

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

April 2018

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher) John 20:15-16

Names are important. Names have meanings and stories. Some of you may share names with your parents, grandparents or uncles and aunts. Or you may have the same middle name as your parents and grandparents. Part of my name comes from my grandmother's name. Our names can tell lots of stories. Parents name their children with special hopes and dreams. Whenever I learn about people's names and meanings, I am fascinated. However, I am not good at remembering names. I use memory tricks (It's simple, just write it down,) and sometimes I repeat names of people I meet during our first conversation. Even so I still forget names. So many times I've seen someone I met before at stores, luncheons, restaurants, or even on the street and began chatting and many times, however, I could not recall the person's name. If I am lucky, their names come back to my memory while we are talking; but most times, I feel embarrassed and ask them, "What is your name?"

Names identify who we are. We know our names. When we hear our names called in the parking lot or at crowded festivals and fairs, we turn to see who called our name. Mary Magdalene, a disciple of Jesus went to the tomb early in the first day of the week while it was still dark. She found the stone was rolled away and Jesus' body was missing. In a shock, she stood there weeping when Jesus talked to her. Mary did not recognize Jesus until Jesus called her name, "Mary!" and immediately she recognized her beloved teacher and friend, Jesus.

Our God calls us by our names. Christ knows us. Like Mary we proclaim to the world, "I have seen the Lord. Christ is risen." Happy Easter to you all. Pr. Miho

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:

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.



Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming February 2018	\$ 6,005.82
Expenses February 2018	\$ 11,024.88
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (5,019.06)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$ 13,834.44
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$ 22,099.42
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (8,264.98)

April Meetings at Good Shepherd

MEN'S GROUP will meet March 31st at 4:30pm

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE April 1st

Sunrise Service at 7:00am

Easter Breakfast at 8:00 am

Easter Festival Service at 9:30am

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet Wednesday evenings April 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet April 5th at 9:00am in the Fellowship Hall.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet April 9th at 1:30pm.

HYMN SING at the Lena Living Center will be Tuesday, April 10th at 9:45am.

CHURCH COUNCIL meets on Tuesday April 10th at 6:30pm.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday, April 12th at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment with "Take Two"

YOUTH SUNDAY April 15^h

GOOD SHEPHERD AT FRIENDSHIP CENTER for Devotions & Dessert April 19th at 1:00pm.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE for the May 2018 Newsletter is April 15th, 2018. Thank You!

*Save
the
Date*

*New Pictorial Directory coming soon.
Photos will be taken on June 21, 22, & 23.
so mark your calendars to pick a date to come in and
have your pictures taken. Watch for more details coming
soon.*



April Birthdays

- 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 so that we may update our records!



ARE YOU HUNGRY?

If you don't have enough to eat, Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry can help.

Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Pantry distributes nutritious food in high-need areas.

Food is free to low-income neighbors in need.

Please bring bags or boxes in which to package your food.



Food is distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last.



Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors

For additional food resources, visit www.SolveHungerToday.org/GetHelp



Date: Thursday, April 26, 2018

Time: 4pm-6pm

Location: Lena-Winslow Food Pantry Parking Lot

Address: 130 1/2 Main, Lena, IL 61048

**Please bring bags or boxes.*

Easter Breakfast

Sunday, April 1st, 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 26th
by placing this reservation slip in the offering plate or turning it
in to the Church office.



Easter Breakfast Reservation

Name _____

Phone # _____

Number of People Attending _____



All Youth and Children of Good Shepherd

We will be meeting on

**Saturday, March 31st at 4:00 pm
to prepare for the Easter Breakfast.**

There will be Pizza after the set-up

**Also, Sunday, April 1st
will meet at 7:30 am to
serve the Easter Breakfast together.**



Thank You to Marybeth, Nakoah, Brianna, Lucas, Jared, Jacob, Lukas, Penelope, Izzy, Krista, Anna and Taylor for their hard work and talents in sharing the Children's Message this past weeks.



Dear Good Shepherd Lutheran Church. Thank You so much for the scholarship & all of the support throughout the years to make my passion & dreams a reality. You have helped me out so much & I can't thank you enough for that. Good Shepherd will forever be a special place for me.

Sincerely
Colton Brinker



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



Worship

Volunteers needed !!

To sign up for treats for Fellowship after Sunday Church Service



April 22nd 8:00am-12:00pm; Pancake breakfast

Little John's in Pearl City

Cost \$5.00/person

Tickets can be purchased from Anna or at the door
Proceeds support the National Youth Gathering in Houston.

May 6th: Teacher and Graduate recognition. Last day of Sunday School.

May 18th-19th Owl Night 5:30pm-10:00am for youth going into 5th grade and up. Friends are invited. Please contact Kristy ASAP if the date doesn't work.

Summer Activities

- Wednesday Night activities
- VBS
- Youth and adult activities

(If youth or adult are involved in activities which the public is invited, please provide summer schedule or contact office by Tuesday am for it to be in the following Sunday's bulletin



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

can be picked up at the church office starting

April 1st

Applications must be filled out and returned by

April 30th

Highlights from March Council Meetings

- Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report. The February electric bill was \$214.16 and the gas bill was \$666.12.
- Pastor Miho pointed out the LOMC Swing Choir will perform at Good Shepherd July 20. The church will be responsible for feeding the group of 10-12 performers.
- On behalf of the Stewardship Committee, Gene Hesselbacher presented clings featuring the church logo and information. The clings will be available to the congregation beginning May 20.
- Learning Committeeman Kristy Patterson said several events are planned for the youth including cheering for those in activities, mailing care packages to college students, upcoming Vacation Bible School, April 15 Youth Sunday, and a future OWL Night. The committee is also planning graduate and teacher recognition day May 6. A silent auction is set for Easter Sunday to benefit the National Youth Gathering this summer.
- The Property Committee has met with a consultant to discuss the sound system in the sanctuary. Bids will be sought. Men's Ministry members have cleaned the boiler room and plan to wax the floors in Fellowship Hall.
- Dennis Luke presented plans for a new pictorial directory through Life Touch. Pictures will be taken June 21 -23 by appointment. The directory will be at no cost to the church.
- Krista Keene requested approval to hold a bake sale Sunday April 22. This is a 4-H project with benefits to aid storm victims in Puerto Rico. .
- In other business, Dennis Luke suggested the membership roster should be updated and Council learned a male and youth delegate are still needed for the Synod Assembly. Housing and other expenses will be covered by the church. A request was heard for an update of the memorial list with future items offered for consideration.
- Treasurer Jay Andrews said two people need to be designated on the Special Funds Account in addition to himself. Those people should be active, voting members of Good Shepherd and a back ground in financials would be helpful. Troy Doubler was nominated as a designee and approved.
- If a second member is nominated, the selection may be approved with a special Council meeting.
- A complete copy of minutes will be posted on the bulletin board.

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, April 5, 2018 at 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 7:1-8.



Northwest Conference Spring Assembly will be held at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Warren on **Saturday, April 14, 2018**, from 9:00 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 Friday, April 6, 2018. See flyer and reservation form on WELCA bulletin board. If you need transportation or have questions, call Rene’ Johnson – 815-369-2818

Northern Illinois Synod of the ELCA 2018 Spring 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. See information Flyer, Cost \$35.00 and Registration forms on the WELCA bulletin board. Registration deadline in April 10, 2018.

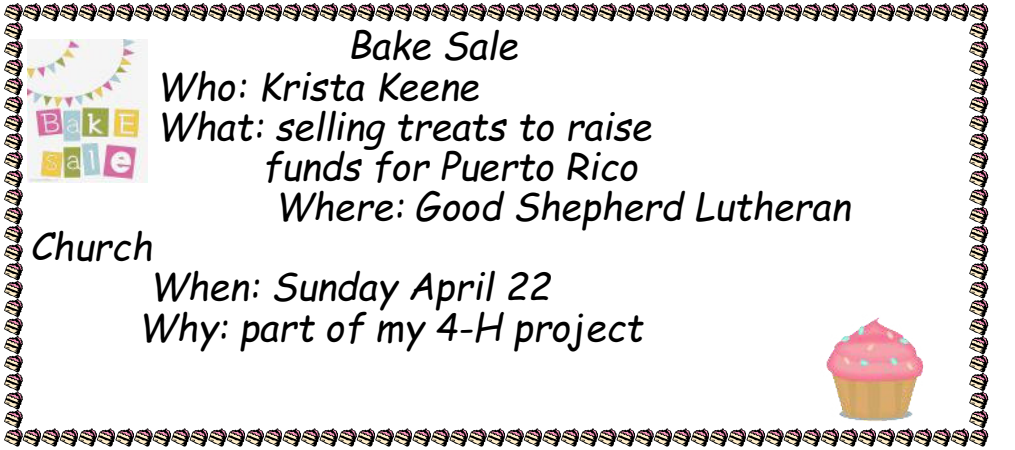
All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend all circle functions.

Bake Sale

*Who: Krista Keene
What: selling treats to raise funds for Puerto Rico
Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran*

Church

*When: Sunday April 22
Why: part of my 4-H project*



April 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Easter Sunday 7:00 am Easter Sunrise Worship Service 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:30 am Easter Festival Worship Service	2	3 2:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study	4 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 6:30-8:00pm Confirmation Class	5 9:00am Hannah Circle	6	7
8 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	9 1:30pm Parkinson Support Group Meeting	10 9:45am Hymn Sing Lena Living Center 6:30pm Council Meet- ing	11 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 6:30-8:00pm Confirmation Class	12 12:00pm Friendship Club/Potluck "Take Two"	13	14
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22 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice <i>8:00am-12:00pm Pancake</i> <i>breakfast at Little John's ,</i> <i>Pearl City proceeds to sup-</i> <i>port the National Youth Gath-</i> <i>ering</i>	23	24 10:00am-12:00pm Pastor Miho at PLC Committee Meeting, LOMC 2:00pm Pastor Miho Text Study	25 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 6:30-8:00pm Confirmation Class	26 6:00-8:00pm NW Conference Pre-Assembly meeting St. Johns, Pearl City	27	28 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry 4:30pm Men's Group
29 9:30am Worship Service 5th Sunday /Guest Speaker from NIU "Grace Place" 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	30			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> April Communion Set-up/Clean up Troy and Cindy Doubler </div>		

April Worship Volunteers

April 1—7:00am

Lector Shirley Fox
Acolyte Jacob Runkle, Jarred Runkle
Assisting Minister Sheila Keene
Worship Assistant Vivian Hesselbacher
Communion Ushers Bob and Sharon Schlachter
Communion Assistant Shirley Fox, Dennis Luke
Sound System Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker
Greeters Willie Kayser, Virgil and Joanne Martin
Ushers Jay and Michelle Andrews,
Sharon and Bob Schlachter
Elevator Operator Chris Brinker

April 8

Lector Beth Martin
Assisting Minister Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant Krista Keene
Communion Ushers Chris and Angie Brinker
Communion Assistant Cora Hudik, Sheila Keene
Sound System Dennis Luke, Ashtyn Brinker
Greeters Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene, Wayne and Janis Kurth
Ushers Chris and Angie Brinker, Gary and Cynthia Boeke
Elevator Operator Sue Diddens

April 15—Youth Sunday

Sound System Troy Doubler, Hanna Brinker

April 22

Lector Marybeth Brinker
Acolyte Hanna Brinker
Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth
Worship Assistant Sheila Keene
Communion Ushers Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon
Communion Assistant Shirley Fox, Marybeth Brinker
Sound System Troy Doubler, Ethan Fye
Greeters Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Curt and Sue Diddens
Ushers Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, Dennis Luke, Larry Fulfs
Elevator Operator Donna Gullickson

April 29

Communion Ushers Cora Hudik, Dennis Luke
Communion Assistant Troy and Cindy Doubler
Sound System Wayne Kurth, Ethan Fye
Greeters Donna Gullickson, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher
Ushers Virgil and Joanne Martin, Jerry and Beth Martin
Elevator Operator Taylor Patterson, Kristy Patterson

April 1—9:30am

Marybeth Brinker
Ashtyn Brinker, Hanna Brinker
Wayne Kurth
Cora Hudik
Bob and Sharon Schlachter
Marybeth Brinker, Dennis Luke
Troy Doubler, Ethan Fye
Darlene Aurand, Chris and Angie Brinker
Jay and Michelle Andrews,
Sharon and Bob Schlachter
Braden Diddens, Dana Diddens

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 Milho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Darlene Barr

Month's Highlights!

March 31 Men's Group 4:30pm

April 1 Easter Sunrise Worship Service 7:00am

April 1 Easter Breakfast 8:00am

April 1 Easter Festival Worship Service 9:30am

April 5 Hannah Circle 9:00am

April 9 Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm

April 10 Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am

April 12 Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm

April 15 Youth Sunday

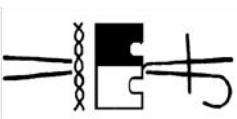
April 19 Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:00pm

April 28 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry

April 28 Men's Group 4:30pm

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For More Good Shepherd
Pictures and highlights go to
Facebook: "GSLClenall"
or www.GodShepherdLena.org



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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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NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE for the May 2018
Newsletter is April 15, 2018
Thank You!