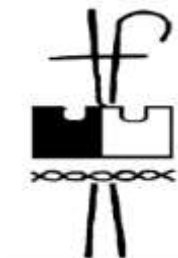


## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE March 2018



*I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love. I love to tell the story, because I know it's true; it satisfies my longings as nothing else would do.*

*(I Love to Tell the story text by Katherine Hankey)*

Jesus was an incredible story teller. He used parables and stories from pieces of everyday life to convey the profound love of God. Sunday after Sunday we read and hear stories of Jesus and his disciples traveling to one town to the other, healing all diseases, sharing meals, and proclaiming the coming of God's reign. It is interesting that stories of God and God's people, compiled in the Bible, were originally spoken to people. These stories were told from one generation to the next and passed on to us. Story telling has been a huge part of our Christian tradition, and the story telling is a way to connect stories from ancient to our own stories.

During Lent our young members are telling stories. They will tell stories of God's deliverance at the Red Sea (March 4), God's salvation freely offered to all (March 11), and Daniel's friends being delivered from the fiery furnace (March 18). Our young members are very creative, and they tell God's stories from their eyes. I have been impressed with their talents and gifts. I would like to invite you to come and watch our young members telling God's stories to us. You may find new look in old familiar stories.

Pr. Miho

## Story of a Cross

Years ago, men cursed my name, and looked at me with deepest shame.  
My limbs were rough and dark and bare, and no one ever thought to wear  
a cross.

I stood for death and hate and fear - a killer's scream - a mother's tear  
Rightful end for a life of sin - a prize no man desired to win -  
a cross.

And then, one day a young man came: another victim for my frame.  
His face was strong, yet strangely soft - not the kind you see aloft  
a cross.

I saw the crowd and heard the cries: "Crucify! Make sure he dies!"  
Why this young man? Why now his turn? What had he done that he should  
earn  
a cross?

I heard them scream, "If you are God, come, save yourself - with just a nod.  
Call your angels; prove you're He. God wouldn't hang upon a tree -  
a cross."

His pain-filled eyes still spoke of love. And then he strained to look above:  
"They don't know what they're doing, Lord; even now I bear their sins' re-  
ward.  
this cross!"

A smaller group stood near the base with tears of pain upon each face;  
I saw His mother's stricken eyes, and thought how much she must despise  
this cross.

But, in her eyes there was no hate. How could she accept her son's dire fate?  
He seemed so different from the rest of sinners who were sent to test  
the cross.

And then, a cry of pain and fear: "My God! My God! Why aren't You here?"  
His breath came hard and short and fast - "It is finished!" He had finally  
passed  
the cross.

If this were all there was to tell, man's soul would still be doomed to hell.  
But, this young man, we all have learned, took on Himself what mankind  
earned.

the cross.  
So, now I stand for hope and life - no longer symbol of Man's strife;  
For Jesus Christ, God's only son, that fearful battle fought- and won!  
the cross!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen

## March Meetings at Good Shepherd

**PIECE CORPS QUILTERS** will meet Wednesday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** will join with the Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service.

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

**LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING** March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm

**STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING** March 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**LENTEN DINNER** March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE** at 6:30pm.

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet Thursday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment with "*Bobby Edler & John Waelti*"

**HYMN SING** at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am.

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet March 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

**CHURCH COUNCIL** meets on Tuesday March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

**LENTEN DINNER** March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE** at 6:30pm.

**GOOD SHEPHERD AT FRIENDSHIP CENTER** for Devotions & Dessert March 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm.

**LENTEN DINNER** March 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30pm.

**LENTEN WORSHIP SERVICE** at 6:30pm.

**GOOD SHEPHERD AT LENA FOOD PANTRY** March 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PROCESSION OF PALMS WORSHIP SERVICE** March 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE** March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.



## **March Birthdays**

- 3/1 Cheryl Torkelson
- 3/1 Chloe Flack
- 3/3 Connor Kurth
- 3/3 Cindy Tessendorf
- 3/3 Duane Christen
- 3/3 Jessica Anderson
- 3/4 Jessica Alexander
- 3/5 Jarret Winder
- 3/6 Ryan Hastings
- 3/8 Raeger Sullivan
- 3/9 Michelle Andrews
- 3/11 Lois Paulsen
- 3/13 Bob Schlachter
- 3/13 Ella Wolfrom
- 3/14 Logan Fahr
- 3/14 Don Wienand
- 3/15 Larynn Shumaker
- 3/16 Nakoah Cornwell
- 3/18 Connie DeWilde
- 3/19 Barbara Price
- 3/20 Pastor Sarah Schaffner
- 3/23 Paige Hancock
- 3/24 Chuck Kraft
- 3/25 Verl Price
- 3/28 Matthew Huber
- 3/30 Carol Wybourn
- 3/31 Caroline Jam

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

## Wednesdays During Lent

There are two devotion opportunities during Lent.

### **Lena area Lenten Luncheon and Devotion Schedule**

Soup and sandwich lunch starts at noon followed  
by a short devotion,

Theme is “Seven Signs of Jesus in the Gospel of John.”

Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Lena UMC

March 7<sup>th</sup> - St. Joseph’s Catholic

March 14<sup>th</sup> - Lena EV Free

March 21<sup>st</sup> - St. John's

March 28<sup>th</sup> - Salem UCC & Beloved

(Hosted at Lena UMC)

### Good Shepherd Wednesday Evening Lent Services

This year’s mid-week Lenten service will be using In-  
to the Wild: a Lenten Liturgy and Intergenerational Study on  
Hunger by ELCA World Hunger. We will explore wilderness  
in our places and hear that God walks with us in the wild.  
Supper starts at 5:30pm and service starts at 6:30pm. People  
in every age and every walks in life are welcome to join the  
Lenten journey.



### It is time to order Easter Lilies

Lilies will be \$10.00 per plant and can  
be ordered by using the envelopes provided  
In the pews. Please place them in the offering  
plate or you can drop them off at the church  
office. Orders must be in by March 18<sup>th</sup>.  
Lilies may be picked up after the 9:30 am  
Easter Sunday Service.

# Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 8 am

The Good Shepherd youth group  
will be serving Easter Breakfast  
in the Fellowship Hall to raise funds for the youth.

Menu includes: Scrambled Eggs, Ham,  
Rolls, Juice, Milk & Coffee.

Make your RESERVATION by Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
by placing this reservation slip in the offering plate or  
turning it in to the Church office.



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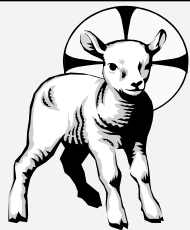
Easter Breakfast Reservation

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People Attending \_\_\_\_\_

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**All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd**  
**We will be meeting on**  
**Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 pm**  
**to prepare for the Easter Breakfast.**  
*There will be Pizza after the set-up*  
**Also, Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
**will meet at 7:30 am to**  
**serve the Easter Breakfast together.**



**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>**



### **“Souper Bowl of Caring”**

The Youth Group of Good Shepherd would like to thank all worshippers who donated to the Souper Bowl Sunday, on Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, \$246.82 was collected .  
100% of the offering goes directly to the agencies designated.  
50% of the funds directly to the Lena-Win Food Pantry and  
50% to the Lutheran World Relief Hunger Appeal .  
Thank You!



*Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson, Joanne Martin, Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian Hesselbacher and Shirley Fox for helping with the February Newsletter*

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

Incoming January 2018	\$ 7,828.62
Expenses January 2018	\$ 11,074.54
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,245.92)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$ 7,828.62
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$ 11,074.4
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (3,245.92)

### **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, those who are homebound, etc. in prayer: Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen, Laura Derr, Carol Wybourn, Fern Harnish. They would love to hear from you. Consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note Please call the church office. if you need an address.



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

#### **Call:**

Troy Doubler                      369-5117  
Donna Gullickson                369-4708

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 @ 369-5552

## **VOLUNTEERS VOLUNTEERS**

Look for upcoming information and dates for  
Volunteers Training Sessions.

Training will take place after Church on  
Sunday mornings during fellowship hour.

We plan to start these sessions in April. Probably  
1 or 2 a month.

Any questions please contact Denny Luke or Pastor Miho.





## **Highlights from February Council Meetings**

- The Treasurers Report was presented by Treasurer Jay Andrews. January electric bill was \$230.18 and the gas bill was \$941.79. .
- The Pastor's Report was presented. Upcoming events include: The Lenten noon lunch at Good Shepherd Feb. 21; WELCA Spring Retreat April 28; and NIS Assembly June 15-16 at Augustana College. Pastor Miho has been nominated as a delegate for a voting member from the NIS at the 2019 Church wide Assembly to be held in Milwaukee.
- On behalf of the Learning Committee Kristy Patterson reported on fundraising events for the National Youth Gathering to be held in June in Texas. A Fun Fair is set for March 6 at the Pearl City High School. It will be open to the public. Patterson also reported on tentative plans for this summer's Vacation Bible School and a video presentation by the church's youth during the children's sermon.
- Denny Luke and Troy Doubler, Property Committee, said meetings are planned to discuss improvements for the sanctuary sound system to determine cost and design.
- Scholarship Committee Chair Marybeth Brinker provided a written report. The committee reviewed and accepted grades submitted by Sondra Winters and Colton Brinker. A check for \$750 will be sent to each of these scholarship applicants, pending Council approval. The committee reviewed the financial status of the scholarship fund and recommended the scholarship amount be increased to \$1000 per applicant with a maximum amount awarded not to exceed \$2000 a year. The Council unanimously approved the recommendation as written.
- In other committee action, Troy Doubler resigned as chairman of the Face Book Committee; Denny Luke said the WELCA will provide lunch for the Feb. 21 Noon Lenten Service; Troy Doubler and Jay Andrews, Men's Group, said more than \$2000 has been raised from selling electrical tubes.
- Troy Doubler said the boiler will need repairs. Repair services indicated a larger regulator may be required and Nicor was consulted for larger gas delivery. The project will be undertaken in warm weather.
- A complete copy of minutes will be posted on the bulletin board.



**Hannah Circle** will meet on Thursday, March 1, 2018 9:00 am at church in Fellowship Hall. This is “Potluck” we will not have a hostess. Rene’ Johnson is the Bible Study leader. We begin our Bible Study, **“Multiple meanings: Learning from other interpretations”** by Mark Allan Powell in the January/February 2018 “Gather” magazine. Session One: Washing hands with distant hearts. Bible text: Mark 7:1-9.

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Northwest Conference Spring Assembly will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Warren on **Saturday, March 17, 2018**, from 8:30 am to noon. Program: “Gone Fishing” a musical program by local area singers. Cost is \$8.00/person and includes brunch and program cost. A Free-will offering will be taken. Reservations due by Monday, March 12, 2018. See flyer and reservation form on WELCA bulletin board. If you need transportation or have questions, call Rene’ Johnson – 815-369-2818.

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Mark you calendars: NISWO-WELCA 2018 Retreat: **“HERstory: A String of Pearls”** is **Saturday, April 28, 2018** at LOMC, in Oregon. IL. Coffee and breakfast rolls at 8:30am, and the Bible Study will begin at 9:00am led by Susan Edstrant. Pastor Diane Dardon, former Pastor of the Campus Ministry at NIU in DeKalb is the Retreat Pastor.

More information to come. Look for information flyer, cost, Registration and Scholarship forms on the WELCA bulletin board.

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

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Thank you to all who helped with the February 21, 2018 - Wednesday Noon Lenten Lunch hosted by Good Shepherd. It was a great success and we couldn’t have done it without all your help.

**Volunteers needed !!**  
*To sign up for treats for Fellowship after  
 Sunday Church Service*



# March 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
March Communion Set-up/Clean up Bob & Sharon Schlachter					<b>1</b> 9:00am Hannah Circle 6:00-8:30pm Pastor Miho at Diakonia Class Christ Lutheran Stockton, IL	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4 9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>5</b> 6:30pm Learning Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 2:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study 6:00pm-8:00pm Fun Fair at Pearl City School with St. John's Pearl City Lutheran Church 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting	<b>7</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 5:30 Lenten Dinner- 6:30 Lenten Worship Service	<b>8</b> 12:00pm Friendship Club Potluck/ Entertainment <i>"Bobby Edler &amp;                      John Waelti"</i> 6:00-8:30pm Pastor Miho at Diakonia Class Christ Lutheran Stockton, IL	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	
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## March Worship Volunteers

### March 4

Lector	Janis Kurth
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Marybeth Brinker
Communion Ushers	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
Communion Assistant	Cora Hudik, Sheila Keene
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Sheridan and Marybeth Brinker
Ushers	Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, Chris and Angie Brinker
Elevator Operator	Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens

### March 11

Lector	Michelle Andrews
Acolyte	Ethan Fye
Assisting Minister	Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant	Kayla Runkle
Communion Ushers	Paul and Shirley Fox
Communion Assistant	Wayne Kurth, Dennis Luke
Sound System	Jay Andrews, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters	Troy and Cindy Doubler, Curt and Sue Diddens
Ushers	Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Paul and Shirley Fox
Elevator Operator	Jean Engel

### March 18

Lector	Michelle Andrews
Acolyte	Madilyn Diddens
Assisting Minister	Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant	Sue Diddens
Communion Ushers	Gary and Cynthia Boeke,
Communion Assistant	Beth Martin, Marybeth Brinker
Sound System	Troy Doubler, Ethan Fye
Greeters	Paul and Shirley Fox, Bill and Jean Engel
Ushers	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Jerry and Beth Martin
Elevator Operator	Anna Patterson, Kristy Patterson

### March 25

Lector	Shirley Fox
Acolyte	Kayla Runkle
Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant	Shirley Fox
Communion Ushers	Virgil and Joanne Martin
Communion Assistant	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Sound System	Wayne Kurth, Hanna Brinker
Greeters	Donna Gullickson, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Ushers	Virgil and Joanne Martin, Jerry and Beth Martin
Elevator Operator	Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson

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/or call the church office by Tuesday of the week that you are to volunteer so that arrangements can be made. 815-369-5552

## **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**

Pastor Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

### **Month's Highlights!**

March 1 Hannah Circle 9:00am

March 7 Lenten Dinner 5:30pm, Lenten Service 6:30pm

March 8 Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

March 13 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

March 14 Lenten Dinner 5:30pm, Lenten Service 6:30pm

March 15 Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:30pm

March 21 Lenten Dinner 5:30pm, Lenten Service 6:30pm

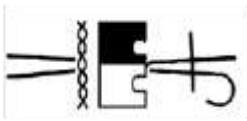
March 24 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry

March 25 Procession of Palms Worship Service 9:30am

March 29 Maundy Thursday Worship, 7:00pm

March 30 Good Friday Service, 7:00pm

For More Good Shepherd  
Pictures and highlights go to  
**Facebook: "GSLClenall"**  
or [www.GodShepherdLena.org](http://www.GodShepherdLena.org)



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We give and use our lives in love,  
care and service of one another.*

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**DEADLINE for the April 2018**  
**Newsletter is March 15, 2018**  
**Thank You!**