Lemon Pepper Fish w/ Tartar Sauce Garlic Mashed Potatoes Asparagus Multi-Grain Bread Pineapple, Cookie
Meals sponsored by the ADRC of Vilas County		

Home delivered meals are available based on eligibility.

All meals served with whole grain bread or roll, butter or margarine, coffee and low fat milk.

Rides are provided as needed. Please arrange with Nancy when making reservations.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – January 2020


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>Pantry Needs</p> <p><i>Food pantry</i> items needed for the month of January: Storage items including Ziploc bags, wax paper, aluminum foil, kitchen size plastic garbage bags, disposable kitchen storage containers. Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>Happy New Year</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 AM Text Study</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Council Meeting</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>3:45 PM Children’s Classes</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3:45 PM Children’s Classes 6 PM Worship Service</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 AM Text Study 11 AM Quilting Group</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10 AM Bingo @ Avanti</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>3:45 PM Children’s Classes</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 AM Text Study</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>3:45 PM Children’s Classes</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 AM Text Study</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><i>Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn’t fit any of your containers!</i></p>

January Birthdays:

17 th	Livy Minaudo	18 th	Ayla Brooker
18 th	Marney Mann	25 th	Jan Lundin
25 th	Amanda Farrow	27 th	Barb Cashman

A rich man was looking for a loophole in the “You can’t take it with you” rule and thought he’d figured it out. He had his gold melted and stored it in jugs marked “Holy Water.” When he died, his family followed his instructions, and had him buried with the jugs. Lo and behold, when he arrived in heaven, he found that the jugs were there with him. “We’ve been waiting for a smart guy like you,” St. Peter told him. “Grab those jugs and start filling the potholes in the street.”

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of February: Cereal (hot or cold), powdered milk, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly. Place items in the appropriate containers in the Coat Room.						1
2 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	3	4	5 3:45 PM Children’s Classes 6 PM Worship Service	6 9 AM Text Study	7 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	8
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23 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	24	25	26 3:45 PM Children’s Classes	27 9 AM Text Study	28	29

February Birthdays:

Emma Sima	2 nd	Sharon Brooker	8 th
Bob Brooker	18 th	Charlie Seehafer	26 th
Hannah Scheel	26 th	McKenna Will	28 th

Asked to recite the Ten Commandments, Tommy said, “Well, I don’t remember the first four, but the Fifth Commandment is: Honor thy father and thy mother.”