

June 2022 Newsletter

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Shepherd's Voice

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Acts 1:8

Dear God's beloved,

We are entering into the season of Pentecost, which is a season of growth or rather a season of out of control. The Holy Spirit is an active force stirring us and moving us to become the loving presence of Christ on earth. In the Small Catechism Martin Luther describes the Holy Spirit as the one who is calling, enlightening, sustaining, and making us God's holy people. It is the work of the Holy Spirit that we forgive others and pray for one another (Third article of the Creed). In other words, God's Spirit is the source of our Christian living. And the God's Spirit is free, REALLY FREE. It is out of our control. It blows through us without warning.

I recently witnessed the free moving of God's Spirit among us and would love to share this with you. It was on Mother's Day Sunday. We were recognizing the graduates among us during worship. We usually bless them and sometimes have a little gift for them. For some reason, I thought it would be a neat idea to give them a card with a picture of day lilies which Rene showed me a long time ago. I happened to have inside-the-card messages typed up and saved on my desktop computer (To tell the truth, it was there for several years.). So I printed out the card and called Rene and asked "Do you have your day lily pictures? I need three pictures by next Sunday." Rene shared the good news that recently she just found her day lily pictures and could bring them in by Sunday. The cards were set. And for some reason, I thought it was neat to use the scripture passage and words of blessing from the card, so we read Luke 12:27 for the graduates. On Sunday after we blessed our graduates, Tena spoke up from piano, "The music I played for the prelude is called "Consider the Lilies". The choir sung it before, and many know this song. For some reason I chose to play this one today. I did not know you were going to read that passage." We were surprised! How did it happen? Occurrences like this are we often call "the works of the Holy Spirit." Without our intentions God's Spirit blows through us and makes us wonder about the mysterious ways God works through our lives.

God's Spirit is out of our control. It comes and blows through God's people. You may remember that God's Spirit came down on Pentecost Day and started the church. The Holy Spirit brings us together as God's children. Nobody can stop the Holy Spirit. Whether you are a cradle Lutheran or newly confirmed or not much interested in Christianity, it does not matter to the Holy Spirit. It comes to you when it desires (Wow this sounds like a cat! lol!). If you are interested in reading more about the Holy Spirit stories in the Bible, the Book of Acts is a good read. You will find crazy life changing adventures of God's Spirit! Pentecost is a long season, a season in which we grow and are surprised by God's Spirit. I pray that the Spirit of God guide you every day; may the Spirit of living God stir your heart this week; and may the crazy Spirit of God shape you to become the love of God on earth this month. God's Spirit be with you all! Pr. Miho

Bible Trivia:

How did Moses' mother save him from the Egyptian soldiers?

Answer on page 6

Source: Christianity.com



Summer Special Music in Worship

Worship and Music committee is looking for anyone who would love to share music this summer. Singing a hymn, or playing instruments, or singing and dancing or any forms you enjoy to praise God are welcome. If you are so moved, please contact the church office. We will put you in!

June 25, 1530:

Lutherans present their summary of faith, known as Confession of Augsburg, to Emperor Charles V. Philipp Melanchthon did most of the work preparing it, but it was not presented until it received Martin Luther's approval



Iryna Sukhota, 49, is a child psychologist and Ukrainian refugee who is working in a temporary kindergarten/day care in Krakow, Poland for Ukrainian refugee children.

“As soon as we heard the first sounds of shots, I immediately told my family: we’re packing up and leaving, because it was very important to me to save my children, myself,” said Iryna about her own family’s escape from Ukraine in February 2022. “I understood that by saving myself I’ll be able to help others, and we left immediately.”

Before she even arrived in Poland, Iryna had already started to apply to volunteer centers offering help. “I realized as a child psychologist that children now require attention most of all.”

Iryna works with children to stabilize their well being and give parents information about what happens to children and how they can be helped.

“All children without exception are very worried about where their dads are. They ask, “where is Pa-pa?” and ‘when can he return?’” she said. These are two important questions which all of them ask.” All the mothers are very exhausted and tired. They are stressed too,” she said.

Since the start of the war in Ukraine began, millions of Ukrainians—mostly mothers and children, because men aged 18-60 are required to stay in Ukraine—fled to Poland and elsewhere to escape bombs and bullets in their hometowns. More than half of Ukraine’s children have been displaced from their homes because of the violence.

Your continued support is needed to help us reach the millions of children displaced within Ukraine and around the world.

Source: God’s Love In Action from Lutheran World Relief

Give online at lwr.org/congregations.
Checks can be mailed to Lutheran World Relief.
PO Box 17061, Baltimore, MD 21297-1061

Council Highlights

The May 19th Good Shepherd Council Meeting was postponed.

April Council minuets have not been approved by Council, they will be available when approved. Thank You for your understanding.

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,
Council Members*

Treasurer's Report

Jay Andrews

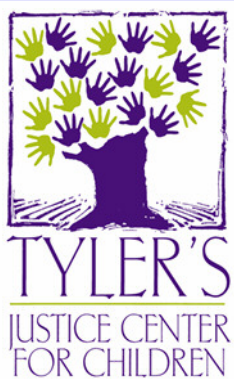
Incoming April 2022	\$ 5,889.19
Expenses April 2022	<u>\$12,161.48</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$(6,272.29)
Income, Year to Date 2022	\$33,752.20
Expenses, Year to Date 2022	<u>\$44,694.32</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$(10,942.12)

Join us for Friendship Club on
June 9 (Thursday) 1pm for
music, devotion, fun, and
fellowship! There will be ice
cream! No reservation needed.
Just show up!

The Lucky Ducks Cancer Team

Lucky Ducks Cancer Team is using Rada Cutlery for their fundraiser this year. You can order online (password; Lucky Ducks Cancer Team, McConnell, IL) or by calling 800-311-9691. Rada is manufactured at Waverly, Iowa. Orders are received within 5 to 10 days. Minimum order is \$20.00

Thank you, Sue Diddens and Barb Wire



2nd Annual Teeing Off for Tyler's Saturday, June 18th, 2022

Woodbine Bend Golf Course
3500 E. Center Road
Stockton, IL 61085

Registration @9am
Shotgun Start @10am

\$75.

\$300.

Individual

4-person team

Register by May 27, 2022 to ensure a golfer goody bag

Includes 18 holes, cart rental & lunch
Cash prizes for top teams!
Hole Prizes

Silent Auction, 50/50 Raffle
Beverage Cart
Rapped with Smoke BBQ Food Truck

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Call us: (815)947-6030

For more info, go to:
www.tylersjusticecenter.org

"Ostrich"

is a term used to describe a
hole-in-one on a par-6 hole.
This score has never been
recorded and is widely
considered impossible,
considering that par-6s
are extremely long
and very rare.

doubleagleclub.org





Still Praying, After All These Years

The Story of Mary and Martha has long puzzled me. As a daughter, mother and wife-(and Home Economics Major) I learned household and cooking/baking skills early in life. I later realized I loved Bible Study—and it always was a better choice than household and hospitality chores for me. But I could do both! This story finally answers the question—which is more important! Rene' Johnson

In Our Being

God, I'm not able to do much physically, and I wonder how I'll be judged by you. God, you're supposed to love everybody, so perhaps you are forgiving me if I'm in a situation where I can't do as much as others, and I didn't create that situation. Robert, age 80

Passage

A woman named Martha welcomed [Jesus] into her home. She has a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me." but the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things' there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her." **Luke 10:38-42**

Perspective

In our society "doing" is treated almost as a nonmonetary form of net worth. Is it any wonder we easily imagine God as one who judges us for not doing enough? When we are in Martha mode, we can be drawn into comparative judgments about who's accomplishing more. Then we are apt to swing between self-righteousness about all that we're doing and self-recrimination when our life circumstances prevent us from doing as much.

Mary and Martha's story suggest that Jesus isn't interested in comparative busyness. He cares for both these women. Martha's industry may be born of the high value she places on offering hospitality, but she also uses her activity as a self-important platform from which to judge her sister's choices and assuage her own insecurities. Jesus invited Martha to draw from the deeper well of Holy Presence at which Mary finds refreshment. Whether we are active or still, the Holy Spirit beckons us to do the same.

Practice

Whether your being is expressing itself in activity or in quiet receptivity, imagine God as a divine, doting parent, lovingly beaming at you. Then imagine a compassionate core self that is extending that same unconditional acceptance to all of who you are.

Prayer

O God, since you brought me into being before I could do much of anything, help me trust that you bless my being whether I am active or still.

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves.

You say: I'm too tired

God Says: I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28-30,²⁸ ***Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.***²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. "

We lift our Prayers for:

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Nina Mueller, Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene, Darlene Aurand, Sharon, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Deb Lindeman Harder, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, J.T., Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Cindy, Amber, Chris, Ron, Vicki, Sophia, Abby and her triplets, Brenda, Abby Schick, Brenda, Jack, Gretchen, Kay, Roger, Tina, Shane, Joe, Dan Kempel, Bruce Miller, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Spencer Franssen, and Lamar Hail. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of resurrection for family and friends of Valerie Torkelson, June Lang, the Confer family, Paul, and Tom Holtz .

Prayer Chain:

If you have a request for the Prayer Chain, please call the Church Office to submit your request at 815-369-5552.

We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain. We send prayers through the phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.

If you are interested or have any questions, please feel free to contact the church office.



**Make-A-Smile cards for
Lena Living Center**

Each month we will send cards to the Lena Living Center. This is a simple yet profound way to share the love of Christ to the residents in the nursing home. We are responsible for 10 cards each month. If you would like to help with this ministry, just bring cards to church by the 10th of each month. Please sign and include short encouraging words. Our hope is to make them smile!

Good Shepherd Little Care Bag

Do you know anyone who is recently in the hospital or lost a friend? Or do you know anyone who may appreciate a reminder of God's love? Take a Good Shepherd Little Care Bag and share!

Good Shepherd Little Care Bags contain a prayer/Bible verse and a tiny gift. These bags are for YOU to share the love of Christ to our friends and God's neighbors. Let's spread God's love to everyone!

For all the negative things we have to say to ourselves.

You say: It's Impossible

God Says: All things are possible.

Luke 18:27, He replied, "What is impossible for mortals is possible for God."

Answer to Bible Trivia: Exodus 2:2-4

² and she became pregnant and gave birth to a son. When she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him for three months. ³ But when she could hide him no longer, she got a papyrus basket for him and coated it with tar and pitch. Then she placed the child in it and put it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance to see what would happen to him.

Youth Corner

Pentecost Quiz

Which Shakespeare play mentions Pentecost?

Summer Activity is coming!
Kids Tell Bible Stories
Saturdays (July) 10am-12pm
You will learn the Joseph story and will tell that story to others.
Interested? Talk to Kristy. Details are coming soon!



WHOLE FAMILY PENTECOST SUNDAY WORSHIP

Join us on Sunday June 5th at 9:30am for whole family Pentecost worship

service. We will read the Pentecost story together! Message will be hands-on. Put on red to celebrate the birthday of the church!

Answer: Romeo and Juliet—

What, man, 'tis not so much, 'tis not so much. 'Tis since the nuptials of Lucentio. Come Pentecost as quickly as it will...,"

spoken by Capulet in Act 1, Scene 5

Source: Pittsburg Theological Seminary



Lord Capulet



Summer Fun Get-Together

DATE: **JUNE 8 (Wednesday)**

Time: **7pm-9pm**

Moonlight mini golf at Splash Land. (if weather is good)

If it rains, Movie + Popcorn + Ice Cream at the Fellowship Hall.



Open to any ages!!!!



LOMC Work Day was lots of fun! We cleaned, fixed, and planted flowers.



We are looking for
volunteers at the
Le-Win Food Pantry
For June 25th
**One more adult or 1-2
youth**

Good Shepherd will be at the Le-Win Food Pantry every 4th Saturday of even numbered months from 8:20am-11:30am. Needs are high and we are looking for Volunteers. Upcoming months are :August 27th, October 22nd and December 24th If you are interested, put your name on the sign up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office.



Evangelical Lutheran
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God's work. Our hands.

**A glimpse of the work made possible by your
ELCA gifts in 2021**

- 214** goats sold for \$110 each in Zimbabwe.
- 36** producers trained in beekeeping in Mexico.
- 90** people engaged in beekeeping in South Sudan.
- 4,000** meals provided to youth in need in Pueblo, Colorado.
- 317** seminary students supported by ELCA Fund for Leaders scholarships.
- 4,662** liters of milk produced in the first six months of 2021 in Senegalese dairy.
- 20** men educated in fish farming in South Sudan.
- 11** families certified for organic farming compliance in Brazil.
- 400** pitchers that filter lead from water to families in Milwaukee, WI.
- 43** long-term missionary households serving around the world.
- 5,992** patients provided with health care at Augusta Victoria Hospital in Palestine.
- 6** families trained to raise chickens and pigs for food security in Cambodia.
- 60** women trained in poultry production in South Sudan.
- 80** family gardens in Nicaragua providing nutritional value to communities with produce such as squash, tomatoes, onions, radishes, celery, peppers and eggplant






June Birthdays

06/02	Aaron Smith
06/03	Jay Andrews
06/06	Kevin Huttenlocher
06/06	Madi Diddens
06/06	Jerry Cross
06/09	Sarah Andrews
06/10	Sue Holtz
06/10	Tammy Baldauf
06/10	Jase Baldauf
06/12	Maci Diffenderfer
06/13	Richard Rutter
06/14	Seth Cory
06/14	Autumn Ockerman
06/19	Corey Wylbourn
06/20	Darlene Aurand
06/20	Karen Niemeier
06/21	Sue Kraft
06/25	Deb Mammoser
06/25	Kelsey Albrecht
06/25	Jessica Koning
06/29	Kelly Derr
06/29	Jacob Runkle
06/29	Jared Runkle
06/29	Darci Meier
06/29	Katie Jo Huber

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

June 2022 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>a way to promote drinking milk. Now it has developed into an annual tradition that celebrates the contributions the dairy industry has made to the world after the National Dairy Council stepped in to promote the cause, the name soon changed to "Dairy Month."</p>	<p>June is...National Dairy Month it started out as National Milk Month in 1937 as</p>	<p>1 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters</p> <p>10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Ministers zoom meeting</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 <i>National Cheese Day</i> There are many ways to celebrate National Cheese Day. Try a new recipe or take a risk and try a type of cheese you've never heard of</p>	
<p>5 Pentecost Sunday 9:30am Whole Family Pentecost Sunday Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>5:30pm-8:00pm NIS Synod Assembly via zoom</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 9:00am Pr. Miho at Lena ministerial meeting 10:00am Bible Study group</p>	<p>8 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 7:00pm-9:00pm Summer Fun Get Together Moonlight Mini Golf or movie</p>	<p>9 1:00pm Friendship Club entertainment by Glenda Linneman</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 12:30pm Dick Johnson's Memorial Service. Luncheon following service.</p>
<p>12 Holy Trinity Sunday 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship</p> <p>5:30pm-8:00pm NIS Synod Assembly via zoom</p>	<p>13 6:00pm-8:15pm NIS Synod Assembly Forum via zoom</p>	<p>14 10:00am Bible Study group</p> 	<p>15 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters 10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Ministers zoom meeting</p>	<p>16 6:30pm NIS Synod Assembly Forum via zoom</p>	<p>17 NIS Synod Assembly at Augstana College</p>	
<p>19 9:30am Worship Service (Communion Sunday) 10:30am Fellowship Father's Day</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 10:00am Bible Study group</p> <p><i>First Day of Summer, let the summer fun begin!</i></p>	<p>22 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters</p>	<p>23 12:45pm Good Shepherd at Friendship Center 6:30pm Council Meeting</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Good Shepherd at Lena Food Pantry 4:30pm Men's Group</p>
<p>26 9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 10:00am Bible Study group</p>	<p>29 8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters</p>	<p>30</p> 		



June Volunteer Schedule

Greeter

June 5 Michelle Andrews and Darci Meier
 June 12 Tim Gordon and Anna Patterson
 June 19 Sue Diddens and Darci Meier
 June 26 Wayne Kurth and Michelle Andrews

Lectors

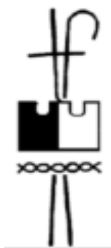
June 5 God's Children
 (everyone will participate in the reading)
 June 12 Tena Rackow
 June 19 Wayne Kurth
 June 26 Cora Hudik

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.

Upcoming events

June 8 Moonlight Mini Golf or Movie 7:00pm
June 11 Dick Johnson's Memorial Service 12:30pm.
 Luncheon 1:00pm
June 18 Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois will be hosting a "Fun and Building your Inner Strength" event on from 9:00am-2:00pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. God bless you.



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Words from Martin Luther

Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord (ELW 395) verse 2

*Come, holy Light, guide divine, now cause the word of life to
shine. Teach us to know our God aright as loving Father, our
delight. From ev'ry error keep us free; let none but Christ our
teacher be, that we in living faith abide, in him, our Lord,
with all our might confide. Alleluia! Alleluia!*