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February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 9:30 am      Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

# GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Art by  
Anna Patterson

***Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***  
***If you are visiting with us today, we are delighted to have you here***

**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. Thank you.**

Nursery: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.  
Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

An AED (defibrillator) is located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall in case of an emergency. The device is designed to deliver calm, clear voice instructions precisely timed to the responder's actions, guiding the responder every step of the way. When the door is open an alarm goes off to alert others that there is an emergency.

**–ORDER OF WORSHIP –**  
**ELW SETTING 3**

**PRELUDE**

*(A time for prayer and reflection)*

**Karen Niemeier**

**Announcements & Community Concerns**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(Please stand as you are able)*

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who creates us and forms us,  
who redeems us and calls us,  
who unites us and sends us.

**C: Amen.**

P: Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Mighty and loving God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We seek our own way.**

**We divide the body of Christ.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.**

**Let the words of our mouths,**

**the thoughts of our hearts,**

**and everything that we do**

**be filled with faith, hope, and love.**

**Amen.**

P: Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C: Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG

## Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

ELW#707

1 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood  
 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you glad - ly, free - ly,  
 3 Won - drous hon - or you have giv - en to our hum - blest  
 4 Lord of glo - ry, you have bought us with your life - blood

as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -  
 of your own. With the sun - shine of your good - ness melt our  
 char - i - ty in your own mys - te - rious sen - tence, "You have  
 as the price, nev - er grudg - ing for the lost ones that tre -

men - dous sac - ri - fice; and with that have free - ly giv - en  
 thank - less hearts of stone till our cold and self - ish na - tures,  
 done it all to me." Na - ked, sick, in pris - on, hun - gry—  
 men - dous sac - ri - fice. Give us faith to trust you bold - ly,

bles - sings count - less as the sand to the un - thank - ful  
 warmed by you, at length be - lieve that more hap - py  
 in the least, your face we view, say - ing by your  
 hope, to stay our souls on you: but, oh, best of

and the e - vil with your own un - spar - ing hand.  
 and more bless - ed 'tis to give than to re - ceive.  
 poor and need - y, "Give as I have giv'n to you."  
 all your grac - es, with your love our love re - new.

## 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.

## KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

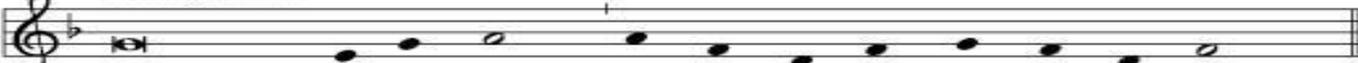
For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

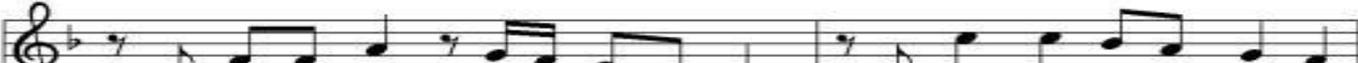


Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

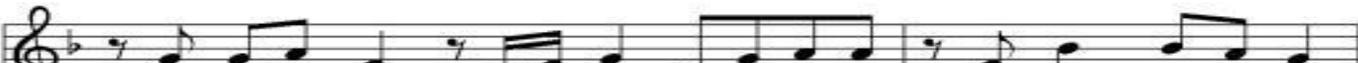
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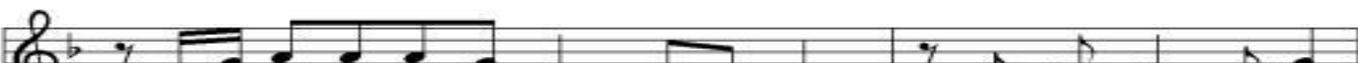
Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



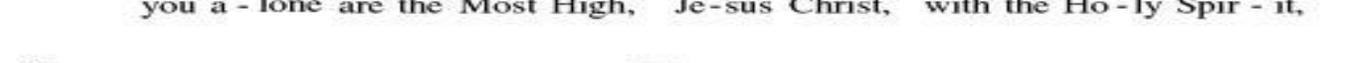
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray, C: Holy God of compassion, you invite us into your way of forgiveness and peace. Lead us to love our enemies, and transform our words and deeds to be like his through whom we pray, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please be seated*

L: The 1<sup>st</sup> READING is from Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

<sup>1</sup>The LORD spoke to Moses, saying: <sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. <sup>9</sup>When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup>You shall not strip your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. <sup>12</sup>And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. <sup>14</sup>You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. <sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the LORD. <sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 119:33-40** (*Please join the Assisting Minister in reading the psalm responsively*) **ELW#119**

<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of your commandments, for that is my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to your decrees and not to unjust gain.**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood; give me life in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise to your servant, which is for those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach that I dread, because your judgments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for your commandments; by your righteousness enliven me.**

L: The 2<sup>nd</sup> READING is from 1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23

<sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. <sup>11</sup>For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? <sup>17</sup>If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. <sup>18</sup>Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. <sup>19</sup>For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," <sup>20</sup>and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." <sup>21</sup>So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, <sup>22</sup>whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, <sup>23</sup>and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God. L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please stand as you are able*)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** according to Matthew 5:38-48 **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>38</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’ <sup>39</sup>But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; <sup>40</sup>and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; <sup>41</sup>and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. <sup>42</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you. <sup>43</sup>“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ <sup>44</sup>But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, <sup>45</sup>so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. <sup>46</sup>For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? <sup>47</sup>And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? <sup>48</sup>Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”P: The gospel of the Lord!

**C: Praise to you, O Christ!***Please be seated***HISTORY OF THE CHURCH**

Wayne Kurth

**SERMON**

Pastor Miho Yasukawa

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW#658

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of  
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to  
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our  
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -  
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -  
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you  
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.  
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.  
 turn, blest, when by the faith we hold you fast.  
 way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

**APOSTLES CREED** *Please Stand*

**A:** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition:* WA: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: Called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing. *A brief silence*

WA: Make the church in every land holy as you are holy, O God. Join the voices of rich and poor, young and old, friends and enemies, in praise of you. Orchestrate harmony among us. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for clean air, clean water, and clean soil. Renew the sky, land, and waterways. Teach us how to care for the earth as you desire. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for an end to war and for peace throughout the world. Prosper the work of peacemakers, erase hatred, and stop violence. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for all who live with cognitive disorders or eating disorders. Provide them with supportive communities. Restore the forgotten; comfort the mourning; heal the hurting *especially, Bob Lyvers, Dick Johnson, Verl Price, Sheridan Brinker, Marybeth Brinker, Bruce, Beverly, Donna Euler, Katy Lartz, Kelli Huneke, Jane Parks, Dave Offermann, Scott Bonnet, Michael, Leta Toelke, Carol Stubbs, Steve Kampmeier, David Gray, Cheri Eden-Catron. Roger Schamberger, Kathy Baumgartner, Robin Cross, Bob Herman.* Strengthen and encourage **Gladys Staderman and Dorothy Weimer.** We pray for love, comfort and hope of the Resurrections for the family and friends of Norma Eilders. Lord, in your mercy, **C:hear our prayer.**

WA: We pray for all who are discerning a call to ministry and those who accompany them. Empower them with your grace and wisdom to continue building on the foundation of faith we have in Jesus Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

WA: We give thanks for the faithful departed and we pray for those who will die today. Hold them in your loving embrace. Breathe your Spirit of peace into them. Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you**

**OFFERING**

**Karen Niemeier**

*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.*

*Please stand*

## OFFERING SONG

As the Grains of Wheat (*Verse 1*)

ELW#465

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst, when  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*  
may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

**Offering Prayer** (*after acolyte presents offering at altar*)

**A:** Let us pray, **C:** Merciful God, receive the gifts we bring, ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**DIALOGUE**

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P:** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**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 —Christ invites us to the table. All baptized Christians are welcome to partake the body and blood of Jesus Christ. If you wish to receive a blessing, you may come forward. Holy Communion will be celebrated by intinction you will dip the bread into the chalice. The gold chalices have wine; the chrome chalices have grape juice. You will be ushered down the center aisle and return to your pew by way of the side aisles. If you need assistance, please let an usher know.*

**COMMUNION SONG (sung by all) Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION SONG**

Blessed Assurance

ELW#638

**TABLE BLESSING:**

P: The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** A: O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. You are our dearest treasure. Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day— that we tell the story of your never-ending love and sing your praise both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING** P: 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.**

## SENDING HYMN

## The Church of Christ, in Every Age

ELW#729

1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by  
 2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims  
 3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing  
 4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the  
 5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -

change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its  
 of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for  
 church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's  
 fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to  
 be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -

her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
 bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.  
 sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
 share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.  
 out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

**DISMISSAL** (*from the back*)

A: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE****Karen Niemeier**

**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS**

<u>Pastor:</u>	Pastor Miho Yasukawa	<u>Missionaries to Tanzania:</u>	Randy & Carol Stubbs Family
<u>Pianists:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker	<u>Organist:</u>	Karen Niemeier
<u>Choir Dir. /accomp:</u>	Janis Kurth / Marion Fahr	<u>Secretary:</u>	Darlene Barr
<u>Lector</u>	Beth Martin	<u>Acolyte:</u>	Madilyn Diddens
<u>Assisting Minister</u>	Taylor Bastian	<u>Worship Assistant:</u>	Sondra Winters
<u>Communion Usher</u>	Virgil and Joanne Martin	<u>Communion Set-up</u>	Vivian Hesselbacher
<u>Communion Asst:</u>	Tena Rackow, Sue Diddens	<u>Elevator Operator</u>	Dennis Luke
<u>Sound System:</u>	Wayne Kurth, Austin Andrews		
<u>Greeters:</u>	Dana Diddens, Braden Diddens, Troy and Cindy Doubler		
<u>Ushers:</u>	Cora Hudik, Darlene Aurand, Virgil and Joanne Martin		

**THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD****February 19<sup>th</sup> thru February 26<sup>th</sup> 2017**

<b>Today</b>	<b>Worship Service –Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	Choir Practice	11:00 pm
	Learning Committer Meeting	11:45 am
	Good Shepherd at Lena Living Center	2:30 pm
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm
Tuesday	Pastor Miho at PLC Committee Meeting at Synod Office	10:00 am-12:00pm
	Web-Site Publicity Committee Meeting	6:00 pm
Wednesday	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00 am-11:30 am
	After School Program for 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> graders at the Hangout	3:30 pm-5:00 pm
	Confirmation	6:30 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday	Pastor Miho Devotions at First Call Theological Education Synod Office	10:00 am-12:00pm
Saturday	Men’s Group	4:30 pm
<b>Next Sunday</b>	<b>Worship Service - Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>
	Fellowship	10:30 am
	<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 am</b>
	Choir Practice	11:00 am
	Chime Practice	5:00 pm

Attendance 2/12/2017 was 63

Total Offering 2/12/2017 \$3,030.01 – Amount needed to meet budget: \$2,468.31

**Winter Time Pastoral Visits**

The winter season makes it difficult for some of us to come to Sunday worship service if you or someone you know would like Pr. Miho to visit and to share communion, please contact the church office (815-369-5552) and/or Pr.

Miho at (815-821-9570) or email her at [gslpastor@aeroinc.net](mailto:gslpastor@aeroinc.net) to arrange a time for a visit.

**2017 Time and Abilities forms**

Are available at each entrances you are interested in assisting in any capacity for the church and/or the church services, please take a form fill it out and return the form in the offering plated or drop off at the church office. You make this church work and *we really appreciate it!*

**Monroe Clinic Hospice Heal Grief and Education Group-6 Week Sessions**

Heal grief and education group offers sessions is open to anyone 18 years 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 a supportive setting. Our six-week series will begin on Wednesday morning February 15<sup>th</sup> and continue to meet every Wednesday morning (2/15, 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15, 3/22) through March 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will meet from 9:00am to 10:30am at St. Camillus Center 2106 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Monroe, WI. To register or obtain more information, please call Monroe Clinic Hospice at (608) 324-1230. Also registration can be done online at [www.monroeclicin.org](http://www.monroeclicin.org). There is no charge for Heal grief Group and it is open to the public.

**Happy “60<sup>th</sup>” Anniversary**

Robert (Bob) and Lynn (Leibfried) Lyvers of Lena are celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. They were married on February 23, 1957 at Salem Evangelical Reformed Church in Chicago, IL by Reverend William Siemers. Bob and Lynn have three children: Sue (Dan) Milligan of Bloomington, IL, Bob (Martha) of Lena, and Sherry (Matt) St. Eve of Belleville, IL. They also have 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. Bob retired from trucking in 1994, and Lynn retired from Lena Continental Manor Nursing home in 2004. They plan to celebrate with an open house on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at Rafters Restaurant in Lena. In lieu of gifts, the couple requests a donation be made to the Lena Area Food Pantry.