

## July 2022 Newsletter

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

118 E. Mason, Lena, IL 61048 Phone # (815) 369-5552

#### Shepherd's Voice

*I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:19*

Dear God's beloved,







"There are only two seasons in Northwest Illinois," Kristy said, "winter and construction." I guess that we are in the construction season! When we are on the road, we find work ahead signs and detour signs a lot. I am not keen on these road signs because they always screw up my road plans. (Did I tell you my "totally lost in Rockford" story?) Whether I like it or not, the roads need new pavement and maintenance, and I try to be appreciating of those who work on the road on such hot days. (Thank you so much for your hard work!)

God does new things. God makes a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Our God creates something new everyday in our lives and in the world God loves dearly. And we have a new bishop. Pastor Stacie Fidlar was elected as our next bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod at the synod assembly. I am very excited about our new bishop not only because she will be the first female bishop in our synod but also Pr. Stacie is a compassionate caring person who talked to me when I was at the synod assembly as a first call candidate 6 years ago. In those days, pastoral candidates were assigned to the synod in their first calls. When the synod assembly was held in June, I was still new to the synod. The synod kindly invited me to attend the synod assembly at Augustana College as a guest. It was a three-day assembly involving the bishop's election. I stayed at the dormitory and was lonely. I did not know many people in this synod. A few people I knew were Bishop Gary (who called me when I was assigned to NIS), Denny (whom just met at the call committee meeting a few weeks before), Pastor Paul (who was my supervisor at the pre-internship field education), and some classmates from seminary. I sat by myself in the huge auditorium during the assembly. One morning Pr. Stacie came to me when I was sitting in the back of the auditorium. She had some clerical collars in her hand. She asked, "Is this your size?" I put one around my neck, and it seemed to work. She smiled and gave me a bag with several collars and said, "Glad you can use them." She explained that these collars used to belong to a female pastor in the synod who died in a car accident. She kept the collars and the legacy of the pastor, and passed them on to a new pastoral candidate in the synod. I hope this story tells you a little bit about our bishop-elect Pr. Stacie. Our new bishop will bring gifts and leaderships in our synod with deep compassion.


God does new things. God spoke to God's people in exile that God is going to do a new thing. God will bring hope to people experiencing despair. God does new things. Oh, no I do not have enough space to tell you about the assembly. Please go to the synod website, go to the assembly page, and click the highlight (<https://nisynod.org/programs/assembly>) You will learn about what we discussed and prayed about.

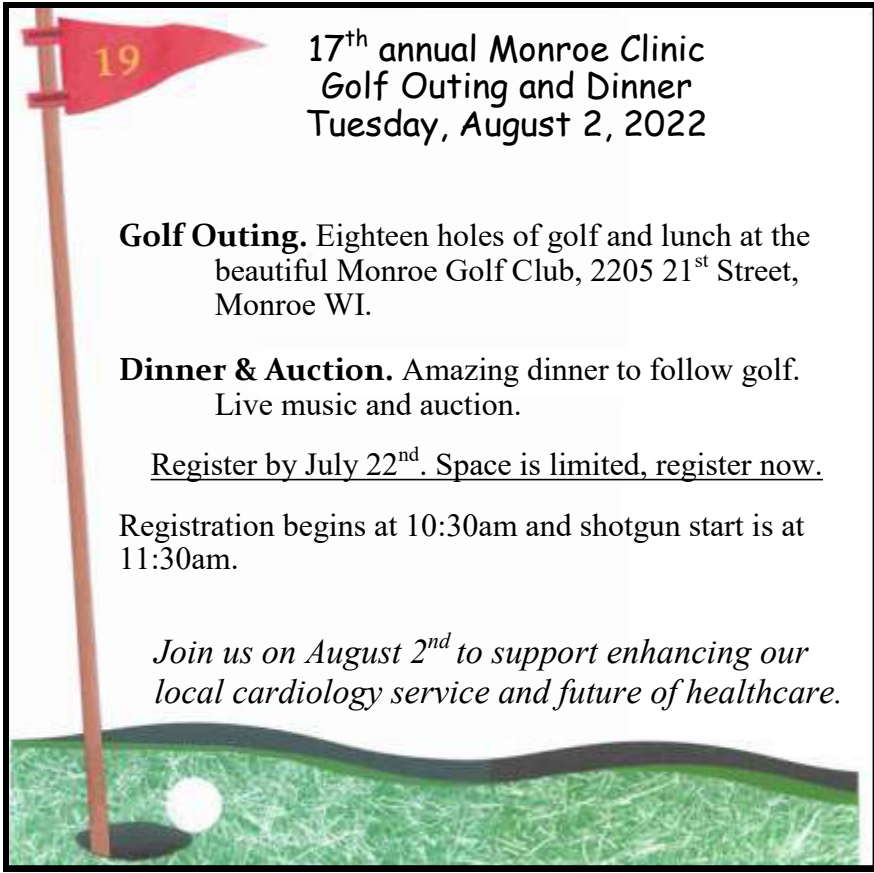
Sola gratia! Pr. Miho



 Stewardship committee is looking for YOUR IDEAS!  
 What can we try to invite people to worship? Share  
 your ideas with Virgil or Cora if you have one!  
Thanks!  
  



 **Favorite Sunday School  
Hymn Sing Sunday**  
July 31st 9:30am



**17<sup>th</sup> annual Monroe Clinic Golf Outing and Dinner**  
**Tuesday, August 2, 2022**

**Golf Outing.** Eighteen holes of golf and lunch at the beautiful Monroe Golf Club, 2205 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Monroe WI.

**Dinner & Auction.** Amazing dinner to follow golf. Live music and auction.

Register by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Space is limited, register now.

Registration begins at 10:30am and shotgun start is at 11:30am.

*Join us on August 2<sup>nd</sup> to support enhancing our local cardiology service and future of healthcare.*

*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,  
 Thank you so much for the carnations. They are pretty and my favorite color. I was so surprised when I opened the door! Thank you so much,  
 God bless you so much,  
 Love,  
 Fern Harnish*

*Join us for Friendship Club on July 14<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 1pm for music, devotion, fun, and fellowship! No reservation needed. Just show up!*

*we are friends ♥*

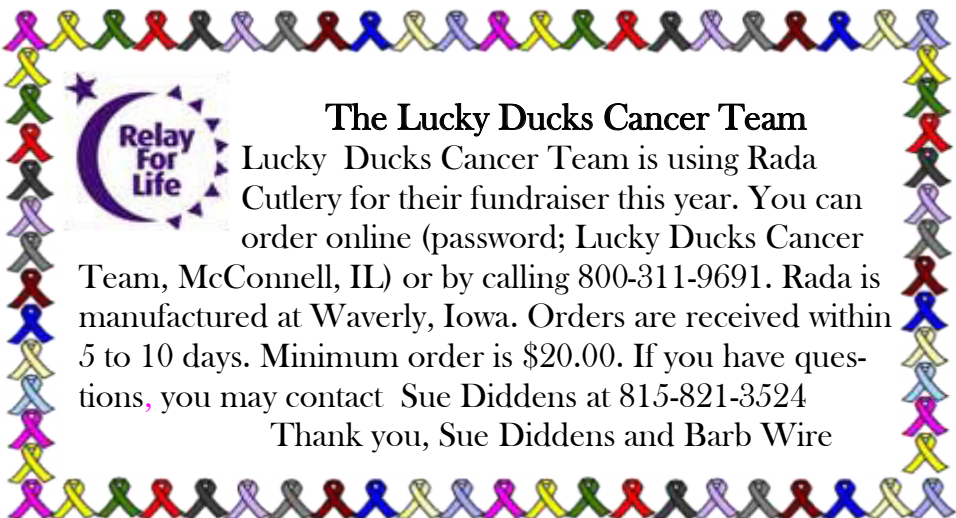



**Summer Special Music in Worship**

Worship and Music committee is looking for anyone who would love to share music this summer. Singing a hymn, or playing an instrument, 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!

**Treasurer's Report**  
**Jay Andrews**

Incoming May 2022	\$ 5,336.09
Expenses May 2022	\$11,303.86
Net Income (Loss)	\$( 5,967.77)
Income, Year to Date 2022	\$39,088.29
Expenses, Year to Date 2022	<u>\$55,998.18</u>
Net Income (Loss)	\$(16,909.89)

**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. If you have questions, you may contact Sue Diddens at 815-821-3524

Thank you, Sue Diddens and Barb Wire

**Please sign a card for Bishop Jeff for his retirement. Card will be in the copy room till July 24th. Let's send big hugs and thanks to Bishop Jeff for his leadership for the last 6 years!**



## Highlights from the April Council Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Council was called to order by President Wayne Kurth at 6:40 pm on April 21, 2022.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's Report for the March 17 meeting was reviewed. Having no additions or corrections, the report was approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Jay Andrews reported that the budget is still behind for the year and that we are behind about \$4,000 for the month of March. He transferred \$2,000 from the Revolving Cash Fund in order to meet payroll at the end of March and another \$2,000 to meet payroll the middle of April. Electric Bill \$216.34 Gas/Heat Bill \$1,511.74.  
The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Miho Yasukawa highlighted the Synod Assembly coming up in June. She thanked Kristy Patterson for being the Female Delegate. She also noted that the ELCA National Youth Gathering will be in New Orleans on July 16 to 20, 2024. The Food Pantry in March served 64 families with 164 people served. The next volunteer date is April 23. The Food Pantry will be utilizing another room at the site. This will cause the rent to go up slightly in the future. Pastor's Report was approved as presented.

### Committee Reports:

**Stewardship Committee:** The committee is seeking any ideas as to how to help improve the attendance at church.

**Learning and Youth Committee:** The youth had a great day doing sidewalk art for Easter. Upcoming events: May 7, LOMC Work Day; May 8, Graduation Recognition Sunday: KOA camp out sometime this summer; and Youth and Anyone activity twice a month during the summer for fun and fellowship. Their next meeting will be on July 10, at 11:00 am.

**Service Committee:** Continuing to volunteer at the Food Pantry. Volunteers are needed for June.

**Finance committee:** The committee will be scheduling a meeting in the future.

**Property Committee:** There will be an upcoming meeting.

**Scholarship Committee:** The forms are out to apply for the Good Shepherd Scholarship.

**Men's Ministry:** Next meeting will be April 30 at 4:30 pm.

All Committee Reports were approved as presented.

### Old Business:

**Constitution Committee:** There will be a meeting on April 28 at 7:00 pm.

**Shared Ministry:** Still working on. Waiting for a call back from either Pastor Bitner or Pastor Schlesinger.

**Membership:** Working on.

### New Business:

**Gutter Guards:** Checking on if the quote has gone up.

**Food Pantry Distribution:** Good Shepherd's supporting of the Food Pantry rent is due in April and November. A question was asked if other churches helped with the rent at the Food Pantry. Treasurer Jay Andrews stated that yes other churches, as well as some organizations support the Food Pantry with money donations. The rent payment is normally taken from the Lucille Baker Endowment Fund. Virgil Gordon made a motion to take \$600 from the Lucille Baker Endowment Fund account to pay for the Food Pantry rent.

Kristy Patterson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**Pastor's Vacation:** Pastor Miho is requesting vacation time from May 27, 2022 through May 31, 2022. This will include Sunday May 29, 2022. Pastor will find someone to cover any Pastoral Care that may be needed. It was suggested that instead of getting a supply Pastor, that it would be nice to have a Hymn Sing Sunday. It would be nice to include Favorite Hymns from the Congregation. This should be announced at Sunday morning worship and put in the May Newsletter with the last day to submit a Favorite Hymn being Sunday May 22, 2022. Pastor's vacation was approved.

(continued on next page)

(continued from previous page)

Having no other business before the Council the meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting will be on May 19, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Janis Kurth  
Church Council Secretary



**Northern Illinois Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## The Rev. Stacie Fidler Elected Bishop 2022 Synod Assembly

June 18, 2022



The Rev. Stacie Fidler of Rock Island, IL was elected June 18<sup>th</sup> to serve a six-year term as bishop of Northern Illinois Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). The election took place during the synod assembly which met online on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and then in person at Augustana College in Rock Island on June 17-18.

Fidler was elected on the 5<sup>th</sup> ballot with 219 votes to 111 votes for the Rev. Dr. Janet Hunt, pastor of First Lutheran Church in DeKalb, IL. A total of 166 votes was needed for election.

The bishop-elect has served as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church in Rock Island, IL since 1999. She served as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Seneca, IL from 1995-1999 and as interim pastor of St. James Lutheran Church in Forrester, IL in 1995.

Fidler earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Religion with Asian Studies concentrations from Augustana College in Rock Island, IL in 1991 and her Master of Divinity degree from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 1995. She completed the Shalem Institute group Leaders Program in 2002 and participates in ongoing continuing education with foci on leadership, spirituality, and foundations management.

Fidler will take office on September 1, and her installation is scheduled for October 8 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Rockford, IL. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton will officiate the installation.

Retiring Bishop Jeffrey Clements has served as bishop of the Northern Illinois Synod since 2016.

Source: Northern Illinois Synod News

### *Synod Assembly Report*

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the 2022 NIS Assembly. This was the first time I have been through the election of the bishop-process. It was very interesting process. We were able to do a lot of prep work online prior to attending the in-person assembly. This is the first time the Synod assembly has been in-person since 2019. I enjoyed the whole process but especially enjoyed the service at the end.*

*Congratulations to Bishop Jeffery Clements on your retirement! Enjoy! Congratulations to Bishop-elect Stacie. Thank you both for what you have done and for sharing God's calling with us!*

*Kristy Patterson*

*We lift our Prayers for:*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen, Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Darlene Aurand, Vivian Hesselbacher, 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, Joe, Dan Kempel, Bruce Miller, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Spencer Fransen, Lamar Hail and Connie. Pray for love, peace, comfort, and hope of the resurrection for the family and friends of Shane Stouffer.*

*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!



Historically, Pentecost is related to what Jewish holiday, and what does it commemorate?

Answer on page 8.

Prayer Chain

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

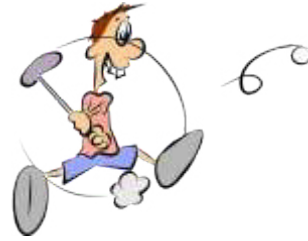
We are also looking for anyone who would like to join the prayer chain. We send prayers through the phone chain and e-mail. You pray your own and pass on to the next person in the prayer chain. God hears our prayers.

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



# Youth Corner

Sorry we will not offer Kid's Tell Bible Stories this summer. We will incorporate in Family Sunday School in Fall.



## Moonlight mini-golf at Splash Land

Wednesday July 13

Meet at church at 7pm.  
Everyone is welcome to join.  
Questions? Talk to Kristy.

## HIDDEN BIBLE BOOKS

By Susanna Burkett Chenoweth

The names of 12 books of the Bible are hidden in the sentences below. (Ignore the punctuation.) Can you find them? The first answer has been underlined to get you started.

1. Gene's is very creative," the teacher said when he talked about our paintings.
2. The canal that connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Seas is the Suez, Ray learned.
3. Yes, there are cookies in the jar, but please don't eat one until after supper.
4. It's a job looking after my little brother, Jacob.
5. We learned James 4:10 from our teacher, Miss Anna: "Humble yourselves before the Lord."
6. It's a fact. Sam's family adopted a new puppy from the shelter.
7. Uncle Art lives in Delphi. Lemonade is his favorite drink.
8. Mom says she brews hot tea for Dad every morning while he makes breakfast.
9. "Dan, I elect you to take out the trash," his sister, Sara joked.
10. Mom told Jon a hamster might be a good pet for him.
11. When the cold made her hands numb, Ersa blew on them.
12. "A most unusual thing happened to me today," Luke said.

*Answers on next page.*

Source: Jan/Feb 2019 Pockets magazine

## Back-To School Family Fun Day

Date: Saturday, August 6 (rain date August 13)

Time: 1pm-4pm

Location: somewhere in LENA!

(watch for August newsletter!!)

Play games and get prizes (school supplies and more)!



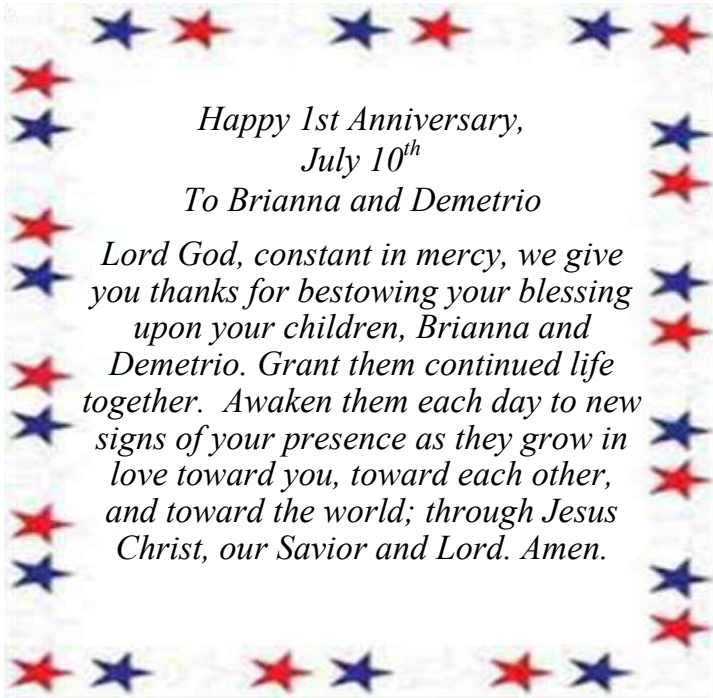
- 7/1 Billie Jo Runkle
- 7/2 Connie Kraft
- 7/2 Joe Green
- 7/4 Craig Raders
- 7/6 Lori Timms
- 7/6 Linda Heidenreich
- 7/6 Ben Huber
- 7/6 Shane Becker
- 7/6 Sondra Winters
- 7/7 Alan Esker
- 7/8 Brenda Pathmann
- 7/9 Alicia Gross
- 7/11 Jace Schlichting
- 7/11 Joanna Esker
- 7/12 Austin Andrews
- 7/13 Tana Herman
- 7/14 Danica Balbach
- 7/14 Andrew Drye
- 7/20 Shirley Fox
- 7/20 Bob Roettger
- 7/25 Dale Gullickson
- 7/27 Tara Wolfrom
- 7/27 Heather Clifton

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



**We are looking for volunteers at the Le-Win Food Pantry**

Good Shepherd helps 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 27<sup>th</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup> and December 24<sup>th</sup> If you are interested, put your name on the sign up sheet at the ramp or contact the church office. We appreciate you!



*Happy 1st Anniversary,  
July 10<sup>th</sup>  
To Brianna and Demetrio*

*Lord God, constant in mercy, we give you thanks for bestowing your blessing upon your children, Brianna and Demetrio. Grant them continued life together. Awaken them each day to new signs of your presence as they grow in love toward you, toward each other, and toward the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

From page 6  
**Shavout, which commemorates the giving of the 10 Commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai.**






**Answers to Hidden Bible Books**  
From previous page.

1. <u>Genesis</u>	7. <u>Philemon</u>
2. <u>Ezra</u>	8. <u>Hebrews</u>
3. <u>Esther</u>	9. <u>Daniel</u>
4. <u>Job</u>	10. <u>Jonah</u>
5. <u>Nahum</u>	11. <u>Numbers</u>
6. <u>Acts</u>	12. <u>Amos</u>



# JULY 2022 Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Lena, IL



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
<b>3</b>  <b>9:30am Worship Service</b>  <b>(Communion Sun-</b>	<b>4</b> Independence Day   Office Closed	<b>5</b>  10:00am Bible Study Group	<b>6</b>  8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters  10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Minister's zoom meeting	<b>7</b>  <i>National Strawberry Sundae Day</i>  	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>  <b>9:30am Worship Service</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  10:00am Bible Study Group  3:00pm-4:00pm Mobile Food Pantry at St. John's Parking Lot	<b>13</b>  8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters  7:00pm-9:00pm Moonlight Mini-golf at Splash Land	<b>14</b>  1:00pm Friendship Club entertainment by Ruter Ministries	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>  <b>9:30am Worship Service</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>  10:00am Bible Study Group	<b>20</b>  8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters  10:00am Pr. Miho at Rostered Minister's zoom meeting	<b>21</b>  6:30pm Council Meeting  12:45pm GS at Friendship Center	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  <i>National Vanilla Ice Cream Day—sounds like a great day to eat ice cream!</i>  
<b>24</b>  <b>9:30am Worship Service</b>	<b>25</b>  <i>National Hot Fudge Sundae Day</i>  	<b>26</b>  10:00am Bible Study Group	<b>27</b>  8:00-11:30am Piece Corps Quilters	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  4:30pm Men's Group Meeting,  5:00pm-8:00pm Bishop Jeff Farewell Reception at Radisson, Rockford
<b>31</b>  <b>9:30am Favorite Sunday School Hymn Sing</b>			July looks like a great month to enjoy your favorite ice cream treat!  			



# JULY VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## GREETER

JULY 3 ANNA PATTERSON AND DARCI MEIER  
JULY 10 MICHELLE ANDREWS AND TIM GORDON  
JULY 17 DARCI MEIER AND WAYNE KURTH

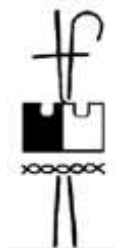
PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE DATES THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED, IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DAY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED PLEASE SWITCH WITH SOMEONE AND/OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE BY TUESDAY OF THE WEEK THAT YOU ARE TO VOLUNTEER SO THAT ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE.

## LECTORS

JULY 3 KAREN NEIMEIER  
JULY 10 TENA RACKOW  
JULY 17 SUE DIDDENS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

July 14 1:00pm Friendship Club  
entertainment by Ruter Ministries  
July 24 3:00pm-6:00pm NIS Youth event at  
Zion Lutheran/Patriot's Gateway  
925 5th Ave, Rockford, Illinois 61104  
July 31 9:30am Favorite Sunday School Hymn



*Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
118 E. Mason Street  
Lena, Illinois 61048*

Email: [goodshepherdlena@outlook.com](mailto:goodshepherdlena@outlook.com)  
Facebook: "GSLCLenaIL";  
Website: [www.GoodShepherdLena.org](http://www.GoodShepherdLena.org)

*Words from Martin Luther*

*Our Father, God in Heaven Above  
ELW 747 Verse 5*

*Give us today our daily bread;  
let ev'ryone be clothed and fed;  
in plague and famine, war and strife,  
preserve from all that threatens life;  
that all the world may live in peace,  
that greed be gone and love increase.*