

# The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

April 2016

## RESUSCIATATION vs RESURRECTION

Last week ten members of Good Shepherd gathered to learn how to help save a life. They were trained on an AED and given CPR instructions.

An automated external defibrillator (AED) is a portable electronic device that automatically diagnoses the life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias of ventricular fibrillation and ventricular tachycardia in a patient, and is able to treat them through defibrillation, the application of electrical therapy which stops the arrhythmia, allowing the heart to reestablish an effective rhythm. (Wow! That's a mouthful!)

With simple audio and visual commands, AEDs are designed to be simple to use for the layperson.

Saving a life and bringing a dead person back to life are two different matters. The first may be done with an AED or CPR. But only God can *create* life again through Resurrection. Layperson (as it says above) can *revive*, but only God intervenes to bring about *new life*.

The writer in the Book of Revelation quotes the Spirit as saying, "Behold, I make all things new!" It is that newness of life, now and in the future, that we celebrating on Easter. We do not say that Christ was resuscitated. We say that God raised him from the dead. That's Resurrection.

That's why we confidently and boldly sing: "Jesus Christ is risen today. Alleluia!"

Hope to see you here celebrating with the assembly of the faithful.

Pastor Stees

## CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Call Committee has met twice since it was formed. Members are: Denny Luke (chairperson); Jean Engel, Sue Diddens, Austin Andrews, Kristy Patterson and Virgil Gordon. At their first meeting they went over their responsibilities and a time table of the Call Process. Their assignment for the second meeting was to look over a previous 11 page document known as a Ministry Site Profile and bring suggestions for changes and updates. That was accomplished at the second meeting and now that document with all the information about Good Shepherd and our goals and needs has been sent to the Northern Illinois Synod and the ELCA. We will soon be meeting with the Assistant to the Bishop for our area, Pastor Denver Bitner who will bring us up-to-date on the process.

### **Prayer Chain: If you have a request for the Prayer Chain:**

Please call the Church Office at 815-369-5552. We lift up the following loved ones in assisted-living facilities/ nursing homes, homebound, etc. in prayer: Dorothy Weimer, Gladys Staderman, Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Dorothy Wagner, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Gerry Harnish and Ray Stamm. They would love to hear from you, consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note Please call the church office if you are in need of an address.



### ***Looking... For Special Music for Summer Worship***

***If you or someone you know would like to  
share your talent, please call  
Vivian Hesselbacher at (815-369-4496) or  
Good Shepherd at (815-369-5552)***

## **April Meetings at Good Shepherd**

**PIECE CORPS QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 11:30 am.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** will meet Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:00pm.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall at Good Shepherd. This is a potluck meeting, so there is no hostess. Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader.

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker Jennifer Reusch, Pharmacist from FHN topic "Parkinson's Medication Side Effects & How to Manage Them."

**HYMN SING** at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck & Entertainment from "Bobby Edler" at 12:00pm.

**YOUTH SUNDAY** April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** for the May 2016 Newsletter is April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Thank You!



- 4/1 Troy Doubler
- 4/2 Wieland Kayser
- 4/3 Joshua Andrews
- 4/5 Delbert Scheider
- 4/5 James Swain
- 4/5 Cadie Wolfrom
- 4/6 Kurt Baldauf
- 4/7 Darren Aurand
- 4/7 Brody Diffenderfer
- 4/8 Betty Raders
- 4/8 Ruth Jacobs
- 4/8 Donna Christen
- 4/8 Lucas Fye
- 4/9 Erick Kurth
- 4/15 Kathy Graff
- 4/16 Ian Geiseman
- 4/17 Betty Koehn
- 4/21 Braden Diddens
- 4/22 Danielle Balbach
- 4/28 Helen Cross
- 4/30 Jacob Andrews
- 4/30 Gage Hancock

If we miss your birthday (or someone in your family) please call the office to update our records!



## The twenty-ninth annual Northern Illinois Synod Assembly

The Assembly will be held Thursday, June 16 through Saturday, June 18 at Augustana College, Rock Island, IL. The current tentative agenda has registration beginning at 11:30 a.m., with the Opening of the Assembly scheduled for 2:00 p.m. in Centennial Hall. The Assembly is scheduled to end, as usual, on the afternoon of Saturday, June 18. Secondly, because the Synod has not had a Bishop election without an incumbent for nearly 18 years, congregations will be contacted in mid-February with a request for the names and contact information for elected Lay Voting Members, in order that they may receive important Election Information prior to actual Registration for the Synod Assembly.

Voting members should be equally divided between male and female according to Constitutional Provision +S7.21.c. ...*normally one of whom shall be male and one of whom shall be female...* Also, please keep in mind when selecting your voting members the Synod Constitutional Bylaw S7.21.A87. (Chapter 7, Synod Assembly: *It is the intention of this Synod that normally there shall be no more than one voting member of the Synod Assembly from a single household.*) In addition, each congregation may register one additional voting member as a youth (Synod Constitutional Bylaw S7.21.A11... *a voting member who has not reached the age of 18 at the time of election or appointment for service*) **OR** one young adult (Synod Constitutional Bylaw S7.21.A11... *a voting member between the ages of 18 and 30 at the time of election or appointment for service*).

We also would encourage your congregation to elect one or two alternates to attend as visitors this year with the possibility of their attending as voting members at next year's Assembly. Although this procedure would be more costly to your congregation, your congregation will benefit by future voting members observing the Assembly operation one year and, thus, being better prepared to represent your congregation the following year at Assembly. (**Note:** VISITORS are welcome to attend the Assembly and are requested to send in a registration .

**GOOD SHEPHERD CONGREGATION is allowed TWO (2) Voting Members, plus one (1) additional Youth OR Young Adult.**



Exciting Updates and Info  
for our children and youth!



Sunday School:

Fun, learning, and worship for Preschool-6th Grades! The Preschoolers and Kindergarteners gather for their small group Sunday School time during worship following the Children's Message. Following worship all children gather in the Sanctuary for Opening at 10:45am, and the children in 1st-6th grades will gather with their teachers following the opening. **1st-6th Graders are using a fun new curriculum called Holy Moly that helps kids ignite a biblical imagination for a lifetime!**



Confirmation Ministry

for 7th -8th Graders

6:30-8:00 PM Wednesday nights

Learning, Prayer, Fun, and Friendship! This year we are studying the Bible using Echo the Story, where youth experience the biblical narrative through storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue.





**MONDAY, APRIL 4TH at 6:30PM,**

there will be an organizational meeting for **VBS 2016** at Good Shepherd. **ALL** interested adults from Good Shepherd and Lena United Methodist Church are invited to learn about plans for VBS which will be held from **Sunday, July 17th through Thursday, July 21st**. Any assistance you can provide will be so very appreciated. Thank you for your continued support in sharing God's never ending Love with our Children.

??? call Marybeth Brinker



Sunday, April 24th, our Children and Youth of Good Shepherd will be assuming many roles in Worship. It is our Annual Youth Sunday! Come and support our younger Good Shepherd Family as they gain a better understanding of Lutheran Worship and a bigger understanding of God's Love!



## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

can be picked up at the church office starting

**April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Applications must be filled out and returned by

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

### **After School Program:**

For 4th-8th Graders at The Hangout in downtown Lena Wednesdays 3:30-5:00pm. Games, Fun, Christian message, homework help, fun worship songs, food, cool challenges, and friends!

### **God's Global Barnyard**

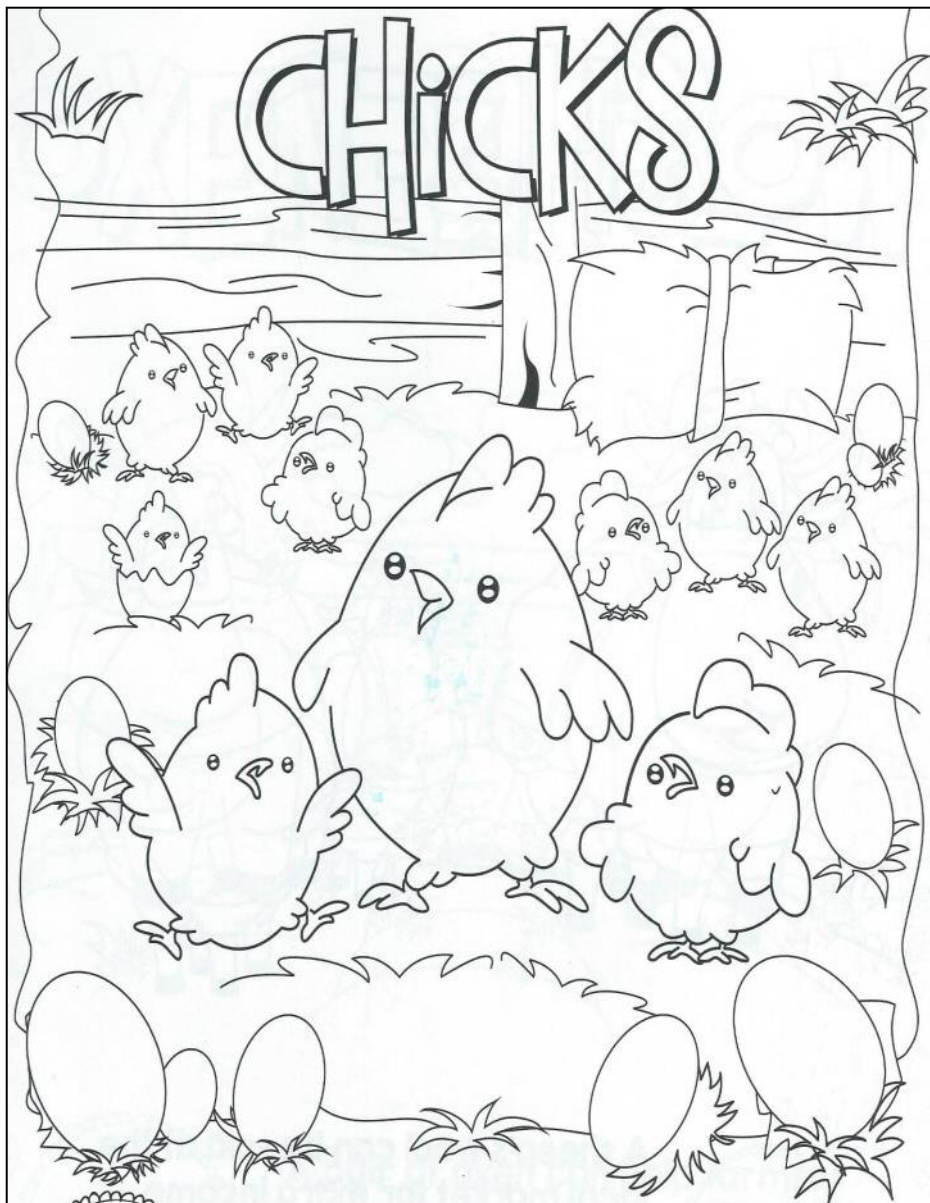


Sunday School offerings this fall will go towards ELCA's God's Global Barnyard. All of the animals in God's Global Barnyard help families who are poor and hungry throughout the world. Sunday School children are also gathering coins and bills in their "barns" throughout the week. If you want to join in the fun with your own barn or ELCA World Hunger coin bank, contact the church office at 815-369-5552. God's Global Barnyard is a part of ELCA World Hunger.



# From God's Global Barnyard

# CHICKS



\$10

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

# LOMC Camp, Oregon II 2016 Camp Schedule

	Grades 1-2	Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8	Grades 9-12
<b>Week 1:</b> June 12-17				
<b>Week 2:</b> June 19-24				Theka (grades 10-12) week 1
<b>Week 3:</b> June 26-July 1		Mystery Camp Sports LOMC creates	Rock Starz Sports LOMC creates	Theka week 2 LOMC creates
<b>Week 4:</b> July 3-8	Exploring camp (T-F)	Experiencing Camp (T-F)		Voyageur(10 day) Begins Tuesday
<b>Week 5:</b> July 10-15		Super Heroes Week		Voyageur ends on Friday Theka week 1
	Family Camp			
<b>Week 6:</b> July 17-22	Exploring (Su-W)	Trail Riders Ecological Advent- ures	Rock Starz Mission Impossible Trail Riders	Spy Camp Swing Choir Camp Theka week 2
<b>Week 7:</b> July 24-29	Hogwarts Illinois Week		Hogwarts Illinois	Swing Choir Tour
<b>Week 8:</b> July 31-August 5	Exploring (Su-W)	Classic 1	Classic 2 Survivor	Classic 3
<b>Week 9:</b> August 7-12				

## Why LOMC?

- ◆ 640 Acres of the great outdoors

Experiencing the pond, prairie and forest that is home to deer and other wildlife.

- ◆ Our Staff

We are committed to providing quality facilities, service and programming. We employ good role models that have a strong faith and are enthusiastic about God's ministry at LOMC.

- ◆ We are members in the Christian Camp and Conference Association.



I'm not a kid, but I want to come to camp too! What can I do?

Volunteer! Volunteer nurses, general helpers and camp grandparents are needed throughout the summer.

Contact Kelley for the details

815-732-2220 or Kelley@LOMC.org



Joyce Tessendorf, Ellen Kyles, Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht and Shirley Fox for helping with the March Newsletter.



### **NEEDED MATERIAL**

Piece Corp is in need of material for quilting any kind, any size.

### **Need of a ride to church on Sunday?**



#### **Call:**

Troy Doubler	369-5117
Donna Gullickson	369-4708
Jean Wenzel	369-2777
Leland Wenzel	369-4337

We love worshipping with you, and we want to help make sure you can get here to join us! If you are interested in being added to this list of available drivers, please contact the church office at 369-5552

### **New Babies**

If there is a birth within the Good Shepherd church family, please call the church office at 815-369-5552 with all family information. We want to share in the celebration by placing a rose on the altar and announcing it in the bulletin.

# Graduate Recognition

Will be held during the Sunday Worship Service in May at 9:30am. Be sure to send in your graduate information sheet to the office so we can include you in the program. Please let (Darlene), the church secretary, know by May 8th if you or a family member is graduating. Please turn in your Graduate Information Form by May 11th as well. Thank you! And Congratulations!

## Graduate Information Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

What high school, college, or tech school are you graduating from:

What activities/groups have you been involved in?

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Have you received any awards, recognitions, etc.? If so what are they?

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Are you planning to continue your education? If so, where?

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What are your interests?

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What are your plans for the future?

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### **Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews**

Incoming February 2016	\$7,662.11
Expenses February 2016	\$ 9,615.63
Net Income (Loss)	\$(1,953.52)
Income, Year to Date 2016	\$19,338.71
Expenses, Year to Date 2016	\$17,691.36
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,647.35

### **Council Members for 2016**

Wayne Kurth—President

Coralyn Hudik—Vice President

Secretary/Youth Representative—Colton Brinker

Council Members: Shirley Fox, Karen Niemeier, Tim Gordon, Jon Hudik, Troy Keene, Troy Doubler, Eugene Hesselbacher.

### **Highlights from March Council Meeting:**

- Call Committee Jean Engel, Sue Diddens, Kristy Patterson, Austin Andrews, Virgil Gordon, Denny Luke met and were given a timeline for the call committee process.
- Chris Brinker submitted 3 bids to council for new windows in the Sunday School wing from Window World, Bonebright Construction and Just Right Construction; Tony Jordan. Troy Doubler made the motion to accept Tony Jordan's bid of \$15,900 and Gene Hesselbacher 2nd it. Motion carried.
- On February 23rd, high winds caused damage to the roof on the Sunday School wing. The insurance company was called and the Adjuster said that we have a partial claim for approximately \$11,000 in damage. Chris Brinker and Wayne Kurth will collect the bids.
- Wayne Kurth added outside railings to the memorial list for approximately \$750.00.
- Endowment Committee: 2nd reading was read by Karen Niemeier; Wayne Kurth made a motion to approve and Shirley Fox 2nd it, approving the new endowment policy. Motion carried this date March 8, 2016

**Hannah Circle** will meet on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 9:00 am at church in Fellowship Hall. This is a potluck meeting, so there is no hostess. Rene' Johnson is the Bible Study leader. We conclude our 4-part Bible study "Christian Citizenship 101 -- Paul's letter to the Philippians" written by Phyllis Kersten and E. Louise Williams.



We will also make preparations for our annual Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm.

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**Please mark your calendar!**

Mother/Daughter Sister/Friend Potluck Supper is  
Tuesday, May 3, 2016 starting at 6:00 pm.

We will play Bingo, and there will be prizes.

**Friendship Club at Good Shepherd**

There is an outreach program sponsored by Good Shepherd that has been serving seniors in the Lena community for over 30 years. It is the FRIENDSHIP CLUB!

COME- visit with friends, eat delicious food, and enjoy great programs planned by Fern Harnish. It is a potluck meal but you can just come. It is held the second Thursday of each month at noon.

The April meeting is April 14<sup>th</sup> with entertainment by Bobby Edler.

Hope to see many of you from Good Shepherd on April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you need a ride, call Karen Niemeier at (815) 369-2366.

## April Worship Volunteers

### April 3

Lector	Taylor Bastian
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Sue Diddens
Communion Ushers	Mike and Kelly Geiseman
Communion Assistant	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Welcome Visitor	Bob Schlachter
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Braden Diddens
Greeters	Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker, Neal and Cyndy Shumaker
Ushers	Clair and Helen Cross, Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Elevator Operator	Donna Gullickson

### April 10

Lector	Sheila Keene
Acolyte	Taylor Patterson
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Sondra Winters
Communion Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel
Communion Assistant	Beth Martin, Shirley Fox
Welcome Visitor	Sharon Schlachter
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel, Bob and Sharon Schlachter
Elevator Operator	Donna Gullickson

### April 17

Lector	Sue Diddens
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Colton Brinker
Worship Assistant	Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel
Communion Assistant	Jay and Michelle Andrews
Welcome Visitor	Donna Gullickson
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Austin Andrews
Greeters	Jerry and Beth Martin, Willie Kayser
Ushers	Bill and Jean Engel, Paul and Shirley Fox
Elevator Operator	Jean Engel

### April 24 -Youth Sunday

Lector	Youth
Acolyte	Youth
Assisting Minister	Youth
Worship Assistant	Youth
Communion Ushers	Youth
Communion Assistant	Youth
Welcome Visitor	Youth
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Youth
Ushers	Youth
Elevator Operator	Youth

Please mark your calendars for the dates that you have been assigned, if you cannot serve on the day that you have been assigned please switch with someone and call the church office with the change by Wednesday AM of the week that you have been assigned. If you cannot switch with anyone please call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made.  
Office Hours-Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9:00am-2:00pm  
Telephone: 815-369-5552

**April 2016**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;">                     Communion Set-up/Clean up Troy and Cindy Doubler                 </div>					1	2
<b>3 9:30 am Worship Service</b> 10:30 am Fellowship <b>10:45 am Sunday School</b> 11:00 Choir Practice 5:00 Chime Practice	<b>4 6:30 pm Vacation Bible School</b> all interested adults organization meeting with United Methodist Church	5	<b>6 8:00-11:30 am</b> Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00 Confirmation	<b>7 9:00 am</b> Hannah Circle Meeting/Potluck at Good Shepherd	8	9
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<b>24 9:30 am Worship Service/ Youth Sunday</b> 10:30 am Fellowship <b>10:45 am Sunday School</b> 11:00 Choir Practice 5:00 Chime Practice	25	26	<b>27 8:00-11:30 am</b> Piece Corps Quilters 3:30-5:00pm After School Program for 4th-8th graders at the Hangout 6:30-8:00 Confirmation	28	29	<b>30 4:30 pm</b> Men's Group Meeting



## **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

Sunday Worship Service 9:30 am

*Pre-K & K Sunday School after Children's Message*

Fellowship Hour 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

**CHURCH OFFICE** 815-369-5552

Interim Pastor Pastor Art Stees

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

## **Month's Highlights!**

April 7 Hannah Circle at Good Shepherd 9:00am

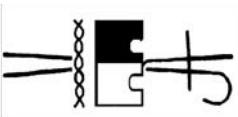
April 11 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

April 12 Hymn Sing at LLC 9:45am

April 14 Friendship Club 12:00pm

April 17 Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center 2:00pm

April 24 Youth Sunday



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*The Good Shepherd cares for us.  
He gives His Life for us and to us.  
We give and use our lives in love,  
care and service of one another.*

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