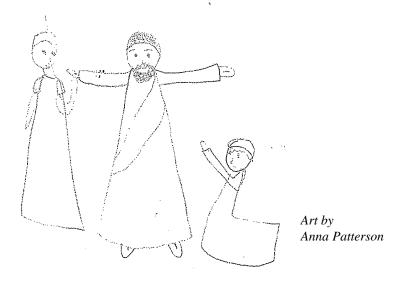
April 12th 2015 at 9:30 am Second Sunday of Easter GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church If you are visiting with us today, we want you to feel welcome and to know that we are delighted to have you here

WELCOME! We want you to be at ease - we won't ask you to stand up and be recognized, but we'd love it if you would introduce yourself. Welcome to Good Shepherd!

We would like everyone to fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of the pews and pass it along for all to fill out. Please also mark the names of all in the family who are receiving Communion. If you are visiting, please include your address and phone number.

Nursery Children are always welcome at our worship services; however, if you desire, please feel free to use the nursery located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Pastor:	Pastor Miranda Klosterboer	Custodian:	Taylor Bastian
Secretary:	Darlene Barr	<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker
Organist:	Karen Niemeier	Missionaries to Tanzania:	Randy&Carol Stubbs Family
Choir Dir. /accomp:	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	Lector	Shirley Fox
Acolyte:	Taylor Patterson	Assisting Minister	Jay Andrews
Worship Assistant:	Vivian Hesselbacher	Communion Usher	Jim Swain, Lee Wenzel
Welcome Visitor:	Bob Schlachter	Communion Set-up	Troy and Cindy Doubler
Sound System:	Wayne Kurth, Braden Diddens, Taylor Bastian		
Greeters:	Gary and Cynthia Boeke, Eugene and Vivian Hesselbacher		
Ushers:	Troy Keene, Krista Keene, Jim Swain, Lee Wenzel		
Communion Asst:	Gene Hesselbacher, Sheila Keene		

THIS WEEK	X AT GOOD SHEPHERD April	12 th thru April 19 th 2015	
Today	Worship with Holy Communion	9:30 am	
·	Preschool & Kindergarten Sunday School after Children's Messag	e	
	Fellowship	10:30 am	
	Sunday School Opening in Sanctuary (Preshool-6 th grade)	10:45 am	
	Sunday School (Small Groups 1 st -6 th grade)	11:00 am	
	Choir Practice	11:00 am	
	Sunday School Teacher Meeting	12:00 pm	
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm	
	Fellowship of Christian Athletes for 6 th to 12 th graders at Hangout	5:30pm-7:00pm	
Monday	Learning Committee Meeting	6:00 pm	
Tuesday	Hymn Sing at LLC	9:45 am	
	Council Meeting	6:00 pm	
Wednesday	"Piece Corps" Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am	
	After School Program for 4 th -8 th graders @The Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm	
	Confirmation	6:30 pm-8:00pm	
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Worship Attendance April 5 th Easter Sunrise Service was 46			
Easter Festival Service was 125			
Total Offering for April 5, 2015: \$4,249.00			
Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,670.16			

Request for Prayer List: Please call the Church @ 815-369- 5552 or Pastor Miranda @ 815-291-5793

Good Shepherd Prayer List

We pray for all of those who are lonely, injured, sick, needing healing, or in need in any way. This week we especially pray for *Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Lynn Meyers, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Kerry and family, Larry Bonebright and homebound members Eugene Becker and Evelyn Hutmacher.*

TODAY WE BAPTIZE Penelope Sue Price. Penelope was born on December 3, 2014 to parents Adam Welker Price and Dena Sue Price and to brother Lukas Welker Price. Penelope's sponsors are Eric and Erica Schau.

~ 3 ~ Order of Worship The Work of the People Dakota Road Music

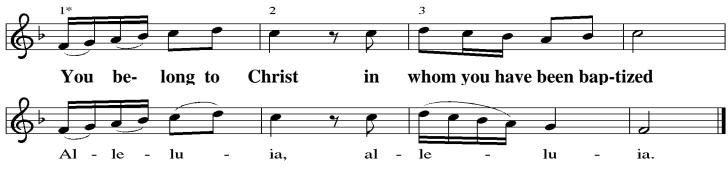
PRELUDE: Announcements & Community Concerns

CHIME CHOIR

"Hosanna Loud Hosanna"

INVOCATION: A: We welcome each other to worship in the name of God our creator, and our redeemer, who walks with us and promises to be with us every step of our lives.

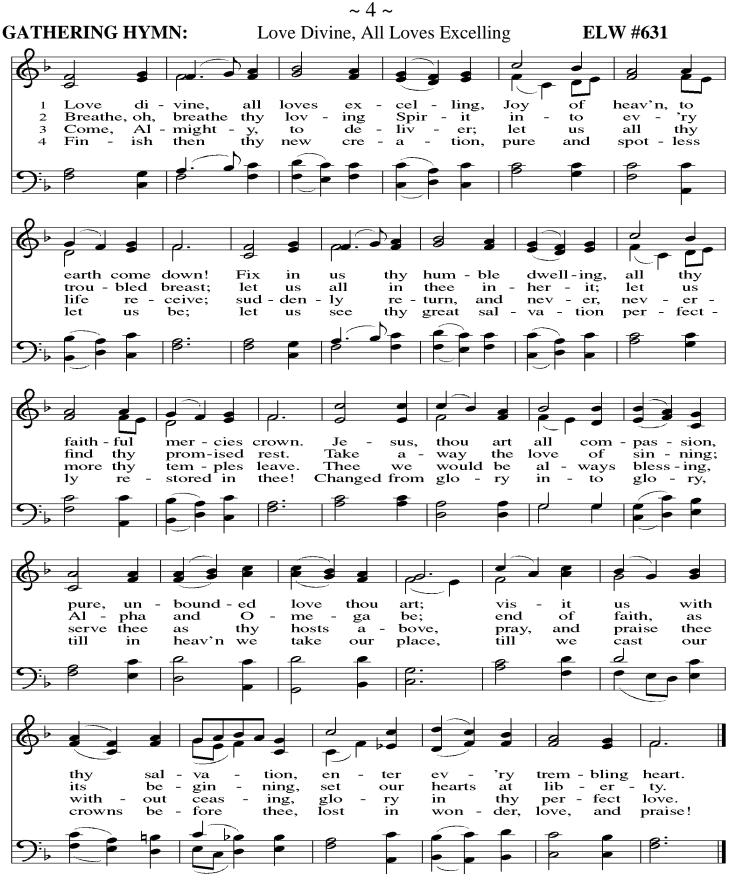
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM for Penelope Sue Price: ELW page 227



JESUS LOVES THE LITTLE CHILDREN (REPEAT) Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world

Every child in every land, Jesus holds them in His hand, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Sarah Baker



GREETING:

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C: And also with you.



SONG OF PRAISE:

~ 6 ~ "We are Called"



PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (*Please be seated.*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

L: The 1st READING is from Acts 4:32–35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. The word of the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

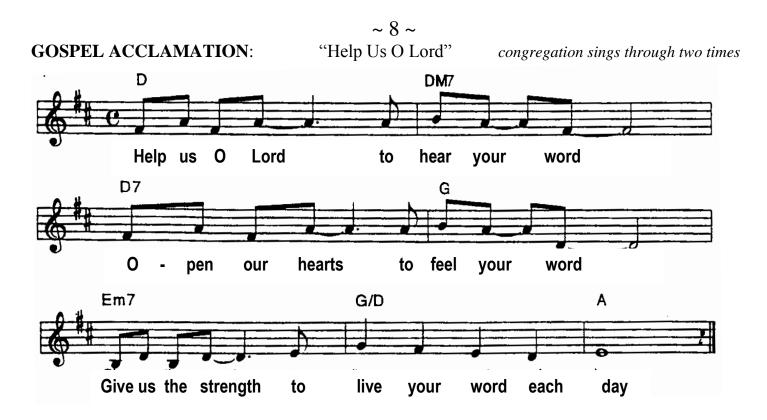
Psalm 133 (Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively) **ELW#133** ¹How good and how pleasant it is, when kindred live together in unity!

²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion. For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

L: The 2nd READING is from 1 John 1:1–2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life -²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us -³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. The word of the Lord! C: Thanks be to God!



P: THE HOLY GOSPEL according to John 20:19-31

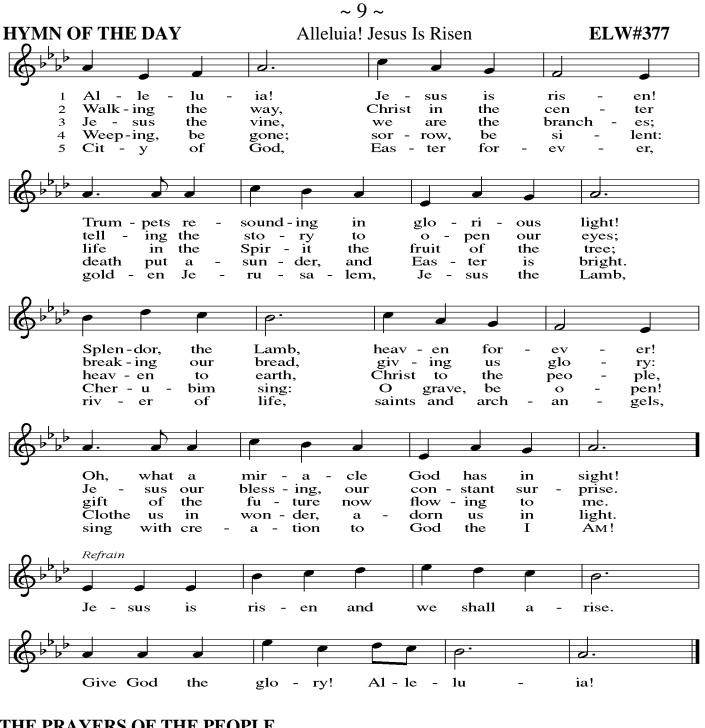
C: Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." ²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. The gospel of the Lord! C: Praise to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

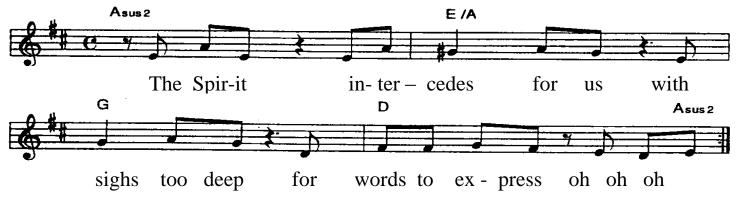
SERMON

Rene Johnson



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing "The Spirit intercedes for us" with repeat.



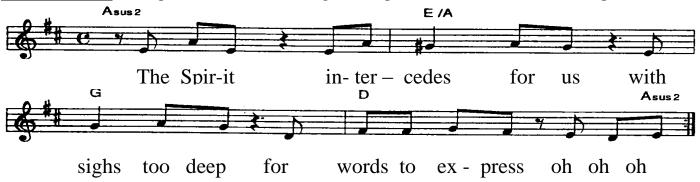
After each petition: WA: let us pray C: Have mercy, O God.

- WA: Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. *A brief silence*.
- WA: For the church throughout the world and its leaders, that their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus give life to all people, let us pray. C: Have mercy, O God.
- WA: For sun and moon, land and sea, and all living creatures, that the beauty of creation reveal God's good pleasure, let us pray. C: Have mercy, O God.
- WA: For the leaders of the world and those who work for peace, that all live together in unity and work for the common good, let us pray. C: Have mercy, O God.
- WA: For those who doubt, the sick, the poor, the imprisoned, and those who are in any need especially *Betty Koehn, Ellen Kyles, Lynn Meyers, Jon Forsythe, Roger Schamberger, Steve Gray, Donna Euler, Kerry and family, Larry Bonebright* that advocates be raised up in their midst to provide healing and wholeness, Strengthen and encourage *Eugene Becker and Evelyn Hutmacher*, let us pray. C: Have mercy, O God.
- WA: For those who join in community here, and for those who are absent from our gathering, that all proclaim with Thomas, "My Lord and my God," let us pray. Have mercy, O God.C: Have mercy, O God.
- WA: In thanksgiving for those who have died in the faith, and for the faith they have made possible in our midst: that Christ has destroyed death and brought eternal life, let us pray.

C: Have mercy, O God.

Pastor: Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of ... the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

Congregation: After piano introduction, sing "The Spirit intercedes for us" with repeat.



PEACE

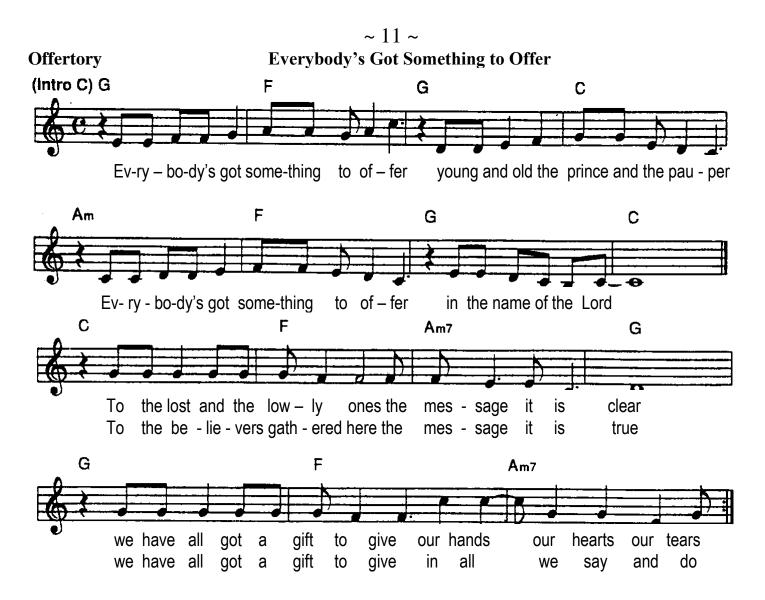
P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Congregation may greet one another using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING *"Easter Melody"* **Choir Anthem** An offering is gathered for the mission of the church locally and throughout the world, including those in need. We also offer up prayers to God as we offer ourselves (time, talents, gifts, and interests) to the Lord's service and dedicate our lives to God's work in the world. During this time, the table is set. After the table is set, the offering is gathered & the anthem concludes, the acolyte walks out to the edge of the chancel steps to receive the offering from the ushers.



OFFERING PRAYER (congregation stands)

A: Let Us Pray.

C: Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus...

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

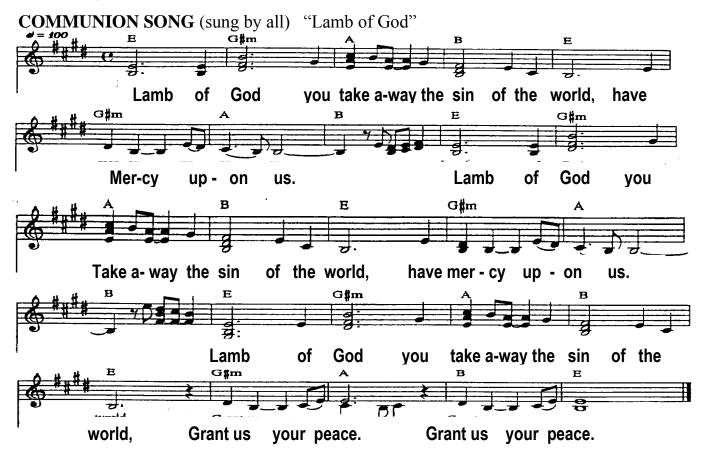
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We practice open Communion here — you don't have to be a member to participate. All who share our belief that Jesus is present in his holy meal are welcome to receive the bread and cup. Children and adults who do not commune are invited to come forward to receive a special blessing. Holy Communion will be celebrated today using intinction (you will dip the wafer into the chalice of wine). The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your new by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or the side aisles.



pew by way of the side aisles. If you wish to commune and are unable to come forward or need other assistance, please let an usher know so that we can serve you.



COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

The ministers give the bread and offer the wine to each communicant saying: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Those not yet receiving communion may be offered a blessing such as: Jesus loves you and gives his life to you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (assisting minister)

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **C: Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: May the God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit,be upon you and remain with you always. **C: Amen**



A: Go in peace. Christ is with you! POSTLUDE

C: Thanks be to God Sarah Baker

SAVE THE DATE for YOUTH SUNDAY April 26th at 9:30am

Good Shepherd Youth will plan and lead worship on April 26th.

The youth and children will be planning and preparing during Sunday School and Confirmation. High School Youth and Young Adults will also be helping to choose music and share the message.

Summer 2015 Mission Trip to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation

Dates: August 7th to August 15th

We are in the process of forming our team for this year's Good Shepherd Mission Trip.

We will be going to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota, as we did in 2013. We will work with Pastor Karen at the Pine Ridge Retreat Center as she serves as a mission outpost of service, pastoral ministry, meeting basic needs, offering a Sanctuary for kids to come after school, offering a sandwich ministry at lunchtime, and organizing cultural learning and service in the community with groups that come to learn and serve. The Pine Ridge Retreat center is a Lutheran Lakota Shared Ministry.

I encourage you to pray about going yourself and/or about inviting a friend to join you.

Consider joining this year's team and see what God will do in and through you!

Team Building! Discipleship! Relational Ministry!

Ministry with Lakota children! Cultural Learning! Service!

If you are interested contact Pastor Miranda 815-291-5793. Financial Assistance is available.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

can be picked up at the church office starting April 1st Applications must be filled out and returned by April 30th

Northern Illinois Synod NW Conference Spring 2015 Gathering:

Soup and Sandwich at Christ Lutheran in Stockton Thursday April 23rd at 6pm.

For lay members, Synod Assembly congregation representatives, and pastors with presenter Jesse Klosterboer from LOMC

Parkinson Support Group Meeting

Date: Monday, April 13, 2014 Time: 1:30 pm

Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 118 E. Mason Street, Lena, Il (Handicap access at Washington Street entrance) **EVERYONE IS WELCOME !!!** Invite all those you know who are interested in sharing in an afternoon of Parkinson Disease information, fellowship and refreshments. Our speaker will be: SARAH TODD —R.D. from FHN Topic will be: "10 TIPS FOR EATING WELL".

Women's Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper

Date: May 5, 2015 (Tuesday) Time: 6:00 pm Potluck Supper in Fellowship Hall 7:00 pm we will play Bingo **Mother/Daughter, Sister/Friends Spring Supper** hosted by the women of Faith and Hannah Circles. This year we are trying something new, because we are getting older and can't do as much as we used to be able to do. **So this year, please bring your favorite casserole, salad and/or dessert** (enough to serve at least 10 people). If you have questions, please call Rene' Johnson (815) 369-2818. A free-will offering will be taken.

Please call the church office (815) 369-5552, with the total number attending in your group by May 3, 2015. (See flyer on bulletin boards for more program information.)

Please join us for a wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and prizes.

Lena Living Center invites all Volunteers to join them

Wednesday April 16th at 2:00 for refreshments and musical entertainment by "Mississippi Man"