



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Listening to Jesus

Dear disciples of our Lord Jesus,

Jesus gathered His disciples by calling them to follow Him and listen to Him. How amazing that Jesus has called each one of us to follow Him and listen to Him, too. How awesome, also, that even as He commands us to listen to Him, He promises to accomplish His purpose in us when we do (Isaiah 55.10-11).

At Shepherd of the Lake, there are weekly opportunities to hear the voice of Jesus, our Savior, at worship and Bible study. What is more, many of you have committed to participating in those opportunities as often as possible during our recent stewardship emphasis. I would like to use this letter to remind you of the opportunities currently available to you and to ask you about the possibility of adding more.

In the past, we have offered four Bible studies during the week: Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday morning Bible breakfast and Wednesday morning Bible study. We are looking to make some changes to this schedule, though. We discontinued our Sunday evening study at the end of September due to lack of participation. Also, beginning in Advent, our Wednesday morning studies will be moved to Thursdays at the same time: 8:00 and 9:30am. Sunday morning will remain the same.

For quite some time, we have attempted to offer a midweek service or study during the evenings at our church, in order accommodate those who are unable to join us on either Sunday morning or midweek mornings. Few have taken advantage of these opportunities, but I am certainly glad that some have! I hope to continue to offer something in the evenings but I would like to have a better understanding of the needs and desires of the congregation. If you would, please consider the following two questions:

1. Would you enjoy an evening service and, if so, what day of the week?
2. Would you enjoy an evening study and, if so, what day of the week?

If you would like to share your answers to these questions or any thoughts you have on the services and studies we offer, you are more than welcome to stop in, call, or email me. I would love to hear from you! Thank you!

I pray the Lord continues to bless us as we hear His Word and follow Him, now and forever.

In Christ,

Pastor Rusnak

October 2015 Monthly Worksheet



THIS MONTH'S ELDER

Steve Lawrence
218-678-2322



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Mike Raddatz
Bob Wandersee



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

04th LWML Ladies
11th Randy & Faye Feltmann
18th Raddatz Family
25th Potluck Luncheon



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 Drahoš
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 Drahoš
Doug Feltmann
Randy Feltmann

Welcome
to Our Church

This

Month's Birthdays!

07th Rolland Mihalko
Tammy Smerdon
08th JoAnn Priller
18th Ruth Brill
Mark Spicer
Lyle Tabat
20th Fred Lenz
21st Rodger Sipe
25th Marlen Reinking
28th Vince Rogers
30th Nancy Benson
31st Bob Rubbelke



08th John & Mary Kinzel
23rd Doug & Sandy Feltmann
26th Duane & Geri Posner
30th Steve & Vicki Kocina



07th Andrew Garding
11th Megan Frick

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 MONTH'S ALTAR GUILD:



Marge Berndt



October 17, 2015
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SOTL News for October 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 8:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

Bible Breakfast meets at 8:00 a.m. Wednesday mornings at Twin Pines Resort to read through the Bible.

Wednesday Morning Lifelight 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.

NOTICE: Starting in December Bible Breakfast and Lifelight will be meeting on Thursdays at their usual time. Bible Breakfast will meet at McDonalds in Garrison starting in December.

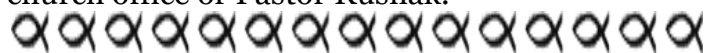


Office Hours: Pastor is available throughout the week for pastoral care and counsel. The Church Secretary is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Church office will be closed on Fridays.



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.



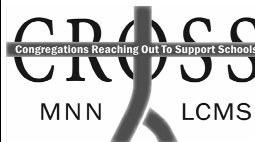
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Classes have begun and we want to welcome all the children back to classes and we want to thank all the volunteers in helping with leading the children each week to learn the Good News about our Lord Jesus. Classes start at 8:30 a.m. each Sunday. Our Jr. Confirmation class is meeting on Sunday mornings as well.



As of 9/11/15
Received: \$99,632.84



As of 9/11/15
Pledges: \$652,541.41
Received: \$600,823.21



As of 9/11/15
Received: \$24,324.09



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.

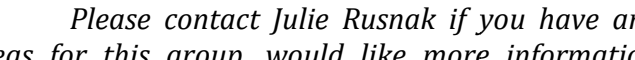


SHEPHERD'S LAMBS: All young families of Shepherd of the Lake and the community are welcome to join us as we gather at church for a Bible study, craft, and fellowship. We also enjoy fun outings such as swimming and mini-golfing, and seasonal activities like trunk or treat, an Easter egg hunt, and a Christmas program and party.

UPCOMING EVENT:

Family Night: On Wednesday, October 7th, Shepherd's Lambs is having a Family Night. We will meet at the church for a free dinner at 6PM, followed by a Bible story and activities for the children and a Bible study for the parents. Come and give it a try! The whole family is welcome!

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 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.



**Saturday, Oct. 31st
5-7PM**



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.



ANNUAL FALL BAZAAR: The Bazaar will be on Saturday, October 17, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

With the bazaar less than a month away it is time to start thinking of all the things we would like to do to help with this event.

We will again be having, of course, lefse, pasties, craft items, bake sale, Grandpa's Shed, & Grandma's Attic. So please bring items down that you wish to donate. No computers or clothing for Grandpa's Shed or Grandma's Attic, please.

We will be serving a luncheon again this year. We will be serving Walking Tacos, homemade pies, and beverages. We will need pies and will put a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for pies to be donated for the kitchen.

We will also need baked goods and crafts to make the bazaar a success. We welcome canned goods and produce from gardens if you would like to donate these items as well. Please save and bring items for Grandpa's Shed and Grandma's Attic.



LEFSE INFORMATION: For the sake of consistency, the lefse ladies are asking for monetary donations and not ingredients this year. Please give your donations to Judy Stahl or place your donation in an envelope marked "Lefse donation".

The following is the Lefse schedule:

Tuesday, October 6th & 13th

at 9:00 a.m.

All help will be appreciated!



**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.



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.



TRUNK OR TREAT: The Trunk or Treat season is upon us. We need trunks and eight volunteers inside to make this event happen. Please see Julie if you can

help in one of the following ways: snacks, drinks, games, crafts and trunks. The Trunk or Treat event will be on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at SOTL.



THE GARRISON AREA CHURCHES LADIES FALL LUNCHEON: The Ladies of Our Lady of Fatima wish to invite the Ladies of Shepherd of the Lake to their Fall Luncheon on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 12:00

p.m. Father Virgil, OSC will be presenting **"Our Brothers and Sisters of Indonesia."** A free will monetary donation, or non-perishable food item, will be collected for the Garrison Area Food Shelf. You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board, please sign up if you plan to attend before October 1st.



EMERGENCY CHURCH CLOSING: It is that time of year again when we start thinking about bad weather, etc. The emergency closing of the church because of bad weather will be decided by Pastor and the Elder of the month. Members can check about closing of the church because of weather by listening to radio station KKIN 94.3FM in Aitkin, or calling the church.



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!



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of fellowship servers in the upcoming months. If you are able to help with greeting and/or serving fellowship please sign the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Your help is greatly appreciated.



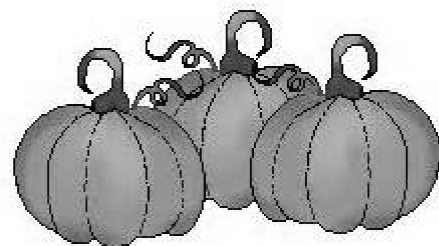
ADDRESS CHANGES AND ADDITIONS:

*Bob & Robin Rubbelke
Kylie, Mitchell & Megan
18312 County Road 24
Brainerd, MN 56401*

*Brandy Loux
314 J Street NE
Brainerd, MN 56401*

*Greg & Debbie Tabor
13676-350th Street
Onamia, MN 56359*

*Vince & Lauren Rogers
Tyler, Gavin & Bailey
27076 US Highway 169
Aitkin, MN 56431*



LWML FALL RALLY: The Brainerd Zone Fall Rally will be on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at Trinity Lutheran Church, Highway 32 S., Twin Valley, MN 56584. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Meeting at 9:00 a.m. Adjourn at noon for lunch.

Theme: "My grace is sufficient for you." But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." 2 Cor. 12:9.

Speaker: Rev. Jeffrey Lee, Missions and Ministry Outreach, MN North District. Topic: Rev. Jeffrey Lee will speak of his life experiences, including his father's chemical dependency and suicide, using Scriptures to give guidance in his life.

Bible study: Pastor Frank Milo, Gloria Dei, Pequot Lakes.

Ingathering: Cancer survivor's care kit. Each society is to bring one or more completed kits to be distributed to Brainerd Hospital Cancer Care Center or a place determined by Gloria Dei LWML. Kits include: socks, mugs, instant soup, herbal tea, lip balm, body lotion, book "Chicken Soup for the Soul," peppermint candies, small Bible, travel pillow, personal love notes and prayer shawl.

You will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to attend this rally.



**Thanks,
Everyone!**

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way in keeping up the grounds at the church this past summer your help was greatly appreciated.

We want to thank all the ladies for all the beautiful quilts that they made for Lutheran World Relief. We also want to thank everyone who donated items to make these quilts.

Thank you to everyone who donated toward the LWR School Kits. All the school supplies will go towards a worthy cause in helping others.



QUARTERLY VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: The next quarterly voters meeting will be on Sunday, October 25th following the worship service. We will once again have a potluck luncheon, you will find a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.



A recipe from...

NUTTY CRACKER DELIGHTS

From the kitchen of: *Judy Stahl*

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| 42 Club Crackers | 1 tsp. Vanilla |
| ½ c. Sugar | 1 c. slivered Almonds |
| ½ c. Margarine or Butter | |

Place crackers in single layer in foil lined pan, 15X10X1 inch. In saucepan over medium heat, melt butter; add sugar. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 1 to 2 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from pan immediately; cool. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.



PECAN PIE BARS

From the kitchen of: *Jan Sorell*

- Crust:
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| 3 c. Flour | ½ tsp. Salt |
| ½ c. Sugar | |
| 1c. (2 sticks) Margarine or Butter | |

Beat flour, butter, sugar, and salt until it resembles crumbs. Heavily grease bottom and sides of 15X10 inch baking pan at least 1 ½ inch deep. (I have used a 9X12 inch and an 8X8 inch). Press mixture firmly into pan and bake at 350° for 20 to 25 minutes.

- Filling:
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| 4 Eggs, slightly beaten | 3 Tbsp. Butter, melted |
| 1 ½ c. Light Corn Syrup (or dark) | 1 ½ tsp. Vanilla |
| 1 ½ c. Sugar | 2 ½ c. chopped Pecans |

Blend eggs, corn syrup, sugar, butter, and vanilla. Stir in chopped pecans. Spread over hot crust. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes or until set. Cool; cut into bars. Make 50 bars.

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
1 mile north of Garrison on Highway 169

LWML Annual Fall Bazaar

Saturday, October 17, 2015
9:00 am to 2:00 pm

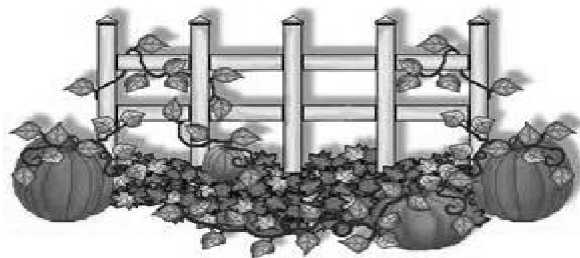
*Lefse *Baked Items *Pasties *Craft Items
*Grandpa's Shed *Grandma's Attic

We will be serving:

Walking Tacos

Homemade Pies

Coffee & Lemonade



ALL ARE WELCOME!



Saturday, October 31, 2015

At: Shepherd of the Lake

From: 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Enjoy an evening of fun!

*Children will be able to travel from decorated car to car
(or trunk to trunk) as we hand out candy.*

There will be games, crafts, snacks and prizes inside!

