



# THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

August 2015 VOL. 9, NO. 8

## *An Opportunity for Ministry*

Dear members and friends of Shepherd of the Lake,

Ministry is the work of God among us. Our Heavenly Father enters our lives through the Means of Grace, Word and Sacrament, by the power of His Holy Spirit to deliver to us the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. These things ought never to be assumed or taken for granted. It is a miracle of His grace that we have received His work among us in faith. It is also a miracle that, by that same grace, He has invited us to participate in that ministry not only by receiving it, but also by sharing it with one another and with all others. That is, after all, the mission: *Share the Gospel*.

Back in 2012, guided by the mission to *Share the Gospel*, our Strategic Planning Committee asked any number of questions about the ways God has blessed us and the ways we might use those blessings to His glory and the benefit of our neighbors in support of the ministry of this congregation. That planning process began the renovations we have seen and now enjoy, in connection with our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in May of 2014. Thank you so much to all those who participated in that endeavor! That planning process also began conversations about ministry to Native Americans. We are still in prayer about identifying a Native American man who might minister to that community. Finally, that planning process initiated a partnership with Good Shepherd Community in hopes of exploring the possibility of an assisted living facility on our property.

This is an important month with respect to that third point. After an initial informational meeting following worship on **July 26**, we will have a follow-up meeting after worship on **August 2**. Then, after worship on **August 16**, we will gather to vote on this project. Please plan to participate in this process.

I would like to frame our conversations and decision this month with two thoughts. **First, this is the Lord's church.** He has graciously called us to faith and gathered us together as His congregation. So, we must do everything we can to support and promote the ministry of Word and Sacrament, God's Means of Grace, already taking place at Shepherd of the Lake. As above, to *Share the Gospel* is vital and cannot be taken for granted. **Second, the Lord of the church is giving us an opportunity for ministry.** Whether or not we, as a congregation, decide to move forward in our partnership with Good Shepherd toward a facility on our property, whether or not we, as a congregation, conclude that this is the best thing to do with our current resources, this is an opportunity from God for ministry. How amazing that we have the privilege of participating in God's work among us!

As we discuss and decide this opportunity this month, there is absolute freedom. There is no compulsion. There is no right or wrong answer. There is only Jesus Christ crucified for sinners and their salvation along with the opportunities to *Share the Gospel* in any and every way we can. So, may the Lord Jesus be with us, bless us, and give us His peace as we participate in His work in this world.

In Christ,

Pastor Rusnak

# August 2015 Monthly Worksheet



## THIS MONTH'S ELDER

Dennis Anderson  
320-277-3542



## USHERS



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Darwin Beck  
James Stigen



## FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

02<sup>nd</sup> Randy & Faye Feltmann  
09<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic  
16<sup>th</sup> David & Elaine Drahosh  
23<sup>rd</sup> Darwin & Shari Beck  
30<sup>th</sup> Bill & Linda Alleman



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  
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Dennis Anderson  
Steve Lawrence  
Jerry Scherfenberg  
*Trustees:* Larry Collison-Chair  
David Drahosh  
Doug Feltmann  
Randy Feltmann



## This Month's Birthdays!

01<sup>st</sup> Jean Stokes  
04<sup>th</sup> Donna Dzubay  
05<sup>th</sup> Kylie O'Neil  
07<sup>th</sup> Brandy Loux  
11<sup>th</sup> Dennis Dzubay  
Mitchell Rubbelke  
Megan Rubbelke  
15<sup>th</sup> Linda Eno  
20<sup>th</sup> Mike Drahosh  
24<sup>th</sup> Robin Bruckhoff  
Terry Thurmer  
25<sup>th</sup> Gaylord Ryg  
28<sup>th</sup> Chase Hoese  
30<sup>th</sup> Mike Forte



11<sup>th</sup> Rev. Curtis & Sandy Foreman  
18<sup>th</sup> Marlen & Marilyn Reinking  
21<sup>st</sup> Todd & Messena Smude  
26<sup>th</sup> Darwin & Shari Beck  
27<sup>th</sup> Rev. Matthew & Heather Ruesch

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:



**Barb Scherfenberg**



August 9, 2015

# SOTL News for August 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 Sunday. 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:** Mark your calendars! The Sunday School Rally day will be on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. We look forward to seeing all the children again and look forward to another year of learning the Good News that the Lord has given us.

**JR. CONFIRMATION:** If you have or know of a child who is ready to attend our Jr. Confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Rusnak and he will set up a schedule for next fall to begin new classes.



For Project 24  
Received to date  
(7/15/15):  
\$98,849.12



Basic Goal \$1,350,000  
For Lutheran Island Camp;  
& International Projects  
Pledges: \$654,541.41  
Received to date: (7/15/15)  
\$600,823.21



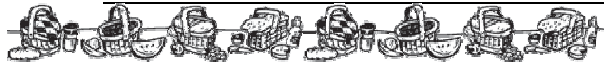
**Vision Statement:** Share the Gospel

**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



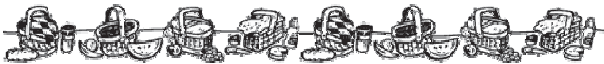
**SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE'S WEBSITE:** We invite you to check out our website at [shepherdofthelake.org](http://shepherdofthelake.org). You can access sermons, pictures of church events, any announcements and more.



**SHEPHERD'S LAMBS:** All young families of Shepherd of the Lake and the community are welcome to join us as we gather 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, and a Christmas program and party.



*Please watch the upcoming Sunday bulletins and Newsletters for coming events for the Shepherd's Lambs. Please contact Julie Rusnak if you have any ideas for this group or would like more information about the Shepherd's Lambs.*



**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.

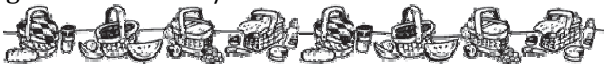


We have volunteer drivers around the county and we coordinate client location with the closest driver. The drivers receive some reimbursement for mileage, our other expenses are phone and office. Annually we hold an appreciation/training meeting for our volunteers. We rely on donations and grants to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



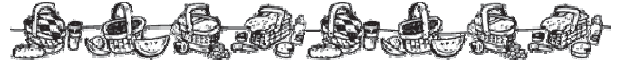
**RUBY'S PANTRY:** Everyone who eats qualifies: \$20 cash donation; bring your own boxes or basket for the food. This is a hand up not a hand out and is not income based. Please check out the bulletin board for information on when Ruby's Pantry is going in Brainerd and/or Onamia.



**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!



**BRAT SALES:** We will be having a Brat Sale at the Super Value store on Friday & Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 5PM. We are looking for help with this project. If you can help please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



**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.

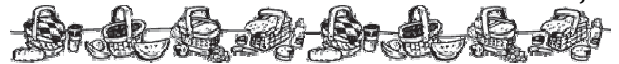
**UPDATE:** Thank you for all your Pop Tops, Stamps, Box Tops for Education & Labels for Education.

I turned in 727 Stamps and 140 Campbell Label fronts to VFW

And sent: 191 points to Labels for Education & 282 Box Tops for Education @ 10¢ for \$28.20 to Bethesda Lutheran Homes in Watertown, WI

Without your help this would not be possible. I have a 1 gallon bag of Pop Tops to turn in also.

Thank you  
Elaine Drahosh  
LWML Chairman of this Project



**MEALS ON WHEELS  
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!**

**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.

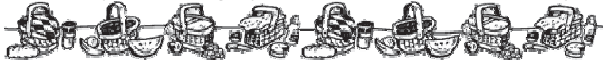
**CALL** Betty at 218-927-1383  
or visit us at 503 Minnesota Ave N.



**BRING YOUR FRIENDS**

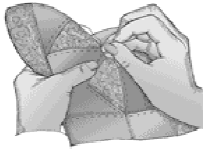


**FLOWER CHART:** Everyone is welcome to bring flowers for worship services in memory of a loved one, an anniversary, a birthday, or for other occasions. You will find a FLOWER CHART on the bulletin board where you can sign your name to a date. Thank you!



**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.

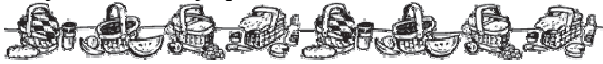
Larry Collison.



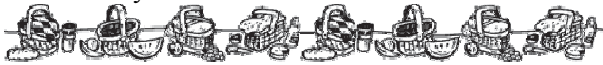
**QUILTING FOR WORLD RELIEF**  
*"Tied in Faith, Sent in Hope, Wrapped in love":* The Ladies have been busy making quilts for World Relief. Last year the Ladies made around 100 quilts to give to Lutheran

QUILTING GROUP

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. The Ladies are meeting on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Please contact either Shari or Rose if you have any questions.



**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC:** This year's Church picnic will on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be having an outdoor service followed by a potluck luncheon and an afternoon of games, fun and great fellowship. We hope to see all of our members and summer guests. Please see the Picnic flyer in this month's newsletter.



**COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP DONATIONS:** Just a reminder about the "free will" donation basket on the counter during our Sunday morning fellowship. The purpose of this is to help defray the various kitchen expenses we have, such as: coffee, creamer, sugar packets, kool-aid, lemonade, napkins, dessert plates, etc. This money is not used for the special donuts, cakes, cookies, etc.



These are provided by the host couples or persons serving that Sunday. If you are serving, please be sure to take all leftovers home with you. Thank you!

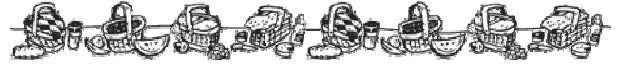
We would like to invite everyone to attend fellowship after our Sunday morning service, it is nice way to socialize with other congregational members and our guests.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

Vince Rogers and Lauren Bohlin were untied in the bonds of Christian matrimony on Tuesday, July 7, 2015 here at Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church. We pray that the Lord's richest blessings upon their marriage to each other.



JOINED IN  
*Marriage*



**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF SCHOOL KITS:**

We are planning to gather school kits this fall for Lutheran World Relief. The plan is to begin the in-gathering on August 2, 2015 and end it on September 6. The Evangelism Committee will purchase the back packs.

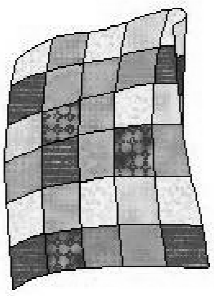
Education is important for every community, especially where poverty or disaster has limited the options for young people to reach their potential. School kits contain essential supplies to help children—and in some cases adults—continue learning despite the hardships they face. That learning leads to a better life for them, their families and their communities.

**School Kits Items:**

- Four 70 sheet notebooks of wide or college-ruled paper; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other.
- One pencil sharpener
- One pair blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secure together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secure together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2 1/2" eraser

Please do not add other items or leave out any of the items listed. All items should be new and in good condition. Remove any excess packaging, pack all items in bag and close. Do not enclose the Kit or any of its contents in plastic bags.





# 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Auction

## and Open House

- Silent Auction
- Sing-Along
- Lunch Available
- Inflatables for Kids
- Free Ice Cream Sundaes
- Rides from Parking Lot
- Over 300 Handmade Quilts and Craft Items
- Ponies

### Lutheran Island Camp & Retreat Center

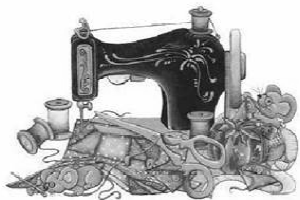
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Henning, MN 56551

**FOR 60 YEARS BUILDING BRIDGES**  
LUTHERAN ISLAND CAMP  
1952-2012

**Viewing opens at 8:30 a.m.**  
**Sale begins at 11:00 a.m.**  
• Rain or Shine

Proceeds will help children and families to enjoy Christian camping experiences at Lutheran Island Camp, a camp of the Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod.

**View Quilts Early at:**  
[www.islandcamp.org](http://www.islandcamp.org)



**Shepherd of the  
Lake Lutheran  
Church**

INVITE YOU TO A  
**PIE AND  
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**CREAM  
SOCIAL**

With  
**Sloppy Joes**

ON  
Friday,  
September 11, 2015  
4:00 to 7:00 pm

*Donations Accepted!*  
*Everyone is WELCOME!*



A Program of Lutheran Island Camp

Contact Information:  
Mail registration to:  
Christ Serve Ranch Dedication  
45011-230<sup>th</sup> Street  
Henning, MN 56551

218-583-2905

dedication@christserveranch.org  
www.christserveranch.org

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August 28-30, 2015  
Dedication Day is August 29th

24307 County Highway #5  
Henning, MN 56551

\*Site only: Do not mail to this address.

**WONDERFUL CHICKEN/PASTA SALAD**

**From the kitchen of: Dorothy Mickelson**

Cook 4 or 5 chicken breasts (simmer in water to cover, add 1 cup diced onion and ½ tsp. garlic salt to water). Drain when tender; cut into small bite size pieces. Sprinkle salt and pepper. Set aside.

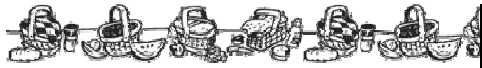
Use fresh vegetables:

2c. Broccoli	1 Cucumber, sliced thin
2 c. Cauliflower	1 Green Pepper, chopped
2 c. Celery	Black Olives, optional
1 c. Carrots, sliced very thin (may parboil)	
Cherry Tomatoes, sliced or grape tomatoes	
½ c. Frozen Peas (can use more if desired)	
12 oz. Rotini Pasta, cooked, drained	
6 Green Onions (use some of the greens for color)	

Dressing:

½ c. Mayo (Do not use Miracle Whip)  
½ c. Sour Cream (Do not use light)  
½ c. Italian Dressing (Wishbone is good)  
½ tsp. Italian Seasoning (dry)

Place all veggies in a bowl. Add pasta; pour dressing over. Toss well. Fold in cut up chicken. Let set several hours before serving. If more moisture is needed, add Hellmann's Garlic Ranch as needed. Sprinkle with Salad Supreme to taste.



### PICNIC POTATO SALAD

**From the kitchen of:** *Unknown*

- 6 c. Potatoes, cubed 1/4
- tsp. Pepper
- 3/4 c. Salad Dressing 4
- hard-boiled Eggs
- 1/4 c. French Dressing 1 c.
- sliced Radishes

- 1 tsp. prepared Mustard 1 c. diced Celery
- 1/2 tsp. Salt 1/4 c. chopped Pickles
- 1/4 c. minced Onions

Blend salad dressing, French dressing, mustard, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Add cool potatoes, eggs, radishes, celery, sweet pickles, and onions. Toss lightly. Chill. Makes 3 quarts



**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 Lutheran Church

INVITE YOU TO A

# PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

## With Sloppy Joes

Friday,

September 11, 2015

4:00 to 7:00 pm

