



Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

2903 State Hwy 155 PO Box 130 Sayner, Wisconsin 54560

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Website: www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

Reverend William C. Wendorf

Ministers: The people of the Parish

Council:	
President: Mike Pockat	715-892-4488
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Tracey Ahlborn	612-716-6008
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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS

*We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. If you are in need of any additional information in regard to our church or Synod affiliation, please contact Pastor Bill at 1-715-617-6477. Thank you for joining us.*

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on YouTube.

Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the  symbol.

Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

*For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:
Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155, PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560*

Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

“Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together.”

Readings for March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

First Reading	Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm	32
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Holy Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Less Grumbling, More Humbling

Grumbling! The crowd around Jesus—the “in” crowd, that is—was grumbling. Grumbling because Jesus welcomed those who traditionally had been set apart: tax collectors and sinners. Who are those who cause us to grumble? Whose seemingly undeserved handout or unearned status change filled our hearts with resentment this week? Jesus speaks to us today because we too often see life as a game with winners and losers, points and playbooks, offense and defense. Can we open our hearts and minds to hear today’s humbling good news? God’s love is freely shared with all: we cannot earn it, we cannot deserve it. When we attend worship, we do so out of thanksgiving and praise for God’s glory, hunger and thirst for God’s word and sacrament. We do not attend worship to achieve some status within God’s kingdom. When we help a neighbor, share with a stranger, assist the afflicted, or acknowledge the overlooked we do so because Christ first did the same for us. We respond to God’s grace and mercy with our own feeble attempts to emulate God’s perfect love. It is challenging, exhausting, never-ending, perspective-altering, radically humbling work. It’s work that is impossible to do without the inspiration of Christ, the nourishment of wine and bread, and the strength of the saints who have gone before us and with whom we walk Christ’s path today. Let us find those in our world who teach us about Christ’s unending reconciliation, so that we can all celebrate and rejoice as the family of God.

CONTACT INFO:

Treasurer – Jean Maines (715) 542-4213 or (715) 891-3344
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Secretary – Sharon Brooker (715) 892-7049
Email: secretary@sotlsayner.com or plclerk@gmail.com

Pastor Bill Wendorf (715) 542-3701 (Church) or 715-617-6477
Email: wendorfw@gmail.com or pastor@sotlsayner.com

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. The study will again be based on “The Chosen”.

NO FINANCIAL REPORT FOR MARCH 23, 2025 Attendance on March 23: 35

General Contributions	
Caritas	
Food Pantry	
Vilas Humane Society	
World Hunger	
TOTAL	

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren - involved!

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

LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesday evening services will be held after Soup Supper at 5:15 pm. Please join us for the Soup Supper and then join us for the Lenten Services at 6:00 p.m..

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 17th

Maundy Thursday Service 6 pm

Friday, April 18th

Good Friday Service 6 pm

Saturday, April 19th

Easter Vigil 7:00 pm (St. Germain Community Church)

Sunday, April 20th

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am

Easter Worship Service 9 am

Fellowship to follow

THANK YOU TO JACKIE JUNGEMANN

Thank you and Best Wishes to Jackie as she leaves us to move closer to her family. We thank her for her service on church council and all her involvement within the church.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim, Dick, Mary H., Evie, and Doug.

(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, Melody, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., Bob B., Lynn C., Brian, and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

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

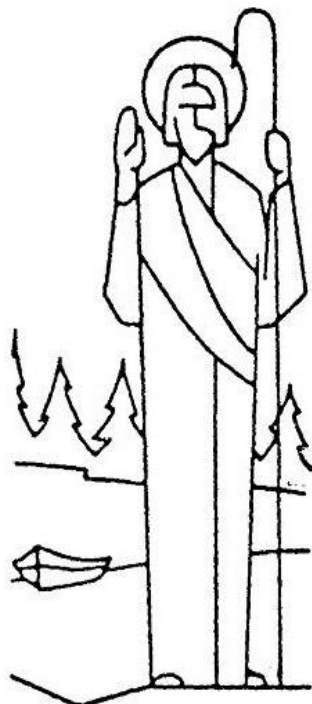
Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

Family of Charlie & Sharon Rice on the death of Sharon’s mother

Please email Bill Wendorf at pastor@SOTLsayner.com or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at treasurer@SOTLsayner.com if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.



**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service.
Second Sunday of each month join us for brunch after the service.**

Calendar for Week of March 31 to April 6, 2025

Wednesday	April 2, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Wednesday	April 2, 2025	Soup Supper	5:15-6 p.m.
Wednesday	April 2, 2025	Mid-Week Lenten Service	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	April 3, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	April 6, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

April 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Easter Breakfast 7:30 am on Sunday, April 20th

*Check our calendar of events on the church website for
times and dates of events and worship services.*

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FaceBook: Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church – Sayner, WI

Instagram: sotlsayner



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