

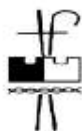
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*The Good Shepherd cares for us.
He gives His Life for us and to us.
We give and use our lives in love,
care and service of one another.*

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NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE for the September 2019
Newsletter is August 15, 2019
Thank You!



The SHEPHERD'S VOICE

August 2019

For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this. (Esther 4:14)

I took a vacation and went to New Glarus, WI. It was very interesting. Following advice from members and staff, my husband and I stopped by the bakery and munched on good bread and pastry, saw Polish pottery (They were beautiful.), sampled a variety of fudge, and explored "America's Little Switzerland." My favorite place was the Swiss Historical Museum and Village. At the museum they narrated the story of New Glarus accompanied by zippy polka-like music, and the stories were hilarious. The original settlers were from Glarus canton in Switzerland. Glarus was located in a valley surrounded by mountains, and its main industry was textiles. However, by the early 19th century manual labor was taken over by machines and industrialization. Losing their jobs in Glarus, they sought out hope in the United States. The first immigrants arrived in 1845, and searched for land in Illinois, Iowa, and Missouri; however, all the lands were already taken by other immigrants. Then, they purchased land at the current location of New Glarus because it was inexpensive. The immigrants first planted wheat, but that did not work well; so they switched to the dairy industry. They were having an abundance of milk, so they began making cheeses (I also learned the cheese making process at the museum.). Their cheese became well-known, and the train helped their cheese spread out to other markets. Then, the evaporated milk industry came in and took over the cheese factories. PET, the evaporated milk manufacturer did not stay long, closed the New Glarus factory, and moved to other towns. Facing another economic crisis, the German Swiss immigrants in New Glarus developed their town as tourist town. They knew who they were. They fully embraced their Deutsche-Swiss heritage. And they lived through all these challenging times with creativity and humor. I am impressed with their resilience, and their resilience emerged from their root as German-Swiss.

The book of Esther is an interesting book in the Bible. If you have a chance, I encourage you to read it through. It is only 10 chapters. The book of Esther is a story about how an orphan named Esther became a queen and saved the Jewish people. God's people went through huge ups and downs in their history—wandering through the wilderness for 40 years, establishing a kingdom, going into exile, returning to the promised land, re-building the country, facing attempted persecutions, and on and on. I wonder how many times God's people pondered “for such a time as this” and found God's resilience to care for them. God quietly remind them that they were God's chosen people and God would not abandon them but walks with their ups and downs. They were God's children, and God was with them in the wilderness and in the foreign land. Whether your roots are German or Swiss or Norwegian or Scottish or Swedish or Polish, our roots lie on our identity as a beloved child of God. Like the German-Swiss and Israelites, we go through ups and downs and curves. Someday feels terrific, and the other day feels exhausted and beaten. Life is full of “adventures.” Sometimes I even wonder, where is God in all of this? Yet the stories of God's people remind me that God always walks with us. God is resilient. I find hope in there. I pray that God breathes through our hearts to remind us of the persistent love of God in our days. Pr. Miho

*The June and July/August issues of Gather magazine features the book of Esther. The articles and Bible study are intriguing. We have extra copies at church. You are welcome to take one home and read them.

*Also you may join NW conference WELCA Summer retreat on August 1st at Prince of Peace from 8:30am-2:00pm (including lunch).

*Thank You,
Thank You,*



*Beth Martin, Donna Gullickson,
Cindy Doubler, Darlene Aurand,
Kelsey Albrecht, Vivian Hesselbacher,
Debbie Hesselbacher, Shirley Fox and
Sharon Schlachter for helping with the
July Newsletter.*

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

Incoming June 2019	\$ 13,224.78
Expenses June 2019	\$ 17,581.20
Net Income (Loss)	\$ (4,356.42)
Income, Year to Date 2019	\$ 58,509.18
Expenses, Year to Date 2019	\$ 77,978.61
Net Income (Loss)	\$(19,469.43)

Ahhhh, those "Dog Days of Summer"

Don't know what to make for dinner, feeling burned out? To help beat those "dog days of summer", how about meeting at Route 20 Bar and Grill on Friday, August 16th at 6:30pm for an evening of fellowship and great food.

Friday night specials include fish, prime rib, steaks or order off their menu.

Meet at the church if you wish to car pool by 6:15pm or meet us at the restaurant by 6:30pm. Please sign up on the sign up sheet by Monday, August 12th (sign up sheet by Fellowship Hall) so reservations can be made.



Slow Cooker BBQ

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| 3 lb. stew meat | 1/2 cup brown sugar |
| 1 onion, chopped | 1/4 cup cider vinegar |
| 1 green pepper, chopped | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1-6 oz can tomato paste | 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce |



Combine all ingredients in slow cooker. Mix well. Cook on LOW for 8-10 hours. Mix again to shred meat, serve on buns.

Highlights from July Council Meetings

- J. Andrews presented the Treasurers Report which included a June electric bill of \$185 and gas bill of \$200.37. The report was approved with a motion by K. Patterson and second by T. Gordon.
- Pastor's report included upcoming events such as: Vacation Bible School July 15 -18; Open Church during the Lena Gathering July 17. There will once be games for children and adults to enjoy. Pastor will attend the ELCA Churchwide Assembly Aug. 5-10 in Milwaukee and the WELCA servant trip to Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Box Elder, MT Aug. 24 – Sept. 1. RAMP Wheel-A-Thon July 25. Pastor's report was approved with a motion by K. Patterson and second by T. Gordon.
- Committee Reports include:
- Stewardship Committee will again use pledge cards and written thank you notes to those responding.
- Rally Day Aug. 18 will be also be designated Sundaes Sunday complete with ice cream treats and fellowship
- Council learned that youth fundraising was successful. Youth raised \$1000 which will be equally matched by Mitek Corp., Winslow. A potential youth camping trip is being considered for August.
- Men's group plans to power wash the front steps and paint when weather allows. The group will also look at replacing lights in the steeple and repairing the light at the front step. Council learned the air conditioning unit appears to be working normally.
- In another matter, Council approved guest minister compensation of \$150 plus mileage according to Synod guidelines. K. Patterson made the motion to approve and V. Gordon made the second.
- D. Luke said quotes are being gathered for leasing a color office copier.
- A shelter house at Dodds Park has been reserved for the annual Worship in the Park Sunday, Aug. 4. Services begin at 10 am instead of 9:30 and will be followed by a picnic and games.
- A booth for Lena Lions Fall Festival has been reserved at the former location in front of Citizens State Bank.
- The Council will next meet Aug. 13.

Respectfully submitted,
Darci Meier, Secretary

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: Lois Paulsen and Fern Hamish. They would love to hear from you. Consider visiting, calling, or sending them a note.

Back to School Shindig At Lena Living Center

Friday, August 2nd 11 am - 2 pm

Come and join for Back to School Shindig, August 2 from 11 to 2 pm. There will be games to play, crafts to make, and food to eat. All kids will win tickets to exchange for school supplies.

Need 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 at 369-5552



It's almost the time for Lena Fall Festival!

Lena Fall Festival is approaching. We would like to have your input for this year's float. If you have an idea or just like to talk, join us for brief meeting on **Sunday, August 4th after worship.** Questions? Talk to Tim.

Join Us!

HYMN SING AT LENA LIVING CENTER

We sing old favorites hymns. It is rewarding to see the residents' faces light up when we announce a favorite hymn. Sometimes the residents sing with their eyes closed, as they have memorized the words over the years. Sometimes the songs help them remember that Jesus loves them, each and every day, even troubled days. Usually 15-20 residents come to enjoy the music. When you come to help us in singing favorite hymns maybe you can sit by a resident of help turn the pages for them. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9:45 am is at the Lena Living Center.

PLEASE COME JOIN US.

*We will be meeting on **August 18th***

Please call the church if you need a ride, 369-5552

Open Church

Wednesday, August 21st 5pm-8pm
in downtown Lena.

Come and join the fun evening with the
community.



Sunday School Teachers Needed



How would you like to take a spiritual journey with our youth while they learn the word of the Lord? You will read Bible stories with the children, help them with their lessons, and provide support in their journey.

Sunday School will begin on August 25th from 10:45am after Worship Service.

If interested contact:

Good Shepherd at 815-369-5552

OR

Kristy Patterson at 608-214-5388

VBS Highlights from 2019

Friendship, A Love That Never Ends



Fun Times at VBS



With Friends





Concentration

I Am a Friend of God
Who am I
You are mindful of me
That You hear me
When I call

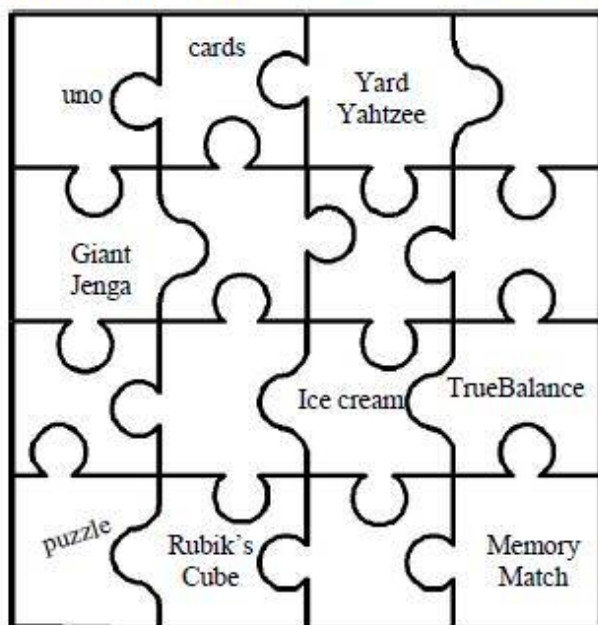
Stories

More pictures will be on our Facebook page; GSLCLenAll

SUNDAE FUN DAY

August 18th

Worship 9:30 am at Fellowship Hall.
Games and Sundaes after the service.



It's a little different! Come and try!

For Ice Cream sundae, please bring your favorite toppings, or bananas to make banana splits, to share.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME



SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

The silent auction was held June 7 – June 30. It was a huge success! We raised \$665.00. We would like to thank our generous donors: Teresa Stamm, Joanne and Virgil Martin, Rene Johnson, Denny Luke, Chris and Angie Brinker, Shirley Fox, Janice Kurth, Vivian and Gene Hesselbacher, the Piece Corps, Caroline Jam, Kristy Patterson, Bari Raymer, Don Wienand, Heather Fye, Dena Price, Karen Niemeier, Larry Fulfs, Cynthia Boeke, Sheila Keene, Darci Meier, Jay Andrews, Virgil Gordon, Kelly Geiseman, Tena Rackow, Sue Rush, Brianna Andrews, Bill Engel, Jane Nelson and some anonymous donors who gave to Mi-Shell bucket. We would also, like to thank Saporito's Pizzeria, Coach's, Brickhouse Restaurant, Café 217, Sweetie Me, Lena Drive Inn, Lena Mercantile, Beach's Supper Club, Lena Fitness Club, DeVoe Floral, and Mitek Corp. Lastly, a HUGE shout out to Mitek Corporation to their generation match of our 2 fund raisers totals! We couldn't have done it without your generosity! Please keep these local businesses in mind if you are looking for a great Lena Shepherd Youth experience! Good Group



How To Bake a Cake



Preheat oven; get out bowl, spoons, and ingredients. Grease pan, crack nuts. Remove 18 blocks and 7 toy autos from counter.

Measure 2 cups flour; remove Johnny's hands from flour. Wash Johnny. Measure 1 more cup of flour to replace flour on floor. Put flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in sifter. Get dust pan and brush up pieces of bowl which Johnny knocked onto the floor. Get another bowl. Answer doorbell.

Return to kitchen Remove Johnny from counter. Get out eggs. Answer phone. Return. Take out greased pan. Find 1/4 inch salt and 2 toy cars in pan. Look for Johnny. Get another pan and grease it. Answer phone. Return to kitchen to find Johnny; remove his hands from batter. Wash Johnny. Take ungreased pan and find eggshells in pan. Head for Johnny who flees, knocking bowl from counter.

Wash floor, wash counter and walls. Take 2 aspirin, call bakery, and lie down!

From Allen Family Cookbook.



August Birthdays

8/2	Madison Tessendorf	8/19	Brianna Kraft
8/3	Virgil Gordon	8/19	Jacob Collier
8/5	Audrey Stees	8/21	Virgil Martin
8/5	Karen Cross	8/21	Marlene Jones
8/7	Bob Lyvers	8/21	Lydia Smith
8/7	Tim Huber	8/21	Alec Aurand
8/7	Mark Jacobs	8/23	Gia Schlichting
8/8	Brooke Huttenlocher	8/23	Kevin Huttenlocher
8/10	Steve Carlson	8/24	Donna Gullickson
8/10	Abbea Schlichting	8/24	Curt Diddens
8/11	Danielle Jones	8/25	Chad Baldauf
8/11	Layton Albright	8/25	Emily Meyers
8/13	Sheridan Brinker	8/25	Christian Sutter
8/15	Mercedes Freitag	8/26	Paul Fox
8/16	Larry Huneke	8/26	Ethan Fye
8/16	Dennis Broege	8/27	Lillie Wilson
8/18	Nikola Cornwell	8/29	Pastor Miranda
8/19	Bill Engel	8/30	Thomas Andrews

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



August Meetings at Good Shepherd

PIECE CORPS QUILTERS will meet Wednesday August 7th, 14th, the 21st, and 28th.

PRAISE GOD'S CREATION WORSHIP SERVICE, August 4th 9:30 am.

LEARNING COMMITTEE will meet August 4th, at 11:00 am.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB/POTLUCK August 8th at noon, entertainment by Dave & Duska Ruter.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet August 12th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Guest speaker from Senior Resource Center.

HYMN SING Lena Living Center, August 13th at 9:45 am.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING August 13th at 6:30 pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD at Friendship Center August 15th at 1 pm for Devotions and Desserts.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER at Route 20 Bar and Grill August 16th at 6:30pm.

SUNDAE FUN DAY worship and games, August 18th, 9:30 am.

OPEN CHURCH August 21st, downtown Lena, from 5:30-8 pm.

GOOD SHEPHERD AT LENA-WINSLOW FOOD PANTRY August 24th from 8:30am-11:30am.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING, August 24th at 4:30 pm.

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, August 25th, at 10:45am.

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Famous Birthday - August 6th, 1881

Penicillin discoverer Alexander Fleming (1881-1955) was born in Lochfield, Scotland. By accident, he found that mold from soil killed deadly bacteria without injuring human tissue. He received the Nobel Prize in 1954.



Do you ever wonder what you could do for Good Shepherd that is so easy? We are looking for volunteers to help with communion set up and clean up. if you are interested, please call Vivian Hesselbacher at 815-369-4496.



August Worship

Gottesdienst is worship in German. It means God service. God serves us when we gather for worship. Our worship service in August brings variety of ways to taste and see God's grace.

August 4: Praise God's Creation Worship

Blessings of animals and plants

August 11: Service with Holy Communion.

Special music by Tena and Terry (piano duet).

August 18: SUNDAY FUN DAY Worship

Blessing of the Backpacks, ice cream sundae and games

August 25: Service of the Word (no communion)

*Guest speakers from Lutheran Outdoor
Ministry Center (LOMC in Oregon, IL)*

Special music by Sue Koehn





If you have any questions about WELCA,
please call Rene' Johnson (815)-369-2818.

Hannah Circle will not be meeting August 1st on our
regularly scheduled meeting date so we could all attend the
Northwest Conference Summer Retreat.
All women of the church and their guests are invited and
welcome at all circle functions.



Northwest Conference
Summer Retreat

for

Women of the ELCA

Prince of Peace

2700 W. Stephenson St.

Freeport, IL 61032

Courage

Hope

Thursday, August 1, 2019

Time: 8:30 AM to 2 PM

Registration & Fellowship/Coffee Time – 8:30 AM

Bible Study 9:00 AM

Luncheon served at 12 noon

(\$5.00 donation at time of registration for POP hosting event)

Program

“FOR JUST SUCH A TIME AS THIS”

Esther the Queen

(Bible study from the June, July/August Gather magazine)

Bring your magazine if you subscribe to it and a Bible)

Bible Study Leader

Rev Karen Tews, Pastor at POP

A Freewill Offering will be collected & given to

½ NISWO & ½ Bible Study Leader's Charity

Important: Please make your **RESERVATIONS**

CALL

Judy Castle at 815-233-2425 or 815-291-1928 (cell)

By July 26, 2019

For the retreat you will need to bring your June and July copies of
“Gather” magazine and your Bible. If you would like to carpool to
the event, contact Rene' Johnson at 369-2818.



August Worship Volunteers



August 4

Praise All God's Creation Worship
Assisting; Minister: Taylor Bastian

August 18

Sundae Fun Day Worship
Assisting Minister; Wayne Kurth
Lector; Shirley Fox
Ushers; Virgil and Joanne Martin



Games and
Sundaes
Fellowship
after the
service!

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

August 11

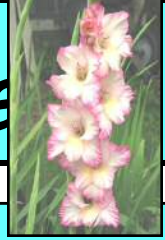
Lector; Janis Kurth
Assisting Minister; Sheila Keene
Acolyte; Ethan Fye
Worship Assistant; Cora Hudik
Communion Assistant; Shirley Fox and
Marybeth Brinker
Communion Ushers; Bill and Jean Engel
Elevator Operators; Krista Keene and Troy Keene
Greeters; Wayne and Janis Kurth,
Jerry and Beth Martin
Ushers; Jim Swain, Virgil Gordon, Tim Gordon, and
Bari Raymer
Sound; Denny Luke and open

August 25

Lector; Beth Martin
Assisting Minister; Jay Andrews
Acolyte; Jared Runkle
Worship Assistant; Sheila Keene
Elevator Operators; Taylor Patterson and
Kristy Patterson
Greeters; Chris and Angie Brinker,
Troy and Cindy Doubler
Ushers; Jerry and Beth Martin,
Bob and Sharon Schlachter
Sound; Wayne Kurth and open



August 2019 Good Shepherd Lutheran



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	August Communion Set-up/Clean up Kristy Patterson			1 8:30 am– 2:00 pm NW WELCA Summer Retreat at Prince of Peace, Freeport.	2	3
4 9:30 am Praise All God's Creation Worship Service 10:30 am Fellowship Fall Festival float meeting 11:00 am Learning Committee Meeting	5	6	7 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	8 12:00 pm Friendship Club Potluck luncheon and entertainment by Dave & Duska Ruter	9	10
Pr. Miho at ELCA Churchwide Assembly, Milwaukee						
11 9:30 am Worship Service Special Music, Tena Rackow and Terry Hart 10:30 am Fellowship	12 1:30 pm Parkinson Support Group Meeting. The guest speaker will be from the Senior Resource Center.	13 9:45 am Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 4:00-6:00pm Mobil Food Pantry 6:30 pm Council Meeting	14 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	15 1:00 pm Good Shepherd at Friendship Center Devotions and Desserts	16 6:30 pm Dog Days of Summer at Rout 20 Bar and Grill	17
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Pr. Miho vacation begins						
25 9:30 am Worship Service Special Music, Sue Koehn Guest Speakers from LOMC 10:30 am Fellowship 10:45 am Sunday School	26	27	28 8:00-11:30 am Piece Corps Quilters	29	30	31
Pr. Miho is on vacation						

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

Fellowship Hour 10:30 am

Sunday School 10:45 am

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Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Church Secretary Betty Allen

Month's Highlights!

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| August 4 | Praise All God's Creation Worship , 9:30 am |
| August 4 | Learning Committee Meeting 11:00 am |
| August 8 | Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment, 12:00 pm |
| August 12 | Parkinson Support Group, 1:30 pm |
| August 13 | Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center, 9:45 am |
| August 13 | Council Meeting, 6:30 pm |
| August 15 | Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotion and Dessert, 1:00pm |
| August 16 | Dog Days of Summer, at Route 20 Bar and Grill, 6:30pm |
| August 18 | Sundae Fund Day Worship and Games 9:30 am |
| August 21 | Open Church downtown Lena, 5:00-8:00 pm |
| August 24 | Good Shepherd at the Food Pantry |
| August 24 | Men's Group, 4:30 pm |

For More Good Shepherd
Pictures and highlights go to
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