

Looking Ahead
Great events are planned for everyone in the family.
For more information go to: www.shepherdofthelakes.com

#### June 5

Food Pantry Dollar Sunday Summer GLAM Begins

#### June 5

Jesus Calling—Wilderness **Experience** Information Meetings (after each morning service)

#### June 6

Pastor Mary returns from sabbatical

#### June 13

**Council Meeting** 6:30pm

#### June 15

Youth Trip to Noah's Ark 8:00am-8:00pm

#### June 16

10:00-11:30am

### July 3

Food Pantry Dollar Sunday

### July 4

Happy Independence Day! -Church Office Closed-

### July 11

**Council Meeting** 6:30pm

### **July 15**

Youth Camp Registration Deadline

### July 23

Service Trip to City on a Hill 8:00am-6:00pm

# **July 25-29**

5-Day Kids Club 6:30-8:00pm daily

# August 1-5

Spencer Lake Youth Camp Grades 6-12

### August 7

Food Pantry Dollar Sunday

### August 8

**Council Meeting** 6:30pm

# August 28

Church Picnic: Upper Shelter @ South Park 12:00-3:00pm

# **Thoughts from Pastor Dean**

# Living with Rhythm: 'Working from Rest'

In the last newsletter I wrote on the importance of finding a daily rhythm of spending time in the Word to hear the Holy Spirit speak to us, inviting us and challenging us to mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. I want to continue the theme of living with rhythm, this time writing about the weekly rhythm of 'working from rest' instead of 'resting from work'. A few years back I adopted Jesus' rhythm of 'working from rest" and I have experienced a radical transformation in my life as a result.

We live in a culture which depreciates rest. Work comes first then perhaps, if you are lucky, you will find the time to rest and recover. Work and busyness is where we find our identity and sense of value. Henry Blackaby described our culture as having created human 'doings' instead of human 'beings'. The church has bought into this lie. Our culture tells us to 'rest from work'. This model is not the God-given Jesus model of living.

The Apostle Paul writes, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ". Jesus and Paul, both being good Jews, had a Biblical model of life and 'working from rest' was a key concept. It starts in the very beginning when God sets the pattern of time keeping.

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. Genesis 1:5 (ESV)

For Jesus the day began at sunset; evening is the beginning of the new day. Therefore, the Jews started their new day sleeping. Remember they had no electric lights, iPads, texting, Facebook or Netflix keeping them up all night. Jesus' day began with rest, out of which he then spent time in prayer, inhaling His Father, that he might finally go into the world and work. Jesus worked from rest.

The simple discipline of acknowledging that the day begins in the evening for me has been a huge blessing. Practicing the God-given rhythm of 'working from rest' brings me energy and protects me from burnout.

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (ESV). All spiritual wellbeing starts with abiding, resting and remaining in Jesus. Fruit is the naturally supernatural result of resting in Jesus.

# WORSHIP WAYS

# Meet Matt Vassar, Shepherd's New Worship Leader

I grew up in Rhinelander, where I started my adventure in music, jamming with friends in garage bands. My adventure continued in the Fox Valley where I continued playing and started giving guitar lessons. It was after moving to Waupaca, where I gave my life to Jesus Christ my Savior, that music just felt and sounded so different. I suppose it was the scales falling from my eyes and my soul wanting to shout to everyone the Good News; that is when music became this amazing way in which I can truly express the awesomeness of God! Thank you Jesus!

I am married to Danielle and we have 5 great kids: Gabriel, Tristan, Owen, Olivia and Elijah. The whole family shares in my love of music

and most play one or more instruments. I love walking, hiking, biking and of course playing music. Friday nights are usually movie and board game nights with my family (pretty crazy right?).

My heart is all about outreach. I'm really passionate about discipleship and reaching those who are hurting.

If you have the gift of music in your soul, as a vocalist, instrumentalist or tech expert and would like to join the worship team, contact me today to set up an audition!

You can reach me at 715-602-2161 or matt@shepherdofthelakes.com





# Join me, Jerry Tiffany, next summer (2017)

...on a backpacking trip in the Absaroka/
Beartooth mountains. I've done over nine trips in the back-country of Montana and Wyoming in the Beartooth, Wind River, and Bighorn Mountains. The name of this trip is *Jesus Calling --- A Prophetic Wilderness Experience*. We'll be exploring a couple different ways to hear what God is saying to us, what that might mean, and how to make it action for His glory. The trip will take place in the back-country in a primitive camping environment and will be up to nine days in length. This includes two days of travel, two

days of hiking and five days in the back-country. Most of my prior trips have been over 10 days long. The variety of people's backgrounds and experience levels have been taken into consideration for this trip. I encourage anyone who has wanted to devote time listening to Jesus to come to the informational meeting **June 5**<sup>th</sup> following each service. We'll discuss trip dates, itinerary, preparedness planning, cost, equipment and any other questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to the fellowship a trip like this can bring!



# City On A Hill Event Saturday, July 23, 2016

Join us for another one day mission event to City On A Hill! City On A Hill (or "COAH") is a holistic mission center, serving the neighborhoods of inner city Milwaukee. Here are the details for this event:

WHEN: Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>
Leave church: 8:00 am
Return to church: 6:00 pm

WHAT: Serving food at the COAH community picnic, table hosting, and

helping with kids' activities.

WHO: 20 Adults/Youth (students 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)

WATCH FOR SIGN-UPS COMING SOON TO THE CHURCH LOBBY!



Take a look at the crew from the last trip! We always have a great time of fellowship, and experience so much joy knowing our work has made an impact!



Left to Right: Saharra Lane, Jamie Lane, Dakota Lane, Allen Lane, Lisa Stafford, Jodie LeComte, Louise Pieper, Keith LeComte.

# Foundations For Living, Inc.

Laying Foundations Today For A Brighter Tomorrow

# A Call For Volunteers!

Foundations For Living (FFL) is calling for compassionate, warm, friendly, and willing hearts to assist us in the following areas:



- **▼** Community Clothes Closet
- **▼** Furniture Ministry
- **▼** Janitorial Service
- ♥ Garbage Pick-up

In some areas, you would be working with our clients; while in other areas you would be working with other FFL staff. If you have a passion for or some extra time to give in any of these areas, contact Foundations For Living at 715-942-2725 or via e-mail info@foundationsforlivingwaupaca.com. We always need people that will pray. If you are unable to serve in these areas, you don't have to leave your

home to pray for us as we serve others. We need God's wisdom & strength.

Consider being a missionary in your own back yard.

2nd Annual

\$25.00

Per person Before 6/15/16 \$30 After 6/15/16



Waupaca High School Cross Country Field Course

8-9:30am Registration

10:00am Run/Walk (Timed)

11:00am Awards

# Pre-Register Now:

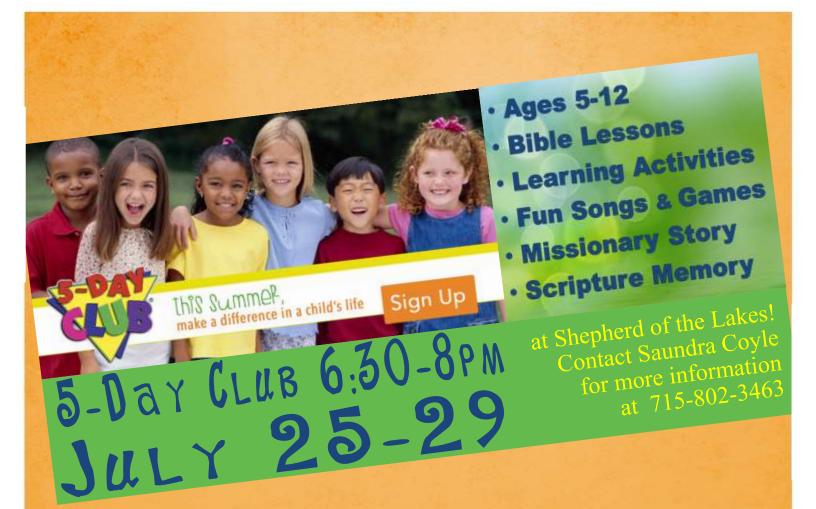
\$25 w / T-shirt, Water & Award

\$30 after 6/15/16 - (T-shirt not guaranteed)
On-line: www.foundationsforlivingwaupaca.com

Call: 715-942-2725

All proceeds benefit Foundations For Living Transitional Housing & Programs

Waupaca High School Cross-Country Field Course at E2325 King Rd.





ALPHA 1 will be back on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6:00PM starting Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. We realize this FEELS like a long way off but fall will be here before you know it! Be intentional this summer about building relationships with pre-believers! Be in prayer for this incredible ministry and ask God to give you names of those to invite and to come along side of in this life-changing, 10-week adventure.



# **EVERYONE IS INVITED!!!**

Church Picnic - Sunday, August 28th from 12-3pm.

It's our 49th Anniversary and you're invited! We're having a picnic! It's a great opportunity to play games, visit with the church body and eat fabulous food! Bring a dish to pass and maybe a lawn chair. We're gonna have fun and fellowship!

Picnic will be held in the Upper Shelter at South Park in Waupaca.

The church picnic is always an extra special time as we invite folks of all ages to be baptized! Whether this is your first time experiencing immersion baptism or you'd like to reaffirm your commitment to Christ, be prepared to be blessed!

Dress appropriately and don't forget a towel!









Every Sunday, we take a few minutes and invite people to financially support the mission of this church. The reason we do it is not to put pressure on people. It's to encourage people to move from spectators to participants *in* the vision. We are SO GRATEFUL for all the things your gifts allow us to do!

As we approach summertime, our kids are getting more and more excited. Why? Because they no longer have to sit in a classroom and learn for several hours a day. Who can blame them? As you'd expect, this also causes some of their learning to go backwards. Here's a fun fact: according to onlinecollege.org,

"On average, students lose about 2.6 months' worth of grade level equivalency in mathematical computation skills during their summer break."

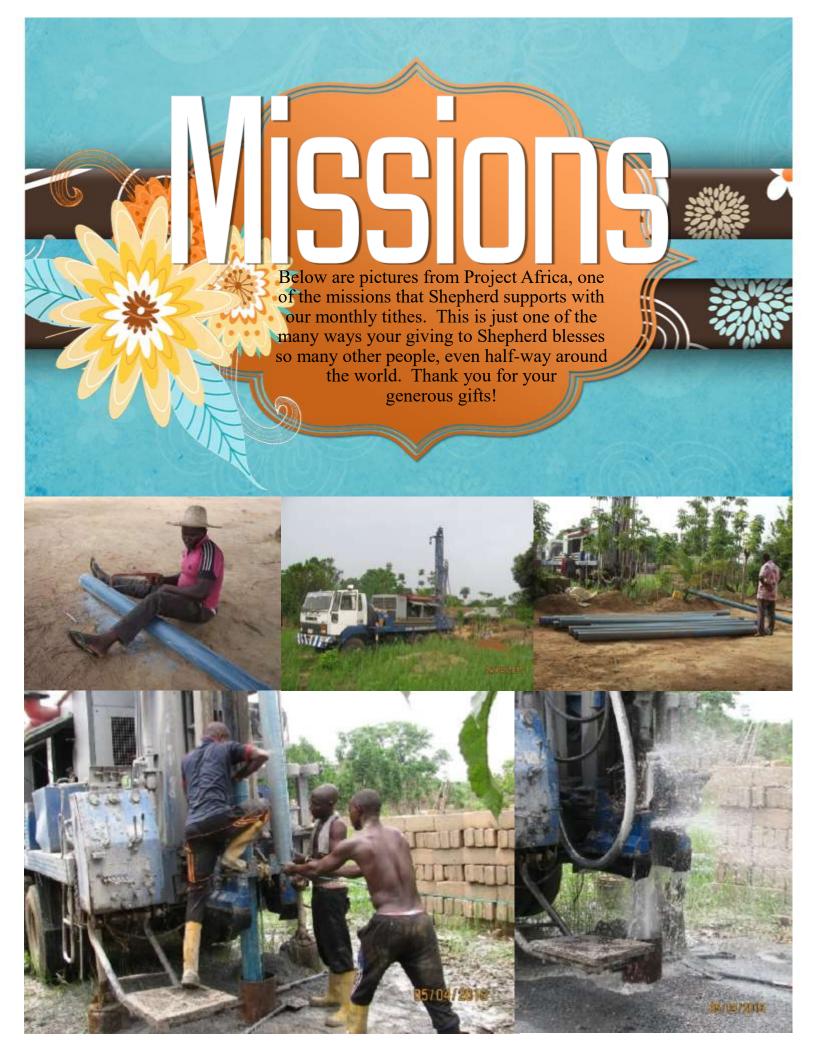
So for all of you parents out there, you should be multiplying fractions with your kids on the way to Grandma's house in July! We're kidding, of course. **But just like kids' math skills go down in the summer, so does church funding**. And it's not because anybody says, "I just don't feel like supporting the mission of the church this summer." It's because people forget. They're out of town. They're on vacation. They're at a soccer or baseball tournament. There's a lot of other stuff going on.

As a church, we have a lot of exciting things we want to accomplish this year. But they also require money and resources. That's why your decision to *continue* giving is such a big deal.

So we want to invite you to give on Sunday. But we also want to invite you to *continue* giving this summer. We will work diligently to be good stewards of your donations. To make it easy on you to continue to support the church even if you can't make it here on a Sunday, we offer electronic giving. Simply go to <a href="https://www.shepherdofthelakes.com">www.shepherdofthelakes.com</a> and click on 'Online Giving', or call the church to get started today!

Thank you so much for your faith in this area, and for supporting Shepherd of the Lakes!







Kids Hope USA has had another successful year! 17 students were reached this year! I am proud of each and every mentor. They have all done a fantastic job of being the hands and feet of Jesus to students in our community!

A couple weeks ago, I talked to the principal at the Waupaca Learning Center. This has been such a successful year in student-mentor matches. One match in particular was expected to be rather difficult as the student has quite a behavior problem. But I have heard nothing but great things from the principal about the student-mentor match and their particular relationship, excelling beyond what could have been hoped for. It is exciting to know Kids Hope mentors are held in high regard by the administration.

Thank you for your continued support of me as the Kids Hope USA Executive Director. I am happy to be able to continue for a second year. While we have only continued to grow this year in the number of students we have reached, there are still many more students who would benefit greatly from having a mentor. During my time spent at the Waupaca Learning Center, I cannot help but think about the benefits these students would experience by being part of the Kids Hope program. For that to happen, we need more mentors to step forward, willing to take on the beautiful challenge of loving our elementary students. Prayerfully consider joining the Kids Hope USA team this summer. Our students need someone in their life willing to be the hands and feet of Jesus.

Your Sister in Christ,

Cassie Rollins



# PROJECT BACKPACK

Our Mission: To stamp out hunger in area schools one student at a time.

# Another record year for Project Backpack is in the books!!!

May 27 was the last delivery by Project Backpack for the 2015-2016 school year, and what a year it was! This year, we delivered 8,140 backpacks to students in four different school districts including Waupaca, Tomorrow River (Amherst), Weyauwega-Fremont and Iola-Scandinavia, along with the Head Start program in Waupaca. Here are just a few numbers to help illustrate what we've bought, labeled, packed and delivered this year:

10,560 boxes of raisins 8,976 packages of Ramen soup

8,788 pudding cups 7,428 sleeves of crackers

7,080 packages of Toaster Tarts 2,024 cans of Vienna sausage

1,872 boxes of macaroni & cheese 1,848 jars of peanut butter

1,784 cans of tuna 1,729 total bins full of backpacks

We had 210 volunteers this year from at least 9 different area churches, including 75 volunteers from Shepherd of the Lakes. Thank you to those of you who have answered the call to serve!

I'd like to extend heartfelt thanks to Jan Clarke, Shopping Coordinator and Maggie Elmer, Packing Coordinator, for their 6 years of faithful leadership. Jan and Maggie have both been with the program since its inception in 2010 and are taking a well-deserved rest from their coordinator duties. Well done, good and faithful servants! Thankfully, both have found strong replacements in Dawn Dounar and Kevin & Julie Brown and we welcome them to the leadership team.

Please join us in praying for the program as we explore adding the Manawa Elementary School to the family in the fall of 2016. Also, continue to pray for provision for the families involved in the program. As much as we love what we do, wouldn't it be amazing if the need was met and the program ceased to exist because there were no more hungry children???

This program is only able to operate and thrive because of the many hours put in by the volunteers and the generous donations from you and others in the communities we serve. To help this program financially, you can make a special donation beyond your regular tithe simply by designating 'Project Backpack' on your offering envelope. If you'd like to volunteer for one of the many areas of need, please contact Paula Thuerman at <a href="mailto:paula@shepherdofthelakes.com">paula@shepherdofthelakes.com</a> or 715-258-8061.

Pr. Mary M. Bope Project Backpack Executive Director



# Summer = A Season of Rest

Here at Shepherd we practice the Biblical principle of Working from Rest. We believe that God has designed us to have a rhythm of work and rest in our lives. We are *not* of the opinion that rest is just a necessity to prevent burn out. Rather, we believe that true fruitfulness *only* comes when we rest in Jesus. So in an effort to be a fruitful, life-giving children's ministry, we take a season of rest in the summer.

While there will be no children's ministry for K-5<sup>th</sup> grade until the fall, we will still provide adult-supervised childcare for children 5 and under.

When you see them, please give the SPLASH leaders a big "Thank You" for their service! They have ministered to our children week in and week out and have done an awesome job!

Marla Snyder (not pictured) – Pre-K Rose Swanson – K-1<sup>st</sup> grade Jodie Schulz – 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade Julie Jape – 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Jen Drivas – 6<sup>th</sup> grade + Kirsten Peterson (helper) – 6th grade +

Thank You, Thank You, Thank you!!!



Children's Ministry Coordinator

Aimee Postel

(Kirsten, Aimee, Jen, Rose, Jodi, Julie)





#### **Affirmation of Faith—**

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Affirmation of Faith! We are so very proud of you for making your public faith declaration a priority in your life!!!

- Kyra Delikowski
- Chloe Heisler
- Davis Levine
- Katlyn Petrovs
- Brock Sanger
- Tristan Schuler– Jones
- Preston Ziebell

# **Scholarship Winners**

Congratulations to Kayla Pennebecker (granddaughter of Ron & Kathy Rusch) who is being awarded the John Barrit Maxson Scholarship of \$1,000 toward a 4 year BA/BS degree. Kayla will be pursuing a degree in Neurobiology/Psychology as a Pre-Med student at UW Madison.

Congratulations to Harry Piotrowski (son of Chris & Sue Piotrowski) who is being awarded the Shepherd of the Lakes Memorial Youth Fund Scholarship of \$1,000 toward a 2 year technical college. Harry will be pursuing a degree in Occupational Safety at Fox Valley Technical College.

A big **THANK YOU** goes out to all of the women who made the tie blankets for our graduating seniors! We appreciate you!

# - HELP WANTED -

We need your help! Each year we have leaders who choose to step down into a season of rest. If you desire to see young people become passionate followers of Jesus and you have a heart to invest in them, talk to William about helping out in our student ministries!

William Postel (715) 281-7480 william@shepherdofthelakes.com

# THANK YOU!!!

...to all of my small group leaders in the Youth ministry! Bill and Marnie Rotta, Chris Piotrowski, Doug Roggenbauer, Cassie Rollins, Jerry Tiffany, Saundra Coyle, Trevor Thorland, and Jill Amos-Polifka.

You have all made this an incredible year!
As I look back through the year, we have made many changes to how the youth ministry is structured, and you all flowed with it, making this a first-class youth ministry!

Thank you for your investment in the students!

Summer is a season of rest for Youth POWER Groups and M&M ministry, but will resume September 14<sup>th</sup>!
Wednesday nights from 6:30—8:00pm

# Senior Blessing

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, we honored 11 High School seniors during our Senior Blessing Milestone. Please pray for all 17 seniors as they transition into a new season of life! We are so proud of each of you!



**Ariel Schoelkopf** (daughter of Wendy Shoelkopf) - FVTC, then 4 year college for Early Education and Photography.



Austin Boelte (son of Stuart & Audra Boelte) - UW Whitewater, major undecided. Joining the ROTC in Whitewater.

**Brenna Oleson** (daughter of Dan & Leslie Oleson) - UW Madison, Nursing.

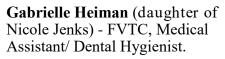


**Carley Brunner** (daughter of Bruce & Tina Brunner) - Employed assisting with the family business, Bruce Brunner Construction.



**Daryn Claussen** (son of Jeff & Tricia Claussen) - UW Madison, Biology.

**Emily Yonke** (daughter of Tammy Yonke) - UW Fox Valley, Radiology





**Harry Piotrowski** (son of Chris & Sue Piotrowski) - FVTC, Occupational Safety.



John Popham III (son of Brad & Sue Popham) - recruited to play baseball at UW Stevens Point. Major undecided.

**Kayla Pennebecker** (granddaughter of Ron & Kathy Rusch) - UW Madison, Neurobiology/Psychology: Pre-Med.

**Kendal Kolpien** (son of Scott Kolpien & Karen Stern) - Milwaukee Area Technical College, Chemical Technician Degree.

**Kendra Stelzner** (daughter of Beth Genske) - Wisconsin Veteran's Home, CNA license. Followed by FVTC, Nursing.



Mitchell Rotta (son of Bill & Marnie Rotta) - FVTC, Welding/Fabrication.



**Preston Ziebell** (son of Al Ziebell & Dawn Sykes) - UW Fox Valley, Accounting.

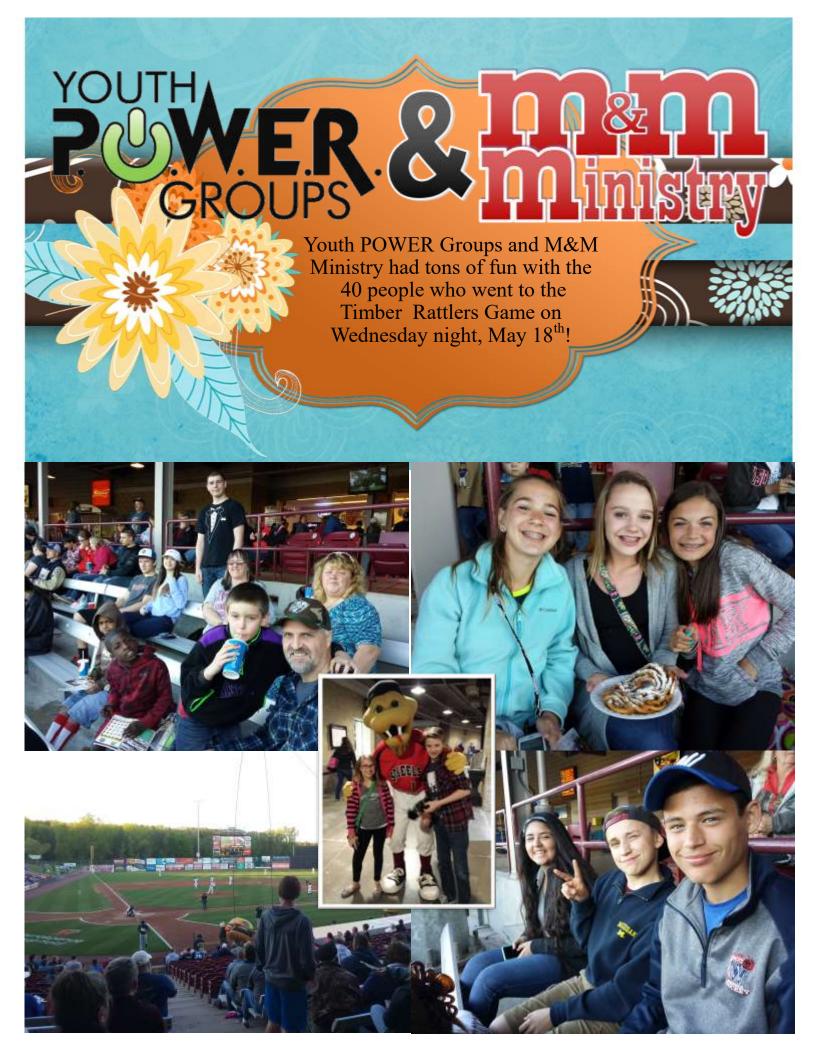


Saharra Lane (daughter of Allen & Jamie Lane) - Coastal Carolina University, Marine Biology/Photography.

**Samantha Sivertson** (daughter of Drena Vetter) - UW Oshkosh, Music Therapy & Social Work.



**Sarah Fields** (daughter of Rose Fields) - UW Oshkosh, Nursing





# Attention Parents of 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Graders:

It is time to start thinking about SUMMER CAMP! We are completely excited about spending an entire week with your child and Jesus!

Please take some time to register your child(ren) ONLINE at: <a href="http://studentmin.com/camp/">http://studentmin.com/camp/</a> Once you are registered, please send me (William Postel) an email notifying me that you have registered for camp. Spencer Lake Youth Camp is an amazing place to encounter Jesus on a whole new level. Please join us for this focused time to build great friendships, and refocus your relationship with Jesus! Here are some things you could expect to enjoy while at camp!

#### **Games and Activities**

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Archery
- Skate Park
- Campfires
- Game room
- Ping Pong
- Speedball
- Bonfires

- Mini-golf
- Pool Tournaments
- Snack bar
- Swimming
- Canoeing
- Paddle Boats
- Water Trampoline
- The Blob
- The Ice Berg

- Kayaking
- Arcade
- Frisbee Golf
- River Tubing
- Team Competitions
- Spiritual Growth Classes
- Chapel
- Worship
- Obstacle Course

# WHO IS THIS FOR? Grades 6-12

Youth who will be entering 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the fall of 2016 (5<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> graders now)

#### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST? Camp Cost \$201

Scholarships Available

Money should NOT be a reason for not being able to attend camp. If you would like more information on scholarships, please contact William Postel.

# WHEN IS CAMP? August 1st – 5th

# REGISTRATION DUE JULY 15th

Please register online, or have your mail registration postmarked by July 15<sup>th</sup> or late fees will apply.

#### **ATTENTION PARENTS:**

If you are interested in being a camp counselor, please contact me (William Postel).

For questions contact:
William Postel
715-281-7480
william@shepherdofthelakes.com

# SHEPHERD OF THE LAKES CORE VALUES



We Are Passiona About Jesus

We intentionally pursue a personal and intimate relationship with God.



We Before Me

We are one church family fed by four streams. We honor a diversity of backgrounds.



We Get Messy

We desire people to be genuine in their relationships with others and Jesus.



We Get Out Of Our Seats

We serve the church and the world for the glory of God.

# Shepherd of the Lakes Staff

Dean H. Wheeler Senior Pastor

Mary M. Bope Pastor

Paula Thuerman Church Administrator

William Postel Youth Ministry Coordinator

Aimee Postel Children's Ministry Coordinator

Matt Vassar Worship Leader

Jess Gibson Office Assistant
Genny Corwin Child Care Supervisor

Julie Handy Custodian

#### Your Church Council

Please feel free to contact any church council member with any question or concern you have.

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