



## The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

### November 2018

*For God will give the angels charge over you, to guard you in all your ways. (Psalm 91: 11)*

Cheerleaders are impressive. Whenever I watch their routines, I hold my breath with awe and admiration. They flip, lift each other up, throw themselves up through the air, and catch each other on their way down. I like to watch football, so I've been to many high school football games. Cheerleaders are always on the sidelines whether it is rainy, windy, sunny, or chilly. They raise their voices together to cheer on the team. I am sure you have seen their routines before (or maybe some of you were, are, or will be on a cheerleading squad!). One of fascinating routines they do is the lift. Two or three or four members hold one cheerleader's feet while the cheerleader is standing up straight, cheering, and falling backwards. I am amazed. Falling backwards requires confidence and trust that somebody will hold them so that they won't hit the ground. It definitely requires lots of practice. By doing the same routines over and over, they gain confidence in their performances and build relationships with each other. Watching cheerleaders made me think of our relationship with God. God is our cheerleader. God stays on our side and cheers us up in sunny days, windy days, snowy days, or muggy days. God holds our feet with strong arms so that we can stand up high to cheer others. We trust God that God will catch us when we fall backwards. We build trust. Our experiences and the experiences of our parents, grandparents, and our ancestors who left their homeland and came to the United States help us to remember that God will walk with us. God will protect us from any harm and danger. God is always with us. In our walking, sitting, lying, crawling, and tumbling, God is watching over us. I am sure you know this well, but it is always good to say it again and again. May God's holy angels watch over us today. Pr. Miho



## WEAR YOUR HAT TO CHURCH

Christ the King Sunday November 25

Everyone has a crown on our head because our king Jesus put it on at our baptisms. We will celebrate the Christ the King Sunday with wearing hats. Put on your favorite cowboy hat, cap, beanie, beret, bonnet, helmet, cheesehead, or any hat to the worship service.



### *Lutheran Humor*

You might be Lutheran if... You think someone who says "casserole" instead of "hotdish" is trying to be uppity (or maybe even Episcopalian!).

Taken from <http://www.alaska.net/~stmark/humor.htm> humor



### *A Special Thank You*

To Beth and Alie Martin along with Shirley Fox for taking the quilts to Monroe to be delivered to Lutheran World Relief. Beth and Alie loaded both of their vehicles and made multiple trips to deliver the quilts. This year they delivered 564 quilts to Lutheran World Relief.

*Piece Corps Quilters*

# HELP !



We need your help decorating Good Shepherd for Christmas.

Do you have OLD VINTAGE Christmas ORNAMENTS that we can borrow for the Christmas season?

The Sunday School Children will be decorating their classrooms and the entire church for the Christmas season. If you can help, please contact the office at 815-369-5552 or [goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net](mailto:goodshepherdlc@mediacombb.net).



## November Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

**HANNAH CIRCLE** will meet Thursday November 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am at  
the home of Rene' Johnson.

**ALL SAINT'S SUNDAY** November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**LEARNING COMMITTEE MEETING** November 5<sup>th</sup> at  
6:00pm

**FRIENDSHIP CLUB** will meet Thursday November 8<sup>th</sup>  
at noon for a Potluck Dinner & entertainment by  
Mississippi Man.

**PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP** will meet Monday  
November 12<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm for "*Holiday Pot Luck*".  
There will be no speaker.

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

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

**GOOD SHEPHERD** at Lena Food Pantry  
Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

**CHRIST THE KING HAT** Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup>.

Come join  
our team!



Good Shepherd will participate in the Christmas parade in downtown, Lena on November 30<sup>th</sup>. The theme of this years is "Lena's Vintage Christmas." The parade starts at 6pm. We are looking for helpers and riders. If you are interested, talk to Kristy or Pr. Miho



## ***November Birthdays***

11-01	Margery Ference
11-03	Brian Albrecht
11-03	Brianna Lynn Fye
11-04	Kathy Andrews
11-04	Ashtyn Brinker
11-04	Hanna Brinker
11-06	Lorene Solace
11-06	Neal Shumaker
11-06	Dale Andrews
11-07	Amanda Lessman
11-07	Cameron Baker
11-10	Martin Luther
11-13	Brian Eilders
11-15	Sarah (Huber) Andrews
11-18	Deanna Drye
11-19	Camerson Baker
11-19	Lukas Price
11-20	Melinda Reed
11-20	Wade Flack
11-22	Leona Block
11-22	Sue Diddens
11-23	Peggy Roettger
11-28	John Huneke
11-30	Taylor Patterson
11-30	Alex White

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

## What is a Steward?

*Stewardship is a way of living*

*Many people today, don't understand the true meaning of stewardship. And that's a tragedy. Why? Because stewardship is our ultimate calling as Christ followers.*

*Stewardship is managing God's blessings God's ways for God's glory. See, the Bible tells us in Psalm 25-4:1 that, He owns it all: The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. And if he's the owner, that means we're not. Instead, we're His stewards—His managers.*

*God commands us to be stewards over everything He blesses us with. Stewardship is our response to God's abundant love. We are good stewards when we care for ourselves, for others and for everything God has created.*



Our sincere THANKS for the offering you received for our Praise Team on September 30th.

It was a joy to be in worship together with you! We'd be happy to join with you again sometime.

Praise God that reigns over all of us regardless of our church affiliation...Who has given us the gift of music to share.

Deb Brown & Faith United Methodist Church Praise Team

### Special Note To All Committee Chairpersons:

Start to gather your notes of events and meeting and submit an annual report of your committee to the church office by the middle of December.

We have to put all of these in our Annual Report for the Congregational Annual Meeting coming up the end of January.

Thank you  
Denny Luke  
Council President



## Lena Area Church Cooperative

November and December are exciting and busy times for the Lena Area Church Cooperative (LACC). Three of the biggest projects of the year take place during this time, the Thanksgiving food baskets, the Angel Tree and cookies for Lena Lions Operation Good Fellow. The people of Good

Shepherd have given generously to these projects in years past and we hope for the same this year also!

The LACC will be giving out Thanksgiving food baskets again this year. The need is becoming greater and this year the LACC is looking at giving out 50+ baskets to families and individuals in need. The drive for the Thanksgiving food baskets will begin here at Good Shepherd on Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and the last day to donate is Sunday November 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be accepting monetary donations for the Thanksgiving Baskets. The LACC is able to purchase food baskets for only \$16.00 a piece from the Northern Illinois Food Bank. The food baskets have everything a family will need for a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. A table will be set up in the fellowship hall with a basket for you to leave your monetary donations in. If you have any questions, please contact Shirley Fox or Mary Lloyd.

The LACC will also be sponsoring the Angel Tree. As soon as info becomes available that will be shared in the Sunday bulletins. Stay tuned for that.



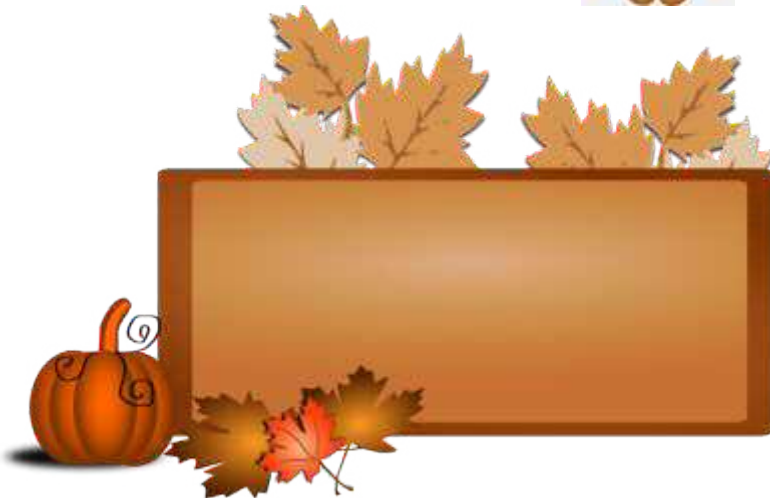
And finally the Lena Lions Club has asked the LACC to donate 200dozen cookies for their Operation Good Fellow. Good Shepherd has been asked to donate 25 dozen cookies. A sign-up sheet will be put out later in November for you to


indicate how many dozen you can donate.

Monetary donations are always accepted for all projects. Checks can be made payable to the Lena Area Church Cooperative or LACC. Checks can be given to either Shirley Fox or to Mary Lloyd.



Good Shepherd volunteers at the food pantry on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month. The hours are from 8:30 until 11:30. We will be putting together the schedule for 2019 soon, so please let us know if





Practice for the children's Christmas Program will begin on Sunday, November 4th.



**Christmas Caroling, December 9th**

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.



**Christmas Program  
at Good Shepherd  
Sunday  
December 16<sup>th</sup> 2017  
at 9:30am**

Join us for a festive worship service led by our children and youth.



**Each year, Good Shepherd's chancel is decorated with poinsettias for the Christmas Services. You may order poinsettia in memory or honor of a loved one; or in celebration of the birth of Jesus! Orders must be**

**placed by December 10. (Cost will be \$12.00). Please complete the form below and mail it or drop it off at the church office.**

**Thank you!**

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**Poinsettia Order**  
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**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**phone # :** \_\_\_\_\_

**Given (check one)**

\_\_\_ **in memory of..** \_\_\_ **in honor of...**

**Name (s)** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



Thank you,  
Beth Marquetta Donna Glickson  
Joanne Marquetta Cindy Douber,  
Darlene Aurand, Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian  
Hesselbacher,  
Deb Hesselbacher and Shirley Fox for help-

### 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, home-bound, etc. in prayer: Verl Price, Steve Fahr, Lois Paulsen, and Fern Harnish. 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.

### WE PRAY FOR YOU

PRAYER IS ESSENTIAL FOR US AS INDIVIDUALS AS GOD'S COMMUNITY. AS JESUS PRAYED FOR HIS DISCIPLES (JOHN 17), WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER. TEN MEMBERS FROM OUR CONGREGATION WILL BE LIFTED UP ON SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE. LET US GROW TOGETHER IN PRAYER THIS WINTER.



### Bible Trivia

What type of wood did Noah use to build the Ark?

- A. Cedar
- B. Acacia
- C. Oak
- D. Gopher

Answer found in news letter.

## Parkinson Support Group

The Parkinson Support Group was started at Good Shepherd in 2003. The Group meets the second Monday of the month with speakers, fellowship and good desserts. Join us for the

Taco Dip From Carol Griffin

### Layer one

1 can Frito Bean Dip

### Layer two

1 frozen avocado OR Guacamole dip

5 tbsp dry taco seasoning mix

3 tbsp mayonnaise

2 tbsp sour cream

### Layer three

1 small pkg taco cheese

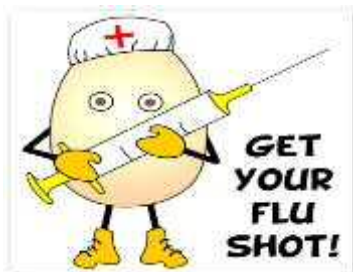
1 bunch green onions, sliced

8 cherry or 1 regular tomato diced and drained

1 small jar green/pimento olives, sliced

Black olives optional

There were 23 people who came to the flu clinic held on October 8th Thank you to everyone who came to get their flu shots along with the staff from FHN for arranging Flu Shot Clinics.



Confirmation Sunday

## Good Shepherd Photo Al-



Quilt Sunday



Stomping grapes

*In the Hand of Thanksgiving*

*Wandering Pilgrims of the past and sojourning souls of the present  
Seeking solace from winter's impending blast and infidel pressures and  
deceit*

*Here we are, God's wayfaring souls, His ever hopeful faithful fold  
Together giving thanks for blessings received and prayers answered  
Searching for answers to ever lingering questions,*

*But keeping faith and trust in an omniscient Father  
A power far beyond us, a mind far reaching and far felt*

*Here we sit praying for peace from threatening winds  
And safety from ominous clouds*

*Voices raised in humble hope and offering grateful humility  
As we reach beyond the water's edge*

*And look skyward toward hovering angels and wings of gentle spirits  
Hands clasp together in grateful thanks, in heartfelt praise*

*And, in the dark, a beacon reaches out to illuminate a steady rock  
As the Holy Spirit pushes onward and of hope insteading faith and  
perseverance*

*And we see forever the Face of Freedom*

*In bowed heads of Thanksgiving past, present, and forever  
Thanks be to God*

*For bringing us together and holding us in His palm*

*As we offer thanks for food and fare,*

*For family and friends,*

*For fathering freedom and constancy in His world*

*Here in the arms that holds us fast*

*Thanks be to Heaven's heart, God's ever-loving hand*

*To the soul that made us and keeps us,*

*The Alpha and Omega, the Hand of Thanksgiving itself*

*Amen, Alleluia, Amen*



Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson, 621 Deer Trail Drive, Lena, IL. Rene' is the Bible Study Leader, this will be a potluck.

We will finish our Bible Study on Repentance in the November 2018 Gather Magazine, "Turn, Turn, Turn" A time for faithful repentance is written by Meghan Johnston Aelbouni. Session three: Turning as the church to world. Our fall Bible study has focused on the theme of repentance. What does it mean to repent, and why is repentance important in the life of Christian faith? This month we conclude the series by exploring our relationship as the church in the world When the church has been complicit in racism, anti-Semitism and other attitudes and practices that lead away from God's reign, what happens when the church repents?

All are welcome to join us. Our sessions are very informal. You can put up a copy of Gather Magazine from the book rack outside the church secretary's office, or contact Rene' Johnson or Pastor Miho to get a copy

We will collect Thankofferings at our November and December meetings.

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### **Sock Drive for Le-Win Elementary School**

**Good Shepherd is having a Sock Drive this winter. Our collection goes to Le-Win Elementary School to help children keep their feet warm with our love. New Socks only. Collection dates are from**

**November 1st until January 7th, 2019. Bring cute, comfortable, clean socks to the church.**



### **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

## Highlights from October Council Meetings

- Council welcomed guest Parson Bob Stark from First Lutheran Church, Mt. Carroll. Parson led devotions speaking on 5 Steps of Faith and also shared information on Synod's practice which is to return 100% of mission donations to projects worldwide. Council members highlighted Good Shepherd's strengths, some of which included presence in the community, shared Vacation Bible School, Pastor Miho's dedication to the congregation, the Men's Group which practices helping others, support of the local food pantry and the Piece Corps quilt donations. The church's challenges of small Sunday School attendance, an aging congregation and diminished attendance were mentioned.
- Jay Andrews presented the Treasurer's Report pointing out the September electric bill of \$168.19 and a gas bill of \$129.95. Kristy Patterson moved to accept the report and Krista Keene seconded with all Council in agreement.
- Pastor Miho reviewed her monthly report which included highlights: suggesting moving the church's booth at the Lions Fall Festival back to its prior location at the corner which offers a quieter opportunity to visit with festival goers along with more space; announcement that 610 quilts are to be shipped out to various locations and missions; Learned Lena-Winslow Elementary will be happy to receive sock donations collected over the Christmas season; and plans are made to attend the Family Outing to LOMC Oct. 14. Council accepted the report following a motion by Kristy Patterson and second by Krista Keene.
- Recommendation from Chris Brinker, Property Committee Chairman, to replace the sound system in the sanctuary for an estimated \$14,000 was presented. Following discussion on bylaws and protocol, Virgil Gordon motioned to bring the suggestion to update the sound system for an estimated \$14,000 not to exceed \$14,500 forward at the annual meeting for a congregational vote. The motion was seconded by Bari Raymer and Council gave full approval.
- In other business, Council discussed and tabled mission contributions until the November meeting. The nomination of Ethan Fye for confirmation was fully approved with Kristy Patterson making the motion and Virgil Gordon offering a second.

Kristy Patterson moved to adjourn the meeting and Virgil Gordon made the second. Council closed with the Lord's Prayer.

## Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming September 2018	\$ 8,622.00
Expenses September 2018	\$ 9,664.71
Net Income (Loss)	\$(1,042.71)
Income, Year to Date 2018	\$88,427.26
Expenses, Year to Date 2018	\$96,367.78
Net Income (Loss)	\$( 7,940.52)

## Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Members and Friends,

Here we are coming to the end of another year. 2018 has flown by very quickly. It has been a good year in most respects but we find ourselves still in financial trouble. We are still having problems trying to catch up on keeping out bills paid. As of the 1<sup>st</sup> of October we find ourselves still behind some \$8000. short of meeting our expenses and we are way short of our budget for 2018. We are asking everyone to prayerfully look at how you can help alleviate these shortfalls. We only have 2 more months till we end this year's financial calendar. Thanks to everyone for their past giving and continued support in the future

God's Blessings to Everyone  
Congregational Council and Church Finance Committee



### Photo Directory is here!

Our new photo directory is available for pick up.  
If you have not gotten one yet, contact the church office  
at 815-369-5552

## MENS GROUP

The Good Shepherd Men's Group **will not be**  
meeting in November or December.

### Bible Trivia Answer

D. Gopher Wood

Genesis 6:14 states that Noah was to build the Ark of Gopher Wood



# November 2018 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Communion Set-up/Clean up November 4—Sharon Schlachter November 11—Angie Brinker November 18—Angie Brinker November 25—Sheila Keene				<b>1</b> 9:00am Hannah Circle at the home of Rene' Johnson	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service-All Saints Sunday</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>5</b> 6:00pm Learning Committee Meeting	<b>6</b> 8:00am-9:00am Pastor Miho at Lena Ministerial Breakfast	<b>7</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>8</b> 12:00pm Friendship Club Potluck entertainment Mississippi Man	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>12</b> 12:30pm Parkinson Support Group, Holiday Pot Luck, bring a dish to pass. No speaker.	<b>13</b> 9:45am Hymn Sing Lena Living Center 6:30pm Council Meeting	<b>14</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 9:30am-11:00am Pastor Miho at NW Conference meeting, First, Chadwick.	<b>15</b> 1:00pm Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions & Dessert	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service</b> 10:30am Fellowship 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 9:00am-10:00am Pastor Miho at Text Study	<b>21</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>22 Office Closed</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry 4:30pm Men's Group
<b>25</b> <b>9:30am Worship Service-Christ the King HAT Sunday</b> 10:30am Fellowship No Sunday School 11:00am Choir Practice 5:00pm Chime Practice	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 9:00am-10:00am Pastor Miho at Text Study	<b>28</b> 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>30</b>		

## November Worship Volunteers

### November 4<sup>th</sup>

Lector Cora Hudik  
Acolyte Jared Runkle  
Assisting Minister Wayne Kurth  
Worship Assistant Marybeth Brinker  
Communion Assistant Beth Martin and Tena Rackow  
Communion Ushers Chris and Angie Brinker  
Sound System Jay Andrews and Ashtyn Brinker  
Greeters Chris and Angie Brinker, Gary and Cynthia Boeke  
Ushers Robert and Sharon Schlachter,  
Virgil and Joanne Martin  
Elevator Operator Donna Gullickson

### November 11<sup>th</sup>

Lector Larry Fulfs  
Acolyte Jared Runkle  
Assisting Minister Sheila Keene  
Worship Assistant Kayla Runkle  
Communion Assistant Marybeth Brinker and Hanna Brinker  
Communion Ushers Mike and Kelly Geiseman  
Sound System Denny Luke and Ethan Fye  
Greeters Bill and Jean Engel, Troy and Cindy Doubler  
Ushers Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Jerry and Beth Martin  
Elevator Operator Krista and Troy Keene

### November 18<sup>th</sup>

Lector Kristy Patterson  
Acolyte Kayla Runkle  
Assisting Minister Shirley Fox  
Worship Assistant Sheila Keene  
Communion Assistant Troy and Cindy Doubler  
Communion Ushers Donna Gullickson and Virgil Gordon  
Sound System Denny Luke and Hanna Brinker  
Greeters Paul and Shirley Fox,  
Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher  
Ushers Chris and Angie Brinker, Mike Geiseman,  
Andrew Martin  
Elevator Operator Denny Luke

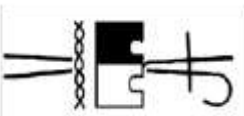
### November 25<sup>th</sup>

Lector Cora Hudik  
Acolyte Ashtyn Brinker  
Assisting Minister Krista Keene  
Worship Assistant Vivian Hesselbacher  
Communion Assistant Shirley Fox and Sheila Keene  
Communion Ushers Troy and Krista Keene  
Sound System Troy Doubler and Hanna Brinker  
Greeters Willie Kayser, Troy, Sheila and Krista Keene  
Ushers Larry Fulfs, Jim Swain, Virgil Gordon and  
Tim Gordon  
Elevator Operator Anna and 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*





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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.*



**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**  
 for December 2018 Newsletter  
 is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018.  
 Thank You!

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## **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 Betty Allen

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

**Hannah Circle 9:00am**

**All Saints Sunday**

**Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm**

**Parkinson Support Group 12:00pm**

**Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am**

**Office Closed Thanksgiving**

**Christ of King HAT Sunday**

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