

November 22nd 2015 at 9:30 am

Thanksgiving Celebration and Commitment Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

118 E. Mason, Lena, Il 61048

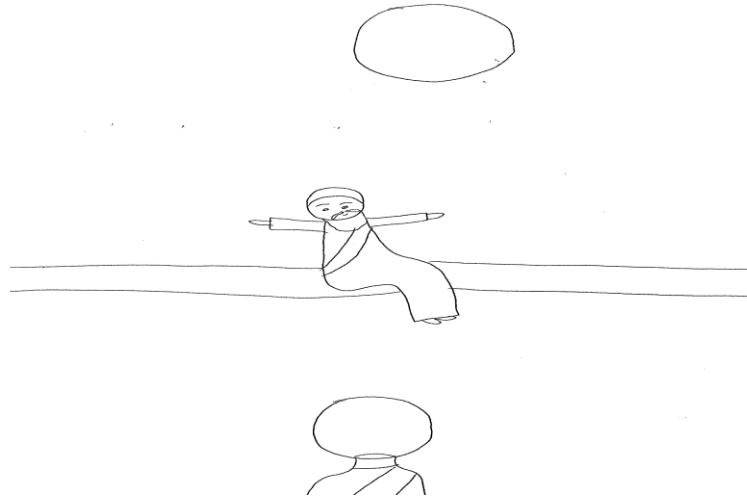
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Art by
Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome
and to know that we are delighted to have you here***

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion.

If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	<u>Custodian:</u>	Taylor Bastian
<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Lector</u>	Janis Kurth
<u>Acolyte:</u>	Taylor Patterson	<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Dennis Luke
<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sue Diddens	<u>Communion Usher</u>	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
<u>Welcome Visitor:</u>	Bob Schlachter	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Clair and Helen Cross
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Taylor Bastian, Shirley Fox		
<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Coltin Coonts, Jerimy and Cara Schriner		
<u>Sound System:</u>	Troy Doubler, Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Jerimy and Cara Schriner, Robert and Sharon Schlachter, Lee Wenzel		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Sue Kraft, Lee Wenzel, Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon		

- ORDER OF WORSHIP -

ELW SETTING 3

PRELUDE (A time for prayer and reflection)

"We Gather Together"

Chime Choir

Announcements & Community Concerns

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (Please stand)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the H Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. *Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most merciful God, C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of H Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN:

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW#689

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
 neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
 guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
 fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
 with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
 joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
 hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE *Please stand as you are able.* (Assisting Minister: regular print, **C: bold print**)



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



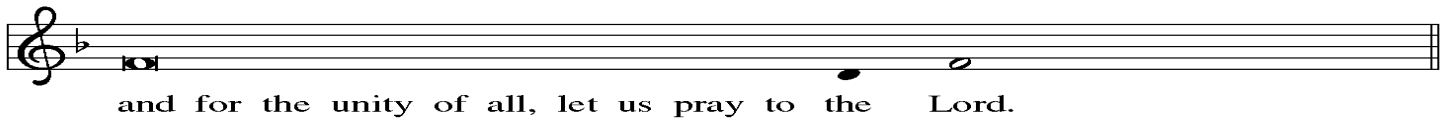
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



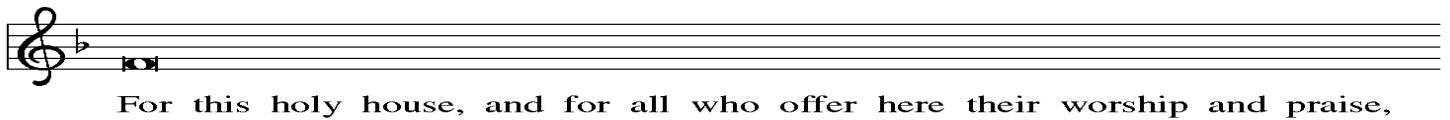
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



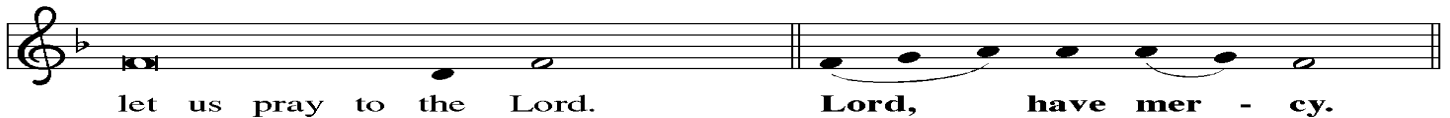
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.




Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,




let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

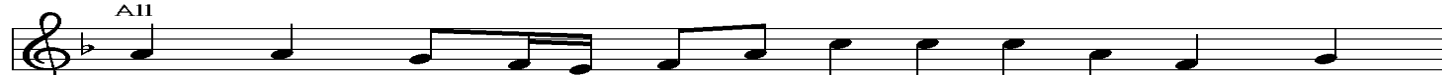
CANTICLE of PRAISE

Assisting minister




Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


All




Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



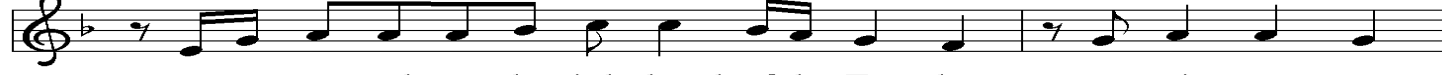
we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.




Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,




you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



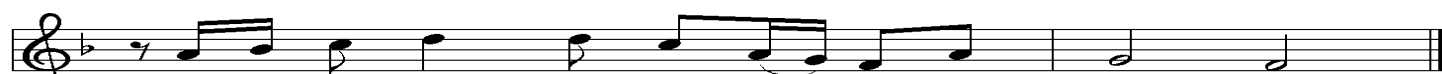
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray C: **Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Joel 2:21-27

²¹Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! ²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. ²³O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. ²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. ²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and

praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 100 (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#100**

¹Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!

²**Serve the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with a song.**

³Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong; we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

⁴**Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the courts with praise; give thanks and bless God's holy name.**

⁵Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

L: The 2nd READING is from Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L: The word of the Lord! C: **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Acclamation *Stand*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to Luke 12:22-34 C: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

²²He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you — you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

P: The gospel of the Lord! C: **Praise to you, O Christ!** *Please be seated*

SERMON

Pastor Miranda Klosterboer

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Praise You, O God

ELW#870

1 We praise you, O God, our re - deem - er, cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and mo - thers;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us;
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To you, our great re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition: WA: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth. *brief silence.*

WA: For all who seek you, gracious God, we give thanks for your goodness and their openness to the Spirit. Surround them with a community of love and guidance. Nourish them with your holy word. Lord, in your mercy, C: Your mercy is great.

WA: For nations with little and nations with plenty, gracious God, we seek your mercy. When we have an abundance of food, help us to share. When we are hungry, empower us to ask for food. Lord, in your mercy, C: Your mercy is great.

WA: For children with empty stomachs and grandparents with empty cupboards, eternal God, we seek your mercy. Stir up your Spirit and move your church to act for justice and peace. Give us our daily bread. Lord, in your mercy, Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

WA: Loving Healer, you care for all people. Stir us to care for all your children. Be with all who experience unemployment, homelessness, abuse, or who suffer in body, mind, or spirit especially

Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Janine Furnish. Strengthen and encourage *Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer*. Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

WA: We remember with gratitude family and friends who died this year and will not share our Thanksgiving meal, loving God. May their lives teach us how to share your love until we join them at your heavenly feast. Lord, in your mercy, **C: Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING

“Praise The Lord”

Choir Anthem

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord’s service and dedicate our lives to God’s work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.

OFFERATORY/COMMITMENT HYMN We Give Thee but Thine Own (Verses 1&2) ELW#686

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

OFFERING PRAYER (*congregation stands*)

A: Let Us Pray. **C: God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God

ELW#154

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

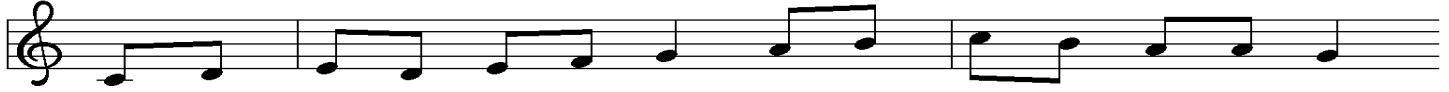
COMMUNION SONG

Thine the Amen

ELW#826



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray, O God, our life, our strength, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of your name,... through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG

Let All Things Now Living

ELW#881

1 Let all things now living
 a song of thanksgiving
 to God the creator triumphantly raise,
 who fashioned and made us,
 protected and stayed us,
 who still guides us on to the end of our days.
 God's banners are o'er us,
 God's light goes before us,
 a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
 till shadows have vanished
 and darkness is banished,
 as forward we travel from light into light.

2 God rules all the forces:
 the stars in their courses
 and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
 the hills and the mountains,
 the rivers and fountains,
 the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
 We too should be voicing
 our love and rejoicing;
 with glad adoration a song let us raise
 till all things now living
 unite in thanksgiving:
 "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

DISMISSAL (from back)

A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! C: Thanks be to God

POSTLUDE

Karen Niemeier

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

November 22nd thru November 29th 2015

Today	Thanksgiving Celebration and Commitment Sunday	
	Worship Service with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
Thursday	Thanksgiving Day " <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i> "	
Next Sunday	First Sunday in Advent Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	Sunday School	10:45 am
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Choir Practice	5:00 pm

Worship Attendance November 15th was 53

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for, *Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Janine Furnish and homebound members Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.*

**FIRST, WE GIVE OF OURSELVES:
Giving in Gratitude
CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT SUNDAY**



Today is one of joy and gratitude at Good Shepherd! We give thanks for the mission that God has given us and the gifts to use in this important work we have in sharing God's love in Jesus Christ.

We also celebrate our joy and gratitude for the opportunity to share and grow our gifts for ministry whether they be those of time, abilities, or financial resources. During worship today, we have the opportunity to give in gratitude as we indicate how we plan to share our gifts for ministry this coming year. In the sharing of gifts, we are giving in gratitude by giving ourselves first to the Lord.

This morning, we will receive our commitments of time, abilities, and financial resources during worship. Please place your completed Commitment Card and Time and Abilities Form forward in the offering plate during the time of offering. Our "giving in gratitude" is an act of worship and also a practice of our deepening sense of discipleship and faith.

Thank you God, for your abundant blessings in our lives, especially your Son, Jesus Christ. Open our hearts in gratitude and delight as we receive your gifts and use them for ministry in our congregation, family, and community. In the name of Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

Volunteers Needed

For All positions at the 5:00pm and 7:30pm Christmas Eve Services - If you can assist please call the church office at 815-369-5552 or email at gslchurch@aeroinc.net or GoodShepherdLena@outlook.com

December 6th: Sunday School December Service Day:

Sing Christmas Program songs/ Caroling at Lena Living Center Delivering Ornaments to residents

Lena Area Church Cooperative Thanksgiving Baskets

Today is the last day for monetary donations to the Thanksgiving Baskets. The cooperative committee members will be delivering the baskets on Monday. Thank You to everyone who donated and what a blessing it is to be able to help others in need.

The Angel tree will be put up in the fellowship hall starting tomorrow. November 23rd. Each angel represents a child from a family in need this holiday season and contains their wish list for Christmas. If you like to sponsor a child, please take an angel (top card), fill out the information card attached (leave that here), and return you gift(s) to the church by December 13th with the top angel attached to it. Please make sure that if you have multiple packages, that they are all marked or tied together.

Happy Thanksgiving
Mary Lloyd.

MONROE CLINIC HOSPICE

You are invited to join us on Thursday, December 3rd, at 6:30pm for the Monroe Clinic Hospice Celebration of Lights Service at the United Methodist Church 2227 Fourth Street, Monroe, WI. There are several ways to honor a person living or/and remember your loved ones. Ornaments can be purchased for you loved one either living or in memory. Their names will be read aloud and they will be recognized at the service. Ornaments can be reserved October 16th through December 1st. For those unable to attend the service, ornaments will be available for pick up at St. Camillus/Hospice office through January 9th. Order forms are available: St. Camillus Center, 2016 6th St. Monroe, Monroe Hospital and Clinic information desks: Prairie Stone Gift Shop; and by calling the hospice office at 608-324-1230 or 800-367-8406. Please join us for an evening of honoring, remembering and finding strength for the days to come.

Christmas Caroling, December 13th

Meet at the church at 2:00 pm, dress warmly, to bring the Joyful sounds of the Christmas Season to others in our community. After Caroling, enjoy a hot bowl of soup back at Good Shepherd. Bring finger foods to share.

JH and HS Christmas Party

7th-12th graders, come join in the Fun and Connection on Wednesday night December 16th at 6:30pm! Prayer, Games, Food! **Feel free to invite friends!** Who will you invite?

· **Christmas Party and White Elephant Gift Exchange:** 6:30 pm December 16th.

Bring a snack to share and a small wrapped gift (something you have that you don't want anymore...
or something less than \$2) · No Confirmation on 12/23 & 12/30

LENA LIVING CENTER DECEMBER BIRTHDAY PARTY

is Thursday, December 17, 2015 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm, hosted by Faith and Hannah Circles. We will sing Christmas songs, provide birthday gifts, bring treats and wish Happy Birthday to some very special people. Please join us for fun and fellowship in sharing Christ's love.

Circle members are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies to share with the residents. Contact Rene' Johnson (815)369-2818 if you have any questions, need a ride, or to have your cookie donation picked-up. We will meet at 1:45 pm at the LLC dining room to set-up for the party.

Christmas Program at Good Shepherd Sunday December 20th 2014 at 9:30am

Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth! We will hear the life-changing story of Jesus' birth, of God coming to earth. The children will lead us in song and actions. There will be special music from our children and youth. We will have congregational hymns, and we will hear and see the story unfold.

Join us for Christmas Eve Worship Services

Join us on Wednesday December 24th at Good Shepherd as we celebrate Christmas Eve Candlelight worship with Holy Communion at 5:00 pm and 7:30 pm. Christmas Eve worship will include special music, choir anthems, the singing of beloved Christmas hymns, children's message, brass choir, and Pastor Miranda Klosterboer will share the evening message.

Poinsettias:

Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order a poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Please write your information requested on a flower envelope found in the pew holders, and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at the church office by December 6th (Cost \$10.00).

Consider Alternative Giving this Christmas: Celebrate Giving with ELCA GOOD GIFTS

Make a difference in the world as you give gifts to loved ones this Christmas. In lieu of traditional gifts, consider supporting meaningful projects of the ELCA in honor of friends and loved ones through **ELCA Good Gifts, ELCA Disaster Relief, or God's Global Barnyard.** Honor friends and loved ones with gifts that grow the church, fight hunger, and transform lives. You can buy a chicken that will provide eggs and income, you can support a missionary, support a church plant, buy a well or a portion of a well, and so much more. Consider creating a new family tradition! Maybe you can decide to go in together and choose together what would be meaningful to do. **Check out the ELCA Good Gift catalog outside the fellowship hall for more ideas!**

GOD'S GLOBAL BARNYARD

An animal can make a world of difference for a family in need. Animals provide food to eat, fertilizer to grow crops and offspring to sell on the market. With one gift, you can help a family escape the cycle of hunger and poverty for good.



\$500

Cow

A cow's milk, meat, fertilizer and calves can quickly strengthen a family's financial security.



\$20

Honey Bees

Bees pollinate plants and boost crop growth – helping the wider community. Soaps and candles can be made from their wax and sold at the local market.



\$50

Goat

Fresh milk from a goat is very nutritious and can be used to make products like yogurt and cheese to sell at the market.



\$1000

Oxen and plow

A pair of oxen will help create record-breaking harvests, provide natural fertilizer for the fields and give families the gift of time.



\$250

Fish

A fish farm and training in good business economics can provide a lifetime of meals for a community.



\$125

Sheep

A sheep's wool can be sold at the local market for extra income or be made into hats, sweaters, coats and blankets to keep family members dry.



\$30

Pig

Within months after birth, piglets grow to weigh over 200 pounds – bringing a big payoff at the market.



\$10

Chicks

Chicks begin laying eggs at just a few months old, offering nutritious, protein rich meals for families who are hungry.

Give through your congregation, by visiting www.ELCA.org/goodgifts

or by sending a check to ELCA Good Gifts, P.O. Box 71764, Chicago, IL. 60694-1764. Please indicate your gift in the memo line of your check.