



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Living for God Today

Dear members and friends of Shepherd of the Lake,

During the month of September we will take some time as a congregation to reflect on both our collective and individual stewardship of God's good gifts. Please join the special Sunday morning Bible studies on this topic and continue to come to God's house each Sunday to hear His Word. Our theme during this year's stewardship emphasis is "Living for God Today".

Paul writes in Colossians 3:17, "*And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*" How can we do that? How can we be "living for God today"?

If we back up but one verse, the answer to our question is given. What fits us for and enables us to be "living for God today" is this: "*Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God*" (Colossians 3:16). The Word of God forms and shapes us to live for God today and every day.

During the 10:00 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, September 27, 2015**, members of our congregation will be invited to provide their stewardship commitment to the Lord. While we will invite you to sign your name(s) to your commitment form, these commitments will not be publicized or criticized. They will remain between you and your Lord. On the commitment form, you will have the opportunity to agree to the following items:

- To gather with fellow believers in Christ each week to hear God's Word in worship.
- To be a guest at the Table of the Lord whenever Holy Communion is celebrated.
- To participate in the Bible study life of our congregation.
- To set time aside each day for personal devotion and prayer.
- To give to the Lord a proportionate offering from the financial resources He blesses me/us with.
- To go about my/our daily vocation(s) in a manner that gives witness and praise to the Savior.
- To use the gifts of talents and time I/we have been blessed with to serve the Lord in the following ways: _____.
- I/we make these promises fully relying upon my/our gracious God to provide all that is needed to live for Him each day.

Notice that these statements of commitment are all in response to what God has already done for us in Christ. What is more, these commitments rely upon what God continues to do in and among us by His Word and Sacraments. Please prayerfully participate in the stewardship emphasis this year as together we strive to live for God today, even as He lives and reigns for us to all eternity.

In Christ,

Pastor Rusnak

September 2015 Monthly Worksheet



THIS MONTH'S ELDER

Jerry Scherfenberg
218-678-2648



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Larry Collison
Doug Feltmann



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

06th Marge Berndt
13th NEEDED
20th Dennis & Sheila Anderson
27th NEEDED



Thank you to *everyone* for giving so generously of their time volunteering at our many functions. It is so appreciated and we depend on your participation! We are looking for volunteers in the coming months to be 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 Drahosch
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 Drahosch
Doug Feltmann
Randy Feltmann



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Month's Birthdays!

01st Sarah O'Neil
05th Marilyn Reinking
06th Dwight Bruckhoff
07th Steve Lawrence
Dick Siemers
08th Kylie Hoese
Marie Nelson
11th Tyler Rogers
12th Lucy Knowlen
19th Dennis Anderson
20th Bill Uhlig
21st Elaine Drahosch
24th Doug Feltmann
26th Geri Posner



04th Terry & Vicky Thurmer
11th Bill & Linda Alleman
Dick & Jerry Siemers
24th Dwight & Robin Bruckhoff
30th TJ & Tiffany Gustin



20th Luke Rusnak

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:



Sheila Anderson

Pie & Ice Cream Social on September 11th



SOTL News for September 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.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mark your calendars! The Sunday School Rally day will be on Sunday, September 13th 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.

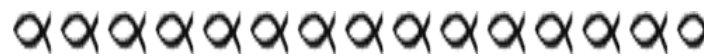


JR. CONFIRMATION: We will be starting classes on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. If you have or know of a child who is ready to attend our Jr. Confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Rusnak so he will be able to have enough supplies needed for this class.



We would like to welcome Vince, Lauren, Tyler, Gavin and Bailey into our Christian Family. On Sunday, August 16th Vince and Lauren Rogers were Baptized and Confirmed at SOTL. Tyler, Gavin and Bailey also became Baptized members.

We want to welcome them all into our Christian family!



Shepherd of the Lake
LUTHERAN CHURCH
— Missouri Synod —

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. 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, would like more information about the Shepherd's Lambs or would like to be more involved with planning events for our youth.



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.

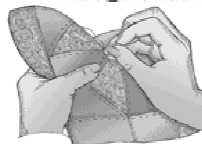


RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS: We are accepting all donations of empty and recyclable aluminum cans to support our Sunday school program. Please bag the cans and bring the bags to the trailer beside the garage. Thanks!



WOMEN OF GOD FALL RETREAT:

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Backus, MN invite all the women and friends to their Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This Retreat is being sponsored by the Emmanuel LWML. They will have Bible studies, Music, Christian Fellowship and Floral arrangement demonstration. Lunch will be served. Please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to attend.



QUILTING GROUP

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 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 Beck if you have any questions.



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.



ART SHOWING AND SALE: Please make plans to visit this local gallery. September 1-29, 2015 at the Evelyn Matthies *Original Art Gallery* (712 Washington Street, Brainerd). Introducing Legally blind, disabled local artist *Rachel Vrudny*. Meet the Artist and enjoy light refreshments on Saturday, September 12th from 2-4 p.m.



ATTENTION: We wish to inform everyone that the Land-line for the parsonage has been disconnected. If you need to contact Pastor please call the office phone 320-692-4581 or call his cell phone 320-630-3811.



PRO-LIFE PRESENTATION—All are welcome!: Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) will offer a brief pro-life presentation on Wednesday, October 7, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Heart Church, 35208 County Road 37, Crosslake, MN. You will learn about how to help pregnant women in need, Minnesota abortion statistics, efforts to overturn our law against assisted suicide, and more. Discover how you can make a difference in protecting innocent human life. Enjoy fellowship and refreshments at this free gathering! For more information, visit the Events—Fall Tour section at www.mccl.org.



Our Christian Sympathy is extended to the family of Flora Burandt, who entered the Church Triumphant on August 22, 2015. May our good and gracious Father be with Flora's family during this difficult time! Flora is the mother of Ivan Burandt.



ANNUAL LWML FALL BAZAAR: It is that time of year again when we need to start thinking and preparing items for the Annual Bazaar. This year the Bazaar will be on Saturday, October 17th and will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. We will be selling baked goods, craft items, jams and jellies, and of course Lefse! We will be serving a luncheon again and will be serving pies. Please watch for updates in the upcoming bulletins and the October Newsletter.

Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church

INVITE YOU TO A

PIE AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL



With
Sloppy Joes

ON

Friday,

September 11, 2015

4:00 to 7:00 pm

Donations Accepted!

Everyone is WELCOME!



Shepherd of the
Lake Lutheran Church

LWML Annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 17, 2015
9:00AM to 2:00PM

WE HAVE FOR YOU:

- *Lefse
- *Baked Items
- *Craft Items
- *Grandpa's Shed
- *Grandma's Attic
- *Youth Rummage Sale

We will be serving:

A Luncheon

ALL ARE WELCOME!

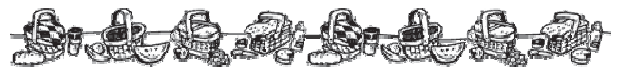


LAYERED TACO DIP

From the kitchen of: *Ippy Drahash*

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| 1 lb. Ground Beef | ½ pkg. Taco Seasoning Mix |
| 8 oz. Cream Cheese | 8 oz. shredded Cheddar Cheese |
| ½ head Lettuce | Salsa (optional) |
| 2 med. Tomatoes | Black Olives, sliced, (optional) |
| 8 oz. Sour Cream | |

Brown hamburger; drain fat and set aside to cool. Beat together the sour cream and cream cheese. Add taco seasoning to creamed mixture until well blended. Spread creamed mixture into bottom of a 9X13 inch pan. Sprinkle cooled evenly over top. Shred lettuce and evenly place over meat. Sprinkle shredded cheese over the lettuce. Dice tomatoes and sprinkle over top of cheese layer. (Sliced black olives can be sprinkled over tomatoes for added flavor.) Serve with Tortilla chips and optional salsa for added zest. Great for a group get together. Refrigerate until serving.



DUMPLINGS WITH TOMATOES AND ZUCCHINI

From the kitchen of: *Sandy Foreman*

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| ¼ c. Onion, chopped | 1 tsp. Sugar |
| 2 Tbsp. Cooking Oil | 1 tsp. Salt |
| 4 large fresh Tomatoes
Peeled and chopped | ¼ tsp. Pepper |
| 1 Tbsp. minced fresh Basil
Or 1 tsp. Dried Basil | 2 med. Zucchini,
peeled and cubed |

PARMESAN DUMPLINGS:

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| 1 Egg, lightly beaten | 1 c. Parmesan Cheese
Grated |
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In large skillet, sauté onion in oil until tender. Add tomatoes, basil, sugar, salt and pepper. Simmer,



covered, for 20 minutes. Add zucchini; cooked covered for 15 minutes or until tender.

For dumplings, combine egg and cheese. Drop by tablespoons onto tomato mixture. Simmer, covered for 5 minutes or until dumplings are firm. These dumplings do not contain flour. Yield: 6 servings.

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 Garrison, MN