Sept. 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 Pastor William Wendorf: Cell 715-617-6477 Council President: Mike Pockat: Home 715-892-4488

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# **Council Members:**

Pastor Bill Wendorf, Cell 715-617-6477

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#### **Office Hours**

Pastor Bill's office hours:

Tuesdays As Needed
Wednesdays 9 AM – Noon and 3 PM – 5 PM
Thursday 9 AM – 1 PM
Friday 9 AM - 1 PM
Or by Appointment

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES:**

Sunday Morning at 9:00 am

**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 <a href="www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org">www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org</a> 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.

# **TUESDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

Tuesday Bible Study will begin again every second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 3 pm, beginning on October 8<sup>th</sup>. Studies will continue with the series "The Chosen".

#### **NEXT COUNCIL MEETING**

Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

#### **DEVOTION**

# Scripture Reading: James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door. - Milton Berle

William Carey was highly educated and blessed with impressive linguistic skills. He was also a Christian, and while in India, he became passionate about making translations of the Bible in Bengali, Sanskrit and other languages and dialects. The tedium and stress of translation and the creation of dictionaries was enormous. The time required was unthinkable. Years, in fact!

And then something horrible happened. One spring day, whilst he was away from his station, a fire broke out, and all of his work and that of his colleagues went up in flames. Everything Carey had accomplished including the manuscripts, grammars, dictionaries, buildings, printing presses, and especially the Bibles – all in smoke and ashes. According to one source, "among the losses were many irreplaceable manuscripts, including much of Carey's translation of Sanskrit literature and a polyglot dictionary of Sanskrit and related languages, which would have been a seminal philological work had it been completed."

Can you imagine how Carey's staff must have dreaded Carey's return? They would need to explain how this had happened – how they had allowed this to happen!

Carey returned, and he was led to the site of the disaster. He knelt amid the smoking pile of rubble and thanked God that he still had strength enough to start over. Without a work of despair or anger, he immediately began to work.

Years later, he had not only replicated his earlier work, but he had also done a better job of it. His dictionaries, grammar books and translations of the Bible far surpassed the first effort.

This tragedy happened in 1812, more than 200 years ago. Thanks to William Carey's patience and perseverance, he brought the Bible to untold millions of the Indian subcontinent.

Have you ever faced crushing disappointment – the kind of setback that sucks the wind out of your lungs and causes your heart to flutter in despair? One such story is the tale of the ancient patriarch Job, who suffered the loss of everything – his children, his friends, and all of his material wealth. He even suffered the loss of his health, and he was in danger of losing his faith in God.

This is the danger of adversity: since we usually need someone or something to blame, we often turn our anger on God. Job did. But he recovered to assert that through it all, he had learned that his Redeemer lived and that he was learning to trust in God.

# **POSTAGE STAMPS**

Please continue to save cancelled stamps throughout the year.

There is a collection box on the coat room shelf.

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 18<sup>th</sup> October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

Please note extra workshop dates!!

We have all the supplies, We just need your smiling face!

# **RECIPE CORNER**

Today we have two recipes – one for large, **fluffy dumplings** and one for small, "hard" **dumplings**. The first is mom's recipe (Florence Brooker) and the second is from my sister Amy. Weather is coming when a nice dish of soup with dumplings would taste wonderful!

#### **FLUFFY DUMPLINGS:**

3/4 Cup Milk 3 teaspoons baking powder 1 Cup Melted butter or oleo

½ teaspoon salt 1 egg 2 Cups Flour

Beat the milk and egg together. Add flour, baking powder and salt. Stir in butter/oleo.

Drop by spoonfuls into simmering soup. Cover and simmer for 10-15 minutes.

# SMALL "HARD" (egg drop) DUMPLINGS

2 Cups Flour 2 Tablespoons Sugar 2 eggs

Add enough milk to make a VERY stiff batter – so stiff that you need to use a hot, wet spoon to scoop tiny pieces into the boiling soup. Cook 10-15 minutes

During her sermon on Jesus's teaching that we should love our enemies, the pastor asked the congregation to raise their hands if they had enemies. Everyone did so except for Mrs. Watson in the front row, who had just turned 95.

"Mrs. Watson," the pastor asked, "how could you live for 95 years and have no enemies?"

"That's easy," the senior citizen replied, "I just outlived them all!"

#### **BUILDING FUND DRIVE:**

As always, thank you all for your unfailing generosity! The building fund drive was very successful.

While individual donations did not reach the \$25,000.00 goal, at only \$4,885.00 collected, the individuals donating the matching funds donated a total of \$21,000.00. The total raised was \$25,885.00 which is amazing.

Of that amount, we have spent \$8,740.00 on the driveway project. This leaves us with \$17,145.00 toward additional exterior lighting (scheduled for next spring as we are still waiting for estimates), replacement wiring and repairs for the pavilion, and we are researching what type of storage building we can add. A smaller project will be painting the window trims and beam support posts on the exterior of the building.

#### 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

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# You!

# **Thank you notes received from:**

Lutheran World Relief Vilas Co. Humane Society
Caritas of Eagle River Vilas Food Pantry
Praise in the Pines Howard Young Foundation

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#### **ROCK MINISTRIES**

From Jack Carlson:

As Treasurer of Northwoods Share in Eagle River, I work at community dinners at The Rock ministry in Eagle River every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday evening at 4:30. SOTL members are welcome to volunteer and attend as we support this mission as part of our benevolence funding at SOTL.



# **Prayer Concerns**

## Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, Jan

(Please let me 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, Brian, Melody, Ericka, Bob B., Graham, Mike, Shelle and Ron

# **Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Brian, Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah and Dylan.

# Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

# Pray for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Ray Carlson

Please email Bill at <u>pastor@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> or call 715-542-4213 if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list. Prayer requests are sent out via email

#### 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 with Pastor Bill or another church member.

Never forget that each of you are valued, loved, and cared for by your church family. Please notify Pastor Bill at 715-617-6477 (pastor@SOTLsayner.com) or Jean Maines at 715-542-4213 (treasurer@SOTLsayner.com) if you need prayers for any reason.

A boy came late to Sunday School. Knowing he was usually very prompt, his teacher asked, "Johnny, is anything wrong?"

"No, ma'am, not really," he said." I was going to go fishing, but my dad told me that I needed to get on up and go to church." The teacher was very impressed and asked Johnny if his father had explained why going to church was more important than fishing. "Yes, ma'am, he did," Johnny said.

"My daddy said he didn't have enough bait for both of us."

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#### **Treasurer's Office Hours:**

Mondays and Fridays from 10:00 am to 2:00 p.m. You can always reach me on my cell 715-891-3344. Jean Maines

#### **CARITAS**

Caritas has reported that they have had more requests than usual for help and their funds are being stretched to the limit. There are labeled pink envelopes for this purpose in the Narthex. Please help them as you are able.

#### POLKA SERVICE

A polka service will be held on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The five-piece quintet that was planned for the entire service will not happen due to one of their members being unable to perform. However, there will still be an Oktoberfest celebration with homemade beer, music and simple German food following the service.

SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – September 2024								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
9 AM Worship				9 AM Text Study				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14		
9 AM Worship Fellowship Brunch				9 AM Text Study				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21		
9 AM Worship			Quilting 9 AM Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28		
9 AM Worship Polka/Oktoberfest Fellowship			Church School 3:45 pm	9 AM Text Study				
29 9 AM Worship Church Council Meeting 10:30 am	30			Pantry Ora Needs aids flos	, toothpaste, toothbr s, hand soap, handi-	ss items, including bandush, mouthwash, denta		

# Birthdays this month:

2	Dixie Barber	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	Graham McKay	8	Andy McKay	20	Tammy Meissner
21	Roger DeWitt	24	George LaCharite	24	John Near	25	Carol LaCharite
26	LuAnn Brentlinger						

#### **SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES LUTHERAN CHURCH – October 2024** Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday** Friday **Sunday Saturday Food pantry** items needed for this month: Hair & Nails items including comb, brush, shampoo, hair spray, scrunches, barrettes, toenail clippers, emery boards. Quilting 9 am 9 AM Text Study Place items in the appropriate containers in 3:45 PM Church School the coat room. 10 11 12 9 AM Worship 3:45 PM Church School 9 AM Text Study 14 15 16 17 18 19 Quilting 9 am 9 AM Worship

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# Birthdays in October:

Fellowship Breakfast

9 AM Worship

9 AM Worship

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1	Don Bauer	4	Bill Sina	7	Don Dixon	7	Tina Wendorf
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	Cheryl Kazda	25	Jeanne Kroll	26	Dick Kloepfer
27	Pat Lichter	29	Penny Zobel	29	Beth VonEnde		

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