

July 14th, 2019 at 9:30 am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Taste of VBS Sunday

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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2019 Mason Street Vacation Bible School presents...

Friendship:
A Love that never ends

July 15th through July 18th
5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
@ Lena UMC
118 W Mason Street, Lena
Ages Preschool through 5th Grade

Typical VBS night will include dinner at 5:30 pm, skits, music, crafts, Bible teaching, games, and a memorable time for children as they develop deeper friendships with one another as well as the Lord Jesus.

On Thursday evening, (weather permitting) at VBS attendees are invited to Splashland for a pool party at the conclusion of the VBS week!

This year the VBS offerings will help to support Stephenson County's RAMP program. In addition to our giving, RAMP is hosting a Wheel-a-Thon the week following VBS. To get more information, visit their website at www.rampcl.org/.

“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind” This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”
(Matthew 22:36-40)

Welcome to worship at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

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: Our nursery is located out the north entrance of the sanctuary.

Please feel free to use the nursery anytime during the service.

We are delighted to have you.

Order of worship

OPENING

LOVE SONG

“Joy Joy Joy”

(Rejoice song book p60)

V1 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 down in my heart, (Where)
 down in my heart. (Where)
 Down in my heart;
 I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy,
 Down in my heart, (Where)
 Down in my heart to stay.

V2 I've got the love of Jesus, love of people,
 down in my heart, (Where)
 down in my heart. (Where)
 Down in my heart;
 I've got the love of Jesus, love of people,
 down in my heart, (Where)
 Down in my heart to stay.



LITANY (From the Rejoice Song Book)

L: The morning light reminds us of God's creation, renewed and refreshed each day.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: For your creation,

C: we thank you, God.

L: Each day when we rise we remember that, through Baptism, we are God's children, sealed with the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. For our new life in Baptism,

C: we thank you, God.

L: Each day we live with joy, love, hate, sorrow, problems and possibilities. Help us to remember that you are always with us, to strengthen and to guide us, for your presence in our lives,

C: we thank you, God.

PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Merciful God, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide us in everything we do and say so that we may always glorify your holy name. And all the God's children say, **C: Amen.**

LOVE SONG***“Zacchaeus Was a Wee Little Man”***

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, And a wee little man was he.
He climbed up in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see.

And as the Savior passed that way He looked up in the tree and he said,
“Zacchaeus, you come down! For I am going to your house today!”
For I’m going to your house today.

Zacchaeus was a wee little man, But a happy man was he,
for he had seen the Lord that day And a happy man was he;
And a very happy man was he.

**GOD’S STORY****ZACCHAEUS—Cora Hudik****GOD’S STORY****RUTH—Karen Niemeier****LOVE SONG*****“We Love”***

We love (clap, clap) because God first loved us.

We love (clap, clap) We love (clap, clap)

We love (clap, clap) because God first (clap) loved (clap) us (clap, clap).

RAMP STORY**PEACE**

L: The peace of Christ be with us always. **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us share the sign of peace.

All are invited to stand up and share God’s peace with one another.

OFFERING

What is offering? Offering is our response to God's blessings and abundant grace given to us. Offerings can take various forms such as prayer, voices, time, fruit from the land, money, and being the hands and feet of God's works in the world. Give thanks to our Lord!

SPECIAL MUSIC

Sarah Geiseman and Cierra Hatelak

PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Creator God, you open your hands and satisfy the needs of all your creatures. We thank you for all you have given us. Help us to always remember that every good gift comes from you. Let us pray. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Merciful God, we thank you for the church and ask you to strengthen it by the power of your Word. Nourish the church, through Holy Communion and Baptism, and fill it with the presence of your Spirit. Let us pray. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Caring God, you give us life and hope. You touch many sick people with your healing hand. Today we pray for **Bob, Dick and Rene', Fern, Delbert, Jerry, Charmaine, Nina, Ellen, Lois**, Donna, Robin, Connor, Jaden, Jon, Brooke, Meghan, Diane, Darren, Myron, Deb, Cindy, Randy, Brian, Don, Vicky, the Heimann Family, Richard, Jean, Cathy, Dave, Janet, Paul, Kayla, and Mike. God's children in Pine Ridge and friends in California who are experiencing aftershocks. We ask that you be with them and also to those who care for them. Strengthen their bodies, minds and spirit and restore them to good health. Let us pray. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Loving God, you came to us and called us your friend. Be with us as we learn more about your love at VBS this week. Provide us with nice weather, especially for the pool party on Thursday. Let us pray. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: Living God, in baptism you have made us all members of Christ's body, the church. We remember and give you thanks for your servants of all times and all lands. We praise their examples of faith and for the mercy they showed your creation. We rejoice as they did, in your promise of eternal life. Let us pray. **C: Your mercy is great.**

L: You are awesome God. You hear all our prayers in our hearts. Trusting in your mercy we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

COMMUNION PRAYER**LORDS PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught 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.**

COMMUNION SONGS

“Walk in the spirit of Love” (rejoice song book p55)

1. Walk in the spir - it of love; _____ Walk Live in the
 2. Live in the spir - it of love; _____ Live in the
 3. Serve _____ Serve

spir-it of love; _____ love one an - oth-er as

Je-sus loves you, _____ Walk Live in the spir-it of love. _____
 Serve

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 Music: Mark Blankenship
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“Love, Love, Love” (rejoice song book p68)

1. Love, love, love! That's what it's all a - bout! 'Cause
 2. Peace, peace, peace!
 3. Joy, joy, joy!
 4. Me, me, me!
 5. You, you, you!

God loves us, we love each oth - er, moth-er, fa - ther, sis - ter, broth-er.

Ev-'ry-bod-y sing and shout, 'cause that's what it's all a - bout! It's a-bout

love, love, love! It's a-bout love, love, love!
 peace, peace, peace! It's a-bout peace, peace, peace!
 joy, joy, joy! It's a-bout joy, joy, joy!
 me, me, me! It's a-bout me, me, me!
 you, you, you! It's a-bout you, you, you!

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"Jesus Loves Me!"

ELW #595



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray. Thank you God that you have given us life through your body and blood. In your mercy, give us strength to love you and to love one another. We pray in the name of Jesus our friend forever. **C: Amen.**

COMMUNITY CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**VBS BLESSING**

All who participate in VBS (both children and volunteers) are invited to come forward for the VBS blessing. Congregation will join blessing by extending their hands.

A: May the God of abundant love grant all who gather this week at the Mason Street VBS to make new friends and to have fun every evening.

C: Lord, bless them with your love.

A: May Jesus, our dearest friend, watch over all children, youth and adults from any harm and danger.

C: Lord, bless them with your love.

A: May the Holy Spirit fill us with endless joy.

C: Lord, bless them with your love.

A: The God of all grace bless us now and forever. And all God's Children say, **C: Amen**



“Let me be your servant, Jesus” (rejoice song book p62-63)

1. Let me be your hands, dear Je - sus, help - ing those who come my way.
 2. Let me be your voice, dear Je - sus, tell - ing peo - ple of your love.
 3. Let me be your ears, dear Je - sus, hear - ing those who cry for help.

Let me be your feet, dear Je - sus, run - ning er - rands
 Let me share your work, dear Je - sus, me on earth and
 Let me share in help - ing oth - ers and not just think

Refrain
 ev - 'ry day, you a - bove, Hands and feet, a voice to bring good news, great news
 of my - self. of our King. Let me be your ser - vant, Je - sus,
 help - ing you in ev - 'ry way. ev - 'ry way.

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DISMISSAL (from the back)

L: Go in peace. Share the love of Christ. C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Tena Rackow

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

VBS youth and adults will be leading our service today.

Pastor: Pastor Miho Yasukawa

Pianists: Tena Rackow, Sarah Baker Organist: Karen Niemeier

Choir Dir. /accomp: Janis Kurth / Tena Rackow

Sound System: Wayne Kurth and open

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERDJuly 14th through July 21st, 2019

Today:	Worship Service	9:30 am
	Fellowship	10:30am
	VBS all volunteer training/set-up at UMC, Lena	12:00 pm
Monday-Thursday	Mason Street VBS at UMC, Lena	5:30 pm-8:00 pm
Wednesday:	“Piece Corps” Quilting Group	8:00am-11:30am
	Open Church at downtown Lena	5:00 pm-8:00 pm
Thursday:	Friendship Center, Devotions and Dessert	1:00 pm
Next Sunday:	Fellowship Sunday Worship	9:30am
	Fellowship	10:30am

Attendance: July 7th - 57

Total Offering 07/07/2019 - \$1380.00; amount needed -\$2783.02

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.

We would like to thank the Cierra Hatelak and Sarah Geiseman for their special music this morning.

Vacation Bible School: Friendship: A Love that never ends

Come and join for Mason Street VBS this week. Supper starts 5:30pm and opening at 6:00pm. On Thursday, we are planning to have pool party at Splash Land from 8pm-9pm. All are welcome!

RAMP Wheel-A-Thon

This year’s VBS offering will go to RAMP no limit’s fundraising event, Wheel-A-Thon. You can help VBS by going to Mason Street VBS, RAMP Wheel-A-Thon site and donate money. Our team site address is <https://www.classy.org/team/231531>

Open Church

Come to downtown Lena on Wednesday, July 17th from 5pm-8pm, for an evening fun. Good Shepherd is taking our games outside for everyone to play. Bring your family and friends to support our service to the community.

Sundae’s on Saturday’s

First Lutheran Church of Freeport will be serving Sundae’s every Saturday through July 27th, from 4:00pm-5:00pm. This is the perfect opportunity to bring a friend for Ice Cream Sundae’s and the worship service at 5:00pm.

**Correction: Parents of Hunter Allen Wendel Kurth are Jon and Ashley Kurth. Sorry for the mistake in the last week’s bulletin.*

Pick a Hymn for Next Sunday

Write down 1 hymn from With One Voice (blue hymnal) and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

Hymn title/number: WOV # _____