

The SHEPHERD'S VOICE September 2019

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. (Galatians 2:19-20)

Didn't this summer go by too fast? The gnats were so bad at first, then June was a little chilly, and then when the summer heat arrived in July, I tried to catch up with outdoor activities. Then boom, it's already mid-August. Some schools have already started, and children and teachers are adjusting to school day routines. I had no idea what happened to my summer. I feel like I just kept going and going and going day after day. Do you feel the same way, too?

When I am busy and saturated with tasks and chores, I become super self-centered. Honestly, I cannot think about others nor God, which is bad. I try to do devotions, but my mind is scattered around a million things which I believe need to be done. In Japanese, the word "busy" literally means "dead heart". I can easily be consumed by tasks and responsibilities.

During such crazy chaotic summer days, little Christ's showed up. You know them, don't you? Little Christ's are messengers from God who share compassion like Jesus did. They are sometimes called "God's angels" but I like to call them little Christ's because they bring joy and peace to my murky days. One day a little Christ appeared when the Men's Group was doing a service project for the church. A little Christ packed two dinner plates and delivered them to one of our members. Another day a little Christ called me. She said that one of our members was in the hospital and needed prayers. The more I felt stressed out, the more I encountered little Christ's. In fact, they were very active this summer. For instance, they baked or bought dozens of cookies for VBS. A bunch of little Christ's painted the front entrance of the church, changed light bulbs, cleaned the sink, made visits and phone calls, sang hymns at the nursing home, cut cloth squares, and made quilts. And little Christ's enjoyed feasts together.

Who are little Christ's? We are little Christ's. Martin Luther taught that all baptized Christians are little Christ's to our neighbors and also to one another because Christ, who is living in us since our baptisms, shows up and moves us to be God's hands, feet, eyes, ears, voices, smiles, and hearts to the hurting world which we are living in. Christ in us is living and working through us to share God's love and care to all. I thank you little Christ's because you help me to trust God who is in control in the midst of chaos. Thanks be to God! Pr. Miho



September 1st Sunday School Class begins.

September 8th NO Sunday School

please help with Fall Festival parade or booth.

September 15th Sunday School,

Confirmation class begins

(parents/confirmands meeting)

September 22nd Sunday School

September 29th Joint Sunday School & Confirmation class.

SAVE THE DATES

October 12th Family outing at LOMC Autumn Fest 11:00am-3:00pm.

Meet at the church at 10:00am.

November/December Christmas Walk and Parade. (TBD)

December 15th Christmas Program

WE GO AND CHEER

As a Good Shepherd Family, we would like to invite you to attend upcoming youth and adult events as a group. As we come up with dates, we will let you know. If you have an idea, let us know.

Thank you

Youth group has received a matching fund from Mitek Corp.
Thank you for their generosity.

September Meetings at Good Shepherd

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

CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet Sunday September 15th and 29th at 11:00am.

HANNAH CIRCLE will meet Thursday September 5th at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson. This will be a potluck.

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS will be Sunday, September 8th, during 9:30am worship service.

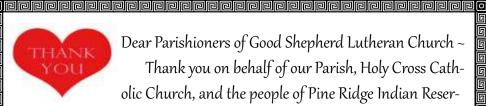
PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP will meet Monday, September 9th at 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall with guest speaker.

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

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

FRIENDSHIP CLUB will meet Thursday, September 12th at noon for a Potluck Luncheon & entertainment by "Steve".

MEN'S GROUP MEETING Saturday September 28th at 4:30pm



Dear Parishioners of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church ~ Thank you on behalf of our Parish, Holy Cross Catholic Church, and the people of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation for the generous donation of quilts and towels.

The people of Pine Ridge will appreciate these much needed items.

Your thoughtfulness and kindness is deeply appreciated. May you keep the people of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and our ministry to assist them in your prayers.

> God Bless Holy Cross Catholic Church Stockton, Illinois

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September Birthdays O9-O1 Tim Tessendorf O9-O1 Marcy Schwartz O9-O2 Marilyn Hardel O9-O3 Joshua Proehl O9-O4 Colton Brinker O9-O9 Elizabeth Reed O9-O9 Cynthia Boeke O9-10 Brianna Andrews O9-11 Nina Mueller O9-11 Michael Geiseman O9-14 Eric Runkle O9-15 Jennifer Huneke O9-16 Duane Fox O9-17 Alexis Martin O9-21 Sydney Fox O9-24 Sally Huber O9-27 Andrew Martin O9-28 Makenzie Meier O9-30 Cody Shumaker O9-30 Grayson Albright

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



All are invited to our Annual Wine and Cheese Evening

September 21st 6:30pm at Donna Gullickson 's home.

Please bring your favorite wine, pop or lemonade as well as some cheese or other finger foods.

The fun and fellowship will begin at 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy the evening.

Come and join us for Blessing of the Quilts, Sunday, September 8th, during 9:30am worship service.

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Lena Fall Festival is Coming Soon September 6th & 7th 2019

A float will be put together for the parade. If you're interested in helping put this float together, please contact Tim Gordon at 815-766-1147.

Our Hospitality Tent will be open Friday evening and Saturday after the parade. A sign-up sheet for the Hospitality Tent will be posted on the board in the hall: times are for one hour at a time.



Need of a ride to church on Sunday?

Call: Donna Gullickson at 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.



Thank You

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

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, September 29th
At 9:30am
For
GRACE Worship

Our Grace contemporary service will have modern songs led by guitar/keyboard.

The songs will have very meaningful words that you can join in singing easily.

Please come & bring others with you to enjoy this relaxed service.

Need a ride? Call the office 369-5552

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: Lois Paulsen, 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.

Intouch Home Care Services

Responding to the Gospel, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois brings healing, justice and wholeness to people and communities.

What can home care assistants do for my loved ones and family?

- We tailor our service to the unique needs of each individual.
- We work cooperatively with families to develop and appropriate plan of care.
- We update the family on the changing needs of a parent (with his or her permission).
- We relieve the stress and worry associated with care giving.
- We provide Alzheimer's and dementia care.
- We can provide home care assistance during hospice care.

Our services include: Meal planning/preparation, wellness, personal care, cleaning and washing, and companionship at home or wherever the individual resides.

Contact Information:

Stephenson, Jo Davies Counties	815-233-2196
Winnebago, Boone, Ogle Counties	815-387-9170
Dekalb County	815-287-1679

Monroe Clinic Heal Grief Support Group

Heal Grief and Education Group offers sessions to anyone 18 yrs. and older who has experienced the death of someone special. Learn about the grieving process and ideas for coping and healing in a safe and supportive setting. Group session begins Wednesday, September 4th and will continue every Wednesday through October 9th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. Meetings will take place at St. Camillus Center, 2101 6th Street, Monroe, WI. There is no cost to attend, and space is limited. To register or express interest in attending please call 608-324-1230 or 1-800-367-8406

Healthcare Access Transit "ተፈተ"

The Senior Resource Center now offers rides to Monroe and Rockford on a weekly basis.

Every Monday you can go to Rockford to your medical appointment for a flat fee of \$75.

Every Thursday you can go to Monroe to your medical appointment for a flat fee of \$50.

How does is work?

- 1. Schedule your appointment with your physician.
- 2. Call us
- We make sure we have a driver and confirm a scheduled pick up time with you to take you to your appointment.

To schedule your ride call 815-235-9777 or 815-235-7433 and press #2 to schedule your ride or for more information.

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Did you know?

For only \$35. an hour and 75 cents per mile, you can use the **Senior Resource Center** bus to take your group where they need to go!

You can take up to 12 people anywhere in

Illinois, Wisconsin or Iowa by using LAT.

We ask you call at least 7 days in advance to book the bus.

Our drivers have completed extensive training to offer you and your group a safe ride.

Just call 815-235-97777 or 815-7433 and press #2 to reserve the Senior Center Bus.

Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle will meet on Thursday, September 5th, 2019 at 9:00am at the home of Rene' Johnson—621 Deer Trail Dr., Lena, IL. This is a "potluck"-we will not have a hostess. Rene' is the Bible Study leader, and her phone number is 815-369-2818.

We begin a new three-session Bible Study—"Poetry of the Old Testament" by Anna Madsen. In this study we will explore selections of Old Testament poetry from Job, Psalms and Lamentations. Drawing from the experiences of these ancient writers, we will learn to look for God in times of deep emotions, such as joy, anger, celebration, depression, misunderstanding and contentment, finding home and grace along the way.

No hard feelings? Session One: "The angst of anger" is in the September 2019 Gather Magazine. Please join us as we look at Psalms 44,51,69 and 137. Our sessions are very informal. We always have extra magazines. Contact Rene' Johnson or Pastor Miho to get a magazine.

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

Choir rehearsal will begin on

September 8th . Chime practice will begin on September 15th.

If you or someone you know would like to sing in the choir or learn to play chimes please call, Janis Kurth at 815-291-3507 or Good Shepherd at 815-369-5552

Starting in October, we will ask you to submit your favorite Christmas carols for our worship services.



Northern Illinois Synod

Women of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

31st Annual Convention

Saturday, September 21, 2019

Theme: "New Horizons"

Morning Message: Bishop Jeffrey Clements.

Ephesians 2:19 "So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."

Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1330 13th Street, Moline, IL 61265

Coffee and registrations: 8:00am

Registration Fee \$40.00

Fellowship-worship-singing songs-exhibits (Items from Tanzania, Books)

Convention Offering:

50% Women of the ELCA

15% Tanzania Women North Central Conference

15% India Arcot Women's Desk

10% AAMPARO-ELCA's Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities

10% The Nursing Project—Tanzania

Physical Offering: LSSI Foster Care Program

Gift Cards; Suggested gift Cards--Walmart, Target, Walgreens, CVS, Dollar General, Dollar Tree, Casey's General Store, Kroger, Aldi, Hy-Vee, Schnucks, Woodman's McDondalds, Subway, Culvers, Gas cards, (Shell, Mobil, Amoco, prepaid Visa/Mastercard).

On Friday evening at 7:00pm, we will have a gathering a the church for an informal meet & greet session.

With Churchwide Representative, Elizabeth Burgess

A block of rooms has been reserved at the La Quinta Inn in Moline, 5450 27th Street, Moline, phone 309-762-9008. Cost is \$67.80 per room, with 2 double beds.

Hope to see all of you there.!

We have registration forms and agendas are available at the Good Shepherd office.

Can you find all the hidden animals?

—Deer —Hamsters

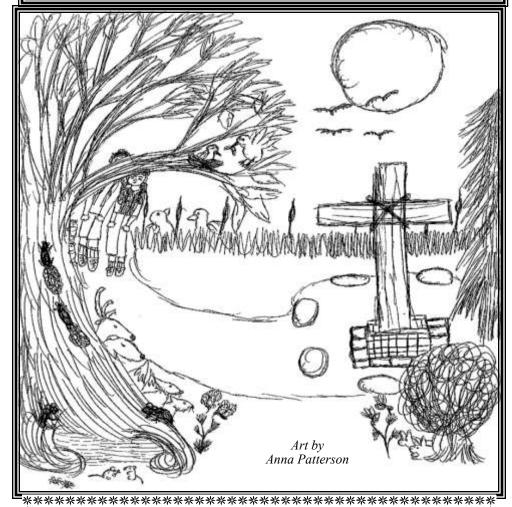
-Rabbits -Broken Kite -Bees

—Frog —Squirrel —Wolves

-Birds -Duck -People

—Chipmunks—Spiders—Nest

-Cross -Bats



Wacky Holidays in September;

September is National Happy Cat Month

September 8: National Hug Your Hound Day

September 13: Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day

Protect City AREA TRANSIT



WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Pretzel City Area Transit provides bus of van transportation throughout all of Stephenson County. Our comfortable vehicles and courteous drivers are available;

Monday—Friday 6:00am-Midnight Saturday: 6:00a1:00pm

We currently do not offer transportation on Sundays.

Call ahead, your ride will be scheduled to your personal pick-up and drop off specifications when possible. Please call 48 hours in advance. Same day service is available but can't be guaranteed. We can also book rides up to six months in advance.

Just call 815-235-7433.

FAIR FARES

Our fare ticket prices are very competitive and all service is door-to-door! Exact fare or a pre-paid punch card/ticket is required before boarding and can be paid in the fare box on the bus. Fare tickets can also be purchased at the Senior Resource Center.

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Outside Freeport*	\$6 each way	Under age 6** Donation-based		
		Ages 7-11 \$4 each way		

^{*}Outside Freepart city limits, but in Stephenson County

SAVE WITH PUNCH CARDSI

Punch cards add convenience to your ride because you don't have to have exact fare or any cash. Purchase yours today at the Senior Resource Center!

20 rides for \$60 and 21st ride is free

VEHICLE ACCESSIBILITY

Pretzel, City Area Transit offers wheelchair access and transportation — we'll pick you up at your door and take you wherever you want to go.

RIDING BACK HOME

When we schedule your pick-up, we will also ask for you to schedule your return ride home. We do this because we operate on a first come, first served basis and when we are running full, callers without pre-scheduled rides (will-calls) could wait up to 2 hours. In order to reduce that waiting time, we encourage our riders to schedule the time for their rides home, even if it is just an educated guess.

To make an educated guess, if you think you will only need a half-hour at your doctor or to do a little shopping, we suggest you schedule the ride home for 45 minutes to an hour after the time we pick you up.



Hawks Mill Winery Outing

W8170 Pilz Rd., Browntown, WI 53522

Date: September 28 (Saturday)

Time: TBA (Please call the office when the

date is closer.)

Meet at church if you would like to carpool. We will pick communion wines for festive Sundays.

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[&]quot;Children under age 5 must have a car seat to ride

^{***}Seniors must register with Senior Resource Center for age verification to qualify for donation-based fares

Highlights from August Council Meetings

- The Treasurer's Report was presented. J. Andrews pointed out the July gas bill was \$187.72 and the electric bill was \$134.93. Council approved the report with a motion made by V. Gordon and seconded by D. Wienand.
- Pastor Miho reviewed her monthly report with the following highlights: Good Shepherd will once again volunteer by providing beverages for the Le-Win School Staff Appreciation Picnic Aug. 16: Sundae Fun Day and Blessing of the Back Packs Aug. 18: Open Church downtown Lena Aug. 21: Go and Cheer at the Le-Win EPC football game Aug. 30. Pastor will attend the WELCA servant trip to Rocky Boy Indian Reservation in Box Elder, MT. Aug. 24 Sept. 1.
- K. Patterson said \$202 was raised during combined churches' Vacation Bible School. The donations will be given to RAMP. Additional funds were raised at the RAMP Wheel-A-Thon event raising the total gifts to more than \$300. The first day of Sunday School is set for September 1.
- T. Gordon was appointed the new Property Committee Chairperson.
- Men's Ministry has finished painting the two stairway supports at the front door and has repaired the lighting. Landscape around the church has also been maintained.
- T. Gordon said discussion is underway for the Lena Lions Fall Festival float. The church's booth has been reserved in front of Citizens State Bank. Volunteers are needed for the booth.
- Committee reports were approved with T. Gordon making the motion and K. Patterson offering the second.
- In new business, Council approved paying the synod recommended mileage for LOMC speakers for Aug. 25. Funds will be marked as non-operating expenses. A free-will offering will be collected on that day for LOMC. A motion was made by V. Gordon and second by K. Patterson. All approved.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for Sept. 10, 2019. The meeting was adjourned with a motion by K. Patterson and seconded by V. Gordon.

A complete copy of the minutes will be posted on bulletin board.

Treasurer's Report from Treasurer Jay Andrews

\$ (17,721.85)

Incoming July 2019 \$8022.00 Expenses July 2019 \$11,030.72 Net Income (Loss) \$(3008.72) Income, Year to Date 2019 \$71,287.48 Expenses, Year to Date 2019 \$89,009.33



Net Income (Loss)

Food Pantry Donations Needed

Lena Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of laundry soap, dish soap (smaller sized), and personal hygiene products: toothpaste, bar soap, shaving needs, toilet paper.

At this time we have an abundance of rice and noodles In July the Le-Win Food Pantry provided food for 72 households for a total of 203 bags of groceries.

The Northern Illinois Mobile Food Pantry
will be in Orangeville on September 12th from 4:006:00pm. It will be at Orangeville High School, 201 S.
Orange Street. Please bring bags or boxes.

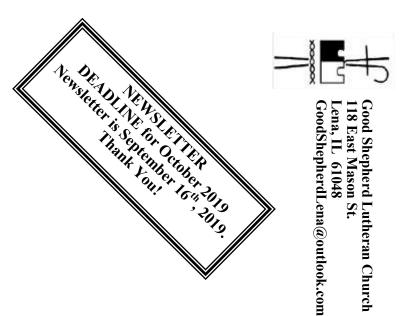
September & October are Food Pantry Months

We will collect items for the Le-Win Food Pantry. Bring your donation to the food pantry boxes (located at each entrance) or the table in the Sanctuary. Monetary donations are also appreciated. Please mark on the envelope FOOD PANTRY and place it in the offering plate. And remember to pray for people who face hunger in our neighborhood.

September 6-7 September 10 September 9 September 8 September 5 September 2 Sunday Worship Service CHURCH OFFICE Fellowship Hour Pre-K & K Sunday School after Children's Message WORSHIP SCHEDULE Church Secretary Pastor **Hymn Sing at Lena Living Center 9:45am** Parkinson Support Group 1:30pm **Quilt Sunday** Hannah Circle 9:00am Labor Day—Office Closed Lena Fall Festival Betty Allen Pastor Miho Yasukawa Month's Highlights! 815-369-5552

September 10 September 12 September 29 September 28 September 21 September 19 Men's Group Meeting 4:30pm **Good Shepherd at Friendship Center for Devotions & Dessert 1:00pm** Friendship Club Potluck/Entertainment 12:00pm Wine and Cheese Evening 6:30pm Council Meeting 6:30pm

GRACE Worship Sunday



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September Worship Volunteers

September 1

Lector: Tena Rackow Acolyte: Kayla Runkle

Assisting Minister: Krista Keene Worship Assistant: Tena Rackow

Communion Ushers: Paul and Shirley Fox Communion Assistant: Cora Hudik and Sue

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Sound System: Denny Luke and open

Greeters: Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Troy and

Cindy Doubler

Ushers: Troy Keene, Andrew Martin, Larry

Fulfs and Jim Swain

Elevator Operator: Chris Brinker

September 15

Lector: Michelle Andrews

Acolyte: Lucas Fye

Assisting Minister: Wayne Kurth Worship Assistant: Denny Luke

Communion Ushers: Jerry and Beth Martin Communion Assistant: Tena Rackow and Sheila Keene

Sound System: Troy Doubler and open Greeters: Donna Gullickson, Denny Luke,

Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher Ushers: Jay and Michelle Andrews, Paul and Shirley Fox

Elevator Operator: Jean Engel

<u>September 8</u>

Lector: Tena Rackow Acolyte: Jacob Runkle

Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene Worship Assistant: Wayne Kurth Communion Ushers: Gary and Cynthia

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Communion Assistant: Troy and Cindy Dou-

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Sound System: Jay Andrews and open Greeters: Bill and Jean Engel, Bari Raymer,

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Ushers: Don and Lisa Wienand, Virgil Gor-

don and Tim Gordon

Elevator Operator: Sue Diddens

September 22

Lector: Michelle Andrews

Acolyte: Ethan Fye

Assisting Minister: Jay Andrews Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle

Communion Ushers: Chris and Angie Brinker Communion Assistant: Marybeth Brinker and

Beth Martin

Sound System: Wayne Kurth and open

Greeters: Sheila Keene, Krista Keene, Jerry and

Beth Martin

Ushers: Gene and Vivian Hesselbacher,

Bill and Jean Engel Elevator Operator: Troy Keene

September 29

Lector: Tena Rackow Acolyte: Maddi Diddens

Assisting Minister: Sheila Keene Worship Assistant: Kayla Runkle

Communion Ushers: Troy and Krista Keene Communion Assistant: Jay and Michelle Andrews

Sound System: Troy Doubler and open

Greeters: Virgil and Joanne Martin, Bob and Sha-

ron Schlachter

Ushers: Gary and Cynthia Boeke,

Jerry and Beth Martin Elevator Operator: Anna 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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