

## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

### July 2016

#### AN OUTSTANDING SUMMER HIGHLIGHT!

You won't want to miss Joseph when he comes to town! Joseph? Yes, "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." This is the summer musical that is being presented at Highland Community College. It will be presented July 7, 8, 9, 14, 15, 16 at 7:30 and 2:00 pm on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Good Shepherd's Confirmation class are being treated to the performance on Saturday, July 9. Their tickets have been provided. We imagine many family members will want to attend this outstanding production.

I first saw "Joseph" some years ago at the Chicago Theater with Donnie Osmond. Later I caught it again at the Fireside Theater in Ft. Atkinson. It's always a treat! Here's a little more about it and how to get tickets. These summer shows at Highland have frequently sold out!

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is a musical with lyrics by Tim Rice and music by Andrew Lloyd Webber. The story is based on the Joseph in the Bible's Book of Genesis and his coat of many colors given to him by his father, Jacob. The musical was first composed for a school performance and landed on Broadway in 1982.

Highland's production features a cast, crew, and orchestra of more than 100 students and community members. It is a truly amazing cast. The musical will have you dancing in your seat with "Go, Go, Go Joseph" and "Benjamin Calypso," singing along with "Any Dream Will Do" and move you to tears with the emotional "Close Every Door to Me." There will be spectacular dancing, elaborate scenery and stunning costumes.

"Joseph inspires us to embrace who we are, to follow our dreams and overcome adversity with forgiveness and hope," said director and HCC theatre instructor, Laura Early.

HCC student, Chandler Lindsay, stars in the title role as Joseph. Allen Redford is musical director; Sarah Long is choreographer; David Vrtol is set designer; Linda Adams Foat of Camelot Costumes is costume designer; Highland student, Alex Jansen, is lighting designer; and Mark Jansen is stage manager.

Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$12 for seniors; and \$8 for students. There is a \$2 service charge per ticket. Tickets are sold at the HCC Box Office from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Ferguson Fine Arts Center. Reservations made be made online at [highland.edu/box](http://highland.edu/box) office, or by calling 815.599.3718.

Pastor Stees

**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, 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.

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

**Call:**



Troy Doubler	369-5117
Donna Gullickson	369-4708
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

## July Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will not meet in July and August

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet July 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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

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

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet Thursday July 14<sup>th</sup> for a Potluck & Entertainment from “Richard Duncan” at 12:00pm.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH LOCK-IN.** July 15<sup>th</sup> to 8:30pm to July 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00am.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** at Lean United Methodist Church July 18<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30pm to 8:00pm. Family Night Thursday at UM, Swimming at Splash Land from 8:00 to 9:00pm on Thursday.

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



### **Worship Service and Picnic In The Park August 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am**

Good Shepherd's annual outdoor service and potluck will be August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Dodd's Park in Lena.

Games for all ages following the potluck! Invite friends and neighbors to join you! Please bring a dish to share as you are able. Rain location will be at Good Shepherd.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## July Birthdays

- 7/1 Billie Jo Runkle
- 7/2 Connie Kraft
- 7/2 Joe Green
- 7/4 Craig Raders
- 7/6 Lori Timms
- 7/6 Ben Huber
- 7/6 Shane Becker
- 7/6 Sondra Winters
- 7/8 Scott Boeke
- 7/8 Brenda Pathmann
- 7/9 Alicia Gross
- 7/11 Jace Schlichting
- 7/12 Austin Andrews
- 7/13 Tana Herman
- 7/14 Danica Balbach
- 7/17 Dorothy Wagner
- 7/20 Shirley Fox
- 7/20 Bob Roettger
- 7/24 Claire Cross
- 7/25 Dale Gullickson
- 7/27 Tara Wolfrom
- 7/27 Heather Clifton

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

# FEARLESS

**LOMC Summer Camp**... Looking for something fun and Christ centered to do this summer??? Check out Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center, they have camps available for everyone ranging Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Are you creative, like to sing, or adventurous? Are you a younger camper and only want to stay for a few days? Do you like Hogwarts, mysteries, sports, horses? There is a **CAMP** just for you. Check out our website ([www.LOMC.org](http://www.LOMC.org)) and register today. **Camp is even for Grandparents!!!!** Call (815)732-2220 for more information on our Grandparent Program!

**LOCK  
-IN**

## **JUNIOR & SENIOR LOCK-IN**

**Good Shepherd**

**July 15<sup>th</sup> 8:30pm to  
July 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00am**

**All are welcome!**

**bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a friend**



Lena United Methodist Church is hosting a Hero Quest Vacation Bible School this summer along with help from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and the Beloved Church! We will be featuring Bible stories that show heroism in action by using the strength of faith, generosity, courage to do the right thing, and service with love and humility.

There will be 4 nights of fun and adventure from Monday, July 18 through Thursday, July 21. Each night, we will serve a meal at 5:30 for all kids and helpers. VBS activities and games will commence from 6pm to 8pm. On Thursday night, parents are invited to attend a fun worship service at Lena UMC, before heading to Splash Land, which the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church has reserved for us, from 8 - 9 pm.





2016 Vacation Bible School Registration Form

July 18-21, 2016

5:30-8:00 P.M., including supper and snack

Held at Lena United Methodist Church in co-operation with Beloved Church  
and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Please return this form to Lena United Methodist Church, 118 W. Mason St., Lena, IL 61048

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Grade (in Sept,2016) \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_  
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Parent/Guardian Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Any Medical Information we should have including any food and drink allergies: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Church affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

I would be willing to help with VBS:

Guide \_\_\_\_\_ Crafts \_\_\_\_\_ Recreation \_\_\_\_\_ Music \_\_\_\_\_

You are invited to attend the VBS Worship Service at Lena UMC at 7:15 pm on Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, and then go to Splash Land for a pool party from 8-9 pm.

By my signature I give my permission to allow pictures and/or videos of my child/children to appear on the church web site:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

By my signature I give my permission to allow pictures and/or videos of my child/children to appear on the church Facebook page:

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

June 2016

Dear friends and family,

Thank you so much for making Fruit for the Spirit Community garden happen. I couldn't have done it without you. You have allowed me to carry out my passion in life and help those in need. I am very impressed with the abundance of support I received. The first week my dad, Chris Brinker, and friend Troy Keene joined me in service and did most of the construction. (That is not my strong suit to say the least) The second week my mom, Angie Brinker and friend, Alex Luchini picked up where we left off and worked on the cosmetics and planting of the garden. I would like to extend my most gracious and loving thank you to these four that donated their time, energy, and patience to Fraggie Rock's Community Garden, and to the people of Pine Ridge. You have made an impact on many lives. You all did great work. Thank you so much. I would also like to thank the people who made this project happen and helped the garden and I along every step of the way. Pinky and her crew at the OST Partnership for Housing welcomed us in as a new partner in the development of the Fraggie Rock community park. Pinky is a very wise, caring, driven woman and I cannot thank her enough. Also, a huge thank you to Pastor Kay for setting me up with Pinky and hosting us at the Retreat Center.

As a lot of you probably know Pine Ridge is a place of great despair, and deep oppression. It is very easy to see only the bad and the ugly, but if you look closely enough you can see beauty everywhere. The vastness of the landscape is breathtaking, and the beauty of the native culture is beyond words. Pine Ridge may be poor in dollars, but they are still rich in culture.

Throughout the two weeks, my team and I learned how much of a challenge it is to accomplish things in Indian Country. We faced many bumps along the road but we always came together and found a solution. What truly matters in the culture is whether or not you make connections and build relationships, and maybe not always accomplishing things as quickly. Although the garden was a success and will continue to sustain itself, the thing I am happiest about are the relationships I was able to build.

My plans for the future include returning to Pine Ridge, of course. I am hoping to return a few different times throughout the next year. My team and I plan on staying connected with the people and kids we met by writing letters and sending pictures. In February 2017 I will be traveling to Honduras through World Gospel Outreach on a medical mission trip. In college, I plan on majoring in Biology with an emphasis on pre-med and then entering into humanitarian work.

**You** have helped me find my purpose, happiness, and inner peace by supporting me on these trips to Pine Ridge. "The native culture of your land is a bridge back to the balance within yourself. Here you understand your place on this earth." [- Ainslie Roberts] **You** made this all possible. I am so grateful for you and your decision to support me and this project within the Pine Ridge community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Wopila Tanka! (Big Thanks)

**Peace**, Colton Brinker

Check out the Oglala Sioux Tribe Partnership for Housing  
@ <http://www.ostpartnershipforhousing.com/>



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

Incoming May 2016	\$9,110.75
Expenses May 2016	\$9,388.53
Net Income (Loss)	\$(277.78)
Income, Year to Date 2016	\$52,557.45
Expenses, Year to Date 2016	\$60,128.63
Net Income (Loss)	\$(7,571.18)

### **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,  
Pastor Art Stees

### **Highlights from June Council Meeting:**

- Denny Luke gave the call committee report. The call committee highly recommend the candidate to the Church Council.
- Council suggested June 26 or 23rd at 6pm to meet with the candidate.
- Report on custodian have reached out to two companies and have not received anything back would like to know if anyone has any suggestions for an outside contractor.
- Also the property committee decided to start with the fellowship hall for a makeover.
- Coralyn Hudik talked about VBS with Lena Methodist and the Beloved Church.
- Troy Doubler talked about the website updates that will be taking place.
- Wayne Kurth talked about what the cleaning company, First Rate Cleaning, would do if hired.
- The 160th Anniversary was tabled as well as the gift for the retiring Bishop.

Northwest Conference Summer Retreat  
For  
Women of the ELCA  
Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church  
536 E. Schapville Rd, Scales Mound, IL 61075



Thursday, July 14, 2016  
Time: 8:30 am to 2:00 am  
Registration & Coffee Time—8:30 am  
Bible Study 9:00 am  
Luncheon served at 12 noon

Program: **“The Heart of the Matter”**

Megan Preston, Seminarian, Wartburg  
(currently an intern at St. Paul Lutheran, Warren, IL  
Will be the Bible Study Leader

(Bible Study from the June, July, August “Gather” magazine  
Please bring your magazines, if you subscribe to it, and a Bible)

A Freewill Offering will be taken and given to Bible Study Leader and  
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Hannah Circle will not meet in July or August. We will resume a new  
Bible Study in September

All women of the church and their guest are welcome to attend all circle  
functions.



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



*Come and have some good food !*  
**MEN'S GROUP**  
fundraising cookout at AJ'S Meats.  
July 9th - 11am-1pm.

## July Worship Volunteers

### July 3

Lector	Sue Diddens
Acolyte	Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister	Taylor Bastian
Worship Assistant	Ellen Kyles
Welcome Visitor	Donna Gullickson
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews
Greeters	Donna Gullickson, Tena Rackow
Ushers	Claire and Helen Cross, Vivian and Eugene Hesselbacher
Elevator Operator	Chris Brinker

### July 10

Lector	Shirley Fox
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Ushers	Tony and Jackie Jordan
Communion Assistant	Sue Diddens, Coralyn Hudik
Welcome Visitor	Wayne Kurth
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Neal and Cynthia Shumaker
Ushers	Paul and Shirley Fox, Tony and Jackie Jordan
Elevator Operator	Willie Kayser

### July 17

Lector	Janis Kurth
Acolyte	Coltin Coonts
Assisting Minister	Austin Andrews
Worship Assistant	Sue Diddens
Communion Ushers	Tony and Jackie Jordan
Communion Assistant	Shirley Fox, Charmaine McGee
Welcome Visitor	Bob Schlachter
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Braden Diddens
Greeters	Lee Wenzel, Jay and Michelle Andrews
Ushers	Tony and Jackie Jordan, Virgil and Joanne Martin
Elevator Operator	Taylor Bastian

### July 24

Lector	Beth Martin
Acolyte	Krista Keene
Assisting Minister	Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant	Tena Rackow
Communion Ushers	Bob and Sharon Schlachter
Communion Assistant	Tony and Jackie Jordan
Welcome Visitor	Sharon Schlachter
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Darlene Aurand, Chris and Angie Brinker
Ushers	Bob and Sharon Schlachter, Jay Andrews, Austin Andrews
Elevator Operator	Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens

### July 31

Lector	Janis Kurth
Acolyte	Taylor Patterson
Assisting Minister	Denny Luke
Worship Assistant	Sheila Keene
Communion Ushers	Jay and Michelle Andrews
Communion Assistant	Austin Andrews, Eugene Hesselbacher
Welcome Visitor	Jean Wenzel
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Taylor Bastian
Greeters	Denny Luke, Willie Kayser
Ushers	Jay and Michelle Andrews, Darlene Aurand, Coralyn Hudik
Elevator Operator	Sue Diddens

# July 2016

# Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3 9:30 am Worship Service</b> <i>Special Music Randy Kint</i> 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>4 Independents Day</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	5	<b>6 8:00-11:30 am</b> Piece Corps Quilters	7	8	<b>9 11:00am-1:00pm</b> Men's Group fund raiser at AJ'S Meat
<b>10 9:30 am Worship Service</b> <i>Special Music Set Free-</i> <i>Lloyd Wubbena &amp; Sharon</i> 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>11 1:30pm</b> Parkinson Support Group	<b>12 9:45am</b> Hymn Sing at the Lena Living Center  6:00pm Council Meeting	<b>13 8:00-11:30 am</b> Piece Corps Quilters	<b>14 12:00 pm</b> Friendship Club Potluck/ Entertainment <i>"Richard Duncan"</i>	<b>15</b>  <b>16</b>  <i>Junior and Senior High "</i> <i>Lock-in</i> <i>8:30pm Friday to</i> <i>7:00am Saturday</i>	
<b>17 9:30 am Worship Service</b> Colton Brinker/Power Point Presentation Pine Ridge Indian Reservation "Fruit for the Spirit Community Garden" <i>Special Music Open</i> 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>18</b>  <b>19</b>  <b>20 8:00-11:30 am</b> Piece Corps Quilters		<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>Hero Quest VBS at Lena United Methodist Church</b> Meal 5:30pm-VBS activities & games 6pm-8pm Family Night Thursday at UM — Splash Land from 8-9pm on Thursday Night						
<b>24 9:30 am Worship Service</b> <i>Special Music Open</i> 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 8:00-11:30 am</b> Piece Corps Quilters	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30 4:30pm</b> Men's Group
<b>31 9:30 am Worship Service</b> <i>Special Music Tyger Johnson</i> 10:30 am Fellowship	<b>Communion Set-up/Clean up</b> July 10—Bill and Jean Engel July 17—Troy and Sheila Keene July 24—Troy and Sheila Keene July 31—Tony and Jackie Jordan					

## **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!**

July 11 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

July 12 Hymn Sing at LLC 9:45am

July 14 Friendship Club 12:00pm

July 15&16 Junior and Senior High Lock-in 8:30pm Friday to 7:00am Saturday

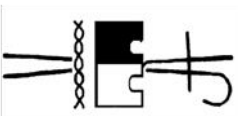
July 17 Colton Brinker/Power Point Presentation

on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation "Fruit for the Spirit Community Garden"

July 18-July 21 VBS at United Methodist Church Meal at 5:30pm

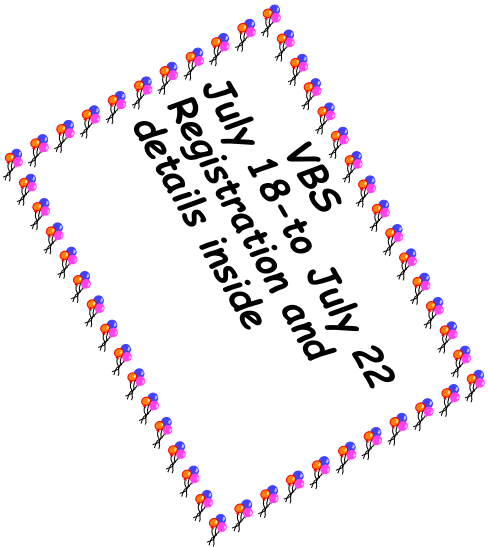
VBS Activities from 6:00pm—8:00pm

July 30 Men's Group 4:30pm



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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.*



**July 18 - to July 22**  
**VBS**  
**Registration and**  
**details inside**

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**LENA, ILLINOIS**  
**PERMIT #1**

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