

December 2017 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: Doug Tarkowski 715-479-1154, Cell 715-891-0094
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www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org
www.nglsynod.org

FROM YOUR COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Once again we are headed into the winter season. I have again placed shovels and salt at each of our commonly used entrances; in the vestibule at the main front entry, just inside the meeting room door and at the entry to the community room (the shovel is found outside next to the steps and the salt is behind the nearest door to the kitchen). For the safety of all, I would recommend using the main front entry as much as possible. Passengers can be dropped off at the front door and do not have to negotiate the, often slippery, parking lots. The front entry also has the benefit of a large floor pad that helps to remove the majority of snow and salt from our footwear. Please keep safety in mind during this winter season.

The next item I would like to address is the tragic event that occurred at the church in Texas on the 5th of November. I am that sure that we are all keeping the victims and their families in our thoughts and prayers. In the wake of this tragedy many of you may be thinking about how we at Shepherd of the Lakes can help to make our facility a safer place. Just this morning I received an e-mail from our insurance provider, Church Mutual, stating that they offer a wealth of information to help organizations stay safe. I plan to visit the website and I encourage all of you to do so as well. Please contact any of your council members with your security or safety concerns so that they can be addressed as soon as possible. The website address I referred to is churchmutual.com, and the information can be found under the heading “Trending Topics.”

At this time the Endowment Fund committee has completed a draft of the SOTL Endowment Fund Document and will present the document to the council for their review at the next council meeting. The council can recommend changes after which the document will be approved and presented to the congregation at the annual meeting. You will be provided with a copy off the document, along with a copy of the proposed 2018 budget, before the annual meeting.

As a reminder, we have had two resignations from council this year. The positions have been filled by Joann Kehl and Margaret Lindquist. If they agree to continue to serve on council they will have to be confirmed by a congregational vote at the annual meeting. Both Joann and Margaret are aware that any voting member of the congregation may challenge them for their seat on council.

As always, please feel free to contact me or any other council member with your concerns. Their contact information now appears in every issue of the Newsletter.



Council Members:

Doug Tarkowski, President 715-479-1154
Jon Erpenbach, Vice President 715-542-2448
JoAnn Kehl 715-542-4174
Margaret Lindquist 715-542-2434

Karen Carter 715-542-4049
Larry Stephenson 715-542-4284
Sharon Geist 715-892-7486
Joan Ebert 239-910-3986

PRAYER CONCERNS

Do you or someone you know need prayers? The very first thing you need to do is obtain permission to put the name on our prayer list. Then call Jan Lundin 715-891-2280, 715-337-0458 or jlblundin@gmail.com. (NOTE: January-late April, please use only the 715-891-2280 number or the email address, not the 337 number. Prayers can also be requested thru Bill Wendorf, Barb Cashman or Barb Maines.) We don't need a lot of details but if you provide details to Jan, be assured that they remain confidential. She will pass on the request for prayers without details and all on the prayer chain will pray for that person. The request will also appear in the Sunday bulletin.

- **Prayers requested since the last newsletter:** Tom Miles, Judy Bernhardt, Beverly Hackett, Alyce Bailey, Luther & Dottie Kistler, Carolyn Maines, Ed Seiter, Ellie Dibbly, Larry Kuhlmann.
- **Ongoing health issues:** Joan Kirschner, Katie Fingerson, Diane Muri, Larry & Joan Stephenson, Bob Bernhardt, Ramona Schaeffel, Lisa Scheel, John Neuman, Betty Abraham, Linda Anderson, Darlene Mursett, Tom Miles, Corey Soberg, Rich Kysiak, Tim Boman, Jessica, Charles Webb, Tiffany Boman, Lillian Crall, Evie Ahlborn, Shelle Blair, Jessica (Stephenson family), Penny Tarkowski, Debbie Kroll, Beth Von Ende.
- **Prayers of strength & comfort for the homebound or those in nursing homes:** Ginny & Lovell Morris, Marilyn Sheldon, Jackie Larsen, Carolyn Maines.
- **Prayers of comfort and hope for those in prisons and those struggling with addictions:** Larry (friend of the Brentlingers), Jamie Goodrum.
- **Prayers for those who serve in our armed forces:** Jeff Hammer, Jeremy Vail, Brian Kriek, Adam & Brittany Recob, Brooks Maines, Will Schmidt, Lance Kangas, Jason Henke, Alex Bauer, Jared Mann, Mark Wolf.
- **Prayers for furry family members:** Ollie (Char Perrine), Shilo (Barb Cashman), and for those who have lost a furry family member this month including Tom Miles (Moxie), Sharon Geist (Oreo).

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 Jan Lundin at 715-891-2280, 715-337-0458 or email jlblundin@gmail.com if you need prayers for any reason. (NOTE: January-late April, please use only the 715-891-2280 number or the email address, not the 337 number. Prayers can also be requested thru Bill Wendorf LLM, Barb Cashman or Barb Maines.)

We 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, your name will be added. Please let Jan know by calling 715-891-2280. An updated list will be mailed to you with a further explanation of how this works.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you's received from:

Fortune Lake Lutheran Camp:

- \$41.67 in October
- \$2000 in October
- Fall Fest donations – Table runner/altar cloth, 7 prayer shawls, scarf, 2 cowls.

Vital Links: *"We continue to be amazed at the love and commitment of our mission efforts in Vietnam. The joy is felt in the eyes of the children at the Gospel House and the people we serve on medical outreach. Thanks to all who pray for them and our teams. While we don't know all your names, we want to extend our appreciation for all you do. God's Peace and Our Love, Tom & Carol Miles.*

Vilas Food Pantry:

- Donation of \$109.62 in June.
- Donation of \$35 in August.
- Donation of \$65.50 in September.
- Donation of 23 pounds of food in October 2017.

Community Food Pantry: Donations to the pantry in September and October 2017.

TREASURER NOTES

There are just a few quick notes that I would like to share with all of you as your treasurer. The first is a very heartfelt thank you to Tom Pierce for all of the time and effort he put into taking on the job of treasurer at the beginning of 2017. Due to circumstances beyond his control, Tom was unable to continue in that position and I stepped in as of the beginning of October. I will do my best to serve you and our church faithfully.

The second note is to remind all of you where the membership donation envelopes are kept, as many of you pick up a new packet each year and the new year is rapidly approaching. There is a basket on the table in the narthex with the packets of envelopes and a clipboard listing members names. When you take an envelope packet, please list the number of the packet next to your name, or add your name and list the number on the packet. This list helps the Financial Secretary assign donations to the correct donor if you do not put your name on the envelope when making donations.

Third, I would like to remind you of the alternate ways of giving to your church in addition to your cash offering donations. You may wish to consider these *"giving tools"*:

The first "tool" involves giving from your IRA. Betsy Tarkowski has shared information about how this method of donation will affect your income tax situation. The IRS has recently changed the law to permanently allow gifting from your IRA. Amounts that are withdrawn for gifting to a charitable organization will not be taxable to you (no charitable deduction is allowed on your tax return for this gift, but no taxable income is generated from the withdrawal either). To accomplish this type of gifting, you

must contact your banker or broker to request the withdrawal and instruct him or her to mail your gift directly to the church.

The second "tool" involves arranging an automatic withdrawal from your bank account (either a checking or savings account) through Vanco Services. (Vanco Services is a "faith-based" organization that provides e-Giving for churches and other non-profit organizations.) Your "automatic gift" can be set to occur monthly, quarterly, or annually for a specified amount. To accomplish this type of gifting, please contact me and I will provide you with a form from Vanco that needs to be completed with all the relevant information (bank routing and account numbers, amount to gift, frequency of gift, date of first withdrawal, where you want your gift to be applied, etc). Once completed, the form should be returned to me and I will enter it at the Vanco website. Shepherd has a number of members using Vanco for electronic gifting; it's a safe and convenient method to use.

A third "tool" can be used by anyone with a Thrivent account. Each year Shepherd receives "Thrivent Choice" donations. To name Shepherd as your choice of recipient please contact your Thrivent agent.

The final "tool" I would like to mention is grocery receipt giving. Camp's Sentry Foods is the only store still involved in this program. Please drop off your Sentry receipts in the basket provided by Camp's with the notation of the correct code for Shepherd.

If you are interested in using the IRA or Vanco e-gifting, or would like more information, please give me a call.

If anyone has any questions or if I can be of help in any way, please contact me at any time. The best ways to reach me are:

Work phone (715) 479 - 7860
Home phone (715) 542 - 4213
Cell phone (715) 873 - 3344

Or the Shepherd email address: shepherdofthelakeslc@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Jean A. Maines
Treasurer

Next scheduled printings of this newsletter below!

Month	Date Articles are Due (Thursday)	Printing Date (Saturday)
December 2017	14 th	16 th
January 2018	11 th	13 th
February 2018	8 th	10 th
March 2018	15 th	17 th
April 2018	12 th	14 th
May 2018	10 th	12 th
June 2018	14 th	16 th
July 2018	12 th	14 th
August 2018	16 th	18 th
September 2018	13 th	15 th
October 2018	11 th	13 th
November 2018	15 th	17 th
December 2018	13 th	15 th

Email articles to Barb Cashman at bacashman@gmail.com. Thank you.

My Mom taught me:

Religion "You better pray that comes out of the carpet"

Logic "Because I said so, that's why"

Irony..... "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about"

Wisdom..... "When you get to my age you'll understand"

Justice "One day you'll have kids, I hope they turn out just like you!!"

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>God's love is like a river springing up in the depth of the Divine Substance and flowing endlessly through His creation, filling all things with life and goodness and strength. --- Thomas Merton, New Seeds of Contemplation</i>			1 3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	2 9 AM Text Study	3 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	4
5 All Saints Sunday 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	6	7	8 9 AM Quilting Group 3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	9 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE 9 AM Text Study 6 PM WELCA Bible Study	10	11 9 AM Men's Breakfast
12 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service Fellowship Brunch	13	14	15 3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	16 9 AM Text Study	17 10 AM Bingo @ Avanti	18
19 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	20	21	22 7 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24	25
26 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	27	28	29 3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	30 9 AM Text Study	31	



Food pantry items needed for the month of November:
Canned sweet potatoes, boxed stuffing mixes, cranberry sauce,
canned sweet potatoes, other Thanksgiving meal items.

November Birthdays:

David Bilke	1	Lynne Olson	7
JoAnn Kehl	2	Bill Lundin	11
Pepper Bauer	3	Dan Simcox	24
Barb Maines	5	Larry Stephenson	28

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – December 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Food pantry items needed for the month of December: Baking items including sugar, flour, baking powder, baking soda, salt, brown sugar, powdered sugar, other spices, cookie cutters, cookie decorating items.					1 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	2
3 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	4	5	6 9 AM Quilting Group	7 9 AM Text Study	8	9 9 AM Men's Breakfast
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24 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service 4 PM Christmas Eve Service	Christmas Blessings To All	26	27	28 9 AM Text Study	29	30
31 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service						

December Birthdays:

6 th – Joanie Stephenson	9 th – Cheri Biedermann
10 th – Mary Sutor	10 th – Michael Kriek
11 th – Barb Harvey	11 th – Amy Engebretson
15 th – Samantha Thompson	23 rd – Donna Brooks

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 9 AM Quilting Group 3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	4 9 AM Text Study	5 10 AM Worship Service @ Avanti	6
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21 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service	22	23	24 3:45 PM Church School and Confirmation Class	25 9 AM Text Study	26	27
28 8 AM Choir Rehearsal 9 AM Worship Service 10:30 AM ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MTG	29	30	31	 Pantry Needs <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. Please place items in the appropriate bins in the coat room.		

January Birthdays:

Carolyn Maines	1 st	Jan Lundin	25 th
Amanda Farrow	25 th	Barb Cashman	27 th