

October/November 2019 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 of America  
Sunday Worship Service: 9:00 AM  
June thru August, Saturday Service: 5:30 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 DO IT IN OUR DAILY LIVES.*



Ministers: The People of the Parish  
William Wendorf LLM 715-479-3114, Cell 715-617-6477  
Council President: Sharon Geist Cell 715-892-7486  
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On the World Wide Web:  
[www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org](http://www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org)  
[www.nglsynod.org](http://www.nglsynod.org)

### **Council Members:**

Bill Wendorf, LLM, Cell 715-617-6477  
Sharon Geist, President, Cell 715-892-7486  
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Bill Sima, Home 715-542-4375, Cell 612-710-8946

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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!**

<b>Month</b>	<b>Date Articles are Due (Thursday)</b>	<b>Printing Date (Saturday)</b>
November 2019	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
December 2019	12 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
January 2020	16 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
February 2020	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
March 2020	12 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup>
April 2020	16 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
May 2020	14 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
June 2020	11 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>
July 2020	16 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup>
August 2020	13 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>
September 2020	17 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>
October 2020	15 <sup>th</sup>	17 <sup>th</sup>
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December	17 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup>

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](http://shepherdofthelakeschurch.org) to listen to them at any time.

## **Blood Drive Results**

Community Blood Drive recap: In this last blood drive, we collected 16 pints of blood, each of which will be used in some form to help three more patients. Eight (8) donors were from Shepherd! Our Cookie Baker kept up our enviable reputation of having the best cookies. Thank you to all!

## **Church Council Summary**

Church Council Meeting  
September 13, 2019

- Bill Wendorf: all calls to church now forwarded to his cell phone
- Bret and Frisk concert went well; generous donations received
- Worldwide Church Assembly voted to make the ELCA the first “Sanctuary Church” in the country. Assembly voted to let each congregation decide how this should be handled
- Parish House offer received; moved to accept offer on behalf of the congregation
- Pet Blessing set for October 5th
- Deep cleaning of total building put on hold
- Security plan information received from Church Mutual
- Sign and landscaping plan and new entryway for side doors being considered
- Baptismal font: Mike Everson working on it
- Shingling of pavilion’s roof: Mike Pockat is handling
- Snowmobile trail behind church: town is receptive
- Bill’s new office hours: 9 AM – noon Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; Saturday and Sunday are working days; Monday and Tuesday off
- Council members awaiting congregational input regarding the changing of worship time from 9 AM to 9:30 AM, as well as holding 2 evening services per month

## **Covers Needed for Worship Guides**

We are in need of more covers for our worship guides, as listed below:

Christ the King Sunday (Nov 24)

Thanksgiving Eve (Nov 27)

Advent (Dec 1, 8, 15, 22 – need one cover only that will be used for all services)

Christmas Eve (Dec 24)

Please turn in any covers you design to Barb Cashman or Bill Wendorf for consideration.

## **Devotion**

by Karen Carter

II Corinthians 4:7 “We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.”

As a young mother, I tried to document my son’s first four years of life. Each month I took photographs of him to show how he had changed and grown. In one of my very favorite pictures, he was gleefully sitting in the belly of a huge hollowed-out pumpkin I’d purchased from a local farmer. There he sat, the joy of my heart, contained in an overgrown squash. The pumpkin itself would wither and decay with a few weeks, but my son continued to grow and to thrive.

The way Paul describes knowing the truth of who Jesus is reminds me of that photo. He likens the knowledge of Jesus in our heart stored in a clay pot. Remembering what Jesus did for us gives us courage and strength to persevere through struggles, in spite of being “hard-pressed on every side.” Because of God’s power in our lives, when we are “struck down, but not destroyed,” we reveal the power of Jesus in our lives.

Like the pumpkin that withered, we may feel at times the wear and tear of our trials. But the joy of Jesus in us can continue to grow in spite of challenges. Our knowledge of Him--His power work in our lives--is that treasure stored in our frail clay bodies. We can thrive in the face of hardships because of His power at work within us.

Father, thank You for putting Your Word in my heart and life, no matter what comes. Help others see You in my life and come to know You, too.

## **Prayer Concerns**

**Prayers requested since the last newsletter:** David Tower, Doug McKay, Mary (LuAnn Brentlinger’s mother-in-law). Bob Johnson, Paul, Rick & Mike, friends of Will Maines, all have health issues they are dealing with and need our prayers. Pray for Elaine Kuhlmann’s family members who are experiencing health concerns, including sister Margaret, brother Danny, and mother Jesse. John Near, Jonel Near, Rev, Russell Scheel.

### **Pray for the families who lost loved ones:**

1. Family of Larry McCaughn
2. Jim Carter and family (death of his sister)
3. Family of Mike Doud

Pray for all the families of these new members of God’s kingdom, especially the spouses and children. Pray that the family members all feel comforted by the presence of the Lord.

**Ongoing health issues:** Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Lisa Scheel, Betty Abraham, Linda Anderson, 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, Herb Mursett, Mel & Barb Harvey.

**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](mailto: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.

*Did you know?.....The Reformation was the turning point in the history of literacy. Luther was a pioneer in advocating the still radical idea that people are perfectly capable of doing their own thinking and reaching their own conclusions.*

*Did you know?.....The Luther family had a dog named Clownie.*

*You might be Lutheran if.....your house is a mess because you're "saved by grace," not by works.*

*Church bulletin bloopers: Stewardship offertory: "Jesus paid it all."*

## **Recipe Corner**

by Jan Specht

"Did you know? Wisconsin produces 60% of the nation's cranberries. It is the state fruit.

This recipe is from Mary Peterson (Pastor Norm's wife) which I first had at a WELCA cluster rally. I look forward to making it every fall and it has been well received whenever I take it somewhere.

### **Cranberry Dream Bars**

Crust: 2 cups flour  
3/4 cups powdered sugar  
1 cup butter

Combine flour and sugar and then cut in the butter until crumbly. Pat this into a 10x15 jelly roll pan.  
Bake 15 minutes at 350 degrees.

Filling: 4 eggs  
1/2 cup flour  
2 cups sugar  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
2-3 cups cranberries  
Chopped pecans (optional)

Blend eggs, flour, sugar and salt until smooth.  
Fold in cranberries and spread over hot crust.  
Bake another 25 minutes or until lightly browned.  
When cooled, I drizzle with thin powdered sugar icing.

Notes: I usually cut down on the sugar in the filling – making it a little more tart.  
I also use more than 3 cups of berries, putting them on the crust until pretty well covered and then pour the egg mixture over.

## **Secretary Office Hours**

Effective November 1, 2019, Barb Cashman, Church Secretary, will be in the church office on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, from between 2-3 p.m. (depending on when the mail route is finished) until 5 p.m. If there are days Barb will not be in the office, she will try to make sure those dates are indicated in the newsletter the month before (unless it is last minute), and/or posted on the front door of the church.

## **Vital Links**

Dear friends of ALWM,

I am writing to you because you have expressed interest in keeping informed about ALWM Mission Trips!

Our 2020 Mission trip to Vietnam, with an optional week in Cambodia, is now open for registration. The link below is active today.

I do also ask you to pass this along to friends, members at your church, post on social media, or use any other way you have to encourage people to apply.

In 2019 we had 13 people on our team from 7 churches in 6 states, so we can involve people from various churches without a critical mass or large group. The feedback from team members was very positive, and the trip was very fruitful!

"Great & Awesome Trip and experience!"

"More than met my expectations!"

We are actively in conversation with our hosts in Vietnam in planning for 2020. We have some amazing opportunities this summer with Dr Hang, our Vital Links partners and volunteers, and a local teaching hospital.

We also have very special college outreach being planned with IFES Vietnam. [Outside the USA, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF) does ministry as International Fellowship of Evangelical Students. ]

In addition, I just spoke with Pastor Sam Chim yesterday, our coworker in Cambodia. There are some exciting new developments coming in our work together there. In addition, we are tentatively planning a second youth conference in Cambodia to be held in conjunction with the team visit in June - for those who join the optional add on ministry opportunity.

Here is a link to fill out an application for the 2020 mission trip:  
<https://alwm.managedmissions.com/MissionApplication/Start/19487>

Here is a link to the Our official Mission Trip intro video. If you want a downloadable copy of the video please let me know. <https://youtu.be/9Or54GeSkco>

I have also attached a flyer to print and share.

We are praying for a full team with all those whom the Lord calls!

If you have any questions let me know. I would love to work with those who are church leaders to assist you in raising team members. We handle all the organization, logistics and team training.

In Christ,

Pastor Bill  
Rev. Bill Moberly, Founder & Director of ALWM

## **Thank You's**

**From Plum Lake Volunteer Fire Department:** Thank you for your contribution of \$500 and your support of our department. Kevin Rasmussen, P.L.V.F.D.

**From St Germain Fire & Rescue:** Thank you so much for your recent donation of \$500 to our ambulance fund, for someone in need. It was truly appreciated. Thanks again and God Bless.

**From the Plum Lake Library:** Thank you so much for your donation of \$250 to the Plum Lake Library for children or youth materials and programs. Your generous donation will help ensure quality library services for future generations of the Sayner, Star Lake, and St Germain communities. We are very grateful for your support to help us continue our mission of providing our community with the cultural,

educational, and recreational resources and programs that are wanted and needed. Sincerely, Emily Braunel, Library Director.

**Thank you notes also received from:**

Caritas: \$42

Community Food Pantry: \$83 and \$59.50

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp: \$58

Tri-County Council on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault, Inc.: \$221.21

Vilas Food Pantry: \$83

Vital Links (Awakening Lives to World Missions): \$125

Over the great front door of an old church being restored was inscribed in stone:  
"This is the gate of heaven."

Just below it, someone had placed a small cardboard sign: "Use other entrance."





# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Adversity turns us to God; prosperity turns us to self.</b>		1	2  3:45 PM Children's Classes	3  9 AM Text Study	4  10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	5  5 PM Pet Blessing
6  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM PolkaFest Service	7	8	9  9 AM Quilting Group 3:45 PM Children's Classes	10  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>  9 AM Text Study	11	12  9 AM Men's Breakfast
13  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	14	15	16  3:45 PM Children's Classes	17  9 AM Text Study	18  10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	19
20  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	21	22	23  3:45 PM Children's Classes	24  <b>Flu Shot Clinic 11:30AM - 12:30 PM</b>  9 AM Text Study	25	26
27  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	28	29	30  3:45 PM Children's Classes	31  9 AM Text Study	<b>God loves you whether you like it or not!</b>	




**Food pantry** items needed for the month of October: 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.

Don Bauer	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bill Sima	4 <sup>th</sup>
Don Dixon	7 <sup>th</sup>	Tina Wendorf	7 <sup>th</sup>
Carol Gebhardt	8 <sup>th</sup>	Frankie Will	9 <sup>th</sup>
Darrell Smith	12 <sup>th</sup>	Lolly Kloepfer	16 <sup>th</sup>
Mel Harvey	19 <sup>th</sup>	Cheryl Kazda	25 <sup>th</sup>
Jeanne Kroll	25 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Kloepfer	26 <sup>th</sup>
Adelyn Thompson	27 <sup>th</sup>	Penny Zobel	29 <sup>th</sup>
Beth Von Ende	29 <sup>th</sup>		

October Birthdays:

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SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p><b>Food pantry</b> items needed for the month of November: Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce, canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items. Place items in appropriate containers in the Coat Room.</p>					1  10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	2
3  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	4	5	6  3:45 PM Children’s Classes	7  9 AM Text Study	8	9  9 AM Men’s Breakfast
10  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	11	12	13  9 AM Quilting Group 3:45 PM Children’s Classes	14  9 AM Text Study	15  10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	16
17  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	18	19	20  3:45 PM Children’s Classes	21  9 AM Text Study	22	23
24  8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	25	26	27  7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	28  <b>Thanksgiving Dinner 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.</b>	29	30

November Birthdays:

Jo Ann Kehl	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pepper Bauer	3 <sup>rd</sup>
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Barb Maines	5 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Lundin	11 <sup>th</sup>
Dan Simcox	24 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Stephenson	28 <sup>th</sup>

Our Father knows best.