



THE SHEPHERD'S CALL

THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Saints

Dear saints and members of Shepherd of the Lake,

November 1st is All Saints' Day. It is a day to commemorate all the saints of God, especially those who belong to the Church Triumphant and make up that great cloud of witnesses around us (Hebrews 12.1). Which saints does All Saints' Day bring to mind for you?

While Scripture teaches that a saint is simply a believer in Jesus Christ, a forgiven sinner, a baptized child of God, and an heir of heaven (1 Corinthians 1.2; Ephesians 1.15–23; 2.19–22), we also use that title of “saint” to describe the believer that has gone on before us to be with the Lord. Even beyond that, though, we use that same title to describe the believer that stands out in the history of the Church. In fact, we have whole days in the Church Year dedicated to certain saints. For example, on November 19, the Church commemorates Elizabeth of Hungary. Here's her story: “Born in Pressburg, Hungary, in 1207, Elizabeth was the daughter of King Andrew II and his wife, Gertrude. Given as a bride in an arranged political marriage, Elizabeth became the wife of Louis of Thuringia in Germany at age fourteen. She had a spirit of Christian generosity and charity, and the home she established for her husband and three children in the Warburg Castle at Eisenach was known for its hospitality and family love. Elizabeth often supervised the care of the sick and needy and at one time even gave up her bed to a leper. Widowed at the age of twenty, she made provisions for her children and entered into an austere life as a nun in the Order of Saint Francis. Her self-denial led to failing health and an early death in 1231 at age twenty-four. Remembered for her self-sacrificing ways, Elizabeth is commemorated through the many hospitals named for her around the world.”¹

Commemorating the saints is all well and good, but how should we go about doing that? On the one hand we could make too little of them by completely ignoring them. On the other hand, we could make too much of them by worshipping them, or planting their figurines upside-down in the front yard of the house we are trying to sell. Philip Melancthon provides a helpful guide to the God-pleasing use of the saints in Article XXI of The Apology of The Augsburg Confession. He suggests that we should thank God for the saints, remember them in order to strengthen our own faith, and follow their example. I believe we would do well to follow his suggestions. At the same time, Melancthon stresses that Jesus Christ is “the only savior, the only high priest, the mercy seat, and intercessor before God. He alone has promised to hear our prayers. According to Scripture, in all our needs and concerns it is the highest worship to seek and call upon this same Jesus Christ with our whole heart.”²

After all, Jesus Christ, the Righteous One, is the only way anyone could ever be considered a saint. You are one of God's saints because of what Christ has done for you and because you believe Him to be your Lord and Savior. How incredible is that? Who knows? The Church just might have room for a few more commemorations.

In Christ,

Pastor Rusnak

¹ *Treasury of Daily Prayer*. (St. Louis: Concordia Publishing House, 2008): 929.

² Kolb, Robert, and Timothy J. Wengert, eds. *The Book of Concord: The Confessions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church*. (Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2000): 58.

November 2015 Monthly Worksheet



THIS MONTH'S ELDER

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Ken Stokes
Jean Stokes



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS

01st LWML
08th David & Elaine Drahosh
15th Messena Smude
22nd Ken & Jean Stokes
29th 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

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This Month's Birthdays!

03rd Terry Drahosh
05th Kristi Risnes
08th Randy Feltmann
09th Dorothy Mickelson
11th Todd Smude
15th Jerry Siemers
16th Vern Lemke
19th Beth Lawrence
25th LeRoy Lassard
26th Rose Mihalko
Messena Smude
30th Shari Beck



02nd Ken & Jean Stokes
16th Lyle & Bea Tabat
25th Jerry & Barb Scherfenberg



08th Kolbe Sahr
18th Raija Gustin

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:

Barb Scherfenberg



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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: Starting in November the Bible Breakfast Group will be meeting at 8:30 a.m. at McDonald's in Garrison. All are welcome to come.

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.



Office Hours: The Church Secretary is in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you would like to meet with Pastor, please call him to schedule a time.



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.



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HUNTERS' SUPPER

Friday, November 6
 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: Sunday school meets at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday. We have divided the class this year into an older and younger group. If you are interested in attending, teaching, or helping, please see Pastor.



As of 10/15/15
 Received: \$99,632.84



As of 10/15/15
 Pledges: \$652,541.41
 Received: \$600,823.21



As of 10/15/15
 Received: \$25,110.61



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'S LAMBS: Family Night! On Wednesday, November 4th at 6:00 p.m. Marie will be making manicotti and there will be Bible studies for both parents and children. Hope to see our young family members.



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. These appointments must be medically necessary (medical, eye, dental), but do not need to be cancer related. Please check the bulletin board for more information or call (218) 927-4077.



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.



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.



RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS: We are accepting all donations of empty and recyclable aluminum cans to support our Sunday school program. Please bag the cans in large garbage bags (not plastic grocery bags) and bring the bags to the trailer beside the garage. Thank you!



FELLOWSHIP SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of greeters and/or 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.

UPDATING OUR CHURCH RECORDS: If you have made changes with your address and/or phone numbers in the past year please contact the church secretary, Sue Raddatz with the new information, if you wish for the information to remain private please let us know, but we need the information for our records at the church. If your birthday and/or anniversary are listed incorrectly in the newsletter or not listed at all please get the information to the secretary as well. Your help would be greatly appreciated!



We want say "Thank you" to everyone who helped in any way to make the LWML fall bazaar a success once again. Whether you helped with making craft items, baked goods, canned goods, pies for the kitchen, or brining items for the sales we want to thank for being a part of this yearly event.

We also want to say thank you so much for everyone's help in making the Lefse, with everyone's help we were able to get them all made in two days.

All your help was greatly appreciated!

Bazaar & Lefse Coordinators



THANK YOU to all who helped with Trunk or Treat this year.



PASTOR, MRS. PASTOR, AND FAMILY are so appreciative for the generous gift from the congregation this past month. Thank you!



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.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS: Please remember to turn your clocks back 1(one) hour before going to bed on Saturday, October 31st.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Pack a shoebox

1. You will find shoe boxes in the Fellowship hall, just pick up what you need.
2. Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Mark the correct age category on the label (found here), and tape the label to the top of your box.
3. Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.
4. Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping and other project costs. You can write a check to Samaritan's Purse (note "OCC" on memo line) and place it in an envelope on top of the gift items inside your box. If you or your family are preparing more than one shoe box, please make one combined donation.
5. Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off in the basket under the cross in the Fellowship Hall. We will be collecting the shoe boxes until November 24th.

GIFT IDEAS:

1. **Toys:** small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoo's, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch-A-Sketch, toys that light up or make noise (with extra batteries), slinky, etc.
2. **School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pad sets, writing pads or paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.
3. **Hygiene Items:** toothbrush, toothpaste, mild bar soap (in a plastic bag), comb, washcloth, etc.
4. **Other:** Hard candy and lollipops (please double bag all candy), mints, gum, T-shirts, socks, ball caps; sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries).
5. **A Personal Note:** In a separate envelope, you may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. (If you include your name and address, the child may write back.)
6. **Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow-globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



and bring family and friends.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE:

We will be having a Divine Service with the Lord's Supper on Wednesday, November 26th at 6:00 p.m. We welcome all to come



up. Please remember that many hands make light work for everyone.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: We will be decorating the church on Sunday, November 29th following Fellowship. We are asking for your help with this church project. We could use some younger members to stay and help with getting the decorations out and



MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES

This year's theme:

"Come, Lord Jesus . . . and Show Us the Father"

ADVENT #1

Jesus Shows Us Our Creator ~ Psalm 95:1-7

ADVENT #2

Jesus Shows Us Our Provider ~ Psalm 104:27-30

ADVENT #3

Jesus Shows Us the Father's Heart ~ Psalm 103:11-13

This Advent, we will focus on the First Article of the Apostle's Creed and Luther's explanation of that article in the Small Catechism. Each week, we will look at a familiar psalm and one part of Luther's explanation of the First Article. Our goal is not only to learn the doctrine, that is, the teaching of the faith. Our goal is also to learn the faith, that is, the trust in the Father who justifies us by grace through faith on account of Jesus Christ. Our prayer this Advent and always is that as Christ comes among us by means of His Word and Spirit He would come and show us the Father.



2015 Lutheran World Relief Quilts



It was an exciting moment at our last District convention when the resolution to continue to carry on the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal came before the delegates to be discussed and then for the vote to be taken. I was in the back of the room at the time and truly appreciated the conversation that took place on the floor of the convention. Several people spoke in favor of the resolution. One pastor in particular both reminded and urged his fellow delegates not just to "vote for this" but following the vote to "go back to your congregation and do this." If my memory serves me correctly, the resolution to continue the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal was adopted by more than a 90% vote in favor!

So now we are several months removed from that action of our convention and well into the school year. We have 8 Christian Day Schools who have opened their doors to well over 500 students. Every school day each of those children is receiving a quality education from Christ-centered teachers who are doing more than just teaching them the proverbial "3 'R's." They are teaching each child about creation and the God Who made them. They are teaching them about redemption and the Savior Who lived and died for them. They are teaching them about sanctification and the Holy Spirit Who has given them the gift of faith in Jesus and enables them to live a life of faith. The end result is this: over 500 children are being blessed with the gift of a Christ-centered education that will not only make a tremendous difference in their lives now but also in the life which is to come!

And the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal? By the way, in case you've forgotten, it stands for **C**ongregations **R**eaching **O**ut to **S**upport **S**chools. The C.R.O.S.S. Appeal is the wonderful opportunity for you and your congregation to join in the ministry of providing a Christian education to the next generation. Your gifts to the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal enable each of our schools to do things to strengthen their school which otherwise they could not have done, such as upgrade technology or offer scholarships or fund new ways of reaching out to their community. Speaking from the perspective of one of those 8 schools who have received funds from this appeal, our school has been both greatly blessed and encouraged by your gifts! Speaking on behalf of all 8 of our Christian Day Schools, I know they say the same! We have been blessed by our Lord through the C.R.O.S.S. Appeal.

We thank you for those gifts and your support! We pray that our gracious Lord has given you joy in your giving to support the Christian Education. And, we are bold to ask that you and the members of your congregation will now follow up on what we as a District said was important to us and support the C.R.O.S.S.



Appeal!

In service to
Christ and His
children,

Christ and His
children,

Pastor David

A recipe from...

Strohschein

Administrator/Principal, Prince of Peace Lutheran School, St. Cloud
Associate Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sauk Rapids

PUMPKIN PIE SQUARES

From the kitchen of: *Betty Goepfert*

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| 1c. Flour | 2 Eggs |
| ½ c. Quaker Cooking Rolled Oats | ¾ c. White Sugar |
| ½ c. Brown Sugar, firmly packed | ½ tsp. Salt |
| ½ stick Margarine | 1 tsp. Cinnamon |
| 2 c. Pumpkin | ½ tsp. Ginger |
| 1 (12oz.) Can Evaporated Milk | ¼ tsp. Cloves |

Combine flour, oats, brown sugar & margarine until crumbly. Pat into ungreased 9X13 inch pan. Bake 15 minutes at 350°. Combine pumpkin, and rest of ingredients and beat well. Pour over baked crust. Bake 20 minutes at 350°.

TOPPING: Combine ½ cup brown sugar, 2 tbsp. butter and 1.2 c. chopped pecans. Sprinkle over partially baked pumpkin filling and bake 20 minutes longer. Cool and serve with Cool Whip.



CRANBERRY SALAD

From the kitchen of: *unknown*

- Grind: 2 cups uncooked Cranberries
1 Red Apple
1 cup Celery
- Add: 1 cup crushed pineapple, drained
1 ½ cups Sugar
½ cup chopped Nuts

Dissolve 1 package Cherry Gelatin in 1 ½ cups boiling water. Let cool until nearly set. Mix in remaining ingredients and pour into a mold and chill until firm.



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.



RECIPES WANTED: *If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please write it down and put it in Sue Raddatz' mailbox or*

email it to suzie_q_79@live.com.



Shepherd of the Lake Lutheran Church

INVITE YOU TO A
**HUNTERS
SUPPER**



BUILD YOUR OWN
STUFFED BAKE
POTATO

With Bars and
Beverages

FRIDAY,
November 6, 2015
4:00 to 7:00 pm

Everyone is
WELCOME!

We Wish to Invite Everyone!



Thanksgiving Dinner

*Thursday,
November 26, 2015
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Or until food is gone!*

*At SHEPHERD OF THE LAKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Garrison, Minnesota*



Minneapolis Institute of the Arts

presents

Martin Luther and the Art of the Reformation

Exhibition Dates: October 30, 2016 - January 15, 2017



*Portrait of Martin Luther, 1528
Luther Memorials Foundation of Saxony-Anhalt*


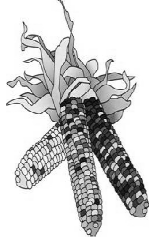





Five hundred years ago, Martin Luther ripped the fabric of European life by standing in open opposition to the most powerful men of his age. “Martin Luther and the Art of the Reformation” examines his life and influence through the lens of artistic creation. Spectacular objects from both Catholic and Protestant contexts will highlight the role of art in the service of spiritual and earthly power. Changes triggered by Luther’s actions prompted debate about the function of art. Art also played a central role in the hard-hitting battle of ideas that revealed the fragility of traditional notions of truth and order. In “Martin Luther and the Art of the Reformation,” this dramatic story plays out in rarely seen masterpieces from the heart of Germany, including extraordinary paintings, monumental sculpture, sumptuous embroideries, and fabulous objects wrought in silver and gold. **Visitors will experience an unparalleled closeup of Luther’s life through a remarkable assembly of his personal possessions, accompanied by recent archaeological finds from his childhood and adult homes. Manuscripts, precious books, and biting satirical broadsides will reveal the era’s turbulent intellectual vitality, a freedom of inquiry that set the stage for our modern world.**

Unprecedented in its scope, “Martin Luther and the Art of the Reformation” features well over 100 objects that have never before traveled to America. Curators at the Minneapolis Institute of Art, the exhibition’s sole venue, are working closely with partners in the German state of Saxon-Anhalt and Berlin to gather, study, and present **this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, made possible due to the closing of the Luther House in Wittenberg in preparation for its Jubilee Year in 2017.** The inventory of the Luther House, the world’s largest Reformation history museum, has never been lent in such a comprehensive manner. The German government has fully endorsed the project, in recognition of its importance, and with the certainty that visitors will come away with a tangible awareness of this pivotal moment in history—a moment when a man took a stand that turned the world upside-down.





November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day 8:30AM-Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hr.	2 9AM-Circuit Pastor's @ Backus 7PM-Board of Elders	3 	4 8AM-Bible Breakfast @ McDonalds 9:30AM-Lightlife	5	6 4 to 7 p.m. Hunter's Supper	7 
8 8:30AM-Ad. Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service 11AM-Fellowship Hr.	9	10 12:30 PM-LWML Board Meeting 1PM-LWML Meeting	11 Veteran's Day 8AM-Bible Breakfast @ McDonalds 9:30AM-Lifelight	12 	13	14
15 8:30AM-Ad. Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hr.	16	17 9AM-Board Meetings 10AM-Church Council	18 8AM-Bible Breakfast @ McDonalds 9:30AM-Lifelight	19 December Newsletter Articles Due	20	21 
22 8:30AM-Ad. Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hr.	23 	24 Printing December Newsletter	25 6PM-Thanksgiving Eve Service w/LS	26 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed 11AM-2PM Thanksgiving Dinner being Served at SOTL	27	28
29 8:30AM-Ad. Bible Study & Sunday School 10AM-Divine Service w/LS 11AM-Fellowship Hr. Decorate for the Christmas Season	30					



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To Those Loved by Christ:



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FALL/WINTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Education Hour: 8:30 a.m.

Sunday Divine Service: 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hour: 11:00 a.m.

