



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

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## *Stopping a Story*

*By Rev. Dr. James I. Lamb,  
From Life Date Summer 2015*

I know some who do not like the phrase "Bible stories." I understand that. It may imply the Word of God is a fairy tale. Still, the Bible is a story, a *true* story, the "greatest story ever told" as we say. It's a story without a beginning for it is from eternity. Yet, "once upon a time," at just the right time (Galatians 4:4), the story takes on human flesh.

At the beginning of the story—Jesus' conception—Gabriel gives a preview of the story. **"He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end"** (Luke 1:32-33). This would be the story of God in the flesh from His conception to His resurrection and ascension and continuing on into eternity. It would be the story of God becoming great in weakness and suffering, the story of a King who would establish an eternal kingdom and reign over it forever with grace and truth.

Satan did not want this story to unfold. He tried to cut it short with Herod's dread decree (Matthew 2:16). He tried to sidetrack the story through his temptations of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-11). He tried to stop the story by challenging the Son of God to come down from the cross (Matthew 27:39-43). Satan failed. But he didn't go away. He now does his best with his lies and deceit to keep us from telling the story.

Satan did not win. It is as a defeated enemy that he strives to malign the story. But the "gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). The resurrection that we observed this month and continue to celebrate is our ongoing victory party!

Every life is a story to be told. Every life is a parchment crafted by God and purchased by the blood of Jesus upon which He desires to write a story to glorify His name.

Let me tell you a story, a true story. Once upon a time a man who had been adopted went on a journey to find his birth mother. He succeeded. As a young, unmarried schoolteacher, she had become pregnant. She went to another part of the country, gave birth, and placed her son for adoption. She never married or had other children. But because she chose not to cut a story short and let it be told, she met her son, his wife and her grandchildren. One of her grandchildren was a Lutheran schoolteacher, and two others were studying to do so. Because she let the story be told, she had a family; she was part of the story.

Abortion does more than destroy a human life. It stops a story. Assisted suicide and euthanasia do more than bring a life to an end. They stop a story. These are stories God wants told, stories through whom He desires to work to touch the lives of others and to extend His rule of truth and grace. These are stories that will accomplish His purpose and bring glory to His name. The love of Christ compels us to do all we can so these stories will be heard. And remember, because of our resurrected Savior, we are assured our story will never end. Put another way, we will live happily ever after!

For more information check out [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

# June 2015 Monthly Worksheet



**THIS MONTH'S ELDER**  
Dennis Anderson  
320-277-3542



**USHERS**  
Gaylord Ryg  
Ken Stokes



**FELLOWSHIP SERVERS**

07<sup>th</sup> Doug & Sandy Feltmann  
14<sup>th</sup> NEEDED  
21<sup>st</sup> Arleen Johnson  
28<sup>th</sup> Rusnak Family



Thank you to *everyone* who continues to give generously of their time volunteering at our many functions. It is so appreciated! We depend on your participation! Volunteers are needed in the coming months to serve as greeters and/or fellowship servers. Please see the bulletin board if you are able to help. You can always trade with someone else if need be, but please inform the Church Office so that the correct information can be printed in the bulletin.



**CHURCH OFFICERS**

*Pastor:* Rev. Jonathan Rusnak  
*President:* Ken Stokes  
*Recording Sec.:* Elaine Drahosh  
*Treasurer:* John Kinzel  
*Financial Sec.:* Barb Scherfenberg  
*Church Sec.:* Sue Raddatz  
*Elders:* Gaylord Ryg-Chair  
Dennis Anderson  
Steve Lawrence  
Jerry Scherfenberg  
*Trustees:* Larry Collison-Chair  
David Drahosh  
Doug Feltmann  
Randy Feltmann



**This Month's Birthdays!**

02<sup>nd</sup> Tim Drahosh  
Roxanne Rasmussen  
03<sup>rd</sup> Jessica Collison  
05<sup>th</sup> Heather Ruesch  
07<sup>th</sup> Sandy Foreman  
11<sup>th</sup> Kevin Nelson  
14<sup>th</sup> Marge Berndt  
15<sup>th</sup> Joan Wandersee  
17<sup>th</sup> Vicky Thurmer  
19<sup>th</sup> Rogetta McLaughlin  
23<sup>rd</sup> Linda Alleman  
29<sup>th</sup> Betty Goepfert  
Jack Vessey



09<sup>th</sup> Mike & Sue Raddatz  
Rev. Jon & Julie Rusnak  
10<sup>th</sup> Rev. Walter & Ruth Brill  
13<sup>th</sup> Mike & Janel Forte  
14<sup>th</sup> David & Ruth Hughley  
Kevin & Marie Nelson  
21<sup>st</sup> Mark & Kim Spicer  
25<sup>th</sup> Dennis & Donna Dzubay  
Gary & Candy Schwartz  
28<sup>th</sup> Russ & Rogetta McLaughlin



20<sup>th</sup> Ana Garding

In an effort to support and build one another up to the glory of God (Romans 15:1-7), we include in our monthly newsletters birthday and anniversary dates for members and friends of the congregation. If you would like your birthday and/or anniversary date included, or if our information needs to be corrected, please contact our Church Secretary, Sue Raddatz. Thank you!



**THIS MONTHS ALTAR GUILD:**

Rose Mihalko



June 21, 2015

# SOTL News for June 2015



## BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Jesus promised: "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31). Join us as we study the Word of God together:

**Sunday Morning Bible Study** meets at 8:30a.m. each week. Everyone is welcome!

**Sunday Evening Study** meets each Sunday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

**Bible Breakfast** meets at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday mornings to read through the Bible. We will be meeting at Twin Pines through the summer months.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** meets at 9:30 a.m. each week. All are invited to join us.

Please see the bulletin board for updated information on each Bible study.



**Office Hours:** Pastor is available throughout the week for pastoral care and counsel. The Church Secretary is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30am to 1:30pm. The Church office will be closed on Fridays.



**Prayer Requests:** If you have someone or something that you would like Pastor Rusnak to include in either his personal prayers or in our public Prayer of the Church on Sunday morning, please fill out a prayer request card, located on the guest book stand, and

place it in his box or contact him at the Church Office. It is important that all of our members receive pastoral care when it is needed, especially during times of sickness or other difficulty. If you know of an individual, even if it is a non-member, who would appreciate and benefit from a pastoral visit, please contact the church office or Pastor Rusnak.

*God Answers Prayers*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We will take the summer months off from Sunday school to enjoy the summer months. We will be having our Vacation Bible School the week of June 15 thru the 19<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to seeing all of the children at VBS.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** If you have a child or know a child who is ready for Confirmation class, please contact Pastor Rusnak.



For Project 24  
Received to date  
(5/12/15):  
\$97,615.72



Basic Goal \$1,350,000  
For Lutheran Island Camp;  
& International Projects  
Pledges: \$652,541.41  
Received to date: (5/12/15)  
\$600,098.21



**Vision Statement:** Share the Gospel

**Our Mission:** We will share the GOSPEL as we

- Glorify God in all that we say and do
- Offer Him our time, talents, & treasures
- Share the good news of Jesus
- Pray without ceasing
- Engage the community
- Love one another



**SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE'S WEBSITE:** We invite you to check out our website at [shepherdofthelake.org](http://shepherdofthelake.org). You can access sermons, pictures of church events, any announcements and more.



**SHEPHERD'S LAMBS:** All young families of Shepherd of the Lake and the community are welcome to join us as we gather each month at church for a Bible study, craft, and fellowship. We also enjoy fun outings such as swimming and mini-golfing, and seasonal activities like trunk or treat, an Easter egg hunt, passing out May baskets to the homebound, and a Christmas program and party. Please contact Julie Rusnak if you have any questions.



**Rides Available**

**RIDES FOR HEALTH:** The Cancer Support Center, Inc. provides transportation to anyone of any age in the Aitkin County that does not have someone to take them to medical appointments. Please check the bulletin board for more information or call (218) 927-4077.

We have volunteer drivers around the county and we coordinate client location with the closest driver. The drivers receive some reimbursement for mileage, our other expenses are phone and office. Annually we hold an appreciation/training meeting for our volunteers. We rely on donations and grants to fund our service.

We try to assist people in order to help them maintain independent living. Any donations will aid us in continuing to give rides. We are also looking for board members and individuals who would be willing to be office volunteers or drivers.

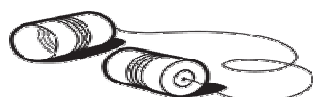


**RUBY'S PANTRY:** Everyone who eats qualifies: \$20 cash donation; bring your own boxes or basket for the food. This is a hand up not a hand out and is not income based. Please check out the bulletin board for information on when Ruby's Pantry is going in Brainerd and/or Onamia.



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**RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS:** We are accepting all donations of empty and recyclable aluminum cans to support our Sunday school program. Please bag the cans and bring the bags to the trailer beside the garage. Thanks!

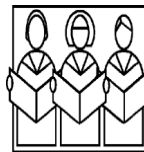


Spread the Word



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** We look forward to seeing all the children at VBS. This year's theme will be "CAMP DISCOVERY: Jesus at Work Through Us." You will find a registration form in this

month's newsletter. If you have children or know of children who would like to come and enjoy a week of VBS, please let us know so we have enough material for everyone.



**SUMMER CHOIR:** Would you like to sing in a choir? Join us for a summer choir at Shepherd of the Lake! With your help, we will sing twice a month in June, July, and August under the direction of Mrs. Diane Saumer Guidi from Zion Lutheran Church in Brainerd. See the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet.



**LABELS PROGRAM:** Just a reminder that the Ladies Aid are collecting Campbell's soup labels, GM box tops for Education, milk bottle caps, cancelled stamps and pop can tops. They will collect these items and give them to the organizations that can use them like the VFW, Bethesda, & McDonald's House. The VFW will take the used stamps but ask that you keep a quarter inch of the envelope with them. You will find more information on the bulletin board. If you have any questions please contact Elaine Drahosh or Marge Berndt.



**FLOWER CHART:** Everyone is welcome to bring flowers for worship services in memory of a loved one, an anniversary, a birthday, or for other occasions. You will find a FLOWER CHART on the bulletin board where you can sign your name to a

date. Thank you!



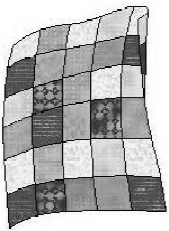
**MEALS ON WHEELS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY I**

**YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

CARE is looking for volunteer drivers to deliver nutritious, hot meals and a warm smile right to the doors of Aitkin seniors.

CALL Betty at 218-927-1383 or visit us at 503 Minnesota Ave N.





**QUILTING FOR WORLD RELIEF:** We will soon be starting with making quilts for World Relief. Last year the Ladies made around 100 quilts to give to Lutheran World Relief and we are hoping to meet or even beat that count this year. Shari Beck and Rose Mihalko will lead the quilting group again this

year and they welcome all who would like to help in any way with this worthy cause. Please watch upcoming bulletins and newsletters for updated information. Please contact either Shari or Rose if you have any questions.



**THANK YOU** to all who helped in anyway with the annual Smelt Fry, your help is what made this another successful year for us. We want to thank Bob & Robin Rubbelke and David & Elaine Draosh for putting this church event together once again.



**LAKES AREA PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER (LAPS) FUNDRAISER:** LAPS celebrates the mothers they serve and their precious babies. LAPS are solely funded by individuals, churches and fundraising-an occasional grant. All their services are free of charge. One of their fundraisers each year is their *Baby Bottle Campaign*. This gives our

church members an opportunity to raise funds to save even more lives. The Bottle Campaign will start on Mother's Day and end of Father's Day again this year. We ask that each of you take a bottle home with you and fill it with loose change until Father's Day on which you will return the bottles.



**LAWN MOWING:** We are looking for volunteers to mow the lawn here at Shepherd of the Lake during the summer months. If you will and able to help with this project please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin

board. If you have any questions please contact Larry Collison.



**FATHER'S DAY:** Let us remember our Dad's on Father's Day, Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> and thank them for all that they do for us. Happy Father's Day to all the Dads, may you have a great day.



*A recipe from...*

**GREEN BEAN SUPREME**

**From the kitchen of:** *Bea Tabat*

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| 1 Tbsp. Butter or Margarine              | 1 Tbsp. Sugar      |
| 2 Tbsp. chopped Onions                   | ¼ tsp. Salt        |
| 16 oz. French style Green Beans, drained | 1/8 tsp. Pepper    |
| 4 slices Bacon, cooked and crumbled      | 1 tsp. Lemon Juice |

In medium saucepan, sauté onion in butter/margarine until tender. Stir in remaining ingredients; continue to cook until thoroughly heated.



**SAUERBRATEN**

**From the kitchen of:** *In Memory of Avis Vessey*

This is an old traditional German special whose recipe I feel qualified to offer after living in Germany for 8 years.

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| 1 (about 4 lbs.) Beef Rump Roast | 5 cloves Peppercorn                   |
| ½ c. Brown Sugar                 | 1 tsp. Allspice                       |
| 3 c. White Vinegar               | 1 tsp. ground Ginger                  |
| 3 c. Red Wine                    | Salt                                  |
| 1 large Onion, sliced            | 5 to 6 slices Bacon for browning meat |
| 3 Bay Leaves                     |                                       |

Put bacon aside for browning meat later. Create marinade from other ingredients. Marinate meat for 3 to 5 days in ceramic or Pyrex bowl large enough to permit meat to be covered with marinade. Turn meat once daily.

On the feast day, drain meat and dry well. Save marinade. In a large, heavy aluminum stew pan with lid, fry the bacon, then add the meat and brown it on all sides. Thicken the marinade by adding 4 boxes of Knorr tomato, beef, and oxtail soup mix. Add marinade to meat and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 3 ½ to 4 hours, turning meat 2 or 3 times during cooking. Slice meat; serve with noodles and sauce made from marinade and topped with a dollop of sour cream. Es schmeckt sehr gut! (it tastes very good!)



**RECIPES WANTED:** *If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please write it down and put it in Sue Raddatz' mailbox. Your help is greatly appreciated.*





# Shepherd of the Lake – Garrison, MN

## OUR 2015 VBS PROGRAM

*THE WEEK OF JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> THRU JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>*  
**9:00 AM TO 11:30 AM**

*On Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> we invite all to come and see the Children's Program at 11:30 a.m. followed by a lunch*

### Vacation Bible School

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church  
 1 mile north of Garrison on 169



June 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.  
 Children: 3 years – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade



Name of Parent or Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_/Church Member: Yes/No  
 Person(s) to contact in case of emergency (name & Number): \_\_\_\_\_  
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#### CHILDREN TO BE ENROLLED

Name	Age	Grade in School (Fall)
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____

If your child has any medical condition we should know about, Please list them here:  
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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of parent/guardian